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and St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe

THE SUNDAY SERVICES



July 2021

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Sunday July 4th	11am Morning Worship	11am Holy Communion			11am Morning Worship
Sunday July 11th	11am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion	
Sunday July 18th	9.30am Lay Service			11am Morning Worship	11am Holy Communion
Sunday July 25th	11am Holy Communion	9:30am Morning Worship	6:30pm Sung Evensong		

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GETTING TOGETHER SIMPLY 'TO BE'

Gill Heighway

AS we move through 2021, I'm learning more about Celtic Christianity, and it's been an interesting journey so far.

Presently, I'm reading through parts of a book called *The Celtic Year* by David Coles. In Celtic Christianity, the year is divided into eight parts, like the spokes of a wheel, and we're in the summer section for the next week or so until the longest day; then we move into the summer solstice section.

The summer section has daily devotions, and each day has a heading:

- Monday** – Creation
- Tuesday** – Incarnation
- Wednesday** – Holy Spirit
- Thursday** – Community
- Friday** – The Cross
- Saturday** – The Saints
- Sunday** – The Resurrection/
New Life

Today – the day I'm writing this – is a Thursday and it's about community. I'd like to share it with

you. David Coles's pause for thought for community is based on the reading from Acts 5:12-14 about all believers meeting together in Solomon's Colonnade where more and more were added to their number each day.

David Coles writes: "Summer is the season when many people spend more time with friends, perhaps in the local park in the evenings or weekends, or going on holiday together. Friendships are important, and the way in which we spend our time together is also important.

"In the New Testament, there is more than one word used for the disciples meeting together. In the original Greek, these words mean different things.

"In the verse above, for example, the word for 'meet together' is *eimi*, which means simply 'to be': no plan, no agenda, no organised schedule, but simply to be. In this passage, the apostles didn't come together to

'have a meeting', but just to get together with one another, to just 'be' together.

"There are stories of Celtic saints where they just got together. There may have been some prayer and deep conversation, but the intention was just to be together. One such story was when Columba met with Kentigern, had both light-hearted and deep conversation and exchanged their pastoral staffs.

"How often do you get together with other Christians (or like-minded people) just to be with them, without any thought of study (or a planned agenda), just to be in the company of other believers (or like-minded people)?"

Perhaps we should do this more often, particularly with the hard year we've just gone through! Let's appreciate getting together with others to simply be in their company, without any planned agenda, and enjoying the energy that being with others brings us.



A BEAUTIFUL silhouette
Photo by Tim Phillips

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PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 58 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

FASCINATING and graphic poetry? Yes.

Is the psalmist enraged at the actions of the wicked? Clearly.

Does the psalmist want God to take drastic measures to punish them.

Yes, so that the righteous may be able to bathe their feet in the blood of their enemies!

Is this way of portraying God's style of punishment likely to be echoed by writers in the New Testament? No!

Does this psalm appear at all in the Common Worship Lectionary for use in Anglican churches? No! Enjoy!

PSALM 58

1. Do you indeed speak justly, you mighty? Do you

rule the peoples with equity?

2. With unjust heart you act throughout the land; your hands mete out violence.

3. The wicked are estranged, even from the womb; those who speak falsehood go astray from their birth.

4. They are as venomous as a serpent; they are like the deaf adder which stops its ears,

5. Which does not heed the voice of the charmers, and is deaf to the skilful weaver of spells.

6. Break, O God, their teeth in their mouths; smash the fangs of these lions, O Lord.

7. Let them vanish like water that runs away; let them wither like trodden grass.

8. Let them as the slimy track of the snail, like the untimely birth that never sees the sun.

9. Before ever their pots feel the heat of the thorns, green or blazing, let them be swept away.

10. The righteous will be glad when they see God's vengeance; they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.

11. So that people will say, 'Truly, there is a harvest for the righteous; truly, there is a God who judges in the earth.'

Bible readings July 2021

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Sun 4 July [Gr] 5 th Sunday After Trinity	2 Sam: 5:1-5,9-10 Ps:123	2 Cor: 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13
Sun 11 July [Gr] 6 th Sunday After Trinity	2 Sam: 6:1-5,12b-19 Ps: 85:8-End	Eph: 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29
Sun 18 July [Gr] 7 th Sunday After Trinity	Ps: 23 2 Sam: 7:1-14a	Eph: 2:11-End Mark 6:30-34,53-End
Sun 25 July [R] James the Apostle	Ps:126 Jer: 45:1-5	Acts 11:27-12:2 Matt: 20:20-28

From the registers

Funerals

Interment of Ashes of the late Mrs Evelyn Ruth Slade will take place on July 14th at 11am at St Michael & All Angels Church, Stockland

