

# The PARISHES' PAPER

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**A warm  
welcome to  
Rev Julie  
Lomas**

The magazine for St Peter's Church, Dalwood; St Giles's Church, Kilmington;  
St Michael's Church, Shute; St Michael & All Angels Church, Stockland;  
and St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe



# THE SUNDAY SERVICES



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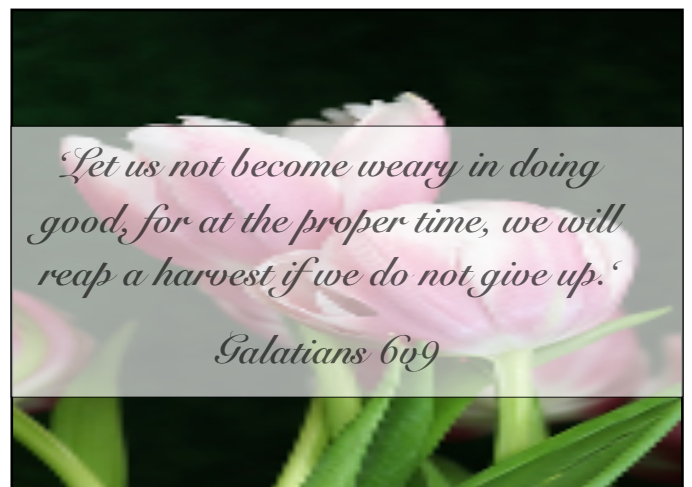
DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
TUE 2 Nov [R/Gr/Purple] All Souls	6pm All Souls Service				
Sun 7 Nov [R/G] 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent	11am MW	9.30am HC	2pm Baptism	11am HC	11am Family Service
Sun 14 Nov [R/Gr] Remembrance Sunday	10.50am + HC	9.30am Beacon Baptist Church	10.50am	10.50am	10.50am
Sun 21 Nov [R/Wh] Christ the King				11am MCHC	6.30pm Evening Worship
Sun 28 Nov [Purple] 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	9.30am HC	9.30am MW	6.30pm Choral Evensong	11am MW	11am HC

We have restarted our midweek services and would love you to attend

There will be weekly Holy Communion services held as below:

Dalwood – Wednesdays in November  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 9-30am

Kilmington – Tuesdays in November  
9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 09-30am



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

# A CALLING 'HOME' TO DEVON



REV JULIE LOMAS

**HELLO to the Churches in Yarcombe, Stockland, Shute + Whitford, Kilmington and Dalwood – greetings!**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father be with you.

I am delighted to be with you as your Priest-in-Charge having been licensed to this role by Bishop Robert on Monday, October 11th.

I was overwhelmed by the number of people who turned out on a Monday evening to welcome me, and to commit to support and share in our worship and witness, in mission and pastoral care across the Five Alive Mission Community.

My husband is Steve, and when he first met me, he cottoned on to the fact that as my boyfriend he could enjoy free holidays with my family as I came from Teignmouth. We married three years later and have been enjoying Teignmouth and Devon every year ever since.

Living and working in Derbyshire we learnt a thing or two about country lanes, beautiful views, stunning walks and places to avoid on a bank holiday.

These skills are easily being transferred to this beautiful area that we believe God has called us to, and it has the added attraction of being a calling 'home' to serve and minister to God's people in this neck of the woods in Devon.

Our grown-up children are all coming to visit over the next few weeks and months and you may



REV Julie Lomas and husband Steve

well get chance to meet them. We are blessed with twin girls, Katie and Eleanor, who are both married, and our son, Sam, who has just announced his engagement so there will be a family wedding next year.

Our granddaughter is three-and-a-half and will be joined by a sibling in January – watch this space!

When I came for the interview for this post I was asked to prepare a short talk on a favourite verse or passage from the Bible. I chose to talk about this verse:

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12 v 12*

As we get to know each other, my prayer is that this verse will accompany and support us all as we work out what our shared ministry will look like to the people we live amongst, serve and love in the name of Jesus.

Please take a note of my contact details, and use them - the Vicarage door will be open and the kettle will be on!

Every blessing.

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# PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALMS 50 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

**HERE God's people are told of messages issuing forth from Zion, the place of divine presence. The first six verses leave no doubt about their importance.**

First the temple system of animal sacrifice is acceptable, but **MUST** be accompanied by genuine thanksgiving.

Secondly, the wicked, forgetters of God, had better watch out, or else!

Verse 24 suggests the best way forward.

## PSALM 50

1. The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2. Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth; our God comes and will not keep silence.

3. Consuming fire goes out before him and a mighty tempest stirs about him.

4. He calls the heaven above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:

5. "Gather to me my faithful, who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice."

6. Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

7. Hear, O my people, and I will speak: " I will testify against you, O Israel; for I am God, your God.

8. "I will not reprove you for your sacrifices, for your burnt offerings are always before me.

9. "I will take no bull out of your house, nor he-goat out of your folds.

10. "For all the beasts of the forest are mine, the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11. "I know every bird of the mountains and the insect of the field is mine.

12. "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that fills it.

13. "Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

14. "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and fulfil your vows to God Most High.

15. "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you shall honour me."

16. But to the wicked, says God: "Why do you recite my statutes and take my covenant upon your lips,

17. "Since you refuse to be disciplined and have cast my words behind you?

18. "When you saw a thief, you made friends with him and you threw in your lot with adulterers.

19. "You have loosed your lips for evil and harnessed your tongue to deceit.

20. "You sit and speak evil of your brother; you slander your own mother's son.

21. "These things have you done, and should I keep silence? Did you think that I am even such a one as yourself?

22. "But no, I must reprove you, and set before your eyes the things that you have done.

23. "You that forget God, consider this well, lest I tear you apart and there is none to deliver you.

24. "Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me and to those who keep my way will I show the salvation of God.

## Bible readings November 2021

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
TUE 2 Nov [R/Gr/Purple] All Souls	Own Readings	Own Readings
Sun 7 Nov [R/G] 3rd Sunday before Advent	Ps: 62:5-12 Jonah 3:1-5,10	Heb: 9:24-End Mark 1:14-20
Sun 14 Nov [R/Gr] Remembrance Sunday	Own Readings	Own Readings
Sun 21 Nov [R/Wh] Christ the King	Ps: 93 Daniel 7:9-10,13-14	Rev: 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37
Sun 28 Nov [Purple] 1st Sunday of Advent	Ps: 25:1-9 Jer: 33:14-16	1 Thess: 3:9-End Luke 21:25-36

## From the registers

### Funerals

Funeral of **Douglas George Cottey** at St John the Baptist Yarcombe on August 19th

Funeral of **Jane Parris** at St John the Baptist Yarcombe on October 20th

Funeral of **Betty Mary England** who died on October 1st aged 87 years at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, on October 21st

Funeral of **Alan Jackson** at St Michael and All Angels, Stockland, on October 28th

**Richard Hamilton Hurford** passed away on August 21st aged 84. Richard was born on December 2nd 1936. Richard's funeral took place at St Giles on September 14th

### Baptisms

Baptism of **Rory, Levi and Ryder Hembro** at St Michael and All Angels, Stockland on October 26th



# A HUGE 'THANK YOU'

**IMAGINE our surprise when we sat down to open the cards given to us by Bishop Robert after the licensing service, and multiple garden vouchers popped out!**

Anna and I are blown away by your kindness and generosity, many, many thanks indeed.

