

# The PARISHES' PAPER

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*Merry  
Christmas*

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St John the Baptist Church, Yacombe

# THE SUNDAY SERVICES



December 2019

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
<b>Sun Dec 1st</b> Advent Sunday			4pm Choral Evensong		11am MC Songs of Praise
<b>Sun Dec 8th</b> Advent 2	11am Holy Communion 5pm Christingle	11am Morning Worship	NO SERVICE Join Kilmington	NO SERVICE Join Yarcombe	11am Christingle
<b>Sat Dec 14th</b> Christmas		3pm Let's Celebrate Service			
<b>Sun Dec 15th</b> Advent 3	3pm Carol Service at Methodist Chapel	9:30am Holy Communion	3pm Carol Service	7pm Carol Service	NO SERVICE
<b>Sun Dec 22nd</b> Advent 4	NO SERVICE	6pm Carol Service	NO SERVICE	11am Holy Communion	7pm Carol Service
<b>Tue Dec 24th</b> Christmas Eve	3pm Posada 11.30pm Holy Communion	3pm Christingle 9.30pm Holy Communion	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	7:30pm Holy Communion
<b>Wed Dec 25th</b> Christmas Day	NO SERVICE Join Shute	NO SERVICE Join Shute	11am Holy Communion	10.30am Family Communion	10:30am Family Service
<b>Sun Dec 29th</b> Christmas 1	11am Mission Community Family Communion				

## GROWTH MATTERS: MIDWEEK SERVICES

### *Verse of the Year*

*As you have opportunity, do  
good to all for in due season,  
you will reap a harvest'*

*Galatians 6:9*

#### **Midweek Holy Communion:**

**Tuesdays 9.30am** St Giles's, Kilmington

**Wednesdays 9.30am** St Peter's, Dalwood

#### **Pauses for Prayer:**

**Tuesdays 9.40am** Yarcombe

**Tuesdays 10.20am** Kilmington

**Tuesdays 10.30am** Stockland

#### **Bible Studies & Home Groups:**

**Mondays 7.30pm** Yarcombe

**Tuesdays 3.30pm** Dalwood

**Tuesdays 7pm** Kilmington

**Wednesdays 7pm Dalwood** - For further details please  
contact Martin or Caroline Nunns



# REMEMBER WHY THIS SEASON IS SO SPECIAL

Anna Crabbe

**HOW many more sleeps until Father Christmas comes, Mrs C? I heard this many times in the last few weeks of the Christmas term from my reception children when I was teaching at Marshwood Primary School.**

The photo, centre, of my class was used in The Times newspaper several years ago. I loved the excitement of preparing for Christmas with infant children. They loved rehearsing for the nativity play, learning the songs and carols, and performing for all their family members.

A nativity play teaches the children about Jesus, his family and introduces a child to the Christian life, seeds sown which may go on to influence a child's life into adulthood. As we prepare for the Christmas season, with all the extra shopping for presents, food for special meals and decorating our homes with lights, garlands and sparkle, do we pause and think of why this season is so special?

Jesus, born over 2,000 years ago, has influenced so many people's lives and caused people to do amazing things because of their belief in God who created our world.

A beautiful world, which each and every one of us has a responsibility to care for so the next generation can enjoy it too.

We have seen many changes this year of encouraging people to recycle their rubbish. What we do each day can make a difference,



like a drop in the ocean. It may not amount to many drops in the ocean but I can be responsible for making sure they do go in the ocean and they are contributing towards making a better world for humans and animals.

Spending time together with friends and family over the

Christmas season can be a very happy time. Seeing the joy on a child's face as they unwrap surprise presents, looking in awe at the Christmas lights on the Christmas tree, sharing a meal together and worshipping God together are all part of this festive season.

Advent begins on December 1st. We have an Advent Praise service at Yarcombe on that day to celebrate the beginning of Advent. Christmas Day is the first day of Christmas and it continues for 12 days until January 6th when Epiphany begins.

*Gill and I wish you all a very happy Christmas.*

*Christ of the cosmos, living Word*

*Come to heal and save  
Incognito, in our streets,  
beneath the concrete,  
between the cracks,  
behind the curtains, within the dreams,  
in ageing memories, in childhood wonder,  
in secret ponds, in broken hearts,  
in Bethlehem stable, still small voice,*

*Word of God, amongst us.*

**Member of Iona Community**

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# PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 107 (four situations, four resolutions, two explanations and a moral ending) - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

1. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, for his steadfast love endures for ever.  
 2. Let the redeemed of the Lord say this, those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy.  
 3. and gathered out of the lands from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.  
 4. Some went astray in desert wastes and found no path to a city to dwell in.  
 5. Hungry and thirsty, their soul was fainting within them.  
 6. So they cried to the Lord in their trouble and he delivered them from their distress.  
 7. He set their feet on the right way till they came to a city to dwell in.  
 8. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness and the wonders he does for his children.  
 9. For he satisfies the longing soul and fills the hungry soul with good.  
 10. Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, bound fast in misery and iron.  
 11. For they had rebelled against the words of God and despised the console of the Most High.  
 12. So he bowed down their heart with heaviness; they stumbled and there was none to help them.  
 13. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.  
 14. He brought them out of darkness and out of the shadow of death, and broke their bonds asunder.  
 15. Let them give thanks to the Lord

for his goodness and the wonders he does for this children.  
 16. For he has broken the doors of bronze and breaks the bars of iron in pieces.  
 17. Some were foolish and took a rebellious way, and were plagued because of their wrong-doing.  
 18. Their soul abhorred all manner of food, and drew near to the gates of death.  
 19. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.  
 20. He sent forth his word and healed them, and saved them from destruction.  
 21. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness and the wonders he does for his children.  
 22. Let them offer him sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.  
 23. Those who go down to the sea in ships and ply their trade in great waters.  
 24. These have seen the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep.  
 25. For at his word the stormy wind arose and lifted up the waves of the sea.  
 26. They were carried up to the heavens and down again to the deep; their soul melted away in their peril.  
 27. They reeled and staggered like a drunkard and were at their wits' end.  
 28. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.  
 29. He made the storm be still and the waves of the sea were calmed.  
 30. Then were they glad because they

were at rest, and he brought them to the haven they desired.  
 31. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness and the wonders he does for his children.  
 32. Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.  
 33. The Lord turns rivers into wilderness and water springs into thirsty ground;  
 34. A fruitful land he makes a salty waste, because of the wickedness of those who dwell there.  
 35. He makes the wilderness a pool of water and water springs out of a thirsty land.  
 36. There he settles the hungry and they build a city to dwell in.  
 37. They sow fields and plant vineyards and bring in a fruitful harvest.  
 38. He blesses them, so that they multiply greatly; he does not let their herds of cattle decrease.  
 39. He pours contempt on princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes.  
 40. They are diminished and brought low, through stress of misfortune and sorrow.  
 41. but he raises the poor from their misery and multiplies their families like flocks of sheep.  
 42. The upright will see this and rejoice, but all wickedness will shut its mouth.  
 43. Whoever is wise will ponder these things and consider the loving kindness of the Lord.

