



March 2020

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Sunday March 1st Lent 1	11am Family Service	11 am Morning Worship	No service	11am Holy Communion	11 am Family Service
Sunday March 8th Lent 2	11 am Holy Communion	No service	No service	11 am Morning Worship	11 am Morning Worship
Sunday March 15th Lent 3	11 am Morning Worship	11 am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	No service	11 am Holy Communion
Sunday March 22nd Mothering Sunday	11 am Morning Worship	11 am All Age Service	11 am Holy Communion	11am Morning Worship & Baptism	No service
Sunday March 29th Lent 5	Please Support MCHC at Stockland	Please Support MCHC at Stockland	Please Support MCHC at Stockland	11 am Mission Community Holy Communion	Please Support MCHC at Stockland

GROWTH MATTERS: MIDWEEK SERVICES

Let us not become weary in doing good for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up'

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Midweek Holy Communion:

Tuesdays 9.30am St Giles's, Kilmington Wednesdays 9.30am St Peter's, Dalwood

Pauses for Prayer:

Tuesdays 9.40am Yarcombe Tuesdays 10.20am Kilmington

Tuesdays 10.30am Stockland

Bible Studies & Home Groups:

Mondays 7.30pm Yarcombe

Tuesdays 3.30pm Dalwood

Tuesdays 7pm Kilmington

Wednesdays 7pm Dalwood - For further details please contact Martin or Caroline Nunns



THINK BEFORE WE SPEAK

Gill Heighway

OVER the last couple of weeks, I've been looking through books and articles in the hope that something would leap out at me for this month's Clergy Comment.

I found it in a Thoughts for the Day book by Eddie Askew called Chasing the Leaves. These thoughts are like the Thought for the Day you can hear on Radio 4 each morning at around 7.50am. This thought for the day resonated with me and so I'm sharing it with you now.

It is based on a verse from John's Gospel:

Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

These are Eddie Askew's words:

"I wasn't sure I'd read it right. The

words were on a white van belonging to the water supply company. When I got home I checked it out on the internet. Yes, it was part of their publicity and was in their annual report. The slogan read, 'Your water is safe in our hands.'

"My water? I won't venture into the medical aspects of whose and which water they were claiming, but water safe in their hands?

"I can accept water safe in a reservoir, or even safe in a bucket, but safe in their hands?

"All my attempts at holding water in my hands come to nothing. It trickles away. Even when I rinse the soap off my face, I have to be quick or the water's gone. And I reckon so will the slogan be when the publicity department reactivates its sense of humour.

"I suppose it's just a nice example

of people taking themselves a little bit too seriously, but we do need to take care about the way we use language.

"It's so easy to mean well but for another sense to creep into the words we use without us realising it. And the words come out with the wrong message.

"Let's think before we speak, and let's wait a moment before we respond to the things other people say to us. Misunderstanding is so easy – and so difficult to sort out when it's happened. Think twice before we react.

"Guard me, Lord, from speaking too much, too often, and with too little thought."

I think the last sentence should be my daily mantra as I often speak first and think second, which is not a good plan, then I have to do some very quick damage limitation!



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COVER PHOTO: This month's cover photo is the view towards Stockland with Owls Castle, by Tim Phillips					

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PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 111 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

THIS psalm begins and ends with praise. It is also an 'acrostic' in that each half verse begins with a different letter, in order, of the Hebrew alphabet, giving it a sense of completeness.

The word for praise at the end of verse 10 begins with the last letter of the alphabet (Taw).

Otherwise, following a stated intention to give thanks to the Lord, reasons for these thanks are given, most of them relating to the history of the people of Israel, and concluding with a reminder of the wisdom and benefit of maintaining one's appreciation of God's presence.

This content of the psalm makes it suitable for congregational worship.

1. Alleluia, ("Praise the

Lord!")

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.

2. The works of the Lord are great,

sought out by all who delight in them.

3. His work is full of majesty and honour

and his righteousness endures for ever.

4. He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds;

the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5. He gave food to those who feared him;

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6. He showed the people

the power of his works in giving them the heritage of the nations.

7. The works of his hands are truth and justice;

all his commandments are sure.

8. They stand fast for ever and ever.

They are done in truth and equity.

9. He sent redemption to his people;

he commanded his covenant for ever:

holy and awesome is his name.

10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

a good understanding have those who live by it;

his praise endures for ever.

