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THE SUNDAY SERVICES



May 2021

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Sunday May 2nd		11am Holy Communion	No service - church closed at present		11am Holy Communion
Sunday May 9th	11am Whites Farm Rogation Service	3pm Hampton Farm Rogation Service	No service - church closed at present		
Thursday 13th May Ascension Day			No service - church closed at present	7pm Evensong	Join Stockland
Sunday May 16th	Join Stockland at 11am	Join Stockland at 11am	No service - church closed at present	11am Holy Communion 5 Alive service	Join Stockland at 11am
Sunday May 23rd			No service - church closed at present		6pm Pentecost Evening Praise
Sunday May 30th	11am Holy Communion		No service - church closed at present	11am Morning Worship	

Sunday Zoom Services

(only if church meeting not taking place)

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T09

Meeting ID: 847 0716 3966

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In the event that Covid lockdown restrictions mean that the services in church cannot take place, there will be a Zoom service each week using the usual service details provided here.

Further details can be found on the Five Alive Website

<https://www.fivealive.org/>



WHAT IS ASCENSION DAY?

GILL HEIGHWAY

AS I write this Clergy Comment we are fast coming upon Ascension Day which the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches celebrate each year.

Ascension Day commemorates the ascension of Christ into Heaven. Ascension Day, also known as the Feast of Ascension, occurs on the Thursday, 40 days after Easter.

I thought it would be interesting to take a quick look at the history of this special day in the Church's calendar.

History of Ascension Day

According to the accounts in the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus appeared to many of his disciples during the 40 days following his resurrection. On the 40th day, he came again to the Apostles and led them out to the Mount of Olives where he instructed them to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Holy Spirit. Then, as they were watching, he ascended into clouds. As they continued to watch, two angels appeared and declared to them that, just as he ascended, Jesus would return in glory.

According to Augustine of Hippo, one of the early church fathers, the Feast of Ascension originated with the Apostles. John Chrysostom and Gregory of Nyssa, contemporaries of Augustine, refer to it as being one of the oldest feasts practiced by the Church, possibly going as far back

as AD68. There is no written evidence, however, of the church honouring Ascension Day until Augustine's time in the fourth century.

Ascension Day traditions

As an Ecumenical feast, Ascension Day is one of the six holy days where attendance at Mass is mandatory for Roman Catholics and Anglicans – Anglicans tend to call this the Eucharist or Communion.

The event is generally a one-day public commemoration, although the church, in keeping with earlier traditions regarding festivals, offers devotions for seven days.

The night before the feast, priests and deacons attend a vigil of prayers and scripture readings. On the day of the feast, Mass/Communion is attended and the Paschal candle, which was lit on Easter Sunday, is extinguished. Liturgies proclaiming the finished work of salvation and the ascension of the glorified Christ into Heaven are recited, followed later by evening prayers.

At the end of the seven-day devotion, two additional days are kept by the priests, making a total of nine days (a novena). The novena allows for the preparation of Pentecost, which takes place the next day.

Churches around the world observe many Ascension Day traditions, such as 'the blessing of the first fruits,' in which grapes and

beans are blessed. Some churches depict the Ascension of Christ by raising a statue of Jesus above the altar and lifting it through a special door in the roof. Other churches have outdoor processions with torches and banners.

In an old Ascension Day tradition from England, parishioners carried a banner bearing the symbol of a lion at the head of the procession, and a second banner bearing the symbol of a dragon at the rear. This represented the victory of Christ over the devil.

For many Christians, Ascension Day's meaning provides a sense of hope that the glorious and triumphant return of Christ is near. It is a reminder of the Kingdom of God within their hearts, and of the ever-present Spirit of God, watching over and protecting them as they spread the light of Jesus's truth throughout the world.

In our Five Alive Mission Community this year we are going to celebrate the days between Ascension Day and Pentecost by taking part in the Thy Kingdom Come initiative.

If you would like to know more about this please get hold of Caroline Nunns, Anna Crabbe or myself. Caroline will be talking more about Thy Kingdom Come on Ascension Day at our Evensong at Stockland at 7pm.

Please do join us, we would love to see you there.

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PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 18, verses 1-30 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

PSALM 18 has 51 verses. Its final section will be included as the Psalm of the Month in the June issue of *The Parishes' Paper*.

Meanwhile, get your visual imagination ready for a real treat, and have a Shakesperian actor thunder out the poetry, with suitable sound effects until, at last, by God's help, you can run at an enemy host and leap over a wall.

1. I love you, O Lord my strength. The Lord is my crag my fortress and my deliverer.

2. My God, my rock in whom I take refuge. My shield, the horn of my salvation and my stronghold.

3. I cried to the Lord in my anguish and I was saved from my enemies.

4. The cords of death entwined me and the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.

5. The cords of the Pit fastened about me and the snares of death entangled me.

6. In my distress I called upon the Lord and cried out to my God for help.

7. He heard my voice in his temple and my cry came to his ears.

8. The earth trembled and quaked; the foundations of the mountains shook; they reeled because he was angry.

9. Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming fire went out of his mouth; burning coals blazed forth from him.

10. He parted the heavens and came down down and thick darkness was under his feet.

11. He rode upon the cherubim and flew; he came flying on the wings of the wind.

12. He made darkness his covering round about him, dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.

13. From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds burst hailstones and coals of fire.

14. The Lord also thundered out of heaven; the Most High uttered his voice with hailstones and coals of fire.

15. He sent out his arrows and scattered them; he hurled down lightnings and put them to flight.

16. The springs of the oceans were seen, and the foundations of the world uncovered at your rebuke, O Lord, at the breath of your displeasure.

17. He reached down from on high and took me; he drew me out to the mighty waters.

18. He delivered me from my strong enemy, from foes that were too mighty for me.

19. They came upon me in the day of my trouble; but the Lord was my upholder.

20. He brought me out into a place of liberty; he rescued me because he

delighted in me.

21. The Lord rewarded me after my righteous dealing; according to the cleanness of my hands he recompensed me.

22. Because I had kept the ways of the Lord and had not gone wickedly away from my God.

23. For I had an eye to all his laws, and did not cast out his commandments from me.

24. I was also wholehearted before him and kept myself from iniquity;

25. Therefore the Lord rewarded me after my righteous dealing, and according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

26. With the faithful you show yourself faithful; with the true you show yourself true

27. With the pure you show yourself pure, but with the crooked you show yourself perverse.

28. For you will save a lowly people and bring down the high looks of the proud.

29. You also shall light my candle; the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be bright.

30. By your help I shall run at an enemy host; with the help of my God I can leap over a wall.

Bible readings May 2021

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Sun 2 [Wh] Easter 4	Ps: 22:25-End	Acts: 8:26-End John 15:1-8
Sun 9 [Wh] Rogation	Ps: 98	Acts: 10:44-End John 15:9-17
Thurs 13 [Go/Wh] Ascension Day	Ps: 8 Daniel: 7:9-10,13-14	Heb:1
Sun 16 [Wh] Sunday after Ascension Day	Ps: 1	Acts: 1:16-17,21-26 John 17:6-19
Sun 23 [R] Whit Sunday	Ps: 104:26-End	Acts: 2:1-21 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Sun 30 [Wh/Go] Trinity Sunday	Ps: 29 Isa: 6:1-8	Rom: 8:12-17 John 3:1-17

From the registers

Funerals

Interment of Ashes at Yarcombe on April 7th for **Gordon John Smith**, 85 years

Interment of Ashes at Shute on April 29th for **Marion Doreen Pratt**

Weddings - N/A

Births/Christenings - N/A

Engagements - N/A

As we have very few weddings or baptisms to announce we are pleased to now include births and engagements in this section

THY KINGDOM COME

IT'S dark, you are together in a room men and women together waiting, for what?