The funeral of Richard William Kerslake, 88, took place on June 3rd, 2021 at St Giles, Kilmington

Weddings

Charlie Mercer and Rosamund Gibson will be married in Stockland on June 19th

Paula Cope and Harvey Robinson, of Dalwood, will be married in Calstock on June 14th

George Holland and Elizabeth Ricketts will be married in Kilmington on August 21st

Christenings

Christening of Sienna-Anne Edith Dunham, daughter of Emily Louisa Dunham, will be taking place in St Giles, Kilmington, on July 24th

Christening of Barnaby Theodore John Kershaw, son of David and Fiona Kershaw, will be taking place in St Giles, Kilmington, on July 31st

Methodist church weekly services return eventually

IT'S great that life is beginning to return to something akin to "normality" as we knew it.

Here at the chapel we are, once again, holding services at 11am every Sunday, although they are still in line with the current Covid-19 regulations.

According to The Tremeloes' Silence is Golden, their hit which made the number one spot in 1967, there are times when this is true, both before and during a service, an opportunity for us to speak to God and for him to speak to us, but we also feel the need to express our feelings in singing.

As the hymn writer, Brian Hoare, puts it, "Born in song! God's people have always been singing. Born in song! Hearts and voices raised. So today we worship together; God

alone is worthy to be praised," and this is an element of our worship which people really miss.

Listening to recorded music and having to silently read the words of hymns does help to focus the mind on what the hymn writer is saying, but the feeling of praise is somehow missing. Hopefully the Covid-19 restrictions will soon be finally lifted and we will be able to praise God in song once more.

Because ours is a small building we are unable to restart our midweek activities until the nation is given the all clear, but we are working towards starting them up again in the Autumn.

May you all continue to stay safe and virus-free.

*Roderick Over
Dalwood Methodist Church*

Cash stolen from barrow money box

SADLY, the money box on the St Giles's Church fundraising barrow was broken into and money taken.

A few weeks ago, money was also taken from the inside wall safe in the church. We have decided at the moment the barrow will only be out on a Wednesday and Friday while Toddlers Group and Coffee Shop is taking place.

The police have been informed and we ask that if people see anything suspicious to ring 101 and report it to the police.

We have been very grateful for all the support received for the fundraising barrow and are very disappointed about the situation.

Anna Crabbe

Helpers plea for children's summer club

ANNUALLY, for the last nine years , except for 2020 — a children's summer holiday bible club has been run in Kilmington.

Organisers are looking for suitable volunteers to help and lead the small groups of children.

Would any Five Alive Mission Community churches, members or friends be suitable and available to help this year?

The club is due to take place from August 2nd to 6th, each morning, with a celebration over lunch on August 6th and during the Sunday service on August 8th.

Anyone who is interested in helping is asked to contact Juleta using the email address children.youth@beaconbaptist.co.uk.



STUNNINGLY fragrant honeysuckle azalea, left; turbulent greenery — hostas, gunera, ferns, above
Photos by Gill Metcalfe

PARISHES IN PICTURES



THE stunning Broadhayes House, above; Dalwood and Stockland hedge boundary after a storm, left; Ridge Farm cattle, below left; Ridge Cottage garden path, below

Photos by Tim Phillips



Life after lockdown

By Editor Kate Williams

THE owner of Stockland's Goren Farm has expressed what a relief it has been to open up to the public again after lockdown and to be able to share the beauty of the farmland with the public.

Julian Pady explains: "It has been lovely to see people enjoying the wild flower meadows and being able to offer some hospitality now lockdown has eased a little.

"We feel blessed that there are 70 acres of meadows to explore with dozens of picnic tables for people to use so social distancing has not been an issue.

"The meadows are looking fabulous at the moment with more orchids than ever before and the poppies are rioting in the gardens too right now too."



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DALWOOD NEWS

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Villagers raise the barn roof at rogation service

By Chris Eddy

DALWOOD Five Alive Rogation Service was held, this year, at 11am on May 9th at Stonehayes Farm.

On a pleasant morning we had our well-planned service inside the Whites' big barn as rain showers were forecast. The barn had been swept, washed and prepared for us by the White family with their usual care and they had brought some of their farm animals in as they always do.

Our sincere thanks to Derek and Mags, Milly and Lisa, Flossie and Les for their hospitality over so many years. They and Tom brought a ewe with twin lambs, a new calf, a very contented pig called Sally and hens for us to see.

Gill Heighway, our senior licensed reader, prepared and led the service and her talk about growth, farming and care of the world also mentioned beating the bounds which was traditionally done every year.