Bible readings March 2020

Sun 1 Mar [P] Lent 1	Gen: 2:1517; 3:1-7 Ps: 32	Rom: 5:12-19 Matt: 4:1- 11
Sun 8 Mar [P] Lent 2	Gen: 12:1-4a Ps: 121	Rom: 4:15, 13-17 John: 3:1-17
Sun 15 Mar [P] Lent 3	Exod: 17:1-7 Ps: 95	Rom: 5:1-11 John: 4:5-42
Sun 22 Mar [P] Mothering Sunday	Own Readings	Own Readings
Sun 29 Mar [P] Lent 5	Ezek: 37:1-14 Ps: 130	Rom: 8:6-11 John: 11:1-45

From the registers...

Nothing from the registers as it stands



PARTNER CHURCHES IN THIS AREA-

Sunday services in other local churches:

Dalwood Methodist: 11am Yarcombe Baptist: 11am

The Beacon - Baptists in Kilmington: 10.30am and 6.00pm

Roman Catholic: 9am Lyme Road Axminster; 11am Silver Street, Lyme Regis

Dalwood Methodist Chapel

DRIVING over to Dalwood, it's lovely to see the snowdrops and primroses lining the banks, daffodils just beginning to come into bloom, and some trees showing their blossom already.

We are, indeed, fortunate to live in such a beautiful part of the country.

Another thing for which we can be thankful are the number of charities in this area which operate to help those with all types of problems. One that is well used is The Axminster Care Service, particularly it's transport to get people to

doctors and hospital appointments, and so our March Coffee Morning will be to raise funds to help with the work they do. This will be on Wednesday, March 11th from 10am until 12noon, and we hope that as many of you as possible will come along and support this worthwhile cause.

Our services during March are at 11am, and a warm welcome is extended to you all at any or all of them.

Roderick Ovey





Yarcombe Baptist Chapel

THE signs of spring are becoming clearer each day. The days are lengthening and the sun is gaining in warmth. We are indeed, grateful.

Two things come to mind as we prepared to move the clocks forward at the end of the month to utilise day light more efficiently. Jesus told us to "consider the lilies of the field". How beautiful they look but don't take any credit for that, it is the way God created them. At a time when many folk are distant from their food's origins and have little green space to enjoy, it is proven that being in the fresh air and close to the natural world is so good for our mental and spiritual wellbeing. Those wise words of Jesus come to me on many occasion when I'm working in our garden. My husband often tells me that this is not a hobby, it is an obsession. He may well be right, but there is mileage in that old saying, "One is nearer to God in a garden than anywhere else on earth." All things praise Thee Lord, may we?

Thelma Clarke

The Beacon - www.beaconbaptist.org.uk

Events at The Beacon, Whitford Rd, Kilmington EX13 7RF

Sunday 22nd March

9.45am - Special Breakfast Church for Mothers' Day followed by Worship Service at 10.30am

Sunday, March 8th

6pm - Celebration Service

March 9th and 23rd

10am - Reflections Group

Sundays

10.30am - Morning Worship Service

Tuesdays POST OFFICE

10am – 12noon Post Office services available at The Beacon every Tuesday with FREE drinks for all users

Tuesday, 3rd March

10.30am-1pm - Messy Sparklers. A sensory play group for parents and

carers with children age 0-4. Stories, play, songs and lunch. Lunch & snacks £2.00 for adult + child in a relaxed environment.

Tuesday, March 17th

10.30am - CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) Coffee Morning

Tuesday, March 17th

12.30am - Contact Lunch

Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March Toddlers & Tinies

9.30am - Parents, carers and little ones can come in term time to enjoy space where babies play and parents relax.

Refreshments are served. Suggested donation £1.

Wednesdays

3.30pm term-time only - Flame 2

After School Club for Primary School Children.

Thursdays

7pm term-time only - Fusion Youth Club

Friday Mornings

10.30am - Focus Prayer Group

Saturday, March 14th

2pm - Scrabble Club

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, March 6th

11am - World Day of Prayer (The Beacon to host)

Saturday, March 14th

8.30 to 10.30am - Women's Breakfast - all welcome

Saturday, March 28th

8am to 10am - Men's Breakfast with guest speaker Steve Waller



Stunt rider Rev Fiona explains prayer power

A FEW weeks ago, 46 people from Yarcombe, Stockland, Dalwood, Shute and Kilmington sat down to a delicious meal at the Tuckers Arms, Dalwood.