We couldn't have made it through the last two years of the 'vacancy' without the goodwill, help and support from every one of you in the Five Alive; we're so grateful that, as a team, we've been able to keep services going.

We didn't expect the curve ball that was Covid, but between us we've all come through it, and learned more about computer technology than many of us had anticipated!



Now, as the focus of the team shifts to the future of our Mission Community, with Julie, our new Priest-in-Charge, at the helm, we move forward together in love, hope and joy.



Thanks so much to you all – now the hard work starts for Anna and I; what do we buy for our gardens with these wonderful vouchers?

Take care Everybody.  
**Gill Heighway and Anna Crabbe**

## DALWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

**WE took more steps towards normality last month when we held our first coffee morning for 21 months, raising funds for the Axminster Food Bank.**

It was a very happy occasion, and Tina kindly provided us with background music on the piano, something new for us and it certainly added to the atmosphere.

Thank you Tina.

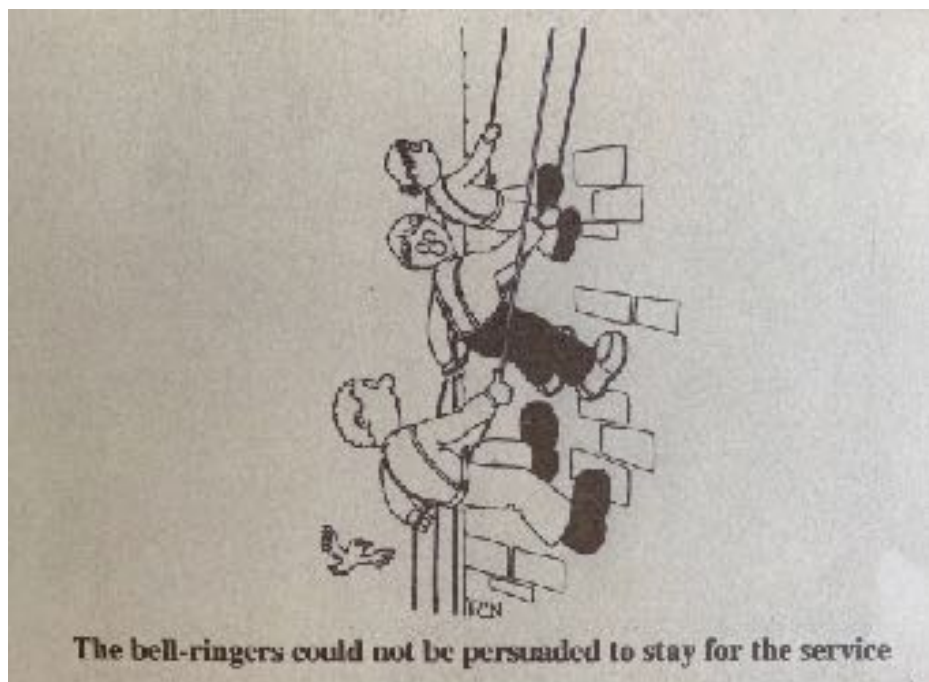
Also restarted was our Art Club, where things were a little quieter but equally happy after the long Covid-19 break. Ours is not what one would call a traditional art club; we are one of a growing number of clubs where the social and caring side is as important as the painting, and complete novices can feel at home and progress at their own pace. To keep costs to a minimum we don't have speakers but rely on each other to give any help and

guidance needed. The club's been running for 15 years now, not always in Dalwood.

Our next coffee morning will be on Monday, November 29th, again in aid of Axminster Food Bank as the way things are at the moment it looks as though their services will be needed more than ever this Christmas.

Our Sunday services are at 11am, and you will receive a warm welcome there.

**Roderick Ovey**



**Keep the Five Alive community thriving and in touch by sending your local news and views - we want to hear from our readers**

*Email your contributions to your parish correspondents or direct to the editor – see page 31 for contact details*

# A JOYOUS OCCASION AS NEW VICAR IS LICENSED

By Mary Harrison



REV Julie Lomas and her husband, Steve; below, Morris McGowan presents a bible to Rev Lomas; below right, Rev Lomas in the pulpit as part of the Act of Dedication with the Archdeacon of Exeter, left of centre

I'M not sure that any of us who attended the somewhat chaotic rehearsal for the Licensing Service of our new Priest-in-Charge, Julie Lomas, could have predicted that the actual evening would go so smoothly and so joyously.

Yes there was a lot of symbolic too-ing and fro-ing, from the church bells, to the font, to the altar steps and the necessary formalities, such as Bishop Robert reading out the official wording of Julie's licence, but everything that evening was underpinned by everyone's desire for an evening of celebration.

Archdeacon Andrew set the tone at the beginning of the service by welcoming everyone, especially Julie's family and friends, some who had travelled a great distance to be there.

Bishop Robert then continued the theme, when he expressed his enthusiastic delight at being back again since BC (before Covid) in the "bright and welcoming" church of St Giles, Kilmington.

Julie was presented to the congregation and asked whether she believed God had called her to this place and role, to which she replied in the affirmative.

The congregation was then asked whether each would welcome and support Julie and share in her





worship, witness, mission and pastoral care, to which again there was a resounding “we will”.

This, in essence, formed a major part of Bishop Robert's sermon. He pointed out that most churches when looking for a new priest sometimes look for a ‘fairy godmother’ who can wave a magic wand and solve all our problems. He urged us all to look after Julie, to use our talents and skills to work with her as part of a team, with her at the helm. Sound advice.

Various members of the congregation then brought symbolic gifts to Julie and there were short speeches of welcome from representatives from all the mission community, parishes, local schools, and the community.

Robin Hodges, Lay Chair of Honiton Deanery, I think summed up well the general feeling when he said that after such a long wait, there had been a “longing” for the right person to be sent to us — one of the reasons for joy that evening.

What of the lady herself? Faced with quite a lengthy service where she had to be here, there, saying this, doing that, she seemed very composed, relaxed and taking it all in her stride.