One thing she said made the boys shudder when they heard that boys were sometimes rolled in the brambles on the boundary of the



village to be sure they knew their own village borders, possibly so that their mischief stayed near home!

Morris McGowan and Gay Atkinson read the lessons, Holly Seward and Chris Eddy led the intercessions.

Thanks go to Brian for setting up the sound system and the two microphones so we could hear every word of the service. Mary Jarvis, Dalwood organist for 72 years, earned our thanks by playing

four very traditional, popular hymns.

We raised the roof, all being so happy that we were free to sing together again.

On arrival, everyone was busy greeting friends, looking at the animals and there were many smiles during the service when the sheep seemed to join in so accurately with the hymns and prayers.

The children were set a science investigation on growth and each was given all the equipment needed to grow bean seeds in a pot of compost and others held up by paper in a jam jar. Their aim is to find out if a plant grows best under soil or not and, incidentally, to see germination occur.

After distributing equipment to the children, Brian mentioned the Dalwood Fair, planned for August 21st and invited everyone there to look out for the list of classes for the summer craft and produce tent.

The team of Sue, Nick and Brian, with help from Morris, cleared away efficiently when the happy congregation finally left, all having enjoyed a good service, time with the farm creatures and talks with friends.

Thanks to supporters for £500 plant sale total

DALWOOD Recreational Trust trustees have given thanks to locals following the successful plant table sale.

The fundraising event raised a total of £500.

The trust says: "Thank you to our growers who have been so

generous again this year.

"They produced and donated such a variety of plants, despite the awful and unpredictable weather in April and May.

"There are still some plants on the tables.

"Thank you to all who bought the

plants. Thank you for all the donated raffle prizes and to all who bought raffle tickets.

"Thank you to Helene, the shop, Brian H, The Folly Nursery, The Tuckers Arms and St Peter's Church for looking after our 'plant tables'."

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SPECIAL BUT EMOTIONAL: LUCY SMASHES 'ROUND'

By Lucy Shipley

THE East Devon Round, organised by local vet and ultra-marathon runner Alastair Moffett, is an exciting and challenging race around some of the highlights of East Devon — and, of course, it includes Dalwood and Stockland on the route.

Alastair, his wife, Esme, and their wonderful team of volunteers, supportive landowners, and generous sponsors put on the first race in 2019, and I was pleased to be part of the volunteer team.

The event consisted of 53km of almost continuous running — 1,100 metres of climbing and battling adverse weather conditions.

For an ultra-marathon race, I thought it looked like a lot of fun — so when I was offered a free place as thanks for my volunteering, I simply had to give it a try.

I started running in 2013 after moving to Stockland the previous year. I struggled up the many hills and did plenty of walking! After having my children in 2015 and 2017, I got to know lots of people from being the 'crazy lady running with the buggy' up and down the lanes. I had loved taking part in the Stockland Scamper and Dalwood 3 Hills Challenge, but could I really step it up to an ultra-marathon?

In May 2021, I learnt that I could. A beautiful clear day dawned over Stockland Hill as we set out from Offwell Village Hall. I had foolishly decided to bring my dog on the first 10k stretch, and she soared and sprung her way around the course, although I had to lift her over the stiles and steps along the brook in Cotleigh!

I dropped her off with my support



LUCY Shipley

crew of my husband and children, then faced up to Dane's Hill.

Chugging down the other side and across the water meadows, I suddenly felt doubtful — there was such a long way to go, and my home was so close, just up the Yarty! I decided I couldn't quit — I must at least make it to Axminster.

Then to the next checkpoint at Penn. Then it was an easy downhill to Lyme and the sea, dodging pedestrians scoffing ice creams as if

to taunt me, as I headed towards the hideous steps up to the Undercliff.

The stretch from Lyme to Axmouth was an emotional one, the sheer elation of popping out of the rainforest of the undercliff onto the smooth grass of the clifftop was tempered by faffing with my jacket as the rain came and went.

At Axmouth, I celebrated passing the marathon mark by scoffing the home-made flapjacks the marshals provided. I'd walked a fair amount through the Undercliff, frightened of tripping on the roots and slipping on the muddy surface — I couldn't fall at the final hurdle, surely! But from Axmouth to Colyford I ran steadily and happily, heading towards my goal: Blackbury Camp.

The rain started to pour, and I began caterwauling out songs that hopefully nobody could hear! I slogged up the final hill, and made myself keep running to the finish, streaking past the finishing line to my support crew waiting in the van.

The rain hid my tears. I had done it — 53km and over 1,100m of climbing, higher than Scafell Pike!

The real heroes of the race kept on going to finish after 100km and many more metres of climb.

