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## SEPTEMBER 2024

Date	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute + Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Sun 1st	10.30am Mission Community Holy Communion hosted by St Michael & All Angels Church, STOCKLAND, EX14 9EF				
Sun 1st		4pm St Giles Day Service			
Wed 4th	9.30am Said Communion				
Sun 8th	11am Morning Worship	11am Morning Worship	11am Holy Communion in Shute	11am Morning Worship	
	4pm Mission Community Service of licensing, collation and installation Hosted by St John the Baptist Church, YARCOMBE, EX14 9BN with Archdeacon Andrew Beane				
Tues 10th		9.30am Said Communion			
Sun 15th		9.30am Holy Communion	11am Worship in Whitford	11am Family service	6.30pm Evening Prayer
	FOREST CHURCH ON THE FARM 3pm HARVEST festival on the Farm, Dalwood Email <a href="mailto:5alive.families@gmail.com">5alive.families@gmail.com</a> for information and to book your free places				
Wed 18th	9.30am Said Communion				
Sun 22nd	11am Morning Worship	9.30am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Choral Evensong	11am HARVEST Festival	11am Holy Communion
Tues 24th		9.30am Said Communion			
Sun 29th	10.30am Mission Community Holy Communion hosted by St Peter's Church, DALWOOD, EX13 7EG				
Sun 29th			6.30pm HARVEST festival at Shute		
October Wed 2nd	9:30am Said Communion				
October Sun 6th	11am Mission Community Holy Communion (note time) hosted by St John the Baptist Church, YARCOMBE, EX14 9BN With Harvest Festival				

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## FOOD AND FAITH: ALL IS HARVEST

REV JULIE LOMAS

**WELCOME to September and the month in which we begin our celebrations of all things rural, especially thanking God for our farmers, gardeners and growers.**

This month, we are holding harvest festival services in Dalwood, Stockland and Shute parishes, with more services in Yarcombe and Kilmington planned for early October.

It is good for us to recognise the hard work of so many parishioners, who quietly get on with the job of producing food for us to enjoy, and this year has been particularly challenging because of the weather.

Although if you have attended any of the village shows and seen the high quality produce on display, you will appreciate with me the perseverance, tenacity and skill of many in our communities who have

grown marvellous entries from seed to bring to the table.

Do feel free to attend any of the harvest festival services on a day and at a time that best suits you.

This month, we are holding our first forest church on a farm, and will be outdoors thanking the farmers and thanking God for all the good things around us, which as Christians, we believe are sent from heaven above.

No doubt there will be occasion for us to sing classic songs of thanksgiving, including We Plough the Fields and Scatter.

We extend a particular invitation and welcome to all our parishioners but especially, this month, to those of you who have green fingers, or soil under your nails.

Mindful of those in our communities who are suffering

hardship, we will be continuing the tradition of holding a collection at each church for tinned and packages items to be donated to our local food bank, and of taking up a collection to support organisations working in places in the world where harvests fail.

The Bible is full of references to seedtime and harvest, such as this verse from the letter to the Galatians, which calls upon us all to remember that our daily words and actions also contribute to our harvest within our communities:

*"So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."*

*(Galatians 6: 9-10)*



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**COVER:** *Stunning Dalwood scene courtesy of Oscar Williams, age 12*

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# MY FAVOURITE HYMN

In this feature each month, a different person will share with us their favourite hymn and reasons why. This month, **Sally Huscroft**, of Kilmington, chooses **O Jesus I have Promised to Serve You to the End**.

MY secondary school was Thornbury Grammar School, in South Gloucestershire, and our school hymn was O Jesus I have Promised to Serve You to the End.

We obviously sang it regularly, but memorably, at the annual Founders Day service at St Mary's Church... a beautiful church in lovely surroundings. It was in the vicarage in which the hymn was written in 1869, by the then incumbent, John Bode.

There are several versions of the tune, but of course we always sang it to Thornbury, I do find it difficult to sing it to anything else.

The first time I read the lesson in church was as a sixth former at Founders Day, and it was a very impressionable moment looking at the school gathered together in the

church. Throughout my (long) life I have found this hymn to be very supportive, relevant and a comfort.

I remember with fondness my time at Thornbury, having moved away at 18 and had many more wonderful, happy years since.

*1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve Thee to the end;  
be Thou forever near me,  
my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if Thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if Thou wilt be my Guide.*

*2 O let me feel Thee near me,  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;*

*my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.*

*3 O let me hear Thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or controul!  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou Guardian of my soul!  
4 O Jesus, Thou hast promised  
to all who follow Thee  
that where Thou art in glory  
there shall Thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend!*

## Bible readings September

Date	First reading	Gospel reading
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September Trinity 14	Song of Solomon 2: 8-13	Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 15	Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8, 9, 22, 23	Mark 7: 24-end
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 16	Proverbs 1: 20-33	Mark 8: 27-end
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September Trinity 17	Proverbs 31: 10-end	Mark 9: 30-37
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 18 St Michael & All Angels	Revelation 12.7-12	John 1: 47-end
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October Trinity 19	Job 1: 1; 2:1-10	Mark 10: 2-16

## From the registers...

### Funerals

A thanksgiving service for the life of **Ian Taylor Squires** took place on Wednesday, August 14th at St Giles's Church, Kilmington.

*We extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends.*

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THE picture of harvest time in Dalwood, courtesy of OSCAR WILLIAMS, age 12

## Under new management

ON July 28th, Dalwood Methodist Church was privileged to have minister Brian Hadfield taking what was his last service in active ministry because, unfortunately, he has health issues which meant he has had to take early retirement.

A moving service was followed by a buffet lunch, at which Brian was thanked for all he has done in the 10 or so years as minister, and a presentation was made to him to show the congregation's appreciation of his ministry and also their affection for him as a member of the church family at Dalwood.

Brian and his wife, Sara, are looking to make their new home in East Devon and they are wished a long and happy retirement.

The new Minister is the Rev Steve Santry, who has been a minister in this circuit for a number of years, working mainly in the Exeter area. Following a staff reorganisation, he took over

churches at Sidmouth and Sidford, and now Seaton, Axminster and Dalwood have been added. The Dalwood Methodist Church team looks forward to working with Steve over the coming years, and prays that God will bless his ministry.

Harvest is a time when God is thanked for all His goodness and, in particular, the crops that have been grown. With this in mind, the next two coffee mornings – the first on Wednesday, September 11th, 10.30am-12noon – will be in aid of Axminster Food Bank. It is a sad fact of life that organisations such as these are needed, but they provide an essential lifeline for those who struggle to buy food and this is another way in which the chapel can help. Services during September are at 11am, followed by refreshments, and everyone is assured a warm welcome.

