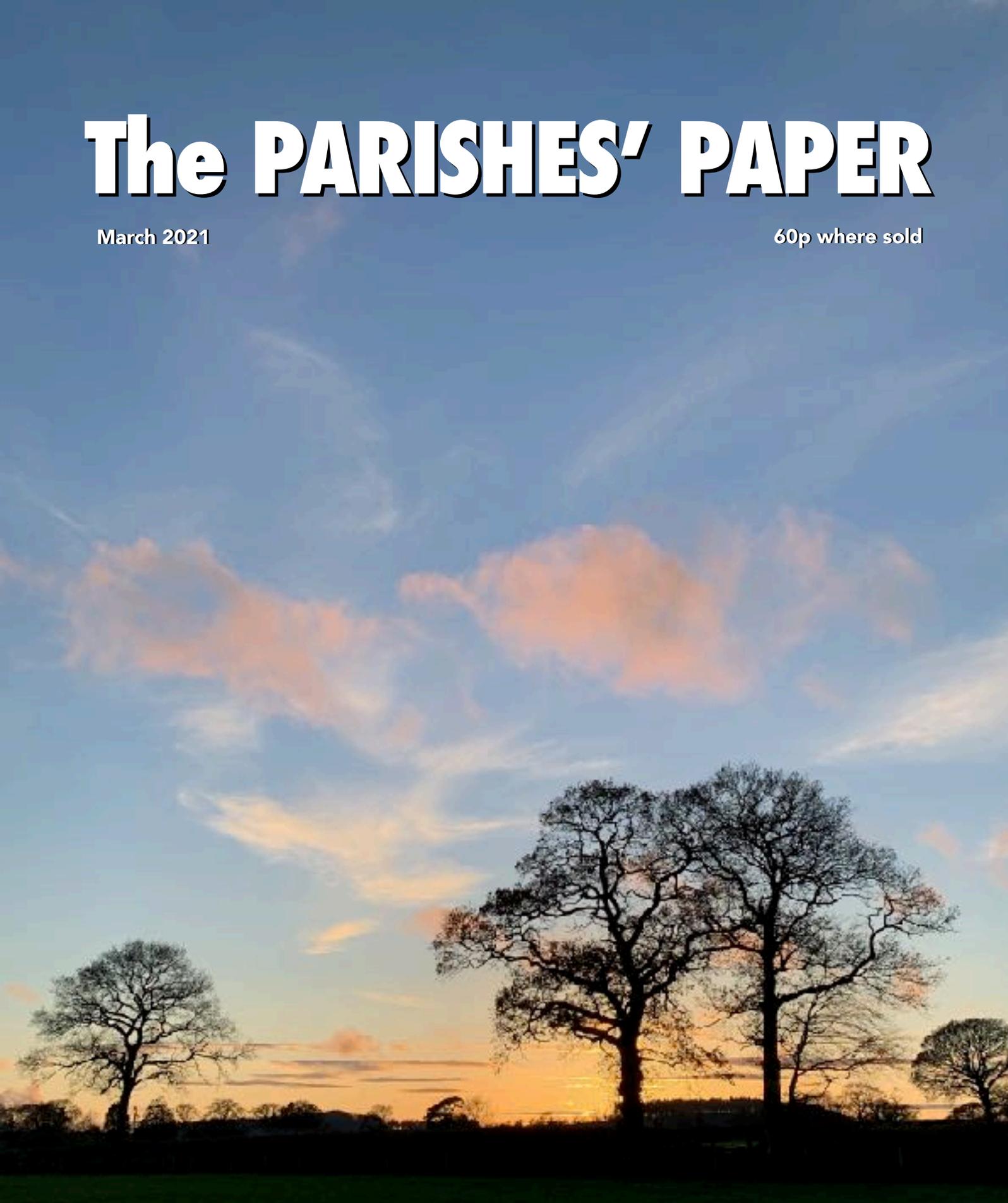


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THE SUNDAY SERVICES



March 2021

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Wednesday March 3rd			7pm Zoom Lent Service See Details Below		
Sunday March 7th			11am Zoom Five Alive Service See Details Below to Join Us!		
Wednesday March 10th			7pm Zoom Lent Service See Details Below		
Sunday March 14th			11am Zoom Five Alive Service See Details Below to Join Us!		
Wednesday March 17th			7pm Zoom Lent Service See Details Below		
Sunday March 21st			11am Zoom Five Alive Service See Details Below to Join Us!		
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Further details can be found on the Five Alive Website

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NEW IDEAS FOR SPRINGTIME

GILL HEIGHWAY

FOR more years than I care to remember, I've used daily bible reading notes to help me understand passages in the bible more clearly.

However, during these enforced lockdowns I've had time to think and modify some of the ways I do things and I opted at the end of 2020 to try a different way of looking at the bible and my faith for 2021.

So, this year, I thought I'd try looking at Celtic Christianity by using a few books written by David Cole, an international spiritual teacher and retreat leader.

He is also the Deputy Guardian for the Community of Aidan and Hilda and the founder of Waymark Ministries, which creates opportunities for people to engage with the Christian message.

If I use four of his books, I cover a rhythm of prayer and meditation for

the eight points of the Celtic year. This is quite a departure for me, but nothing ventured nothing gained, and I've always appreciated Celtic prayers and blessings – so far, the journey through January and February has been interesting.

Spring starts in February according to the Celtic year, when the first buds of the new flowers begin to poke their heads through the still cold, often frosty earth.

We're used to thinking of spring starting in March when the weather, hopefully, begins to warm a little.

Nevertheless, whenever spring begins, it's a season of new life and renewal. In all of creation we see the signs of new life - in the birth of animals and blossoming trees.

In pre-Christian tradition, at the start of February, the beginning of Imbolc (spring), which means something like 'lamb's milk', the

goddess Brigid would dance through the lands with her wand of life, driving away Samhain ('sar-when' - winter) and causing things to spring into life.

The Irish Celtic saint, Brigid, has her feast day on February 1st, perhaps because this date denotes the resurgence of new life in a new season for Celtic Christians.

I'm looking forward to finding out more about Celtic Christianity as the year progresses and I really do encourage you to explore the bible by using bible notes, devotionals, or some other method - you learn something new every day!

A short Celtic prayer to end:

God bless the earth that is beneath us, the growth that is around us, the spring that is before us, your image deep within us.

Amen.

Lent compline services on Zoom for the Five Alive

AS we will probably be unable to have services in our churches until well after Easter, Anna and I have decided to have a weekly compline service throughout Lent on Zoom.

The first service will be on Ash Wednesday, February 17th at 7pm.

The following services will be every Wednesday at 7pm on Zoom, with the last service being on Wednesday, March 24th.

I do hope you will join us for one or more of these services.