They faced hail, freezing temperatures and torrential rain, but the team of race organisers and marshals were equally heroic in their efforts to support and safeguard the runners through the night. All that was left was to collect the marking tape, which was all cleared away by 28 hours after the event finished.

Thank you so much to Alastair, Esme, the marshals, landowners and sponsors, all of whom made the event so special. I might even come back for another go!

Consultation for preschool and primary merger

By Lucy Shipley

AFTER 30 years as an independent preschool, a consultation is taking place to consider whether Stockland and Yarcombe Preschool should merge with Stockland Primary Academy.

The challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic have emphasised the difficulties of continuing to operate as an independent charitable provider, and the primary academy can offer all kinds of amazing benefits, from networks for early

years education to time in the school polytunnel!

The level of expertise required to oversee the running of preschool requires more professional management than the well-meaning volunteer committee can provide, and a merger will also provide much-needed financial stability.

Parents attended a consultation meeting with Mr Hellawell on May 20th, and voted on the merge in June. The everyday running of preschool will not change significantly and nor, we are sure, will the brilliant experience of the children who attend.

Book group is back at last with live meetings

STOCKLAND Book Group has begun live meetings again in May and June on the third Saturday of the month at the Kings Arms at 10.30am for coffee and pastries.

The range of books shared was from *Wilding* by Isabella Tree to *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante.

Those interested in conservation would enjoy reading *Wilding* as a memoir of a pioneering project in West Sussex.

My Brilliant Friend is a study of friendship set in a working-class area of Naples in the 1950s. It's a rights of passage and much more as it is the first of four sequential novels.

One of the group was so hooked that they read all four.

Recommended reading from members: *The Underground Railway* by Colson Whitehead set in pre-Civil War USA; *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman; *A Divided Spy* by Charles Cummings; *The Overstory* by Richard Powers.

We receive a set of library books every other month from Axminster Library and the latest book is *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracey Chevalier set in Lyme Regis.

For more information do please ring 01404 831207 or just come along on Saturday, July 17th at 10.30am to the Kings Arms — no need to bring a book.

Jane Griffiths

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

From a prayer by Eddie Askew:
Light and Shade

Lord, help me find the tolerance for others that I expect from you.
The loving understanding that gives another chance, and yet another, like you give me.
Help me accept that every life I touch, and touches me, has similar confusions.
Light and dark, good and bad.
That, as I struggle with myself, so others struggle too.
And far better that I help another up, than pull him down.
Help me to look with eyes of love, like yours.
Amen

Philippa Wilks

Please send us your community news, events and photos from the Five Alive community

Contact Stockland correspondent,
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STOCKLAND NEWS



Ponies and pond manage and sustain turbaries

LOCALS may want to take a walk up to Bucehayes and Quantock Turbaries to see the ponies that will reside there for the summer and who form an important part of the management of the turbaries.

There are seven Exmoors on Bucehayes South, and eight (four Exmoors and four Dartmoors) on

the main block of Quantock. Thank you to the five volunteers who will care for them during their time here.

Also on the turbaries, the new wildlife pond has been dug; although in a somewhat raw state at the moment it will soon be camouflaged by an abundance of lush greenery and along with a

rise in water level teeming with wildlife; without doubt it will encourage people to visit and enjoy the turbaries. Well done and thank you to the turbarry team for developing this area and sustaining the valuable turbarry environs.

**Gill Metcalfe and
Stockland Treemail**

Church ladies blaming 'typewriters'

FROM the headline you have probably guessed that this article has been blessed with some age.

I have no idea where the following list of church news announcements came from. They have been in my possession for at least 20 years.

My apologies to those who have heard these faux pas before, but they still make my wife laugh so hopefully they will raise a smile for some of you also.

The following sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

Ladies don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.

A bean supper will be held on

Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow...

Miss Charlene Mason sang I Will Not Pass this Way Again, giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

The sermon this morning: Jesus walks on the water.

The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

The Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Andrew Smith

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Having worked in the press industry for many years, I always love 'a good typo'*

STOCKLAND NEWS

CLUB CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

By Bryan and Rowena Drew

AN account in the Western Times on July 22nd 1904 stated: "Stockland and District Tennis Club has been lately formed.

"The court has been made in a field kindly placed at the disposal of the members, who number about 40, by Dr Gordon."

The field was Rookery Field at Podgelake. Many old maps show the court before its demise.

And today the club celebrates 40 years in service.

In the late 1960s, the Stockland Village Hall Committee set aside monies for a tennis court to be built on the hall grounds.