**Roderick Ovey**

**Dalwood Methodist Church**

## Cultivating chance

THE Diocesan Training and Development team in Exeter has been busy putting together a new programme of courses aimed at helping cultivate our God given gifts and callings, whatever our day job or role in church.

Even if we haven't yet discovered what our gifts might be and how they could be used there is something here for everyone!

To find out more, head on over to [www.exeter.anglican.org/ministry/training-and-development](http://www.exeter.anglican.org/ministry/training-and-development)

Check out the courses available by month of the year, or by topic, and then book online. Most of the events are free and where there are some which have a small fee don't let that put you off taking part as we can find ways to help out financially. Even better, many of the events are available on zoom so you can get the benefit of the training from the comfort of your armchair! What are you waiting for?

**Rev Julie Lomas**



FROM left, Martin Nunns, Sarah Andrews, Mary Harrison, Caroline Nunns, Chris Shepherd, Nick Harrison and Anna Crabbe

## Water walking lessons learned



IN July, the Open the Book team finished the academic year by presenting the Jesus walking on water story to the three schools.

In this story, which is taken from Mark's gospel Chapter 6, the children learned how, after feeding the 5,000, Jesus went to the other side of lake Galilee. His disciples went out again in their boat while Jesus stayed on land to rest. There was a terrific storm and they were very afraid. Jesus went out to help them, walking on the water. They were astonished. Peter, one of the disciples asked Jesus if he could walk on the water too and Jesus said

yes. Peter began walking towards Jesus but lost his trust in Jesus and began to sink. Jesus saves him and the others in the boat and the storm is calmed.

The children were asked to think about who helps them when they are feeling scared and how did they learnt to trust that person. They also heard that the bible says God can be trusted too.

Chris Shepherd is leaving to join another Open the Book team. The group is indebted to her for her hard work and support and wish her well with her new team.

**Martin Nunns**

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## Rev John joins Five Alive as associate priest

By Rev Julie Lomas

REV John Lees has been working in the Five Alive team for over a year and now joins it formally this month as a licensed minister.

John has served in Exeter Diocese for eight years and is currently Bishop's Officer for Self-supporting Ministry. Until March, he was National Officer.

John is a self-supporting ordained minister (SSOM) – someone who undertakes all the tasks clergy normally deal with, but who is not paid by the Church of England.

SSOMs work in a wide range of contexts. John is a Minister in Secular Employment, with a strong focus on the world of work though his role as a career coach. He has written 15 books on careers and work including 12 editions of *How to Get a Job You Love*.

John is a prebendary of Exeter Cathedral. His seat in the choir is named after Bishop Oldham, Cathedral Dean in the early 1500s and



founder of Manchester Grammar School. John said: "This is very pleasing for me as my Dad and my wife both hail from Manchester".

John lives in Colyton with his wife, Jan, a writer and painter and they have two adult sons.

John is a keen photographer and film maker, and has recently created two films recounting First World War stories relating to his native Holyhead. He is an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society (ARPS).

John adds: "It's a real privilege to be joining Five Alive having become gradually more involved in activities

since May last year. It's been very exciting working on a range of projects including reviving services in Whitford, and pleasing to see the numbers coming to our new monthly service. Every part of the mission community has welcomed me, whatever I have been doing. I look forward to working even more closely with Julie [Lomas] and the leadership team".



### Perfect rainbow for Imogen and Marcus at garden wedding

THE wedding of Imogen Dower and Marcus Wyatt took place at St Peter's Church, Dalwood, on Saturday, July 6th with the ceremony conducted by Rev John Lees.

The bride and groom enjoyed their wedding reception at Burrow Farm Gardens with family and friends, and one guest took this photograph of them framed by a beautiful rainbow.

Such a reminder of the story from the book of Genesis of the everlasting promise made by God to secure the future of all [people and creatures on earth (Genesis 9:14 – 15).

Marcus and Imogen have made their home in Bristol and we hope to see them in and around Dalwood on a regular basis.

## BY ROYAL APPOINTMENT

HAVING been appointed to the mission community in October 2021 as the priest-in-charge, that three-year appointment would have come to an end in a few months' time.

The church is delighted to announce that instead, Rev Julie Lomas is going to be relicensed to the Five Alive Mission Community as the rector.

The news came through in an email from the Cabinet Office, Lord Chancellor's Ecclesiastical Office, dated July 31st and stating: "You will be pleased to know that The King has approved your appointment as Rector of Kilmington, Stockland, Dalwood, Yarcombe and Shute."

This means the mission community is now in a permanent state and Rev Julie has what is known as "the living", which in days of yore would have meant she was entitled to the Tithes, or one-tenth, of the income from each parish. It also means that she is now in post until such time as she resigns, which we hope will be some years away.

At the same time, Rev John Lees has offered his services to the mission

community and will be taking up his new role as associate priest from September, thus enhancing the ministry team which includes Anna Crabbe, Chris Shepherd and Gill Heighway as our Lay Ministers, Juletta Obudo as our Families outreach worker and Marc Kastner who is about to begin his final year of training for ministry.

You are invited to a special service of celebration, and to witness the formal licensing of Rev Julie and Rev John, at 4pm on Sunday, September 8th in St John the Baptist Parish Church, Yarcombe, followed by refreshments. It is hoped many are able to come along will join the Archdeacon of Exeter, The Ven Andrew Beane, to help mark this occasion.

Why a royal appointment? The answer lies in Yarcombe as this parish falls under the patronage of the crown. The other parishes come under the Bishop of Exeter, and the crown and bishop alternate with the formal appointments process, and so this time, it is the turn of the crown to deal with all the paperwork!

# MIRACLES AND FUN AT CLUB

THE Baptist Church, Kilminster, has been running the Summer Holiday Club since 2012, although I remember attending holiday bible clubs there as a child.

The theme this year was Guardians of Ancora, based on a Scripture Union app of the same name, aimed at primary aged children. This year, the first week of August was filled with stories from the Bible of miracles that Jesus performed told through crafts, games, drama and puppets. We also enjoyed snacks, workouts, fun and lots of laughter.

We were able to welcome 70-plus children mainly aged five-11 years from various schools in the area, plus a few visiting children too. The children were wonderfully enthusiastic, learning songs, doing actions and asking great questions. Seeing the children getting to know each other and encouraging one another is great. This year, we also had 15 youth volunteers, over half of



whom came up through the holiday clubs themselves, join us from Lyme Regis, Axminster, Kilminster and Whitford.

We finish the week with a Sausage Sizzle, on the Friday afternoon. This year, our catering team served over 150 attendees, parents, carers, family, friends and volunteers some delicious hot dogs. This was followed by a short taste of what had happened through the week. The children performed songs, there was an overview of the stories covered, our puppet team performed a song and a slide show of photos was shown.

