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REOPENING OF FIVE ALIVE CHURCHES AND UPCOMING CHURCH SERVICES

- St Peter's Church at Dalwood is open for private prayer every Saturday and Wednesday from 10am to 4pm.
- St Michael's in Shute and St Mary at the Cross at Whitford will unfortunately need to remain closed for the time being. It is hoped that this will change before too long.
- St Michael and All Angels at Stockland will not be opening yet.
- St Giles, Kilmington is open for private prayers every Tuesday and Saturday 10am-4pm. Each opening will be stewarded and strict safety procedures and social distancing will be in place. Saturday, September 5th will be a Gift Day for anyone who would like to make a Gift Day donation. A Gift Day letter and envelope will be delivered to every household in Kilmington before the event.
- St John the Baptist Church in Yarcombe will be open for private prayer from August 1st - Saturday 10am - 12noon and Tuesday 2pm - 4pm.

UPCOMING SERVICES

- St Giles, Kilmington are holding their Evensong Patronal Festival on September 6th, at 6pm
- The Harvest Festival for the Mission Community at the White's Farm in Dalwood is planned for September 13th, at 11am.

AS we navigate our way through the nuanced messages of easing the lockdown, some of us are thinking ahead to how church services may look in the future.

The enforced lockdown has given us time to think about what's truly important in our lives and what's mere fluff around the edges.

Like many, I went from a full diary to an empty one in the space of a few hours! As I don't wish to go back to an overloaded one, I'm trying to work out what I must do in the future, what I'd like to do and what I don't really need to do.

For someone with my personality type, that's not easy – I think everything is important and I don't like to disappoint or upset anyone.

Resurrecting services in our churches may well follow the same pattern. What's really important for our church family as we ease our way back into our communities and church buildings? Many people have become more used to accessing services online and will have had a lot of choice at their fingertips.

The Beacon Baptist church has done a fantastic job in keeping us all going during the lockdown and I hope their services continue to be

New ways to be Five Alive church

By Gill Heighway

live streamed in the future.

I've really enjoyed being part of the baptist family - an unforeseen positive to the situation. Thank you to everyone involved in the services, they're much appreciated by many.

However, we mustn't leave anyone behind as we seek to find new ways of being church. This will mean fewer services, particularly in our Five Alive Mission Community, as we're lacking a vicar and are unable to ask for help from our retired clergy at present.

We have excellent lay teams and churchwardens but they, Anna and I can't maintain a service in each of our five churches each week. Consequently, the use of technology to record, live stream or Zoom services in the Five Alive Mission

Community will become more important.

Things have changed! We can't just pick up where we were forced to stop back in March and carry on as though nothing has happened.

We must be aware of our limitations when organising church rotas in the future.

We need to be able to glimpse what we're being asked to do for our churches going forward and not to just look to the past and say 'that was OK, let's just keep on with more of the same'. Let's reject the notion that change be looked upon with suspicion; instead, we should be looking at how we can do things just as effectively but in a new way, to open ourselves up to new opportunities and challenges, both in the world and in our church.

Here's to new ways of being church.

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HOLY THOUGHTS FOR CATHEDRAL LIFE

Reverend Cate Edmonds

AS many have said, we are living in a very strange time. The pandemic has had very strange effects on each of us. It has brought a variety of emotions to the fore. We have had to worship in many different ways from our own homes, joining with people we might not have joined with before.

For some this has been energising, perhaps even regenerating their faith, for others it has been frustrating and disappointing. Many I know have missed being part of a physical community and found that the virtual community isn't quite the same.

Of course, there are many different virtual communities that we can belong to; no doubt many of you belong to several as I do. Some of the communities are good for bringing inspiring messages; others can be a bit confrontational.

One community that I belong to, as do many of you I expect, is the Facebook community. It has its advantages and disadvantages. For me it is a great way to keep up with old acquaintances, parishioners and former students. It can also be, sadly, a platform for negativity.

During this lockdown, however, there have been various ways of trying to lift people's spirits and Facebook has been one of them. One message that was being



distributed a week or so ago was asking people just to post a flower as a message, with the hope of flooding Facebook with beautiful images as a way to combat negativity and to lift our spirits.

I posted the image, pictured, of a beautiful hibiscus. This photo was taken last year when I visited Vanuatu, in the South Pacific, working on a mission project.

I remember it clearly; I was sat at breakfast looking out of the window on the hotel's small front garden which opened out onto a very busy and busy street. This flower head seemed to be smiling at me and I couldn't resist taking the photo. It brought joy to me then and it still does every time I look at the photo. Through the dust and heat of that busy street, the glory of God's creation shone through.

I am often amazed at how an image, a snap shot, can raise the

spirits or sometimes unfortunately dampen them. I have been bitterly disappointed, like I'm sure many have been, that what should have been peaceful demonstrations supporting the Black Lives Matter campaign has been overtaken by violence in some places. The images of aggression and vandalism fill our screens regularly.

How heartened I was, and I'm sure you all were, at the image which had received plenty of cover of the man rescuing the fallen demonstrator; a human gesture of compassion regardless of colour. Amidst clamour and fear and aggression, God given love shone through. That snap shot went viral, as they say, and no doubt lifted the spirits of many; something good shining through just like my flower in that busy street.

In this time of the pandemic it is important to look for those signs of compassion, signs of light and joy bursting through the anxiety and confusion of our present time.

The light of Christ can't be constrained and we can see it in many different ways, all we have to do it to look. It may be strange times, but even in strange times amazing and life giving things can happen. We hope and pray that one of those things will be that we can look to how we share compassion, love and inclusivity to all around us.

Five Alive churches' slow emergence from lockdown

FIVE Alive Mission Community is pleased to announce there will be two services in September in the mission community.

- Sunday 6th September, 6pm: St Giles, Kilmington, Patronal Said Evensong
- Sunday 13th September: 11am:

Harvest Festival Service at the White's Farm, Lower Lane, Dalwood. Please bring your own lunch for a social distanced picnic after the service

We are very excited to have been given permission to organise these

two services so please put these dates in your diaries.

Of course, precautions will be in place and there will be strict measures for social distancing. We look forward to seeing you at one or both events.

Gill Highway

PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 101 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

THIS psalm is one of those which can, without explanation, be somewhat embarrassing to read aloud in church.

It sounds as though the reader thinks an awful lot about his or her own freedom from any imperfection.

However, if, as is generally agreed, it is understood to be a 'royal psalm' with the king in Jerusalem as the speaker - as a pledge - a kind of "I promise to do my duty to God and the people" statement - it becomes much more acceptable.

Moreover, royal psalm or not, perhaps, in private, it does not do too badly as a very basic suggestion as to how we ought to be thinking about our own daily standard of living.

