

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



October 2021

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Sunday October 3rd	9.30am Morning Worship			11 am Holy Communion & Harvest	11 am Harvest Service
Sunday October 10th	11 am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship		11 am Family Service	
Monday October 11th	7pm Licensing of Revd Julie Lomas at Kilmington refreshments following the service at the back of the church				
Sunday October 17th					11 am Mission Community Holy Communion
Sunday October 24th	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	6.30pm Choral Evensong	9:30am Holy Communion	11 am Morning Worship
Sunday October 31st		11 am Mission Community Holy Communion			

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 October 6th and 20th at 9-30am Kilmington – Tuesdays in October 12th and 26th at 09-30am



Further details can be found on the Five Alive Website https://www.fivealive.org/



VANUATU WOMEN'S VOICES HEARD

ANNA CRABBE

THIS year, our Women's World Day of Prayer service was prepared by the Christian women of the Republic of Vanuatu.

We had to delay meeting for a service but managed to gather at The Beacon on September 10th to celebrate. Each year, the services are prepared by a group of women from a different country and this year it was Vanuatu and the theme was Build on a String Foundation.

Vanuatu are a cluster of 80 islands which form a Y shape on the map.

They are about 1,100 miles to the east of Australia in the southwestern Pacific Ocean.

Captain Cook named the islands the New Hebrides in 1774 but in 1980, a new flag and constitution was adopted when it became independent within the Commonwealth as the Republic of Vanuatu.

The islands are in the South Pacific tropical cyclone zone. Cyclone Pam caused great devastation in 2015 and the islands were just recovering when Cyclone Harold in April 2020 destroyed everything in its path. Even cyclone-adapted coconut trees were broken and battered.

The people are mostly Melanesian, with a Polynesian minority. The population is around 300,000 of whom nearly a fifth live in Port Vila, the largest city. French, English and Bislama are the official



languages although many local languages are widely spoken.

There are black and white sandy beaches, beautiful coral reefs, tropical coloured fish, abundant flora and fauna and forests full of lovely birds.

Malnutrition is a growing problem and finding safe drinking water can involve walking for up to an hour in some rural areas. The traditional staple foods include yam, taro, banana, coconut, sugar cane, tropical nuts and greens, pigs, fowl and seafood. The coconut tree is viewed as the tree of life because all its parts are useful.

The government is the largest employer. Vanuatu's economic growth is based on tourism, construction and offshore financial services but proceeds from foreignowned big hotels and resorts primarily leave the country. Women represent 40 per cent of the work force but are rarely in leadership positions. The constitution supports gender equality but there is no political will to implement it.

Originally, each island had its own gods, customs and culture. Christianity and colonisation had a big impact on island society. Currently 83 per cent of the population is Christian.

Education for all is not mandatory and equal access to schooling for boys and girls is still in progress. Many children have to walk long distances to go to school or some attend boarding school from a very young age. Young people have begun to migrate to towns and cities but many have minimal education and no vocational skills so employment is difficult to find.

It was extremely interesting learning more about the people who live in these beautiful islands with so many natural rich resources. However, we also heard about the challenge of everyday life for many and their resourcefulness in dealing with devastating cyclone disasters.

The Anglican, Catholic and Presbyterian churches took part in writing the service and their prayer is that the voices of Vanuatu women will be heard across the world and that in Vanuatu, health and educational opportunities will improve

In 2022, the Women's World Day of Prayer service will be prepared by England, Wales and Northern Island and the theme is 'I know the plans I have for you'. We look forward to gathering together next year in March.

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PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALMS 42 & 43 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

ARE they one psalm or two?

PSALM 42

As the deer longs for the water brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God; when shall I come before the presence of God?

My tears have been my bread day and night, while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?'

Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul: how I went with the multitude and led the procession to the house of God.

With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among those who kept holy day.

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?

O put your trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, who is the

help of my countenance, and my God.

My soul is heavy within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from Hermon and the hill of Mizar.

Deep calls unto deep in the thunder of your waterfalls; all your breakers and waves have gone over me.

The Lord will grant his lovingkindness in the daytime; through the night his song shall be with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God my rock, 'Why have you forgotten me and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?'

As they crush my bones, my enemies mock me; while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?'

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?

O put your trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, who is the

help of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM 43

Give judgement for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

For you are the God of my refuge; why have you cast me from you, and why go 'I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?

O send your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; and on the lyre I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?

O put your trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Bible readings October 2021

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Sun 3 Oct [Gr] 18 th Sunday After Trinity	Ps: 26 Job: 1:1; 2:1-10	Heb: 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16
Sun 10 Oct [Gr] 19 th Sunday After Trinity	Ps: 22:1-15 Job 23:1-9,16-End	Heb: 4:12-End Mark 10:17-31
Sun 17 Oct [Gr] 20 th Sunday After Trinity	Ps: 104:1-10 Job 38:1-7	Heb: 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45
Sun 24 Oct [Gr] Bible Sunday	Ps: 19:7-End Isa: 55:1-11	2 Tim: 3:14-4:5 John 5:36b-End
Sun 31 Oct [R/Gr] 4 th Sunday Before Advent	Ps: 119:1-8 Deut: 6:1-9	Heb: 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34

From the registers

Funerals

Thanksgiving service for **Tony Hazelton** and burial of ashes at St
Peter's Church, Dalwood, on July 26th

Internment of ashes for Victor Hoban-Peggs at St Peter's Church, Dalwood, on August 6th

Funeral of Richard Hamilton Hurford, aged 84, at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, on September 14th

The funeral of **John Hugh Hutchings** took place at St Giles's Church, Kilmington on August 27th. He was 91

Weddings

N/A

Christenings

N/A

DALWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

DURING the last 12-18 months, with its ins and outs of lockdowns, one thing that has remained constant has been the seasonal changes, where we can see the wonder of God's creation as it follows his plan.