## Bible readings December 2019

<b>Sun 1 Dec</b> [P] Advent Sunday	Isa: 2:1-5 Ps: 122	Rom 13: 11-End Matt 24: 36-44
<b>Sun 8 Dec</b> [P] Advent 2	Isa: 11:1-10 Ps: 72:1-7	Rom: 15:4-13 Matt: 3:1-12
<b>Sat 14 Dec</b> Christmas Theme	Own Readings	Own Readings
<b>Sun 15 Dec</b> [P] Advent 3	Isa: 35:1-10 Ps: 146:4-10	Jam: 5:7-10 Matt: 11:2-11
<b>Sun 22 Dec</b> [P] Advent 4	Isa: 7:10-16 Ps: 80:1-8	Rom: 1:1-7 Matt: 1:18-End
<b>Tue 24 Dec</b> [W] Christmas Eve	Isa: 9:2-7 Ps:96	Tit: 2:11-14 Luk: 2:1-14
<b>Wed 25 Dec</b> [W] Christmas Day	Isa: 62:6-End Ps: 97	Tit: 3:4-7 Luk 2:8-20
<b>Sun 29 Dec</b> [W] Christmas 1	Isa: 63: 7-9 Ps: 148	Heb: 2:10-End Matt: 2:13-End

## From the registers...

**Funeral Service at Kilmington**  
November 12th

Clarence Humphrey Anning

**Funeral Service at Shute**

November 18th

Mary Louise Gray

**Funeral Service at Kilmington**

November 22nd

Patricia Hellier

**Funeral Service at Shute**

November 25th

Anne Phillipa Moseley

**Blossom where  
you're planted**

# PARTNER CHURCHES IN THIS AREA

## Sunday services in other local churches:

Dalwood Methodist: 11am

Yarcombe Baptist: 11am

The Beacon - Baptists in Kilmington: 10.30am and 6.00pm

Roman Catholic: 9am Lyme Road Axminster; 11am Silver Street, Lyme Regis

## Dalwood Methodist Chapel

### Yarcombe Baptist Chapel

**WE have just joined in the annual Service of Remembrance at St Peter's, and it is always a moving experience in the peacefulness of the churchyard around the memorial, followed by the service afterwards in the church, as we remember those who gave their lives for our future.**

This year, we are hosting the Village Carol Service on Sunday, December 15th at 3pm, when the preacher will be our minister, the Revd Brian Hadfield.

You might think that our building is small and therefore there wouldn't be room for you, but don't be deceived, we have a room upstairs

which opens onto the church so that people up there can take part as well.

Do come along and join in this village event. If you know someone who would like to come but doesn't have the means of getting there please let me know on 01297 442433 so that we can arrange transport.

With the exception of the Carol Service on the 15th at 3pm, all our services in December are at 11am, and you will always be assured of a warm welcome.

May I, on behalf of everyone at the chapel, close by wishing you all a happy and blessed Christmas.

*Roderick Ovey*

## Yarcombe Baptist Chapel

**OUR Winter Warmer will take place on November 30th, then our carol service on December 15th at 11am.**

The theme will be Traditional Christmas? Coffee and mince pies will be served in The Sunday School Room after.

On December 22nd we will be joining the parish church at 7pm for the carol service. Then on Christmas morning at 10.30am we will join the parish church for a short service. We will be sponsoring the Lord's Larder and ask that donations of store cupboard goods, are brought to the chapel on the 15th or leave at our house before.

*Thelma Clarke*

## The Beacon - [www.beaconbaptist.org.uk](http://www.beaconbaptist.org.uk)

### Events

**at The Beacon, Whitford Rd, Kilmington EX13 7RE**

### Sundays

10.30am - Morning Worship Service

6pm - Evening Service. Time and place may vary.

### Monday 9th & 16th December

10am - Reflections Group

### Tuesdays

#### POST OFFICE

10am – 12noon Post Office services available at The Beacon every Tuesday with FREE drinks for all users

### Tuesday 19th November

12.30am Contact Lunch

### Tuesday, 3rd December

10.30am-1pm - Messy Sparklers. A sensory play group for parents and carers with children age 0-4. Stories, play, songs and lunch. Lunch & snacks £2.00 for adult + child in a relaxed environment.

### Tuesday 17th December Contact Christmas Lunch

12.30pm - lunch session for senior citizens in the local community. Please book your place. Suggested donation £3.50

### Wednesday

#### 4th, 11th & 18th December Toddlers & Tinies

9.30am - Parents, carers and little ones can come in term time to enjoy space where babies play and parents relax.

Refreshments are served. Suggested donation £1

### Wednesday

#### 4th & 11th December

3.30pm Flame 2 After School Club for Primary School Children

### Thursdays

#### 5th, 12th & 19th December

7pm Fusion Youth Club

### Friday Mornings

#### 6th, 13th & 20th December

10.30am Focus Prayer Group

### Saturday 14th November

10am - Come for a fun game of Scrabble with others. Meet and make new friends. Cost £1

### Special Events

**Saturday 14th December** 6pm - Lamps present: The Beasts from Bethlehem – a Christmas show for all ages. Inspired by the C S Lewis poem, The Nativity : at The Beacon, Kilmington

### Sunday 15th December

5pm - Carol Service

### Christmas Day

10.30am - Christmas Celebration Service

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Available for sale at The Beacon for just £5 is a book called Through Fiery Trials written by one of our church members - Jon Garvey. It tells the story of the Kilmington Chapel fire of 2009 and the setbacks and difficulties that at times seemed insurmountable; of faith and sometimes doubt and of help and support from many in the local community.

Most of all, it is a story of the providence of God in every step of the journey from a smoking ruin to a new building on a new site.

# Our thanks to Greenfinger, 'The Colonel' and Peter too

By Simon Holloway (priest retired)

**REGULAR readers of *The Parishes' Paper* will notice that the Greenfinger pages have been missing for the last few months.**

This is because Greenfinger himself has been poorly and has now decided to 'hang up his trowel' and give space to new to articles and features in the monthly magazine.

Major Peter Easton is a man of many talents and served in the Army Educational Corps for many years. He could tell you a few stories from his different assignments - from Malaya to Cyprus to Dartmoor and others in between. His wonderful wife, Gwenda, was Queen Elizabeth II at Shute School a few years ago



**GREENFINGER, also known as Major Peter Easton at Whitford church with wife Gwenda and former church warden Iris Morton**

on their 90th birthdays! And Peter turned 90 last year with a wonderful celebration in Whitford Village Hall,

as he is known locally as 'The Colonel' of Whitford.

It was Margaret Hagan, as editor of *The Parishes' Paper* some years ago, who invited Peter to write a monthly gardening article and it has been one of the most interesting and informative regular features of the magazine.

We shall be sad to see the end of this era. However, plans are underway to produce a 'best of Greenfinger' article with advice for every month and season of the year, interspersed with witty and illuminating gems from many sources.

So, we thank Peter so much for his regular articles which have inspired and directed many fledgling and even mature gardeners in our wonderful rural communities.

## The most wonderful storyteller

By Caroline Nunns

**LAST month, the Open the Book team only visited Kilmington and Stockland primaries on Monday, November 11th as the pupils of Shute school were taking part in a Remembrance Day event.**

We told the story of Martha and Mary who, with their brother Lazarus, were friends of Jesus.

In our telling of the story, there was a little girl called Becky who loved visiting her aunts, Martha and Mary, and uncle Lazarus.