It was the first of the reinstated Five Alive Churches supper talks with everyone thoroughly enjoying the evening. After coffee, tea and delicious brownies, Rev Fiona Beale gave an inspiring and extremely interesting talk.

Fiona is a curate with the Beaminster team. She was a former world champion stunt bike rider since the age of 16, breaking many records for female riders.

She later went into outdoor education before starting her journey to become ordained.

Clearly God kept her safe despite some serious accidents, one included breaking her back in 13

Fiona emphasised the power of prayer all the way through her life and her excitement for motorcycling and now her work serving God, was clearly evident in all she told us.

Thank you to Tracey and her excellent team for catering for us so beautifully and we look forward to the next talk, March 24th 7pm at the Tuckers Arms in Dalwood when lain Purdon will be the speaker.

Anna Crabbe

GET INVOLVED

Send your parish news, photos and events to the village correspondents. Contact details on page 31

The Parishes' Paper would like to clarify where contributors should send material they wish to be published.

Parish-specific editorial material for publication on a specific Parish page (Dalwood, Kilmington, Stockland, Shute, Whitford and Yarcombe) should be sent to the respective parish correspondent.

BBC newsreader lan to be guest speaker

THE Five Alive Mission Community is pleased to announce its first event of 2020 - a meal at The Tuckers Arms in Dalwood with lain Purdon as the guest speaker.

The supper and talk event will take place on March 24th at 7pm.

lain joined the local hospital radio service while at the University of Edinburgh. He went on to work in various computer-related jobs while attempting to pursue a radio career.

Purdon joined BBC Scotland in May 1973 becoming a newsreader and continuity announcer for the Radio 4 Scotland opt-out service. From 1975-1978 he was also a regular TV announcer on BBC One Scotland. He was then appointed to lead the announcer team at the launch of BBC Radio Scotland in 1978, also presenting music magazine programmes.

In 1982, he moved to BBC Radio 2 where he became editor of the presentation team until 1994. After a year in local radio at BBC CWR, followed by a spell of freelancing with BBC Radio 4 and BFBS UK, he moved in April 1995 to the BBC World Service delivering news bulletins on the hour and summaries on the halfhour. These broadcasts are heard around the world.

lain Purdon read the last ever news bulletin from Bush House at 11am on July 12th 2012, moving immediately to complete the shift at New Broadcasting House which entered service that day. He retired from the BBC staff in October 2013 but continued to work as an occasional relief newsreader on the World Service until May 2016. After 43 years of delivering BBC news he felt that was enough for anyone!

Non-parish-specific editorials and all adverts (including for charities and charitable events) should be sent to Martin Nunns.

In order to ensure your advert is printed please do not send adverts to the parish correspondents.

We welcome photographs and request that these are sharp images and at least 1MB in size. Items for



He plays bass guitar in a vintage rock and roll band, and in another group specialising in the repertoire of The Shadows. Iain is a member of STAG and has been in several recent productions.

He is an active member of his local parish church and has recently completed the Foundation in Christian Ministry Course with Exeter Diocese.

The evening is open to all residents of the Five Alive Parishes and their friends and is a ticket only event.

Tickets can be obtained by contacting Anna Crabbe on 01297 32777, or via e-mail at anna.crabbe@cloud.com or Rachel Hudson on 07752098001, e-mail: 5alivemc@gmail.com and are also on sale in the five churches at a cost of £12 which includes a two course meal and talk.

This is a fantastic opportunity to hear an extremely interesting speaker and enjoy a meal at the Tuckers Arms with family and friends.

inclusion on the Future Events page and pages 1-7 should be sent to Martin Nunns.

Email addresses for the above contacts can be found on page 31 and we would be very grateful if you could submit your contributions by the deadline date printed each month on page 31.

Thank you.

A TRIP TO AUSTRALIA - Simon and Pauline Holloway

AUSTRALIA IS BURNING

IN the context of a special service at the Anglican Cathedral of St Andrew's, Sydney, on Sunday, January 19th, Dr Stead, the Bishop of South Sydney, gave a compassionate and moving address about our response to those affected by the bushfires.

