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ALL CHURCH SERVICES



MAY 2023

Date	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute + Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Wed 3	9.30am Mission Community Said Communion. Hosted by St Peter's Church, DALWOOD				
Sun 7	10:30 Mission Community Holy Communion hosted by St Giles Church KILMINGTON With special guest Archdeacon Andrew Beane as we celebrate the coronation of King Charles III				
Tues 8	9.30am Mission Community Said Communion. Hosted by St Giles Church, KILMINGTON				
Sun 14 Rogation Sunday	11am service at the Whites Farm	3pm Rogation Walk from church	Rogation Walk from Whitford Church (10am) to Shute Church	11am Morning Worship	11am Family Service
Wed 17	9.30am Mission Community Said Communion. Hosted by St Peter's Church, DALWOOD				
Sun 21	11am Family Service	9.30am Holy Communion	11am at WHITFORD CHURCH	9.30am Family Service	6.30pm Evening Worship
Tues 23	9.30am Mission Community Said Communion. Hosted by St Giles Church, KILMINGTON				
Sun 28 Pentecost Sunday	11am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Choral Evensong at SHUTE	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
Sun 4th JUNE	10:30 Mission Community Holy Communion hosted by St Michael & All Angels Church STOCKLAND				
Wed 7	9.30am Mission Community Said Communion. Hosted by St Peter's Church, DALWOOD				

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THE ROYAL STORY

REV JULIE LOMAS



THERE is one story this month and that is the Coronation of our new King Charles III, which takes place on Saturday, May 6th.

After the sorrow at our late Queen's death last September, we now have a new monarch and look forward to his reign, which will no doubt be different from what we were used to for 70 years. I still find I have to think about the words when I start out with the national anthem — God save the King!

It is a delight to read about all the different activities that have been planned in and around our Mission Community to help bring people together. We are still emerging from those difficult years when the reality of Covid kept us apart, and I know that some of residents are still finding it hard to adjust to returning to 'normal'. I hope and pray that the events of the Coronation weekend

will be a further step in the right direction, helping us all to step out of our front doors, and share in the events locally.

As a few of you have heard me say, the palace didn't consult me on the date of the Coronation so I am already committed to being at my Godson's wedding in Nottingham that weekend, but you will all be in my thoughts and prayers, and I am particularly grateful to Archdeacon Andrew Beane for leading our Mission Community service on Sunday, May 7th at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, at 10.30am. I do hope as many of you as possible will make it to this unique celebration service.

May is also the season when as churches we celebrate creation and pray for our farming friends, the land that produces our food, and the streams of water which enable us all to flourish.

On Sunday, May 14th, there are different services taking place for Rogation Sunday, of which at least three are to be held outside, so please take a look at page 2, and come along to one or more of these acts of worship outside our church buildings. Church buildings are a sacred space for many, and so I am delighted to announce that Whitford Village Church is open again for Sunday services.

Starting on May 21st, and every third Sunday of the month, the church will host a service for all the family in a relaxed and contemporary style. The church is up a lane, and then through a gate and on up a path — it takes some effort to get there but it is always worth it, as those who came to the Good Friday service on April 7th agree.

May we all be open to receive the blessings of God with thankful hearts.



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IN MEMORY

OUR dear friend, David Wilsdon, pictured, has left this earthly realm to take his place in heaven.

He has already been missed and will continue to be missed. It is so sad to see his place vacant in the choir, where he has been a stalwart for so many years. We are so very pleased that he was able to attend his last service at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, on Mothering Sunday, March 19th.

He read the gospel for us and he was able to receive communion.

David was a lay reader for many years. David had a passion for the psalms which have been reflected monthly in *The Parishes' Paper*.

Regular bible study was held at his home where he delighted those who studied with him, with different types of cake. David was also passionate about moths and, over the years, he set many a moth trap so that the following day, the captured creatures

EULOGY

DAVID WILSDON

could be studied and then be released.

David passed at Exeter hospital on Wednesday, March 22nd after being admitted on the Monday. His funeral took place at St Giles's Church on Tuesday, April 4th. Many attended the funeral to support his family and friends and to share in the witness to his faith in God. He served our churches so well over the years in so many different ways.

May David now rest in peace and rise in glory.

Christopher Thorne

EDITOR'S NOTE: David was usually the first person to send me his psalms for The Parishes' Paper each month. We would often have a giggle about



the forever-changing lengths of the pieces and he would have great faith in me to 'work my magic' to fit them in. I will miss our little chats via email each month.

Hospiscare 'drop-in' events to support the bereaved

AS a volunteer for Hospiscare, it is very pleasing to announce that, after much work, we are able to offer a 'drop-in' service for those who are bereaved, at The Community Waffle House in Axminster, on the last Thursday of

each month from 2-4pm.

Please pop in and have a mug of tea, hot chocolate, or whatever you fancy, in a relaxed space where Hospiscare staff and volunteers are happy to chat or just sit with you.

The next 'drop-in' will be on

Thursday, April 27th, followed by Thursday, May 25th.

Keep a lookout for the next update in *The Parishes' Paper* and I may see you at one of these get-togethers.

Gill Heighway

From the registers...

Funerals

The funeral of **Elsie Ellen Carter**, of Dalwood, took place on March 27th at St Peter's Church, Dalwood, followed by burial in the churchyard with her late husband, Roy.

The funeral of **Bryan James Webb**, of Kilmington, took place on March 30th at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, followed by burial in the churchyard with his late wife, Marlene.

The burial of ashes for **Mary Walsh**, of Stockland, took place on April 1st at St Michael & All Angels Church, Stockland.

The funeral of **David Wilsdon**, of Kilmington, took place on April 4th at

St Giles's Church, Kilmington, followed by burial in the churchyard with his late wife, Sylvia.

The burial of ashes of **Richard John Pring**, of Yarcombe, took place on April 5th at St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe.

The funeral of **Hilary Derryman**, of Yarcombe, took place on April 5th at St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe, followed by burial in the churchyard.

The funeral of **Beryl Agnes Flint** took place on April 19th, followed by cremation at East Devon Crematorium.

A memorial service for the late **Elizabeth Mary Foster**, of Kilmington, will take place on May 2nd at St Giles's Church, Kilmington.

We extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends.

Weddings

The marriage of **Alice Sopwith** and **Patrick Thomas** will take place on Saturday, May 20th at St Michael & All Angels Church, Stockland.

Baptisms

The baptism of **Saira Raphael** took place on April 2nd at St Giles's Church, Kilmington.

Children's Easter tales

By Gay Atkinson

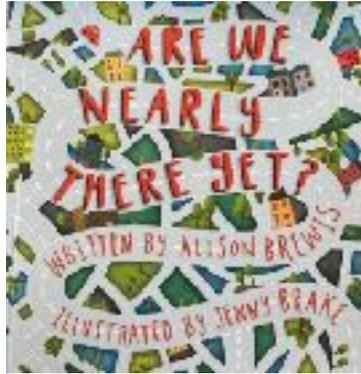
BECAUSE Easter is early this year and the majority of April is taken up with the Easter school holidays, the Open the Book Team did two assemblies in March.

The first assembly, at the beginning of the month, was the story of the two brothers, whose father asked them to work in his vineyard base on Matthew 21. The father asks the first son to work in the vineyard. He refuses, but later changes his mind and does work as his father has asked him.

The second son promises to work when asked by his father, but changes his mind and does no work at all. The concluding prayer from this story is: "Dear God, help us to think about the things we say. Help us to think about the things we do. Help us to make the right choices today. Amen."

For the second assembly, at the end of March, the team read from the Lion Storyteller Bible, A Dreadful Day, telling the story of Good Friday, followed by a story called A Happy Day, retelling the story of Easter Sunday.