Your leader is dead, tortured to death by a most terrible regime yet seen on the earth.

And yet, you are not as terrified as you were when his bloodied body was buried in that tomb because since he died; you have seen him! You should be shivering in your shoes and yet you do not fear for you have not just seen him but, eaten with him, fished with him even. Its forty days since Mary one of your number came and said 'he Lives'

But Tom, who was out on watch, didn't see him that first time, he came among you and thinks you must have been on the wine or daft and then he sees him a special visit just for him and 'Wow,' there is no denying it now!

Jesus tells you that he is going

away from you but there will come another, a powerful, unseen force that will fill you with joy and take away any lasting sadness or fear; but from this day when he goes away and for the next few days, you must wait. Some of you are good at waiting.

After all anyone who fishes knows he must wait for a bite but it's been a while since you regularly fished because you have spent the last three years with him. You have heard him speak and seen his compassion to women, to children to those in rags and even to Romans. You have seen the lame walk, the blind see, demons sent scurrying and even the dead come back to life!

And then it happens! You see him actually leave the earth! You watch as he rises to the heavens.

You remember what he told you to do and so you go back to your room

and wait and in that time you pray, and pray, and pray remembering how he taught you to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come...

You pray until the Holy Spirit comes over you and what an amazing time of celebration that is!

A wind whistles around you. Tongues of fire come over you and you can speak to everyone, not just those who can understand your rich Galilean dialect but people from other countries too.

And that's what we are remembering at Pentecost (Whit) Sunday and the time between Jesus' Ascension and Pentecost is a time that we are being called to pray for just five friends or family members to come to know Jesus and take him into their lives.

So when we pray Thy Kingdom come that is what we mean.

THY KINGDOM COME

A Global wave of prayer in which we encourage Christians to pray that friends, families, communities and countries should come to know Jesus Christ



11 days of Prayer across the World
From Ascension Day to Pentecost, 13th – 23rd May

Every day:

Pray the Lord's Prayer at 5pm each day for the eleven days.
Pray for Five: pray for five friends or family to come to faith in Jesus

Thursday, 13th May, at 7pm Ascension Day service at Stockland Church

Sunday, 23rd May, 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Come to a Family Picnic party in the garden of Brian and Chris Eddy, Crossways, Dalwood

Sunday, 23rd May, 6pm Join our Pentecost Praise Service at Yarcombe Church led by Rev Tim Collins

There are many free resources and games available to download and we have prayer diaries, Novena and family maps to give away

For downloadable games and resources visit: www.thykingdomcome.global

For diaries, maps, children's prayer books and Novena contact Caroline Nunns on 01404881313 or carolinecunns@gmail.com



Who are the Cheeky Pandas? Who is Guvna B? What is an augmented reality app? All of these refer to downloadable resources for use before after and during the eleven days from Ascension to Pentecost.

The Cheeky Pandas is an 11 part fun filled and Bible based video series. One video for each of the 11 days and aimed at primary school age children. It includes songs, animated stories, prayers and interviews with special guests.

A daily activity pack including games, crafts, a bible reading and prayers is also available.

In addition, a playlist is available on Spotify with all the songs from the videos.

There is also a Digital Family Prayer Adventure Map to use with a downloadable App on a mobile phone that is available as Augmented Reality and not AR format (ask your children to explain!)

We also have some Cheeky Panda Prayer Booklets to give away.

For young people there are daily videos from speakers such as Jimmy Jones Buchanan, Guvna B and Bishop Rose Hudson Wilkin.

For all adults there is a Novena - praying the psalms from Ascension to Pentecost and a Daily Prayer Book written by the new Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell. We have copies of these booklets to give away.

For downloads visit www.thykingdomcome.global and for more information and prayer booklets contact Caroline Nunns on 01404881313or carolinecunns@gmail.com

HUGE THANKS TO 'TEAM PHONE BOX'

By Michael Dods

THE original red telephone box, the K6, was launched in 1921 so this year sees its centenary. Only 8,000 red kiosks remain, out of 70,000 that were installed, and Dalwood's K6 is one of these.

The K6 was designed in celebration of George V's Silver Jubilee on May 6th 1935, but rolled out with good old-fashioned GPO efficiency 10 months late — and a few weeks after the king's funeral.

K is for kiosk. The word is borrowed from the Ottomans for the ornate but functional covered stalls found nationwide by the middle of Queen Victoria's reign, and was adopted by the nascent telecoms industry to describe the housing for public telephones.

Our Dalwood K6 has now become a book exchange and seed bank, hence the name on the front Reads & Seeds.

When Denise and Tucker Stevens first moved into Dalwood the kiosk was a bit sad and empty — it was meant to be a seed exchange but there was hardly anything in there as there were only a couple of old shelves to put things on.

Denise then asked the parish council if she could take it over — it was looked after by Shelagh Fearnley at the time so they said if it was OK with her and yes, Denise could do what she liked!

Shelagh was happy for Denise to take it on and Brian Howard offered to help with converting it inside — an offer that couldn't be refused as he has wood-working skills and, between them, they were determined that it should be the smartest phone box in the country.

In addition, Paul Eastburn made and then hand-painted the round metal sign that goes right on the top of the Kiosk and points up the



Photos courtesy of Michael Dods

road to the Old Post Office.

Denise tells me it took a long time to transform it as, along the way, they discovered some wiring that was possibly still live and had to be made safe and then it needed repainting from top to toe and they wanted to keep it as traditional as possible.

Then there was all the signs to be made. It was quite a job. Certainly more than had ever been intended, but they learned so much along the way about the history of the K Series so no regrets!

There were some differences of opinions over decisions that had to be made but it cemented their friendship as they always parted as pals and the village must be grateful to both of them for all their hard work and input. They did a lovely job and now it is a much-loved and frequented village attraction.

Denise also tries to raise voluntary donations from it for local charities as well — even small amounts of loose change adds up over time — and little charities are always grateful.

The small safe is emptied regularly and donations collected have been sent to local charities including Hospiscare, Arc in Axminster, Axe Valley Animal Park and the village Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Visitors to the phone box are under no obligation to leave a donation — that's not what it's about — choosing and enjoying their book is the most important aspect of it especially for the young folk who have their own section in there.

