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St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe**

THE SUNDAY SERVICES



February 2020

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Sunday February 2nd Candlemas	11am Morning Worship	11am Morning Worship Share the Light Candlemas	No service	11am Holy Communion	11am Family Service
Sunday February 9th	11am Holy Communion	No service	11am Morning Prayer	11am Family Service	11am Morning Worship
Sunday February 16th	11am Mission Seafarers	09.30am Holy Communion	No service	11am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
Sunday February 23rd	No service	11am All Age Service	11am Holy Communion	No service	6pm Songs of Praise

GROWTH MATTERS: MIDWEEK SERVICES



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



FRIENDSHIP IS LOVE FOR WHO WE ARE

Anna Crabbe

THE American writer, Elbert Hubbard, who died in 1915, once wrote that ‘a friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you’.

I have known my best friend 50 years and during that time she and I have grown up, gone through most of the traumas and agonies of adult life, had children, laughed and cried, and never disagreed.

We don't see much of each other, as we live some distance apart, but when we do get together, the passage of time seems to disappear.

Friends, or the lack of them, is often at the top of the list that are most important to us, alongside romantic partners, family and a satisfying job.

Yet we tend to presume that friendships ‘just happen’. In fact, psychologists suggest that friendships are every bit as nuanced



as dating and have a central requirement at the core. That's the

need for ‘self-disclosure’. In other words, we begin to develop a deep and lasting friendship as we gradually reveal the truth about ourselves, our lives, our hopes and dreams, as well as our failures and fears. Never an easy thing to do.

And whilst social media seems to encourage ‘over-sharing’, it can so easily lack real intimacy.

It's probably no accident that many people of all ages report feeling lonelier than ever these days.

I pray today for the opportunity to show real friendship to someone else - the giving of our time, our attention and our true selves to another.

We are grateful for the friends we do have, and we bring our feelings of isolation and loneliness to you God, who knows exactly who we are, and loves us just the same. Amen.



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PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 46 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

THE modern Holy Communion acclamation, "The Lord is here, His Spirit is with us" compares well with the Psalm 46 chorus, "The Lord of hosts is with us - the God of Jacob is our stronghold".

However, at the same time, it is clearly a "Song of Zion (Jerusalem)"¹ from the time when Jerusalem was the centre of Hebrew worship - concentrated in the Temple, where the "Holy of Holies" symbolically housed the presence of God.

One can perhaps imagine a worship leader in the 1st or 2nd Century, B.C. reciting this poetic song of praise, with the congregation joining in with the chorus.

1. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help

in trouble;

2. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the seas;

3. Though the waters rage and swell, and though the mountains quake at the towering seas,

4. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.

5. God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she not be removed; God shall help her at the break of day.

6. The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, but God utters his voice and

the earth shall melt away.

7. *The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

8. Come and behold the works of the Lord, what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.

9. He makes wars to cease in all the world; he shatters the bow and snaps the spear and burns the chariots in the fire.

10. "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth;"

11. *The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

Bible readings February 2020

Sun 2 Feb [W] Candlemas	Mal: 3:1-5 Ps: 24 [or 24: 7-End]	Heb: 2: 14-End Luke: 2:22-40
Sun 9 Feb [G] 3 Before Lent	Isa: 58:1-9a [9b-12] Ps: 112 [or 112:1-9]	1 Cor: 2:1-12 [13-End] Matt: 5:13-20
Sun 16 Feb [G] 2 Before Lent	Gen: 1:1-2:3 Ps: 136 [or 136:1-9,23-End]	Rom: 8:18-25 Matt: 6:25-End
Sun 23 Feb [G] Sunday Before Lent	Exod: 24:12-End Ps: 2 or Ps: 99	2 Pet: 1:16-End Matt: 17:1-9

From the registers...

Funerals

Raymond Spiller, Stockland, on Friday, 17th January

Lawrence George (Laurie) Matthews, of Axminster.
Funeral at East Devon Crematorium,
8th January

**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

THIS year it was our turn to host the village carol service and the collection, together with the money we raised at our coffee morning, has enabled us to send just under £200 to The Children's Hospice Southwest.

Our grateful thanks go to all those who supported these events.

This month our minister, Rev Brian Hadfield goes on three

month's sabbatical and, as he leads our Breaking News! sessions, there will be a break in this meeting until the beginning of June.

Our services in February will all be at 11am and, as usual, you are invited to all or any of these services, where you will always be assured of a warm welcome.

Roderick Ovey



Yarcombe Baptist Chapel

IN mid-December we held our annual carol service with the theme of Traditional Christmas.

Many of the familiar readings of the season were brought to us by members of the fellowship. Maggie's Mix sang two wonderfully festive items and assisted with the singing of carols.

I led the service and looked at how traditions have changed over the years. A tradition that has become established in the last two years at the chapel is to support The Lord's Larder, a local based food bank. Following the service an amazing amount of store cupboard goods were donated by the congregation and the wider community. It was with great pleasure that Dave and I took four large boxes of goods to The Lord's Larder on the following Monday along with a very generous financial donation from the offering at the carol service. My very grateful thanks to all who made such generous donations possible.

Thelma Clarke

The Beacon - www.beaconbaptist.org.uk

Events

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

Sundays

10.30am - Morning Worship Service

Tuesdays POST OFFICE

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

Tuesday, 4th February

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 18th February

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

Wednesday

**5th, 12th, 26th February
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

5th, 12, 26th February

3.30pm Flame 2 After School Club for Primary School Children.

Thursdays

6th, 13th, 27th February

7pm Fusion Youth Club

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.



PRAYER DIARY

Read: Matthew 24:36-44

Give thanks for the awareness-raising work of World Aids Day and pray that it continues to unite people worldwide in the fight against HIV, helps show support for people living with HIV, and meaningfully commemorates those who have died from an Aids-related illness.

Give thanks and pray for the work of our partner WESM in Malawi helping those who are living with HIV, like Mirika (pictured). As a single mother Mirika is doubly vulnerable, but praise God she now gets a regular income from the honey harvest, and by growing new drought-resistant crops she no longer worries about food so much.

Gracious God help us to recognise we are all made in your image, to challenge and resist the exclusion and stigma of those living with HIV/Aids.

In Jesus name, Amen

Read: Isaiah 63:7-9

In these last days of 2019, take time to 'recount the gracious deeds of the Lord' over the months of this past year. Give thanks for memories and moments that come to mind.