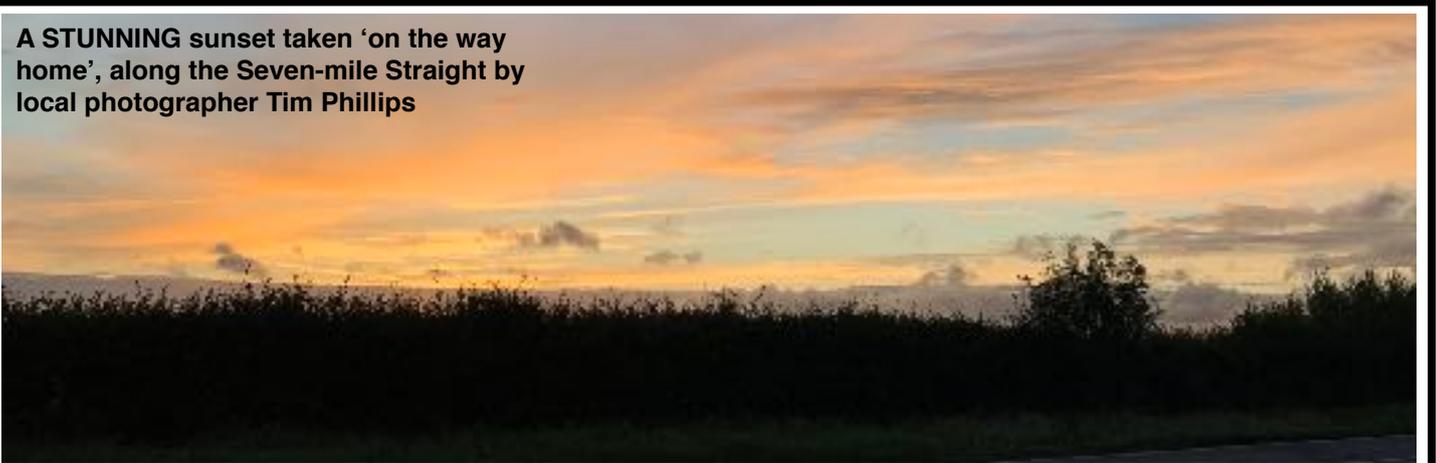
The Rural Dean, Cate Edmonds will be preparing a recording of a

short Reflection for our first service, and Archdeacon Andrew will be doing the talk for our second compline service. I hope to see you on Zoom.

Details of the services and how to join using zoom are on page 2.

Gill Heighway

A STUNNING sunset taken 'on the way home', along the Seven-mile Straight by local photographer Tim Phillips



PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 22 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

THIS psalm is rather long for this page. However, as it happens, its first half is very suitable for Lent, and its second for Easter.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.

Christians will know that this is the cry of desolation from Jesus on the cross, quoted in two of the Gospels. This part continues in similar vein, and with some well known verses. The mood changes in the last four verses. Next month's offering will start with them.

PSALM 22 (Part one)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, and are so far from my salvation, from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; and by night also, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our forebears trusted in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.

They cried out to you and were delivered; they put their trust in you and were not confounded.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

'He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'

But it is you that took me out of the womb and laid me safe upon my mother's breast.

On you was I cast ever since I was born; you are my God even from my mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand and there is none to help.

Mighty oxen come around me; fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

They gape upon me with their mouths, as it were a ramping and a

roaring lion.

I am poured out like water; all of my bones are out of joint; my heart has become like wax melting in the depths of my body.

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue cleaves to my gums; you have laid me in the dust of death.

For the hounds are all about me, the pack of evildoers close in on me; they pierce my hands and my feet.

I can count all my bones; they stand staring and looking upon me.

They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

Be not far from me, O Lord; you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword, my poor life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth, from the horns of wild oxen. You have answered me!

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Bible readings March 2021		
Sun 7 Mar [Plain Altar] Lent 3	Exod: 20:1-17 Ps: 19 [or 19:7-End]	1 Cor: 1:18-25 John: 2:13-22
Sun 14 Mar [Plain Altar] Mothering Sunday	Exod: 2:1-10 or 1 Sam: 1:20-End Ps: 34:11-20 or 127:1-4	2 Cor 1: 3-7 or Col: 3:12-17 Luke: 2:33-35 or John: 19:25b-27
Sat 21 Mar [Plain Altar] Lent 5	Jer: 31:31-34 Ps: 51:1-13 or 119:9-16	Heb: 5:5-10 John: 12:20-33
Sun 28 Mar [R] Palm Sunday	Ps: 118:1-2,19-End or [118: 19-End]	Mark 11: 1-11 or John 12: 12-160

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Welcome to new arrival, baby Freddie

JESS and Richard Benson, of the King's Arms, Stockland, had a baby boy born on Sunday, February 7th.

Congratulations are sent from the Stockland community on the birth of baby Freddie and residents look forward to meeting the new arrival.

COVERS: This month's stunning front and back cover photos are courtesy of Tim Phillips

Axe Vale Show 2021 cancelled

IT is with great disappointment that, as chairman of the Axe Vale Show, I must communicate that the committee does not have a high enough level of confidence to make the necessary preparations and commit to the financial investments required to run this year's event.

As a non-profit making charity run entirely by volunteers, we would struggle to remain viable if we committed to a 2021 show and later had to cancel or restrict numbers due to Covid-19-related guidance.

The team voted unanimously to cancel the show, a charitable fundraising event for the charity Axe Vale Festival Ltd, and to retain reserves to stage the next Axe Vale Show in June 2022.

Consequently, the 2021 show will not take place.

It is with great sadness that we announce this decision and would like to thank all those exhibitors and traders, our many helpers and of course the local population, who have supported the Axe Vale Show for many years.

As there will be no show this year, it is also regrettable that there will be no income that we can provide to support local organisations via our charitable grant process.

But, rest assured, we will be back. The next show is scheduled for June 18th and 19th 2022.

We thank you all for your understanding during these unusual times and hope that our community remains safe and healthy.

Simon Hodges
Show chairman

FROSTY views from the seven-mile straight

Photos by Tim Phillips



Try your hand at making a mini Easter garden

DO you remember making an Easter garden when you were small?

Our children made one most years and I thought it would be great to offer readers an opportunity to make one at home and have it published in *The Parishes Paper*. It will also create a chance to get away from the 'screen' for a while.

An Easter garden is a miniature depiction of the tomb after the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. Usually these are made on a small tray or dinner plate and include: a tomb with the stone rolled away, the folded grave clothes and three crosses.

Let your imagination take over. I have seen Easter gardens with Lego figures, Easter chicks, lambs and, of course, angels.

We are asking you to make your garden, take a photograph and email it as a jpeg to martingnunns@gmail.com no later than March 14th.

Entries will be published in the April issue of *The Parishes Paper*.

All ages are welcome to send their pictures. Why not make it a family effort or group entry?

The aim is to have some creative fun and to remember that Easter is not just about chocolate!

Caroline Nunns



CHARITY ADVENTURE TO HEAL THE MIND

TEAMS taking part in this year's Sahara Desert challenge can name a charity of their choice to fundraise for
Photos courtesy of Max Adventure



By Editor Kate Williams

A DALWOOD resident who is a Royal Air Force (RAF) veteran, adventure junkie and passionate fundraising champion is at it again - organising a special trip to raise funds for charity.

Having suffered with mental illness during his time as a pilot in the RAF, Andrew 'Mac' Mackenney has found a way of fighting it and helping other Armed Forces veterans get their lives back after suffering with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD) by running a number of off-road driving projects.

This time, those taking part can name a charity of their choice to raise for as they plan the next adventure, which will take them to

the Sahara Desert.

First run with a team of injured military veterans in 2018, the Sahara Banger Rally is a 17-day non-competitive driving adventure taking on the original Dakar Rally route across the desert in £500 'bangers', continuing to support those in need by fundraising.

So, for anyone with a sense of adventure and a car, Mac says the trip from October 14th to 31st is open to all.

"They say that 'travel broadens the mind', but I believe that it can 'heal the mind' as well," he explains. "After the year we've had cooped up at home and the worries surrounding the pandemic, those that take part in the rally will find that it offers more than just adventure.

"A sense of achievement,

comradeship, humanity and nature's tranquility are just some of the experiences that people take away from their time in the Sahara Desert, not to mention the fund-raising efforts of each team to help those less fortunate than themselves.

"The rally is open to anyone with a sense of adventure and in any car. For those up for the challenge, find a teammate, buy a clapped-out car, or maybe just borrow your dad's old Rover, prepare it for the desert and join teams from around the UK for two weeks of adventure, whilst supporting your favourite charity at the same time.

"And don't think that age is a restriction to this event, it is open to anyone 16-plus, for as long as you can drive, you're welcome to join them. There will be plenty of

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younger legs to push, shove and dig if you get stuck!”