As Denise says, it's so important in this fast-moving technological world we live in not to forget to take time out to sit and enjoy a good read. And it's great to recycle quality books that still have plenty of life left in them.

Denise says she has also had a lot of fun decorating the phone box for events, including Christmas, and leaving treats in there for the "littlies". Hopefully they saw a book to borrow at the same time!

The only problem the village has now is that we could do with another K6 sitting right next to the original to stock up with other fun items — people often leave jigsaws, magazines and DVDs in there and, sadly, there isn't always



space for them.

So Denise brings them home and redistributes them wherever she can. She is now thinking ahead, as, when life gets back to some degree of normality, she might look into starting a Dalwood board game/jigsaw club! It seems the past year has encouraged people to revisit the things we used to do to amuse ourselves in the good old days!

The phone box is as Covid-safe

as we can make it right now. There is hand sanitiser in there and all returns are put in the box provided, brought home, wiped clean and given a short decontamination holiday before being returned to the shelves!

The village owes Denise, Brian Howard and Paul huge thanks for all the work they have put in to ensure that this K6 remains a useful and welcome village landmark.



DALWOOD NEWS

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Mike raises over £1,320 for charity

By Editor Kate Williams

DURING March, Dalwood resident Mike Huskins vowed to cycle 330km for Breast Cancer Now, the UK charity providing world-class research and life-changing care for people affected by breast cancer.

His aim was to beat his donation target of £500 which he smashed, raising a total of over £1,320.

Mike described the challenge as being about getting as many people

as possible active and involved in raising awareness and funds for breast cancer research and care.

After the challenge has been completed, Mike told *The Parishes' Paper*: "It was quite a lot more challenging than I thought it was going to be.

"It had to be every day on the bike, otherwise the miles stack up and it's more and more the next day.

"I lost about a stone in weight so I'm pleased with that - I should carry on really. I will get back on the bike soon!"

MIKE Huskins beats target for charity cycle



A 'thank you'

BARRY Wynn, a stalwart member of the St Peter's Church grass cutting team, passed away earlier this year.

His wife, Carole, and her sons, Jonathan and Paul, would like to say a big 'thank you' to the villagers for their kind messages and support at this sad time.



Plant Sale

**Saturday 15th to
Saturday 22nd May 2021
Dalwood 'Street' Sale**

**If restrictions ease, we will move
to the Jubilee Field Saturday 15th**

- Varied selection of plants including perennial, bedding, vegetables etc.
- Raffle: tickets available in the shop or ring Kathy 01404 881601

Raffle prizes gratefully received.

Thank you to all who are growing seeds.

We will be setting up on Friday 14th. If you want any plants collecting, please let us know

Look out for our plant tables in the village.

All proceeds to

Dalwood Recreation Trust

Reg. Charity no. 1148103

Please contact Shelagh Fearnley: 01404 881193
for further information



**Rogation Service at
Stonehayes Farm, Dalwood**
(Derek & Mags White)

11am May 9th
to be led by Gill Heighway

Please bring your own
folding chair if possible

DALWOOD NEWS



A POSTCARD from the past — date unknown — showing Dalwood village from local resident Denise Scott's collection

Dalwood Community Shop and Post Office

YOUR shop is here for your convenience, saving YOU time and petrol

We accept cash and all major credit cards

email:dalwoodcommunityshop@outlook.com tel:01404 881401



Due to the Pandemic, we are unable to hold the AGM in May. Please watch this space for a future date

THANK YOU for your continued patience and understanding



Thanks to Peter Major the shops off-licence is always well stocked with wine at extremely competitive prices. Thank you, Peter.

Come in and see what we have in stock.

SHOP OPENING TIMES

Monday- Friday: 8.30am - 6.00pm
Saturday: 8.30am - 4.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am -12.30pm

POST OFFICE opening times

3 mornings a week

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





KILMINGSTON NEWS

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Huge thanks to The Soup Gang

By Diana Mellows

A HUGE 'thank you' goes to everyone who was involved with the Soup in Lent scheme, the soups were superb.

Jenny Newbery, Caroline Lavender, Diana Church, Colin Stewart, Christine Mills, Tom and Jo Cook, Peter Guy and Jane Chalk and myself were responsible for the tasty and varied soups which were delivered by The Soup Gang, which included Anna Crabbe, Gill Heighway, Jill Hitchcock and the two Dianas.

To make soup for 48 people is a task not to be undertaken lightly but

all the makers were incredible and all those who received the fruits of their labour were delighted and showed their appreciation by their donations.

St Giles's Church, which has had no income during the lockdowns, has benefitted by the generosity of the donors to the tune of £685.

Other charities which have received donations are RNIB, Riding for the Disabled, Cancer Research, Hospiscare and Save the Children.

Thank you everyone it brought a bit of light and hope into all our lives. God bless you all for what you have all done.

There is light at the end of the tunnel.

Coffee shop resumes

By Anna Crabbe

THE regular coffee shop at St Giles's Church, Kilmingston, started again on April 16th.

The event begins at 10am and ends at 12noon and it has been lovely to meet again after such a long time.

We will be meeting outside until after May 17th, when we hope to be allowed to meet inside.

Do come and join us any Friday morning. The church barrow is now



back outside St Giles's again with food items on Fridays.

Open gardens

THREE Kilmingston (Shute Road) gardens will be opening for the National Garden Scheme on Saturday and Sunday, May 22nd and 23rd between 10pm and 5pm.

Tickets (£6 for all three gardens, children free) may be purchased in advance online (ngs.org.uk) or at Spinney Two, Breach or Betty's Ground.

A lovely opportunity to wander around these varied gardens and see them in their May glory!

Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome at each garden. Your visit will support several nursing and health charities that are in great need of financial support due to the pandemic.

Celia Dunsford

The bell tolls

THE Tenor Bell in the Tower of St Giles's Church was rung on March 23rd, the first anniversary of lockdown.

The bell was rung again on Saturday, April 10th marking the passing of HM The Queen's Consort, HRH Prince Philip with 99 rings by Richard Norman, pictured, and Captain of the Kilmingston Tower, Celia Dunsford.

The bell was half-muffled for this last occasion. Thank you both of you.

Diana Mellows



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

Contact your Kilmingston correspondent, Michael Tyler, at mwtyler2@googlemail.com

KILMINGTON NEWS



A MAGNIFICENT magnolia, above; the catkins of the silver birch — *betula pendula*, far right; and forsythia, inset

Photos by Michael Tyler



Rogation Sunday service
Hampton Farm.

May 9th 3.00pm



Service to be led by
Rev Tim Collins.

100 YEARS OF SUPPORT

THE Royal British Legion will be celebrating its centenary on May 15th. The charity was formed in the aftermath of the First World War campaigning for fair treatment of those who had given so much for their country and, 100 years on, it continues to respond to the needs of the Armed Forces community providing life-changing, and sometimes lifesaving, support.

This article takes a brief look at the history of the Royal British Legion.