On the Sunday morning, our week culminated with the Holiday Club Celebration service, we welcomed our Holiday Club families and our church family to share and celebrate together all that had been going on in the previous week. Every child a personalised certificate for all their efforts, and once again the children put

on a great show for all who attended.

We had a wonderful week, with the 25-plus adult volunteer team getting almost as much out of being involved at the children and young people who attended.

Our adult volunteer team was made up of people from The Baptist Church, Kilminster, and St Giles's Church, with Rev Julie Lomas on the team too. We were also blessed with props for staging from St Micheal's Church, Shute, and costumes from the open the book team at St Peter and St Paul Church, Uplyme. So many people were involved in making the club a success from those who were working behind the scenes and helping with advance preparations to all those involved during the week. Huge thanks goes to each and every one.

**Juletta Obudo**  
Children, Youth and Families Leader  
The Baptist Church, Kilminster

## Sharing the fun throughout summer

THE Families In Rural East Devon Project activity page this month (see page 20) encourages us to think about what we have that we can share with others.

At harvest time, we often focus on crops, which in a rural area is a good thing, but these days, on an individual level, not everyone has 'crops'. Our next forest church theme is 'harvest' and we will be gathering on a farm on Sunday, September 15th at the slightly earlier time of 3pm. Email me at [5alive.families@gmail.com](mailto:5alive.families@gmail.com) for more details and to book.

Before I get on to August, I wanted to tell you about our July forest church. Our team of volunteers was joined by seven family groups of ages ranging from two-60-plus. We did indeed start with popcorn. Our first batch was a disaster, but we learnt from our mistakes and we were soon producing plenty to share around. We had a walk around the woods, thought about the significance of trees in the Bible, and

considered events in our own lives as we examined the rings in a tree trunk. At the end of the session, the toasted marshmallows went down a treat.

In August, we began with the Whitford show and the 50th Annual Yarcombe Terrier Racing, something that I had never attended before. Thanks goes to those who were able to 'host' Whitford show, as it is very difficult to be in two places at once! It was a long afternoon at Yarcombe, but it was great to meet new people and chat with a few familiar faces too.

The following day, I went straight into the Summer Holiday Club preparations at The Baptist Church, Kilminster. We had an amazing week with 70-plus primary aged children.

Next, there was Dalwood Fair. Again, I am grateful for willing volunteers, as I had other commitments that day.

The final 'fair church' for this year will be Kilminster Village Show on Saturday, September 7th. Do let us



know if you would like to join us for forest church on a farm in September.

**Juletta Obudo**  
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# DALWOOD NEWS

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## SOPHIE TAKES TO THE HILLS IN 24-HOUR SUPER CHALLENGE



Images: Max Adventure

ON Saturday, July 13th, air cadet Sophie Mackenney, 16, set out from the foot of Mount Snowdon on an endurance undertaking of epic proportions – and with support from a number of celebrities.

The Dalwood teenager's aim was to climb the highest mountains in England, Scotland and Wales in under 24 hours – known as the Three Peaks Challenge.

Under the patronage of explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes and with support from Bear Grylls amongst others, Sophie took on this gruelling endeavour to raise funds for her air cadet squadron, 1064, in Honiton.

Sophie's team consisted of two support climbers, James Richards and her dad, Andrew 'Mac' Mackenney, along with support driver Michael

'Aitch' Howell-Walmsley.

With sponsorship from Mazda UK, the team drove to the base of 3,560-ft Mount Snowdon in readiness for climbing their first peak.

Starting the stopwatch at exactly 8am, the route was easy at first, but soon turned into a challenging scramble over boulders and scree slopes. Every minute counted as they pushed on, racing passed those that had more time to take in the beauty of the surrounding landscape. Sophie's fitness showed through, reaching the summit of Snowdon in a staggering time of 1 hour and 58 minutes!

A short break and then it was back down to her awaiting support car and a 205-mile drive to mountain number two, Scafell Pike, the highest in England. From blue skies and fluffy

clouds in North Wales, the Lake District was covered in a heavy blanket of grey and gloom. As the team pushed higher, they entered cloud where visibility dropped to 50 meters. The wind picked up and it started to rain, plummeting the windchill temperature to below zero – there was no time to dawdle in such conditions.

Dusk was rapidly approaching as Sophie reached the trig point at 3,209ft, atop England's highest mountain and then it was a rapid descent to the valley floor. They had been on the go for 13-and-a-half hours, were all tired, hadn't eaten a proper meal and were relying on sweets and cold rations to fuel their bodies.

Through the night they drove for 260 miles, arriving at the foot of the

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UK's tallest mountain, Ben Nevis, at 3.15am. With head torches on, they packed essential survival kit for their final ascent of 4,413ft of gruelling climbing.

Darkness lifted, but there was only a short window of good visibility before the team climbed into the clouds and trudged their way through more murky conditions. For hours they zig-zagged up the rocky track, but eventually, with 400ft to go, they burst above the clouds and into bright sunlight. With the summit in sight, Sophie surged ahead, stopping the clock at 7.16am on Sunday, July 14th to mark the finish of her Three Peaks Challenge. Her total time – 23 hours and 16 minutes.

She'd endured over 10,000ft of climbing, 462 miles of driving, 18 miles of trekking and sumitting the three highest mountains, but not for one minute did she give up.

At present, Sophie's fundraising stands at £3,265, over six times her original goal of £500! This money will now allow the squadron to purchase a range of expedition equipment, so



offering all of her fellow cadets the opportunity to embark on their own adventures.

To support Sophie and her squadron, please donate through Just Giving at [bit.ly/3ADum6g](https://bit.ly/3ADum6g)



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## Duck Race



### Dalwood Village Hall Trust's Annual Fair Fundraiser Duck Race

Dalwood Village Hall is an important building to the Dalwood community, as such the village hall trustees are proud to help raise funds that contribute to the funding of the Fair each year. Dalwood Country Fair would not be able to continue without the generosity and goodwill of the community and the various village organisations holding Fair Fundraisers throughout the year. The VHT will be one of the priority beneficiaries of Fair Funds 2024.

On a sunny afternoon in June by the Corry Brook, the Village Hall Trust's annual duck race was set.  
Over 400 Ducks were released into Corry Brook to be guided through the water to Corry Bridge by our expert 'ticklers'.

Duck owners cheered on their duck by the Corry Bridge.  
Cream teas and cake were enjoyed in the village hall.  
Thank you to all who bought ducks and supported the event in any way, making it such a successful and enjoyable event.  
Thank you ALL!

**We raised £400+ towards 2024 Fair Fund**  
Village Hall Trustees

## POEM

### Dave, duck and snooker

We were up there at the Reading Room playing snooker,  
just for fun  
When this shaggy long-haired bloke burst in – he did it  
at a run  
"Have you chaps seen a duck?" he cried. "If you have  
that's Just the Ticket!"  
George Marshall looked at him and said: "You just get  
ducks in cricket."