The rally is delivered by expedition specialists Max Adventure, headed up by Mac. The Max Adventure team has swam amphibious vehicles in the Bering Strait with Sir Ranulph Fiennes, broken the London to Cape Town record under the patronage of Sir Stirling Moss, planned the largest-ever medical research expedition on Everest and led Hollywood actors Tom Hardy, Henry Cavill and Adrien Brody along the coldest, hottest and toughest roads on the planet for an award-winning series on Discovery Channel.

Mac’s drive to organise these trips comes from being on the receiving end of mental health issues as well as witnessing how they have helped others combat their demons.

He explains: “Unfortunately, many periods of my life have been those of extreme lows and it was during one of the worst times that I embarked on just such a banger rally. I didn’t head off to the desert for any other reason than to get away from the rut of depression that I’d found myself in - an adventure to take my mind off the fact that everything in my life was heading south.

“I certainly didn’t go there to see people worse off than me to make me feel better, it was adventure, excitement and a challenge that I yearned for, something that I desperately missed from my military days, which were so tragically cut short due to a mental health problem.

“Four weeks driving across the world’s largest desert, from Tunisia in the north to Benin in the south, via Algeria and Niger, was a huge challenge in an old Rover 200 that wasn’t even roadworthy for the UK!

“What came as a surprise though



DALWOOD’S Mac Mackenney, above, is known for his work helping Armed Forces veterans deal with mental health issues. Left, a previous Max Adventure trip

was that the experience manifested itself into a massive reality check and I came home feeling very blessed that things weren’t anywhere near as bad as I thought and certainly not as bad as the poor souls I had seen living in the scorching sands of the Sahara. From that point I never looked back.”

From the Algerian border to the

Atlantic Ocean, teams that take on the rally will battle their way across hundreds of miles of sand, rock and gravel through Morocco – and Max Adventure will be there to support them all the way.

For further information or to sign up for this ultimate driving adventure, contact Mac via email at mac@maxadventure.co.uk or on 01404 830 096 or 07764 600 601.



Private asylum at Ford

Apt during this time as we all face difficult circumstances brought upon us by the coronavirus, local historian BRYAN DREW submits this two-part article, focussing on the historical context of coping with mental health and how the village ancestors addressed the issue

THERE is no doubting the historic wealth of the Stockland Parish, and perhaps somewhat surprisingly its significance to major concerns raised today.

Bryan Drew's article focuses on the historical context of coping with mental health and how Stockland's ancestors addressed the issue. It is clear from the text that efforts to provide an appropriate diet, safe care, ample accommodation, medication, case reviews and constant over-seeing suggest a more humanitarian approach than might traditionally have been thought.

Recall that the dates cited in the text parallel the novels of Dickens (1824-1870) and Disraeli (Sybil: The Two Nations - 1845) where the plight of the poor and need for social reform were highlighted. Interestingly the 'modern' term patient creeps in to the Asylum's records. In a perverse way the Parish might actually be proud of this early provision on the doorstep.

A report in Pulman's Weekly News, January 8th 1923, states 'a curious occupation in the parish of Stockland in 1824 was that of Mr William Spicer, gentleman, who kept a private asylum for people of unsound mind at Ford near Broadhayes, Stockland. The remains of its high walls exist there to this day'.

WILLIAM Spicer was a surgeon and Apothecary from Chard and was chosen in 1798 for his professional duties for the Stockland Workhouse.

In his book, 'Old Dorset' (Weinstock, M B) refers to the lunatic asylum at Stockland as being at Broadhayes House in 1829, which conflicts with the previous statement with the abode being at Ford near Broadhayes. Weinstock obviously did not appreciate that Ford was part of



THE archway remains inside the outer walls

the Broadhayes Estate until 1919 and that's where the confusion lay.

Until 1844, Stockland was in the county of Dorset and Weinstock informs that 'Broadhayes' was slightly larger than Portland House. Two other asylums in Dorset were at Cranbourne and Halstock.

A proposed plan was drawn up for the asylum at Ford. The ground floor plan showed two privies on one side of the huge yard at the far end with two airing yards, one 111 ft x 93 ft, the other 145 ft x 48 ft with a passage to a sitting room (14ft 6ins x 10ft) adjoining the kitchen (20ft 6ins x 17 ft). The pantry and storeroom abutted the larder and another sitting room (15 ft 9 x 15ft) with access to the parlour (15ft x 14ft), the dining room (24ft 6ins x 14ft) adjoining the breakfast room (15ft x 14ft), and the hall (20ft x 10ft). On the other side of the courtyard, again, two privies with another airing yard (132ft x 106ft) with another dining room adjoining. A short distance from the two privies was the back kitchen (18ft 6ins x 17ft 6ins) then the cellar, the coach house and the

stable. The first floor contained eleven bedrooms ranging from 11ft x10ft to 22ft x13ft. There was also a dressing room, drawing room and a stable loft within this floor.

Inspections were carried out at Ford to review the asylum and its inmates periodically. A list of the inmates for 16th March 1829 gives details of each person. Number 7 was Hannah Thomas, authorised by the Overseers of Honiton, aged 39 years, single and incurable. She was confined Aug. 19th 1831 for 9 years under occasional mental derangement after several epileptic fits. Rational in-between. Trial removal.

15th Dec. 1830. The bedding is not sufficiently warm. Minute Book of medical treatment.

Two patients in very unsatisfactory state of health.

April 1835. Sleeping compartments not yet complete. General fault in construction, means they are not ventilated enough. Recommended - 2 additional casements and partition lowered.

1863. 18 males, 6 females.

A small sleeping room, used by helpless female, needs repairing and various apertures to which rats have free access must be got rid of and glass repaired'.

1837 The clerk does write to Mr W Spicer of Ford Lunatic Asylum, Stockland, requesting him to state in writing for information of the board, his precise terms upon which he would undertake the care of the pauper lunatics of the Union, at per head, including clothing, medicine and board and every other expense. Mr W Spicer of Ford Asylum having proposed by letter to Board - maintain etc at weekly rate of 9 shillings each. Accepted. 1841 increased to 11 shillings a head.

● **Bryan Drew is renowned locally as the author of the definitive text *A Journey Through The History of Stockland***



DALWOOD NEWS

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ON YER BIKE, MIKE

By Editor Kate Williams

THIS month, local resident Mike Huskins will be taking on an enormous cycling challenge for charity.

A big personality in Dalwood village, Mike has pledged to cycle 300 kilometres to raise money for Breast Cancer Now, the UK charity providing world-class research and life-changing care for people affected by breast cancer.

Mike says: "This challenge is about getting as many people as possible active and involved in raising awareness and funds for breast cancer research and care. Your contribution will make an impact, whether you donate £5 or £500. Every little bit helps.

MIKE Huskins gets cycling for charity



"I have piled on weight since stopping playing rugby. So, hopefully, this will kickstart me into some activity after all this lockdown lethargy.

"We have a close friend battle the

disease recently, also a not-so-close friend locally who works in the healthcare section has recently been diagnosed... so I thought it fitting to see if I can raise some dosh towards this fantastic cause.

"I have bought an indoor trainer, so weather can't be an excuse... just got to man up and turn the pedals!

"I will keep track on an app and post my progress on Facebook.

I'm hoping to exceed both the distance and cash targets of 300km and £500 respectively. I'd be very disappointed if I didn't.

"Unfortunately it's very close to us all, I doubt many of us don't know of anybody who hasn't been affected by breast cancer either directly or indirectly. "People can donate directly to us or via Facebook."



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Are you beginning to think about getting ready for when we can have visitors again?

Come in and see what we have in stock to help with...



DALWOOD NEWS

By Editor Kate Williams

LOCKDOWN does have some positives, if you look for them.

Over recent weeks, Dalwood has seen a number of children litter picking whilst out for their daily exercise.

Thomas Hatton, nine, took it upon himself to pick up rubbish he found along the lanes of the village - and has even created his own name - SAFEL: Stop Animals From Eating Litter.