The assembly was concluded with this prayer: "Dear God, thank you for



this story that tells us the wonderful news that Jesus is alive. Thank you that you love us all so much that you planned a way that Jesus could be our friend for always. Amen."

The children were all engaged and made thoughtful comments about the stories. The team gave Kilmington Primary School, Shute Community Primary School and Stockland Academy a copy of the Lion Storyteller Bible for their libraries and small books about Easter, pictured, for all of the children in the three schools.

All of the Open the Book team thoroughly enjoy the assemblies and consider it to be a privilege to be able to go into the three schools to share a religious assembly every month.

Raising the roof with the sound of Easter Day

By Roderick Ovey

ONE of the most heart-warming sounds one can hear is on Easter Sunday when the minister says, "He is risen," and the congregation enthusiastically replies, "He is risen indeed."

It doesn't matter if it's in a large cathedral or a small village chapel such as Dalwood Methodist Church, the effect is still the same, it can send a shiver down one's spine.

After weeks during Lent of thinking about Christ's journey to Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week, culminating in our Lord's crucifixion, on Easter Day we celebrate his overcoming death and rising to be at his Father's side in heaven. A modern hymn sums up Good Friday and Easter Sunday:

*On a hillside, lone, forsaken, just a felon
on each side,
Hung the Son of God, our Saviour, who
for us was crucified.*

*His were not the sins that put him there
for all the world to see.
Ours the guilt that saw him hanging on a
cross at Calvary.*

*In his love for us he suffered painful
death upon a tree.
Dying so that, sins forgiven, we may live
eternally.*

*Earthly tomb could not confine him,
plans of scheming mankind failed.
There the grave clothes but no body,
death and sin have not prevailed.*

*"He is risen, he is risen", may our hearts
with triumph sing.
Raised in triumph, death defeated, reigns
on high our heav'nly king.*

A well-known methodist preacher last century always used to include an Easter hymn in every service he conducted as it reminded people of the most important event in Christianity and the major effect it has on our lives today.

At the chapel on Easter Sunday, the congregation 'raised the roof' with their "He is risen, he is risen indeed".

May everyone start each day in the same way throughout the year, thereby reminding each other that Christ died for us and has risen to be our Saviour.

KILMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

WHEN	WHAT
Sundays 10:30am	Worship services
Tuesdays 10am-12noon	Post Office services and Community Cafe
Wednesdays 2pm	The Beacon Home Group
Wednesdays 9:30am	Tummies, Toddlers & Tinies (term-time only)
Thursdays 1:45pm	Just for You' ladies Bible study and prayer
2nd May 10:30am	Messy Sparklers toddler group
3rd May 9:30am	Mens Home Group (for prayer and Bible study)
6th May	King's Coronation ceremony will be live-streamed. Times TBC
7th May	Communion following the worship service
7th May, 7:30pm	A time of worship and prayer.
16th May 12:30pm	Community Contact Lunch
20th May 7:50am for 8am	Men's Breakfast
20th May 10:30am	South West Coast Path Christian prayer
28th May, 10:30am	Our worship service will include a baptism(s)

NEW FACES FOR FIVE ALIVE

By Rev Julie Lomas

THE Five Alive East Devon Mission Community has some new faces to welcome to our midst, and I am delighted that they all agreed to contribute to *The Parishes' Paper*.

You may only get to see them occasionally, or have an exchange via email, but I am sure we will all make them very welcome in and amongst our community.

So by way of introduction here is what they say about themselves...

Kate Newman: administrator

My name is Kate and I'm the new administrator the the Five Alive Mission Community and am delighted to have been offered the opportunity!

I have lived in Axminster and attended The Beacon Baptist Church in Kilmington since about 2016 when we moved here from Cape Town, South Africa, to pursue a better life for our family. I was baptised at The Beacon in 2019 when I became a member.

We have three busy boys aged three, seven and 10. I have my own photography business specialising in weddings, family and commercial photography. I have been doing photography since 2009 when I first picked up a camera just before a holiday to Thailand and this is what kickstarted my passion!

My husband and I have recently inherited an allotment and hope to grow our own vegetables this summer as an ongoing project and make it a new family hobby, although we're not too sure our boys will share our enthusiasm! I look forward to learning more about the Five Alive Mission Community and getting involved in community.

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KATE Newman



CHRIS Shepherd



REV John Lees



MARC Kastner

Chris Shepherd: Lay minister

Terry and I moved to Sidmouth in the middle of lockdown, just after I had taken retirement from teaching. Most of our married lives we were in Malvern or Worcester. We have four grown-up children and two granddaughters.

I became a licensed lay minister in 2002 and although attached to Malvern Priory, did a lot of services elsewhere and occasionally helped in rural parishes.

I completed a funeral training course but had few chances to exercise it while in full-time teaching. I have been looking forward to doing a bit more now that I'm technically 'free'!

I'm helping at the Sidmouth Mission Community but not as a lay minister — working with children, babies, toddlers and teenagers, all organised by our children's worker. I'm looking forward to getting involved with the rural parishes here where the ground is less thickly strewn with the ordained. This is why when by a bit of a 'God-incidence' our son Peter did a recital in Kilmington last October, and I wondered how well-stocked were the five parishes with personnel, Julie said she could do with a little more help.

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Rev John Lees: additional support

Prebendary John Lees is a minister in secular employment focused on the fields of work and careers. He lives in Colyton with his wife, Jan, a writer and painter; they have two adult sons.

Since being ordained in Chester Diocese in 2004, John has served as a self-supporting minister. In Chester, he was Assistant DDO (encouraging vocations) and involved in a wide range of ministry development and leadership programmes.

He has served in Exeter Diocese for eight years, working as Bishop's

Officer for self-supporting ministry, as well as helping out in a range of local parishes.

He is also the National Officer for self-supporting ministers.

John's background is in training and development and he has worked for over two decades as a career coach. He has written 15 books on careers and work as well as *Self-Supporting Ministry: A Practical Guide* (SPCK).

John is a keen photographer and filmmaker, and has recently created two films recounting First World War stories relating to his native Holyhead.

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Marc Kastner: minister-in-training

I have worked for Devon Country Council for 15 years in the children's services department specifically managing a range of educational services to schools, parents and pupils. These services include our hospital schools in Exeter and North Devon, Advisory Teaching Services, well-being teams, schools exclusions team and the strategic lead in education for youth justice and mental health.

I have lived in this area for most of my life, educated locally then completed my BSc at Portsmouth and post graduate at Northumbria. I lived in Western Australia for a few years.

I'm married to Carol who works in the GP surgery in Axminster dispensing prescriptions and we have two boys — one at Exeter College and the other still at school.

Both Carol and I love gardening and classical music, I particularly enjoy organ music.

I am currently training for ordained ministry with South West Ministry Training Course on a three-year diploma and rather surprised myself by passing all the essays so far but that could all change! By the time I'm ordained I shall be in my 60s!

• Contact via Rev Lomas

Organised youth event to connect and worship

By Rev Julie Lomas

THE Gathering Youth is a termly youth event in the heart of Devon for anyone 12-18 years old.

Organisers want to create spaces for young people to connect with others, worship together and grow in their faith in Jesus.

On May 20th, 5-8pm at Upton Vale Baptist Church, Torquay, there will be a one-off Gathering-On-Tour.

During the evening, there will be a free barbecue and games from 5pm. A welcome and large group game will take place at 6pm, followed by worship and testimonies.

There will be a talk by Grace Wheeler with home time at 8pm.

The theme will be Here I am, Send Me (Isaiah 6:8).

After having focussed on the Here I am



part last time, the group will explore how God sends everyone out to be a light in the communities. How can everyone share their faith with friends, colleagues and family in spheres of influence?

Rev Julie has offered to drive any young people interested in attending the evening, leaving Stockland Village Hall car park at 4pm and returning to the same location at 9.15pm. Please contact her on 07488 278483 or revjulielomas@gmail.com to book a place.