Give thanks for 'the abundance of his steadfast love' towards the work of Christian Aid's partners across the world. Pray for all our partners and friends as we transition into a new stage of our global strategy, which means saying goodbye to some country programmes and deepening our engagement with others. Give thanks for the many acts of kindness and generosity that have brought transformation to many communities and lives across the world this year.

Thank you incarnate Jesus for your redeeming love that lifts and carries us through times of upheaval and guides us through times of change,

Amen

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.



THE Shepherds watching over baby Jesus at St Giles's Church, Kilmington

Story of shepherds

THE Open the Book for December in Stockland, Kilmington and Shute schools was the story of the shepherds, the visitation by an angel and visit to see the baby Jesus.

Some of the children from each school took part in the presentation. We sang Away in a Manger at the

end. William Cope, Anna's grandson, helped as a shepherd!

Each school was presented with a Christmas card from the Open the Book team.

Anna Crabbe, Diana Mellows, Caroline Nunns, Gay Atkinson, Greta Lidster and Christine Mills.

Anna Crabbe

THE Open the Book team enacted a delightful Wise Men's story to the pupils at Shute, Kilmington and Stockland schools, involving some of the children. Caroline Nunns, Christine Mills, Greta Lidster were the three kings, Anna Crabbe played God and Gay Atkinson was an very nasty King Herod. The infant Jesus was played by William Cope, Anna's two-year-old grandson



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.

PSALM INTRODUCTION

by DAVID WILSDON

APART from the Gospels in the New Testament, the Book of Psalms is probably the most widely-read part of the whole Bible, not only as a matter of duty by those ministers of the church who are involved in the reading of a daily office, but also because a considerable number of psalms contain passages of such beauty or spirituality that they are also valued as classics in their own right.

“The Lord is my Shepherd”

However, it is also true that many of us, when we first make up our minds to read the psalms in order to find such inspiring passages for ourselves, can easily be disappointed, if not shocked, by some of the attitudes we come across. It is proposed, therefore, starting next month, to highlight, each month, a psalm, or part of a psalm (some of them are exceedingly long!), or a selection of similar psalms.

The aim would sometimes be to comment on one of the most favourite psalms, sometimes to point out some of the difficulties that modern day Christians experience when reading through the Book of the Psalms, and sometimes just to introduce small details which help to make our study that much more interesting.

“My times are in your hands”

First, though, some facts, figures, and general features, which may help readers when they study the psalms:-

Translations

If you are familiar with many of the famous phrases from the Book of Common Prayer psalms, you will find that other translations of individual words or sentences can be very different. This is often because the Hebrew texts studied may contain differences, or that their poetry contains rare or unknown words.

Poetry

The Book of Psalms in the Hebrew Bible is a collection of 150 songs or poetic prayers and praise, most likely selected from existing collections and brought together for temple worship.

Editing and time scale

Although editing of psalms from many centuries may not have been completed until the 1st Century B.C., the Hebrew Bible and several modern translations contain additional older, traditional, titles, even if their meaning is not clear, or

the (instruction-word?) “selah” of which the meaning is not known.

Types of Psalms

Biblical scholars, these days, often attempt to divide the psalms into categories. They do not always agree which category should contain which psalms, but common labels include Individual Laments, Communal Laments, Historical Psalms, Wisdom Psalms, Pilgrim Psalms, Royal Psalms, Psalms of Zion, Thanksgiving and Praise. Some are also ‘acrostics’ in which each line of verse, or each group of verses (e.g. Psalm 119) starts with a different letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

Difficulties

For Christians, and for many modern readers of the psalms, perhaps their greatest disappointment comes from the discovery that so many of the psalms are concerned with prayers for the defeat - if not the complete destruction - of enemies.

One solution (unless you substitute your own psychological enemies) is to remember that the psalms are pre-Christian, and that they may be counter-balanced by assertions of the steadfast love and loving kindness of the Lord.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

1. Untrigger

"Triggers" quickly move us to anger and fear - they steal our best and offer our worst. We all trigger all the time, but if we own our triggers as our own: "that's my insecurity about x" then we can stop blaming others, stop being trolly, and start acting from love and wisdom.

2. Listen for wisdom

When we're not triggered, we can listen deeply to the perspectives of others, as well as to ourselves - to the emotions of our heart, the reason of our heads, and the intuition of our gut - and we can listen for that quiet voice within that harmonizes all of these things, and suggests wisdom to us.

3. Be kind AND strong

Kindness without strength can be cowardice. And strength without kindness can be brutal. We need both love and strength, 'Yin' and 'Yang', to successfully protect the things we hold precious and in common.

4. Stop the Gossip, seek the truth

Fake news, half-truths, smears, and disinformation motivated by emotion and agenda bring out the worst in all of us. People are fundamentally decent, but we are quick to embrace simple demonizations that justify the worst we do to each other. Let's strive to see the human not the villain, and understand the often complex truth.

Imagine a world where most of us agreed to follow principles like these, and succeeded much of the time. We might still disagree on many things, but the character of that disagreement might be different. Less petty and vicious and tragic, more meaningful, perhaps respectful.

Maybe, more of what we're meant to be.

And maybe that's the gift of the trolls among us and within us, and even the ones that lead us. We can look at them and say - that's just not who we are, who we want to be. And then listen for that quiet voice within, to usher us onward to who we are meant to be, for ourselves, and all of us.



DALWOOD NEWS

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Flower Rota for
St Peter's Church,
Dalwood

1st February - Caroline Nunns
8th & 15th February - Laurie Lucas
22nd February - Gay Atkinson
29th February Lent - no flowers

Veg wanted for sale

DALWOOD Plant Sale last year on behalf of The Recreation Field was very successful with the addition of annual plants grown from seed which organisers hope can be repeated this year. A date is May will be announced shortly.

Shelagh Beak, who runs the sale, has seed packets which include some

herbs Zinnias, Sweet Peas, Morning Glory Lobelia, Cosmos, Rudebekia, Wallflowers and Pinks. She would also be very grateful if anyone planting vegetables would donate some to the sale.

Shelagh has seed trays and pots if required and can be contacted on 01404 881760 for more details.