Then Dave explained: "No, not the game, this one's alive  
and quacks  
She's got out through our garden hedge and I must get  
her back."  
So off he went up Ray Dare's lane, his runner duck to  
seek  
He got a glimpse of her webbed feet or else her orange  
beak.

This duck is fast and crafty too and soon evades Dave  
Pace  
She nestled down behind a bush while Dave runs on red-  
faced  
Milly the duck now needs to find another place to hide  
She runs back to the Reading Room and flaps her way  
inside.

Now Alan hopes to pot a pink, he gets himself quite  
stable  
When flapping wings and muddy feet crash land upon  
the table  
Then Dave comes bursting through the door, puffed out  
and wild-eyed too  
He chases Milly round the room waving a snooker cue.

Can you imagine what its like? Snooker's a quiet game  
Where talk is often whispered and the players all quite  
sane  
The snooker players stand aghast, there's feathers in  
each pocket  
But Dave's still chasing Milly duck who's moving like a  
rocket.

To be invaded by a duck, her flying owner too  
Just when a player's setting up to pot another blue  
Dave gets her in a corner and grabs her by the neck  
Then exit Dave and Milly duck leaving the room a wreck.

There's mud and feathers everywhere the table's all  
askew  
These dedicated snooker men just don't know what to  
do  
Then George cleans off the cue ball by giving it a rub  
"Come on," he says. "Let's chuck it in and all go down  
the pub."

**Brian Eddy**



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## Fire, furnace and friends – all celebrate together

By Elana-May Blackmore

ON Saturday, August 10th, the Celebrate Together service welcomed churchgoers into the fire-themed church where the congregation was transported back in time as the story of The Fiery Furnace and was told.

Greta Lidster played the fierce King Nebuchadnezzar, Christine Mills was narrator and Gill Heighway was a wonderful messenger. Christine Thorne, Chris Thorne and myself played the three friends who were thrown into the fiery furnace.

The fiery pit itself consisted of a hula hoop, hung from the chandelier with party curtains draped from it. Everyone did so well waving their 'fire' sticks to make the furnace 'seven times hotter'. Not forgetting 'Bill', the golden statue.

I loved the song Be Bold, Be Strong, which was sung acapella-style, it gave me goosebumps hearing all our voices bring this song to life. Margaret Hurford did an amazing job at leading the songs. Thanks go to her for taking the time to play for the service.

One of the wonderful carers' had a birthday celebrated during the service. At prayer time, appreciation was shown for the carers who bring friends to these special Celebrate Together

services month by month. A 60th birthday was also celebrated which apparently was not actually until October! An amazing cake was provided by Christine Mills, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

It touches me each time to see everyone who attends. It makes me so happy at the end of the day to see the community of people who now feel welcomed, loved and accepted. Jesus welcomes us all.

I am so blessed and ever so grateful for the wonderful tea ladies who spend time putting on a wonderful spread each time. It is always a great joy to share in fellowship with each other over food and a cuppa!

Not forgetting those behind the scenes. This includes Sally Huscroft – with her lovely scones.

I adored the badges this time around. Barrie Lidster has such a sense of humour – they were of the three friends in the fiery furnace drinking cocktails and they had sunglasses on!

The next service is at St Paul's Church, Honiton, on Saturday, September 14th at 3pm, and the theme will be New Beginnings. The next Celebrate Together service at Kilminster is on Saturday, October 12th at 3pm. Both churches have level access and parking.

## Hymns event

THANKS must go to Rev Julie Lomas and her husband, Steve, for organising and for hosting Hymns and Pimms at The Vicarage on Sunday, August 4th.

What an excellent afternoon. It was a little windy at times, but the rain stayed away. A wonderful collection of hymns was enjoyed, with a selection of those who had chosen the hymns telling us why they had picked them and what the hymns meant to them personally.

With such a fantastic selection of songs, with Chris Shepherd excellently leading with the electric keyboard, and the Pimms, with tea, coffee and cake, the afternoon could not have been more delightful.

These events are memorable year on year. It was also so nice to join with others from the Five Alive Mission Community, meeting up with people from all five parishes, as this was a mission community service. Thanks also go to all of those who helped make the afternoon happen.

*Christopher Thorne*

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# KILMINGTON NEWS

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## **FUNDRAISING VISITORS**

ON August 7th, two visitors to Kilmingdon stopped off at St Giles's Church and happened to meet Steve Lomas who offered them a visit to the church tower.

Rebecca Mayfield, one of the visitors, said: "My friend Susie and I were on our weekly bike ride from our homes in Seaton, passing through Kilmingdon en route to Miller's Farm Shop when I suggested that we take a look inside St Giles's Church as I have never visited it before.

"My usual church is Colyton where my parents have lived for more than 30 years. I love the history and peace of churches and, in Devon, we are very fortunate.

"We enjoyed our visit to St Giles's very much as it had a peaceful atmosphere and were especially pleased to climb the tower and be treated to the amazing views."

It turns out that the visitors decided to turn their weekly bike ride into an important community of a fundraising event.

Rebecca explained: "On this upcoming three-day, 80-mile cycle challenge, we will enjoy exploring our beautiful English countryside and quaint Somerset villages, while raising money to support the library.

"We feel that libraries play a big part in enhancing people's wellbeing and improving lives."

Thanks go to Rebecca for highlighting this fundraising challenge and St Giles's Church wishes the intrepid cycling visitors safe and enjoyable rides as they raise money for the libraries.

For more information visit the libraries website at [www.librariesunlimited.org.uk/support-us/fundraise-for-us/our-fundraising-champions/](http://www.librariesunlimited.org.uk/support-us/fundraise-for-us/our-fundraising-champions/)



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ON Friday, 26th July, John and Anne Playford celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at the coffee shop event. These two have such an amazing bond sharing 70 years together. The couple said: "lots of laughter and happiness" was the key to a successful 70 years together. Congratulations to them both on reaching this wonderful milestone.

*Elana-May Blackmore*

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# KILMINGTON NEWS

## Archdeacon's visitation

By Christopher Thorne

ST Giles's Church was very pleased to host the archdeacon's visitation evening service on Wednesday, July 17th, where the churchwardens from across the Honiton Deanery were sworn in for another year.

During this service, Rev Julie Lomas was also sworn in as Rural Dean. Archdeacon Andrew Beane led the

service wonderfully and it was a joy to be part of it. The service was extremely well attended with refreshments being provided at the end. Thanks go to all who were able to attend and all who helped making the evening so lovely and such a success. Praise was received from many who attended and it really highlighted what a wonderful church Kilminster has – not only the building but all who help with the running of St Giles's Church too.