Church lambs

A VERY egg-citing Easter service took place at St Peter's Church, Dalwood.

The congregation was joined by some Easter lambs and, with the door open, they could be heard joining in!

Rev Julie Lomas's talk ended with a chocolate Easter egg being produced — did you know the eggs represented the stone in front of the tomb being rolled away? After the service, a very successful Easter egg hunt took place.

Mary Harrison

Nursery visit

REV Julie Lomas visited the children at The Folly Nursery, Dalwood recently.

She talked about Easter and hid some special woollen chicks and eggs in the garden for the children to search for, before telling the Easter story through sharing a picture book.

The Folly Nursery

Five Alive Mission Community at www.fivealive.org



KING CHARLES III CORONATION
Dalwood Recreation Trust and the Parish Council
invite you to join the celebrations!

To raise a toast to HRH King Charles III
CHANGE of DATE: SUNDAY 7th May 2023

Time : 6.00pm

Place: Jubilee Field

Dress code: Red ,White and Blue

Fancy dress competition for children

BBQ and Desserts, Fireworks, Music and more...

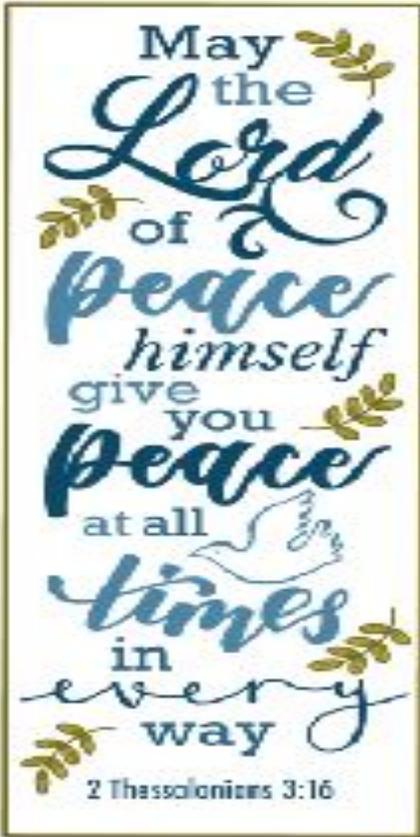


All food provided. Please bring you own drinks and plastic glasses.
(Donations will be gratefully received)



DALWOOD NEWS

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Event return is music to the ears

DALWOOD Music Day is set to return on Wednesday, August 9th after a gap of four years.

Easing in gently, the event will have a slightly reduced number of musicians and singers than previous years, although the quality will be as excellent as always.

The venues will be Dalwood Village Hall, Tuckers Arms and St Peter's Church, with parking in Gordon's field next to the pub, thanks to the

Stapleforth family.

There will be a barbecue run as usual by Dalwood Raft Club, a bar in the hall and teas in the church.

We have a fabulous programme of all types of music organised — classical, pop, folk and jazz — from 11.30am to 6.30pm, plus an evening concert from 8-10pm in the village hall.

For further details visit dalwoodvillage.co.uk.

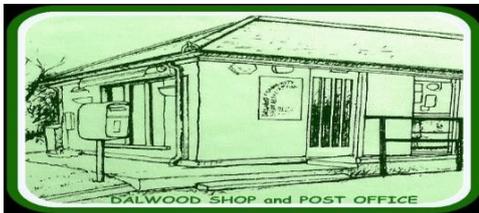
Tina Mackenney



Flower Rota for St Peter's Church, Dalwood May 2023

6th and 13th
20th and 27th

Shelagh Beak
Mel Tompkins



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**Dalwood
Community Shop
& Post Office**
Café style
extension and
AGM

We are delighted that Adam Smith has quoted for the work to build the extension. The committee are pleased to accept his quote.

He intends to start work in September 2023.

It has taken a long time to progress to this point, we look forward to seeing the extension built and enhancing the community shop's services.

We stock local and South West produce.

- Bread: sliced, unsliced, wholemeal, granary and more
 - Butter
 - Honey
 - Milk
- Complete meats
 - Beers
 - Wine

Please let us know of any stock items you would want us to source for you. To sustain the community shop we need your continuing support.

Could you buy 1 more item when you shop?
New customers will be made very welcome.

Please come along to the AGM to hear all the updates and share your ideas for your community shop.

Thursday May 25th, 2023, Dalwood Village Hall 7.00pm
Dalwood Community Shop & Post Office Committee



Dalwood Community Shop Fundraiser Saturday

Date : 27th MAY 2023

Time : 7.30pm

Place : Dalwood Village Hall
Quiz master Teams up to 6
members

????? £5 includes Nibbles ?????? Bar
& Raffle ??????

Please join us if you can

DALWOOD NEWS

Dalwood Recreation Trust's

Reg. Charity no. 114810



11th PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER

Saturday 13th to
Saturday 20th May 2023
Dalwood 'Street' Sale

Varied selection of plants including perennial bedding, vegetables etc.

Raffle: tickets available in the shop or ring
Kathy 01404 881601

Raffle prizes gratefully received.

Thanks to all who are growing seeds for
the sale

Thank you.

All proceeds to

Dalwood Recreation Trust

For further information please contact

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DALWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

invite you to a

COFFEE MORNING

AT THE CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY 10th MAY

10-30 AM - 12 NOON

WITH A "BRING AND BUY" STALL

IN AID OF

AXMINSTER CARE SERVICE

DO COME AND ENJOY A CUPPA

AND A CHAT & SUPPORT THIS

WORTHWHILE CAUSE!



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AGM

THURSDAY MAY 25th 7.00pm

Dalwood Village Hall

All are very welcome

YOUR Community Shop needs YOUR support

SHOP LOCAL

SHOP OPENING TIMES

Monday- Friday: 8.30am - 5.30pm
Saturday: 8.30am - 4.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am -12.30pm

POST OFFICE opening times

FRIDAY 10.00am - 12.00pm



KILMINGSTON NEWS

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A service held for Elizabeth

A CHURCH service for the late Elizabeth Foster will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd at 2pm at St Giles's Church.

Elizabeth was a regular member of the congregation at St Giles's Church and she has sorely been missed. After the service, there will be refreshments available in Kilmingston Village Hall.

There has been a request from the family to ask those who intend to attend the funeral, could they please inform the family of that intention and whether you will be staying for refreshments.

Elizabeth died at the start of the Covid pandemic and the family were unable to hold a proper funeral or get-together. David Whitney, the son of Elizabeth, and his brother, both live in Australia which has added to their problems in being able to arrange this service.

To contact David please use pickwhitney@gmail.com or there is a folder in St Giles's Church where you can record if you intend to attend and whether you intend to stay for refreshments.

Christopher Thorne

Coffee delight

ON Saturday, March 25th, between 10am and 12noon, a Royal British Legion spring coffee morning was held at Kilmingston Village Hall.

What a delight to behold. Many a wonderful cake was for sale and plants were available too.

The entry fee of £1.50 included a cup of tea or coffee. A raffle was held as the event closed.

Thanks go to everyone who supported this event and to those who put it together and made it happen.

We do love our coffee mornings here in Kilmingston.

Christopher Thorne

Together for Easter Day morning glory

By Christopher Thorne

gathering.

Reflections of the Tomb

When dawn lights up the keepers' hut by the Beacon on Shute Hill.

We congregate with friends and dogs in the early morning chill.

The stone-built hut with gaping door just looks like our saviour's tomb.

So, we sing his praise on Easter Day where the spring flowers bloom.

Our voices drift on the morning breeze through Axe Vale to the sea.

To celebrate the risen Lord and his gift to you and me.

This service on Easter Morn includes the teachings that we read.

Then we shout with joy. Christ is risen, he is risen indeed.