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DAY



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Saturday: 8.30am - 4.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am - 12.30pm

POST OFFICE opening times 3 mornings a week

MONDAY: 9.00-11.30am
TUESDAY: 9.00-11.30am
THURSDAY: 9.00-11.30am

Thanks from Devon's air ambulance

DEVON Air Ambulance has sent a note of thanks and a certificate for the donations made by the village.

Corrydale Christmas evening was held raising a total of £163, a cheque for £158 was sent to Devon Air Ambulance and a 'late' additional £5 was put into the charity box in Dalwood shop, as the cheque had already been drawn.



DALWOOD NEWS

Raft Club Quiz Night 7.00PM Sunday 8th March

Come and join us for our Quiz Night
in the Tuckers Arms



£5 per head
Craig's marvellous curry £2 per head
Maximum of 6 in a team
Book a table: Call the Tuckers on 01404 881342
or John on 01404 831481

Raffle

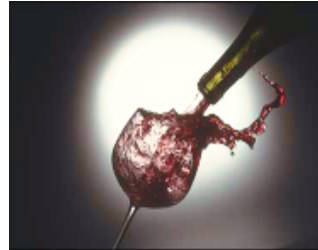
For local charities supported by the Raft Club

St. Peter's Quiz evening Sat 15th February, 7.30 start. Teams of 6, £ 6.00 per head. Professional quiz master, ploughman's supper, Bar. Get a team together and come along and enjoy a fun evening!



AND IN MARCH

WINE TASTING & "CALL MY BLUFF" QUIZ EVENING at Dalwood Village Hall on **SATURDAY 14th MARCH, 7 for 7.30p.m. start TO INCLUDE TASTING QUIZ & SUPPER. TICKETS £10pp.**



Please bring guests and pit your wits and wine tasting expertise against our panel of three carefully chosen "experts" who will try to entertain, convince or confuse you over which wine you are actually tasting! There will be a prize for the winning table, and the tasting quiz will be accompanied by cheese and crackers followed by dessert. Wines will be available for purchase. In addition there will be a secondary quiz and raffle and all profits from both events will go towards maintenance costs of St. Peter's Church

FOR MORE INFORMATION or for TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT BRIAN EDDY on 01404 831009 or MICHAEL DODS on 01404 831208

GET INVOLVED

Send your Dalwood news, photos and events to village correspondent Michael Dods
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in

DALWOOD VILLAGE HALL

on

SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY

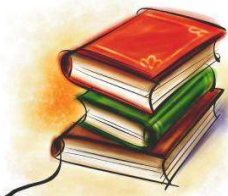
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Saturday 22th Feb

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Eyes down 7.30pm

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Organised by the Dalwood Relay Team which participates in the annual Dalwood Run, its members working together to raise money for causes close to the community.

Force Cancer Charity & Parkinson uk.

'DOG YEARS' THEORY IS WRONG, SAY SCIENTISTS

By Michael Dods

THE idea that dogs age seven years for every one human year is wrong, scientists have claimed.

Researchers at the University of California say they have found puppies are middle-aged by the time they are two, with dogs tending to then age more slowly in later life.

By the time they get to three, dogs are roughly equivalent to a 50-year-old human, according to the study.

The researchers looked at exactly how dogs age by focusing on the DNA methylation in 104 labradors aged between four weeks and 16 years old. DNA methylation is the main way gene activity is adjusted during life, especially during early development. The DNA changes over time as cells mature, allowing scientists to track an animal's biological progression.

After assessing the results, the researchers then compared their findings to those from 300 humans.

By the age of two, the labrador DNA was equivalent to a human in their early forties, rather than a 14-year-old human, which the traditional formula would suggest.

However, ageing slows in dogs over time, meaning that by the age of 10, a labrador is similar to a person aged 68.

This ties in with the long-held formula for calculating the age of dogs, which was developed on the assumption that most canines lived until around 10, while humans lived until around 70.

"The expected lifespan of labrador retrievers, 12 years, correctly translated to the worldwide lifetime expectancy of humans, 70 years," the researchers said.

The following story, taken from Facebook, originating from a vet in Illinois, United States, offers a more touching and emotional reason why dogs only live as long as they do.

The vet was called to examine a 10-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Shane, were all very much attached



to Belker and they were hoping for a miracle.

He examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. He had to tell the family he couldn't do anything for Belker and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As he made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure as they felt he might learn something from the experience.

The next day he felt the familiar catch in his throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that he wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. They sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives.

Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up and said, "I know why."

Startled, they all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned the vet. He'd never heard a more comforting explanation.

The lad said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a

good life - like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?"

The six-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.

- Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:
- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- Take naps. Stretch before rising. Run, romp, and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk. Be loyal.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.



KILMINGTON NEWS

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Little heroine cuts hair to make wigs for children and generates £1,000

By Peter Ball

A YOUNG Kilmington girl has decided to cut and donate her long hair to make wigs for children suffering from cancer after watching the children's BBC TV programme Operation Ouch.

Evelyn Hill, eight, has raised almost £1,000 from local donations to support her quest in aid of the Little Princess Trust which provides real hair wigs to children and young people with hair loss.

Evelyn explains: "The programme followed a young girl who had cancer and had lost all her hair through the harsh treatments she had to go through. It joined her on a trip where she received a new wig from a charity called The Little Princess Trust.

"The happiness on her face when she looked in the mirror at her reflection was amazing. It was then that I knew I wanted to donate my own hair as it was so long, it's always touched my bottom!

"I decided I wanted to help other girls who had gone through this nasty disease so I looked up more information about the Little Princess Trust. It was started by parents who sadly lost their young daughter who had been battling cancer. During treatment, finding a wig for her had a hugely positive impact and they felt the most fitting tribute would be to launch a charity dedicated to providing real hair wigs to children



BRAVE Evelyn Hill, eight, donates her long locks, left, and, above, before the cut

and young people. This is why I'm so excited to donate my hair."

During December, family and friends have also helped Evelyn raise money as it can cost up to £500 to make just one wig.

When the big day arrived, Evelyn's long hair was cut at Bolts hairdressers in Axminster.

"It felt really strange," said Evelyn. "I've always had long hair but I'm already getting used to it. Thank you to all those who have supported me and I'm really looking forward to

sending my hair and all the donations to help some unfortunate children who are suffering this terrible disease."

Those who would like to donate, can put money in an envelope through Evelyn's letterbox at 3 Newtons, The Street, Kilmington or donations can be made online at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gemma-hill555.