1920s — On May 15th 1921 The British Legion was formed, bringing together four existing national organisations (The National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers, The British Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers, The Comrades of the Great War and The Officers' Association). 2,500 branches of The British Legion were established across the country and the Women's Section of The British Legion was established the same year. In September 1921 the British Legion adopted the poppy as a symbol of remembrance and in 1922, the legion's Poppy Factory opened in the Old Kent Road, London, where 40 disabled men manufactured 1,000 poppies a week. The first Festival of Remembrance was held at the Royal Albert Hall in 1923, however, it was renamed the Remembrance Festival and broadcast on BBC Radio in 1927.

1930-1960 — The British Legion purchased Haig House in Ypres, Belgium, to provide a base for pilgrims visiting the battlefields of the First World War. In 1937 the Remembrance Festival was renamed British Legion Festival of Remembrance. In the 1940s the British Legion successfully lobbied the Government on passing the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act 1944 and the War Pensions Act; both of which continue to benefit thousands today; they also played a key role in supporting

By Cdr Staff Seward OBE RN Rtd
Chairman RBL Kilmington Branch



veterans through injury and illness and supported the work of the National Spinal Injuries Unit at Stoke Mandeville hospital. By 1950 the legion had four country homes, four 'convalescent' homes and had provided over 4,000 loans to set up enterprises such as chimney sweeps, steeple jacks, dentists, cosmetic manufacturers and rug makers. Support was also provided to troops fighting the Korean War, Malayan, Cyprus Emergencies and Egypt during the Suez Crisis. In 1953 the Festival of Remembrance was televised for the first time. In 1961 women were admitted to The British Legion National Executive and in 1963 Galanos House care home was opened in Warwickshire thanks to a legacy from Christos Galanos, a Greek businessman. In the same year the Aden Emergency began and in 1968 The Troubles in Northern Ireland started — a conflict that would last almost 30 years.

1970-2000 — In 1971 The British Legion marked its 50th anniversary and Her Majesty The Queen conferred the honour of 'royal' on the British Legion. British troops remained in Northern Ireland and

on April 2nd 1982 Argentinian forces invaded the Falkland Islands. The deployment of British Forces encouraged a new generation of support for the Armed Forces and Royal British Legion (RBL). In 1983 the Poppy Appeal was launched by Mrs Sara Jones, widow of Falklands VC winner Lt Col 'H' Jones, highlighting the reality of the sacrifice that war involves. In 1990 the RBL organised parcels for each man and woman in the British Forces deployed in the Gulf War over Christmas; it proved so popular it was extended to serving personnel in Bosnia (1998 Kosovo War) and Belize. In May 2000 UK troops deployed to Sierra Leone and in May 2001 the National Memorial Arboretum, (part of Royal British Legion's family of charities), was officially opened to the public. In 2002 troops deployed to Afghanistan and in 2003 to Iraq where in total 592 UK troops lost their lives. In 2007 Her Majesty The Queen unveiled the Armed Forces Memorial roll of honour at the National Memorial Arboretum, a national monument to those who have lost their lives on duty or as a result of an act of terrorism since the Second World War. Over 16,000 names are recorded on the memorial.

2010-2021 — In 2011 British troops were withdrawn from Iraq and were then deployed to Sierra Leone to provide vital medical support during the Ebola epidemic. The RBL funded the establishment of the Centre for Blast Injuries Studies at Imperial College London, (which uses pioneering science to prevent blast injuries and care for those with blast injuries). The Armed Forces Covenant (a promise by the nation ensuring those who serve or have served and their families are treated fairly and respected in the community) was placed in legislation. In 2014 airstrikes marked the start of UK military action in Syria as part of



KILMINGTON NEWS

▶▶▶ Operation Shader. In 2018 the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre Stanford Hall, part funded by Royal British Legion was officially opened.

More recently the Armed Forces has provided frontline support to the NHS constructing Nightingale Hospitals and helping administer vaccinations. They also continue their work overseas including a peacekeeping mission in Mali, and operational deployments to Estonia, Afghanistan, Serbia, UN

peacekeeping in Cyprus and anti-poaching support in Zambia

The next 100 years — Royal British Legion support has evolved and adapted to meet the changing needs of the Armed Forces community.

The mission and the importance of its work today are the same as it was in 1921: Remembrance, welfare and campaigning for those who serve and sacrifice to protect our way of life. Today the Royal British Legion provides lifelong

support to our Armed Forces community from providing dedicated care homes, support for carers', independent living support, recovery centres, crisis support, financial guidance, grants, help with disability benefits, compensation, employment support and helping support veterans in the local community.

- *With credit to the Royal British Legion for much of the detail within this article.*



THE winners of the four categories in the St Giles's Church Easter Painting Competition have been announced — Under 3 years: Arfie McConnell, two, with The Colours of Spring; Age 3-6 years: Danny Ostrowski, six, with The Colours of Spring; Age 7-12 years: Ben Fudger, eight, with An Easter Card; Age 13-17: Lily Doolin, 16 with My Favourite Flower



STOCKLAND NEWS

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100 Club wins

THE March and April Stockland Victory Hall 100 Club lucky winners have been drawn.

March draw: 58 Sue Hembrow £20; 86 Lucy Morgan, £10; 25 Penny Walmsley, £5.

April draw: 76 Leslie Thomas, £20; 54 Amelia Doble, £10; 68 Brian and Dawn Gosden, £5.

Monica Parris

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

The life of the world is a joy and a treasure,
unfolding in beauty the green-growing tree,
the changing of seasons in mountain and valley,
the stars and the bright restless sea.

The life of the world is the source of our healing,
it rises in laughter and wells up in song;
it springs from the care of the poor and the broken
and refreshes where justice is strong.

So, give thanks for the life and give love to the Maker,
and rejoice in the gift of the bright risen Son;
and walk in the peace and the power of the Spirit,
with hope and with joy for the life still to come.

Contributed by Philippa Wilks

New look for village hall for the reopening

IT is now more than a year since Stockland Victory Hall was closed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It has been a difficult time for everyone in our community but, hopefully, we can now see an end to many of the restrictions that have clouded the use of the hall and our daily lives. It hasn't been all bad news, however, as the very successful Stockland and Yarcombe pre-school has continued to operate at the hall during much of the lockdown.

It is now time to consider our next steps and this will include resuming our monthly Saturday fish and chip nights, hopefully from June 26th. We are also planning to reopen the Friday night youth club as soon as we can. The hall will be open for hire from June 21st, although some special conditions will continue to apply. All of these plans are, of course, subject to the Government's roadmap and the continued suppression of the virus.

Stockland Village Hall Committee has been busy during lockdown. Since you were all last in the hall, the old fire alarm has been replaced with a new system and the toilet area has

been redecorated.

Also, the hall now has its own website, which can be viewed at www.stocklandvillagehall.org.

Despite this year's restrictions, we are already seeing the website starting to attract bookings. Additionally, we also have plans to improve the facilities in the hall, including a new bar and converting the old committee room into a multi-functional lounge. This multi-functional lounge will be equipped to allow, for example, conversion into a café area when events are being run at the hall, use by wedding guests wishing to find a quiet corner, or by the youth club, as additional space. The building work will commence in January 2022.