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

The little gathering at The Beacon was later followed by bell ringing at St Giles's Church with a service which was taken by Nigel Freathy. The readings were read by Roger Lovegrove and Celia Dunsford, thanks go to them. Nigel's sermon was excellent as always. Thanks also go to all who help bring the services together at St Giles's Church, you play a large part to help keep the church as a focal point for the village.

Easter Day – Dawn Chorus and Praise at the Beacon followed by our Easter Service at St Giles'

NINE parishioners and seven dogs managed to make it to Kilmingston Beacon this year to hear the dawn chorus and to praise the Lord.

The group arrived at approximately 6.30am hoping to see the sunrise, which probably would have happened provided the nearby trees had not obscured the view!

As the dogs became reacquainted, the congregation listened to the birds sing their dawn chorus. It was magical. The weather could not have been more perfect either. Rev Julie Lomas lead the little gathering with a reading from Jean Falconer and from Elizabeth Stonex. Three hymns were sung, and prayers were said.

It is planned to do the same again next year although it may be slightly later at 7am. This is a delightful little service inspired by Brian Lavender, we continue to use the sheets which he created to this present day. It is a wonderful way to start Easter Day. Below is a poem which John Thorne has written inspired by the many years he has attended this annual little

Daffodil posies for all the ladies

ON Mothering Sunday, over 40 daffodil posies were handed out to the ladies in the congregation at St Giles's Church, or they were hand delivered to those who were unable to attend the service.

Huge thanks goes to Gill Heighway, Celia Dunsford, Diana Seward and Diana Church for making the beautiful posies up.

Lesley Rew



KILMINGTON NEWS

Arthur takes centre stage again

PALM Sunday fell on April 2nd and despite a chilly wind, a good number of people from the parish church of St Giles and from Kilmington Baptist Church gathered at the common to meet Arthur the Shetland pony, who took the lead role in the Palm Sunday procession.

The procession led off and stopped at four different places in the village to hear a reading from the Bible, offer prayers and sing a song. Thanks go to some gifted guitarists who walked and played their instruments as singing filled the air.

Arthur performed magnificently and the whole procession arrived on time at St Giles's Church where congregations joined together for a joint-service of praise.

Many thanks go to Tammy Marx from Munchkins Miniature Shetland Rescue, based in Colyton, for leading

Arthur, and to all who joined in on the procession.

A donation was made to the work of the charity by way of appreciation. Visit www.mini-munchkins.org for more information. Tammy set up the registered charity, to help save Shetland ponies that have been ill-treated, neglected and abandoned. Tammy works with other rescues around the UK and she has over 40 ponies in her and her volunteers' care.

Arthur, pictured, has played the role of the donkey for several years, he behaves impeccably on the walk and stands patiently while the congregation stops to sing. He is very happy to come into church to receive a blessing.

Thanks also go to Anthony Chape who was able to preach for us on the day.

*Rev Julie Lomas
and Lesley Rew*



Warm thanks to locals as hall solar panels installed

HUGE thanks goes to everyone who contributed towards the fund-raising to purchase solar panels and batteries to help keep the village hall a warm place.

The Kilmington Village Hall Solar project installation was carried out in the few days before Easter and went live late afternoon on Tuesday, April 4th.

The two grant applications, one to Kilmington Parish Council and the other to the Community Buildings Fund, organised by East Devon District Council (EDDC), were

successful.

Councillor Chubb supported the project from his Locality Budget.

The project also used money raised over the years by the Village 100+ Club and the Gift Aid envelopes popped through doors, which raised a very generous sum from residents.

The application to EDDC went off with letters of support for the project from several members of the community. So, a very successful outcome.

Soon after the solar project was completed, the dishwasher failed. It

had served the hall well for over 15 years! Members of Kilmington Table Tennis Club made a good job of clearing up the flood and, as the news spread, several amazingly generous residents offered contributions which have made it possible to place an order for a replacement. Thanks again to everyone for helping to maintain the much-used village hall.

*Judith Chapman
Kilmington Village Hall
Management Committee*

KILMINGTON NEWS

Coronation bells and an invitation to a 'royal ring'

ST Giles's Church bells will ring out during the afternoon of May 6th to celebrate the crowning of King Charles III when a new composition of 48 changes will be rung — aptly named Coronation.

The celebration continues prior to the Five Alive Mission Community service at 11am on Sunday, May 7th.

Bell ringers visiting the village are most welcome to join the team for either occasion, so that they can say they 'rang for the King'.

On Saturday afternoon, May 13th, the group will be hosting the quarterly meeting of the local branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and welcoming ringers from across the area to ring the Kilmington bells prior to the meeting and tea.

Celia Dunsford

Family thanks kind villagers

WE would like to thank everyone for the cards, letters, flowers, soup and cakes, after hearing about John's death.

Thanks also to Rev Julie Lomas for conducting such a lovely service and to everyone who came to it, we were truly overwhelmed.

Donations for Cancer Research amounted to over £1,500.

How lucky we are to live in such a caring village and to have so many friends.

Pat Martell, Lisa and Chris

Surprise flowers

THANK you to whoever put a bunch of flowers on my doorstep on Mothering Sunday.

It was a very kind thought and very much appreciated.

Linda Heighway

Together for a cracking Easter praise celebration

By Elana-May Blackmore

ONCE again, the Celebrate Together group gathered at St Giles's Church to hold the inclusive service; this time the theme was based on Easter praise.

The congregation decorated the church with coloured eggs; one of which was coloured by my nephew who has only just turned one! There were also floral buntings with cute bunnies too.

The drama this time was based on the Easter story. I took the director's seat and planned the play. Everyone did so very well. We had a surprise appearance from a donkey — not a real one! Christine Thorne did a great job.

As it was Easter, Easter chicks were handed out. These were all beautifully homemade with donations going to the church. The group did not forget the parents and carers who help bring the Celebrate Together family together.

The wonderful catering team once again put on a delightful spread; they always make everyone happy with

their different shaped sandwiches, sausage rolls and cakes.

Thanks go to each person who has a role in making these services happen. Thanks also goes to Margaret Hurford who provided the music. I asked her to play one piece of music at the last minute. She played beautifully.

Lastly, thanks goes to Christine Thorne, who goes through every detail of these services with me. If it wasn't for her faith in me I wouldn't be writing this.

I also still remember my dear friends, Diana Mellows and Jenny Hemmings, who believed in the vision and I am just carrying on what Diana started.

I miss them every day, but thank God for them seeing my heart and my God-given potential.

Our next service is on June 10th and the theme will be 'kingship', very apt for what is happening now.

The group would love to see new faces as well as familiar one; please note there is level access. If anyone would like to attend but have questions then please contact Christine Thorne on 07814 041059.



KILMINGTON NEWS



THREE-MONTH-OLD Saira Raphael was baptised in St Giles's Church, Kilmington, on Sunday, April 2nd to the joy of all who attended, including guests from the US. Proud dad Sanjay and mum Natalie, pictured above left with Rev Julie Lomas, were married in the church in 2019 and were thrilled to be back with their new baby girl. Great-grandmother Ivy Talbot, 98, pictured right, was one of the very special guests, welcoming Saira as the next generation of the family

Lent lunches hailed huge success raising nearly £1k for charities

HUGE thanks goes to everyone who supported the Lent lunches this year, which were a huge hit and made almost £1,000.

The events were held at Kilmington Pavilion over six consecutive Thursdays with the last Lunch being on the April 6th.

For those who were unable to attend, the pavilion, the team made deliveries.

The event was in aid of Tearfund and the Children's Society with lunches consisting of soup (a different one each week), bread, butter, cheese with tea or coffee to finish.

Thanks also go to those who made soup, those in the kitchen and who served, made the deliveries and who sourced the other required items.