When Becky arrives at the house she finds her Auntie Martha working hard in the kitchen baking cakes.

Auntie Martha complains that her sister, Mary, is in another room with

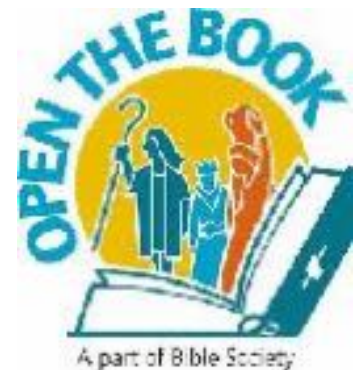
visitors when she should be helping with the household chores.

Becky goes through to the other room to find it crowded with visitors who have all come to hear the special guest, Jesus.

At first, Becky is disappointed that her Auntie Mary is not telling her wonderful stories, but as she listens to Jesus telling the crowd about the kingdom of heaven, she realises that this is the most wonderful storyteller of all!

Suddenly, there is a crashing of pots from the kitchen and Auntie Martha bursts in; she is very angry and asks Jesus to tell Mary to help with the food for all the visitors. A hush falls on the room, what will Jesus say?

Very gently, Jesus coaxes Martha



to come into the room and listen to him - the food can wait, and of course, Martha agrees.

She joins the group and Becky is delighted to be sitting between her favourite Aunties and listening to Jesus.

The scripts and guidelines for presenting these stories are provided by the Bible Society whose website can be found at [openthebook.net](http://openthebook.net).

The Parishes' Paper would like to clarify where contributors should send material they wish to be published.

Parish-specific editorial material for publication on a specific Parish page (Dalwood, Kilmington, Stockland, Shute, Whitford and Yarcombe) should be sent to the respective parish correspondent. Non-parish-specific editorials and all

adverts (including for charities and charitable events) should be sent to Martin Nunns. In order to ensure your advert is printed please do not send adverts to the parish correspondents.

We welcome photographs and request that these are sharp images and at least 1MB in size.

Items for inclusion on the Future Events

page should be sent to Martin Nunns. Items for inclusion on pages 1-7 should be sent to directly to Simon Holloway. Email addresses for the above contacts can be found on page 31 and we would be very grateful if you could submit your contributions by the deadline date printed each month on page 31. Thank you.

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## PARISH PROFILE

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*In our new occasional feature series, we discover more about some of the community-spirited Five Alive residents. This month, editor KATE WILLIAMS talks to Mike Huskins, of Dalwood*

# DRINKING *it in*

**DALWOOD resident Mike Huskins is a and larger-than-life character in the village - well known for a variety of different 'hats'.**

Mike has lived in the parish of Dalwood since 1996 after moving from North Essex in 1995 for work reasons.

He has been married to his wife, Jo, for 26 years, who works in accounts for RPS in Axminster, and they have a daughter, Elizabeth, 15.

Mike says: "I've lived in Dalwood for 23 years. I love the village and East Devon.

"I have been involved in many things in the village in the past!

"I was also a school governor at Axe Valley for last four years."

Now Mike concentrates on Dalwood Vineyard of which he is one of the founder members.

He now works as a genetics consultant for a cattle breeding company, which he says is the best job he has done. Other roles Mike has had over the years have included farm manager, herdsman and his worst job which was an estimator for a plastics manufacturing company.

Mike's hobbies include rugby - he is a big Honiton Rugby Club fan - fly fishing, sea fishing, cooking, wine knowledge and skittles.

A few things people may not know about Mike are... he played rugby for 44 years, including 12 national divisions; he is a member of WineGB viticultural working group, which advises other vineyards, government and national bodies on wine growing; and he is a judge for wine competitions.

Mike says the best thing about the parish of Dalwood is Dalwood Vineyard and the Tuckers Arms.

***• If you know someone who lives in on of the Five Alive areas who you think would make an interesting Parish Profile interviewee, please contact your parish correspondent***



**MAIN picture: Mike, right, is pictured with BBC Strictly Come Dancing judge Craig Revel Horwood at Dalwood Vineyard; above left, Mike and wife Jo; above right, Mike with a bottle of Dalwood Vineyard's award-winning fizz**



# DALWOOD NEWS

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## Church shows festive customs through event

FOLLOWING the past three successful Christmas displays - Christmas Tree Festival, Nativity Festival and Display of Christmas Songs and Carols - Dalwood church has this year invited organisations, businesses and families to display Christmas Customs Around the World.

The event will take place from 10am - 5pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 6th, 7th, 8th. The Christingle Service will be at 5pm on Sunday, December 8th with the display in situ.

## Spinners' charity crafting

AS well as meeting weekly, craft group Dalwood Spinners support local fairs and members sell their handmade items for charity.

This year, the group will share over £1,200 with Axminster Counselling Service, cancer counselling service Force, Freewheelers Devon, Axminster Food Bank, Dementia care, PSP (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy) and children's charity Starlight.

In February, 12 members, armed with sewing machines, created a king size patchwork quilt, selling squares for Devon Air Ambulance and raised £700.

The group meets at Dalwood Pavilion each Thursday from 1.30pm to 4pm, with new members - and donations of wool - always welcome. Contact 01404 831207 for further details.



A tea party was held at Burrow Farm to thank Lesley Little, who is 'retiring' from arranging and organising flowers for over 25 years in Dalwood church, and Debbie Evans, who will be moving away. They have both done so much to make the church a beautiful and welcoming place

**Dalwood Community Shop and Post office wishes A**

# Merry Christmas

**To ALL our valued customers**

**Are you looking for that gift with a difference?**

**Dalwood gifts: mugs, towels, calendars, wine, biscuits, and cards.**

**We have a new range of Miles Tea Christmas Gifts. Come in and see more ....**





<b>SHOP OPENING TIMES</b>	<b>POST OFFICE opening times 3 mornings a week</b>
<b>Monday- Friday: 8.30am - 6.00pm</b>	<b>MONDAY: 9.00-11.30am</b>
<b>Saturday: 8.30am - 4.00pm</b>	<b>THURSDAY: 9.00-11.30am</b>
<b>Sunday: 8.30am -12.30pm</b>	<b>FRIDAY: 9.00-11.30am</b>



# DALWOOD NEWS

## We will remember: village raises £1200

DALWOOD was decorated with poppies and silent soldiers to mark the period of remembrance last month.

This year, Dalwood had 12 silent soldiers in the village and four at the memorial representing the 16 men from the parish who were lost in the First World War. Thanks go to Jewsons, of Honiton, for donating the wood and paint for additional soldiers.

The annual coffee morning in aid of the Royal British Legion was held in the village hall on Saturday, November 9th. Back by popular demand were the Croft Originals, the Old Peculiars and Emily Seward, singing a number of songs from the wars with the enthusiastic audience joining in. There was a good turnout despite the rain and £315 was raised from the door

and the raffle. Thanks go to the performers, helpers, bakers and all who turned out in the rain to attend.

On Sunday, November 10th, the Remembrance Day Service was sensitively led by Revd Roger Waring. Before the church service, almost 50 villagers gathered around the war memorial at St Peter's churchyard and Bridport Sea Cadet Morris McGowan laid the wreath.