1. I will sing of faithfulness and justice; to you, O Lord, will I sing.

2. Let me be wise in the way that is perfect: when will you come to me?

3. I will walk with purity of heart within the walls of my house.

4. I will not set before my eyes a counsel that is evil.

5. I abhor the deeds of unfaithfulness; they shall not cling to me.

6. A crooked heart shall depart from me; I will not know a wicked person.

7. One who slanders a neighbour in secret I will quickly put to silence.

8. Haughty eyes and an arrogant heart I will not endure.

9. My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me.

10. One who walks in the way that is pure shall be my servant.

11. There shall not dwell in my house one that practises deceit.

12. One who utters falsehood shall not continue in my sight.

13. Morning by morning will I put to silence all the wicked in the land,

14. To cut off from the city of the Lord all those who practise evil.

Bible readings August 2020

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Sun 2 Aug [G] Trinity 8 [Proper 13]	Gen: 32:22-31 Ps: 17:1-7,16 or [17:1-7]	Rom: 9:1-5 Matt: 14:13-21
Sun 9 Aug [G] Trinity 9 [Proper 14]	Gen: 37:1-4,12-28 Ps: 105:1-6,16-22,45b or [105:1-10]	Rom: 10:5-15 Matt: 14:22-33
Sun 16 Aug [G] Trinity 10 [Proper 15]	Gen: 45:1-15 Ps: 133	Rom: 11:1-2a,29-32 Matt: 15:[10-20] 21-28
Sun 23 Aug [G] Trinity 11 [Proper 16]	Ex: 1:8-2:10 Ps: 124	Rom: 12:1-8 Matt: 16:13-20
Sun 30 Aug [G] Trinity 12 [Proper 17]	Ex: 3:1-15 Ps: 115	Rom: 12:9-End Matt: 16:21-End

From the registers

As we have no weddings or baptisms to announce we are pleased to now include births and engagements in this section

Funerals

Jean Coles, burial of ashes at Yacombe on June 27th, following the cremation that took place at Taunton Deane on May 12th

Births

Rachel and Boo McLaren welcome the arrival of their twins, seven weeks early, Herbie and Lena on July 8th.

ON Wednesday, July 8th Boo and Rachel McLaren, pictured, welcomed their twins into the world. Rachel, daughter of Anna Crabbe, of Kilmington, gave birth to Herbie and Lena seven weeks early. The twins, parents and big brother Reuben, two, who was Christened at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, last year, are all doing well



PRIMARY SCHOOL'S OUT

No more homeschooling as the long-awaited summer holidays arrive. Some of Stockland Academy's pupils tell us how lockdown has been for them... and a few will not be returning in September as they prepare for their move to life at secondary school

By Morris McGowan

Final 'lockdown life'

SINCE I wrote my last article, we are no longer in lockdown and our pub is open! So I get to watch what I want on TV as my mum isn't sharing the it anymore. School life has become very normal, all now a new routine for the class.

Now I've stopped and thought about it, we have lost the time to do so many things in school that year 6 usually do: the school play, cricket, sports fixtures, bike ability, the trip to Crealy Adventure Park and so many other things too, it's a real shame. But onwards and upwards!

At school we seem to always be short of paper towels, like the Irish

potato famine but for paper towels - we keep having to use kitchen towels but because of how often we wash our hands, even they run out in less than a day.

At school we have been learning to use sign-language to sing the song We'll Meet Again by Vera Lynn, with Lottie Drew's mum, who works at a deaf school, so we can sing it at the picnic we are going to sing after school on the last day.

I am leaving Stockland Academy next week forever to start secondary school, which hopefully should be open by September. I am, of course, nervous to be going to secondary school and sad of leaving primary,

but I think, overall, it will be quite fun with all the different new subjects I can do like languages and computer science.

I have lots of lovely memories at Stockland school, from playing the character of the fat lady of the opera in last year's school play, raising money for the PTFA riding our bikes round and round the playground, forest school with Mrs Whitten, maths with Mrs Ainsworth and going to pixies' holt playing hide-and-seek in the dark! And my team winning the primary maths challenge at Wellington School, but... at least I wont have to run cross country anymore!

Hurrah for technology!

I DIDN'T imagine in January that my school work would include building bug hotels, growing vegetables and making crafts out of egg boxes.

It turns out my mum isn't such a bad teacher. She let us do horse riding some afternoons and we played with some letter counters, which she threw in the pool and we had to make words from.

Not seeing anyone for weeks is

really odd but hurrah for technology, at least I got to play games with my mates online and call people on the phone - we even did Zoom quizzes.

Now we get to go back to school, it's not quite normal but I'm pleased that I can play some games face-to-face with my friends, even if we have to have a gap in between us. This will definitely be an end to primary that I won't forget!

Henry Peniston-Bird

Garden, growing and baking

DURING Lockdown things changed. We had to get used to being at home all the time and being around our family more.

When we were homeschooling our teacher, Mrs Williams, was great, she always made sure that we had enough work to do and did a Zoom every day.

When Boris Johnson announced that primary schools were going to be reopened, I was so happy. We could see our friends again after such a long time. At school, things were not

the same as before but we knew it was all for our own safety. Our Year 6 bubble has been great fun.

At home, I have learnt more about gardening and baking, growing our own vegetables such as carrots, leeks, cucumbers and beetroot. I have baked many things such as ginger cake, eccles, flapjack and my favourite, millionaires shortbread, yummy!

We enjoyed a picnic in our field for Dad's birthday and played cricket too.

Ellie Rich

Helping farm

ON the day before lockdown, I was worried it would be our last day of primary school. I was hoping there may be a way to go back somehow, even if it was only for a couple of days. It turned out we have been allowed to go back and have had around six weeks with our friends to round off our time at Stockland Academy.

During lockdown I have been helping on the farm with the cows, hens and our one solitary duck. We have even hatched some chicks which are now around a month old. We have been on a few walks around Yarcombe and I have been riding my bike, going through the cow sheds and around footpaths.

I have enjoyed spending time with family even if most of it has been outside with the cows and calves. I have been making some origami and have written a lot of letters to my friends and family. I have probably spent more than half of my time in lockdown on Zoom, seeing my classmates, cousins and also some friends that we are going to secondary school with.

Katie Rich

Send your community news to the editor by August 13th
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Bible stories that change lives

In an orderly garage on the edge of the Forest of Dean, stands Dennis the Donkey. Bright-eyed and pink-tongued, cardboard Dennis is the star of many Open the Book assemblies at Bream Church Primary School.



Photography by Clare Kendall

Alongside him are a blue whale (for Jonah), a roll-out temple, a brown cow for the nativity, a palm tree and the prow of a red boat, cresting through a choppy sea. They are all the handiwork of retired former chartered engineer, Cyril Twist. 'I really go to town on the props,' he says. 'I think it makes the stories.'