Thomas comments: "I have been watching David Attenborough's A Perfect Planet, and watching this programme has made me very aware of the damage humans are doing to our planet.

"I love riding my bike around the lanes when my family go out for our daily exercise, but there was one one stretch of our walk that was heavily littered with tin cans, so on our next walk I decided to leave my bike at home and take my litter picker and a black bag.



"Once we started looking for the rubbish, we could see it everywhere!

"By the time we had finished my dad looked like Santa with a big sack over his shoulder, but full of rubbish instead of toys.

"The strangest thing we found was a Tefal frying pan in a ditch!

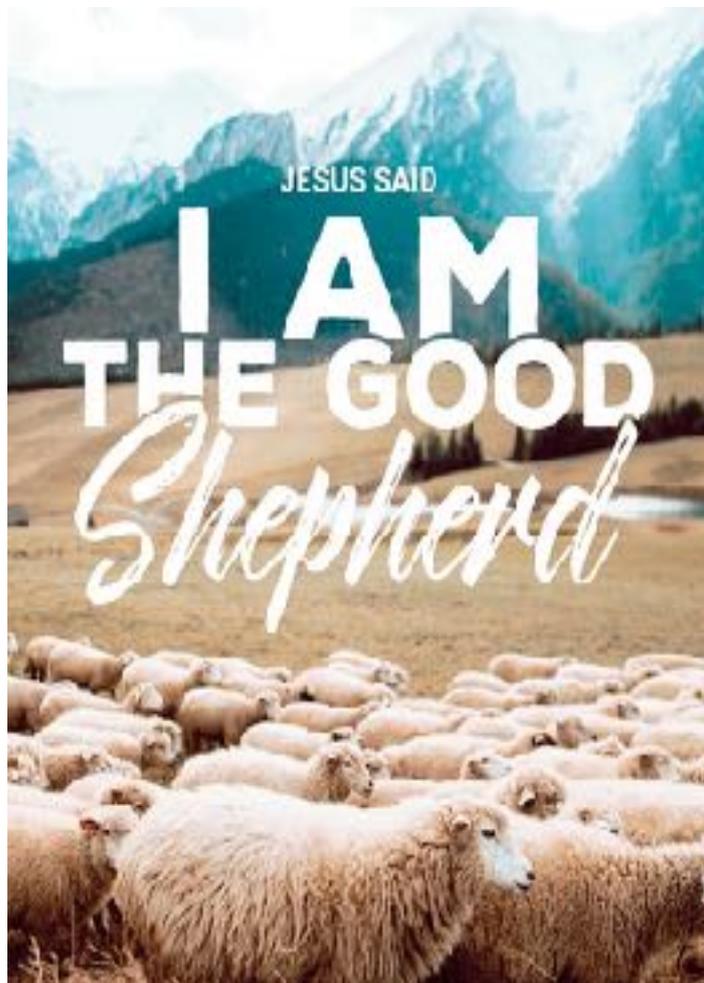
"I'm already planning my next route."

Some other children have also been spotted collecting litter in the village.



Lockdown litter pickers

Dalwood horse rider Sophie Benger posted on village Facebook group, Dalwood Daily: "Just a quick note to say a huge thank you to the three children who were litter picking through the village yesterday! What an amazing job you did! Thank you so much, will be hugely appreciated by everyone!"





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KILMINGTON NEWS

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THANK YOU: YOU'VE SAVED OUR CINEMA!

By John Watts

THE generosity of our supporters and contributors has provided the funding for us to meet all the objectives of the appeal to save Kilmington's community cinema.

Significant contributions have come from Kilmington Players, Kilmington Gardening Club, Kilmington Parish Council, East Devon District Council and Devon County Council - and an early donation from Millers Farm Shop gave a notable boost at an early stage of the appeal.

With this funding support, the Kilmington Community Cinema has been launched with the responsibility for meeting all the objectives noted in the appeal.

The project is already underway, with material and time donated from Chris Stubbs (electrical) and Simon Buse (property maintenance) a retractable screen has been installed over the stage.

The aim is to be ready to show films in April, if restrictions allow. The intention is to be able to offer additional and wider selection of films and matinees subject to interest and demand.

If you would like to get involved and especially if you like going to see films, please get in touch at Wattsjohn307@gmail.com or 01297 639758.

How much additional help will be required will depend on how successful we make the community cinema, and that will be up to all of us involved and the community coming along to see the films.

Finally, the draw for the prizes was conducted during February, after this magazine went to press, but please note all the awards are subject to Covid-19 restrictions and cannot be used until these are lifted.

A poem and a prayer by Mary

By John Church

MARY Warren Smith, author of *Wishful Thinking*, a friend of John and Diana Church, and a most elegant and unforgettable lady was a doctor's daughter whose father then became a vicar.

Her husband was a surgeon in Essex but his real passion was fishing in Devon!

Mary had often written poems but after the death of her husband her love of poetry flourished and she published several booklets of her work.

Two works from *Wishful Thinking*...

Prayer

How do you pray, he asked
And I replied
My prayers are mostly etiquette,



**MARY
Warren
Smith**

Like entering a throne room.

I come in humbly,
Conscious of my sins
And grateful to be there.
Then I present petitions
For my loved ones,
Before I walk out backwards
Into hope.

How do you pray, I asked,
And he replied
My prayers are mostly breathing:
Deeply assured,

Sweetly in comfort,
Deeply at home,
Sweetly in peace,
Like a much-loved child
In his father's arms.

Time for Amendment of Life...

If I'd known you were coming
I'd have baked a cake,
Bought some steak,
Stayed awake,
If I'd known you were coming
I'd have made my house
As nice as when you gave it to me.

If I'd known you were coming
I'd have washed my hair,
Taken care,
Said a prayer,
If I'd known you were coming
I'd have made my soul
As nice as when you gave it to me.

If I'd known you were coming
I'd have...

Lockdown locksmith tale

By Anna Crabbe

WHILE St Giles's Church has been closed, Robert thought it would be a good opportunity to repair the locks on the main door and tower door being inspired by the BBC Repair Shop programme.

The locks were duly removed, cleaned, re-bushed and repairs where necessary, all the cracks welded, painted and then refitted.

What was very interesting was the name cast into all the parts of the locks - 'A Kenrick & Sons' (Archibald Kenrick 1780-1835).

In 1827, the Archibald Kenrick & Co company name was changed to A Kenrick & Sons when Archibald Jr and Samuel Kenrick joined the business.

This name lasted until 1835 when, on the death of Archibald, the elder, the company changed its name to Archibald Kenrick & Co and it is still trading as Kenrick today, as manufacturers of door and window hardware.

Kenrick is still trading from the



PART of A
Kenrick's lock

same address as in the 1800s: Spoon Lane, West Bromwich.

In the 1840 Kenrick catalogue are listed door locks, saucepans, waffle irons and human man traps!

St Giles's Church door locks must date from the Victorian renovation 200 years ago and are still working well, now all set for another 200 years!

St.Giles' Church Easter Painting Competition

Class 1. Design an Easter Card. Class 2. Picture of an Easter Garden.
Class 3. Colours of Spring. Class 4. My favourite Flower.

Entries will be divided into the following categories in each class.

A. Under 3 years B. 3-6 years C. 7-12 years D. 13-17 years

Please write your name on the back of your entry and leave in the box provided in the front porch of St Giles' Church. Closing date for entries is Saturday 27th March 2021 at 4pm.

The church is open every Tuesday and Saturday 10am – 4pm.

New look for RBL logo to remember Poppy Appeal

By Cdr Staff Seward OBE RN Rtd
Chairman RBL Kilmingon Branch

AS spring beckons, I hope this finds you all well and staying safe. I would like to start by bringing you news of our latest logo, explaining why the change, but also highlighting some of the good work that the Royal British Legion does.