This never materialised as emergency work had to be carried out on the floor of the hall, so the money was set aside for the court was used for a new floor. Subsequently, in 1970s, the subject was raised again and in 1981 a Rural Aid Grant of £4,000 was received and a further £3,000 from the hall funds, so a Playdeck court was built by En Tout Cas in the top corner of the Victory Hall Playing Field at a cost of £7,300.

The court was officially opened on Sunday, August 16th 1981 by Dr Henry Bateman, chairman of the Stockland Victory Hall and Walter Durrant, chairman of the Stockland Parish Council, who then played the opening match with David Snook umpiring and Caroline Snook, Martin Le Mare, Christopher Snook and Paul Drew acting as 'ball boys'.

A committee was formed as follows: Chairman Alec Le Mare, Secretary David Snook, Treasurer Rowena Drew, Valerie Johnson, Sue Fox, Monica Parris, Barry Cooper and Bill Dawkins with co-opted members Ann Herbert, Des Boyd and Pat Jackson. David started coaching sessions on



Photo 8: Dr Henry Bateman and Walter Durrant officially opening the tennis court 16 August 1981

Saturday mornings and 60 people became members of the club for the remaining months of the year. The club was proving to be a much-needed village asset for young and old. Membership for the 1982 session totalled 130 people ranging from seven to 70 years of age.

In-house competitions began with mixed under-13s, under-16 girls, under-16 boys, ladies' singles, men's singles, ladies' doubles, men's doubles, and mixed doubles, with the finals day held in early September. Also, a husband and wife and a veterans doubles played earlier in the season, inter club games with local clubs and villages provided friendly rivalry between the clubs.

One of the 'not to be missed' events held in the hall by the club over the years has been the entertainment evening where a theme was set for people to dress up for the occasion. Such themes were Strictly Dancing, Somefink Pink, The Good, the Bad and the

Ugly, School Days, Come to Hollywood, Rule Britannia, Mama Mia, Casino Royale, Wimbledon Comes to Stockland, and a Turkish Nightclub amongst others. In recent years the social evenings have taken the form of a Wine and Wisdom Quiz.

The club is affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association and remains committed to offer coaching to the junior members.

Today's committee is: Chair Ted Espir, Secretary Jenny Whitley, Treasurer Rowena Drew, Cathy Derryman, Leo Allen, Serena Kerr, Phil Bennett and Paul Drew.

The Stockland Tennis Club remains one of the most successful local 'one' court village clubs and plays an important part of Stockland village life, indeed the club's keen and lively reputation has spread far and wide enticing members from many other surrounding villages. It is thanks to the enthusiastic committee and club members for this continued success.

**Please send us your community news, activities
and nature photos of the Five Alive area
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'Colonian and Country Houses' talk by Corrine

By Bijan Omrani

SHUTE Festival will be holding a mix of online and in-person events over the course of July.

There will be two free online events, and two of the new walking talks. The Saving Special Species initiative of the East Devon AONB will also be carrying out two nature-related walks in conjunction with Shute Festival (see page 15).

On Thursday, July 15th at 6pm, Corinne Fowler will be speaking online about Colonialism and Country Houses. Corinne is a professor of English at the University of Leicester. Her project, Colonial Countryside: National Trust Houses Reinterpreted, is a child-led history and writing project which seeks to make historic houses' connections to the East India Company and transatlantic slavery better known.

Between 2019-2020 she was seconded to the National Trust to conduct research tests on all aspects of curation, interpretation and training to lay the groundwork for telling the stories of the colonial connections of country houses. Her recent book, *Green Unpleasant Land: Creative Responses to Rural England's Colonial Connections*, explores the repressed history of rural England's links to transatlantic enslavement and the East India Company.

On Thursday, July 29th at 6pm, Karoline Kan will be speaking online about her memoir of growing up in China, *Under Red Skies*. Karoline was born in Tianjin in 1989 and studied at Beijing International Studies University. After graduating she worked for three years at That's Beijing, writing long-form features in English about Chinese people's



CORINNE Fowler, professor of English at the University of Leicester

lives in a society shaped by a changing culture, economy and politics.

She then worked at Radio France International, focusing more on hard news, which helped her develop a better understanding of China from different angles. From summer 2016 to the end of 2018, she worked for The New York Times in Beijing and is now an editor at China Dialogue.

Karoline's debut work of non-fiction, *Under Red Skies: Three Generations of Life, Loss and Hope in China* was published in spring 2019.

In her quest to understand the shifting sands of global, connected

China, Karoline turns to her family, who have survived Maoism and its legacy by breaking with tradition. Navigating a society beset by poverty and often violent political unrest, the Kans swapped rural villages for crowded city streets in search of a better way of life.