Cyril (pictured above) joined the group at its inception 15 years ago. 'I'm not a great Christian,' he says, 'but I do have children on my heart and this seemed like the perfect opportunity.'

Some 160 children see the assembly every week. 'The children absolutely love it,' says Cyril. 'Open the Book comes out top when they vote on their best activities of the school. Every single week I'm blessed,' adds Cyril. 'I'm blessed by the children being totally attentive. They enjoy it, and so do I.'

Cyril came to faith during a visit to the Holy Land in the 1990s, but says that helping with Open the Book

has helped his faith develop. And he's sure that the assemblies are having an impact on the children too. 'Just before Christmas, some boys came up to me after the assembly and said that they wanted to be Christians. I'd never had that before. The head teacher wrote to every parent and invited the children to come to Messy Church and about ten of them came.'

Another wonderful moment came when he heard that the father of a schoolgirl who attended the assemblies had found faith because of Open the Book. A mutual friend told Cyril the tale.

'He told my friend, "My little girl comes home after the assemblies and says, 'Dad, God loves us and loves you too.' One day, I gave my heart to Jesus."

'What a story! That was absolutely profound. You always wonder why you're doing the assembly, if they really get the story. But this shows that absolutely, they do.'

As we go to print, schools are still shut and OtB teams are on hold, but please continue to pray for Open the Book.

Thank God for the impact that Open the Book is having on people's lives, like the story that Cyril shared. Please pray that more lives will be changed for good by telling Bible stories through Open the Book.

Thank God for all the volunteer Open the Book Storytellers who faithfully go into schools. Please pray for good health, safety and protection over them.

Pray that children, their families, teachers and Storytellers will draw closer to God, and turn to the Bible stories to hear what God has to say to them. May they find a sense of inner peace and God's great love for them as a source of comfort and joy.

A lockdown family affair

By Jayne Lisney-Ashurst

DURING lockdown, which has been incredibly difficult for everyone worldwide and especially children whose schooling was brought to an abrupt and difficult end, we as a family of three young boys - Owen, William and Xavier - have experienced highs and lows throughout.

Just before lockdown Owen, pictured bottom right, was about to embark on the final stages of his GCSE year preparing for his last examinations in June. Despite the huge disappointment of his final year finishing so suddenly, there was a silver lining - he was presented with a top academic achievement award from The King's School in recognition of his hard work and commitment.

The school presented eight leavers' awards in total making his achievement all the more special. When safe, there will be a celebration ceremony when he will be presented with his winner's cup.

William, who also attends The King's School in year 9, has been working incredibly hard at home each day since March. In recognition of this hard work he has received a head teacher's award for his history research project about his family in the Second World War, a Head of Department Commendations in Food Technology, RPE and Art. Additionally, he was made Art Star of the Month in June.

Xavier, who is in year 2 at Chard School, was awarded the Star of the Week for his commitment and enthusiasm to always do his best and try new things. This has proved to be the longest running star of the week award as he will return to school in September!

Owen and Xavier also had their birthdays at the end of May in lockdown, Owen turned 16 and Xavier seven. To celebrate their birthdays, we had village fete cream teas and activities in the garden; both boys were extremely grateful to receive hundreds of



THE Lisney-Ashurst family experiencing the highs and lows of lockdown. Top, mum Jayne is pictured with her three boys, William, left, Owen, centre, and Xavier

birthday video messages, cards and gifts from all around the world including our family and friends in Australia, Malta, Ireland, Spain, USA, New Zealand and Holland! It was truly touching to receive such kindness!

Jayne's inspirational account of her family coping during lockdown

might well inspire further contributions from readers.

We would love to hear other equally worthwhile accounts and achievements which could be celebrated in these pages.

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A VARIETY OF SCENERY ON THE SOUTH ISLAND

WE took our flight from Hong Kong and arrived a day later in Auckland, North Island of New Zealand, after a stopover in Melbourne, Australia, to where we would return 12 days later.

Auckland has a Sky Tower and is in the process of building its first metro system but we saw a huge cruise ship docked in the harbour as we went for our evening meal at the Crab Shack on Princes Wharf on our first day. Samoans and Tongans were serving as taxi drivers and store workers.

We took the Kiwi Travel Northern Explorer and Coastal Pacific trains from Auckland all the way to Christchurch on the South Island, with the ferry from Wellington to Picton between the islands. It was fascinating to see the variety of scenery from rolling hills, mountain peaks - some with snow - and the coastal plains. We met a farmer and his wife from Hamilton on the first leg of the journey. He has 28 guns to keep the wild boar and deer in check!

Mount Ruapehu (2797m) was the highest we saw with glaciers. Another Mt Tarawaki (2,518m) was symmetrical and looked like Japan's Mt Fuji. We learnt about the skiing season in June to September. In Wellington we had to have their lamb chops for dinner at the Rydges Hotel, where one of my school friends met us. Jonathan Currall is a vet and married a Kiwi and now lives in Marton, near Wellington.

We always meet interesting people on our travels - one couple became 'bikers' in their 50s and now take a bikers' holiday each year in a different country, though they love America. We even met a care worker from Axminster.

On our third leg, after the ferry to Picton, we enjoyed the vineyards of South Island as we made our way along the coast to Christchurch.

Christchurch is one of the top 10



ABOVE, the Cardboard Cathedral, Christchurch; **left**, Simon and Pauline with Simon's goddaughter in St Peter's, Queenstown; **below**, the Botanical Garden in Christchurch

cities for street art in the world. We visited a memorial to the earthquake victims - 185 white chairs of all shapes and sizes and also the Cardboard Cathedral, as well as the damaged old cathedral in the famous Cathedral Square which is still a hub for tourists and the tram



TRAVELLERS' TALES



TOP, a kiwi on the seafront in Queenstown; above, Simon and Pauline enjoy a dinner cruise on Lake Wakatipu; top right, the Grace in Maori and English

tours pass through. We were met by Ruth, the daughter of some friends in the UK, whose husband Mark is an architect and helping with the rebuilding of the city. Ruth was our 'tour guide' and we enjoyed especially our visit to the botanical gardens in Hagley Park where we

stopped for lunch.

After worship in the Cardboard Cathedral on Sunday morning, we were collected by Ruth and taken to her home in Sumner, a nearby seaside town.

From Christchurch, we headed on by coach to Queenstown, the



extreme sports capital of the world where bungee jumping was first invented.

However, we stopped off at the beautiful Lake Tekapo and changed drivers en route. We saw the Dark Sky experience, a new Tourist attraction - except that it was daytime! At this place there is a wonderfully clear view of the starry heavens with no artificial light.

Queenstown is on the banks of Lake Wakatipu. We were well served by the tourist office as we needed to change our accommodation and enjoyed four days at Heritage Hotel, with its own pool and restaurant, and fine views over the lake.

We were taken by a local Kiwi on a tour of Skipper's Canyon and Arrowtown, where the discovery of gold in the 1850s led to a gold rush.