Earlier in the Service of Prayer for those Affected by the Bushfires, some facts and figures were shared about the overall situation in the nation - many hundreds of thousands of wildlife and livestock died, 28 people died including three voluntary fire workers from New South Wales, 3,000 homes were destroyed and an area larger than the size of England has been burnt. The purpose of the service was to provide sympathy, comfort and support, including thanks to the fire services, who were represented in the service as well as the Governor of NSW Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley.

After bible readings of Psalm 46, Job 1 and 2 (selections) and Luke 13v1-5 and a choir anthem of Rutter's Psalm 23, Dr Stead outlined 'four contrasting responses' during times of suffering as in the recent bushfires across Australia.

First is a positive response of compassion. Job's comforters got it right when they just came and sat with him in the ash heap, wept with him and did not speak. Sometimes no words are appropriate but our physical presence does make a difference.

The second response was 'Give Up on God', as reported by Job's wife, who said, "Curse God and die!", when she saw his suffering. Some today as then ask, "How can you believe in a good God when suffering comes to the innocent?"

Suffering causes some to doubt the existence of God. There are no simple answers. Job was innocent and yet still suffered. Evil and suffering in this world do not however disprove God. One answer



is to look at the cross. Jesus was innocent and yet suffered. God is not distant or inactive but suffers for us and with us. Yet we still hurt when we suffer.

A third response is to blame and accuse others. Job was falsely accused by his 'comforters' of being a wicked sinner under God's judgment. This may seem right but the attitude is poisonous. Jesus refused to link suffering with sin in many places recorded in the New Testament, including Luke 13.

Bushfires are not God's judgment. We cannot blame the government, the agencies or even the environment changes. We cannot control the climate and the environment, although care for them is part of our creation mandate. It is a harsh world, that is broken and perishing. CS Lewis reminded us that suffering may be 'God's severe mercy'. God warns us because He loves us. This world is broken and so prepare for the next.

The final response is to repent. That is to turn around and come back to God as our loving and faithful creator and redeemer. Give up our indifference and hostility towards God and turn back to Him in faith. Trust God to be *our* God even when we suffer.

Job responds this way in Chapter 42 and earlier in Chapter 13 we read, "Even though He slay me, yet will I hope in Him." In short, the four responses are: negative ones – turn away or turn against God and each other or positive ones – turn to God

in repentance and faith and turn towards each other in compassion and love.

The hymns and prayers in the service were also designed to bring comfort and support. To the tune of Finlandia, an 18th Century hymn, Be Still, My Soul, led into the offering to support Anglican Aid and Anglicare, two national agencies on the ground giving help to the bereaved and displaced. We heard interviews with Chaplains for Operation Bushfire Assist and Disaster Recovery Network. Donations can be sent via www.anglicanaid.org.au/nsw-bushfire-appeal.

We saw first-hand the devastation caused by the bushfires on Kangaroo Island - half the size of Cyprus - which had suffered burning of over half the Island yet was reopened to the public when we made a day visit from Adelaide.

We saw some animals in the wildlife park in the middle of the island and the green shoots already springing up after the devastation. There were signs of hope and new life even there. This is a link to explain about Bushfire support on Kangaroo Island - https://www.sealink.com.au/bushfire-update.

Later, in Singapore, we met the niece of our hosts who came from Sydney. Livinia and her family had been evacuated five times from their rural home south of Sydney because of the bushfires. This brought it all home to us on a personal level.

But we thank God that some rains have come, dowsed many of the fires and stopped the spreading to new areas.

So much depends also on the wind strength and direction. And that, prayerfully, is all in God's hands.

On our return to the UK, we saw the Channel 4 documentary, Is the recent apocalyptic Australian bushfire what the future looks like?



DALWOOD NEWS

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By Michael Dods

ST Peter's Church, Dalwood, hosted a delightful coffee and wine concert on the evening of Wednesday, February 12th.

The duo of Shirley Ewart and Sharon Muhl - known as Shiraz - entertained the audience with their singing and guitar playing and £139 was raised for the regional cancer charity Force.

Sharon and Shirley have been singing together for many years. They first met while Shirley was musical director of a local Bridport choir.

About four years ago, they decided to write and perform their own songs and Shiraz was born. They haven't looked back since.

Shirley usually plays a guitar accompaniment, but she is also a talented piano player and percussionist.