Kan recounts gripping tales of her grandmother, who struggled to help her family through the Great Famine; of her mother, who defied the One-Child Policy by giving birth to Karoline; and of her cousin, a factory worker scraping by on less than £1 per hour. An ambitious millennial pursuing her career and personal life in a time of dizzyingly rapid social change, Kan discovers her own story's roots in the China of previous generations.

July's first Walking Talk will be on Thursday, July 1st, 5-7pm. The walk will be a Tour Of Mapperton Gardens and Grounds led by Caroline Montagu, Countess of Sandwich, who is a patron of Shute Festival.

Caroline has worked as a consultant and writer on the Middle East for 40 years, specialising in Saudi Arabia, and has travelled overland to Iran and India. A gardener and environmentalist, she was chairman of the HH Garden and Parks Committee, on the HLF South West committee and the Dorset Gardens Trust council. The walk will take in the various levels of the Gardens including the formal areas, the arboretum and the Spring garden.

July's second Walking Talk will be on Wednesday, July 21st, 5-7pm, a Trip to Goat Island and the Jurassic Coast led by geologist Richard Edmonds.

Richard is a geologist whose life-long interest was sparked by a walk on Charmouth beach as a boy many

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KAROLINE Kan

years ago. He has been immersed in rocks and fossils his entire life following a degree in Geology at the University of Hull.

He has been warden of the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre; Jurassic Coast Project Officer with Dorset County Council; and Earth

Science Manager with the dual task of monitoring, managing and protecting the core interests of the World Heritage Site along with inputting geological expertise. He is a now freelance with knowledge and insight into the Jurassic coast that is second to none.

On this walk we will be exploring and hearing about the Great Bindon landslide of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 1839 which is one of the most famous and celebrated landslides in the world. 16 acres of land, eight million tonnes of rock, slipped seaward, pushing up the sea bed into a massive, though not long lasting natural harbour.

The Victorians wondered at the forces of nature and this provided a spectacular scene right here in Britain.

Since then many people have puzzled over just what happened, and now Richard thinks he has at least one possible answer.

Booking is essential for the Walking Talks as spaces are strictly limited. Please visit www.shutefest.org.uk for full details and to register free for the online events.

Saving Special Species AONB walks

THE Saving Special Species initiative of the East Devon AONB will also be carrying out two nature-related walks in this month in Shute in conjunction with Shute Festival.

On Saturday, July 17th, 9pm-10.30pm, will be Bats About Bats: Spy on these mysterious flying mammals of the night on a magical bat detecting walk, in search of the rare Grey Long Eared Bat and some of the other 17 UK

bat species, with expert Fiona Matthews.

On Saturday July 24th, 2-4pm, will be the Deer Park Tree Discovery Trail in Woodend Park, near Shute.

Meet remarkable and magnificent trees ancient and young in the medieval Deer Park including the oldest resident King John at over 800 years old with Jill Butler, Ancient Tree Specialist. Jill will discuss King John and his oak and also other veteran trees in the park

and will reveal what these ancient trees can tell us about the past landscape and how it was managed and explore what the future might hold for this little changed corner of East Devon.

These two events are free, but booking is essential for both of them. Please contact Ruth Worsley savingspecialspecies@gmail.com, phone 01297 489741 or 07765 126 565, for bookings and further details.

Church choir is back in action

THE choir at Shute Church, which had been re-founded shortly before the first pandemic lockdown, is again beginning to sing to the full extent allowed by the current restrictions.

The choir is at present dedicated to singing ancient plainsong at monthly

evensong services at Shute's church, with a couple of monthly rehearsals. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact bijan.omrani@btinternet.com for further details.

Stained Glass window of St Michael at Shute's church



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VITAL HUB GETS UPGRADE

WHITFORD Village Hall has always been the vital hub of our village life. Inevitably, during Lockdown, everything went quiet and this gave us time to think whilst appreciating what we were all missing.

In common with all village halls across the country we were able to apply for some government grants which helped us off-set the lack of income caused by lockdown and cover the costs of keeping the premises Covid safe.

At the same time, Whitford Village Hall Committee formed a working party to ensure we met our health and safety responsibilities and plan for re-opening.

This included taking the opportunity of closure to consider how the hall could be improved for future use, including redecoration and upgrading of some of the hall's facilities.

Following a lengthy process of consultation, colours and style were decided upon and, keeping within the village spirit, the job of decoration was given to our local craftsman, Neil Alford.

The result is a beautifully light, bright and warm interior and the exterior has also had a face-lift.

The new look has made us realise what a spacious, flexible building we have in our very midst and we hope it will soon be buzzing with life.

In the past, regular village activities taking place in the hall have included Tuesday Chat, skittles, bar, Sunday lunches and Axe Valley Community Choir. These have always been augmented by other bookings for local groups such as a sewing machine group, keep fit, coffee mornings, evening entertainment, Christmas concerts and fayres.