The generosity and support of the village is tremendous, with a total of £1,237.64 being sent to the Royal British Legion from Dalwood parish this year. Special thanks go to street collectors Sue Drew, Lorna Gould, Kathy Laing, Rob Beak and Tigger Howarth; and the static collections at the Folly, community shop and The Tuckers Arms.



THE silent soldiers at the war memorial, above, and, inset, Morris McGowan

*The Parishes' Paper team would like to wish all our readers a very merry Christmas!*

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER



AT

2PM

IN



DALWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Stalls 🌿 Raffle 🌿 Cakes

Wobbly Coffees!!!!

Father Xmas

🌿 & Lots More! 🌿

Admission: Adults: 50p Children: Free  
In Aid of Hall Funds

# DALWOOD NEWS

## Festive songs

DALWOOD will be host to various Christmas music events this month.

On Tuesday, December 10th, Corrydale Christmas Show, in the village hall, 7.30pm; Saturday, December 21st, Kroft Originals and Friends' Christmas Singalong at The Tuckers Arms, 7.15pm, with One Foot in the Groove at 9pm.

## Card network

A VILLAGE Christmas card network has been set up.

Cards for people in Dalwood can be left at and collected from the shop from December 1st.

## Thank you lunch given for church supporters

SATURDAY, November 16th saw around 50 people who have supported St Peter's Church over the last year enjoying a buffet lunch in the village hall.

Every aspect of church involvement was represented - bell ringers, grass cutters, those who helped administer the church services, but the list is far too extensive to record individual names here. Sue Drew and her team of helpers organised the buffet lunch to their usual high standards. The churchwardens took the opportunity to publicly thank all those who gave so willingly of the time and skills to keep St Peter's functioning so well.

Once again, thanks go to everyone involved in any way, no matter how small, for their support for St Peter's Church.

*Brian Eddy and Michael Dods,  
Churchwardens*



**DO COME AND JOIN US  
FOR THE**

**VILLAGE  
CAROL  
SERVICE**

**WHICH THIS YEAR IS AT  
THE METHODIST CHAPEL**

**SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER  
3PM**

**FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS**

**COLLECTION FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SOUTHWEST**

**WE OFFER A WARM INVITATION TO  
YOU ALL, SO DO COME AND JOIN US  
IN THIS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.**

**A DISPLAY OF  
CHRISTMAS  
CUSTOMS AROUND  
THE WORLD**

**December 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
10am-5pm each day**

in

**DALWOOD CHURCH**

Holy Communion 11am on Sunday

**Finishing with Christingle  
Service at 5pm**





# KILMINGTON NEWS

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## Diana puts on a night to remember as 'goodbye'

Words and pictures  
by Brian Lavender

**AS her final fundraising event on handing over chairmanship of the Kilmington Village Hall Committee, Diana Church hit on the idea of an Evening of Nostalgia, which took place in the hall on November 2nd.**

With her usual energy and enthusiasm, she organised a programme to remind people about social evenings of old, recruiting many to help produce and serve a traditional ploughman's and trifle supper and finding a band and performers from local talent. Not only that, she also used her persuasive ways to get 95 people to buy tickets for the evening.

John Church welcomed everyone, especially Judith Chapman, the new chairman of the committee, and extolled the virtues of the hall as a tremendous asset in the village.

The bar, manned by Robert Crabbe and Peter Ball, did good business from the start, stocks reinforced with a hasty pic-up from Tesco.

After supper, the chairs were rearranged and Membury band Second Thoughts, led by Bryan Drew, quickly brought the country dancers on to the floor - some fairly elderly but still surprisingly agile.

Three Little Maids - Anna Crabbe, Peter Ball and Louise Quincy - started the entertainment with their very amusing rendering which brought the house down.

Jean Falconer gave a monologue of Albert and the Lion, which would have reminded many in the audience of the past, and Tony Drew on his squeeze box sang songs, some touching on local - rather suggestive - stories before

his wife, Sue, joined him in an excellent performance.

More dancing followed, and it was a real pleasure to see so many on the floor enjoying themselves. Colin Stewart with John and Irene Birch played and sang some local sea shanties often used by the Lyme Regis Gig Club of which Colin is a member.

Rachel Burrough on the violin accompanied by her mother, Margaret Hurford, on the keyboard, played Czardas by Vittorio Monti with its seven sections of differing tempo, to loud acclaim. Colin and John returned dressed as 1940s policemen and sang We Run Them In, which was much appreciated.

Diana and John Church both paid tribute and thanks to the performers and all who had helped make the evening such a resounding success before leading the audience in the Hokey Cokey and Auld Lang Syne.

Caroline Lavender, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee, thanked Diana for her work as chairman for over 20 years, presenting her with a book token and a bottle of champagne to share with John. The proceeds of £500 from the evening were donated to the village hall and its maintenance.



TOP, Rachel Burrough; centre, Three Little Maids; above, Sue and Tony Drew; left, Jean Falconer

# KILMINGTON NEWS

## Village thanked as poppy appeal raises a huge £4k

By Peter and Louise Wood  
Poppy Appeal Organisers  
Royal British Legion Kilmington Branch

**IT is a delight to announce that at the time of going to press a total of £4,037.65 was raised during the two-week Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (Rememberance) for the Kilmington branch.**

Additional funds will be raised when those of you who kindly gift-aided their donation is taken into account.

The team responsible for the 'count up' was headed up by Branch President Roger Lovegrove and included Branch Treasurer Rodney Giles, Peter Guy, Jennie Giles as well as Peter and Louise Wood.

We would like to thank Kilmington Baptist Church Pastor Darrell Holmes for letting us use a room in the church to count the money as well as the ladies who supplied us with refreshments throughout the morning.

Our fantastic team of collectors raised £1,757.09 this year. Our sincere thanks to Pearl Hurford, Jean Falconer, John Watts, Jenny Nickolls, Louise Quincey, Angie

Clark, Jennie Giles, Avis Lockwood, Carole Bolton, John and Pat Martell, Karen Hodder, Lesley Rew, Joan Lovegrove, Claire Dainton, Richard Norman, Louise Wood and Hilary Colbe.

Static collection tins placed with local businesses, both village churches and Kilmington Primary School raised an incredible £1,384.55.

A special mention must go to Millers Farm Shop for giving up valuable shop space for the poppy merchandise, as well as allowing us to set up a manned collection on the first Saturday and Sunday of the appeal.

In total, Millers raised £729.41, over 64 per cent of the static tin total.

The Remembrance Sunday church collection, held this year at The Beacon, raised £581.08 and the quiz night held at the New Inn raised £315.

A final thank you goes to the ladies of Kilmington Baptist Church who hand-crafted their own poppies raising a marvellous £220.22.

And finally, thanks go to everyone who donated to the 2019 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We are extremely grateful to you as



**COLLECTOR Pearl Hurford braving the elements outside Millers Farm Shop**

your contribution helps provide lifelong support for the Armed Forces community - serving men and women, veterans, and their families. So, thank you.

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## Calling all amateur photographers!

The Parishes' Paper is looking for local volunteers to help with taking photographs for the magazine, covering events and services in the Five Alive areas.