If you are interested in joining the village hall committee, or helping out at the youth club on a rota basis, please contact chairman Brian Gosden on 01404 881000, or email chairmansvh@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the hall very soon.

Brian Gosden
Chairman
Stockland Victory Hall
Committee

Please send us your community news, activities and nature photos of the Five Alive area
Get in touch with your Stockland correspondent,
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Farewell to total lockdown as Kings Arms opens doors

By Gill Metcalfe

THE first day of the partial lifting of lockdown — April 12th — I drive down the hill (Honiton Road), cross Park Bridge, turn the corner and what a welcome sight — a quintessential village pub: well-tended gardens, a marquee and umbrellas all basking in the sunshine; all so very inviting. Yes, the long-awaited reopening of the Kings Arms after what seems forever.

With the sunshine combatting the winter chill, the requisite ruling to eat and drink alfresco seemed easily acceptable. Mine host Ben Walker and his front-of-house staff were gainfully employed in serving guests; food and drink were almost instantly served with Ben prominently over-seeing the action and making for the smooth opening

it was proving to be.

The fact that a full menu was available deserved credit; certainly unexpected. The new menu is certainly appealing: the dressed crab tart, wild garlic mayonnaise and warm potato salad was outstanding whilst the simple croque monsieur and spring vegetable coleslaw was exceptional. It was a menu that tempted the view that any choice made would be well-received.

Some changes have taken place with new chefs, a pastry chef and some new bar staff. Today's impression indicates a good omen — well done.

Without doubt, the village of Stockland has something to celebrate with the reopening and, whilst the local response has been incredible during lockdown, the need to continuously support this venture is paramount.



OUT came the sunshine as a warm welcome to alfresco dining on the reopening of the Kings Arms pub, above left. Top, croque monsieur and spring vegetable coleslaw; above right, mine host Ben Walker

Photos by Gill Metcalfe



STOCKLAND NEWS

Joyous Easter church service

THE Easter Day service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Stockland, was taken by the Revd Michael Selman.

It was a happy and joyous occasion; it was wonderful to have the church open properly for a service again. About 40 people attended which was fantastic.

At the end of the service everyone was invited to take a small Easter egg home along with an envelope containing some sunflower seeds. The reason for this was to spread some seeds of happiness; to come out of the lockdown process in order to give some semblance of normality.

Sunflowers symbolise happiness, positivity and strength, they stand tall and face the light; it was felt that the encouragement to move forward after a really difficult year was sorely needed. Everyone has been asked,

that if the seeds germinate and grow into flowering plants that they are brought to the harvest festival service at the end of September; if they have finished flowering then a photograph would suffice. Let's hope that all will germinate and grow big and strong with great positivity.

The service on April 18th was yet another lovely service with about 30 people attending.

The Archdeacon of Exeter, the Revd Andrew Beane, officiated. The last hymn was sung outside in the church gardens in gorgeous sunshine. This was Eternal Father, strong to save, in reverence to the passing of His Royal Highness, the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh; this allowed all present to join in.

Inside the church, we were only permitted a small choir of six, under the present rules congregations are

not allowed to sing as yet.

The Union flag has been flying at half mast for the last week in his honour.

The church interior still looked lovely with the stunning Easter arrangements still in place.

The church will now be open each day for quiet prayer and reflection. Please sign the 'track and trace' list in the church and use the sanitiser and observe the signs that are in place around the church.

The next service will be on Thursday, May 13th at 7pm which will be an Evensong for Ascension Day to be followed on Sunday, May 16th with a Five Alive Mission Community service to be taken by the Archdeacon, the Revd Andrew Beane.

We do hope to see you all at one or other or both.

Rozanne Bulmer

Uncertainty forces country fair to be cancelled

USUALLY the lovely, traditional Stockland Country Fair, one of the largest in East Devon, is held on the late May bank Holiday Monday.

Sadly, after much discussion, the fair committee felt that there was too much uncertainty around the current Covid situation and have decided to cancel the event for this year.

We will be back next year with an extra special Platinum Jubilee-themed Stockland fair with a slight change of date due to the Queen's Jubilee and the altered late bank holiday.

So, you heard it here first, please pencil the date in your diary, Stockland Country Fair will be held on Saturday, June 4th 2022.

So sorry for the disappointment

this year and we look forward to seeing you then.

Do not fear there are plans afoot for some other lovely entertainment and local events during the summer all subject to Government guidelines but we're determined to make sure we can all have a good get together at some time very soon.

Wendy Urquhart



PANSIES under siege from April snow as the spring weather has been so changeable, above right. Magnolias, left, in profusion around Stockland parish. Some unusual invaders at Shore Bottom, centre

Photos by Gill Metcalfe



SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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Trio run for the animals

By Editor Kate Williams

THREE primary school children have taken on a mammoth running task to raise funds to help local animals.

The trio of girls, who all attend Shute Primary School, haven't vowed to execute a 10km-run on May 2nd with all profits to be donated to Ferne Animal Sanctuary, near Chard.

Nine-year-olds Poppy Jenks, Paloma Moorley and Maddie Dowell, pictured from left, wanted to raise money for the animal sanctuary after the project has suffered financially during the pandemic.

The girls said: "The past year has been incredibly difficult, not only for us humans but for the animals too. So, we have decided to raise as much money as possible for Ferne Animal Sanctuary in Chard by running a massive 10km on May



2nd.

"It's going to be tough but we are determined to complete it, we are already training hard.

"This charity is amazing. Not only do they look after all sorts of animals, they find happy homes for

them too with ongoing support if needed. Every year, they rehome 500 dogs and cats and they provide a safe home for over 400 farm animals and domestic pets who need somewhere safe to go for the remainder of their lives."

A spokesperson for Ferne Animal Sanctuary said: "When our community reach out to support us it means so much! The funds raised will help us to continue to provide a vital safety net to animals in need.

"Animals, who through no fault of their own find themselves in need of a helping hand, some care and attention and a safe, loving home.

"Thank you, Maddie, Poppy and Paloma for choosing our charity and good luck with your training. I look forward to seeing you at the finish line."

The girls would appreciate any support via their JustGiving page, search for Poppy, Maddie and Paloma's Fundraiser.

High hopes for Shute Barton reopening

By Bijan Omrani

THE National Trust's decision to close Shute Barton to the public by ending the four annual open weekends, as reported earlier in *The Parishes' Paper*, gained widespread attention.

The National Trust blamed the closure on budgetary and logistical constraints brought on by the pandemic lockdowns. As many readers of this publication may be aware, the matter was reported in the national and regional media, including the *Telegraph*, *Mail*, *Western Morning News*, *BBC Radio Devon*, and the local Axminster press. It also gained considerable prominence on social media groups, and a petition against the move garnered over 1,000 signatures.

Following this campaign, the National Trust offered to speak to

Shute representatives from the parish council and Shute Parochial Church Council. After long discussions, an agreement was reached on the way forward. It was agreed that the National Trust desires to reopen Shute Barton to the public when it becomes logistically and financially possible to do so. It was agreed that a review of the situation will be held jointly between representatives from the National Trust, the parish council and the parochial church council by mid-November.