After a period of slumber, the plants show their new growth, then develop to maturity before winding down in autumn, with its glorious display of colour, prior to sleeping once again during the winter months.

Having been through the long winter of the Covid-19, it is lovely for all of us to be moving towards the springtime of normality now that rules are easing, and here at the chapel

we have started singing again and are now looking to re-start our art club in October and — breaking news — in November. We will, of course, continue to do what is necessary to ensure people's safety whilst on the property, but with common sense and consideration for others we feel it is time to start moving cautiously forward.

It was lovely to join with St Peter's in the harvest service at White's Farm, Dalwood, an appropriate setting for this service as it helps remind us where our food really comes from and not just off the supermarket shelves as people seem increasingly to believe.

We pray that you will all keep safe and well in the coming months.

Roderick Ovey



EARLY Sunday morning on September 5th, Charlotte Bernhardt, of Stockland, prepared to jump out of a plane.

She had originally planned the skydive as part of her 21st birthday celebrations but, due to the pandemic, it was postponed.

As reported in *The Parishes' Paper*, August issue, despite "being terrified of heights" Charlotte was determined to raise funds for Shaw Mind Foundation, a charity which has crucially targeted support and

financing for mental health awareness during the coronavirus pandemic, especially for young people.

Charlotte said: "It was an amazing experience! I did have to wait a long time because of the cloud cover but it was well worth the wait.

"Scary but fantastic! I jumped from 15,000 feet.

"I have now managed to raise over £1,300 for Shaw Mind Foundation, which I am over the moon with!"

KILMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

IT'S great to have most of our regular groups returning for various activities, not to mention meeting up again every Sunday mornings at 10.30am for our worship service with various people sharing testimonies and leading open prayers as well as hearing from God's word.

For more details please see Future Events, page 25. The Beacon still has some Covid guidance in place, including providing contact details on entry, sanitising of hands and wearing face coverings when wandering around the building.

Most of you will be aware that Darrell Holmes has now taken up the post of Pastor at Brixham Baptist Church. Our Associate Pastor, Mike Hudson, has taken on some of Darrell's responsibilities during the pastor vacancy period with support from the church leadership team.

However, with Mike being at baptist college two days a week, The Beacon will not always be manned during weekdays.

We are also very pleased to announce that a daughter has been born to Mike and Rachel Hudson, a sister for Joshua. She is to be called Eleanor Grace and Mike said: "Thank you for your prayers for us."

Gill Bridger

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



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HARVEST FESTIVAL GOES OPEN-AIR AT STONEHAYES

By Martin Nunns

OVER 50 people including holiday makers, members of Dalwood Methodist Church and of St Peter's Church attended the open-air Harvest Festival service at Stonehayes Farm, Dalwood on Sunday the 12th September.

The service was led by our reader, Gill Heighway, in the lovely autumn sunshine.

Gill reminded us of the need to thank God, our farmers and all those involved in bringing food to our tables.

Mary Jarvis was the organist accompanying the congregation singing traditional harvest hymns. For many this was the first time that they had been able to sing hymns since the lockdown started.

The Dalwood flower arrangers did a fantastic job of decorating the entrance to the barn with a colourful display of autumn flowers and harvest decorations. The Whites' dog, pig, lambs and sheep, looked on as delicious cream teas were served after the service when everyone was able to chat to friends and catch up with local news.

Proceeds from the collection were

shared between ShelterBox and the Axminster food bank.

Many thanks to all those attending and involved in preparing for the service, especially to the White family who had worked so hard to make us feel very welcome.







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LOCAL LAD TOM TIES THE KNOT

THOMAS Oliver Nunns, son of Martin and Caroline, married Victoria Louise Jones at St Audries Park, West Quantox Head, on September 9th.

James Hoad, another local lad, was best man, alongside four bridesmaids and two flower girls who were dresses in lilac.

Over 60 quests witnessed Tom and Viki making their wedding vows and afterwards there was great deal of celebration in the wonderful setting of St Audries Park.

The happy couple honeymooned in St Ives, Cornwall, before returning to Taunton, where they will live.



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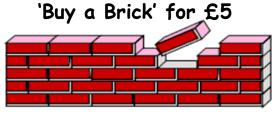
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3 mornings a week
MONDAY: 9.00-11.30am
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THURSDAY: 9.00-11.30a

Extension update:



Preparatory drain and electricy work has begun. Whist our pre-pandemic goal was reached rising material and building costs, as we ease out of the pandemic, means we are applying for futher grants. Fingers crossed we are successful.