Shiraz entertains

Sharon gets by on the violin and has been known to play the shaky egg. Most of their songs are written about aspects of life and sung in harmony. Each word is important so the two voices blend perfectly for the listener to hear the story in each song. Shiraz also sing covers, which Shirley arranges for their particular style.

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 8.30am - 6.00pm
 MONDAY:
 9.00-11.30am

 Saturday:
 8.30am - 4.00pm
 TUESDAY:
 9.00-11.30am

 Sunday:
 8.30am - 12.30pm
 THURSDAY:
 9.00-11.30am

St Patrick's Day

Raise a glass, Enjoy it with some



March 17th 2020

beer, wine spirits. cheese. We sell it all.

Dalwood's Award winning wine is also on our shelves. Come in and buy a bottle or two







DALWOOD NEWS

Seeds ready for May's plant sale

SEEDS are still available for Dalwood's plant sale to be held in May.

The plant sale last year, on behalf of The Recreation Field, was very successful with the addition of annual plants grown from seed, which I hope can be repeated this year.

The date of the upcoming plant sale will be announced in due course.

I have more seed packets which include some herbs, Zinnias, Sweet Peas, Morning Glory, Lobelia, Cosmos, Rudebekia, Wallflowers and Pinks.

I would also be very grateful if anyone planting vegetables would donate some to the sale.

I have seed trays and pots if



needed

Please contact me on 01404 881760 for more details.

Shelagh Beak

A 'thank you'

DEAR friends and neighbours. It is the goodness in the hearts of folk that makes Dalwood such a wonderful place to live.

I offer my sincere and warmest gratitude for the level of love and support poured out to me in respect of my current orthopaedic troubles - thank you!

George Marshall

Please note that there is no church flower rota during March as it is Lent

DALWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

invite you to a

COFFEE MORNING

AT THE CHAPEL
WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH
10 AM - 12 NOON
WITH A "BRING AND BUY" STALL
IN AID OF
AXMINSTER CARE SERVICE

AXMINSTER CARE SERVICE DO COME AND ENJOY A CUPPA AND A CHAT!





WINE TASTING & 'CALL MY BLUFF'
QUIZ EVENING at Dalwood Village
Hall on SATURDAY 14th MARCH
7pm for 7.30pm start
TICKETS £10pp



Please bring guests and pit your wits and wine tasting expertise against our panel of three carefully chosen "experts" who will try to entertain, convince or confuse you over which wine you are actually tasting! There will be a glass of sparkling wine on arrival followed by two white and two red wines.

There will be a prize for the winning table (4-6 people), and the tasting quiz will be accompanied by cheese and crackers followed by dessert. Wines will also be available for purchase. In addition there will be a secondary quiz and raffle and all profits will go towards maintenance costs of St. Peter's Church.

Tickets available at the door or from Brian Eddy or Michael Dods.

'Eggstraordinary' party

By Eve Smith

DALWOOD hosted yet another fun-filled and action-packed party for the children of the village on January 18th.

The youngsters had a great time dancing to every parent's favourite, the Choo Choo Wah song! There was plate spinning, fake snow and no one can forget the raucous game of musical chairs which culminated in the 'stacking' of as many children as possible on the last few

remaining chairs - the smallest, nimblest child being on the bottom of the pile!

Sue and Kathy provided a sumptuous feast that Hogwarts would be proud to serve. After that James, of J's Disco, shrunk and enlarged his head for the children's entertainment.

The 'Good Egg' award, however, must go to Milo, who willingly took one for the team in a game of chance involving six eggs. A number of younger, more unsuspecting, victims went first and, with a little

help from James, managed to avoid a gooey ending!

After much egging on by his peers, Milo stepped up to try his luck with the last egg and you can probably imagine the outcome! I m u s t s a y, h e t o o k i t 'eggstraordinarily' well!

What a brilliant way to bring the community together. Many thanks to Sue and Kathy who book the entertainer, set up and clear the hall, prepare the food, and drive to the far reaches of the village to deliver the invites each year.











KILMINGTON NEWS

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Postman and talented musician Chris chosen as village unsung hero

By Anna Crabbe

THE weekend of March 20th-22nd, the three Bishops are spending the weekend in various places of the Exeter Archdeaconry.

Bishop Nick, of Plymouth, will be at Millers Farm Shop from 10am until 12noon on Saturday, March 21st.

On the Friday evening, there will be an Unsung Heroes dinner at Woodbury Park Hotel and we have invited Chris Rowley and his wife, Ollie, to attend with Gill Heighway and myself.