Evelyn adds: "Thank you so much and I'll let everyone know how much we all raise."

Support Evelyn by donating at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gemma-hill555

KILMINGTON NEWS

Celebrating the Christmas story

By Diana Mellows

THE Christmas tree had been beautifully decorated by Jill Perkins and Gill Collier and the church was full of light, music and laughter as The Celebrate Together team welcomed everyone to join in a service of songs and prayers led very ably by Christine and Christopher Thorne.



It began with a welcome and the lighting of the tall candle, this was done by three members of the congregation, the youngest being Molly Givern, who was just three, followed by the birthday song for those who celebrate this month and the receiving of a gift.

The theme was Christmas is Coming and the story, of how the shepherds were the first to hear the good news of Christ's birth in Bethlehem from the angels and how they left their flocks to see if it was true, was acted out by members of the congregation ending up gathered around the candlelit crib.

Thanks go to Elana Blackmore, Lucy Lane and many others, who were all brilliant. All who wished to do so hung stars on the memory tree whilst Margaret Hurford played The Calypso Carol very beautifully with everyone singing softly. It was a fitting end to the service after which everyone enjoyed a splendid tea.

Thanks also go to Barbara Woodsford, Pearl Hurford, Sheila Hill and Val Harding, who made cakes and sausage rolls, and to all those who helped in so many ways. Bless you for coming to celebrate with us, a wonderful start to the Christmas story.



LEFT, Molly McGivern, Christopher and Christine Thorne. Above top, Elana Blackmore dressed as an angel; centre, Celebrate Together first birthday cake; above, Pearl Hurford, Sheila Hill, Barbara Woodsford and Val Harding serve refreshments

Photos by Mike Tyler

Candlelight sets St Giles's carol service scene

NEARLY 150 people joined the candlelit carol Service at St Giles's, Kilmington, on December 22nd.

The service began with the children's choir singing the first verse of Once in Royal David's City in candlelight which set the scene beautifully as their clear voices filled the church. The readers, the children and the choir told the story of Christmas and in the first children's song, Rocking on the

Road to Bethlehem, the children created the crib scene with the knitted nativity figures.

A short reflection reminded us that we are all able to give gifts and Evelyn Hill told us her gift of donating her very long hair to be used to make a wig for a child through the Little Princess Trust. Congratulations to her.

After the service everyone enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies organised by Liz Stonex and her

team.

Thanks go to Margaret Hurford and Peter Milmer for playing the organ and piano, the choir, John Church for organising all the readers who read so beautifully, Caroline Lavender and Jenny Nickolls and team for decorating the church superbly and Eduardo, Shine, Jack, Ella, Evelyn, Maisie and Phoebe for being in the children's choir.

Anna Crabbe



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Poppy update

THE Royal British Legion (RBL) Poppy Appeal 2019 raised £1211 in Stockland.

The amount was raised through house-to-house collections, the village school and Stockland Church members and friends. This was achieved through a phenomenal effort by a series of wonderful collectors who give up their time and to all those in the parish who give so generously. The RBL offers much appreciation for this tremendous effort.

Personal thanks are also made to all concerned without whom such a fantastic response would not have been possible.

Rozanne Bulmer

A 'full house'

JANUARY'S Swag meeting was the annual afternoon bingo session, preceded by lunch, at the Sidmouth Arms at Upottery.

The room was packed with members, an exceptional turn out and indeed a 'full house'. Around 30 members braved the seemingly continuous rain and wind, to attend what is traditionally a fun afternoon in an effort to win some of the many prizes on offer. The afternoon finished with lovely tea, sandwiches and cake.

Jane Wedlock

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

A song for Candlemas

*Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of darkness shining,
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this world with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

Graham Kendrick

(Contributed by Philippa Wilks)

— STOCKLAND ACADEMY NEWS —

NEW YEAR BRINGS IN A RAINFOREST

By Gill Metcalfe

THE new term has arrived at Stockland Academy and already Class 1 children have launched their imaginations on new projects and have created an amazing rainforest (pictured) using natural materials.

They added a variety of animals common to the environment to produce the authenticity they sought.

One of the children explained: "We used animals, logs, mud, leaves, stones, sticks and pine cones. My favourite part is the animals.

"In the rainforest it would be wet and dark, I think. Spiders definitely aren't my favourite but I liked the poisonous tree frog."



Stockland Academy also is very proud to announce its new class teacher - Miss Martin - and welcomes her warmly and enthusiastically ensuring that she will be happy in her new post.



STOCKLAND Academy schoolchildren had a very special visitor in December who proved to be most popular. Clearly the visitor - Miss Whitten - is sorely missed

STOCKLAND NEWS

By Brian and Rowena Drew

THE walkers on New Year's Day left the Victory Hall car park at 10.45am on a muggy morning to walk to 3 Ashes, up the unmetalled lane towards Heathstock, where the majority of the 88 walkers climbed up to the top of Beacon Hill, by kind permission of the Patch family.

Unfortunately, unlike in 2009, pictured centre, when the sun shone, it was misty, so the view was very limited. However, the children enjoyed climbing the hill to the ancient hawthorn trees on the south and west banks of the circular earthwork enclosure, 20 metres in diameter.

Beacon Hill is a prominent local feature due to its flat-topped symmetrical appearance, where the triangulation point at the top is at 218 metres above sea level. On a clear day it is possible to see the radar pylons near Maiden Newton, deep into the Dorset countryside.

Its long flat area is known locally as the Devil's Frying Pan. It would appear from beacon references that it is highly likely that Beacon Hill, Stockland was designated for use in the Amada and Napoleonic alerts. The fires would have been in the form of tree beacons, when tall oak posts, topped by an iron fire basket (or cresset), were used.

Certainly, remains of burnt wooden stumps existed here until recently. From the 19th Century onwards, beacons were fired only on the occasion of royal birthdays, jubilees and military victories.

On June 29th 1897, Pulman's Weekly News recorded that Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated with tea and sports for

NYD walkers venture into the 'frying pan'



the children and a fire on Beacon Hill. Since then, numerous occasions have arisen when bonfires have been lit on the hill, including for both the 2000 Millennium festivities and Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday.

The walkers then returned to the village hall at 12.45pm to meet with other parishioners to enjoy delicious soups and puddings; a pop-up pub was also available.

Many thanks to Trish Bass and

her helpers for providing the food and Kim and Emma the drink. A profit of £405 was raised for the village hall funds.