OR help name the coffee shop, please call in the shop put your ideas in the box

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Slice of keyboard heaven

By Mary Harrison

A SLICE of heaven. That's what the audience were treated to when Edward Jacobs took to the keyboard at Dalwood's church on Sunday, September 5th.

You know the phrase to 'make an instrument sing' (and usually applied to string instruments), well that's what Edward did with the piano. Tina Mackenney introduced Edward as a very accomplished pianist and musician who plays for some of the hotels in Sidmouth, directs the Axe Vale Choir and teaches in Axminster schools.

Edward played pieces that obviously mean a lot to him and which he enjoys playing, such as songs from musicals like Aladdin, Cats, the Lion King, Chess, the Sound of Music and some of the great ballads sung originally by the likes of Nat King Cole and Barbara Streisand, through to simple melodies of I Can Sing a Rainbow and a couple of light classical pieces.



FROM left, Edward Jacobs, Sue Drew and Tina Mackenney

Edward finished with a request from Tina for I Made it Through the Rain, which has been known to reduce her to tears. Although not familiar with our electric piano, Edward used all the different sounds to great effect and slipped in changes of key effortlessly. In addition, all these pieces were played from memory, without a single sheet of music!

The afternoon was helped along by tea and biscuits at the interval, outside in the churchyard thanks to Sue Drew and team. We were very honoured that Edward agreed to give up his valuable time and come and play for us, to help us raise funds for the church tower restoration. A very pleasing sum of £227 was raised from donations. If you are disappointed that you missed this event, we are hoping Edward will be able to do another concert later in the year. Our grateful thanks go as always to Tina who came up with the idea and did the organising.

Repairs to St Peter's Church to cost £13k



ABOVE, a view from the top of Dalwood church tower looking towards Danes Hill. Right, an example of where mortar is eroding from the stonework on the parapet

AT the last five-yearly inspection of fabric of Dalwood church, a number of problems were identified in the stonework to the main tower and specifically on the parapet and in the bell chamber.

It was thought prudent not to ring the bells until the necessary repairs



where undertaken.

Following receipt of the report, the churchwardens appointed an architect to prepare the necessary specifications and obtain quotations for the work. This has taken a little longer than they would have liked due to a high level of activity at the moment.

They have now received back the quotations and the early indications are that the cost of the repairs will be in excess of £13,000.

The next steps are to finalise the price with the preferred contractor and then decide how to fund these repairs.

Locals will be keen to hear the bells ringing out again at St Peter's and to know that the church is in fine condition once again. Progress will be updated and hopefully it will not be too long to wait.

Churchwardens, St Peter's Church



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Group celebrates with Lucy

By Diana Mellows

BIRTHDAYS are special to everyone whether they are one or 91 years old. It is a great excuse for a celebration, and St Giles's Mums and Babies Support Group did just that to mark the birthday of one of their special helpers, Lucy Lane.

It was a good way of thanking Lucy for all the help she has given over the last few months. She is a stalwart member of the team, the babies love her and so does everyone else.

Lucy and her friend Elana add so much to make this the very happy group that it is today.

Diana made a cake which Lucy cut with the help of some of the members of the group, it was indeed a joyful occasion as can be seen in the photographs, we all enjoyed it especially the birthday oirl.

The group provides a safe and supportive place for parents and their babies to meet and socialise on Wednesday mornings throughout the year.

TOP right, group members celebrate Lucy Lane's birthday. Right, Diana Church and Lucy





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Children invited to a light party but reminded to bring an adult!

ST Giles's Church, Kilmington, will host a light party on Saturday, October 30th from 3.30-5pm.

This family-friendly afternoon will be aimed at all ages.

There will be crafts, games, stories and songs to entertain all the guests.

Children are reminded to bring a grown up with them!

Refreshments will be provided.

Please let organisers know if you would like to come along or if you are interested in helping please contact the following: Diana Mellows on 01297 32334 or Christine Mills on 01297 599018.

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Frogs jump to work

THE St Giles Churchyard League of Friends (Frogs) exists to care for the upkeep of the churchyard in Kilmington, and is now in its fifth year.

The group held its annual meeting on August 3rd, at which the treasurer was able to report a strong financial position that will enable Frogs to continue its work for years to come.

Since the meeting, Frogs has received a generous donation and recruited several new members.

The committee has agreed to purchase an additional mulching mower, an old mower has been repaired and its two strimmers are being upgraded, all in support of its volunteer team of workers.

Subsequent to the annual meeting, Frogs held a successful working party in the churchyard on the morning of August 14th. This was attended by 15 volunteers, who were able to carry out a variety of tasks in support of the regular rounds of grass cutting and strimming, trimming the branches of the trees and shrubs, removing other unwanted growth from under the trees, and removing the ivy that has grown up and over the churchyard walls.

The three wheelbarrows were made to work overtime as the photo shows. Midway through the session, a small team provided hot drinks and cakes, a regular feature of the work parties that helps to promote a team spirit.

At the annual meeting, it was



ABOVE, Frogs volunteers put the wheelbarrows to good use; below, left, a team provides refreshments for the workers

agreed that such work parties should be regular features of its programme, and, to this end, it is proposed to hold the next work party on Saturday, October 23rd.