We also had a lovely dinner cruise on Lake Wakatipu. The weather was great and we enjoyed the street life also.

We met one of my goddaughters, who lives and works in Queenstown and is a crazy mountain biker - using all her spare time on the trails. It is definitely Lord of the Rings country!

We took a flight from Queenstown to Auckland and then on to Sydney, glad that the incoming flight was half an hour late as our own flight from Queenstown was also late! It was raining when we arrived in Sydney, for which we were thankful, as we had prayed for the bushfires to be under control when we came to Australia.

Kia Ora Aotearoa. Welcome to New Zealand!

PARISHES IN PICTURES

STOCKLAND'S lanes are in full hydrangea bloom, dominating the roadside planting, and correspondent Gill Metcalfe's photo special shows their stunning beauty.

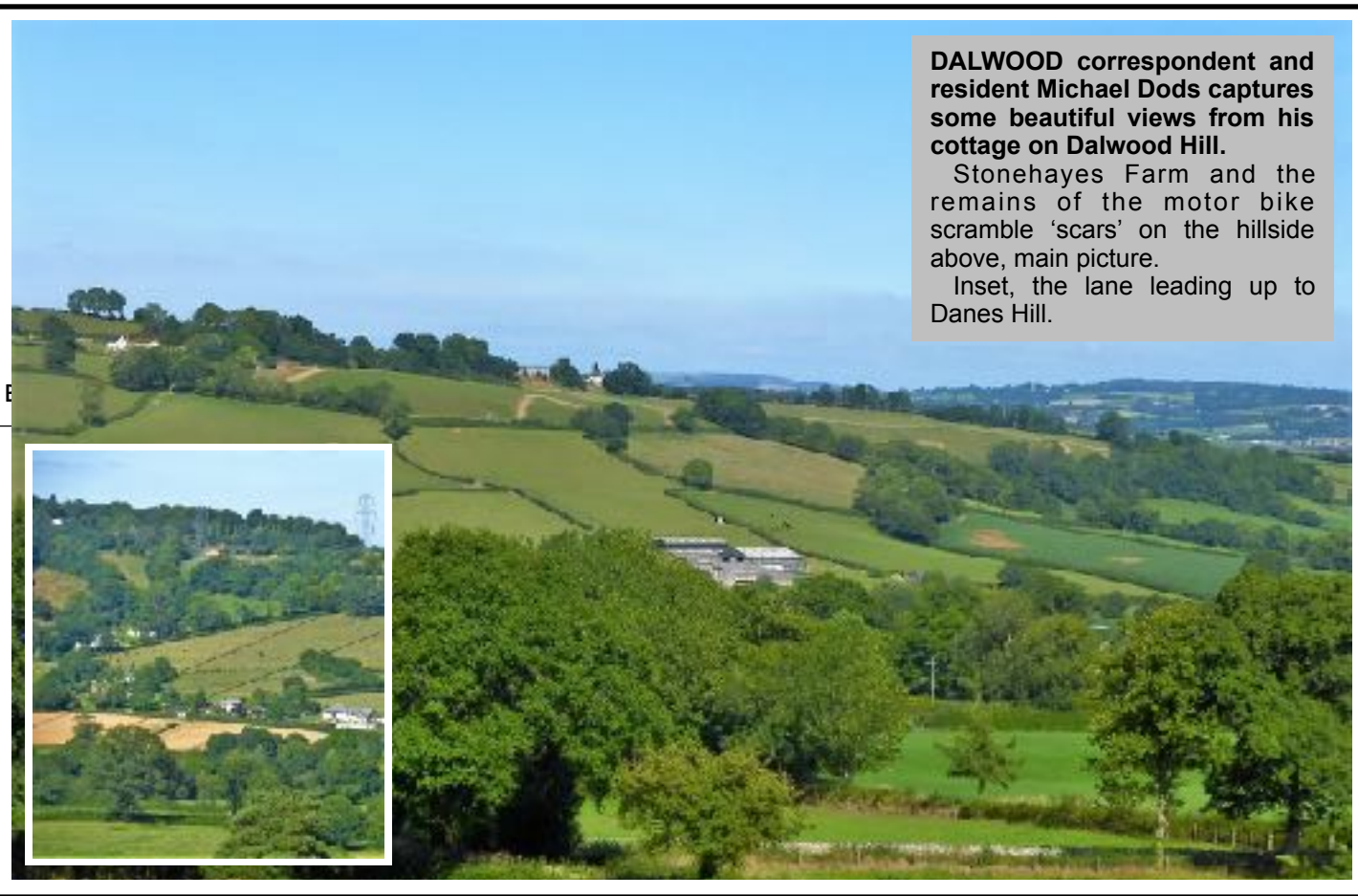
Breath-taking rows of flower heads of multiple varieties, including Lacecaps, Mopheads, Aborescens, and Serrata – though avid local gardeners would surely claim more varieties.



DALWOOD correspondent and resident Michael Dods captures some beautiful views from his cottage on Dalwood Hill.

Stonehayes Farm and the remains of the motor bike scramble 'scars' on the hillside above, main picture.

Inset, the lane leading up to Danes Hill.



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'Normal' and relaxing dining

As the hospitality industry reopens its doors to the cautious public, The Parishes' Paper editor visits Dalwood's Tuckers Arms to experience how safe and enjoyable dining out is post-lockdown

By Editor Kate Williams

TO be honest, my husband and I rarely ate out pre-coronavirus so when we did, it was a treat. Something to really savour and enjoy.

Because of this, I was previously firmly in the camp of not wanting to return to pubs or restaurants post-lockdown based on the grounds of thinking the experience would be more hassle than it was worth.

However, we were invited to visit our local village pub on reopening week to witness the changes that had been made and to see if going out now really is worth the trouble.

The Tuckers Arms in Dalwood, run by husband-and-wife duo Craig and Tracey McGowan, is well known for its fabulous food and friendly staff and, pre-Covid, its diary was chockablock, diners having to book well in advance to get a table for a weekend evening meal or the famous Tuckers Sunday roast.

As we all stumble our way through these uncertain times and the hospitality industry reopens its doors to what feels like a whole new world, many patrons are unsurprisingly under the impression that going out for a meal is now going to have the shine taken off it.

I felt exactly the same - why wouldn't I? Until my Tuckers reopening outing, that is. Admittedly, I was initially wary and apprehensive about going. We have been pretty careful not to mix too much as we are in a social 'bubble' with my mother, who lives next door and is over 70. So, the thought of going out to a pub, mingling with all those others who may or may not be being as careful as us, was a little daunting to say the least.

I was also worried about doing the wrong thing and the joy being taken out of what is supposed to be a relaxing and enjoyable evening.