She could not help but endear herself to us when, having climbed the steps to the bell tower, she gave us all a cheery wave through the

glass.

Then having negotiated the ringing of the bell, she turned to the congregation and gave us the ‘thumbs up’ signal.

After the service was officially over, the celebrations continued. This was a personal celebration for Julie and her husband, Steve, as this day also marked their 35th wedding anniversary and Gill presented them with a card on behalf of us all.

Bishop Robert expressed how lovely it was to be able to meet all together in a full church and to sing hymns.

Then he made a special presentation of thanks, on our behalf, to our two wonderful readers, Gill Heighway and Anna Crabbe, who had “worked their socks off” to keep services going over the last two years. There was an emphatic cheer of agreement.

There was, of course, excellent food and drink to share after the service and a gloriously created cake, made by Gay Atkinson, depicting Julie and Steve in a canoe — one of their passions!

It was a truly joyous occasion and we look forward to many more. I urge you all to take the opportunity to attend and meet Julie at our services — just don't expect her to remember all our names at once or to bring a wand.



**REV Julie Lomas, above; below, Julie and her husband, Steve, cut a cake presented at Julie's licensing for their 35th wedding anniversary**



**ABOVE left, Rev Lomas with the Archdeacon of Exeter, Andrew Beane, centre, and Rev Tracey Voysey, left, at the font as part of the Act of Dedication; left, Rev Lomas with the Bishop of Exeter, the Rr Reverend Robert Atwell at the licensing service; above, a special ‘canoeing’ cake**





# DALWOOD NEWS

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## A WARM 'WELCOME' TO 21 NEW RESIDENTS

By Kathy Laing

**DALWOOD Fair Committee (DFC) hosted a welcome meeting and 'get together' evening on September 16th.**

The DFC felt as so many events and social gatherings had to be cancelled due to the pandemic, an evening of sharing with new residents much of what is (usually) on in the village would be a way to introduce new residents into the

community.

Kathy Laing, as chair of the DFC, welcomed 21 new residents who joined the meeting. It was a lovely way of welcoming and saying 'hello' to them all.

There was a real buzz in the room as folks gathered and some 18 groups and organisations were represented. Pre-pandemic Dalwood was a busy place with lots going on.

All groups and organisations are hoping as 2021 ends and 2022 is

welcomed in, there will be much to look forward to.

If anyone would like to know more about all that is planned, in any of the groups or organisations, they can contact the relevant people. They will more than happy to answer any questions and welcome new residents to join them, in the way that suits. The DFC would like to thank all who came to the evening, making it such a success. The DFC has been asked to do it again, so watch this space.

**DALWOOD METHODIST CHURCH**

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the day



# DALWOOD NEWS

## November Flower Rota for St Peter's Church, Dalwood

October 30<sup>th</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup>:  
Jane Mottram

13<sup>th</sup> November and 20<sup>th</sup>:  
Caroline Nunns

November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>:  
Claire Pace

## Community lunch returns

DALWOOD Community Lunch is back.

Fingers crossed and covid permitting, the lunch organisers intend to restart St Peter's Church Community Lunch on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

As before, it will be held in Dalwood Village Hall commencing at 12.30pm at a cost of £7 per head for the three-course meal.

Organisers ask that those interested please let them know by Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend. Everyone is welcome as communities begin to come together again.

Please contact Fiona Fraser on 01297 639338 or Sue Drew on 01404 831365 for further information.

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### ST PETER'S CHURCH DALWOOD

**There is still time to 'BUY a BRICK' for the extension. As we start the build shortages of materials have driven the cost up, we may need some extra fundraising. Every brick will help. Thank you to all who have already given so generously**



#### SHOP OPENING TIMES

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THURSDAY: 9.00-11.30am

As we return slowly to some normality **THANK YOU** to all our customers and volunteers for your understanding and support during the Pandemic.



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## Special harvest celebration

By Diana Mellows

**THE St Giles' Celebrate Team were delighted to meet again this month with a harvest theme.**

The church was decorated with sheaves of corn, fruit and vegetables, and traditional hymns, such as We Plough the Fields and Scatter, were sung lustily and with joy, accompanied by Margaret Hurford on the piano.

Elana Blackmore led the service with great confidence and her love of God was very evident, and everyone warmed to her happy,



FROM left, Pearl, Shelia, Barbara and Val

enthusiastic approach. There were plenty of volunteers to help with the drama of the Parable of the Sower which was read beautifully by Christine Mills and explained by Christine Thorne with lots of visual aids, which included rocks, stones, seeds, weeds and corn stalks.

There were special prayers and songs to bring people together and the service ended with sending out prayers and a blessing. After this, a wonderful tea was much enjoyed by everyone. Thanks go to the

hospitality team of Barbara, Pearl, Val and Sheila for the delicious spread, with special scones from Sally Huscroft. Thanks also to all who helped to make the afternoon such a happy one and those who came to enjoy the company. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying this very special service. The team is planning to meet again with a Christmas Special on December 11th at 3pm in St Giles' Church to which everyone is welcome.



CHRISTINE Thorne and, left, Jenny Heming

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# KILMINGTON NEWS

By Christopher Thorne

**READER Anna Crabbe gave a warm welcome to everyone attending the harvest festival service in St Giles's Church on Sunday, September 19th.**

She thanked the flower arrangers for the beautiful floral decorations which were quite outstanding this year. She also thanked those who had donated the harvest gifts. Items like tins and packets which would be given to Axminster Food Bank.

Diana Church and Roger Lovegrove read the lessons and reader Gill Heighway led the intercession prayers. Gill also called on seven 'young in spirit' adults for the harvest shuffle poem. Each person held up one of the letters in 'harvest'. It was hilarious as they shuffled to make words which enabled everyone to appreciate a relevant harvest message.

After the service everyone was invited to enjoy refreshments at the back of the church.



## Beautiful floral decor



## Children and their adults invited to light party

**A LIGHT party will be held at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, on Saturday, October 30th from 3.30-5pm.**

It will be a family-friendly

afternoon for all ages with crafts, games, stories and songs.

Children — don't forget to bring a grown-up with you! Refreshments will be provided. Please let us

know if you would like to come along or if you are interested in helping please contact Diana Mellows 01297 32334 or Christine Mills 01297 599018.

## A time to remember

WE hope this finds you all well and ready once again to remember all those who have given their lives in not just safeguarding our country, but also our way of life which is often forgotten or taken for granted.

The withdraw from Afghanistan after 20 years has thrown up many questions; did we need to go to Afghanistan? Was it worth the lives of so many of our Armed Forces? Did we have an impact? Is Afghanistan a better place?

The answer to the first three questions is undoubtedly 'yes' or has everyone already forgotten the terrorism that threatened to disrupt our lives in 2001?