Now there is considerable potential for expansion and a description of Whitford Village Hall premises can be found on the local village Facebook pages and the village website.

By Fanny Balcombe, Kay Orsman and Chris Bonny



WHITFORD Village Hall show off its new light, bright and warm interior, with work also on the exterior

St Michael's Shute Flower Rota

25th June and 2nd July – Jane Sansom and Chloe Sansom

9th and 16th July – Maureen Albano and Christine Amarto

23rd and 30th July – Margaret Hurford and Maureen Jenkins

30th July and 6th August – Betty Harris and Margaret Williams

13th and 20th August – Christine Penny and Mrs Hollis

27th August and 1st September – Ella Sweetland

10th and 17th September – Wendy Mitcham, Linda Marshall and Maggie

Patterson

24th September and 1st October – Emma Sweetland and Eloise Freeth

8th and 15th October – Maureen Albano and Christine Almarto

22nd and 29th October – Margaret Hurford and Maureen Jenkins

3rd and 12th November – Christine Penny and Liz Gosling

(Remembrance Sunday 14th Nov)

19th and 26th November – Jane Sansom and Chloe Sansom

1st and 10th December – Betty Harris and Margaret Williams



YARCOMBE NEWS

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Do all the vehicles drop off the end of Cornwall?

By Lesley Sutton

WELL, after all this time things are starting to move. It was a shock on the Saturday of the bank holiday weekend that the traffic started pouring through the village, as in days of yore.

We assumed that there must have been accident somewhere. It is amusing that vehicles, having taken to the country lanes, were lost without their sat navs and finding themselves at the junction of Sheafhayne Lane and the A30 outside the church, were much perplexed as to which way to travel.

David Little took to compiling a traffic count and came to the conclusion that during the afternoon 500 cars per hour were passing through.

Of course, the 'bete noir' of Yarcombe, Stoppgate Cross, has returned to the usual chaos, unfortunately causing an accident to one of our residents. Of course, as we are aware of the problems, many locals now resort to turning left and then right at the triangle.

It just shows how thoughtless drivers are for the sake of a minute or two. Luckily, we are blessed with living in such a beautiful area that we need not take to the roads until the worst is past.

One wonders where all the vehicles go, is there enough accommodation for them all? Perhaps they fall off the end of Cornwall and disappear. Chris and Phyllis Manning, up at Stoppgate, have watched lots of vehicles travel



MEDIEVAL painting, discovered by Historic England in alcove in the south transept

down that narrow lane towards Watchford but they never come back!

Meanwhile, the church has been having a major redecoration project. All the walls have been treated and painted and now the scaffolding has relocated to the chancel. It will soon be time for the volunteers once more to return to replace the furniture and refill the cupboards and bookcases.

This has been a good time to sort through all the items which have accumulated over the years and sort the wheat from the chaff.

The flower cupboard has been

cleared of broken, chipped and really useless pieces, some of which must have been left behind by generations now long gone.

David Little has been using his trip up the church tower to good advantage in counting the 10,000 steps a day and exercise for his knees going up and down the 39 steps daily. He has the clock correct almost to the second now and is ready to move the 'old pennies' on the weights to counter any temperature changes. He has now been the Keeper of Time in Yarcombe for around 30 years, for which we are very grateful.

A group of people from Historic England have visited the church recently to see the damp in the tower and were most impressed by Andy 'Woodchips' recently installed louvres. They also discovered writing on the window frame near the north transept, it took a lot of reading through and good reading glasses are required to make it out.

Another amazing find was that there is a medieval painting in the tiny alcove above the statuette in the south transept.

The grass cutting teams have been hard at work in the churchyard and, as usual, everything looks very smart. Services have now resumed at both the chapel and the parish church.

During the interminable interregnum we have been fortunate enough to have services led by our own Gill Heighway and visiting clergymen, Rev Tim Collins, from Dawlish, and Rev Justin Montague, from Tiverton, who is a



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retired marine.

The 'choir' varies in number but has managed to provide voices to accompany Gavin on the organ and I am sure that humming, if not words, can be heard from members of the congregation.

The Jubilee Hall 100 Club draw has started for another year, Rosemary Abel taking charge of membership.

Brian and Mary Smith have kindly renovated the Post Office porch which is now weatherproof and has a splendid bench for books and produce, once again provided by Andy and the perpetual swap shop is constantly changing.

Judith David welcomes volunteers for the Good Neighbour's Scheme and with such a friendly village people have been assisted over the past gloomy months. Marsh

Together is in the same position.