The team would also like to thank the Kilmington Playing Fields Committee who allowed the use of the pavilion.

The total raised was a massive £982.

Christopher Thorne



HUGE hit as Lent lunches in the village are devoured



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PAUSE FOR PRAYER

A Prayer for Pentecost

Holy Spirit,
come like a mother
to tend the wounds of a hurting
world.
Come like a lover
to inspire the unloved.
Come like a worker
to labour for justice and peace.
Come like a child
to open our eyes to God's love.
Come like a sister
to support us in our need.
Come with power and tenderness
to rule our hearts.

Contributed by
Philippa Wilks

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and nature photos
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Children spellbound by magical learning

STOCKLAND Primary Academy went into the Easter break on an encouraging note having received high praise from the Redstart CEO, Suzanne Flack.

Having embraced the word 'magical', gleaned from a recent conference, the staff have certainly challenged themselves to provide commendable learning experiences for their pupils thus earning such well-deserved praise.

So to the word 'magical' — what makes a school subject such? Indeed, what makes a school, its staff, its school subjects and activities fall under such a spell? A round-up of the individual class news proves genuinely inspiring. The four classes have all been incredibly busy in the past month.

Class 4 took part in the Trusts Art Day at Taunton Brewhouse; Class 3 took the school into the Easter holidays with pupils leading the singing in the Easter service — well done to those brave soloists. Class 3 was involved in

investigating Newton's Laws of Motion, whilst Class 2 enjoyed sneezing — collecting their sneeze and then examining the germ-laden content of such.

As these examples suggest the school curricula has been clearly abuzz — Easter cake making, Easter egg hunts, maintaining poly-tunnel cultivation, discovering famous explorers and their achievements, dietary concerns, germ discoveries, constructing crosswords, making night lights, coping with optical illusions, forest school and egg protection inventions — and that's only half the story! Then there are the after-school activities with drawing and colouring, musical theatre singing, books and stories, computers and board games all on the agenda.

Now for the new term with more envious magical learning experiences on the way.

Beccy Bendall and Gill Metcalfe

Church joy for little ones

GOOD Friday saw warm sunshine welcome excited children to St Michael and All Angels Church for the Easter trail.

Each child had to find 10 eggs positioned around the churchyard, and collect the letter hidden on the egg. When all 10 had been found, the letters formed a phrase for the Easter celebrations — He is risen!

Prizes included Easter stickers, an Easter story puzzle leaflet and cake and juice. Thanks go to Julia Howard and Jane Smith for organising the refreshments and to everyone who came along and enjoyed the fun.

In addition, the youngsters were able to enjoy the newly-refurbished children's area where they are welcome to stay and play under adult supervision. The storage boxes contain a variety of toys and activities, and we are grateful for



the donation of some super new books for our mini library. If it's a wet old day and you want somewhere dry to come for a change of scenery, then why not see what the church has on offer.

Rev Julie Lomas

Another huge coffee meet-up

DESPITE so much going on in the village, a 20-plus turnout for the ladies' coffee morning on April 1st.

These coffee and lunch get-togethers are enjoyed by so many with so much to catch up on.

It is also pleasing to note that these events are really appreciated and that the May lunch already has several bookings. Like every month, May will arrive so quickly!

The Wednesday meet-ups have been going for 18 months having started with a lunch in November 2021 — seems like yesterday. The group has grown and indeed has needed to move into the skittle alley — a move that will help all participants to circulate.

Gill Metcalfe

STOCKLAND NEWS



F-EASTER WELLY WALK

WHAT a feast! Full English breakfast — bacon, mushrooms, fried egg, sausages, tomatoes, hash browns, toast, preserves, tea and coffee, all organised and provided by the fundraisers for Stockland church.

Not only was the breakfast fabulous, it provided for an Easter get-together for the Stockland community — a chance to catch up and to enjoy the occasion.

To say the least, Stockland Victory Hall was full to bursting — and, of course, the excitement of a raffle and the 100 Club draw followed.

Having given time for digestion, it was Welly boots to the fore and rainwear donned bravely ready for the challenge of the annual Easter Monday walk, ably managed and led by Bryan Drew.

Around 30 people left the village hall

car park at 12.30pm to walk the annual trek. The route went down Marsh Lane and then into the field to the large wooden bridge spanning the river Yarty, where a photo was taken of the group.

The walkers, in Membury parish, continued to North Mills and Case Bridge. The group stayed on the footpath to Waterhouse and down the track, where bluebells were beginning to appear, crossing back over the river again to pass Cuckford and follow the road back to the village at 2.45 pm.

Suffice to say, hearty thanks go to the church fundraisers — left with the washing up but aware that their efforts were very much appreciated — and to Bryan for organising yet another walk.

Bryan Drew, Rowena Drew and Gill Metcalfe

Skittling ladies' last match

THE last match of the season on Friday, March 29th took place at Seaton's King's Arms.

Great welcome came from the opposition who, as well as the Stockland team, had enjoyed the weekly matches throughout the winter but had been runners up for the majority. As per all sporting teams the camaraderie experienced is just as important, if not more, than the taking part. The fun of such has certainly been the case.

Also, somehow outwitting the skittles is such a challenge: one week someone is a super hero but the following week's performance is dire. And what is wrong with bowling a straight ball only to see it

cheerfully miss every single skittle and then have the audacity to bounce back from the wall only to hit one skittle and, humiliation all round, to be disqualified?

To be fair though, the improved performances witnessed bode well for next season.

The Stockland team has been faced with all male opponents for most of its matches, but the ladies — and several subs — have stoically turned out regularly to ensure that the Stockland King's Arms can boast women and men's teams, keeping a very much traditional pub sport well and truly alive, and to repeat such fun.

Gill Metcalfe

Readers agree

IT is not often that all book group members can agree on the quality and the enjoyment of a read!

Such was the case for the aptly named *Mothering Sunday* (Graham Swift) discussed the day before the annual celebration!

This proved a quality book for all members — a novel unravelling the tragedy of war (1914-18), the loss of sons, young men with such bright futures promised, the obligations of societal marriage, the slow but painful disintegration of the class society, and the final unexpected but poignant 'accident' all seen through the eyes of a foundling who eventually rises above the maid status to become a successful author with a happy marriage.

The story unfolds but, in a sense, it tells the reader nothing: all is wrapped around an illicit and erotic sexual relationship between a maid and the son of the great house (hence taboo) — all told in just one day.

The families, the fiancé, the fiancé's parents, obligation and expectation, suffering and loss and then the final tragedy — not to be revealed here — for the main family leave the reader challenged to fill in the gaps and speculate. And then the final pages, the narrator, from maid to seasoned author and successful wife.

Indeed, these are for the individual reader and this is the very pleasure of a book club with the interchange of discussion which questions as to what has been omitted.

The film from the book does not fail either.

A read which prompted so much challenging and interesting discussion. Next read: *Emma* — a well-versed favourite for all.

Gill Metcalfe

100 club draw

THE results for April's Stockland Victory Hall 100 Club have been drawn.

Winners are: 103 - Florence Doble, £20; 50 - Ella Sadler, £10; 87 - Rachel Chance, £5. Congratulations!

Monica Parris

STOCKLAND NEWS

Rare chance to view bishop's garden

By Bryan and Rowena Drew

AFTER the 11am morning worship service on Sunday, April 2nd, led by Gill Heighway, nine people went to the Bishop's Palace Garden at Exeter which the bishop had opened to the public in aid of the Devon Historic Churches.

Arriving at 2pm, the first view of the garden was of the crocuses, narcissi and the large Lucombe Oak. This tree has obvious connotations with Stockland as we have a huge specimen at Broadhayes named as one of the Great 48 Trees of East Devon.

The path then took the group past a porch entrance to the Bishop's Palace with numerous potted specimens on view.