Only the people of Afghanistan

can answer the last question and only time will tell.

Whether you agree or not, please remember that your Armed Forces responded, did their duty for 'you' and laid down their lives without question.

If you are unable to relate to the sacrifice of the two great wars, or all the conflicts since, please spare a moment, purchase a poppy and help support the families of those who have had an impact on your lives.

Remembrance this year will return to a familiar format. By the time you read this our Poppy Appeal will be well on its way and, hopefully, you will have received your poppies through your letter box with

instructions on how you can donate.

There will be maroons on Kilmington Cricket Field at 11am on Thursday, November 11th to mark Armistice Day.

Our Remembrance service this year will be at the Baptist Beacon at 9.45am on Sunday, November 14th followed by the Act of Remembrance at Kilmington War Memorial.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible

Take great care and stay safe.

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**SUNDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

9.30 a.m. at  
**The Beacon, Baptist Church Kilmington**

*Lest we forget...*

Mike Hudson, Associate Pastor of The Baptist Church Kilmington will lead the service with Rev. Julie Lomas, Priest in Charge - Five Alive Mission Community East Devon, preaching.

The Service will be followed by a gathering at The War Memorial, Kilmington at 10.50 a.m.

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# STOCKLAND NEWS

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By Lucy Shipley

**THE first Stockland Academy Cross Country Run of the season took place on a very sunny Wednesday in September.**

Everyone was in good spirits and the children all performed and supported beautifully.

Due to Covid, we haven't been able to hold this event for a couple of years so it was lovely seeing it take place again.

Huge thanks for all the support by our brilliant marshals, car parking attendants and catering staff. We really couldn't hold this event without you!

If any other members of the community are interested in supporting these events and getting involved, we would love to hear from you.

## 100 winners

**STOCKLAND 100 Club winners are listed for July and August.**

July — Cathy Derryman number 31, £20; Sabrina Bailey number 75, £10; Lydia Hartnol number 8, £5. August Andy Howard number 47, £20; Ian Withers number 63, £10; Graham and Jenny number 28, £5.

## PAUSE FOR PRAYER

### We remember them

*A prayer adapted from the Jewish Prayer Book by St Nicholas Hospice Care*

We remember them  
When we are weary and in need of strength.  
When we are lost and sick at heart  
We remember them.

When we have a joy we long to share,  
When we have decisions that are hard to make  
We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,  
At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring  
We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,  
At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn  
We remember them.

At the rising of the sun and at its setting  
We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live; for they are now part of us  
As we remember them

*Submitted by Philippa Wilks*

## Remembrance

**THERE will be a service at 10.50am in Stockland's church for Remembrance Day with the laying of the wreaths and calling out the names of those who fell in both world wars.**

The bell will be tolled for the one-minute silence and the exhortation given to remember those who fell. The service will be taken again by the Rev Michael Selman for the fourth year in a row. If anyone would like to join the choir please contact Rozanne Bulmer on 07796 338332.

## Harvest service

**THE Harvest service was a great success with around 70 people attending, 13 of whom were children.**

It was a delightful service taken by the Revd Michael Selman with prayers beautifully read by some of the children. They also took some of the produce up to the chancel steps to be blessed by the vicar.

Afterwards, refreshments were served with a wonderful array of cakes, biscuits and savoury offerings. It was a lovely time for people to be able to get together and chat in relative safety with plenty of space and fresh air.

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# STOCKLAND NEWS

## Fitting farewell to matriarch of the village

**IT was a wonderful memorial service for Penelope Rutherford-Jones which took place on Saturday, September 18th at 11.30am.**

Stockland's church was as full as it could be with the Covid spacing restrictions still in place. The service was taken by the Rev Nigel Freathy, past incumbent of the Five Alive Mission Community, and refreshments were laid on at the village hall afterwards.

It was a joyous occasion and a fitting send-off for a wonderful matriarch of the village. The flower arrangements were beautiful and much appreciated by the family and admired by all.

Thanks go to the flower team, under the direction of Trish Bass and Jenny Broom.

The St George's flag was hoisted on the flag pole for the occasion as Penelope was a stickler for things to be done correctly, flags in particular!

There is now a new cleaning rota set up by Trish so if anyone would like to join to get in touch with her.

## Family's thanks

THE family of Penelope Rutherford-Jones has asked for this letter to be shared with the community, to thank all those who were at the memorial service for their mother, which took place on Saturday, September 18th in Stockland church.

Penelope was a matriarch of the village for many years and was very dear to many in and around the village. Sadly, there were a number of people who could not be there due to being away that weekend.

*Dear residents of Stockland and beyond,*

*Janie, Nicky and I want simply to say thank you to you all. I said it all in my eulogy; but we wish to reiterate how grateful we are to everyone who joined us last Saturday for Penelope's send off.*

*And we especially wish to thank you for the many beautiful flower arrangements you gave to the church, and the village hall. They were truly fabulous, the colours just up our mother's street! We all feel very emotional and grateful that you went to such huge lengths for our mother. And thank you also for preparing and clearing away the village hall tables, chairs etc.*

*It was a truly special and*

*memorable day for us all. A long way towards closure, on a fabulous life.*

*We miss Penelope very much and it was very evident to us that you do too.*

*On Sunday, the three of us set off in a launch, down the River Dart Estuary and out into the Channel. Once over the tide line, we cut the engine and gracefully set our mother's ashes free into the sea as she wished and watched her sail with one of your fabulous bunches of flowers accompanying her. The sun shone, the wind was very light, and a warship sat just off our starboard bow – as if Penelope had ordered it!*

*The three of us sat on deck and watched the flowers drift out to sea until beyond the limits of our sight. It was a wonderful moment and the right final send off for Penelope.*

*She is over the horizon, and at peace.*

*Stockland, as I mentioned on Saturday in church, is a truly wonderful village and village community. You will always be in our minds; and we will come back, and hopefully see some of our mother's friends around the village bazaars.*

*With love and best wishes, and on behalf of Janie and Nicky,  
David Rutherford-Jones*

## A long-awaited lunch for the ladies

**COVID has prevented so much of the normal Stockland activities. The ladies of the parish have a long tradition of getting together and making things happen so, at last, a luncheon get-together, long-awaited and is certainly one to look forward to.**

The Ladies' Lunch Club: will take place on Wednesday, November 3rd at the King's Arms, Stockland, 12.30pm for 1pm.

Please book with Jane Wedlock to secure a place. The menu for the lunch is as follows:

Starter courses: Truffled celeriac soup and sourdough; ham hock scotch egg, watercress salad and apple ketchup; cold smoked trout, shallot dressing, croutons and lemon aioli.