Gill and I were asked to choose an unsung hero from our village and we felt Chris was a person who goes above and beyond in his job as our local postman.

Chris left school at 16 and was offered a three-year apprentice at a local bakery, becoming a master baker.

He later owned Sue's Pantry bakery in Sidmouth and the Pied Piper bakery in Seaton.

He went on to be a postman in 2002, working for 10 years in Honiton before transferring to Axminster in 2012. He has now been delivering post for six years in the Kilmington area.

Chris loves his job and loves KIlmington. He knows all his





customers by their first name and is always ready to help in any way he can.

Chris is a talented guitar player and met Ollie when they were part of an Axminster-based rock band called Blitz.

The pair have performed at the village show, the New Inn, the Old Inn, Sidmouth Arms, Upottery, among other local places.

Known as In 2 the Blue, the duo also play with a talented pianist, Gavin, under the band name, Babs and the Boys.

Their Cockney Knees Up is a popular event which we have enjoyed several times at the New Inn.

One of the highlights for Babs and the Boys was a British Legion event in Kilmington Village Hall for the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

The group designed a superb First World War set, dressed up and performed songs from the era. It was a super evening and clearly everyone enjoyed the event immensely.

We would like to thank Chris on behalf of Kilmington, for being such a special postman.

POSTMAN and unsung hero Chris Rowley, top, and, left, band Bags and the Boys performing

Please send Kilmington news to Michael Tyler - mwtyler2@googlemail.com

KILMINGTON NEWS

Sharing the light together at the Candlemas service

By Jean Falconer

THE Candlemas service was held on Sunday, February 2nd at St Giles's Church and, although Anna Crabbe was still recovering from her recent knee operation, she had put the service together.

David Wilsdon led the service, assisted by Diana Mellows, John Thorne, Maureen Lane and Jean Falconer, who all helped to 'share the light' with the congregation.

As the congregation arrived at church, they were each offered a candle - a tea-light - for use later in the service.

Light influenced all aspects of the service from the well-chosen hymns such as This Little Light of Mine, to the readings from the prophet, Malachi, and the Apostle, Luke.

In order to illustrate the story of Christ's presentation in the temple, the painting by Fra Angelico was displayed. The picture is full of light

and shows Mary and Joseph in the temple offering Jesus to God, as the Scriptures said they should do.

In the Temple they met the old man, Simeon, who is seen holding Jesus and declaring, "I have seen your salvation, the light of the world."

Nine candles on a table at the front of the church were lit symbolising the nine letters of Candlemas.

The choir, and then the congregation, were invited to bring the candles to the front to be lit, thus filling the church with light.

The celebration of Candlemas reminds us that Jesus is like a light, shining in the world and his love lights up the dark places so that we are not afraid.

PICTURED top, the lighting of the candles at St Giles's Church, Kilmington. Right, the congregation brings candles to be lit

Photos Diane Mellows





Meeting for flower arrangers

A COFFEE morning for St Giles's Church flower arrangers will be held on Monday, March 9th at 10.30am in the Cider Orchard.

The event will be held to arrange the roster for the coming church year, starting on Easter Sunday, April 12th

Anyone interested in joining the flower arranging group or willing to help will be welcome at the meeting. Please contact Caroline Lavender on 01297 34922 or or Jenny Nickolls on 01297 639758 for further details.



KILMINGTON NEWS



THE Five Alive Mission Open the Book team are pictured at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, sharing the story of The Greedy Farmer. Some pupils from Kilmington Primary School took part in telling the story, whilst the other children watched and learned.

RBL's special spring event

SPRING is just around the corner with a special seasonal event taking place in the village.

The Royal British Legion Spring Fair and Coffee Morning will be open at 10.30am on Saturday, April 4th at Kilmington Village Hall.

There will be teas, coffees and cakes available as well as plant sales, garden bird foods, tombola, raffle and craft stalls. Entry to the event is £1.50.



Come and meet Bishop Nick at

JOY 2020

Millers Farm Shop

March 21st 2020 10.00 to 12 noon



CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE IN DEVON



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Learning tool

CUISINAIRE Rods are a tool used daily at Stockland Academy to support maths teaching and learning.

They are a powerful tool to help represent mathematical concepts visually. In Reception, teachers encourage children to play with the rods to make pictures or patterns which really helps them become familiar with the different lengths and how they relate to each other.