There was a natural wild flower area, then a walk beside the Roman wall, part of the wall around Exeter with its sally port, used as a watchtower prison where in the 1700s Bishop Carey had a door

installed so that he could leave the city and go outside for some fresh air.

On the pear tree avenue, a yew hedge surrounds the avenue of pyrus calleryna 'chanticleer' tree which bursts into an abundance of bright white flowers in spring, which were under planted with hundreds of bulbs.

The cyclus statue with its rounded seashell curves representing the unfolding of the seasons. This part of the garden gives a rarely seen view of the cathedral with the Lady Chapel in the foreground.

We then viewed the trinity statues and the Spanish chestnut tree, castanea sativa, one of the mature trees in the garden originally planted in the 1800s by Bishop Bickerstath.

A lovely chance to see this beautiful three-acre garden as it is rarely open to the public and a bonus to meet with Bishop Robert and his head gardener, both of whom were very knowledgeable about their garden and the contents.



A Special Summer Concert at 6pm on
Sunday 11th June in
St Michael & All Angels Church,
Stockland with Tenor, Gregory Steward
performing a mix of classical & show songs

Tickets to include nibbles £12. U 16 Free.

Book with Wendy on 01404881207



ASPECTS of the Bishops Palace in Exeter

Photos courtesy of Andrew and Julia Howard



SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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Local girl Jane weds in parish church

By Rev Julie Lomas

ST Michael's Church, Shute, welcomed the family and friends of Jane Elford and Ciaran Goold as they were married on Saturday, March 25th.

Local girl Jane was brought up in Whitford, attended Shute Primary School and the local brownies. She is now a doctor, and with new husband Ciaran Goold, himself a commissioned officer in the Royal Air Force, they are making their home in Anglesey. Flowers in church were arranged by the bride's mother, Christine Elford.



Rogation-tide procession plan

ON Sunday, May 14th, a Rogation-tide procession will take place from St Mary's Chapel in Whitford to St Michael's Church, Shute.

A party, bearing church banners, a processional cross and handbells, will walk from one to the other through Whitford and then across the fields to the heart of Shute. Prayers, traditional hymns and readings will be made along the route. After arriving at Shute, the party will be treated to ales and refreshments!

Rogation-tide processions were common in medieval England, but their origins might even be traced to practice in Roman times. They had several purposes. They were a public witness of faith, intended to invoke divine blessing

on the fields and across the parish. They also helped to bring people together across the parish, particularly when (like Shute) there is more than one place of worship. These needs exist just as much in the present day as they did in medieval times.

Everyone is welcome to join in the procession, even if only for a part of it. This will be a different and much more active way of worship, tapping in to medieval traditions of worship and spirituality.

More details, including the exact start time and route will be circulated by the village email lists and notices. Volunteers to carry banners will be welcome!

Bijan Omrani
Churchwarden

Hunt and lunch

OVER 15 children took part in an Easter egg hunt on April 2nd, organised by Whitford Village Hall Committee.

Participants followed a map and collected various objects along the route. Thanks go to Chris Plowman for organising and her husband, David, for dressing up as a bunny!

Adults and children enjoyed lunch in the hall, followed by a variety of delicious desserts.

Thanks also goes to everyone who gave up their time to help in various ways to make this event successful.

Kay Orsman
Chair of Whitford
Village Hall Committee

SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

The crimson tree comes back home

LOCAL residents and members of Shute Parish Council met up on a very soggy day to plant a Crimson Victoria apple tree at the parish burial ground in Haddon Road, Shute.

The Crimson Victoria is a cider apple that was grown quite widely over Devon. In the 1900s, it disappeared when many orchards were grubbed up and was thought to be extinct.

In 1959 Mr Kevin Croucher, of Thornhayes Nurseries, visited an orchard in Shute and found a lone Crimson Victoria tree. Cuttings were taken from that single tree and all the trees we have now come from those cuttings. That original tree has now died, but there is a Crimson Victoria in the National Fruit Collection at Brogdale in Kent so the variety is now safe. On Mr Croucher's retirement, Perrie Hayle Nurseries, of Honiton, took over his stock so it is still available locally.

Ruth Worsley

Great quality produce event

WHITFORD Produce Association will hold a plant sale on Saturday, May 13th in the village hall, 10-12noon.

The association has a great reputation for good quality bedding and vegetables and plants at very reasonable prices.

There will also be a variety of delicious homemade cakes for sale, as well as teas, coffees and either cakes or bacon butties available throughout the morning.

For further information contact Maureen Davey on maureendavey@btinternet.com.

Summer show

THIS year the Whitford Summer Show will be held on Saturday, August 5th, 2-5pm.

Local crafters interested in running a stall or for further information on the show, please contact Maureen Davey on maureendavey@btinternet.com.



FROM left, Keith Bartlett, Patrick Bartlett and Rev Julie Lomas

Egg-normous Easter tale told

A BRIGHT and sunny day saw 32 adults and two youngsters walk up the path to Whitford church on Good Friday for a service.

Rev Julie Lomas told the Easter story using giant eggs — with a little help

from her friends — hymns were sung and prayers said. After the half-hour service, hot cross buns and other delicious refreshments were on offer. Huge thanks go to all who made this possible and who came along.

London bell ringers visit

By Margaret Peirce

BELL ringing is, without doubt, a very sociable activity. Ringers enjoy socialising after practice, and ringers' teas — a significant part of any guild or association meeting — are legendary.

A highlight of any ringing calendar is often the annual outing, to ring the bells in other places, enjoying the challenges that different bells can present and finding out about new churches and their surroundings.

Ringing is, above all, a team effort and one in which friendships are fostered. Often deep and long-lasting friendships are formed, starting with the first lessons.

I rang with friends from Aldgate in the City of London and Hackney, north-east London regularly for more than 20 years.

Not surprising, therefore, that when I moved from London to East Devon three years ago, I wanted to share my new area with my ringing friends and to

introduce them to the delights of East Devon.

Accordingly, when discussion turned to the possible venue for this year's weekend outing, a friend and I offered to make plans for a trip to East Devon.

The group will be ringing at a dozen different towers over the course of the three days, ranging from Honiton and Sidmouth in the west to Axminster and Lyme Regis in the east at the beginning of this month.

Half the group will be helping with service ringing at Axminster and the other half will ring at Shute's church for the Five Alive Mission Community team service.

After some free time to enjoy the sea and the beautiful coastline, they will resume ringing at Colyton and then drive to Kilmington for a mid-afternoon ring.

All those whom the group has approached about visiting their towers have been most welcoming and helpful. Thanks go to them for being so welcoming.



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Forum talks prayers

By Thelma Clarke

A GRAND 14 gathered for the Friday Faith Forum on March 17th to discuss the subject of prayer, led by Peter Halse.

Peter took the poem Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire, written by James Montgomery in 1818, as his starting point.

From there, the group examined a wide variety of prayer types. The unspoken prayer, to be able to prayer silently demonstrates a good relationship with God as does being able to be in silence with a person with whom we feel at ease.

Private prayer is a foundation upon which to build. There is the song that begins, "The wise man built his house upon the rock," and Peter gave a personal example of his son-in-law building a wall which was, perhaps, in need a deeper foundation, but we won't go into that,

here, as he may read it!

Prayer is uncomplicated as a child prays. We do have a tendency to over-complicate things which does not do us any favours. Prayer is the lifeline to God. Peter used the analogy of a diver going down into the depths of the ocean with the airline being the most important part of the equipment taken.

Prayer is also a time to admit our wrong-doings in order to be forgiven as The Lord's Prayer demonstrates. The Holy Spirit assists our prayer when it leaves our imperfect human mind and ascends to the perfection of God and thus assists us to find our proper path.