Main courses: Duo of local sausages, mash and beer gravy; pumpkin pearl barley risotto, parmesan and crispy sage; slow-roasted chicken leg, white bean cassoulet and roasted garlic butter.

Desserts: Warm chocolate brownie and Madagascan vanilla ice cream; autumn fruit crumble and

nutmeg custard. Coffee included. Drinks purchased separately.

For further information please contact Jane Wedlock on [janewedlock@live.co.uk](mailto:janewedlock@live.co.uk) or 01404 881817.

Looking ahead, a Ladies' Lunch Club Christmas lunch has been planned for Wednesday, December 1st at the King's Arms. The Christmas Menu for this event will be available shortly. The contact for this lunch will be Julia Howard on [juliahoward51@gmail.com](mailto:juliahoward51@gmail.com) or 01404 881121 or 07754748456.

Send your Stockland news to Gill Metcalfe at [gilldog12@gmail.com](mailto:gilldog12@gmail.com)



# STOCKLAND NEWS

## Anna and Louise raise £500 for cancer charity

**CHOICE, choice and more choice with several confessions of having eaten three cakes; it was almost impossible not to descend on the fully stacked tables of baked goodies and thus be so indulgent.**

This cake extravaganza, organised by Anna Trott and Louise Lacey, was part of a coffee morning local get-together in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Support Organisation.

Macmillan is one of the 50 largest charitable organisations in the UK ranked by annual expenditure.

In addressing the prevention and relief for people with cancer, it offers 'support for everyone' with a key maxim of being 'a force for change in the world'.

The success of the Macmillan

coffee mornings nationwide has been resounding: collecting £290million from 1990-2021 thanks to the volunteers who give their time to these events.

With additional sponsorship from M&S Food, Nescafe Original and Betty Crocker, the charity is able to support the victims and their families.

Thanks to the efforts of Anna, Louise and their amazing baking friends, the village has been able to support this crucial charity having raised, to date, approximately £542.17.

The King's Arms provided the venue and generously supported the coffee sales and also the supportive sunshine so that the chat and cakes could be enjoyed in the pub gardens.

## Poppy support call and 100 anniversary special pins

**THE 'poppy team' will be taking on the house-to-house Poppy Appeal collection again this year which will start on October 28th.**

If there is anyone who could help out with collecting in any area, I would be most grateful as we have lost one or two due to retirement and illness.

We will have special 100 anniversary metal pins on sale, a limited number so first come first served, but they can be booked through me. There will also be a manned point in the pub again this year.

*Gill Metcalfe*

## Stockland Christmas Market



Stockland Victory Hall

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> November

10am – 12 noon

- ❖ Food Stalls
- ❖ Festive Crafts
- ❖ Refreshments
- ❖ And lots more!

For info/bookings tel: 01404 881535

# STOCKLAND NEWS

## TOP TENNIS

**SATURDAY, September 11th** was a great day for British tennis. Eighteen-year-old Emma Radacanu's victory in the US Open was remarkable — going through three qualifying rounds and seven main draw matches, without dropping a set, and becoming the first unseeded qualifier to win a grand slam tournament in the process.

Earlier that day, Stockland Tennis Club 'served up' its own feast of high-quality tennis. The first match on court saw a repeat of last year's Under-16 boys' final with Josias Drew again withstanding the challenge from Mason Doble to lift the trophy. This was Josias's second trophy as the previous evening alongside his father, Paul, he became the youngest winner of a Stockland adult competition at 14, to defeat Mason and Jack Hembrow in the Men's Doubles final.

Paul was back on court next, on the Saturday, to play in the Men's Singles Final where long-time rival Simon Durrant was again the opponent. It was a high-quality encounter with Simon taking the initial ascendancy, before Paul closed out the first set and then played some of his best tennis for years to win the second, thus maintaining his 'Radacanu' of not having dropped a set in his singles titles stretching back to 1989.

The next match was the Under-13 final, which saw Toby Taylor take on newcomer Oscar Holgate. After plenty of long rallies and fine play from both players, Toby ran out the victor.

The Whitleys had a busy time in early September with a family wedding the previous weekend. Both mother, Jenny, and daughter, Alice, could have been forgiven for not putting on a spectacle in the Ladies' Singles final. There was no tiredness on show though, with some fantastic hitting from both players. Alice eventually triumphing in a very entertaining match.

The final match of the day was a real family affair — Rowena Drew teamed up with grandson Josias to play son Paul and Sue Armstrong. It was a terrific match with no quarter



**ABOVE, the Girls' Under-16 Shield, from left, Saffron Doble, Lottie Drew, Ruby Parris, Alice Shepherd. Below left, Under-13, from left, Toby Taylor and Oscar Holgate. Below right, Josias Drew (Under-16 Champion), left, and Paul Drew (Men's Singles Champion). Bottom, Men's Doubles, from left, Mason Doble, Jack Hembrow, Cathy Derryman, Paul Drew, Josias Drew**



*All photographs courtesy of the Tennis Club Committee*

given. Paul and Sue eventually edged two very close sets to collect the shield.

The Girls' Under-16 round-robin tournament took place a week or so earlier and was a bit of déjà-vu with the same finishing positions from last year — Saffron Doble winning with Alice Shepherd the runner-up. There is still one further final to take place, at the time of writing, due to holidays, which will see Jenny Whitley and Rowena Drew take on

Helen Neill and Sue Armstrong, which promises to be another very close affair.

Nearly 50 members took part in the competitions this year, the 40th anniversary of the club being formed. It is a very friendly club run by a dedicated committee, as evidenced by the lovely atmosphere at the finals' day. We would welcome, with open arms, any new members, young and old.

**Tennis Club Committee**





# SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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By Bijan Omrani

**THERE will be a variety of in-person and online events for Shute Festival this month.**

The first event will be a walking talk on November 13th, 10am-12.30pm, at Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens, led by the head gardener, Stephen Griffiths.

Stephen has been head gardener at Abbotsbury since 1992. He took on the challenge of restoring the 15-hectare woodland valley gardens following extensive storm damage and neglect, and was responsible for a 10-year development plan, implementing new plant collections from all over the world suited to the garden's special micro-climate, designing new planting schemes, and developing the garden as a visitor destination. Stephen has exhibited displays at Chelsea and Hampton Court flower shows, and won a number of awards including the Christies Historic Houses Association Garden of the Year. He is the author of *The Abbotsbury Gardens Story*, a history of the Garden. Tickets should be booked via the Shute Festival website.