It is interesting to see that Stockland is asking for volunteers to clear Himalayan Balsam — that beautiful but dreadfully invasive plant now so common.

Residents and walkers in Moorhayne Lane spent a lot of time eradicating it some years ago, unfortunately the seeds pop everywhere and once in the water system travel miles downstream.

There is a lot down at Otterton and as one walks along the footpath they explode everywhere, perhaps the beavers will devour them!

The road to Stockland has been closed for some time due to subsidence.

The ever-present potholes are appearing again above Winoaning Knap, a threat to tyres and undercarriages and must surely be

one of East Devon Highways Department's most pressing jobs.

Some of us can recall when the road disappeared just below the same place and it was a long and inconvenient detour to reach the A303 — round the beacon, up to Devonshire Inn or out to Marsh along the lanes.

There must be lots of streams coming down from the beacon direction and eroding the road surfaces.

As people are starting to get out and about again (I heard of someone bravely going to Exeter despite the loss of so many of the high street's favourite shopping attractions) Yarcombe will get into gear and look forward to better times and the restarting of some of the popular and traditional events that mark this friendly community.

YARCOMBE WEATHER MAY 2021

	2021	2020	2019
Average Max. temperature	15.0°C	20.2°C	15.8°C
Average Min.	6.0°C	7.0°C	7.8°C
Average Overall temperature	10.5°C	13.6°C	11.8°C
Rainfall	183.4mm	8.0mm	30.0mm
Wettest Day	12th 39.6mm	5th 3.2 mm	7th 15.5 mm
Sunniest Day	31st 15.0 hrs approx	8th 15.0 hrs	14th 15.0 hrs
Warmest Day	29th 22.2°C	31st 24.9°C	25th 19.7°C
Coldest Night	6th 0.1°C	12th -0.3°C	6th 2.4°C
Sunshine hours	156 hours approx	290hrs	220 hrs

A very cold and wet month, I am very pleased that it is over.

Tony Newman



Summer simplicity

FEW desserts say summer like Eton Mess.

Crunchy meringue, whipped cream and strawberry sauce and loads and loads of fresh strawberries and definitely served best al fresco.

Eton Mess

(serves 6)

Ingredients:

- 2 large egg whites
- 120g caster sugar
- 500g strawberries, chopped
- 450ml double cream
- 1 tbsp icing sugar

Method:

1. Heat oven to 120C/100C fan/gas mark 1 and line a baking tray



with parchment paper.

2. Whisk the egg whites until they reach stiff peaks. Add the sugar in three lots, re-whisking to stiff peaks.

3. Spoon the mixture onto the baking parchment.

4. Cook on the bottom shelf of the

oven for 1hr-1hr.15mins until the meringues are hard and come off the paper easily. Leave to cool.

5. Blitz a third of the strawberries to make a strawberry sauce. Lightly whip the cream with icing sugar and assemble.

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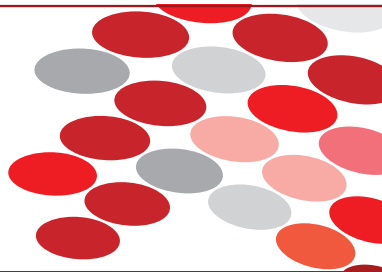
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Tuesday 6th	The Beacon, Kilmington	Messy Sparklers is due to be starting back up on the 4th May and will then be held on the first Tuesday of the month thereafter
Wednesday 7th 9.30am-11.30am	The Beacon, Kilmington	Toddlers & Tinies - Toddler group for 0-preschool aged children. Play, crafts, songs, plus coffee and tea for the parents available. Please bring a drink for your child if possible. Donation of £1. Held every Wednesday morning - Term Time only
Wednesday 7th 10am-12noon	St Giles, Kilmington	Mother and Baby Group - Taking place each Wednesday morning
Sunday 25th 2pm-5pm	Stockland Tennis Club	40th Anniversary Celebration - Past, Present and Prospective Members Welcome! Please advise Rowena or Jenny if you are coming bryandrow@yahoo.co.uk or jenny@corrymoor.com
Sunday 25th 2:30pm	Dalwood Bridge	Duck Race
August		
Monday-Thursday 2nd-5th	The Beacon, Kilmington	Holiday Club - The Beacon is holding its annual holiday club over the week of 2-5th August with a Celebration Lunch to take place on the 6th. Further details are to follow, though for any information contact Juletta at children.youth@beaconbaptist.co.uk
Saturday 7th	Jubilee Field, Dalwood	Table Top/Jumble Sale
Saturday 21st 1pm-5pm	Dalwood Fair Field	Annual Dalwood Fair
For regular church services see page 2		

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