If you are interested in helping out and seeing your work in print, then please contact the correspondent for your parish. Contact details on page 31

# KILMINGTON NEWS

## Bible is best seller ever

**BIBLE Sunday was celebrated in St Giles's Church on October 27th at a Family Service, led by Brian Lavender.**

In his welcome, he pointed out that it was evident from the scriptures that Jesus was an avid reader of the Old Testament from a very young age and that it was fortunate that his disciples had recorded so many of his teachings and the events which led to his crucifixion and resurrection.

The lessons were read by Gill Gibbs and Jean Falconer, the collect by Marion Richardson, the intercession prayers led by John Martell, while Margaret Hurford and the choir led hymns for the occasion.

In his address, Brian reminded the congregation that The Bible covered a 1500-year span from 1400BC to AD100. It consisted of 1,189 chapters, 929 in the Old Testament and 260 in the New Testament. There were 40 authors from all walks of life - kings, peasants, philosophers,

fishermen, poets, statesmen and scholars. The languages used were Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. Total sales are estimated to be over five billion, by far the best-selling book of all time.

At present, annual sales are over 100million copies, quite amazing more than 2,000 years after the birth of Christ. He pointed out that there are many versions of The Bible in use today, the Anglican Church usually preferring the New Revised Standard Version. However, after comparing a reading from that version of Psalm 119, verses 129 to 136, every single member of the congregation voted in favour of the Good News Bible version for a family service.

An 11lb King James Illustrated Family Bible published by Cassell, Petter and Galpin in the 1870-80s and others were brought to the service and verses from most versions can be downloaded from an iPhone.

## Invitation to all

**CELEBRATE Together Services have been held in St Giles's Church successfully for a year, providing a very special type of service at a convenient time for older people, those with special needs, their families and their carers.**

To mark this anniversary, the team would like to invite anyone, be it a friend or a neighbour, who might benefit from an outing at this festive time to the Christmas event on Saturday, December 14th at 3pm.

There are many who are unable to join in Christmas activities and might welcome an opportunity to come to this special festive service. St Giles's door is always open and there is a special welcome for anyone.

There will be a tea after this short service. Please contact Diana Mellows for more details on 01297 32334.



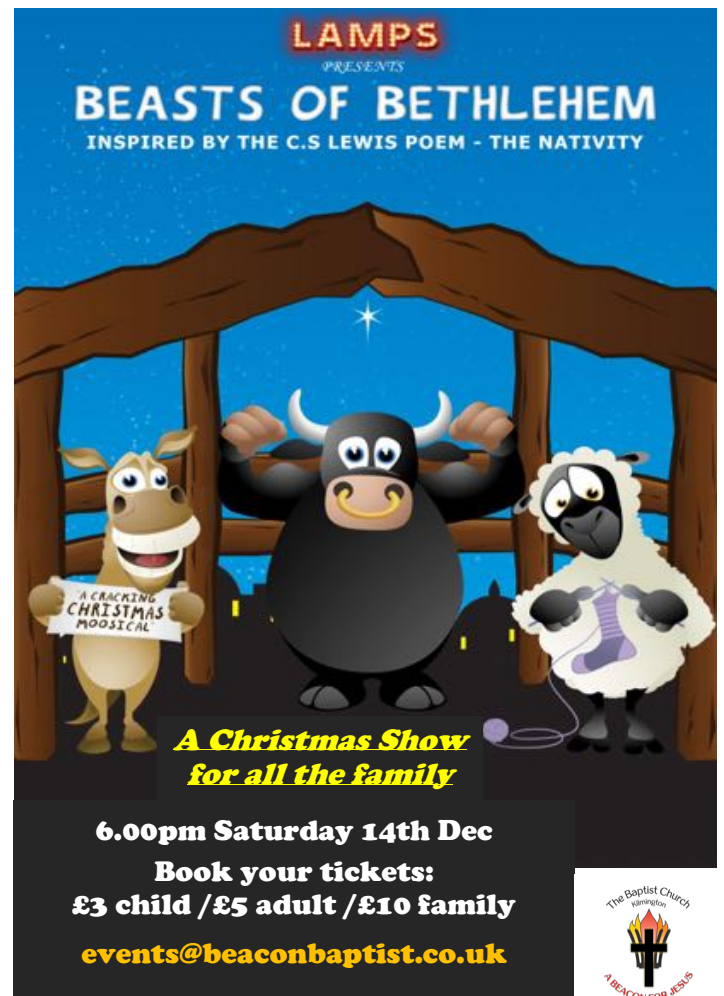
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# STOCKLAND NEWS

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## Trying a hand at willow work

LAST month the Swag group welcomed Jenny Knight who with her husband runs JK Willows – a firm making a range of willow products to include butterflies, dragonflies, fish, snails and more items many of which were familiar to us from Jenny’s appearances at Stockland Fair and other local events.

She explained that there are several varieties of willow and that we would be making a simple star design with one called Black Mole which is picked, dried and soaked to make it pliable and ready for use. Jenny took a length of fine willow, made kinks with her thumbnail along its length, shaped it into a pointed star before binding it to hold the shape and adding filler strips which are woven through the star to strengthen it and give a more three dimensional effect. Just how difficult could that be? The expression ‘easier said than done’ came to mind as with much mirth and great difficulty, we struggled to create something that looked vaguely like a star – Jenny was in great demand as she circulated to help – or should that be ‘rescue’ our somewhat fallen stars! Fortunately, she had brought along some of her designs including some Christmas items for sale so that we did look very proficient as we carried them home.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas lunch on December 10th – we had hoped to have this at the Kings Arms but unfortunately it will not be open for Christmas so we shall look forward to being there next year and meanwhile return to the Deer Park Hotel.

January’s meeting will be the usual bingo session at The Sidmouth Arms, Upottery, on January 14th at 2.30pm. Lunch will be available from 12.30pm.

**Jane Wedlock**



## GIVING THANKS

By Gill Metcalfe

**CHILDREN and staff gathered in the playground of Stockland primary on November 11th at 11am for the two-minute silence marked in respect of those who fought in the war.**

Reception to Year 5 pupils wore red and the Year 6 children stood in the centre of the group wearing black to represent the poppy emblem. The last post was played by Mrs Williams on the trumpet.

As reported in the October *Parishes’ Paper*, local school teacher Angela Whitten has moved on to pastures new. But not before the school could say goodbye. Her leaving was marked in a service at St Michael’s Church where staff and children could all say their fond farewells to “our lovely Miss Whitten”.

The service would not have been complete without Angela’s signature recognition of her unofficial school title, ‘Queen of Dressing Up’ hence for a brief moment she appeared in wig and school uniform much to everyone’s amusement. Her sense of humour was revealed in an immense scroll which contained a list of never-ending ‘thank yous’ to be delivered.

Farewell gifts included purple - her favourite colour - Hunter wellies and a bag, afternoon tea for two at Bovey

Castle; a JL gift voucher; a memory book and a huge card from the children in which separate leaves with their names on were placed.

It was most fitting to say goodbye in St Michael’s Church where Angela has been a life-long member, and will remain as such with the Stockland parish still her home.



## Talented artist and stalwart of village

By Gill Metcalfe

**DAVID Godwin observed in last month's Parishes' Paper that "there are some exceptionally talented people around" and Stockland should not go amiss.**

Simon, Stockland's departing vicar, recommended that this claim be taken further and suggested local artist Ruth Bell as a starting point.