STOCKLAND NEWS

The humble postbox - a British icon

By Gill Metcalfe

THE idea of the roadside pillar box was suggested by Rowland Hill (1795-1879) who is credited with the invention of the Penny Black and the basic idea of the British postal system. His idea was then adopted by Anthony Trollope (Victorian novelist) who was working as a Surveyor's Clerk for the Post Office.

The first pillar box to be erected on the British Mainland was at Botchergate, Carlisle in 1853. A similar box from the same year stands at Barnes Cross, Dorset and is the oldest box still in use on the mainland.

In 1856 a pillar box design by Richard Redgrave, of the Department of Science and Art, was adopted for use in the cities as the volume of post was increasing. This was initially painted bronze. The idea of boxes soon spread; more rural areas were seen to carry less post with the wall box and the lamp box (fixed to a pole) seen as more practical. A National Standard Pillar Box design was adopted in 1859. Boxes were painted green so as to blend into the landscape. By 1879 red was adopted as the official standard colour.

By 1879 the cylindrical design became the standard for the box; this is now recognised world-wide as a quintessentially British icon. The early boxes had no Royal Cypher embossed on their surfaces; these were called anonymous boxes.

The Royal Cypher appeared on the boxes in the 1850s with, of course VR (Victoria Regina) being the first of such. The early inscription of 'post office' was more recently changed to 'Royal Mail'.

The pillar boxes to be found in Stockland are certainly not of the earliest period, but neither are they modern. From the lamp box at Shortmoor Cross (1950s' design) the route undulates into Stockland where the next lamp box can be found (again 1950s'); both bearing the ER Royal Cypher, and the 'post office' lettering. Both these boxes



MOTORISTS and walkers alike en route to Stockland from the Royal Oak Crossroads, surely cannot fail to smile as their journey takes them down to the next crossroads at Shortmoor Cross. There, sited to the left on the verge and pitched precariously towards right angles, is a familiar red post box; the mirth raised may well reflect a speculative thought as to how it acquired its move from the vertical!

are almost 70 years old.

A return up the hill and a left turn to Millhayes is where the next box can be found. The box here is a wall box – being built into the wall! The siting of this box with ivy engulfing it, is just 'picture postcard'.

Wall boxes appeared in the 1890s; however, the cypher of ER on this box places it as a 1950s' box (i.e. a later wall box). Taking the route to Broadhayes the next pillar box can be found situated in the wall of Wellens, a rather striking looking Grade II listed cottage. This is an older box bearing the GR insignia. This dates it from 1936 (George VI; reigned from 1936-1952). Thus, the box could be dated as being up to eighty-four years in age.

Despite the boxes being of a similar age there are some very clear design differences: the shape, the position of the letter opening, the crown, the royal cypher and the size of lettering. With the exception of the Wellens box, the ages of the other boxes indicate that the people of Stockland were using the postal service in the 1950s and the need for the boxes was there.

Whilst the current issues regarding today's postal service are well-versed Stockland is still fortunate to have retained its historic boxes. Perhaps it is time to show more respect to the Shortmoor Cross box – straightening would not go amiss for this treasure, whilst a lick of paint all round would preserve Stockland's postal history.

He's well-gnome

WITHOUT over-doing the punning on the gentle gnome artefact currently housed (re-gnomed in the old telephone box), Stockland's gnome is becoming somewhat of a tourist attraction!

Cyclists have been known to take the route through the village explicitly to see the said colourful little fellow. Identified as Mr Ray N Bow-Gnome, he acts as guardian of the village defibrillator and community publications - all without payment.

His fame is spreading as he is now in receipt of several postcards - from France even - and it is evident that he warrants more attention. Visitors are most welcome though perhaps some gnome company might be appreciated.





SHUTE NEWS

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A PRIVILEGE



By Bijan Omrani

BACH Cellist plays at Shute Church
A PACKED St Michael's Church hosted international cellist Pal Banda, pictured, who played two of the six Bach Cello Suites on Sunday, December 15th.

Light streamed through the newly renovated church windows creating a stunning setting for the beautiful music. The concert was a fundraiser for The Friends of Shute Church with Banda, whose more natural performance home is such august establishments as Wigmore Hall, generously offering his performance at a nominal fee.

Banda was born into a musical family in Budapest and studied at the Franz Liszt Academy of Music where he studied under his father who was also a cellist. He plays on his father's cello to this day. He has won numerous awards and prestigious

competitions including the Moscow International Tchaikovsky Competition and the Popper Competition at the Franz Liszt Academy, Budapest.

As a soloist he has performed in Hungary (for radio and TV) as well as in France, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Austria, UK and Singapore. He has been a member of several ensembles including the Fitzwilliam Quartet and the Katin Piano Trio. He was cellist of the Allegri String Quartet from 1998 – 2008. In 2012 he became the cellist of the English Piano Trio.

"It was a tremendous privilege to have such brilliance in our small church," said Sam Knights, parent and co-director of Shute Festival.

"A number of children attended the event which was free to those 16 and under and it was particularly nice to welcome them."

Mince pies and coffee were served before and after as part of the ticket price and overall £250 was raised for the church.

Jazz returns

MANY people will remember the hugely popular concert played by the Neil Maya jazz quartet, pictured below, to Shute in 2018, which played to a capacity crowd in St Michael's Church.

Now, they will be returning to play a second concert this month, organised by Angela Parry with the assistance of the Villages in Action Programme.

The Neil Maya Quartet is a Devon-based ensemble which was established in 2001. It has played at a host of venues in the South-West and further afield.

It has also released a number of CDs, including *Out of the Woodshed* in 2006, *Bread and Circuses* in 2009 and a joint-CD-DVD of the *Brubeck Project Live* in 2017.

The concert in Shute will be based on another project entitled *1959, The Golden Year of Jazz*. This is in homage to a number of seminal jazz albums which were released that year, including Miles Davis' *Kind of Blue* and Dave Brubeck's *Time Out*.

The concert will be held at St Michael's Church, Shute, on February 28th at 7.30pm.

Tickets can be reserved by phoning 01404 831675, booked online from the Villages in Action website, villagesinaction.co.uk, or purchased at the Archway Bookshop in Axminster.

Tickets prices will be adults £10, children £6, family (two adults, two children) £25. Profits from the concert will go to the upkeep of the church.