## Beautiful displays at flower show

THE village hall looked stunning with 224 entries for this year's annual Kilminster Gardening Club Flower Show.

Heavy rain throughout the afternoon of the show did not deter competitors and local residents from turning out to see the beautiful flowers, fruit and vegetables on display.

Everyone enjoyed the very sociable gathering, with tea coffee and an array of homemade cakes on offer.

The RHS Banksian medal awarded to the overall champion for horticulture went to Mike Hawkins. Thanks and congratulations go to all the prize winners and to everyone who entered.

The parish council award for the best allotment went to Nigel Phillips.

Thanks also go to all the helpers and the cake makers and to the garden club committee for organising a great event.



## Many hands...

AN excellent FROGS (Friends of St Giles's Churchyard) summer working party event took place on Saturday, August 10th.

As well as a general tidy-up of the churchyard (mowing and strimming), the aim was to tidy up the existing ashes burial area, to edge paths, to sweep paths (where the new ashes burial area is to be) and to trim one of the beech hedges.

With all of the wonderful volunteers, a week's work was completed in two hours. Thanks go to all helpers and to Rev Julie Lomas for providing the excellent refreshments – especially the sausage and bacon baps.

The weather was very kind and everyone seemed in good heart. It just shows what can be achieved when like-minded folk get together.

Why not come and visit the churchyard to see what was achieved? Take time to sit and to contemplate or have a look around to see the plants, trees and meadow. See what creatures enjoy this tranquil part of East Devon.

Better still, why not volunteer at the next event – we can promise no one will be turned away. Helpers will be well fed and watered in thanks for the hard effort that is put in – this invite goes out to young and old – all are welcome.

Christopher Thorne

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# STOCKLAND NEWS

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## Friends give gifts

THE church is now the beneficiary of the generous donations made by the Friends of St Michael's, a small group which works behind the scenes to raise the vital funds needed to finance often quite small items – but invaluable ones.

This time the funding has enabled the purchase of a step-ladder, leaflet holders and LED pillar candles and 48 candles (including batteries). The leaflet holders have made a good improvement in tidying up the shelf beside the cashless payment machine. As stated, small and important items.

There are still purchases to be made for the play area but thanks to a generous donation of a rug the funds put aside for it can be used elsewhere.

It can only be reiterated how much this support is needed and appreciated.

## PAUSE FOR PRAYER

From a Service of Prayer  
for Harvest and Creation

For a blessing on our land, we pray.  
For healthy crops and abundant harvests, we pray.  
For the care and welfare of animals, we pray.  
For farmers and all who work the land, we pray.  
For the ministry of the church in rural areas, we pray.  
For parts of the world where harvests have failed, we pray.  
For charities and agencies bringing food to the poor and hungry, we pray.  
For the health and regeneration of the countryside, we pray.

Thank you, Lord, for fruitfulness and creativity;  
for Summer's passing and harvest home;  
for seed that has fallen and the promise of Spring.  
For the beauty of this world  
and the love that created it, thank you Lord.  
Amen.

*Contributed by Philippa Wilks*



## A DUCK-TASTIC DAY

ON Sunday, June 30th South Waterhayne Farm hosted a duck-tastic event.

The races raised an impressive £1,926 which will go to support Stockland and Yarcombe Preschool, Stockland Academy and the Yarcombe Children's Fund.

The three races held were packed full of ducks making their way down a winding section of the River Yarty.

The ducks were helped along by the enthusiastic river marshals. The event was commented on by the wonderful Rich Lee.

Prizes for both the duck races and the raffle were donated by very generous supporters, whom simply can't be thanked enough for contributing to the success of the day.

This family event had everyone enjoying not only the races, but a great barbecue and bar, bouncy castle (kindly provided by Paul Hurford), and traditional country fair games.

Thanks to everyone that contributed to making this event a quacking success.

For those that missed it, here are the

list of lucky winners.

Winners race 1:

1st place: Lillian and Eliza Taylor  
2nd place: Heidi Derryman  
3rd place: Nelly Rees  
4th place: Brian Broom  
5th place: Sharon Wells  
Last duck: Natalie Powell-Borge

Winners race 2:

1st place: Rachael Wood  
2nd place: Lillian and Eliza Wood  
3rd place: Amber Speake  
4th place: Mark Pearse  
5th place: Chippenham Family  
Last duck: Freddie Ellis

Winners race 3:

1st place: Amma Burton  
2nd place: Becca Pullman  
3rd place: Ameana Pretteson  
4th place: Poppy Mitchell  
Last duck: Rie Faucett

*Stockland and Yarcombe Preschool,  
Stockland Academy and Yarcombe  
Children's Fund*

# STOCKLAND NEWS

## TENNIS CLUB THRILLS

STOCKLAND Tennis Club saw a huge upsurge in participants for their annual summer tournaments with 62 taking part, including a number of newcomers.

One 'newbie', Rupert Leighton, took home the Men's Singles trophy defeating Josias Drew in a high-quality encounter. Earlier that weekend in the semi-final, Rupert beat Josias's dad, Paul, who was undefeated since winning it for the first time in 1989, as a 15-year-old!

Josias made it through to all three of his finals. A crowd of 50-plus were treated to a brilliant Men's Doubles final with Josias and Quentin Sorel just edging Paul and Simon Durrant in a three-set thriller. Many spectators agreed that it was one of the best matches they had seen on the court, with the momentum shifting back and forth throughout.

It also took three sets to determine the Mixed Doubles final. Another

newcomer, Nick Gross, and club stalwart Jenny Whitley overcame Josias and fellow 17-year-old, Kate Cook in a gripping match.

Jenny, with partner Jan Lazar, had earlier prevailed in the Ladies Doubles final beating mother-daughter pairing Jan Johnson and Saffron Doble.

It was great to see lots of new entrants in the junior events. Alice Shepherd won for the third year by overcoming Lottie Drew in the Girls Under 16 final. Toby Taylor and Oscar Holgate played out a fantastic final in the Under 16 boys.

With the Euros football final about to kick off it was decided to play a championship tie-break once Oscar had levelled the match one set all. Toby regained his composure to take the title. Another championship tie-break was needed to settle the under-13 event which took over two and a half hours to complete. William Thompson eventually beat Willoughby

Cunningham in a match filled with marathon rallies.

With lots of new members this year, the club is going from strength to strength. Details can be found on the Stockland Tennis Club clubspark website for anybody looking to join – everyone will be made most welcome.

**Tennis Club Committee**



## Stockland Harvest Lunch

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

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## Importance of Remembrance Day and call for poppy volunteers

REMEMBRANCE Day 2024 falls on Monday, November 11th with church services following on Sunday, November 17th.