THE Tuckers Arms in Dalwood has reopened its doors to the public and pub staff have worked hard to create a relaxing and safe environment

As soon as we cautiously walked through the door to the thatched pub, we were met with a friendly smile and a warm welcome from cheery landlady Tracey - albeit from behind her face shield - and a discreet hand sanitising dispenser.

Shown a table in the corner, I realised there was a partition between our table and the next. But not some sort of clinical, plastic sheeting, oh no. It was more like the type of dressing screen you would see in the bedroom of a stately home. Beautifully decorated, it would look to a newcomer it had always been there. And, do you know, I quite liked it. I always feel slightly uncomfortable in a restaurant where you are sat eating close to strangers, so this was a welcome addition.

It soon dawned on us that it all actually felt very normal indeed and we were able to completely relax and take advantage of the excellent

food, drink, service - and lack of washing up on our part.

Concerned about the use of toilets knowing the pub loos are rather small, it was one of the first things I enquired about. No panic there either as The Management has invented a genius yet simple traffic light system where those needing to pay a penny just gave the sign outside a quick flick to red, then back to green on their way out, ensuring no breaking of social distancing rules in the little loos.

An easy one-way system has been implemented and drinkers can quickly give their details via a QR code - or short form for those without the technical attributes. Extra space has been created with a lounge area in the usually busy skittle alley and the beer garden, now transformed by fairy lights into a truly magical setting to sit and forget about the worldly worries.

Hats off to Team Tuckers, as they

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are affectionately known locally, they really have gone all-out to create a place of security and assurance. Tracey summed up the mindset of staff by saying: "We just want everyone to come and enjoy themselves and realise that it is still quite normal and very safe. And, if there's anything else or extra that needs doing, then we will take care of that."

With a handful of tables removed and a few extra measures in place, our experience was quite honestly a safe and enjoyable one - to the extent that the curse of Covid was almost forgotten.

If you think you deserve a special treat following lockdown, call 01404 881342 and book yourself in.

- The Tuckers Arms is now signed up to the government's Eat Out to Help Out scheme. Dine with the pub any Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday in August and receive 50 per cent or £10 maximum discount for every adult or child dining.

Valid on food and non-alcoholic



drinks. No need for a voucher or pre-sign-up.

So for those who usually order a steak for £20 it will cost just £10 instead. Tuckers Arms staff have already had a stream of enquiries and, with less tables available than usual in order to keep to social-distancing guidelines, they are recommending booking as soon as possible to avoid missing out for those planning on visiting on any of these dates to avoid any disappointment.



WESTCOUNTRY 10oz ribeye steak with chips, peas, roasted tomato and Tuckers' battered onion loaf, above. Above left, slow-roasted belly of pork with crispy crackling, served with a potato, apple and black pudding flower, fennel and apple slaw and side of wholegrain mustard and cider sauce



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STOCKLAND NEWS

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A WELCOME RETURN

By Gill Metcalfe

IT is not possible to open the Stockland news pages in *The Parishes' Paper* without celebrating the reopening of the King's Arms – sighs of relief all round that this community hub can now continue to play its crucial and central role for the village.

Make no mistake, this reopening is not without the super-human efforts of the staff – Jess Benson, restaurant manager; Richard Benson, chef; Ben Walker, bar manager; Tony Reps, accounts and business manager; and oh so many community members.

During closure, they have striven to ensure that the pub not only meets the government directives on Covid-19, but goes way beyond them in their implementation in addressing public health and safety and so importantly – safeguarding the very survival of the Kings Arms.

Along with their efforts, the staff praise the local response: for example, the takeaway meal service has been a resounding success. On Father's Day, 99 roasts alone were sold! It would have been pleasing to have boasted 100 but the number sold reflects the outstanding support they have received – plus the fact the meals were delicious!

Today's customers will be amazed at the changes made to ensure their safety. As stated, every directive has been effected; a guided tour is available and implemented either by bar staff or the unmissable yellow signage throughout; an array of feet, arrows and large circles abound. At the entrance to 'The Street', sanitisers stand sentry-like to the ready. Pass the telephone kiosk and a huge chalk board reminds of clear rules and compliance. The signage then directs into the Farmers' Bar, a right turn leads to the lounge bar exiting into the skittle alley or the newly-furnished precision-cultivated CV-19 gardens.

The skittle alley has been



THE King's Arms welcomes customers back with all the safety measures in place, and explained, right. Above, starter of Lyme Bay Mackerel Niçoise, Cornish News, olives, anchovies, French beans, served with a soft poached quail's egg



transformed into almost a baronial eating and relaxing area. It is here where compliance to the rules is challenged; arrows, feet and dots – all simple but concentration necessary unless a choice to enjoy the sheer ambiance and grandeur is

made. From here, exit is into the gardens – sanitisers again – or back into The Street to going home or back into the Farmers' Bar. A left, as opposed to the right turn initially followed from The Street, directs into the Cotleigh Lounge – seating

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all set up with social distancing abundantly clear. Where ever seated – absolutely no standing room or leaning against the bar – it is table service only; drinks, food are brought to the table where further orders are also taken and where payment is made.

Again, once seated, drink and food naturally follow. The summer lunch menu offers temptation in starters, sharing boards – a to-die-for seafood platter, mains, and baguettes with vegans and vegetarians definitely not forgotten. Favourite summer drinks also seduce the tastebuds including King's Fizz, Rosie Cow and Aperol Spritz.

The popularity of the well-supported lockdown takeaway is also retained: Wednesday is burger night, Friday fish and chips or lobster – the latter from Jess's Lyme Bay fisherman brother – with the roast on Sundays. Be warned, make sure that all orders are in by at least the previous day or earlier to avoid disappointment. Indeed, this is also advisable for meals and tables, inside or outdoor, early booking is essential.

Without a doubt, the compliance measures are impressive and the sheer hard work to make them thus is evident. From the gardens to the



THE popular skittle alley has been transformed into a dining and relaxing area with Covid-19 safety instructions in place

interior; everything is squeaky clean. Tables, chairs, all seating, floors, all polished and shone; so much effort and so much pride in the outcome. Thank you and congratulations – a round of applause is certainly warranted.

Jess, Benson, Ben and Tony are looking forward ultimately to the

safe conclusion of lockdown welcoming back their regulars and of course all newcomers into a busy thriving Stockland pub, as had been the case at the beginning of 2020. Congratulations to the King's Arms team – a job very well done.

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

A Song of Praise by Eleanor Farjeon

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing, praise for the morning!

Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,

like the first dew fall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,

God's recreation of the new day!

Resilient music students adapt and prepare their own virtual performance

DESPITE the coronavirus lockdown, some children from Stockland Academy have continued to have regular music lessons via Skype or Facetime.

Lessons were restructured to focus on happy music making and provided opportunities to spend enjoyable time with a musical instrument, exploring sounds and discovering new music during this very difficult and uncertain period.