SHUTE NEWS

Line-up announced

SHUTE Festival returns in its fifth year for another dazzling and diverse line-up of speakers and events.

This year the festival will be structured differently with single events spread over six months from May 2020 onwards, instead of a single weekend. The idea behind this was, in part, to make the festival more accessible and convenient for those in the local area.

The full line-up will be announced shortly via the website, www.shutefest.org.uk, and local and social media, but confirmed speakers for 2020 include Sunday Times war correspondent Christina Lamb on her new book *Our Bodies, Their Battlefield*; poet and cider-maker James Crowden on his new book, *Frozen River*; journalist and travel writer Sophy Roberts on her new book *The Lost Pianos of Siberia*; and writer Peter Fiennes on his book, *Footnotes*.

Also confirmed are Dan Gretton with his newly published *I You We Them*; Robert Twigger with *Walking the Great North Line*; and curator and art historian Susan Owens on her soon-to-be-published *Spirit of Place: Artists, Writer, Landscape*. Local writer and historian Bijan Omrani will speak on poetry.

The festival, to date, has always had a strong landscape and garden theme, and as well as various talks on this topic there will be a number of led walks in the local area.

There are also a number of music events planned including a concert by Russian choral group Lyra, a special concert by local folk trio Southern Cross, and a Russian folk singing workshop by Polina Shephard.

"We are thrilled to celebrate Shute Festival's fifth year with another amazing selection of events.

"We must be the smallest village in the country to host its own literary festival, but our speakers are all greats in their specific fields and renowned nationally and many internationally," said Samantha Knights, co-director of the festival.

Profits from the festival are



channelled back into the community and are split between Shute Community Primary School and The Friends of Shute Church.

The festival has run a wide-ranging outreach programme for children including workshops and after-school clubs at Shute Primary including an art club, wild club, creative writing, calligraphy and Bollywood dance workshops.

The festival has had strong community support from its inception and this year will be supported by a generous grant from the Carew Pole Charitable Trust and an award from the Axe Vale Show.

Past local sponsors have included Kilmington Garden Club, Beviss & Beckingsale Solicitors, Perrott Hill School, The Pig at Combe, Synibds & Sampson, East Devon AONB, the Northbrook Community Trust.

The line-up so far confirmed in terms of dates all at St Michael's Church, Shute, (subject to final confirmation when launched) is:

Friday, May 1st 7.30pm - Lyra concert

Friday, May 22nd 6pm - Sophy Roberts on *The Lost Pianos of Siberia*

Saturday, May 23rd 6pm - James Crowden on *Frozen River*

Friday, June 26th 6pm - Peter Fiennes on *Footnotes*

Saturday, June 27th 6pm - Christina Lamb on *Our Bodies, Their Battlefield*

Friday, July 18th 6pm - Dan Gretton on *I You We Them*

Saturday, July 19th 10.30am - Rob Twigger

Saturday, July 19th 7.30pm - Southern Cross Trio

Friday, September 18th 6pm - Susan Owens on *Spirit of Place: Artists, Writer, Landscape*

Saturday, September 19th 12pm-4pm - Polina Shephard, singing workshop

Friday, October 23rd 6pm - Bijan Omrani on poetry



TOP, Russian choral group Lyra and, above, James Crowden, poet and cider-maker

Church receives £8k lottery award funding

By Bijan Omrani
PCC Secretary

RECENTLY, a grant of £8000 has been made to Shute church by the National Lottery Awards for All Community Fund.

The grant has been made to fund a feasibility study and architect's plans for making improvements to the facilities in Shute Church, and ensuring that it is properly adapted for the needs of all those who use the Church for worship and other community purposes.

The application for the grant was made by the Development Committee of the PCC in response to last year's Parish Survey and consultation. The grant will allow architects with a specialisation in historic buildings to put forward proposals for how the facilities in the Church could be practically improved and the space adapted to become more practical and comfortable, also

allowing a greater range of community activities to take place there, without the space losing its historic character or dignity. The ultimate intention is to make sure that the Church is usable, sustainable and viable over the very long-term, such that it will be preserved as the heart of the Shute community for centuries to come.

Once the architect's various options, proposals and drawings become available, they will be distributed to the community for further consultation and discussion. No changes will be made to the Church without the approval of the PCC and the broad consent of the community, and approval would also have to be sought from the diocesan authorities.

We are thankful to the National Lottery Awards for All Community Fund for this boost to the community of Shute, and also to the Growing the Rural Church Team of the Diocese of Exeter for their continuing support.

Team reward

AS team points champions for last term, Shute Primary School's Year 5 and 6 teacher, Mr Smith, promised Sparrowhawks team an afternoon outside making pancakes over the fire.

Before they made pancakes, Sparrowhawks went on a treasure hunt, following clues to find Mr Smith's lost ingredients.

Special thanks go to Mr Smith for making Sparrowhawks' afternoon memorable.

St Michael's Church Flower Rota

February 2nd - M Williams

February 9th - M Hurford

February 16th - E Gosling

February 23rd - J Sansom

March 1st - Lent - no flowers

March 8th - Lent - no flowers

March 15th - Lent - no flowers

March 22nd - Mothering Sunday
- E Gosling

March 29th - Lent - flowers



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Escaping the weather with Carolyn

MUSBURY and Whitford WI's December meeting was one of fun, fellowship and food plus a visit from two of Santa's elves with a gift for everybody.

The first meeting of 2020 took place on a wet and windy Tuesday afternoon with 21 members braving the weather to be present.

The speaker was one of our own members, Carolyn, who has been our secretary for many years. Every few months, she has been able to escape on an exotic holiday to places most of us have just read about. She estimates that she and her husband have visited over 150 different countries. Her love of travelling was fostered by the books

she and her father collected from the library in the neighbouring village every Saturday. We were spellbound as we listened and escaped for a few minutes from the wind and rain. We wish her well in her move.

The next meeting will be at 2.15pm on Tuesday, February 11th.

Jean Fullerton



YARCOMBE NEWS

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Treasure hunt

DURING the singing of This Little Light of Mine, three regally dressed kings, Benjamin and Edward Rich and Jake Dear, bearing gifts (and sparklers!) processed to the front of the church to the nativity scene with Lucas Dear (Joseph) and Katie Rich (Mary) with assistance from Jessica Rich, at the beginning of the first family service of the new year celebrating The Feast of Epiphany, Seeking Treasure.