Clear criteria for judging whether the open weekends can resume will be provided. If it is judged not possible to resume the open weekends in 2022, then the joint-National Trust-community reviews will be repeated until Shute Barton does reopen. In addition, a National Trust curator will also visit the community over the next few

months to look at other ways in which Shute Barton could be made available to the general public and offer a wider public benefit.

Whilst we are hopeful that these discussions may, over the longer term, lead to the reopening of Shute Barton to the public, the present closure has deprived Shute church of an important source of income – the sale of tea, cakes, plants and other items to visitors to the open weekends. The church will be looking at ways to make up for this loss of income as it reopens. However, if any readers of *The Parishes' Paper* would like to consider making regular donations to the church to help ensure its future, this would be very welcome. Offers of volunteering to help with daily church duties will also be gladly welcomed. Please contact bijan.omrani@btinternet.com, PCC secretary, for details.

High-profile speakers for online festival this month

By Sam Knights

A NUMBER of high-profile speakers from the world of TV, journalism and climate change science will be addressing the online Shute Festival in May.

On Thursday, May 13th at 6pm, writer and TV personality Alex Wheatle will be in conversation with Shute Festival on his new book, *The Humiliations of Welton Blake*.

Born in 1963 to Jamaican parents living in Brixton, Alex spent most of his childhood in a Surrey children's home. He returned to Brixton in 1977 where he founded the Crucial Rocker sound system and performed his own songs and lyrics under the name of Yardman Irie. He spent a short stint in prison following the Brixton uprising of 1981.

Following his release from prison, he continued to write poems and lyrics and became known as the Brixtonbard. Alex's first novel, *Brixton Rock*, was published to critical acclaim in 1999. Five more novels, *East of Acre Lane*, *The Seven Sisters*, *Island Songs*, *Checkers* and *The Dirty South* followed, all highly praised. Alex also appears regularly on BBC1's *The One Show* and on radio. He wrote and performed his own one-man autobiographical show for Tara Arts, *Uprising*, and took the performance on tour in October 2012 and into the beginning of 2013 all over the country. He has appeared at Harrogate Crime Writing Festival, Hay Festival, Bristol Festival of Ideas, Edinburgh Book Festival amongst others. He is Creative Writing Lecturer in Children and Young Adults fiction at Manchester Metropolitan University.

Steve McQueen has based one episode in his six-part *Small Axe* series for BBC on Alex's life, which was recently broadcast by the BBC and Alex was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in 2008 for services to literature.



Professor Sir Dieter Helm will be speaking at Shute Festival during May

On Thursday, May 20th at 6pm, Financial Times journalist Sathnam Sanghera will be joining Shute Festival to discuss his new book, *Empireland*.

Sathnam Sanghera was born to Punjabi immigrant parents in Wolverhampton in 1976. He entered the education system unable to speak English but, after attending Wolverhampton Grammar School, graduated from Christ's College, Cambridge, with a first-class degree in English Language and Literature in 1998. He has been shortlisted for the Costa Book Awards twice, for his memoir *The Boy With The Topknot* and his novel, *Marriage Material*, the former being adapted by BBC Drama in 2017 and named Mind Book of the Year in 2009. He has won numerous prizes for his journalism at *The Financial Times* and *The Times*, including Young Journalist of the Year in 2002 and Media Commentator of the Year in 2015.

On Thursday, May 27th at 6pm

there will be a panel discussion on climate change and the environment with Sir Dieter Helm, Professor of Economic Policy at the University of Oxford and Fellow in Economics at New College, Oxford, and Susan Shaw, an international law specialist in sustainable development.

Sir Dieter has written many books, most recently *Net Zero* (September 2020, William Collins) in which he addresses the action we all need to take to tackle the climate emergency. His other books include *Green and Prosperous Land* (2019, William Collins), *Burn Out: The Endgame for Fossil Fuels* (2017), *The Carbon Crunch: Revised and Updated* (2015) and *Natural Capital: Valuing the Planet* (2016), all published by Yale University Press.

Sir Dieter has provided extensive advice to UK and European governments, including *The Cost of Energy Review* for the UK Government in October 2017 and for the European Commission in preparing the Energy Roadmap 2030.

He served both as a special advisor to the European Commissioner for Energy and as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on the Roadmap. He also assisted the Polish government in its presidency of the European Union Council.

Susan Shaw is a founding partner of the law firm Living Law, focusing on sustainable development and making the law more broadly accessible across societies. She specialises primarily in international law in the field of the environment, public law, energy law and human rights. She is a member of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law, a participant in the UN Harmony with Nature initiative (Expert, Earth Jurisprudence), as well as an observer to the UN Minamata Convention on Mercury.

For full details about how to join these events online, please visit the festival's website, www.shutefest.org.uk.

April's events were joined by large audiences from near and far. Thank you again to everyone who has donated to keep Shute Festival free for all. If you would like to make a donation please visit the website.



YARCOMBE NEWS

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A blast from the past — the Blytheswood Knitters

By Maggie Lane

I GUESS many of us have put our time to good use over the last challenging year and have delved into their collections and past records trying to decide which to burn or shred or put in the recycling box.

Recently I came across my Blytheswood Knitters folder and I couldn't resist a peek! Lesley Sutton had suggested I might revisit the days of past activities and so here goes with just one...

They started in 2003 at my home with Nellie Rich, Hilda Larcombe, Georgie Copp, Win Rattenbury, Dorothy Miller, Doreen Nicholls and Francie Spiller. Later we were joined by Margaret Foxwell, Brenda Taylor, Dorothy Carter, Rosemary Abel, Shirley Denslow, Lindsey Middleton, Bridget Sloley, Michelle Button-

Stephens, Ann Halse and friends and Marjorie Short. Needless to say they weren't all present at the same time, but in recalling all those names I was surprised there were so many!

We also had some home knitters, including Ann Bannister, Francie's daughter, Jacqueline, Christine Heywood, of Honiton, Molly Cross and Molly Bickley, of Marsh, Joan Dyer and Sally White.

Many a time I remember being surprised to find beautifully-packaged knitwear items from Sally left in the chapel for me to find. Francie won the prize for the greatest output over at least 11 years. She notched up over 2,000 items if my memory serves me correctly!

We were indebted to all those who generously donated wool and it was all put to jolly good use. It was a remarkable effort and there's no

doubt about it all these generous devoted knitters made a huge difference to all the recipients in far flung places.

The Christian charity called Blytheswood Care, which offers 'Christian care for body and soul', was wonderfully supported by this group for many years.

Occasionally, their representatives would give us a laptop demonstration keeping us up-to-date with their projects. The items went to the areas where the need was most, including Eastern Europe, Africa, India and Haiti.

All this time on, I would like to repeat my huge thanks and appreciation to all those who gave so much time and support to this most worthy of causes! And, I have it on good authority that Molly B was last seen in the Hummingbird at Churchinford still busy with her knitting needles.