The children impressed with their

resilience to persevere and adapt to this new way of learning and utilising technology; preparations were made for a virtual performance. Some played outside to nearby neighbours and others performed by live video call to remote family.

Colourful posters were created and a broad variety of pieces were selected to play. Some wrote up a news article reflecting on their experiences. Well done to them all.

Mrs Denning

Residents encourage 'shop' organiser Anna to continue

By Gill Metcalfe

GIVEN the success of the Shore Bottom fruit and vegetable stall in Cawleys Lane, set up as part of the Covid-19 response, stall organiser Anna Trott has been encouraged to continue with providing this service.

Local people have been most grateful just to be able to make the short walk to pick up fresh stores – although the stall has been open to all, and indeed has been used by those less local.

Being 'outdoors' it has been easy to keep within the coronavirus guidelines whilst queueing has been unknown. The thought of driving over to Axminster or Honiton under the earlier pandemic restrictions, using a not-so-easily-accessible online supermarket slot has not been at issue.

Whilst there has been much support all round the parish to this outbreak, this small endeavour has found a niche.

With the closure of the Royal Oak shop the area lacks a close 'corner shop' – for want of an understandable description.

Anna, the key organiser, has now set up shop at the entrance to Horseplot, sited at the bottom of Cawleys Lane in Shore Bottom.

This is currently stocked with fresh fruit and vegetables with as much as possible being locally sourced and produced.

A range of dairy items is also on sale whilst other goods, such as flour and sugar, can be ordered in advance via Anna.

Ice creams, confectionary and welcome cold drinks are also available.

Although initiated by the impact of coronavirus, many locals are keen for the shop to continue after lockdown.



SHORE Bottom's very own 'corner shop', above, organised by parish resident Anna Trott. Right, fresh fruit and vegetables as well as an array of other much-needed items is available, some of which can be ordered in

Anna is enthusiastic to 'keep going' but this will only be viable if customer support can be guaranteed, therefore, it is crucial for shoppers to let her know if the 'corner shop' should remain.

In the meantime, a massive thank you is certainly due to someone who has kept the shop going for four months during the crisis, not to mention managing local online shopping and meat supplies. Well done and again a huge thank you.



**Please stay in touch by telling us how you are spending your lockdown days
Contact your Stockland correspondent, Gill Metcalfe, at gilldog12@gmail.com**

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ALAN Ash has lived in Devonshire for 50-plus years. During his lifetime, pubs have changed radically from when the public bar was a no-go area for women, unspoken class discrimination existed between public, saloon and lounge bars and the choice was between Smiths' crisps and Smiths' crisps. As a resident of Millhayes from 1976 until recently, he is well known in the parish and his interest in local history and activities is well versed. Here, Alan uncovers some interesting facts regarding schools and apprenticeships in years gone by

By Alan Ash

IN an almost entirely rural environment such as Stockland, there was, perhaps surprisingly, a demand for education before it became compulsory in 1870, even though it wasn't necessarily free of charge.

Stockland's school opened in 1859. Even earlier, Mary Wilkins, of Heathstock, is noted in the 1841 census as 'school Mrs'. Mary died in 1848 and in 1851 a school master and mistress are recorded in the village, and the same year the 'national' school opened. Mr Patch, of Heathstock, set up something of a private school at his Red Lion cottage.

The Education Act of 1870 brought in compulsory, free, non-denominational education for children between the ages of five to 13 years. The curriculum included reading, writing, arithmetic, history, grammar, geography and rhetoric. Quite what value rhetoric had in the community is hard to imagine.

There had been earlier teachings but usually church orientated and, of course, parental guidance. These early 'dame schools' are well covered in Bryan Drew's book, *A Journey Through the History of Stockland*. It's interesting that in the 1851 census the children attending school are noted as 'scholars' and there are 56 of them!

Prior to formal schooling, the age-old apprenticeship system was still in operation, although falling into disuse by the beginning of the 19th Century.

At one time, a person was not allowed to set up as a tradesman without having completed an appropriate apprenticeship. The apprentice, or his parents, paid a premium to the 'master' and was bound, from the age of 12 upwards,

Education and apprenticeship roles aplenty

until he was 21 years old. The apprentice was not permitted to marry, gamble or visit public houses and he was expected to work a 12-hour day.

Apprenticeships are very much approved of today but not, one hopes, on such onerous terms.

The 1841 census lists eight apprentices in the parish but almost certainly there were more. The original, however, is partially-illegible so that some of the information extracted may be inaccurate.

These apprentices are named as: Joseph Boyland at 15 years old to shoemaker John Boyland at Lane End; James Boyland at 15, a blacksmith's apprentice with no obvious master listed at Higher Lake; Thomas Wilkins at 15, bound to Elizabeth Edward in her butcher's shop at Millhayes; Robert Lane at 13, and William Dunscombe, 14, apprenticed to tailor John Bond at Heathstock on premises that became the Globe Inn; 15-year-old William Newberry, another tailor's apprentice at Heathstock; Gustave Newberry at 15, a blacksmith's apprentice at Heathstock with no obvious master listed; and John Jennings, son of a farmer at 15, a shoemaker's apprentice living at

Quants.

Apprenticeships continued throughout the 19th Century and embraced a dressmaker, a mason and a thatcher.

There are three tailors' apprentices listed here included in a figure of six tailors in the parish, all of them living and/or working at Heathstock.

Footwear was obviously in demand as there were 19 shoemakers in the parish, including three apprentices. As there were no cobblers named as such in the parish, these shoemakers presumably also repaired footwear.

The two blacksmiths' apprentices are included in a total of 10 smiths in the parish.

As there were no farriers listed in the census, some or all of these smiths must have shod horses and oxen beside their general iron-working, making tools, large and small, and all those items made later mechanically in factories.

● *Such an account indicates that the parish was surprisingly well-served by its emerging schools and its extensive preparation of skilled workers through a well-established apprentice system. Education was certainly not lacking in the parish*

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SHUTE NEWS

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More online events planned for festival

By Bijan Omrani

SHUTE Festival had two excellent online events in the calendar over last month.

Award-winning author Robert Twigger, writer of many travel books including *Angry White Pyjamas*, *Red Nile*, and *Micromastery*, was in conversation with Bijan Omrani about his new book, *Walking the Great North Line: From Stonehenge to Lindisfarne to Discover the Mysteries of Our Ancient Past*.

He described his extraordinary journey on a straight line north across England in search of the country's spiritual origins, taking in Neolithic sites, Christian churches, and sleeping rough in a cave outside Birmingham.

At the end of July, Peter Fiennes is scheduled to be in conversation with festival co-director Samantha Knights on his new book, *Footnotes: A Journey Round Britain in the Company of Great Writers*.

His talk will include a focus on the southwest, and include authors such as Charles Dickens and Enid Blyton.