Lin Box led the worship and sang Three Kings from Distant Lands Afar unaccompanied, Katie Rich read the lesson and Liz Freeman said prayers. All the children were sent round the church seeking 'treasure'.

Rebecca Bell, during her short talk, explained that the Wise Men followed the star to find Jesus knowing what they were looking for. Clifford Sochon explained that we have the Bible to follow and the Holy Spirit to guide our path.

Lucas and Louise Dear played music and Jake and Lucas acted as sidesmen. There were activities for children while refreshments were served by Rebecca and Margaret Hoare.

New louvres for the bell tower

By Lesley Sutton

DURING the last weekend of the year, Andy Page with his team of helpers hoisted the new louvres that he has made for the bell tower into place.

The old rotten windows were removed and for a short time a temporary covering kept the wind and weather from the delicate machinery of the church clock. The narrow spiral staircase, which I am informed is built so that a swordsman can defend himself without hitting the walls, makes transporting large pieces of equipment or furniture impossible, so items are hoisted up to the roof from outside the tower, a job which was completed on Sunday morning. Luckily we do not meet many swordsmen these days. Congratulations to the team and many thanks.

I am told that there are always 39 steps to a bell tower, which is why John Buchan's book was so named, I wonder whether this is true? Whilst



thinking about the difficulties of accessing the tower, grateful thanks are uttered by many to John Salter, who after slipping and sliding down some considerable distance, in years gone by, had the thought of hanging the rope handrail round the core of the stairs.



Big man's special Yarcombe visit

THE annual Yarcombe and Marsh children's fund Christmas party took place in the village hall on December 21st.

With 40 children it look set to be a busy, fun-filled afternoon. It was decided this year to return to traditional party games and the fun soon began with musical statues and the chocolate game, a real classic. The children were split into teams, each taking turns to throw a dice. If a player threw a six they then raced to put on gloves, hat and scarf and using knives and forks attempted to eat as much chocolate as possible before another player threw a six. This

proved very popular and entertaining.

Hotdogs were the choice of food for tea, always proving popular with the children. Sausages were kindly provided by Lorna's Porkers of Yarcombe. After tea the children waited in anticipation of a special visitor. It wasn't long before the big man made his appearance with sacks brimming with presents. All the children were very excited to see Santa who made time in his busy schedule so close to Christmas to make the trip to Yarcombe.

A huge thank you to Julie and helpers for organising a fabulous party for the children.

Members visit Maggie for a Marvellous film

MEMBERS of Yarcombe Tuesday Club sheltered from the wind and rain in the comfort of Maggie Lane's home in Drakes Meadow to enjoy the usual January relaxed evening watching a DVD together.

From a selection given by members, Maggie chose Marvellous, the incredible story of Neil Baldwin 'Nello' the clown who always looked on the bright side of life.

He managed to find his way into the most unusual situations and knew that he would always be provided for by someone!

He was befriended by Lou Macari when he was manager of Stoke City and made kit man for the team, becoming a favourite cheer leader and even allowed to come on as a substitute in a testimonial match and score a goal.

He also befriended students at Keele University where he managed a student football team, enlisting the help of Gary Lineker and arranging

for Uriah Rennie (retired football referee) for the first match the team played. He is a triumph for winning against adversity and as Macari said "his best signing". Toby Jones made a 'marvellous' job of enacting the part.

Refreshments were served afterwards and names taken for the friendly skittles match to be played next week against Smeatharpe and for the meal which Rebecca Bell is organising for members to enjoy next month.

Rosemary Abel, permanent treasurer, collected subscriptions and was rewarded with a bouquet of flowers for her diligence.

In March, members will be knitting and nattering with Diane Frost, making blankets for the Bracken Birth Centre at Musgrove Park Hospital. Come along to the Jubilee Hall for a friendly evening and get to know your neighbours and support a good cause.

No more room at inn for carols

THERE was hardly any more room at the inn on December 20th when one of Yarcombe's favourite Christmas traditions - Carols in the Pub - was re-introduced.

Maggie Lane on her keyboard encouraged the 'Mix' to come along and help swell the singing of carols and seasonal songs chosen by the customers.

Nick Randle managed to relay the chosen items to the musicians and generally keep the evening in some sort of order. Yarcombe's own version of Twelve Days of Christmas proved an energetic finale with placards showing the numbers popping up all around the bar. It was so reminiscent of the golden days of the inn's hospitality with most of the locals in their usual places. Thank you Luke and Anie for the opportunity to bring the village together in a spirit of fun and enjoyment and for the mince pies and hot food.

Festive service

A CONGREGATION made up of those who attend the baptist chapel and those from the parish church joined in the first Yarcombe Carol Service at the chapel on December 15th.

Thelma Clarke led the worship with bible readings from Brian Smith, Rosemary Abel, John Robinson, and Clifford Sochon. Maggie Lane and the Allsorts played the music for the old favourite carols.

Maggie's Mix, there in force, sang It Was on a Starry Night, and the Candlelight carol as solos.

Boxes for the donation of provisions and a collection for charity The Lord's Larder was taken into Chard.

Mulled warm spicy drinks and mince pies were served in the schoolroom after the service.

Quizzers rack their brains for answers about 2019

By Lesley Sutton

A WARM welcome awaited those who thronged to the Yarcombe Inn on New Year's Eve to enjoy a quiz testing knowledge of All Things 2019, with a glass of mulled wine and plateful of cheese and biscuits to sustain them through the evening.

Oh, to be able to remember which month things happened, that name on the tip of the tongue, was it only last year?

Challenging questions put by landlady and quizmaster Anie kept all on their toes trying to recognise well-known faces partly obscured by festive hats and streamers, imagining what strange new year traditions took place

in Latvia or how many glasses of mulled wine were in the samovar!

It was all very light hearted and heart warming. Quizzers were informed that the raffle which took place at the Boxing Day Christmas Conundrum, which was organised by Mark de Luca-Fradley, made £346.28, which Saffron Doble took to the Beacon Centre at Musgrove Park Hospital, Somerset Unit for Radiotherapy Equipment, SURE and the proceeds from a similar raffle on this evening will be given also.

The winning teams who received cash prizes from the total of the entry fees also started their new year in good spirit by donating their share to the same charity so Saffron is able to send a further £215 to Musgrove Park Hospital.