Peter concluded the session with some quotes from the late Billy Graham: "Every day has exactly 1,440 minutes; can't you find even 10 of them to be with your heavenly Father? Doesn't God deserve the best 10 minutes of your day?"

Generosity to food bank charity

EACH year at Lent, the Yarcombe Charity Community Lunch supports the work of a charity with a soup lunch.

There were generous quantities of very tasty soup made — mushroom and carrot with orange, followed by delicious shortbread.

This year, it was the turn of the Lord's Larder, the Chard food bank. Organiser Maurice Banfield came to explain how it works and who it helps.

Set up originally by Chard Churches Together but now a registered charity, it operates from Forefront Community Centre at 42 Fore Street.

Unlike most food banks, a referral is not necessarily needed and all who come will also be offered practical advice about other agencies which might help. The

charity is manned by a team of volunteers who each week pack bags of food, toiletries and other necessities to hand out to those in need of help.

The food comes from individuals, shop donations, churches and businesses as well as using cash to buy what is needed.

At Christmas, presents and toys were included and this Easter there will be Easter eggs.

As usual in this village, there was a most generous response to the appeal for donations and a huge thanks go to everybody who brought food and the many Easter eggs for Maurice to take back.

As well as these donations, £100 was given from the lunch profit.

Mary Smith

Palm parade

ON the cold, windy morning of March 2nd, a happy band of pilgrims gathered at Yarcombe Village Hall car park to walk to the church re-enacting Jesus's parade on Palm Sunday.

'Rusty', the faithful donkey (in the form of a pony) lead the congregation as they walked the short journey. No chanting crowds or palms were waved but a few motorists who had stopped at the traffic lights for the roadworks were a little surprised! Perhaps the group made them think a little bit about what they were doing and it reminded them of the day in hand.

Rebecca Bell

Skittles win

ON March 10th, at The Sidmouth Arms, Upottery, a friendly skittles match was organised by Janet Grabham, of Blackdown Ladies' Club. Yarcombe Tuesday Club took a team of seven plus two cheering supporters.

The previous match had resulted in a loss by seven points, so not to be put off, the team set to the task of doing its very best.

The match flowed beautifully and thanks to a 12-point scorer, Yarcombe finished with a win by eight points. Everyone played brilliantly and the evening was finished off with an amazing amount of sandwiches and chips.

Nina Simmons

Fun and games

YARCOMBE Tuesday Club had an extremely good turnout for the March games afternoon.

Snakes and Ladders, Connect 4, Pick Up Sticks, Shut the Box and a variety of many more. Some games were more challenging than others, but concentration and conversation linked hand-in-hand.

Homemade cake, tea and coffee added to the enjoyment.

Nina Simmons

Keep the Five Alive community thriving by staying in touch and sending in your local news and photos — we want to hear from our parish readers. Email your contributions to your parish correspondents — see page 31 for contact details

YARCOMBE NEWS

YFC members spring into action

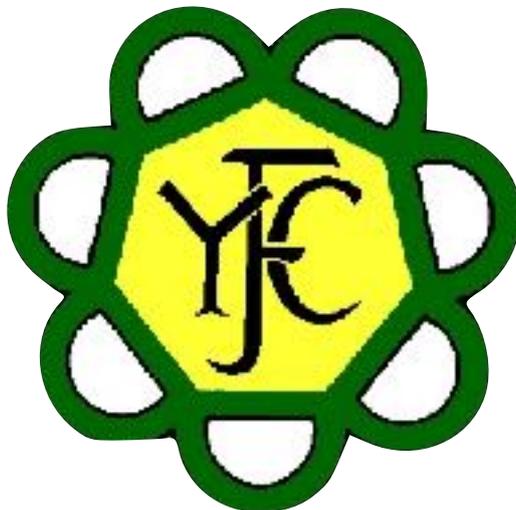
MARCH has certainly not been a quiet month for the Yarcombe and District Young Farmers' Club (YFC), continuing to have meetings in halls to discuss upcoming events.

Wednesday, March 15th saw a challenge where teams of four race around the indoor play area.

Well done to the one Yarcombe team that entered who came 17th out of 67 teams.

Recently, Yarcombe played Sid and Otter at pub sports and had a friendly hockey match against some East Devon clubs. Thanks go to all who attended.

On Tuesday, March 28th, Yarcombe played Culm Valley at The Catherine Wheel, Hemyock. Yarcombe won both pool and darts.



At the last meeting, the group

discussed an offer it has received from Barleymows on Sunday, June 18th. We have been offered the use of a marquee up at Barleymows for our charity do.

Thanks go to the Burrough family for letting us use their marquee. Members will be busy setting up and helping on the day.

Recent events included a UV barn disco at the Hine's and a show and sale, both in April.

If anyone has any further questions and would like to become involved with YFC, please contact chairman Will Vining on 07850 605542.

Club meetings take place every other week at either Yarcombe or Uptottery village halls, 8pm start.

Chloe Webber

YARCOMBE WEATHER MARCH 2023

	2023	2022	2021
Average Max. temperature	12.4°C	12.3°C	11.8°C
Average Min.	4.8°C	4.8°C	4.2°C
Average Overall temperature	8.6°C	8.5°C	8.0°C
Rainfall	193.4 mm	76.7mm	55.6 mm
Wettest Day	30th 22.2mm	11th 14.5mm	12th 12.2 mm
Sunniest Day	14th 10 hrs approx	27th 12 hrs	30th 10 hrs
Warmest Day	30th 15.5°C	24th 18.8°C	30th 20.5°C
Coldest Night	15th 0.2°C	17th 0.6°C	8th -2.0°C
Sunshine hours.	65 hours approx	161 hrs	125hrs

During the first 12 days of March the north wind blew bringing cold weather and a little snow, for the rest of the month the wind came from the South West bringing mild, wet and overcast conditions. Consequently, we had 100 less hours less sunshine and much more rain than the average for March. Some 60 years ago the winter of 1962-63 was historic, one of the coldest on record where most of the country remained covered in snow every day from Boxing Day to early March, widespread blizzards, 15 foot snowdrifts and rivers, lakes and in places the sea froze over. On March 6th a change in the wind direction brought the big freeze to an end after 63 consecutive nights of frost, temperature's rose to 15C across the country.

Tony Newman

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! PLEASE SEND ALL YOUR YARCOMBE NEWS AND PHOTOS TO PARISH CORRESPONDENT Rebecca Bell - email: rebecca.e.bell@outlook.com



EASTER BLOOMS

By Rebecca Bell

ON a bright but chilly April morning Easter was celebrated at Yarcombe.

It was lovely to see many families with their children and also to welcome many visitors.

Thanks go to Gill Heighway for leading the service and to the wonderful 'flower fairies' for making the church an absolute picture with their beautiful creative arrangements

and displays, pictured.

The children enjoyed hunting for card eggs and then enjoyed eating their rewards of chocolate eggs afterwards!

The congregation enjoyed refreshments after the service including tasty Welsh cakes and two delicious Simnel cakes. The latter were a complete surprise and were very kindly left anonymously in the refreshments cupboard — both treats very much appreciated!



For more information on the Five Alive Mission Community visit www.fivealive.org

Awards are B!-coming a habit

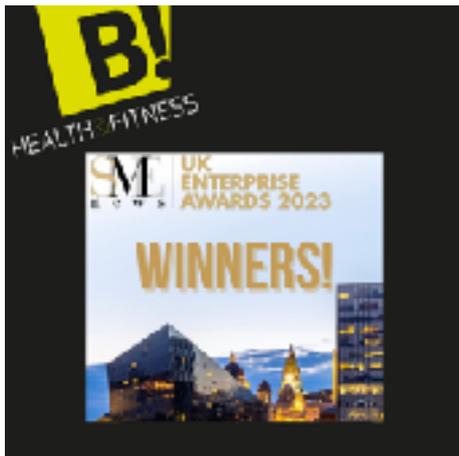
By Duncan Bryant

LOCAL business B! Health and Fitness has, once again, received a national award.