As always, our [the legion] thoughts remain with all those who are suffering from illness, the vulnerable, and the families and friends who provide such essential support. On this occasion, we in Kilmingon reflect on the sad loss of Captain Charles Dawson, who sadly passed away on Friday, February 5th at the incredible age of 101. As with all those who have departed our world: we will remember them.

Some of you may have seen in the press the cost of 'rebranding' the Royal British Legion (RBL) and the many arguments, both for and against the rejuvenation. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify why a new 'logo'. We are informed that a national survey highlighted that many people no longer associate the RBL with the poppy! To address this, it was decided that the new design should incorporate the poppy, which we can now clearly see.

Another question that has been frequently asked is how do we engage better with the younger generation? Without doubt, the heart of modern communication lies with electronic devices, especially mobile phones and iPads.

Unfortunately, our old logo was too small and lacked clarity. In order to address this, it was decided to make the new design larger and simpler. Of course, time will tell if the rebranding is successful, however, in the

meantime we would like to confirm that the RBL - wherever your branch may be - will do as much as it can to continue to support our serving personnel, veterans and their dependents, especially at this testing time.

In answer to the question of what does the Royal British Legion offer/do, other than remembrance and the Poppy Appeal? Its main aim is providing support to serving members of the Armed Forces,



veterans and their families. At the present time we hear daily about the NHS and what fantastic support they are providing during the pandemic and rightly so, however, how often do we hear about the Armed Forces who also provide frontline essential support?

When did we last hear about operations in Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq, or the humanitarian aid being provided in West Africa or the Caribbean?

Most serving personnel are away from their families for six months or more at a time, leaving their young families to manage. With their sacrifice all too often forgotten and pride often standing in the way, many feel unable to ask for help and this is where the Royal British Legion and other military charities come to the fore.

Over the past year, the RBL in Devon has helped 52 families or their dependents with subsistence, ranging from replacing electrical items such as fridges and cookers to providing different types of mobility. In addition, 55 families have been given assistance with debts and another 126, to

overcome some form of crisis. Sadly, £35k had to be used to provide support to personnel currently serving and their dependents with an average age of just 35!

Hopefully, this has provided a very quick insight into just some of the exceptional work that the RBL does and highlights the many good causes that your donations support. We thank you all.

Currently, the pandemic continues to thwart most of our attempts to provide you with some form of engagement or event. We were hoping to bring you our Spring Extravaganza in Kilmingon before Easter and a celebration marking the 100th anniversary of the Royal British Legion in May, but to no avail.

While highlighting the 100th anniversary, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Axminster branch, which will celebrate 100 years as a branch on July 18th. Axminster hopes to mark the event in some way - coronavirus permitting - and we will update you all on details when they are known. If you wish to contact the new chairperson of Axminster to offer them assistance or wish them well, please contact Mervyn and Jacqueline Symes on 01297 631693, or email them at jackleighbs@gmail.com.

As always, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and incredible generosity. I look forward to seeing you all as soon as we are permitted. Of course, we will always welcome anyone who would care to join us.

For the immense sum of just £17 a year you can join our incredible community and support those who were mentioned earlier. I should add for that princely sum you do not have to attend meetings or receive any unwelcome correspondence!

Take great care and stay safe.



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Rural life then

A WONDERFUL archive photo of Ivy Boyland – mid-field and milking, perched on a wooden stool, courtesy of Pam Boyland.

This was taken at Hill Farm, Shortmoor Cross, which was farmed by the Boyland family at that time, probably up until 1948.

Such photos provide insight into rural history, as well as noting popular hairstyles and clothing. Stockland generations may well have many family albums and photos of their ancestors which, if published in *The Parishes' Paper*, would certainly generate local interest – especially if they are of the quality of this one.



STOCKLAND School photo challenge - can anyone shed some light?

Photo courtesy of Pam Boyland

Stockland school photo challenge

By Gill Metcalfe

KEEPING to the historical note of this month's Stockland content, here is another archive photograph for Stockland families to ponder - date and names unknown.

With the wall behind – a clue – this appears to be a Stockland School photo.

Any reading of Bryan Drew's *A Journey through the History of Stockland* will reveal deep ancestral roots in the area – as indeed most readers are well aware.

The repetition of surnames throughout Bryan's text is a clear giveaway.

Trawling through his book in an attempt to identify the children has proven fruitless: none are of girls

only.

In this photo most have long hair or hair tied back with partings; many are wearing white smocks or dust coats over other clothing - does the clothing suggest different ages?; black or blue stockings or socks seem to be the order of the day, whilst all clothing is tight to the neck.

The significance of the sailor's clothing is unknown, though the child wearing it is placed centrally.

With so many generations of families living in the village it must surely be possible to recognise family members, relatives and friends.

So, here's a challenge – the year and the names please. Are there more such outstanding photos stored in boxes and lofts that really should see daylight and are there stories attached, just waiting to appear in *The Parishes' Paper*? Please help.

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

A Spring Prayer by John Birch

Lord, we would grow with you
new shoots reaching out,
hands stretched upward like
leaves
newly formed, soaking up your
light
and warmth.

Lord, we would grow with you
in sunshine and rain,
in darkness and light,
in cold days and summer days,
from springtime to winter.

Lord, we would grow with you.
Amen.

Submitted by Philippa Wilks

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DIY Andrew: 'I'll build some shelves - it's piece of cake!'

By Andrew Smith

THE dreadful pandemic has given a number of us time to reflect and for many, gifting the chance to consider embracing a new hobby or possibly revisiting earlier unsuccessful attempts at a pastime only to be expertly dispatched to the 'I'll finish that later' drawer.

I make no claims to being an expert woodworker. I regard my endeavours to be just a hobby. In fact, the more I practice physically building things, the more my head becomes filled with serious doubts about my level of competence.

True, I receive daily doses of enthusiastic encouragement from my long-suffering wife. Yet, despite this and the considerable number of subscriptions to the many YouTube woodworkers, who kindly offer endless advice on numerous topics such as how to sharpen chisels and what type of table saw to purchase, my progress towards perfection is extremely slow.

My ambition was and still is to progress beyond basic shelf construction and my latest project was a shelf-style mantle but with a twist. So far, I have invited my table saw, track saw, jigsaw and handsaw to assist me with this task. Other willing participants include my router, pocket hole jig, clamps, several cordless drills, screws and glue. Oh, and I nearly forgot, my very expensive, newly-acquired cordless planer.

As my shelving project progressed, my spirits started to sink as I began to encounter a few problems. Firstly, I decided to use oak as the principal material which, on purchasing, I soon discovered had risen considerably in value - code for very expensive.

My requirement was for timber to be machined to the correct sizes needed to conform to my design. It had been subjected to several



processes which resulted in it being described as 'planed all round'. Carpenters will know this as 'par'. Unfortunately, my pieces of oak still thought they were part of a tree and objected to being fashioned into straight and uniform dimensions. Also, I nearly forgot, my plans required a detailed visual inspection of the walls that were clamouring for shelves. After several minutes of skilfully balancing my spirit level, my worst fears were sadly realised. Yes, the walls were bowed and far from plumb - always blame the plasterer. Undaunted, I continued.

Now despite following one of the golden rules of carpentry, 'measuring twice and cutting once', my pieces of oak, by now, visibly wonky, refused to co-operate and obviously wouldn't fit.

The last straw came when I needed help from my hand plane. What I really needed was absent from my considerable arsenal of tools. Whilst attempting to contain my frustration, I gazed up and caught a fleeting glance of a huge lightbulb above my head. I remembered I had a new, yet-to-be-Christened cordless planer.

A few hours later, in my humble

workshop, it quickly earned the title The Beast.

I recollect, my initial excitement quickly turning to disappointment when I extracted the lifeless animal from its excessive packaging. Also, it was around about this time that I finally admitted talking - to myself that is. My mutterings were quiet at first, so that only I could hear. I was desperately trying to convince myself that I had made a wise purchase.