The festival will be taking a break over August, but will be back in September with a number of new events. These will include a talk by the popular newspaper columnist for the *Western Morning News*, Martin Hesp, on *Tales from the Lockdown: Six Stories of Rural Life Written During Coronavirus* - September 10th at 6pm; and also from former Victoria and Albert Museum curator Susan Owens, who previously spoke to the festival on her book, *The Ghost: A Cultural History*.

Susan will be speaking this time on her forthcoming book, *Spirit of Place: Artists, Writers and the British*



CHORAL director Polina Shepherd will be broadcasting a musical event during September

Photo courtesy of: www.polinasherpherd.co.uk

Landscape - September 24th at 6pm.

The festival will also be broadcasting a musical event with Russian and Yiddish songs by the choral director, Polina Shepherd - 18th September at 6pm.

Shute Festival organisers would like to thank everyone who has made donations, which are allowing them to make the festival free for everyone, and which will also allow the festival to undertake outreach work in the community.

The festival has previously helped fund activities for Shute Primary School as well as for other projects.

For further details please visit www.shutefest.org.uk.



FORMER Victoria and Albert Museum curator Susan Owens, will be speaking this time on her forthcoming book, in September



WHITFORD NEWS

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LIKE so many activities, Whitford Produce Association's summer show is cancelled in line with Government guidelines.

Wanting to keep everyone safe and feeling unsure of the way forward, and with winter in mind, the association has also decided to cancel the autumn show in November.

Who would have thought that our lives would have been so curtailed and for so many, disastrously so? Certainly 2020 is not a good year for anyone.

Let us all hope that 2021 will bring us much happiness and joy. We will be doing our very best to put on a spectacular summer show for everyone to enjoy to make up for the loss of the one this year.

Those of you who come to our summer show know that two of our popular entries are the Tallest Sunflower and the Heaviest Potato in a Bucket and, at the start of the lockdown, I suggested that these two entries could still take place on show day. So, I look forward to receiving your emails letting me know the weight of your potatoes and the height of your sunflower, on Saturday, August 1st. I will let everyone know the results.

**Maureen Davey, Chairman
Whitford Produce Association**

Trip cancelled for bell ringers

SHUTE Bell Ringers annual ringers coach outing is looked forward to by both ringers and friends alike, last year 48 of us went to Bath on a glorious September day and was a great success.

Unfortunately, we have cancelled this year's outing, but never fear - we shall be back next year and we look forward to planning our special day out.

For those of you who have not joined us our usual date for the annual outing is the third Saturday in September.

Maureen Davey

Some summer show classes must go on!



THE Tallest Sunflower and the Heaviest Potato in a Bucket classes will still go ahead despite Whitford Produce Association's summer show being cancelled this year

WAITING AT WHITFORD FOR SWANS' ARRIVAL



STUNNING riverside scenes at Whitford photographed by Edward Jacobs as he waited for swans to appear, describing it as “such a lovely place to stand and contemplate”

If you would like to submit your photographs of local places for possible publication in a future issue, please send them to the editor at kate.williams5@icloud.com

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YARCOMBE NEWS

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Village life through lockdown

By Lesley Sutton

AFTER receiving an extortionate quote for repainting the woodwork at the Belfry, Neil Martin purchased scaffolding, paint, and - with help from 'Andy Woodchip' to replace rotten timber - he has spent lockdown up and down his equipment restoring the old school to its pristine best.

Four rooms were available from Monday, July 20th and business was underway once again. This gives those of us living nearby the opportunity for a bit of mirth watching visitors parking their cars and trying to find the way in, despite the archway being marked 'Entrance'! We wish him all the best and hope he recovers the cost of purchases required to ward off Covid 19.

The village has been kept informed of any snippets of news in 'e-voices' and, apart from reminding us of available help, we have had warnings about break-ins to sheds and suspicious vehicles in the vicinity, so we are back on the way to normality, of a type.

Some of the children have been attending school and the bus has been collecting and delivering them back to the Lytch Gates. Others have still to be home schooled and, for some parents, the opportunity to carry on working from home, only visiting the office when necessary, has made life somewhat easier.

Local businesses such as Tom Retter's tyres and Dru Doble's computer assistance have carried on being very busy with needy customers. 'Phil the fish' is a welcome visitor on Wednesdays.

Churchinford Post Office has manned the Yarcombe site on Tuesdays and some have taken the advantage of the bus into Honiton on the same day.



Locals are grateful for the bin collectors who have carried on throughout lockdown and the green bin men have been very welcome as all the gardeners have had unlimited garden waste.

The village postman arrives at varying times according to the volume of deliveries and is always glad to have a chat (which may be another reason that deliveries are unpredictable).

After having slopped around our own properties seeing no one for weeks, the opportunity to travel has meant that we have to dig around in our wardrobes to find garments fit to face the public as tentative visits are made to town, although with the forthcoming wearing of face masks we may not be recognised.

For those of an older age, venturing out makes the vexed problem of what facilities will be open a massive decision, but we are gradually getting out and about and meeting up, although still socially-

THE Belfry's woodwork has had a lick of paint, thanks to Neil Martin

distancing which is still the norm.

The Post Office porch swap shop has a plethora of tomato plants at present. Produce now ripening in gardens is appearing as all the seeds planted must have germinated and needs harvesting and several books have appeared. The library van is also due to visit the village hall car park shortly.

At present, the A30 is being resurfaced from the Somerset border to Devonshire Inn which means that the road is closed between 7pm and 7am daily so we are still well and truly locked in!

Please stay in touch by telling us how you are spending your lockdown days
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CELEBRATION: MOTHER'S UNION FOUNDER WHO WAS NOT AFRAID TO SPEAK UP ON DIFFICULT ISSUES

ON August 9th, it is Mary Sumner Day - celebrating the founder of the Mothers' Union.

Mary Sumner, a vicar's wife living in Old Alresford, Hampshire, started the Mothers' Union in 1876. She wanted to create an organisation for women that brought together rich and poor to build a network that would support mothers of all kinds as they brought up their children in Christian faith.

She was a living example of what she preached. From 1900 onwards, she and the members started to advocate on issues of key

importance to families and children – she campaigned to stop children collecting alcohol from public houses for their families, and for the age of marriage for girls to be raised from 12 to 16. She was not afraid to speak up on difficult issues, despite resistance.

When she died in August 1921, 4,000 women attended her funeral, which was a service of thanksgiving.

Today, Mothers' Union is an international Christian charity with 4million members in 84 countries that seeks to support families worldwide. Its members are not all mothers or even all women and its main aim is to support marriage and family life, especially through times of adversity.

In the Diocese of Exeter, there are many local branches of Mothers' Union which usually meet monthly to have a short service, to listen to speakers and have fellowship over a cup of tea - and cake of course!