Ruth and her husband, Gil, moved to Stockland to be near the coast some 20 years ago and in this time have been recognised for their joint and individual expertise and their contribution to the community and the church. It goes without saying they have been utter stalwarts of the village.

Ruth and her husband were a team; on his death she continued the team work by pursuing her interests - producing an enormous wealth of art work - hence the label artist - accorded her. However, to label Ruth 'artist' is a misnomer because her work addresses a wide spectrum of the art form. She is an accomplished painter in all mediums - water colour, pen and ink, oils, and in her latest pursuit, encaustics (an adventure in wax).

She is a published poet with poems in some 15 anthologies. As



**ARTIST in many forms, Ruth Bell, and, inset, the eagle wall hanging she created with her husband, Gil**

an exquisite needle worker - she has produced tapestries, material, bead and embroidery collages - perhaps just to mention some of her work. One cannot fail to notice the eagle wall hanging in Stockland church, a joint-effort with husband Gil.

As a ceramics and sculpture painter, she has produced some inspiring pieces often coveted by

others. The latter proves a veritable tribute with her work modestly displayed throughout the rooms of her home.

In fact, the word modest is most apt - that word embraces Ruth completely. Indeed, this text omits so much - a talented musician, pianist and singer! Simon was right to suggest the recognition of talent in our members.

**STOCKLAND and District Gardening Club have released the classes for next year's show which will take place on August 8th.**

Art - 1. Subject of artists choice  
2. Wheels 3. Your Pet (any medium).

Photography - 1. Village Pub 2. Wheels 3. Trees 4. Spring in the garden  
- Colour prints 7.5" x 5" max.

Handicrafts - 1. Tea Cosy 2.

## Show's classes released

Cushion Cover 20" x 20" max

3. An Item of Crochet 4. A Hand Knitted Item 5. A Christmas Tree Decoration.

6. A Piece of Cross Stitch, Tapestry or Embroidery 7. Bug Hotel 18"x 18" max

8. Article made from wood. Base size not more than 18"

9. Any other craft article not in

classes above

Also, in children aged 12-16 - a Bug Hotel max 12"x12" any medium.

This is an open show and the club is keen to hear from anyone who wishes to help next year. Please call to discuss further on 01404 881199.

**Dave Godwin**

# STOCKLAND NEWS

## — STOCKLAND ACADEMY NEWS —

### PAUSE FOR PRAYER

**WITH Philippa Wills recovering from recent knee surgery, Ruth Bell has kindly selected the prayer for this month. We wish Philippa a speedy recovery. A poem by Ruth is also included.**

Annie Johnson Flint was born in New Jersey in 1866 and her life was far from easy. She and her sister lost their mother in childhood and their father's new wife didn't take to them. Annie trained to be a teacher, but increasingly painful arthritis meant she had to leave teaching after only two years. Despite her setbacks, she was able to pen the following encouraging words:

God had not always promised  
skies always blue,

Flower strewn pathways all our  
lives through.

God has not promised sun  
without rain.

Joy without sorrow, peace  
without pain.

But God has promised strength  
for the day,

rest for the labour, light for the  
way,

Grace for the trials, help from  
above,

Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

**Annie Johnson Flint**

### The Rose

Heavenly Father, what a palette  
you chose

When after creating the perfect  
rose

You tinted each petal with tender  
blush

And painted its bud with your  
finest brush.

How we marvel at your works of  
art!

Each one of us a tiny part.

In all life's patterns you weave  
and spin

And still we continue to err and  
sin.

Thank you for saving us by your  
Son,

Because after all is said and  
done

He is the One whose race we  
run.

**Ruth Bell Published by Anchor  
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## MUDDY RUNNERS



**A N O T H E R  
successful cross  
country event  
was held on  
October 16th.  
After all the  
rain, the  
runners left  
a little less  
clean than  
when they  
had started.  
Well done  
to all the  
runners.  
Many thanks  
to all as  
always for  
the ongoing  
support and  
help**

## Bad ball luck

**ON a horrible wet British afternoon, the Year 4 football team battled hard throughout the match and were unfortunate not to score on many occasions.**

As a team, they created lots of positive attacking chances, and only narrowly missing the target. Player of the match was 'our girl' – always wanting the ball, brave to dribble in tight spaces and making several darting attacks with accurate passing. Well done team.



**DURING the autumn half term holiday, Angela Whitten returned to to plant her leaving gifts to the school - a beautiful lilac tree and a buddleia; both will add colour and attract butterflies**





# SHUTE NEWS

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## International concert cellist at St Michael's

By Bijan Omrani

**ON Sunday, December 15th at 11am, international concert cellist Pal Banda, pictured, will be giving a recital of Bach Cello Suites in St Michael's Church, Shute, to fundraise for the church.**

Pal is based in London and teaches at the Purcell Academy. He is the cellist in the English Piano Trio, and was the cellist of the Allegri String Quartet from 1998 to 2018. He is a regular performer in London's Wigmore Hall and on various radio stations across Europe.

The concert will last for about an hour. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be included in the ticket price of £12,



and there is free entry for under-16s. Tickets are available on the door. All are welcome to this recital, which will be of the highest standard, to support Shute church.

## Church help!

**NEXT year, St Michael's Church, Shute, will need occasional volunteers to help with setting up some services and other duties in the church from time-to-time.**

If you would be interested in volunteering to help in this beautiful and spiritual place and to help in this historic centre of the community, please contact Bijan Omrani, PCC Secretary, by email for further information on what will be required – [bijan.omrani@btinternet.com](mailto:bijan.omrani@btinternet.com).



## Festival funds school art club

**CHILDREN at Shute Primary School proudly display musical angels they created at an after-school art club which has been funded as part of the outreach work of Shute Festival.**

Money raised by the festival has been used to fund a number of after-school activities, including this art club run by local artist and

teacher Heather Fallows, who has attended the school weekly to give the children the chance to create art in a number of media including clay, paint and other drawings.

The artwork from these Shute pupils will be exhibited in the Marle Gallery in Axminster for a week from Saturday, November 30th, and everyone is welcome to visit.

### St Michael's Church Flower Rota

December 1st - M Albano

December 8th - C Amato

December 15th - Carol Service

*All Helpers, please*

December 22nd - Flowers will stand

December 29th - Flowers will stand

January 5th - M Prideaux

January 12th - B Harris

January 19th - E Sweetland

January 26th - C Penny



# SHUTE NEWS



**FOR the week following Remembrance Sunday, St Michael's Church, Shute, played host to a remarkable one-off exhibition of local wartime memorabilia and poppy display.**

The exhibition, which was organised under the direction of Ella Sweetland, had been in the planning for over a year, and brought together a number of military artefacts which had been loaned by local residents. These included several uniforms, one of which dated back to the First World War - that of a Flight Engineer of the Royal Naval Air Service, worn by Mr A Easton when on active service in Port Said, and loaned by Peter Easton, of Whitford. Also displayed were helmets, gas masks, ration books, and other items from the Second World War.