Despite my best efforts, I succumbed to a dreadful sinking feeling and reluctantly concluded that my new acquisition, was not what I had expected. It didn't even come with a dust bag or an adaptor which would fit my 'shop vac'. However, the machine did have its own box that was capable of being stacked on top of its other cordless friends.

On its first outing, I found The Beast' a little too enthusiastic for my liking. I soon noticed it took an instant dislike to my first piece of oak, Prototype-01. Once I had finally mastered the 'on' switch - cunningly disguised as the 'off' switch - The Beast immediately sprang to life and instantly proceeded to take chunks



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out of P-01. I blamed myself for not taking the time to read the multi-language instruction manual.

I will never forget that moment when I nearly lost control. My white-knuckled hands were wrapped around its throat but failing to halt its progress. Rather than trying the 'off' switch I could not resist a quick glance back at the overworked area behind.

The Beast, ignoring my carefully-chosen but rapidly-delivered adjectives, advanced with astonishing vigour. It effortlessly spat out the spoils from the ravaged section and continued accelerating to take-off speed on account of not being restrained by a power lead. I refused to share my disappointment with anyone, and this initial encounter led me to trudge quickly indoors, head bowed, to search for more YouTube videos for guidance.

It was a few weeks later, in my very untidy workshop, that I discovered the true intention of The Beast. Clearly, its purpose was to create mountains of sawdust and to distribute an even covering over everything within sight.

Sadly, Prototype-02 never resembled a shelf. I would not have thought that such a small piece of wood could be quickly transformed into such a huge amount of debris. I could be wrong, but I suspect the object and cause of all my troubles had heard me mutter the word eBay whilst struggling to return it to its home.

On the afternoon of Saturday, January 2nd, came my third and final attempt. With renewed



FOR sale: one 18-amp cordless planer, boxed

Photo by Andrew Smith

confidence and determination, I decided to give my unfriendly assistant one last chance. After all, I only needed to remove 5mm from my last piece of oak.

I decided to treat the sleeping machine to a fresh, fully-charged battery. It was very cold in the workshop, just above freezing but, undaunted, I dressed accordingly, finishing off with a freshly-laundered and aired fleece jacket.

Next came eye protection, mask and ear defenders. This time I had no difficulty bringing the planer, I mean The Beast, to life and after several passes along the length of my shelf, I started to think I had been too harsh, and my uncharitable thoughts left me feeling quite guilty. I looked around and there was no sawdust. I should have

stopped at this point, but I didn't. Just a couple more passes should do it.

After the planer finally stopped, peace descended, and I examined my shelf. It was not perfect, but it just might fit. However, as I began to remove my personal protective equipment, I started to feel somewhat bloated. Then it hit me. The Beast had cunningly aligned its dust outlet with the open cuff of my fleece jacket. I had been outwitted again and without realising, I had become a human vacuum dust bag.

I abandoned ship, turned the lights off and trod the well-worn path back to our house. I explained to my wife what had happened.

Unsurprisingly, I was treated to a generous amount of sympathy and after the laughter had subsided, she proceeded to praise my efforts, unconvincingly, I might add. She proclaimed that the shelf looked great and was very smooth.

I take some comfort in the tears she shed whilst sharing my troubles. Her calm and soothing words always greeted me when I would return from the workshop empty handed.

I am pleased to report that the last piece of oak did finally become a shelf. The Beast is freezing in its box and will play no part in any future adventures in the workshop.

Please contact me if you are interested in purchasing a pre-owned 18-amp cordless planer. The unit is, restrained, housed in an excellent, very strong box and there is plenty of space for sawdust and other accessories. I will even throw in a battery.

Community is saddened, but thanks Tony

IT is with much sadness and deep regret that the death of Tony Reps is reported.

Many will have known Tony from his outstanding commitment to the running and organisation of the King's Arms. He would always be on site: usually he would offer a cheery hello as he passed by those in the bar whilst on his way to check on something that needed

doing or had been done. Often armed with spanners and other tools, he was genuinely a handyman second-to-none. It was hard to realise that he was actually the King's Arms accountant/business manager.

He could clearly turn his hand and knowledge to most challenges – and the pub certainly offered those. He had a genuine passion

for the success of the Stockland pub which the village gratefully recognised.

In all this, he was a private person, not anticipating recognition; however, an enormous 'thank you, Tony' must be offered in acknowledgement of his life and of his contribution to the life of the village.

Condolences go to his family.

Please send us your community news and photos of activities and nature in the Five Alive area
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SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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NT to close house to public

By Bijan Omrani

THE National Trust has announced that it is permanently closing Shute Barton to the public.

Before the pandemic, Shute Barton was open for public visits for four weekends a year. However, it is now to be run only as a holiday cottage, and the general public will no longer be able to visit. The house will only be available for those with the means to pay for the considerable cost of hiring it as a holiday let.

Shute Barton is one of the most important surviving non-fortified medieval manor houses in England. It is of considerable historical importance both locally and nationally. It is connected with the family of Lady Jane Grey, the "Nine-Day Queen of England". One of the wings was built by one of the most important women in medieval England, Lady Cecily Bonville. A battle was fought over it in the Wars of the Roses. It boasts what is thought to be the largest fireplace in England, bigger even than that at Hampton Court Palace. Its grand gardens, many of which are now lost and merit archaeological investigation, played a significant part in the history of arboriculture in the south west. It was later the seat of the Pole baronets, whose members played an important role in Devon and national history as politicians, historians, and writers. It also has a part in the recent increasing awareness of the diversity of English history; it has been discovered that a black servant was employed there in the 1600s, about whom more awaits to be unearthed.

The National Trust made the announcement of the closure in a letter to local volunteers. There was no attempt made at consultation with local residents or institutions. The Trust stated that it had to make cutbacks and increase revenue on account of financial losses



THE closure of Shute Barton is a major blow to the community

sustained because of the pandemic lockdown. The closures and cutbacks will be affecting other National Trust properties, including the Loughwood Baptist Meeting House in Dalwood, also within the Mission Community, as well as A La Ronde, Overbecks.

The closure is a major blow to the local community. As many will know, Shute Church volunteers through the Friends of Shute Church served refreshments and sold plants to the many visitors to Shute Barton, raising considerable funds for the upkeep of the Church building. The end of Shute Barton visits will have a major impact on the Church, with the loss of thousands of pounds annually for the maintenance of the Church. The weekends were also a major regular community event, with volunteers being on hand at Shute Barton and the Church to talk to visitors about the history of Shute. The closure will now make it impossible for local residents to have access to the most important

centre of local history.

A campaign is being started to reverse the closure. The story was covered with an article in the Western Morning News on the day of writing (18th February), and there is a good prospect of further coverage in other media beyond this, which will help to bring pressure to bear on the National Trust. An initial letter has been sent to the Regional Director of the National Trust for the South West, David Ford, and other measures are also being considered.

Bijan Omrani, Shute PCC Secretary and acting Chair, is seeking to compile reactions to the closure from local residents and other concerned bodies. These will be forwarded, in an anonymised fashion, to the National Trust in due course to make the local reaction clear, and used to campaign against the closure. If you would like to make any comments on the closure, please contact Bijan via email at bijan.omrani@btinternet.com.

Local writers give talks at online event

By Sam Knights

TWO events with local authors are planned for the online Shute Festival in March, both around the theme of intrigue in the Westcountry.

On Thursday, March 11th at 6pm, Laurence Anholt will be talking with fellow writer Jason Webster about his *Mindful Detective*, a most unusual murder mystery series set around the author's home near Colyton, and featuring DI Vincent Caine – a Buddhist detective, who feels too much for his own good!

The first title in the series, *Art of Death*, set in the world of contemporary fine art was described by author Kate Ellis as “quirky and compelling”. The recently published second title, *Festival of Death*, features a bizarre murder live on stage at the Glastonbury Festival. The *Mindful Detective* series has been optioned for TV by World Productions, creators of *Line of Duty* and *The Durrells*.