The following two events will be online. On November 18th, Hamid Ismailov will be in conversation with Caroline Eden about his recent book, *Manaschi*. Hamid Ismailov is a renowned Central Asian writer. Born in 1954 in Tokmok, Kyrgyzstan, he worked as a journalist but was forced to flee Uzbekistan in 1992 due to what the state dubbed 'unacceptable democratic tendencies'. He came to the UK, where he took a job with the BBC World Service where he worked for 25 years. His works are banned in Uzbekistan. Several of his Russian-original novels have been published in English translation, including *The Railway*, *The Dead Lake* — which was long listed for the 2015 Independent Foreign Fiction Prize — and *The Underground*. *The Devils' Dance* is the first of his Uzbek novels to appear in English, and the translation by Donald Rayfield and John Farndon won the 2019 ERBD Literature Prize. His second book

## Caroline talks with Central Asian writer



**CAROLINE Eden**

published by Tilted Axis Press is *Of Strangers and Bees*, about an Uzbek writer in exile who traces the fate of the medieval polymath Avicenna.

Caroline Eden, who has spoken at Shute Festival previously, is an award-winning travel and food writer with a special focus on the Middle East and Central Asia.

On November 25th at 6pm, Dr Lucy Maddox will be in conversation with local author and psychotherapist Paddy Magrane on *Mental Health during the Pandemic*. Lucy Maddox is a consultant clinical psychologist, lecturer and writer. She is the author of *Blueprint: How Our Childhood Makes Us Who We Are* and a children's book on mental health called *What is Mental Health?* Her current roles include working for Action for Children (an adoption and fostering agency) and as Senior Clinical Advisor for the British Association of Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapies. She previously worked in the NHS for 13 years, mostly in adolescent inpatient settings, as well as lecturing for several universities, on different aspects of child development and clinical work with children and young people, on compassion fatigue in the helping

professions, and on science communication. Lucy has also written for a range of publications including *The Guardian*, *Prospect*, *Mosaic* and *Science* magazine. She also runs a blog called *Psychology Magpie*.

The final event of the month will be an in-person event at St Michael's Church, Shute. On Friday 26 November at 6.30pm, Clive Stafford-Smith will be in conversation with Samantha Knights. Clive, a local resident, is the founder and Director of Reprieve, a charity providing free legal and investigative support to some of the world's most vulnerable people – to help those facing execution around the world, and those victimised by states' abusive counter-terror policies, including torture and extrajudicial killing. In 2001, Clive sued for access to the prisoners at Guantánamo Bay. Believing the camp was an affront to democracy and the law, his goal was to close Guantánamo. Clive has helped secure the release of 69 prisoners from the camp, including every British prisoner. A graduate of Columbia Law School in New York, Clive worked as a lawyer with the Southern Center for Human Rights, focusing on death penalty and civil rights cases. Today, Clive oversees Reprieve's casework alongside representing prisoners on death row. He has represented over 300 prisoners facing the death penalty in America, preventing the death penalty in all but six cases. Clive has received an OBE for Humanitarian Services and an International Bar Association's Human Rights Award. This event will also be live-streamed for those who are unable to attend in person; please book on the website.

To book tickets for in-person or online events, please book at [www.shutefest.org.uk](http://www.shutefest.org.uk).

# SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

## READING CHALLENGE

By Bijan Omrani

**SHUTE Primary School is holding a sponsored reading challenge promoting the love of reading and will, hopefully, motivate the children to read and have fun whilst doing a range of activities over a three-week period which will take place before, during and after the half-term break.**

The money raised will go towards buying new guided reading, fiction and non-fiction books for our much-loved school library.

Mr Germscheid, Head of School at Shute Primary, said: "Reading is the cornerstone for all learning and the children at Shute love to read so we wanted to give them a fun challenge whilst raising funds to buy much needed books for our school library."

Perhaps some readers would like to help the children in their reading. If anyone would like to donate towards this fundraiser the children will really benefit.

Donations are accepted through the school office or the website: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/shuteschoolreadathon](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/shuteschoolreadathon).



**CHILDREN enjoying books in the Shute Primary School library**

*Photo by Leti Littlewood*

### CHARITY APPEAL RAISES £800

**A SHUTE Festival concert held at St Michael's Church on October 8th raised over £800 for an Afghanistan appeal.**

The concert featured Axminster-based sitar player Ricky Romain and tabla player Lewis Riley, also based in the South West. They improvised two Indian classical ragas, followed by an Afghan folk song called Anar Anar (Pomegranate).

In total, over £800 was raised from ticket sales and donations on the night for a fundraiser set up by an Afghan charity director, Rahela Sidiqi, who is now UK based having had to flee Afghanistan a number of years ago.

The funds will go directly to

support Afghans in danger in the country who need to leave but at present are unable to due to the lack of safe routes, funding and the practical barriers to crossing borders.

Shute Festival co-director Samantha Knights said: "It was wonderful to see so many people coming out to support this event and we are delighted to have been able to show the depth of musical culture in the region as well as bring Rahela to speak to our audience."

This was the first time that Shute Festival has live-streamed one of its events.

A replay can be accessed via [www.shutefest.org.uk](http://www.shutefest.org.uk).

### New members 'welcome' to join the choir

**THE Shute Plainsong Choir will be singing at St Michael's Church, Shute, on Advent Sunday, November 28th, at 6.30pm.**

New members, with any level of experience, are always welcome to join the choir.

Short rehearsals are usually held on the two Fridays before the service.

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# YARCOMBE NEWS

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## Village's community spirit shines through

By Lesley Sutton

**MARY Smith counted 25 new residents to Yarcombe, since lockdown, who have moved in and not experienced the 'Yarcombe presence' as nothing has happened in the village for so long.**

Together with the parish council and Yarcombe Parochial Church Council, the 'welcome tea' was re-instated, taking place in the village hall when the Harvest Lunch would have normally taken place. In her well-known generous fashion, Mary decided to donate the award of £100 given to the recipient of the John Salter prize for service to the community to fund the event.

Invitations were extended to all new and old residents and resulted in a great turnout. Names had been written and issued to all on entry, red spots denoting our new friends, so that everybody could introduce themselves and chat. An invitation had also been extended to our newly-appointed vicar, Julie Lomas, and her husband, Steve, who have moved into The Vicarage in Kilmington, offering them the opportunity to meet parishioners.

A great team made up of the 'usual

suspects' returned to their jobs in the kitchen preparing the jam and scones (cream first, I noted!), serving tea, 'masked and gloved' and clearing away as they have done forever.

Churchwarden Jean Rich and Yarcombe Parish Council Chairman Clive Stone welcomed everyone. Barbara Salter presented Mary with the John Salter award, all expressing their thanks.

Mary then took me completely by surprise by giving me a voucher for my new garden on behalf of everybody and Miriam Freeman gave me a wonderful bouquet of autumn flowers.

I was totally overwhelmed by everyone's kindness and cannot fully express my gratitude, so thank you everybody for your kind thoughts and good wishes. It has been the hardest thing to decide to go and live elsewhere and I consider myself truly lucky to have been part of this amazing community for so long. I shall always miss it.