Once again, all existing and prospective members are encouraged to join us from 10am until midday and there will be jobs

for all levels of fitness and age. Please bring your own gloves and protective equipment and light tools, such as secateurs, shears and loppers.

Details of membership are available from membership secretary David Ingles on 01297 32234 or email dwingles@aol.com.



Harvest-themed church service

A CELEBRATE Together service will be held at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, on Saturday, October 9th at 3pm.

The theme will be 'harvest' and will include a short service for all ages

People with learning difficulties are especially welcome with their

support workers, families and friends.

Tea will be served after the event

Please note that there is ample parking and level access.

For further information please contact Diana Mellows on 01297 32334



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PAUSE FOR PRAYER

A Gaelic Blessing from the Outer Hebrides

May the everlasting Father himself take you

in his own generous clasp, in his own generous arm.

May God shield you on every step,

May Christ keep you in every path,

May the Spirit bathe you in every pass.

May God make clear to you every road

and may he take you in the clasp of his own two hands.

God's peace be to you, Jesus' peace be to you, the Spirit's peace be to you and to your children, oh, to you and to your children, each day and night of your portion in the world.

The guarding of the God of life be on you,

the guarding of loving Christ be on vou.

the guarding of the Holy Spirit be on you

every night of your lives, e at to aid you and enfold you each day and night of your lives.

Submitted by Philippa Wilks



PLAY PARK GETS A WELCOME FACELIFT

By Gill Metcalfe

EARLY morning Sunday 12th September saw beautiful sunshine and villagers out in force.

Firstly, the charity walkers and then a gathering of enthusiastic preschool parents and their offspring at the play park, all intent on sprucing up the area. Plenty of brushes, cloths, paint, wood sealant and gardening tools were emptied from cars all directed towards tidying up and preserving the wooden fence surround and other equipment whilst excited youngsters demonstrated the necessity and the value of what the area is all about - them. Oh, to be able to get on a slide again or climb aboard the colourfully painted train whilst mimicking a whistle or a hoot, or swing on the pyramid frame!

Whilst the children had fun, the volunteers got stuck into some really grafting work punctuated by many a jocular quip and plenty of smiles and laughter. What else was there to do on a hot, sunny weekend day?

As per usual the maxim 'many hands make light work' could have been used here.

However, as so often with much 'volunteering work', additional hands would have been more than welcomed — and extra brushes, cloths and sealant! There is a note here that this work will always be ongoing in order to keep the park an inviting place for young people to enjoy: so, any other volunteers — anyone feeling the urge to join in the fun can contact the group on aswalwyn@gmail.com — don't hold back!





TOP, children enjoy the play park whilst the grown-ups work. Above, work in progress

Photos by Gill Metcalfe

LIVE music was enjoyed recently in the village at the King's Arms. Local group The Diddy Boys, pictured left, in farming attire, with keyboard, accordion and banjo, courtesy of the King's Arms, played to the crowds. A regular music session — mid-afternoon every Sunday — is a key pub feature usually

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Harvey's Tractor Festival Rally

TAKE a wonderful day of sunshine – add a national bank holiday, complement it with the final weekend of summer — a stop at the local pub, drinks on the table, Sunday roast ordered — to be eaten al fresco under the green sun shades with butterflies fluttering through the mass of sweet peas, all idyllically set in a quintessential peaceful Devon village itself basking in the sunshine warmth: not even a breeze, indeed "bliss it was to be alive" (Wordsworth): the day became one to really savour.

Then a change of tempo. Stockland suddenly erupted with the cacophony of sound emanating from the Old Chard Road — the noise, a metallic sound as if a large tin drum were being struck, the source soon turned the corner and up the slip road resting to the side of the King's Arms nostalgia reigned — a wonderful vintage tractor. In fact, not one but eight such vehicles rolled through the village and gradually wended the route to the car park with the last settling at the side of the pub.

Recognise any vehicle — a 1968 David Brown 780; a 1957 David Brown 900; a 1951 David Brown Cropmaster; a David Brown 1955, 25D; a 1974 Leyland 270; a David Brown 1947 Cropmaster, a Fordson Supermajor (ATT) and a David Brown 1965, 770. The David Brown 25D had been reclaimed from a Stockland barn whilst the Fordson Supermajor had never left its local home. It had been housed at the same farm from new — 65-plus years! All these vehicles had trekked around the parish country lanes through the weekend covering 18 miles, all for a day out and perhaps the desire to showcase a passion.

The parish's farmers will be more than familiar with David Brown tractors, however, the uninitiated will not know the illustrious past of the vehicles or indeed that of (Sir) David Brown, the founding father. Brown was an entrepreneur, one such from an early age, working with scrap parts and engines building his first



ABOVE, David Brown 900 (1957) owned by Paul Mitchell; right, David Brown 780 (1968) owned by Mike Trotman

> Photos by Gill Metcalfe



car with such bits: an enthusiasm which escalated into an extensive range of business interests.