Boudicca art

AS part of their work on Celts and Romans, Stockland Academy's Class 3 created Giacometti-style wire models of Boudicca.

The pupils worked hard to capture the sense of power and strength they thought Boudicca displayed when she faced the Romans during their invasion.

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

A Celtic Lenten Prayer

Surround the routine things of your life with a prayer.
As much as possible follow Paul's advice to "pray constantly", lifting each thing you do and each parson you meet to God for blessing

Say a blessing each day for one of the common, everyday things in your life,

and ask that as you are blessed, you may in turn be a blessing to others.

Amen.

Philippa Wilkes

STOCKLAND ACADEMY NEWS

SCHOOL PROUD OF ITS YOUTH SPEAKERS



By Gill Metcalfe

STOCKLAND Academy is fantastically proud of these three children who competed in the Rotary Club Youth Speak Regional Final.

They have put in hours of extra work to fine-tune and polish their

speeches and they performed brilliantly.

All the teams were praised by the judges for speaking so well and confidently, showing passion for subjects of crucial importance for today's world. Unfortunately, on this occasion, they are not through to the next round. Thanks go to the parents for their work and support of the girls.









Class 6 Science Topic
As part of a science topic on
light, Stockland Academy Year
6 students have been inspired
by the work of Vincent Bal, an
artist who turns the shadows
of everyday objects into
drawings by adding features,
known as 'shadowology
doodles'. Some examples of
the artist's work are shown,
left

PUB BRINGS VILLAGE BACK TO LIFE AS COMMUNITY HUB

By Gill Metcalfe

WOW. The King's Arms, Stockland. No one can doubt that the pub has reopened, but this must be way beyond any expectations.

Enter by the side doors and the wow never stops – from the bars through to the restaurants and then upstairs to the stunning guest rooms, all en-suite, and just so light, airy and inviting.

Then meet the staff, all with a welcome second-to-none. Jess, Richard, and Aby are all front-of-house and more, with Jess's husband, Ben, in the kitchen.

The restaurant has been fully booked for the past three nights at 50 covers per night and, looking ahead, similar for the rest of the month.

This is hardly surprising if the potted shrimps, the delicately cooked calamari, the over-flowing plates of mussels, the steak dish and the outstanding hake, with deserts, are to signal menus to



come.

From the 'open invitation' of nibbles and prosecco, the pub has already brought Stockland back to life – it is proving already to be the community hub; to use the word

'heaving' from the opening night is not an exaggeration.

A word of warning, those wishing to celebrate Mothering Sunday on March 22nd are urged to book now



RUNNERS and marshalls braved the weather for the third **Stockland Academy Cross Country Event of** the season on Wednesday, February 12th. Despite the muddy ground and the rain, the children were all in great spirits. Well done to all those who ran and many thanks to all who organised, catered, baked cakes. marshalled, cleaned up and supported. Thanks also go to the super supportive backmarkers who ran twice as far as anyone else

Thank you, Jill

THE recent Swag meeting was entitled The Way Forward, and was indeed just that for the group as the long-standing and long-suffering chair, Jill Bellamy, announced, that having sorted this year's programme, she would be stepping down at the end of the year.

Jill was president when the group was the WI and simply continued in this role when it became an independent group – s h o u I d e r i n g a I I t h e responsibilities that this entailed.

The varied programme of outings, talks, demonstrations, garden parties have been down to her but, in future, members will now take turns in organising monthly activities with, hopefully, lots of advice. The group motto of 'friends, fun, and forays' has been well and truly lived up to – thank you, Jill.

Jane Wedlock



Wine and wisdom gets cheers galore

By Gill Metcalfe

TRY these for starters... the smallest British rodent; only bird that flies backwards; only couple to win an Olympic gold together. Lulled into a sense of security at this point – quizzes not so difficult after all?

Stockland Village Hall wine and wisdom evening took no prisoners. Whilst the quiz was exceptionally well balanced using basic recall questions and then some rather challenging - and perhaps causing the will to survive to be in doubt for some - examples of the latter, a 'This and That' section.

A sample of some of the anagrams: He bugs Gore; Mr Mojo Risin'; Old West Action; Genuine Class; I'll Make a Wise Phrase.