There were also a number of displays which retold the stories of the contribution made by Shute and the local area to the two world wars and other 20th Century conflicts. In particular, information was provided about the men commemorated on the Shute War Memorial. These included memorabilia and details about the life of Captain Harry Gasper, who won the Military Cross at the Battle of El Alamein in 1942, and later fell during the invasion of Germany in April 1945 at the age of 32. Another display showed photographs and provided accounts of the dramatic shooting down of a German Dornier bomber over Shute on 23 April 1942, along with the capture of the wounded crew members and the subsequent disposal of a 1400kg bomb which had been part of the aircraft's payload.

The appearance of the church was transformed by the display of hundreds of poppies, many of which had been patiently knitted by a team of volunteers over a number of months. Bands of these homemade poppies adorned the church walls, columns, pulpit, railings and choir stalls. The church was also decorated with a large number of flags and wartime posters.

The children of Shute Primary School also benefitted from the exhibition. The whole school, joined by a number of parents, assembled in front of the Shute War Memorial and participated in the 11am silence on Armistice Day. Following this,



they walked to the church and performed a number of short readings and sang songs on the theme of war, peace and remembrance, after which they were given an opportunity to view the exhibition. The children also created large poppies on which they inscribed their thoughts about remembrance which were displayed by the altar, as well as a large banner on the theme, which they placed in the church over the period of the exhibition.

The exhibition was particularly well attended on the Friday and weekend, and attracted many local residents who welcomed the opportunity to exchange stories about the wartime history of the area. The Friends of Shute Church also provided tea and refreshments

whilst the exhibition was open, and were able to do much fundraising to the benefit of the church.

This is the latest in the number of occasional exhibitions at Shute church, and follows on from the history weekend exhibition held there a couple of years ago. It shows the considerable interest of many in the rich local history of the area, and it is to be hoped that similar exhibitions will be held at the church in future years.

Particular thanks are due to Ella Sweetland for organising the exhibition, the many volunteers who helped to make poppies, decorate the church and staff the exhibition, and also Liz Gosling and the Friends of Shute Church for the widely-appreciated tea and refreshments.



ABOVE, this uniform, on loan from Peter Easton, was worn in the First World War. Right, a wide range of wartime memorabilia was on display in the church

## FURRY FRIENDS FEATURED

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# SHUTE NEWS

## Jan talks to ladies about botanical gardens

**LAST month, Umborne Ladies Social Group had Jan Uden talk about Botanical Gardens of the World.**

Jan was engaged with botany at a young age and went on to study the subject. Since then she has travelled to many countries and visited and volunteered at all sorts of wonderful gardens. Her photos showed some glorious places and

she also brought had many leaflets of the gardens she'd visited. She has also visited Kew gardens on many occasions and noted many changes that have occurred over the years.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, December 5th at an earlier time of 1:30pm at the Umborne Hall. We are having a Christmas Wreath Workshop run by Debbie Eden.

Members and invited guests only. On Thursday, December 12th at 12:30pm, the annual Christmas meal at The Hind.

On Thursday, January 9th - note second Tuesday in the month - at 1:45pm at the Umborne Hall, we will hold a social session and discuss the new speakers for the year.

*Ann Shepherd*



## WHITFORD NEWS

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**DESPITE the challenging weather, local gardeners still managed to produce high quality flowers and vegetables with which the judges at the Whitford Produce Association Autumn Show were impressed.**

The cookery section and handicraft was well supported and, thanks to the involvement from Musbury Primary School, the children's section was very impressive.

The hall was buzzing all afternoon and the show was a great success, especially the children's games, which proved to be very popular. The family fun area was organised by Musbury PTFA and our thanks go them for all their support.

The afternoon was rounded off with auctioning off prize-winning flowers and produce. For many families it was their first time at an auction and it was especially pleasing to see how much they enjoyed bidding for the biggest onions and longest leeks!

A fun time was had by all and thanks go to everyone who supported the show either by entering produce or coming along for the afternoon. It was certainly a good way to spend an extremely wet afternoon.

### Cup winners

Whitford Cup and Colyton Garden Centre Voucher - John Lang, for three best chrysanthemums.

Andrew Gray Cup and Colyton Garden Centre Voucher - John Lang



**ABOVE, some of the prize winners at the Whitford Autumn Show; inset and below, a selection of the prize-winning produce**



## Gardeners' challenge

and Christopher Loud, for most prize money in chrysanthemum class.

Colyton Agricultural Society Cup and Colyton Garden Centre Voucher - Christopher Loud, overall winner of vegetables and fruit.

Ernie Gardner Cup - Christopher Loud, best plant of chrysanthemum.

Donald Baker Cup - Christopher Loud, for the vegetable section.

Mr and Mrs FWR Laverack Cup - Mary Thomas, homemade wines and beer.

Ladies Trophy - Christine Bonny, cookery class.

Nancy James Cup for Children under seven years - Patrick Bartlett.

Betty Gardner Cup for Children 8-12 years - Frank Bartlett.

*Maureen Davey*





# YARCOMBE NEWS

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## Let there be light party for the kids

By Mary Smith

**OVER a dozen children and their mothers found Yarcombe Village Hall transformed when they arrived on Sunday, November 3rd for the Light Party – an alternative to Hallowe'en.**

Rebecca had decorated with many strings of battery lights and candles and created a most appropriate atmosphere. Scripture Union provided the inspiration with their very helpful ideas, which included games and activities. Bowling at filled water bottles containing a glow stick was great fun. There was a choice of decorating cupcakes to make a night sky design, decorating star wreaths, making lanterns and a thumb bowl for a tea light. The children watched a video



called, The Lost Sun, about the light of Jesus in the world. This was followed by a picnic tea which was enjoyed by all.

A huge thank you to Rebecca for masterminding a very enjoyable afternoon and to all those who helped in any other way.

## Blast from past

**ROSEMARY Abel made a very tasty minced beef hotpot, very welcome in this inclement weather and Veronica Wadey a delicious apple cake served with ice cream for the community lunch held at the Jubilee Hall on Wednesday, November 13th.**

Numbers were swelled by newcomers to the village who were warmly greeted and introduced with the help of Cathy Derryman, who had put together a 'snapshot of Yarcombe', a selection of the photographs she has taken of past events, from terrier racing to hedge laying, The Young Farmers' Club anniversary, flower shows and weddings. Thanks go to Cathy for putting together this presentation. Thanks also to Pam Foxwell and all who spend time serving and producing these friendly meals. It has been decided that the price of the meals will raise to £5 from January 15th when Kayleigh Johns will be talking about her adventurous life.

## Harvest time

**MEMBERS of the congregation of the parish church joined with their friends at the baptist chapel for the combined harvest and anniversary service held on Sunday, October 20th.**

Thelma Clarke led the worship, John Robinson and Liz Freeman read lessons. Maggie's Mix and the Allsorts accompanied the singing of the harvest hymns and sang The Fruits of the Land, For the Gifts of Heaven and Praise God for Harvest Time as solo items; the Allsorts played introductory music beforehand. A collection during the service, together with a cheque for £200 and donations of harvest produce was taken to the Lord's Larder charity in Chard.

## Saturated Souper Saturday

**LORNA Burdge with members of the Jubilee Hall committee, organised a walk through the fields to be followed by a soup lunch to raise funds for the hall.**

Unfortunately, the weather changed it into a 'saturated' Souper Saturday rather than the fun day envisaged at its inception. However, not to be deterred, it is understood that eight people sloshed their way around parts of the designated, off-footpath walk, with permission of local landowners.