YARCOMBE WEATHER MARCH 2021

	2021	2020	2019
Average Max. temperature	11.8°C	11.2°C	12.4°C
Average Min.	4.2°C	3.6°C	5.2°C
Average Overall temperature	8.0°C	7.4°C	8.8°C
Rainfall	55.6mm	72.2mm	109.6 mm
Wettest Day	12th 12.2mm	4th 16.3 mm	8th 34.2 mm
Sunniest Day	30th 10.0 hrs	25th 12.0 hrs	27th 11.5 hrs
Warmest Day	30th 20.5°C	24th 17.1°C	28th 17.0°C
Coldest Night	8th -2.0°C	6th 0.1°C	8th 0.7°C
Sunshine hours	125 hours	186hrs	110 hrs

March is usually a dry month, but this year we had less rain than normal.

Tony Newman

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YARCOMBE NEWS

Looking back at the village Melody Makers: 1992-2006

By Maggie Lane

MUSIC Maker Maggie Lane formed the group in 1992. Founder members were Shirley Briant, Cynthia Goodman, Janet Mason, Mary Smith, Lesley Sutton, Ann Weller, Eleanor Wright, John and Maggie Lane. Later members were Jim Miller (Drums), Ruby Cooke, Ann Halse, Jim Goodyear, Sheila Clement (various instruments including violin) and Mary Izzard. Wearing sweaters emblazoned with the logo YMMS they became known as 'The Yummies'.

The group came about after a visit by a group of handbell ringers to a Women's Institute group meeting. A group of members decided that they would like to play some music for fun. They had access to play some basic blue chime bars, lap-top size and easy to transport, plus glockenspiel and marching lyre, even if the instrumentalist had no knowledge of music, clefs or notes.

They decided to play a large variety of secular and sacred music whilst entertaining and raising funds for Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) — which was just being planned) —and to be a means of introducing people to the Christian message and the chapel/parish

church. Graduating later to metallaphones, like xylophones but the notes are made of metal instead of wood, the group purchased four soprano, two alto, two bass and two keyboards, but transporting all this equipment became more of an issue.

The group performed Christmas programmes and themes such as 'Easter Promise', 'Music through the ages', 'Carols around the world', 'What's in a name?', and 'What's in a memory?'. Also featured was music specially written by Ken Crandell, who had connections with the chapel and Yarcombe, which went back to his school days. It depicted the life at that time, such as the post ladies and oxeye daisies, much of which was written in constantly changing tempos and so most challenging! There was a special Yarcombe Millennium Songs of Praise, 'dance', 'jubilee forte' which celebrated the Queen's Golden Jubilee, 'In praise of summer', 'My favourite things' and many others. The last event was Maggie's 'Six-0 Songs of Praise' in 2006.

Most performances were held at the chapel which was filled to overflowing on occasions. The balcony, luckily intact, and the doors to the schoolroom opened wide although the audience had very

limited vision. It was a good idea to bring a cushion as the pews are very narrow and straight backed, so it must have been quite an ordeal to sit through a concert. Dr Betty Munns and her husband, Douglas, from the CHSW, came regularly to keep everyone up-to-date with the building project at Little Bridge House and to which the group were invited to visit on a most memorable occasion. The grand sum of £8,668.94 was raised in Yarcombe to help towards this project so dear to our hearts.

We travelled to quite a few local nursing homes, where there was a captive audience, as far apart as Lyme Regis, Orchard Portman, in Taunton, Seaton and Axminster, where residents enjoyed and joined in the old well-known songs they could all remember. We played at Axminster United Reformed Church, Chard Methodist Church, Newhouse Baptist Chapel, Yarcombe Parish Church and at garden parties at Glebe Farm, Brian and Mary Smith's home, as well as the chapel. Some remaining members came out of retirement in 2011 to play at Maggie's '65 special' in the Jubilee Hall. They also joined forces with Yarcombe's then newly-formed men's singing group, Take This, and the band 5 Alive to raise money for St Margaret's Hospice in Taunton.

Residents pay tribute to Duke of Edinburgh

YARCOMBE paid tribute to the passing of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, on Saturday morning, April 10th.

Tony Newman climbed the steps in Yarcombe church tower to fly the flag at half-mast and Gareth Dear tolled the bell at midday. Sights and sounds not seen for over a year.

**ST John the Baptist Church,
Yarcombe, where locals
remembered HRH Prince Philip**





Upcoming plans for YFC

AS the lockdown restrictions are easing, the months are passing very quickly and we seem to be flying through the young farmers' calendar.

March has been a busy month learning about the exciting new restrictions young farmers are going to be able to do. As a youth organisation, we are fortunate to be able to have members meetings outside now and we are able to resume sports activities in small groups against other clubs.

As you can tell we are incredibly lucky to have this, and we are planning ways to meet up safely and ensure social distancing is maintained with activities.

We continue to host our regular club meetings via Zoom, where a lot of discussion has been had about the exciting coming summer months in the future young farmers' calendar. This certainly appears to be more promising and brighter for

all.

We are very much all looking forward to the brighter months ahead and being able to fundraise as much as we can for our charities of the year, as well as having fun and catching up with much missed time together as a club with friends.

As the restrictions do start to ease and normality appears to be in sight, we hope to be able to share with you details of our events in the near future. I'm sure many members are looking forward to being able to meet up with one another and plan activities outdoors rather than on Zoom.

On Saturday, April 3rd, six members participated in hockey at Axminster sports grounds, this being our first sports activity of the year. Well done to those who all took part and came third.

As I am writing this report, we are busy preparing for our charity duck race, which is going to be held on

Sunday, April 11th and will be live-streamed on our Facebook page.

We have a fantastic array of prizes to be won and most have been kindly donated. Please look out in next month's report to see how we got on.

We also have the annual Young Farmers' Club show and sale to report on next month.

If anyone would like to become involved in the Young Farmers' Club, we would love you to join our club and encourage you to contact our chairman or secretary for more information. If anyone has any further questions, please contact chairman Dan Olive on 07811 744714, or secretary Natalie Sampson on 07775 591324.

We hope you all stay safe and well.

Natalie Sampson
Secretary
Yarcombe and District
Young Farmers' Club

Avian flu housing measures lifted

WELCOME sighs of relief from all local chicken keepers, from the commercial holdings to the small backyards: since April 1st, these are no longer subject to the recent avian flu restrictions which ruled that all birds had to be kept indoors or if outside under specified netting and conditions.

The crackdown by the government Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) saw a new legal requirement for all poultry owners to bring their flocks indoors and to keep them separate from potentially infectious wild birds. There were absolutely no exceptions to the ruling.

Since November 2020, there have been 22 cases of the disease and its multiple strains in the UK: two of the H5N8 (highly pathogenic strain) were recorded close to home: in a backyard flock in Gillingham, Dorset, and in Exmouth, West Devon. No further outbreaks have been reported in British poultry



since February 12th.

Even with the lifting of the ban mandatory biosecurity measures still remain in force.