As suspected, everyone started to drift away so they didn't have to ring a bell and shout "everybody out" at 5pm. This, hopefully, has started the great Yarcombe resurgence, let's hope the Yarcombe machine will spring into action very soon.

## Favourite hymns sung with great gusto at chapel's harvest service

**YARCOMBE Baptist Chapel celebrated harvest with John Robinson giving the notices and welcoming Nigel Freathy back to Yarcombe to take the service.**

There was a good well-spaced congregation which sang favourite hymns with great gusto. Brian Smith and Clifford Sochon read the lessons and Nigel gave the address and led the prayers. Maggie Lane had enlisted her remaining 'Allsorts' to

help swell the music and play introductory music as well as a couple of solos when everybody could scan the words as their own prayers.

There was no smell of apples, fruit and flowers which usually pervade the atmosphere, but a special collection of tinned and packeted produce has been taken to the Lord's Larder in Chard for distribution to those in need.

## Call for a new correspondent

**SINCE the village was given the status of being 'unsustainable', during the period when I was Yarcombe Parish Council Chairman and Mary Smith was clerk, when we felt that Yarcombe had truly been grievously insulted, I have endeavoured to keep it in the news.**

This did culminate in the award of Calor Village of the Year business award. As our then county councillor Paul Diviani pointed out to a well-known official: "How unsustainable is that?" and received the reply, "Well, we sometimes get it wrong."

So I do hope that someone will feel that it is important to 'blow our own trumpet' and keep Yarcombe in the news. The community spirit and helpfulness of the local people cannot be overstated and long may it continue.

*Lesley Sutton*

## Inn is new out

**THE Yarcombe Inn opened its doors again at 2pm on Saturday, September 18th.**

Yarcombe folk greeted the opportunity in their usual welcoming way and enjoyed drinks and delicious barbecue food competently served by the friendly staff.

A lot of work decorating and updating the building has been completed giving comfortable ambience.

It was amazing as the evening drew on to see the old usual faces in their old usual places at the bar, sadly missing a few regular residents, who could be imagined still with us all. Is Groundhog Day a reality?

Good luck and many thanks from Yarcombe.

*Lesley Sutton*

# YARCOMBE NEWS

## HARVEST TOGETHER

By Lesley Sutton

**YARCOMBE'S lady flower arrangers were busy at work once again for the first time since lockdown, dodging the rain to decorate the church for the harvest service which was taken by Anna Crabbe on October 3rd.**

Gavin gave his all playing the organ for the well-known hymns and the choir was enhanced by the presence of the core members of the late lamented Maggie's Mix. It was odd to see Maggie herself hidden at the back of the church, she must have found it very amusing!

Lessons were read by Helen Matthews and Helen Parris and Anna said the prayers and gave the address.

She asked for seven volunteers

from the congregation and distributed a letter from the word 'harvest' to each. Then reading from her script she paused whilst other words made from the letters had to be displayed, which involved a lot of moving around, testing of spelling and mirror image to get it right for those facing — a task usually undertaken by the younger generation.

A huge 144 harvest gifts consisting mainly of hard goods were blessed and will be taken by Lin Box to the Lord's Larder in Chard.

It was good to see several faces not seen for some considerable time taking their seats in church for this traditional service which has a special place in this rural community. It gave everyone time to catch up and chat afterwards in the sun in the churchyard.



## Final wicket has sadly fallen at cricket club

THE E Division League winning side in 2006



IT is with great sadness that I am writing this report. Due to a lack of players the committee has

made the tough decision to disband Yarcome and Stockland Cricket Club after many years

playing cricket in the village.

The club was founded in the early 1960s when Yarcombe Cricket Club and Stockland Cricket Club decided to merge to play together.

The main highlight was winning the East Devon Cricket League in 1993. Yarcombe and Stockland Cricket Club always looked forward to hosting touring teams with some teams visiting each year for over 40 years.

The cricket club was known for social events such as dinner-dances in the British legion to race nights in the pub, and many late nights celebrating winning or consoling losing!

Thanks must go to all past and present members, officers, sponsors, tea ladies, umpires, scorers and groundsmen for all their time and effort over the years.

*David Patch  
Chairman*

Until a new correspondent is appointed, please your Yarcombe news direct to the editor at [kate.williams5@icloud.com](mailto:kate.williams5@icloud.com) or to Martin Nunns at [martingnunns@gmail.com](mailto:martingnunns@gmail.com)





# YARCOMBE NEWS

**SEPTEMBER** always marks the end of the Young Farmers' year with officers finishing their time in their roles.

The year started off quietly and has ended being very busy organising and attending a lot of social events. It is a very exciting time for young farmers, as restrictions have lifted and we are now able to meet in person in village halls for meetings as opposed to meetings online Zoom, battling with everyone's dodgy internet signals.

Luckily, this year we were able to hold our club's harvest supper on September 26th at Yarcombe Village Hall. This was an evening to celebrate the club's and members past years achievements.

It was great to see past and current members and parents attend.

A great evening was had with a lovely meal, talk from our guest speaker John Bird and trophies awarded to members for the year.

Ball season has finally started back again much to member's delight. A total of 55 members went on a coach to attend Devon Young

## Members welcomed into their new roles

Farmers' Club (YFC) ball at Exeter racecourse on October 2nd.

We had a wonderful evening drinking and dancing the night away. It was great to be socialising with friends again and getting in our dresses and suits, which some may have had to be dusted off.

On October 4th, we held our clubs annual meeting, which was great to see a hall full of members keen to sign up to roles.

Differently to our annual meeting last year held on Zoom.

A massive thank you to our chairman Dan, secretary Natalie, treasurer Jack and social secretary Ella for all their superb hard work and the rest of the YFC officers. Also, a huge thank you goes out to our club leaders and advisory for all their continuous support.

During the meeting an election of new officers were welcomed in for

the year ahead, wishing them a successful year.

If anyone would like to get involved in YFC, we would love you to join in our activities and get involved as a member, we have our new members meeting on October 18th at Yarcombe Village Hall at 8pm.

If anyone has any further questions and would like to become involved with the club, please contact our new chairman, Jack Tomlinson, on 07712 479384, or our new secretary, Emily Dunster, on 07368 654447. We have our club meetings every other week in either Yarcombe or Uppottery Village hall 8pm start.