In a career spanning 35 years, Laurence has created more than 200 books for every age and genre - from children's picture books, such as the self-illustrated Anholt's Artists series, to young adult novels like *The Hypnotist*, winner of the Historical Association book of the year. His books have won numerous awards and have been translated into 30 languages around the world.

On Thursday, March 25th at 6pm, *Western Morning News* columnist Martin Hesp will be discussing his novel, *The Last Broomsquire*, with Shute Festival director Sam Knights. Set in the Quantock Hills, it weaves together the real-life story of a 19th Century love story culminating in murder and subsequent public hanging with a plethora of other real-life incidents.

Martin says of this real-life adventure: “What fascinated me



Key worker kids show the love

SHUTE Primary School children showed their love for Valentine's Day last month by making a heart collage for the Tesco Seaton store.

Tesco services manager Tasha Morgan, whose daughter is a pupil at Shute Primary, arranged for the key worker children to decorate hearts to be displayed at the store.

She said: “I was given the task to design the community board for Valentine's Day and thought it would be lovely to have the children decorate the hearts.

“It's been a tough year for us all

and the children have been amazing. We also have a lot of elderly customers in the community who only get out once a week and seeing the brightly-coloured board of hearts has made them smile reading the children's comments.

“I gave the school the heart templates and all key worker children [who were] in designed and decorated them.

“I asked them to draw or write the things they loved on the hearts

“We have had some lovely comments from the members of the community that shop with us!”

was that during a period of just a couple of decades, quite incredible things went on in just a small area of the hills.

“For example, local squire Andrew Crosse was one of the earliest experimenters in electricity – feeding lightning bolts from collecting rods in trees (they are still there) down to his Fyne Court laboratory where, one day, he thought the great voltages had created life.

“Mary Shelley, writer of *Frankenstein*, knew him and many think she adopted his story for her famous book.”

The Last Broomsquire also features the poets Coleridge and Wordsworth who both came to live

on the Quantocks.

Martin has spent 45 of his 64 years working in journalism. He has won many major awards and, for 20 years, was editor-at-large of the *Western Morning News*, the main daily newspaper in the South West.

He now works as a freelance editorial consultant and writes novels in his spare time. His Exmoor Lockdown Diary features on his website and has drawn a huge audience over recent months, online at Martin Hesp Food and Travel.

Both events will be available for free to all online. Please visit www.shutefest.org.uk to register.

Also, thank you to all of our kind donors. If you would like to make a donation, please visit the website.



YARCOMBE NEWS

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Whilst we continue our 'restricted' lives due to the Covid-19 pandemic, correspondent LESLEY SUTTON delves back into her store of memories to recall some of the village's fantastic organisations

Ups and downs of famous whist drives remembered

ONE wonders whether all the things we have taken for granted over the years will ever happen again, perhaps not for some.

Yarcombe has been fortunate in having a socially-integrated community with many organisations providing events for all ages and preferences over the years.

As I have been thinking about past times several events have sprung to mind.

Fortnightly whist drives were a mainstay of income for the Jubilee Hall, held on Thursday afternoons where there was a regular following of very keen players.

It fell to the lot of the hall committee members to provide prizes for the winners - and, of

course, the draw - in a strict rota.

For some, this was a trying experience discovering what prize would be acceptable and approved by devotees, especially if they didn't attend the event. It was quite difficult for outsiders to join in as a wrong card would be greeted with definite disdain by the 'professionals'.

It was also exceedingly difficult to vary the words to report on these events as there wasn't a lot to say about them, but it was very important that the winners were celebrated in print in the *Chard and Ilminster News* and *Pulman's Weekly News*. As time went by, Joy Symes became the doyen of the afternoons, with Liz Bond, Pat Wyatt and Hilda Salter assisting with

providing teas.

Christmas whist drives were an extra special event.

The trestle tables were laid out in lines down the length of the hall the day before, the green canvas stacking chairs pushed under to allow access, but it was difficult to move about in progression as winners moved up and losers down the rows.

Cars would be parked all over the village, this being before the extra car parking at the rear of the hall had been installed as there would be well over 100 players taking part.

Complaints as to the comfort of the chairs were received and later new folding tables and the plastic chairs replaced the old furniture.

Sheepdog trials proved profitable with village hospitality as popular as ever

THE Jubilee Hall Committee ran sheepdog trials for many years at several of the local farms, David Meyrick's Terrier Racing field and Knap Farm, courtesy of Alan and Di Dyer amongst others.

The 'terrier race caravan' came into use as a commentary box with Jim Miller explaining the 'outreach, fetch' and 'run and pen' for the dogs

and their owners who came from far and wide over the county and beyond. All were provided with refreshments - which became the byword of Yarcombe hospitality over the years - by the team of ladies including Hilda and Barbara Salter, Evelyn Barnes, Liz Bond, Pat Wyatt and Joy Symes.

Henry and Hilary Derryman used

to provide the necessary sheep for the occasion.

At that time, there were TV programmes showing these events countrywide. A good number of spectators would bring their chairs, finding good vantage points, to follow the course of events, making it another profitable and interesting day out.



PICTURES PLEASE!

We are keen to publish your photos, whether they are recent or snapshots in time from yesteryear. You can send them directly to the editor or to Lesley Sutton. See page 31 for contact details

Farmers swap their Wellies for suits at the YAK dances

By Lesley Sutton

YARCOMBE Amenities Club (YAK) was yet another of the village's great groups.

It was instigated in October 1975 when a group of younger local lads were joined by some incomers and set up a new group hoping to provide various activities for all ages in the village.

Andrew Chick, Chris Doble, Brian Phillips, Roy Clarke - then living at Lower Pithayne, Glenn Blackler, the AI man at Sheafhayne Bungalows, and David Sutton all put £5 into the kitty to get established.

Regular dances and socials took place in the Jubilee Hall in the days when it was the norm to dress up in long dresses and suits. It was a joy to behold, farmers usually seen in wellies and jackets would glide around the floor dancing waltzes, quicksteps and foxtrots, all of which they had learned in their younger days. Who can forget the fun and, looking back, how ridiculous it was playing Phil Stringer's On the Buses musical chairs game? Dressing up in fancy dress, Bill Shire in his ballet tutu!

There were country dances with John Lipscombe calling the moves. Other music was provided by The Country Boys, We Three and Menu Suite.

The Rayner family, from Marsh, set up the discos and Joe Santiago played at a barbecue at Hilltop on one occasion. Any excuse for a party was celebrated in some form or another.

The anniversary of the Armada was one of the events when a beacon was lit either in David Meyrick's field on the beacon itself or above Higher Pithayne. They were also used for royal weddings and The Queen's ongoing

milestones occurring through the decades of her long reign.

Apart from these, keep fit, weight training, yoga, courses by St John Ambulance and hygiene were held in the hall. Stalls were run at the terrier racing events, mainly for the children - Welly Throwing, Guess the Weight of the Sheep, Hoop La, card games, treasure hunts, Rabbit and Puffballs - whatever that was!

Tea was laid on for the children on Flower Show day with sports at the back of the hall so that parents could look round at their leisure. There were several children's discos during the years.

There were jumble sales when it seemed that there was more stuff left after the event than in the beginning and car boot sales.

Lawrence's, of Crewkerne, valued items at an Antiques Road Show. The first pig racing event was held with Roger Parris's pigs, trained particularly by Lynda, who would run in front shaking a bucket full of food and repeated in 1987 at Blackhayes Farm as part of a fun weekend.

David Prince used to provide wonderful hand-painted posters which were placed on the noticeboards for most of the functions.

One of the major innovations was the senior citizens Christmas meal, starting off as an evening occasion to thank the older members of the community for their work in running events, with about 36 guests.