Starting in the family business with gear and machine tools he acquired the Vosper ship building business, car manufacturers Aston Martin and Lagonda and was in partnership with Harry Ferguson another such entrepreneur. Ferguson later teamed up with 'the' Henry Ford — to produce tractors, not cars! Note the Fordson reference earlier here. Putting the Brown name with Aston Martin produced the DB Aston Martin engine and the DB fame - it was Brown's baby – from tractor industry to Bond - no less. The last David Brown tractor rolled off the production line in 1988.

Sorry some digression, back to the tractor invasion... the noise of the vehicles, the animation of their drivers and followers — suddenly the village came alive — the atmosphere was stunningly vibrant.

The occasion, a birthday celebration and a glorious bank

holiday get-together of family and friends — all like-minded tractor enthusiasts set for the drive and determined to celebrate the day and share their passion for farmyard memories. This was the history of a farming community being relived. Short wonder that the village stirred and gathered round the past life! All this generated by one local family.

The instigator of the harvest Harvey's Rally, one Darren Mitchell whose love affair with machinery bits and a Triumph Dolomite Sprint just spiralled into a passion for farm memorabilia starting with the DB780.

A very similar story to that of David Brown. Renovation, driving, sharing the interest with other buffs led him to accumulate friends with tractors, all happy to take to the road for sheer pleasure.

These tractor enthusiasts just thoroughly relish in taking their vehicles out — using them as they were meant — for work on the land. Whilst ploughing, lifting hay, snow ploughing and whatever farm land

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challenges are presented they attend south west rallies, local charity functions, ploughing, competitions, lifting hay, wood — the vehicles are meant to work on the farm and just give the owners pure enjoyment in their use. To add to the festive adventure, Darren Mitchell's son won the best turned out tractor trophy — an annual in-house competition — again, all in good fun.

And for those whose appetite has been whetted or have fond memories of tractor ownership or are perhaps still using one, there is a David Brown Tractor Club — Devon Division which still holds ploughing days. For further reading, David Brown Tractors 1936-1964 provides a fascinating background to the history of David Brown tractors and their founder.

Huge thanks must go to these



tractor aficionados for the nostalgia they brought to the village!

■ Darren is not the only local owner of a working David Brown... there are surely more in the parish.

Gill Metcalfe/ The Mitchell family/friends



ABOVE, left, David Brown (1955)
UYA 243, owned by Darren
Mitchell, David Brown 25D
Cropmaster (1951) registered LAD
753, owned by Anthony Stone;
above, best turned-out tractor,
trophy winner Harvey Mitchell
Photos by Gill Metcalfe

DEVON'S Historic Churches Preservation Trust's annual Ride and Stride walk took place on Sunday, September 12th.

The walkers met at St Michael and All Angels Church, Stockland, at 10.15am for refreshments before walking just over four miles around the northern area of the parish.

The route went up to North Hill Farm, then up the lane and footpath to Hornshayes. A lovely amble then beside the River Corry to the Millhayes Mill walking beside the leat which fed the mill, which was almost certainly one of the three mills recorded in the Domesday Book, for the parish of Stockland.

Walkers then proceeded towards Millhayes, turning left to Temple Bar, where the recent heavy rain washed the footbridge further down the river to just below the next bridge off Horseplot Lane.

Past Lower and Higher Rodway before taking the new permissive path by Langlands Lane through



Aller Farm fields to finish at the church by 12.45pm for a picnic lunch in the churchyard.

The sponsorship and refreshment donations on the day amounted to approximately £350, half of which

will go to Devon Historic Churches and the remainder to Stockland church. Many thanks to all who helped and supported the event.

Bryan and Rowena Drew

Hopes for Kings Arms ladies lunch club

IT is, once again, hoped to have the lunch club at the Kings Arms up and running.

The first meeting will be on Wednesday, November 1st at 12.30pm for 1pm and would consist of choices from a set menu to be

pre-booked directly with the pub.

There would be a vegetarian option and the meal would be priced at £12-15 for two courses to include coffee, with drinks at an extra cost, to be paid directly to the pub on the day. The menu would be published

in advance as it would be crucial for the pub to have notice of everyone's choices. If you are interested please contact janewedlock@live.co.uk or 01404 881817.

Jane Wedlock



SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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By Bijan Omrani

New History Guide to Shute Church and Parish published

A new 40-page illustrated guide to the history of St Michael's Church, Shute, and also the Parish of Shute, has been published. The booklet, by Churchwarden Dr Bijan Omrani, was launched with a lecture and reception at the Church on 4th September, which was attended by around 60 people. The launch event was held in support of the Church and the Devon Historic Churches Trust, and raised nearly £450.

The guide covers the 800-year history of the Church, and aims to shine a light on all aspects of its past. It sets the church in the context of the history of the parish, including the development of Shute Barton as the local manor house, the manorial families - including the Bonvilles, Greys, and Poles, who not only had an impact on the Parish but also on national and international history - and also the other inhabitants of Shute over the ages. The booklet not only tells their stories, but also unfolds the development of the church, and discusses many little-known and surprising tales behind the church and the memorials in it. The booklet is based on original archival research and as well as on previously published sources, as well as a close examination of the church building. It also includes an account of the building of Shute's Chapel-of-Ease, St Mary-at-the-Cross, Whitford.