'Remembrance' honours those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life. It supports the injured and their families and salutes those killed, even today, in the line of duty.

During remembrance, communities unite across faiths, cultures and backgrounds to remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from Britain and the Commonwealth.

Whilst honouring these brave people, there is also the need to recognise their needs and those of their families which death and injury leave behind or are ongoing.

The Poppy Appeal does just this with the collections made throughout the country to offer the support needed.

The familiar poppies and the myriads of pins now available add substantially to the necessary funding.

A poignant reminder of the consequences of war are the metal cut-out forces personnel figures that stand throughout Honiton and Axminster during October and November.

Collections will take place throughout the parish with an early appeal now for some volunteers to support the house-to-house collection project around mid-October.

Local organiser Rozanne Bulmer is seeking more help to cover Millhayes, Ridge and Ham – all small areas. Many of her team have taken on this annual role for several years but they could now do with a boost from some more youthful volunteers.

If anyone feels that they could give up some time to collect please could they contact Rozanne on 07796 338332 or via email at [rvbulmer@btinternet.com](mailto:rvbulmer@btinternet.com).

**The Remembrance Day Committee**

## Tranquil place for bench

DURING a church cream tea event, a new wooden bench was presented to the church, or perhaps more accurately, to the churchyard and to allow the view beyond the rear of the church to be appreciated.

It was Penelope Rutherford Jones's favourite place. The bench was donated by her family and friends in her memory.

It also enables her friends to remember a dearly loved member of the community and will allow those visiting the church to take in the view at the same time as enjoying the peace and tranquility of the churchyard. St Michael's churchyard is a most beautiful spot in the village and it really does afford an opportunity to literally breathe in.



## An incredible banquet and bonhomie

A VERITABLE feast of delicate sandwiches, dainty cakes and scones with over-generous lashings of cream and strawberry jam was served up as the afternoon fundraisers delivered a genuinely incredible banquet at the Stockland church cream tea fundraiser.

Not only the edibles could be highly praised and devoured but the service, the table flowers, the crockery (tablecloths even) and the hosts

themselves.

Perhaps, even more importantly, the bonhomie of bringing the villagers together deserve heartfelt thanks for delivering such a pleasurable summer afternoon on the church lawn.

Thanks go to all the 'workers' and all those who were hidden behind the tea urn and the washing up and clearance chores. They all delivered a real treat.

*The 'Thank you' committee*

## Sponsored walk for historic church group

THE Devon Historic Churches sponsored walk will take place on Saturday, September 14th, meeting at 10am at Stockland's church.

A circular walk leaving the church at 10.30am and walking to Horner Hill and back. Walkers should bring a packed lunch to eat on return at approximately

1pm.

For further information on the walk or to sponsor the event – 50 per cent of the sponsored money goes to Stockland church – please contact Bryan and Rowena Drew on 01404 881538 or via email at [bryandrow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bryandrow@yahoo.co.uk).

**Bryan and Rowena Drew**



# SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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## And they call it puppy love

AT Whitford Village Hall, a recent talk about guide dogs was both enjoyable and informative. With the presence of three well-behaved special dogs, the morning was sure to be a hit, and not only with dog-lovers.

Lena Welch has impaired sight and she spoke about her life before she managed to get a dog. The teenage challenges she had to face in negotiating different and varied environments were made possible once she had the support of a trusted dog. There are many considerations to be taken on board in selecting a puppy that has the potential and character to take on the training to become a guide dog. The puppy has to be intelligent and of a placid nature. The wait to get a match between a dog and a person with limited sight can be considerable – sometimes taking up to two years. There are regular checks by a vet on the health of the dog and this is supported by the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

During the talk Alex, Lena's dog, behaved immaculately and set a fine example, to be followed by Hobson, who lives with Jo and Alex Dunbar. The third puppy was a much younger dog that is fostered by a volunteer. This short-term flexible arrangement means that a dog can be looked after while its owner, for



example, has a stay in hospital.

The difference to quality of life that having a guide dog makes is immeasurable and the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association is always appreciative of any help and support that they receive.

It was a pleasant Saturday morning rounded off with coffee and croissants.

*Kay Orsman*

## Step forward for new walking group

FOLLOWING a chance conversation in the village bar about liking walking but not doing it alone, a couple of Whitfordians got together and formed a walking group – The Whitford Walkers.

The members held their second attempt (the first being scuppered by rain) and enjoyed a glorious day walking along the Seaton Wetlands into Seaton and along the esplanade.

Here, they stopped for a much needed ice cream before heading to Seafeld Gardens and back to the starting point. Some walked five miles and some walked seven miles, which was greatly enhanced by non-stop chatter and good-humoured banter! Everyone agreed it was a great way to spend an afternoon.

Unfortunately, the third attempt was



again scuppered – this time due to intense heat – but there is a plan to reschedule soon.

Although in its infancy, the walking group is planning regular walks to enjoy the glorious countryside. All are welcome.

*Ros Hallworth*

## Meg's new role

THE parishes of Shute and Whitford have a new safeguarding officer Megan Cox.

As an introduction, Megan said: "We moved to Whitford seven years ago to be closer to family, and to give the children the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful countryside.

"For the last two years I've been working from home in public health, and prior to that, I worked in a local school. In both roles, safeguarding training has been a prominent and regular feature, and has highlighted the many ways in which we are all susceptible to vulnerability at any point in our lives.

"But it has also shone a light on the fact that community and gatherings are good for us! Knowing that there are support systems in place, and people who will listen to our concerns, is of huge value to a community.

"I will be part of the team ensuring that all the church activities are a safe environment for all, particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults.

"This includes keeping up-to-date records and reminders of safeguarding training and news for our church officers, and ensuring the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy is put into practice.

"I'm a point of contact if you have any concerns, and you will find my contact details displayed on posters outside the church."



# SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

## Brekkie success

ON April 6th, the Umberne community got together for a slap-up breakfast and, as a result, a generous donation of £546 was given to the Farming Community Network (FCN).

Kate England, of FCN wrote: "We are especially grateful for your support during this challenging time in the farming sector. As British agriculture undergoes significant change, FCN is uniquely placed to support people across the industry on this journey. We provide a listening ear and help the farm community to develop resilience, manage change and prepare for the future."

Every day, dedicated FCN volunteers across England and Wales hear from farmers about the challenges they're dealing with and the pressures they're under – helping them to find a positive way forward, no matter the issue they may be facing. In local communities, all the farmers are appreciated with everything they do including how they are also at the heart of solving some of the most significant global challenges, including climate change and food security. The value of their work cannot be overstated.

Kate England also added: "Donations really do make a huge difference, allowing us to reach more people, help more farming families, and ultimately assist us in creating a resilient farming future – one that will thrive and benefit everyone in the years to come."