**Natalie Sampson**  
**Press Secretary**  
**Yarcombe and District**  
**Young Farmers' Club**

### YARCOMBE WEATHER SEPTEMBER 2021

	2021	2020	2019
Average Max.temperature	19.8°C	18.0°C	18.9°C
Average Min.	11.7°C	9.9°C	13.1°C
Average Overall temperature	15.8°C	14.4°C	16.7°C
Rainfall	69.2mm	29.6mm	146
Wettest Day	28th 23.5mm	30th 16.4mm	8th 34.0mm
Sunniest Day	7th 12.0 hrs approx.	14th 12.0 hrs	21st 11.5 hrs
Warmest Day	7th 27.0 °C	14th 26.7 °C	21st 21.0 °C
Coldest Night	29th 6.5 °C	26th 4.7 °C	22nd 10.3 °C
Sunshine hours.	136 hours approx.	198 hrs	145 hrs

*A very normal September.*

**Tony Newman**



AS most of you are aware, Yarcombe's roving reporter, Lesley Sutton, has decided to weigh anchor and sail away to make a new life in Exmouth, near her family.

She has lived in Yarcombe for 50 years and devoted herself to the village; her sense of public service and her dedication to the community spirit makes her loss incalculable.

During those 50 years, Lesley has taken an active role in almost every village organisation and few events have taken place here without her involvement. Let me list just a few: Yarcombe Amenities Club and the Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch; The Children's Fund and Stockland School; the hall committee; the WI and Tuesday Club; the Melody Makers, Maggie's Mix and the Allsorts; craft club and skittles. She ran the Sunday School for 24 years, she was a churchwarden, member of the PCC, member of the family

# Farewell roving Lesley

service and community lunch committees and she sang in the church choir. She has done seemingly small but important things such as keeping the village noticeboard up-to-date and opening and closing the parish church each day.

She has been an essential cog in the terrier racing wheel since the event's inception in the 1970s, working in the caravan checking the dogs in and saying every year that she wouldn't do it again, only to be back in the caravan unfailingly the next year! As chairman of Yarcombe Parish Council, it was under her watch that Yarcombe won the Village of the Year competition in 2005.

Lesley has written many village

reports over the years for the Chard and Ilminster News and Pulman's Weekly News

Her articles and reports have been a vital part of local magazines. I am indebted to her and readers will miss her contributions so very greatly. This message comes with a most heartfelt personal thank you from me, Lesley, for all you have done.

Lesley, as you make your departure, we all join together to extend a gigantic 'thank you' to you for everything you have done to assist the community over the past 50 years. We bid you an affectionate 'au revoir' and wish you good luck and many blessings in your new home and new life.

*Miranda Gudenian*

## YARCOMBE PARISH CORRESPONDENT NEEDED

Are you interested in promoting local news and events in and around Yarcombe?

The Parishes' Paper is looking for a parish correspondent for Yarcombe. The role involves gathering local news, covering parish events, including taking photos. You don't need to be a wizard on the computer, just keen to search out interesting stories. If you are interested and want to learn more about what's involved please contact Martin Nunns on 07767 233640 or martingnunns@gmail.com

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# PARISH RECIPE

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CAKE by Kate Williams

## Create it just how you like it

Originally, I found this recipe somewhere but I have adapted it over the years to just how I like it, including the apricot brandy.

It makes a reasonably large cake so ensure it's ready early or you will still be eating it in March!

### Ingredients:

- 1kg mixed dried fruit — raisins, sultanas, currants, cherries, and cranberries
- zest and juice 1 orange
- zest and juice 1 lemon
- 150ml apricot brandy, or any other, plus extra for feeding
- 250g pack butter, softened
- 200g light soft brown sugar
- 175g plain flour
- 100g ground almond
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp mixed spice
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- ¼ tsp ground cloves
- 100g flaked almonds
- 4 large eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

### Method:

- Put the mixed dried fruit, lemon and orange zest and juice, brandy, butter and sugar in a large pan set over a medium heat.
- Bring to the boil, then simmer for five minutes. It will smell like Christmas. Tip the mixture into a large bowl and leave to cool for half an hour.
- Heat oven to 150C/130C fan/gas 2. Line a deep 20cm cake tin with a double layer of baking parchment, then wrap a double layer of newspaper around the outside – tie with string to secure.
- Add the flour, almonds, baking powder, mixed spice, ground cinnamon, ground cloves, flaked almonds, eggs and vanilla extract to the fruit mixture and stir well, making sure there are no pockets of flour.
- Tip into your prepared tin, level the top and bake in the centre of the oven for two hours.
- Remove the cake from the oven,




poke holes in it with a skewer and spoon over two tbsp of your chosen alcohol. Leave the cake to cool completely in the tin.

- Peel off the baking parchment, then wrap well in cling film and store. Feed the cake with 1-2 tbsp alcohol every fortnight, until you ice it.


- Don't feed the cake for the final week to let the surface dry. Ice and decorate as you wish.

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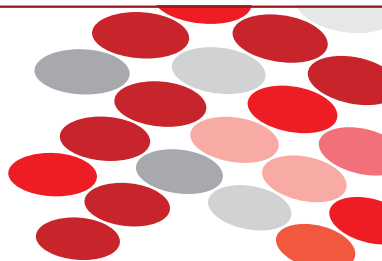
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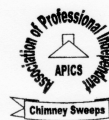


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10am - 12pm Every Tuesday	The Beacon, Kilmington	Post Office - Pop-up Pop Office available for walk in services. Held each Tuesday morning.
10.30am Every Sunday	The Beacon, Kilmington	Worship Service Note: Remembrance Day service starts at 09.30am
10.30am Tuesday 2nd	The Beacon, Kilmington	Messy Sparklers is a preschool group full of sensory activities, messy play and fun
7pm Saturday 6th	Dalwood Village Hall	Quiz night, Church Fundraiser
6.45pm Wednesday 10th	Kilmington Village Hall	Community Cinema Film, The Last Bus (12A)
2pm Thursday 11th	Kilmington Village Hall	Community Cinema Film, The Last Bus (12A)
9.30-11.30am Saturday 13th	Dalwood Village Hall	Coffee morning in aid of The Royal British Legion
12.30pm Wednesday 17th	Kilmington Baptist Church	Community Contact Lunch
12.30pm Wednesday 17th	Dalwood Village Hall	Community Lunch, all welcome. Contact Sue Drew on 01404 831365
3pm Saturday 27th	Dalwood Village Hall	John Shillito's Riviera Ramblers – bar, for tickets email: t.mackenny111@btinternet.com or call 01404 831280
<b>December</b>		
7pm Saturday 4th	Dalwood village	Street market and switching on of the village Christmas lights
10am-5pm 4th and 5th	St Peter's Church, Dalwood	Christmas display
6.45pm Wednesday 8th	Kilmington Village Hall	Community Cinema Film, Dream Horse (PG)
2pm Thursday 9th	Kilmington Village Hall	Community Cinema Film, The Last Bus (PG)

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