Bijan Omrani, the author of the guide, said: 'Writing the history of Shute Church has been an extraordinary journey. The detective



New church history guide is published

work included hunting through many archives, struggling with ancient documents (sometimes in Latin), and poring over every inch of the church building itself. The discoveries have been amazing. In the shade of our little out-of-the-way church there have been the visits of kings and the lives of great magnates. The richest woman in Medieval England, Cecily Bonville, was baptised and lived here, as did Elizabeth Pole, the first woman to found a town in the New World. At the same time, the research has unearthed much of the daily lives, devotion, joy, and sometimes suffering of generations of parishioners of every social station. I hope that this new guide I have written will remind people how 800 years of extraordinary history are

here, on their doorstep, in their parish church. I also hope that it will remind them that here too, in this place cherished over hundreds of years, many have come to worship, grieve, celebrate, and contemplate. There is a fellowship and community with those of the past, as well as those of times to come, and I hope that this guide will prompt people to remember this, feel a part of it, and even be comforted by it, here in a place where, since time out of hand, "prayer has been valid".'

The booklets are on sale at the Church for £5, or can be obtained by contacting Bijan Omrani directly via email (bijan.omrani@btinternet.com). All proceeds go to the church.

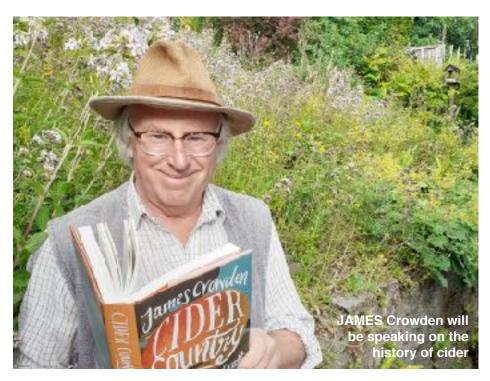
DECISION FOR AUTUMN SHOW TO GO AHEAD

NOW everyone is able to get out and about, after the long break which Covid has forced upon communities, the decision has been made to go ahead with Whitford Produce Association autumn show this year on Saturday, October 30th 2pm-5pm.

The classes of handicraft and homemade beers, wines and sloe gin are always well supported. So, if you have been busy in lockdown with any of these items, please do enter them. Show leaflets will be dropping through doors soon, but for more details please contact maureendavey@btinternet.com.

SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

In-person events return to festival this October



By Bijan Omrani

ORGANISERS are looking forward to three in-person Shute Festival events this month, including a musical concert, a lecture with cider tasting, and a talking walk.

On Friday, October 8th, 7.30-9pm at St Michael's Church, a concert will be held in support of Afghanistan. This will be led by Axminster-based sitar player Ricky Romain with Lewis Riley on tabla. Tickets for this event will be £15. Profits will be sent to a crowdfunder to support vulnerable Afghan women and girls.

On Thursday, October 14th, 6.30-7.30pm at St Michael's Church, Westcountry author James Crowden will be speaking on his new book, Cider Country: How an Ancient Craft Became a Way of Life. James's book is a fascinating history of cider and cider-making. The book covers

everything from the origins of the wild apple forests in the steppes of Kazakhstan and their presence in the myth-infused civilisations of the Mediterranean, to the arrival of cider and cider apples in England and beyond.

James talks about the original appeal of the drink to monks, pirates and politicians, the nation's love affair with cider that blossomed after the Reformation, and the English creation of a 'sparkling cider', a technique that pre-dated Dom Pérignon's champagne by 40 years. He also talks about the next generation of cider makers and unearths a unique philosophy that has been shared through the ages.

In the face of real challenges, these enterprising cider makers are still finding new ways to produce this golden drink that is enjoyed by so many.

James will be in conversation with Western Morning News columnist Martin Hesp. The event will be accompanied by a cider-tasting. Tickets for this event will be £10.

On Thursday, October 31st, 2-4.30pm, Woodland Trust tree expert Jill Butler will be leading a Talking Walk around the Shute Deer Park.

The deer park, which dates back to at least the 13th Century, is one of the top 33 sites in England and one of the most important sites in Europe for ancient trees, and particularly ancient oaks. The walk will start from the Shute Gate House.

Tickets can booked via the website at www.shutefest.org.uk, but some tickets should also be available at the door of the lectures.

One online event has also been confirmed for this month. On October 28th, 6-7pm, the best-selling National Geographic author and explorer Wade Davis will be speaking on his recent book Magdalena: River of Dreams. The book vividly brings to life the story of the Rio Magdalena at the heart of Colombia, and illuminates the country's complex past, present, and future.

Other online events are to be confirmed. Please check the website — www.shutefest.org.uk for further details.

Special walk

THERE will be a second opportunity to visit the Shute Deer Park on Saturday, October 23rd, 2-5pm, when local tree expert Graham Jones will be leading a walk to see the ancient trees of the deer park in their autumn finery.

Booking is essential; please contact Ruth Worsley at savingspecialspecies@gmail.com or 01297 489741.

SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS



WHITFORD Produce Association August Bank Holiday Farmers' Market was an outstanding success and raised £660 which will be donated 50/50 to Devon Air Ambulance and Whitford Village Hall.