So thanks go to everyone who enjoyed a breakfast and to the farmers and those who support them – all are magnificent!

*Henry Smith and  
Umberne Village Hall Trustees*

## Warm welcome

WEDNESDAY Welcome is held in the Coronation Room of Whitford Village Hall, from 10.30am-12noon on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

This small group meets to chat about a variety of subjects. There is no commitment involved but anyone who decides to pay a visit is sure of a warm welcome, and a coffee and biscuit.

*Kay Orsman*

## SPECTACLES ON SHOW

ON Saturday, August 3rd, Whitford held its annual summer show in glorious sunshine. The day was a huge success, a testament to the excellent organisation and unstinting efforts of Whitford Produce Association over a period of weeks.

Keith Sweetland officially opened the show at 2pm and a very busy afternoon ensued. There were approximately 180 classes of entries filling the main marquee, including flowers, vegetables, bakes, crafts and all manner of produce, with a range of awards and cups to win.

On the field, Chard Concert Brass entertained the crowds, whilst they wandered around the many stalls and watched the very popular dog show.

Agricultural machinery – including a pink tractor – and classic cars enhanced the spectacle. Visitors tried their hand at an extensive tombola, whilst the barbecue and cream teas ensured no-one went home hungry. Whitford is grateful to the various organisations who supported the show by taking advertising space and providing goods and services. Now the planning for the autumn show on October 19th goes full throttle.

*Fanny Balcombe*



## Garden visit

THE Umberne Social Club group met last month in Ann Shepherd's garden and house on Thursday, August 8th. The intention had been to wander round her beautiful garden with a cup of tea, but the weather gods had other ideas.

Delicious scones and cakes were provided by Ann and everyone enjoyed sitting in her conservatory, looking out to the garden. Thanks goes to Ann.

*Linda Ambler*



# YARCOMBE NEWS

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## Super helpers for 50th event

By Rebecca Bell

THE annual Yarcombe Terrier Racing event reached a milestone this year – its 50th anniversary – which took place on Saturday, August 3rd, under beautiful blue skies. But before any of the fun could begin, a mammoth amount of work had to be undertaken.

Following on from many committee meetings during the year, under the management of brilliant co-ordinator Kate Hart, the build-up began on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings before the day itself dawned.

Works undertaken included:

- Advertising on roadsides in the local area and signs at the event location
- Emptying the container in the village hall car park, to remember what was stored there in 2023 and to check the condition of it all, also clearing the barn

at Panshayne, involving many trailer journeys back and forth down the lane

- Race course: posts and fencing and dog traps to set up
- Tents and gazebos to assemble
- Hay bales stacked in the appropriate places
- Electricity cables and the PA system put in place (after mending the generator first!)
- The Young Farmers' Club bar built and beer delivered
- The barbecue set up

So much work to be done but with an amazing team of volunteers, many of whom turn up year after year all with smiles on their faces, happy to help and pull everything together once again. It certainly was an incredible community effort and huge thanks go to everyone involved before, during and after the day and for making the 50th anniversary races such a success.



## Vicar's welcome

REV Julie Lomas's welcome to the Yarcombe Terrier Races as printed in the event programme:

A warm welcome to you for this the 50th anniversary of the very first Yarcombe Terrier Races. In 1974, local church member John Salter had an idea. He thought that he might put the 'fun' into 'fundraising' for the parish church, and had this mad idea of running an afternoon of races for Terriers. Little did he realise that we would be gathering again in 2024 to have a lot of fun, raise funds for the Yarcombe parish church, enjoy meeting friends old and new, and generally having a great time outside with the dogs as the stars of the show.

Thanks to the support and commitment of the Yarcombe community, there is a constant church presence here in the village.

Not only the building, which is of historic interest and value, but also the people who gather here on a regular basis to worship God, welcome the stranger and those in any kind of need, offer a witness to our faith in Jesus as the way to know God, and care for one another and the well-being of those whom we serve.

Do please take time to visit the church, which is open every day for folk to visit, to have a quiet moment, to pray and to remember loved ones. You can also visit the 'church in a tent' today run by volunteers to offer you and your youngsters a taster of the fun and message of love and blessing that we share – not to mention decorating biscuits and eating them!

We also believe that there is much to celebrate and learn from all of creation, and so as we welcome you to this outdoor event, in this amazing countryside setting, in the company of all of the faithful four-footed friends who we will see racing, our prayer is that you will have fun, help us raise lots of funds for the ongoing life and blessing of this community, and enjoy a wonderful afternoon.

Every blessing, and may every terrier be a winner in their own right!



## Family Fun Activities for September 'Harvest'

What have you been growing this year? When you are out for a walk, what can you spot, growing wild, that is safe to pick and eat?



Maybe you planted a sunflower? If so, we'd love you to bring your sunflower head to our Harvest themed Forest Church on a farm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September.



In Deuteronomy 24, God's people were told to leave some of their harvest for the poor to gather for free. Today, most of us don't grow crops to that extent, but what do you have? Here is an account from John chapter 6 of a little boy who gave what he had & Jesus multiplied it.

*A large crowd gathered to see Jesus. He said to Philip, "Where can we buy bread for all these people to eat?" (Jesus asked Philip this question to test him. Jesus already knew what he planned to do.)*

*Philip answered, "It would take almost a year's salary to buy enough bread for everyone here to have only a little piece."*

*Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, "Here is a boy with five loaves of bread and two little fish. But that is not enough for so many people."*

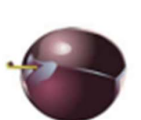
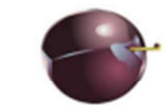


*Jesus told them to sit the people down on the grassy hillside. There were about 5,000 men, plus women & children there. Then Jesus took the loaves of bread. He thanked God for it and gave it to the people who were there. He did the same with the fish. He gave them as much as they wanted.*

*When they had finished, Jesus said to his followers, "Gather the pieces of fish and bread that were not eaten. Don't waste anything." So they gathered up the pieces that were left. They filled 12 large baskets with the pieces that were left of the five loaves.*

What do you have that you could give Jesus to multiply?

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# LET US WIPE OUT THE WET WIPES

By Kay Pike

**WET** wipes – why are we so addicted to them? Surface wipes, face cleansing wipes, floor wipes, make-up remover wipes, baby wipes, personal hygiene wipes, leather-cleaning wipes, dental wipes... do we really need them?

There are exceptions, of course, in the case of people with medical needs and for use in clinical environments, however, for the majority of the population, this is not a necessity.