YARCOMBE WEATHER DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018	2017
Average Max. temperature	8.4°C	9.6°C	7.9°C
Average Min.	4.8°C	5.7°C	3.9°C
Average Overall temperature	6.6°C	7.7°C	5.9°C
Rainfall	212.7mm	163.6mm	155.7 mm
Wettest Day	18th 35.7mm	18th 29.2 mm	26th 26.5 mm
Sunniest Day	3rd 7.5 hrs approx.	3rd 7.0 hrs	12th 7.5 hrs
Warmest Day	10th 11.2°C	2nd 13.0°C	30th 12.4°C
Coldest Night	2nd 0.9°C	14th -0.4°C	12th -2.4°C
Sunshine hours.	72 hours approx.	49hrs	67 hrs

2019 broke four heat records during the four seasons in the United Kingdom despite being only the 11th warmest year overall. I am pleased that December is out of the way, it was a very wet month with 73mm above the average rainfall, and temperatures were just below the average. I read in the Times newspaper the following article which may be of interest to some of you. I can remember bring taken to J. Lyons in Bristol in the early 50s. Do you know what the connection is between a chain of famous teashops and the Met Office weather forecasts? The answer is that the first electronic office computer, which was built by the catering company J Lyons, inspired the Met Office to use its own computer for weather forecasting 60 years ago. Lyons was then famous for its inexpensive teashops and restaurants. To manage its vast business operation and keep its prices competitive, in 1951 it built the Lyons Electronic Office, or Leo. This calculated the costs of ingredients for bread and cakes, it also ran the payroll. It was so fast and efficient that hundreds of office workers were laid off. Leo was such a success that other organisations asked to try it out, including the Met office which tested the computer for weather forecasting. The results were so impressive that in 1959 the Met office brought in its own computer, Meteor. It was capable of 3000 calculations a second. Today's Met office computer can make 14,000 trillion calculations a second. The last Leo computer, owned by the Post Office, was made redundant in 1981, the same year that the last Lyons teashop closed its doors.

Tony Newman

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At Otterhead Lakes, Otterford

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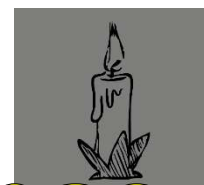
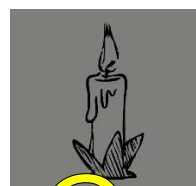
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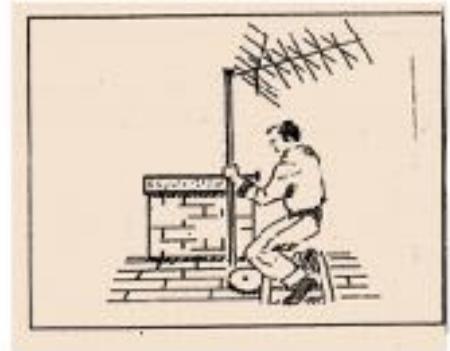
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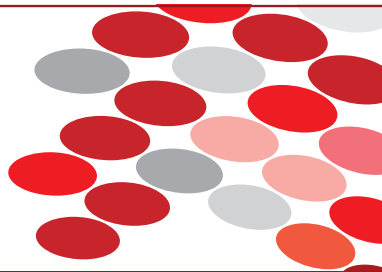
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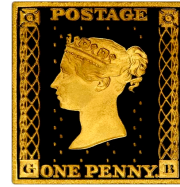
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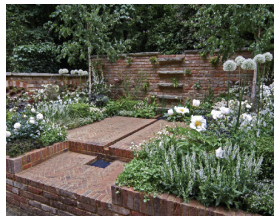
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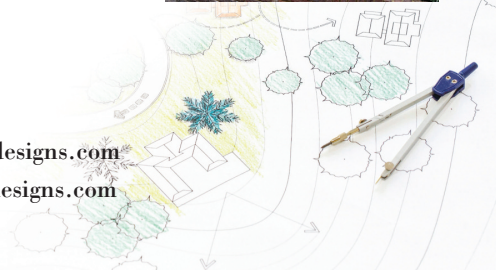
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Sun 2nd	14:30	Whitford Village Hall	Sunday Lunchtime Bar
Tue 4th	19:30	Whitford Village Hall	Skittles & Social Evening
Tue 4th	19:00	The Tuckers Arms, Dalwood	Meal and Talk by Fiona Beale
Wed 5th	9:15	The Beacon, Kilmington	Toddlers & Tinies - Toddler group
Wed 5th	18:45	Kilmington Village Hall	Moviola Film 'Downton Abbey' (PG) film starts at 19:15
Sat 8th	14:00	Dalwood Village Hall	Jumble Sale in aid of Dalwood Recreational Trust
Sat 8th	13:45	The Lodge, Otterford	Snowdrop Walk. See advert for more details
Sat 8th	19:30	Dalwood Village Hall	Whist Drive, All welcome for a fun evening
Tue 11th	10:30	Whitford Village Hall	Tuesday Chat
Wed 12th	9:15	The Beacon, Kilmington	Toddlers & Tinies - Toddler group for babies and preschool children. Snacks provided £1
Wed 12th	19:30	St. Peter's Church, Dalwood	Coffee/Wine Conert "Shiraz" Shirley & Sharon - Winger/song-writer Duo from Dorset
Wed 12th	09:30	Dalwood Village Hall	Upholstery Workshop
Sat 15th	19:30	Dalwood Village Hall	St Peter's Quiz Evening, Teams of 6, £6 per head. Ploughman's supper and bar
Tue 18th	19:30	Whitford Village Hall	Skittles & Social Evening
Sat 22nd	19:00	The Tuckers Arms, Dalwood	Bingo evening in aid of Force Cancer Charity & Parkinson UK
Tue 25th	10:30	Whitford Village Hall	Tuesday Chat
Wed 26th	9:15	The Beacon, Kilmington	Toddlers & Tinies - Toddler group for babies and preschool children. Snacks provided £1
Wed 26th	10:30	St. Peter's Church, Dalwood	Coffee Concert
Sat 29th	20:00	The Tuckers Arms, Dalwood	Tuckers Jazz, Dave Newton & Craig Milverton

March

Wed 4th	18:45	Kilmington Village Hall	Moviola Film Judy (12A), film starts 19:15
Sat 21st	20:00	The Tuckers Arms, Dalwood	Tuckers Jazz, The Jake Leg Jug Band

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