The tables were laden with a wonderful array of vegetables, flowers, cakes and bric-a-brac, which were all quickly snapped up.

Local band Jurassix entertained visitors throughout the afternoon and was much appreciated by everyone whilst enjoying a tasty lunch from the barbecue and a cake or two.

We were so lucky to have a beautiful sunny day which really



helped to set the atmosphere.

The afternoon was rounded off with an auction, which is always a very popular event.

It was a lot of hard work, but so rewarding to receive all the donations and to see so many of you coming along in the afternoon. Our thanks go to everyone who supported us.

Maureen Davey Chairman of Whitford Produce Association

Plainsong choir to perform choral evensong at St Michael's Church

CHORAL Evensong will be held at St Michael's Shute on Sunday, October 24th at 6.30pm.

As is now customary, it will be sung by the plainsong choir, and followed by refreshments. The service uses traditional Gregorian chant and the Book of Common

Prayer.

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

If of interest please contact bijan.omrani@btinternet.com. We look forward to you joining us for this spiritual, contemplative service.





YARCOMBE NEWS

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By Lesley Sutton

GILL Heighway led a Five Alive Songs of Praise service in Yarcombe parish church on September 22nd.

Grateful thanks to choristers Martin, Caroline and to Gay from Dalwood, who stepped up to take their places in the choir stalls with Yarcombe's rapidly diminishing members, helping to swell the music.

Hymns had been chosen by some of the Yarcombe congregation all of whom gave a short introduction and explanation as to why these were so special to them.

Peter Bell, Once in Royal David's City; Barbara Salter, Through all the Changing Scenes of Life; Doreen Parris, Lord of All Hopefulness; Lesley Sutton, The Day thou Gavest Lord is Ended; and Gavin, who played the organ with much zest and volume, The Spirit Lives to Set us Free.

Gill led the prayers and gave a short history of how hymns had come about. The collection will be forwarded towards help for the

Grateful for return of 'full of hope' hymns

people of Haiti.

No sooner than singing was allowed by all in churches the baptist chapel members, led by Maggie Lane, introduced a Focus Sunday Service of Hope on August 29th

Maggie had managed to gather remnants of The Allsorts — Phyllis Manning on clarinet and Lesley Sutton on keyboard (as flute!) and welcoming Wendy Randle on tenor recorder to play the hymns and some before and after music, just as in those olden days before covid.

Worshippers were entertained on entering with Allegretto Grazioso, the duet from Don Giovanni, What Kind of Greatness, and My Hope is Built on Nothing Less before Thelma Clarke welcomed everybody, gave out the notices and handed over to Maggie.

The uplifting hymns were

interspersed with dialogue. All My Hope on God is Founded, followed by Lesley Sutton reading the poem, Pandora's Box.

In Christ Alone, Mary Smith telling of the Hope magazine. Lord of All Hopefulness, after which Pat Bright told the story of Jane's Hope from Compassion.

The congregation was challenged to learn a new hymn, There is a Hope, with Wendy Randle reading the same passage from St James's Bible and Maggie Lane, from the Message Bible, showing how different were the interpretations and use of language.

Hope of our Calling, followed by John Robinson leading prayers. Come and See the Shining Hope and a benediction with God Be with You, before departure to, of course, Land of Hope and Glory and chats in the churchyard.

YARCOMBE WEATHER AUGUST 2021

	2021	2020	2019
Average Max.temperature	19.7°C	21.7°C	19.9°C
Average Min.	12.3°C	13.5°C	13.9°C
Average Overall temperature	16.0°C	17.6°C	16.9°C
Rainfall	44.4mm	112.2mm	96.1 mm
Wettest Day	5th 10.1mm	19th 27.5 mm	8th 33.3mm
Sunniest Day	10th 12.0 hrs approx.	12th 13.0 hrs	25th 14.0 hrs
Warmest Day	10th 22.3°C	12th 31.7°C	2nd 24.2°C
Coldest Night	27th 9.0°C	4th 7.9°C	29th 10.0°C
Sunshine hours.	132 hours approx.	132hrs	195 hrs

As usual August was not a good month with a poor amount of sunshine and cooler temperatures. Now that the children are back at school the weather may improve, let's hope we get an Indian summer. For information since the 6th July several hundred houses around Yarcombe have had six power cuts. They only last a short time but long enough upset all electrical clocks ie boilers, cooking stoves etc. Up until recently Western Power have been unable to trace the fault. If it reoccurs the number to phone at Western Power is 0800 6783 105 then perhaps they may make more of an effort to trace the problem.

Tony Newman

LIN Box chaired a meeting in Yarcombe Jubilee Hall on September 8th to discuss the future terrier racing event which will hopefully take place next August.

There was a good turnout consisting of several of those who have assisted over the past years and a good representation of people who have moved into the area during the past two years and would like to participate in village events.

Names were taken from those who would be able to help with the preparation of the ground and those who may be able to assist in running the extra events.

If anyone else unable to attend the meeting would be prepared to offer their services in any way please

Terrier event needs you!

contact Lin.