Over the years, numbers burgeoned and all pensioners from Yarcombe and Marsh and those who had made so many contributions to village life were included - at one point 108 diners sat down.

The evening meal was changed to lunch on the first Sunday in December. A parish council questionnaire prompted Shaun and

Cindy Vining to offer their assistance and Clifford and Marian Every to play their part in organising and running the event.

Eager to please all members of the community, the group tried to provide a play area at the rear of the hall.

Bert Chick had kept his hens on the ground which was then just a field and after they relocated to his garden a playground committee was allowed to use the land. A wooden fort, mounds and tunnels made from huge pipes were built by volunteers.

After time, this became rather outmoded and the children grew up and out of such provision. The hall committee realised that there was insufficient car parking at the front of the hall so a new car park was provided in the space.

This could be accessed from the front by the sides of the hall with an emergency exit into newly built Drakes Meadow.

It was agreed that YAK could apply for a grant for the lower ground but that it should be available for outdoor activities and extra car parking if necessary.

Thereby hangs a tale, as it was agreed that a tennis court and an area marked out for multifunctional games would be acceptable.

Marilyn Lye was in charge of searching for equipment and, with Action Sport, sourced the necessary nets and other requirements. This was way before the draconian health and safety laws and the blame culture came into being making insurance unaffordable.

In the circumstances, YAK decided to pull in its horns and concentrate efforts on the senior citizens Christmas meal and the skittles competition which had recently been handed over to the committee and much later to other organisers.

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YFC keeps busy

JANUARY has always been one of the quieter months in the Yarcombe Young Farmers' Club (YFC) calendar, this year especially has been even more so for everyone in lockdown.

As a club, we have still actively managed to find ways to keep our winter evenings busy by adapting and embracing 21st Century technology. This past month, we held an online club Zoom meeting on Monday, January 18th which members attended discussing what we have been doing as a club so far in the Yarcombe YFC year and any possible ideas for the year ahead.

Also, within the meeting we had our cup presentation from Roger Patch who kindly presented trophies to those who had won them in the previous year. A very well done to all those members who won. This, of course, was a very different style of presenting the cups than what we have done in previous years - traditionally presented at our harvest supper. We will make arrangements to distribute the cups to our winning members when we are out of

lockdown and it is safe to do so.

Zoom video calls seemed to play another key part in January, being the platform where two of our members took part in the senior member of the year speaking competition, competing against other clubs within East Devon. A very well done to Laura Dare, who came third and to Dan Olive, our chairman, who came fourth in the overall competition.

Many of our members are still continuing to work from home and our farming members and members who work within the NHS have never stopped working. May we take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the NHS and key workers for seeing us all through this pandemic; treating patients and feeding the nation amid the coronavirus crisis in lockdown.

As always, we encourage all members to stay involved and

connected with YFC, now more than ever. We will be continuing to host a variety of activities throughout the coming months and will very much keep our members busy.

If anyone would like to get involved in YFC, we would love you to join in our activities and encourage you to contact our chairman or secretary for more information. We will keep you updated with any dates of events or fundraisers in the near future. In the meantime, we hope you stay safe and well.

If anyone has any further questions please contact the chairman, Dan Olive on 07811 744714, or secretary, Natalie Sampson, on 07775 591324.

Katie Trevelyan
Press Secretary
Yarcombe and District
Young Farmers' Club

YARCOMBE WEATHER JANUARY 2021

	2021	2020	2019
Average Max. temperature	6.5°C	8.8°C	6.7°C
Average Min.	4.5°C	6.6°C	4.7°C
Average Overall temperature	6.0°C	6.6°C	7.7°C
Rainfall	147.3mm	106.4mm	62.4 mm
Wettest Day	20th 30.0mm	14th 21.5 mm	18th 17.1 mm
Sunniest Day	23rd 8.0 hrs approx	19th 8.0 hrs	30th 8.0 hrs
Warmest Day	28th 11.7°C	14th 12.2°C	25th 10.9°C
Coldest Night	24th -2.9°C	20th -0.7°C	31st -0.4°C
Sunshine hours	66 hours approx	76hrs	74 hrs

A typical January but slightly colder and wetter.

Tony Newman

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LAMBING LIVE

THE editor's children had a break from home schooling during February when they took part in a 'lambing live' lesson with their dad, Matt in Kilmington. Elsa, six, is pictured doing her favourite job - cuddling the lambs
Photos by Kate & Matt Williams



PARISH RECIPE

SIMNEL CAKE by GAY ATKINSON - to make at home this year

THE Simnel Cake has eleven marzipan balls around the top rim of the cake.

These symbolise the disciples minus Judas, who had betrayed Christ.

Ingredients:

For the cake:

- 175g light muscovado sugar
- 175g butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
- 175g self-raising flour
- 3 large free-range eggs
- 50g ground almonds
- 3 tbsp milk
- 100g sultanas
- 100g glacé cherries, quartered
- 100g dried apricots, cut into small pieces
- 2 tsp mixed spice powder

For the topping:

- 450g golden marzipan
- 3 tbsp apricot jam
- 1 free-range egg, beaten

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 160C/140C Fan/Gas 3. Grease a 20cm/8in round, deep-sided,



loose-bottomed tin with butter and line the base with baking paper.

2. Put the cake ingredients into a large bowl and beat together until well incorporated. Spoon half the mixture into the prepared tin and level the surface.
3. Roll one-third of the marzipan to the same size as the base of the tin and place on top of the cake mixture.
4. Spoon the remaining cake

mixture on top of the marzipan and level the surface. Bake for 1¾-2 hours or until golden-brown on top and firm in the middle. If the cake is beginning to brown but not cooked through cover it with tin foil. Leave the cake to cool for 10 minutes before removing from the tin.

5. Heat the apricot jam in a pan, then brush the top of the cooled cake with a little warm jam. Roll out half of the remaining marzipan to fit the top of the cake. Place the marzipan on the cake and use your thumb to crimp around the edges.
6. Make 11 balls from the remaining marzipan and place these around the edge of the cake fixing them to the marzipan with a little beaten egg.
7. Brush the marzipan with the egg and glaze under a hot grill for about 5 minutes (turning the cake round to ensure even browning). You can do this using a cook's blowtorch if you prefer.

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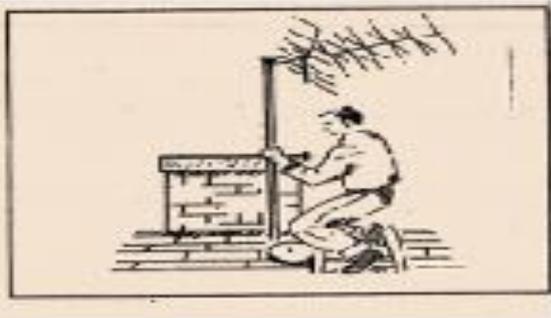
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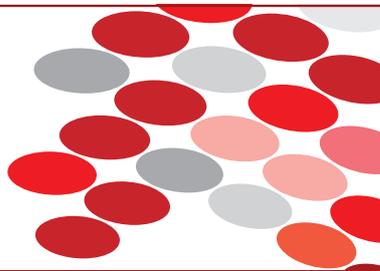
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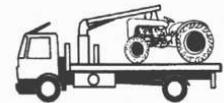
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www.fivealive.org - To stay up to date with what is happening across all of our Five Alive Mission Community, please visit our website. Here you will find any notices on what is happening as well as present and previous issues of the Parishes Paper.

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

The Beacon, Kilmington - Currently hosting LIVE Sunday services on their Facebook as well as on Youtube at 10:30am. You can find these by searching for Beacon Life on YouTube, as well as www.facebook.com/TheBeaconLife. Along with the Sunday services, online house groups and mid-week live sessions are also taking place on these platforms. Also, there is a weekly Post Office at the Beacon on Tuesday mornings from 10-12pm.

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

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

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

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