Those who allow their birds outside must follow guidance and protect the outside area; birds should be in fenced or in enclosed outdoor areas whilst feed and water must be provided under cover where wild birds cannot gain access.

All owners are encouraged to be

vigilant with clothing and footwear as well as restricting visitors to where the birds are housed. Irrespective of poultry numbers, a biosecurity self-assessment check list is advised with the reminder that all holdings can be subjected to government checks. With the softening of restrictions comes the warning that vigilance is paramount and that the threat of bird flu still exists.

Gill Metcalfe

Insight into the intriguing special Devon vernacular

By Gill Metcalfe

THE past four years have seen some substantial changes in the parish of Stockland with house sales bringing new families into the area; these are well into double figures.

Shore Bottom, Millhayes and Broadhayes have seen 14 household changes. Recent escalation in house sales in Devon indicate a substantial demographic change. Devon, however, is not just 'an escape to the country' it is a move to many cultural differences still evident in the rural parishes with those born and bred in the county being called Devonians or demonyms.

Newcomers (outsiders/vurriners/emmetts/incomers — being several identifying terms) to Devon will soon come across the Devon accent and linguistic oddities.

In the past 'newcomers' have contributed to some of these differences adding to the cultural changes in language.

Although the Devon dialect may slowly be dying out, with language being vibrant and ever changing, many of the words and sayings are still used today in rural areas.

Pure Devon is reputed to be derived from the Wessex speech of King Alfred's court. Alfred the Great was King of the West Saxons from 871-c886 and King of the Anglo-Saxons from 886-899. It's a proud heritage with such ancient roots.

'The reason for the particularly strong Devon dialect is that it is a mixture of Anglo-Saxon, Celtic and Old French — all a bit mixed up with a bit too much local cyder' (D St Leger-Gordon in: 'Devonshire').

Because Devon was so isolated, it saw a slower rate of settlement by the Saxons, so the area's previous Celtic settlers can still be found in the dialect. This was still well-preserved into the 19th Century, until the growth of Devon's towns

and cities started attracting newcomers who diluted the traditional dialects.

According to Wikipedia, there are some key characteristics to the Devon vernacular: these are some examples which can still heard from time to time, especially in the more rural parts of the county:

- a slower rhythm to speech, partly caused by the lengthening of vowels sounds;
- initial letters in words can often be replaced with closely related letter hence an 's' is pronounced as a 'z' and 'f' becomes pronounced 'v'. Devon derives its name from Dumnonia (the shift from m to v is a typical Celtic consonant shift);
- 'You' becomes 'Ye'.

In several areas there are also distinct grammatical and syntactical differences:

- objects are referred to as male rather than a neutral one; put 'he'

over there;

- a letter 'a' may be added to a word to denote a past tense; a-went, meaning gone;
- 'they' may be used in place of them or those; they shoes be mine.

Words/phrases may also confuse the newcomer: Proper job (OK), 'Alright, me 'and some', 'Alrite my luvver' (all right mate), maid (woman), bey (boy), 'Wasson, Where's it to?', Geddon (agreed), Backalong/back in the day (in the past), Snishums (sneeze), Dreckly (soon), Angletwitch (fidget), Squinches (dusting), God's cow (lady bird) Spurtin' arrishes (growing stubble); all being but a few illustrations.

Those having many generations of family in the Five Alive parishes will surely be able to add to these and there are probably words and phrases that are peculiar to the parish. All additions welcomed!

MORE PHRASES FROM THE LOCALS...

HAVING discussed the intention of writing an article on the local dialect with several neighbours, the following was received from local historian and staunch Devonian Bryan Drew.

It serves to reinforce the point that the Devon vernacular is still very much alive in rural parts of the county.

He said: "I grew up in East Devon within a farming family and was later involved with the farming fraternity through my work.

"I attended local livestock markets where the dialect was widely used.

"These were words in many conversations we would use: Smeech = an unpleasant smell from the smoke of a bonfire. Brimbles = brambles. Dimpsey = getting dark, twilight. Nort = Nothing, Can't do nort about it.

Biddle = Beetle for hammering in stakes, Tallet = A loft above a stable or cow shippen. Wopsies = wasps. Dashels = thistles. Teddies = potatoes. Goyle = deep gulley or ravine. Fuzz = furze or gorse. Gurt big un = great big one.

"I bain't gwain = I am not going, Where be gwain to? = where are you going?, Bide there = stay there. Tidden very nice today = it's not very nice today. Where's he to ? = where is he. Yer tiz = here it is.

"That's a sample of the words and phrases we used to say and occasionally still use some of them today."

Thanks must also go to Cathy who admitted that local words and sayings were very much part of her normal vocabulary but didn't realise this was the case until asked.

PARISH RECIPE

RHUBARB CRUMBLE by M Berrie

A deliciously simple yet fantastic dish

Ingredients:

900g fruit with sugar to taste
175g plain flour
Large handful of oats
125g chilled butter
80g mixed caster and Demerara sugar
A large shallow baking dish

Method:

Pre-heat oven to 180 fan.

Mix fruit with sugar in baking dish.

Rub butter into flour, add oats and sugar.

Sprinkle crumble over the fruit.

Bake for about 30 minutes.



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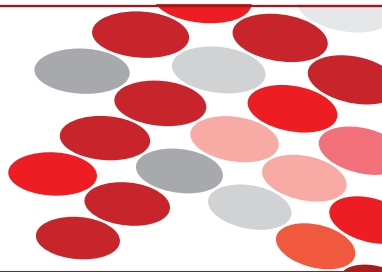
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May		
Tues 4th May	The Beacon, Kilmington	Messy Sparklers is due to be starting back up on the 4th May and will then be held on the first Tuesday of the month thereafter.
3pm Sun 9th May	Hampton Farm	Rogation Sunday Service at Hampton Farm - Service to be led by Tim Collins (Farm between Kilmington, Shute and Whitford)
11am Sun 9th May	White's Farm	Rogation Sunday Service at Whites Farm - Service to be led by Gill Heighway
1:30-5pm Sat 22nd to Sun 23rd May	Kilmington (Shute Road) Gardens	National Garden Scheme Tickets (£6 for all three gardens, children free), Purchased in advance online (https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/26002) or at Spinney Two, Breach or Betty's Ground. A lovely opportunity to wander around these varied gardens and see them in their May glory! Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome at each garden. To support nursing and health charities that are in great need of financial support due to the pandemic.
All Day Sat 15th May to Sat 22nd May inclusive	'Dalwood Street'	Plant Sale in the centre of the village or in the Jubilee Field if Covid restrictions are lifted. See advert on Dalwood news pages for more details
3pm - 5pm 23rd May	Brian & Chris Eddy's Home Crossways, Dalwood	Mission Community 'Bring Your Own Picnic' - Everyone welcome!
July		
2pm Sat 7th July	Jubilee Field, Dalwood	Table Top/Jumble Sale
2:30pm Sun 25th July	Dalwood Bridge	Duck Race
1pm - 5pm Sat 21st August	Dalwood Fair Field	Annual Dalwood Fair
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