The annual subs and donations help to finance the work overseas, where there are Mothers' Union workers who are involved with fighting poverty, injustice and tackling family issues.

Mothers' Union representatives also take part in various

international forums relating to women and the family.

Local branches also get involved in the community – for example, buying books for prisoners so that they can read the same stories as their children or running creches for children when parents are prison visiting. Some members knit garments for premature babies, prayer shawls, pocket crosses etc and are involved in many other projects.

Mothers' Union also provide holidays for families in need, parenting courses, baptism preparation and so much more.

Visit www.mothersunion.org for more information and www.mueshop.org for cards and gifts or contact Mary Harrison at marylizh13@gmail.com or Judi Brewer by emailing her at barrybrewer29@gmail.com.

Mary Sumner's Prayer

*All this day, O Lord, let me touch
as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch,
do thou by thy spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak,
the prayer I breathe,
or the life I live. Amen*



**MARY
Sumner, the
founder of
the Mothers'
Union**

YARCOMBE WEATHER JUNE 2020

	2020	2019	2018
Average Max. temperature	19.3°C	17.3°C	23.7°C
Average Min.	10.8°C	11.6°C	12.5°C
Average Overall temperature	15.0°C	14.5°C	18.1°C
Rainfall	107.3mm	115.1mm	7.9 mm
Wettest Day	18th 40.4mm	7th 23.9 mm	14th 3.9 mm
Sunniest Day	24th 15.0 hrs approx	28th 15.0 hrs	30th 16.0 hrs
Warmest Day	25th 28.8°C	28th 25.5°C	30th 28.8°C
Coldest Night	6th 5.1°C	6th 5.8°C	22nd 7.5°C
Sunshine hours	164 hours approx	162hrs	270 hrs

Tony Newman

A MUFFIN TO SUIT THE SUMMER

THESE muffins are a staple in our house and are an excellent cake for the summer season.

They are quick and easy to make and are a favourite with the children and visitors alike and you can substitute the raspberries for other fruit - blackberries, mixed berries or blueberries.

Ingredients:

- 10 oz plain flour
- 3 tsp baking powder
- Half a tsp salt
- 5 oz castor sugar
- 1 egg
- 8 fl oz full-fat milk
- 3 fl oz vegetable oil (or 3 oz melted butter)
- 5-6 oz frozen raspberries - no need to thaw
- Couple of handfuls of white chocolate chips or chunks

Method:

- Prepare muffin tins with cases and preheat oven to 190-200 degrees C.
- In a large bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Then stir in chocolate.
- In another bowl, beat egg and stir in milk, followed by oil (or butter).
- Pour wet ingredients into dry and stir just to combine. Gently fold in the raspberries at the end.



- Spoon into muffin cases and bake for 20-25 minutes. Tops should be lightly browned and spring back when pressed gently.
- Store in fridge if it's warm.

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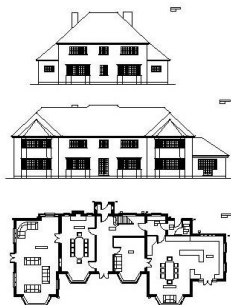
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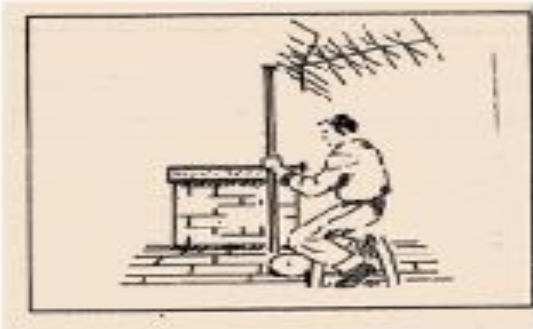
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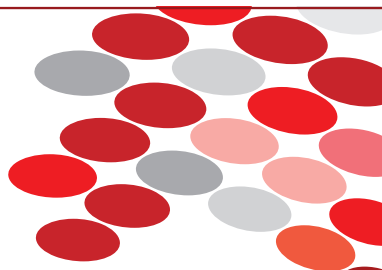
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www.axminstertowncouncil.gov.uk ACER (Axminster Community Emergency Response) - A community response network bringing together a variety of organisations including Axminster Town Council, the NHS, Devon County Council, East Devon District Council and a wide range of community and voluntary group. Services provided include assistance in shopping, food concerns, collecting medication or simply providing you with a friendly voice at the end of a phone. Visit our website or call the helpline on 01297 35550

www.fivealive.org - To stay up to date with what is happening across all of our Five Alive Mission Community, please visit our website. Here you will find any notices on what is happening as well as present and previous issues of the Parishes Paper.

www.stockland.org.uk - For information on what is happening within Stockland and some surrounding areas (including take aways, online entertainment, useful general information, etc.) as well as access to join in the 'Stockland Tree', please visit this website.

www.dalwoodparish.co.uk - Information on what's currently happening within Dalwood, contacts for each church in the area general and includes a list of local walks.

www.yarcombe.net - Stay up to date on what is happening within Yarcombe in their local website which includes information on any contacts required, local walks, and general information on the area.

www.kilmingtongvillage.com - Kilmington's local website is ready with plenty of information on what is currently happening with regards to the Coronavirus outbreak and is providing many links to government websites and advice as well as contacts for needs within the Parish. You can also find issues of the Kilmington Postscript available on the website.

The Church of England - Online services are being posted weekly on the Church of England website www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online. As well, you can find many other resources are available on the website for prayer reflection, devotions and practical information during this time.

The Beacon, Kilmington - Currently hosting LIVE Sunday services on their Facebook as well as on Youtube at 10:30am. You can find these by searching for Beacon Life on YouTube, as well as www.facebook.com/TheBeaconLife. Along with the Sunday services, online house groups and mid-week live sessions are also taking place on these platforms.

The fruit and veg stall from the Axminster Market is now back in business on Thursday mornings as usual. A new set-up has been provided to allow for social distancing as well as card and cash payments are now being accepted.

Dalwood Village Shop is providing local food deliveries in the Dalwood area, for more information call 01404 881401

The Tucker's Arms is offering a take away service for collection available on Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday lunchtimes. For more details please call 01404 881342

*If you need help please do not hesitate to contact a member of the **pastoral team** in your village, contact details are on page 31. We are here to help!*



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The stars are the animals - the fittest, biggest, most valuable, ideal animals. We can rejoice in the amazing variety of animals, birds, plants and people that God has made. In the time of lockdown so many of us have appreciated the natural life all around us so much

more. It has been quieter, not so much traffic from roads, rail or air, so we have listened to the birds and sounds of nature.

Life has slowed down and calmed the frenetic pace that some of us live at. We have appreciated each other so much more, relied on each other for help with shopping, collecting medicines and caring for one another. We have had time to pause and think and give thanks for our beautiful world and our loving God who created it.

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