Those deterred by the weather nevertheless made their way to the

hall for lunch.

A selection of hot soups, including leek and potato, spicy parsnip, lentil and apple, minestrone, chicken and sweetcorn, root vegetable and mushroom, was served with crusty bread, followed by cake and tray bakes. Lemon drizzle, vanilla iced sponge, hedgehog cup cakes, rocky road, bakewell tarts and other delicious offerings, together with teas and coffees, were part of the deal.

Lorna had provided various activities for the children to take part in on an autumn and harvest theme.

# Ray tells stories of his time as a driving instructor

AFTER my pleas for more volunteers, I am very happy to say that we have had several people interested in helping at the Wednesday Club meetings which is wonderful so I think it most unlikely that we shall ever have to cancel a meeting again because of lack of help.

On October 9th, we had our very first beetle drive and it was a huge success so definitely one to be repeated.

On October 23rd, we saw the return of Ray Budd who again gave us a very entertaining talk. We had heard about his time as one of the Black and White Minstrels and this was a further chapter in his life, this time as a driving examiner, a role he played for many years.

Annoyingly, I was caught up in a meeting so I missed his talk which I was really looking forward to but I understand that he told the group about the trials and tribulations, the

funny stories and the scary ones and it was very amusing - as expected! Thank you, Ray, for coming to tell us all about it.

We only have one meeting this month: December 11th: Christmas Lunch at 12.30pm for 1pm.

On January 8th, The Buckland Singers will perform at 2pm for 2.30pm in Churchinford Village Hall.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Good New Year

**Sally Milnes**

## YARCOMBE WEATHER OCTOBER 2019

	2019	2018	2017
Average Max. temperature	12.5°C	14.5°C	13.9°C
Average Min.	8.9°C	7.0°C	10.2°C
Average Overall temperature	10.7°C	10.7°C	12.1°C
Rainfall	162.6mm	88.0mm	61.3 mm
Wettest Day	30th 25.1mm	12th 52.1 mm	30th 20.2 mm
Sunniest Day	19th 9 hrs approx.	3rd 11.0 hrs	13th 9.5 hrs
Warmest Day	1st 16.1°C	12th 22.8°C	13th 17.0°C
Coldest Night	8th 4.0°C	29th -1.6°C	30th 3.9°C
Sunshine hours.	80 hours approx.	136 hrs	96 hrs

After a dry warm summer the countryside needed rain, it started on the 27<sup>th</sup> September and only stopped on three separate days in October. Here was very little sunshine. We saw glimpse on 17 days.

The fields are now very sodden, so I hope that the rain eases to give the soil a chance to dry out. I recorded our first ground frost on the 28<sup>th</sup> October.

**Tony Newman**



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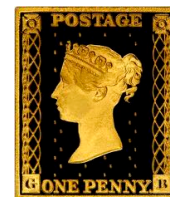
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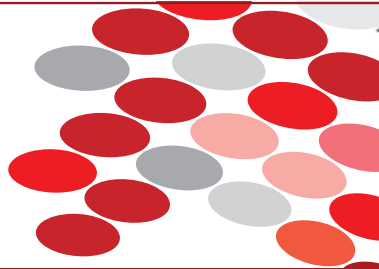
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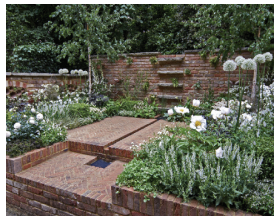
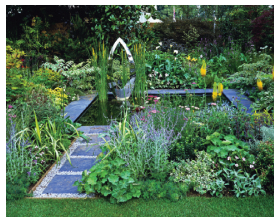
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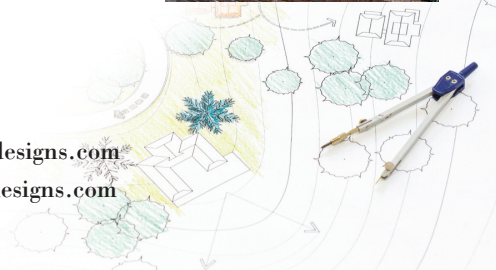
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<b>Mon 2nd</b>	19:00	Membury Village Hall	Christmas Wreath Workshop (see advert)
<b>Tues 3rd</b>	19:30	Whitford Village Hall	Skittles & Social Evening
<b>Tues 3rd</b>	10:00	The Beacon, Kilmington	Messy Sparklers - Sensory group for preschoolers including lunch for all £2
<b>Wed 4th</b>	09:15-11:45	The Beacon, Kilmington	Toddlers & Tinies - Baby playgroup £1
<b>Wed 4th</b>	15:30	The Beacon, Kilmington	Flame2 After School Club for Primary School Children
<b>Thurs 5th</b>	19:00-20:30	The Beacon, Kilmington	FUSION Youth Club - Years 7-9 free to attend
<b>Fri 6th</b>	10:00	The Beacon, Kilmington	Prayer Focus
<b>Fri-Sun 6th-8th</b>	10:00-17:00	St Peter's Church, Dalwood	Christmas Customs Around the World Display
<b>Sat 7th</b>	14:00	Dalwood Village Hall	Christmas Bazaar in aid of Hall Funds
<b>Sun 8th</b>	12:30	Stockland Victory Hall	Stockland Christmas Lunch
<b>Sun 8th</b>	13:00-16:00	Axminster Town Football Club	Christmas Fair
<b>Tues 10th</b>	19:30	Dalwood Village Hall	Corrydale Christmas Show
<b>Tues 10th</b>	10:30-12:00	Whitford Village Hall	Tuesday Chat!
<b>Sat 14th</b>	10:00	The Beacon, Kilmington	Scrabble Club
<b>Sat 14th</b>	18:00	The Beacon, Kilmington	Lamps Present: 'The Beasts from Bethlehem' a Christmas Show for all ages
<b>Sat 14th</b>	15:00	St Giles, Kilmington	Celebrate Together Service for people with special needs and their carers. All are welcome
<b>Sun 15th</b>	15:00	Dalwood Methodist Chapel	Village Carol Service followed by refreshments
<b>Sun 15th</b>	17:00	The Beacon, Kilmington	Evening Christmas Carol Service
<b>Tues 17th</b>	19:30	Whitford Village Hall	Skittles & Social Evening
<b>Sat 21st</b>	18:30	St Giles, Kilmington	Harp Music for the Winter Solstice (see advert)
<b>Sat 21st</b>	14:30-15:30	Whitford Village Hall	Christmas Songs
<b>Sat 21st</b>	19:15	Tuckers Arms, Dalwood	Kroft Original's & Friends Christmas Sing-a-long followed by 60's Trio 'One Foot in the Groove'
<b>Tues 24th</b>	10:30-12:00	Whitford Village Hall	Tuesday Chat!

## January

<b>Wed 8th</b>	09:30-15:30	Dalwood Village Hall	Upholstery Workshop
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***It would be much appreciated if contributions could be received as early as possible. Thank you.***

**Celebrate Together**  
**St Giles' Church, Kilmington**



**Theme – Christmas is coming**

**Saturday at 3pm**

**14<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Invites you to a service for all, especially for  
people with learning disabilities, their  
support workers, families and friends**

**With TEA after!**

**Please note that there is ample parking and level access**