She also mentioned that it may be necessary to run fundraising events prior to the actual event as new equipment is required to replace somewhat worn out, well used effects.

This is such major event in Yarcombe's year, known almost countrywide, that it is important that it should continue as a quirky countryside tradition.

Started over 40 years ago by John Salter and accomplices to raise money for church funds and pay the required annual Diocesan precept, Yarcombe must surely be the only village to fund its church by dog racing!

As Lin explained, we have a beautiful 14th Century building in the middle of the village which is required by all at some time in their life and should be preserved for future generations.

A few minutes later, Clive Stone, Chairman of Yarcombe Parish Council, and Jean Rich and Mary Smith, on behalf of the Parochial Church Council, held an impromptu meeting outlining plans to hold a tea party to welcome all those from Yarcombe parish and their friends to get together and meet informally.

Yarcombe is starting to try to get its act together in a covid-friendly way, encouraging life to return to some form of normality.

YARCOMBE PARISH CORRESPONDENT NEEDED

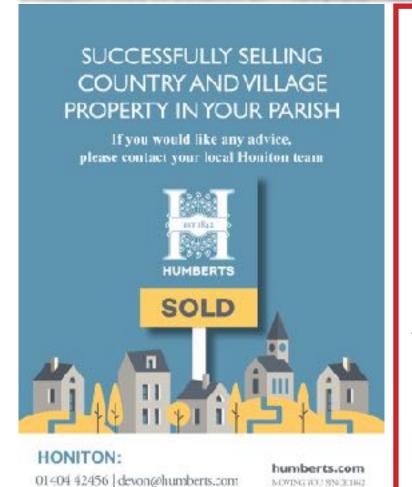
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TURBARIES WATCH

By David Allen

AFTER a disappointing spring, summer began with some fine weather in early June.

Then there was a deluge at the end of the month followed by seemingly incessant rain in early July, with serious flooding in the village. Mid-July saw a spell of sweltering weather with temperatures topping 30 degrees; wet weather returned and continued into August. As I write in late August under a clear blue sky, autumn is in the air.

Kestrels did breed again. Geoff Pearce ringed five young on Quantock in early June; all fledged successfully. But the clutch of eggs in the box on the ridge of Horner Hill was abandoned, attributable to foul weather at this exposed site. The box was then occupied by a pair of stock doves and two chicks were later ringed by Geoff who was surprised to see a female kestrel perched outside!

Sparrow hawks nested again in woodland at Quantock and at least two chicks fledged.

Remote cameras positioned at boxes revealed that young tawny owls are fed frogs, an occasional newt and baby rabbits. For the first time, we have heard of no report that spotted flycatchers have bred within the parish this summer. Swallows seem to have had a fairly good season: Geoff has ringed more than 100 chicks. Interestingly, one nest was found under the eaves, not in a barn, at North Hill Farm.

A new pond, excavated early in

June by Andy Podbery most skilfully and, for a moment, precariously, at the northern end of Horner near the ruined cottages. It filled quickly and has already attracted blue damselfly, banded demoiselle and broadbodied chaser. The surface of the pond has now scummed over with an algal bloom, as could be expected. The wood-pasture nearby was topped by Robin Gundry in mid-July where I had counted 24 flowering spikes of



common spotted orchid a month earlier.

There were hundreds, perhaps thousands, of heath spotted orchid on Bucehayes Common and, to a lesser extent, at Quantock in June this year. They are clearly palatable to ponies who eat the spikes voraciously. I was disappointed to count only 16 spikes of early marsh orchid, far fewer than in recent years. That was in mid-June; the ponies had arrived a month earlier so I suspect that they were responsible for the lower count. We shall cordon off that part of the turbary in 2022 to protect this rare and beautiful orchid.

The pond on Quantock Common now has too much duckweed which Geoff, his friend Dee, and I have attempted to control, first by trawling a wooden boom across the surface using fishing reels from opposite banks. Then Geoff waded across the pond, removing mats of weed by hand, and this was more effective. The mats revealed the presence of newts, some large tadpoles and a couple of leeches; a southern hawker flew past. We think a mallard may have a brood there now.

On a recent walk across the open heathy area of Horner Hill, I noted that the bridleway is lined



TURBARY pond clearance and Andy Podbury's new pond construction

Photos courtesy of The Stockland Tree

with bell heather and ling, and further on there is a handsome patch of hawkweed. But much of the hillside is scrubbing up again and I am disappointed to report that plans to use a 'virtual fencing' system with ponies has for the moment fallen through. Pony grazing elsewhere on the turbaries has gone well, under the leadership of Heather Burnett. Thanks go to her and her band of lookerers for a job well done!

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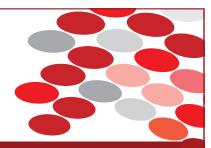
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10am - 12pm	St Giles, Kilmington	Coffee Shop - Stop in for a coffee and a chat. Happening each Friday morning		
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7pm Every Thursday	The Beacon, Kilmington	Fusion Youth Group		
10.30am 3rd October	The Beacon, Kilmington	Harvest Thanksgiving Service		
10.30am 5th October	The Beacon, Kilmington	Messy Sparklers is a preschool group full of sensory activities, messy play and fun		
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