The gong for the Most Welcoming Exercise Club was given by the UK Enterprise Awards 2023, and follows hot on the heels of the company's success in November 2022 when it was a finalist in three categories of the prestigious National Fitness Awards — South Gym of the Year, Member Achievement and Customer Service.

This addition to its success story has been well received by both staff and members, especially as it is focused on member experience and, with over 7,000 fitness facilities in the UK, winning a national award is of crucial importance to the whole team.

Head of Marketing Duncan Bryant is



particularly pleased with this additional trophy, commenting: "Winning Most Welcoming Exercise Club goes to show that our continual push for excellence is clearly working and we have no intention of slowing up."

Team members are delighted to receive this latest award, reaffirming its position as being number one when it comes to providing excellent customer service.

Founder CEO Craig Bernhardt added: "We know that fitness facilities can be intimidating for many people.

"As we consider further business expansion, this award could not have come at a better time as it affirms our business model.

"We need more fitness facilities that are non-intimidating, non-judgmental, welcoming environments.

"Facilities where people of all ages, sizes and abilities can confidently exercise and improve their health and wellbeing.

"The formidable team we have in place work hard to support members and make their personal goals happen. I am extremely proud of them."

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MORE TO NAMES THAN YOU THINK

ACCORDING to Ethical Consumer magazine: "The terms 'plant plastic', 'bioplastic' or 'bio-based plastic' can be used in reference to material that is completely or only partially made from renewable materials."

Renewable materials are derived from sustainable plant-based materials like wood, soybeans, sugarcane, corn starch — even feathers.

We are bombarded with products which proudly state terms such 'biodegradable', 'compostable', 'home compostable', occasionally 'oxo-degradable'.

Consumers are led to believe that because a product is compostable or biodegradable, it will pose little negative effect on the environment and understandably feel that by purchasing an item which makes one of these claims that they are 'doing their bit'.

Biodegradable: the definition of biodegradable is 'able to decay naturally and in a way that is not harmful to the environment'. However,

there is a huge range of man-made biodegradable plastics and these need very specific conditions (temperature, water, light, oxygen, microorganisms) to break down.

If they end up in the council kerbside bin, or in the natural environment, they behave no better than conventional plastics.

It is estimated that 45 per cent of biodegradable plastics produced today are not biodegradable!

Compostable: the definition is 'can be used as compost when it decays'. Again, compostable plastics need specific conditions and a specific time frame to break down, namely in an industrial composter; there are only a handful of these composters in the country.

They run at a different temperature from the Council anaerobic digestion plants (where our food waste goes). If they are put in the kerbside bin, they will pollute the batch. Nor are they suitable for home composting.

You may have spotted that some items will say 'where council facilities exist'.

So if you get excited to see a takeaway cup marked 'compostable', think about what you have just read!

Home compostable — refers to anything which can be put on your home compost heap or in your home compost bin and will breakdown without any additional help. The resulting matter can be used to put on your garden and will be non-toxic to the environment.

Oxo degradable: is plastic! Items are conventional plastic with additives to speed up the breaking down process.

However, when they fall apart, they turn plastic into microplastics more quickly than regular plastics. So a big no-no. In fact, this type of plastic was banned by the EU in 2021; in England the Government are still debating.

For more information, watch Is bioplastic the better plastic? on YouTube.

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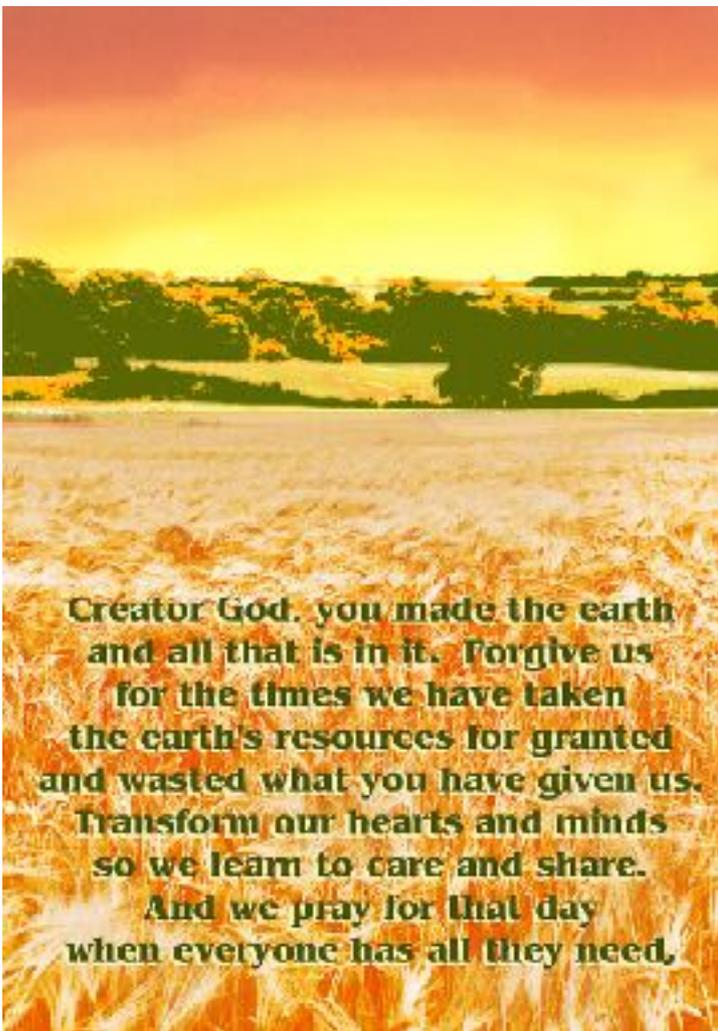
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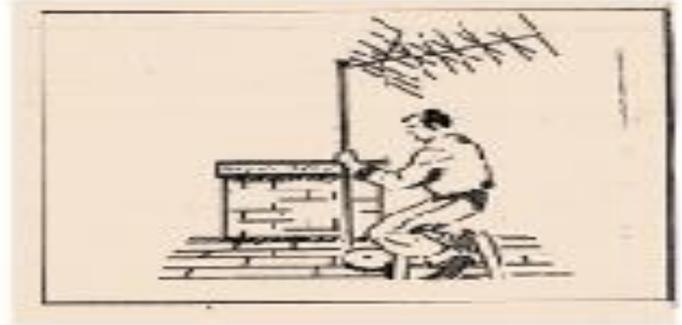
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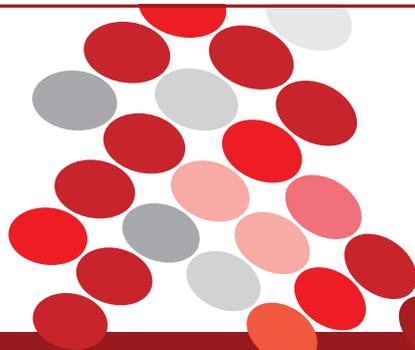
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6:30pm alternate Fridays	Stockland Victory Hall	Stockland Youth Club - every other Friday evening
Monday 1st May 9am - 11am	Dalwood Village Hall	Big Breakfast Fundraiser
Saturday 6th May	Yarcombe Village Hall	Screening of the Coronation for everyone with tea/coffee available. Bells will be rung at the official time which is TBC.
Sunday 7th May 11am	Yarcombe Baptist Chapel	Special Coronation service at the chapel. Afterwards, a bring-and-share lunch. Winner of the Scareking competition will be announced.
Sunday 7th May 2pm-4pm	Stockland Village Hall	Kings Coronation. Bring your own picnic rug or chair. No booking required. Please donate either a cake to share or a contribution to the hall.
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