The wipes are made of plastic fibres, taking 100 years to break down and then only into microplastics which marine life then swallow; eventually sneaking into the food chain. The UK, though ranking 21st in the world for size of population, is the second biggest user in the world, getting through 11 billion wipes. You may have read that wipes make up between 80 per cent and 93 per cent of blockages in UK sewers and cost us (indirectly) £100 million a year to deal with these blockages. Not to mention polluting

our rivers too. Owners of septic tanks will know that flushing wipes can cause unnecessary blockages. We also need to treat with extreme caution any words 'biodegradable', 'compostable' and 'flushable' on the packet because these words cause much public misunderstanding.

What about the single-use unnecessary plastic packaging they are wrapped in? Some baby wipes boast that they are 99.9 per cent water – in that case, perhaps use a flannel/cloth/ cotton wool and warm/hot water? We could also use these more planet-friendly options for our faces as well, not to mention around the house. They could be made from recycling old cotton T-shirts or towels or they can be purchased online, in snazzy colours and patterns from zero-waste businesses. Use and pop in the washing machine with a load.

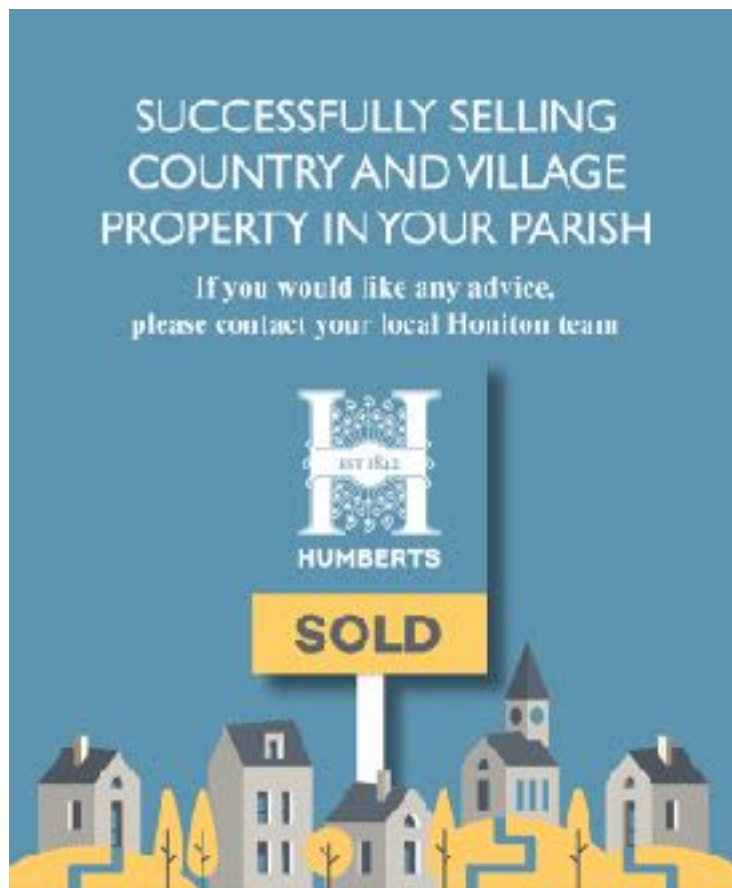
The ingredients in wet wipes have been found to have chemicals, including sodium benzoate, used as a preservative (it is also used in certain fireworks!), which can react with other ingredients causing skin irritation.

Another reason to ditch and switch.

The great news is that there is a proposed ban on the supply and sale of wet wipes across the UK, with legislation in place by the end of 2024. This follows a consultation where 95 per cent of the public who responded were in favour of the ban. It is to be hoped that the new Government will carry this through. There will be an exemption for the medical and care sector. Some major retailers, including Aldi and Boots, already produce plastic-free wipes. The slight downside is that the manufacturers will be given a further 18 months transition period to change their systems, meanwhile the pollution caused by these continues. This detritus is even changing the shape of the River Thames it seems.

Perhaps we, the public, can start to reduce dependence on wet wipes, making a conscience decision not to buy them, unless there is a medical need, of course.

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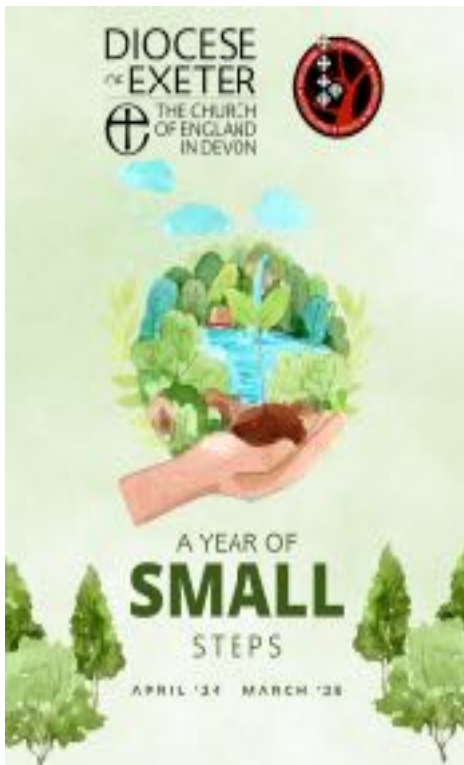
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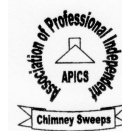


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Thursdays, 8pm-10pm	Coronation Room, Whitford	Village Bar open. All welcome.
Fridays, 10am-12pm	St Giles' Church, Kilmington	Coffee Shop
Fridays, 9:30am-11:30am	Stockland Victory Hall	Stockland and Yarcombe Toddler Group - contact 07951 958327
Saturday, September 7th 1pm	Kilmington Village Hall Field	Kilmington Village Show, please see the back page for more details.
Saturday, September 7th, 6:30pm	St. Michael's Church Shute	Talk on the historic graffiti of Shute, Dr. Bijan Omrani (in aid of the restoration of Shute Church).
Tuesday, September 10th 2.30pm	Minster Church, Axminster	Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer service followed by tea and cake
Wednesday, September 11th 10.30-12noon	Whitford Village Hall	Wednesday Welcome- a chat group with coffee/biscuits £2. Just turn up!
Wednesday, September 11th 10:30am-12noon	Dalwood Methodist Chapel	Coffee morning in aid of Axminster Food Bank
Wednesday, September 11th 6.45/7.15pm	Kilmington Village Hall	Film Swede Caroline (15) The giant vegetable growing world rocked by scandal. Email wattsjohn307@gmail.com
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Sunday, September 29th 6:30pm	St. Michael's Church Shute	Special service to mark Harvest Festival

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**Kilminster Village Hall and field**

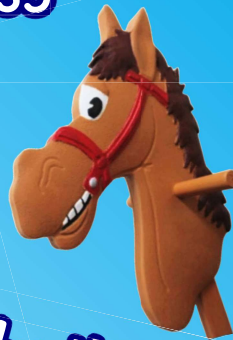
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