Whilst there was a clear winning six, the results were fairly even across the teams. The evening was fun and exceptionally competitive with cheers galore every time the scores between rounds were announced. Whilst the winners went home with a bottle of wine, each other participants went home with one of the exceptionally generous raffle prizes – topped by the meal for two at the newly-opened The King's Arms, Stockland.

A genuine well done to the organisers — especially those who made the supper and made the hall most welcoming.







Educational and lands charity reports

STOCKLAND Educational Charity trustees met and made financial grants towards educational project applications received for the benefit of those living in the parish.

Stockland Parish Lands Charity trustees met and made financial disbursements to benefit parishioners with needs due to illness or special circumstances.

These charities were both set up by the Charity Commission early in the 1900s to benefit organisations or individuals living within the parish.

The Parish Lands Charity is for 'relief of the needy in times of distress' due to illness and other circumstances.

The Educational Charity benefits adults or young people with small financial grants towards resources for educational purposes.

Requests for consideration in 2020 can be made directly to Monica Parris on 01404 881 535 or Fiona Drew on 01404 881 644 by March 31st.

Monica Parris

HEATHSTOCK HAVEN

Observations of a newcomer from Worcestershire



By Colin Bentley

AT the onset of the Second World War, Churchill famously said, "The lights are going out all over Europe". He was not wrong. Our nation was plunged into the greatest conflict in world history. I am one of the post-war groups of 'Baby Boomers', born in the late 1940s.

Born at home in a tied cottage, owned by the landowners who provided work, sustenance and accommodation for us country 'peasants', I enjoyed a wonderful rural childhood somewhat in the mould of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. Unlike the fictitious characters of my comparison, I did not live in the America's deep south, my boyhood was spent in the tranquil framing region of a very rural Worcestershire.

Also known as 'The Teme Valley', I grew up in a prosperous hopgrowing region where life was good. I witnessed the end of rationing and the progressive return to normality following the 1939-45 austerity. Indeed, I lived in the generation when the world's first ever youth-driven culture burst on society changing the social face of this 'green and pleasant land' forever.

English pop groups rocked the world, Carnaby led international fashion trends, British-built Mini cars won the Monte Carlo rally and the England football team won football's world cup. I think it fair to say the lights were coming back on all over Europe.

In the mid-1960s, I sojourned north to County Durham to further my education. Like many of my generation, I was full of ambition and aspiration preparing to launch a life in pursuit of fame and fortune. My life voyage has been exciting and wide-ranging; both challenging and fulfilling. I have travelled the world and have known both success and failure. I think it fair to say that over half a century in life's 'fast lane', with places to go, people to see and things to do that I lost sight of the values and lifestyle that defined my working-class rural youth.

Jumping forward in my story, I am delighted to report that a 258-mile

retirement relocation to Heathstock, near Stockland, has succeeded in recapturing much of that rural life idyll experience as a boy growing up on a farm in Worcestershire.

My wife and I were fortunate to meet the 'legendary' Nancy Patch, whose family run a 200-acre dairy farm in Heathstock. To our delight, Nancy allowed us tenancy of Meadow View, a traditional farmhouse bungalow, high on the hill outside Stockland. The clue is in the name, Meadow 'View'. We look out on miles of beautiful Devon countryside with the iconic Beacon illuminating the night sky which serves as a landmark to ensure we do not get lost on the rabbit warren of narrow lanes that wind through the rural landscape.

Nancy is an accomplished and keen gardener, but the demands, pressures and exigencies of farming life allow her little time for tending the home garden. It has been my delight to beaver away redesigning and landscaping the lawns and borders that surround Meadow View. Just maybe the share value of Otter Nurseries has benefitted significantly from my investment in plants and shrubs over the past five years.

Moving on, they say here, 'You need three generations in the churchyard before you are considered a local'. Mmm... as I move on through my 70s, I fear that I will not live long enough to properly qualify as a local, but I am a country man born and bred, I am delighted to have landed in this wonderful part of the world to rediscover my country roots and values. As I say, don't believe what they say about retirement. It's great, as is my home in what I like to call Heathstock Haven; time enough to enjoy village quiz nights, country shows and make new friends.

The gift, as they say, is life itself! Enjoy this and every day of life - hey?



SHUTE NEWS

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SPECTACULAR LINE-UP

By Bijan Omrani

SHUTE Festival returns this year with another spectacular line-up of speakers and events, including Sunday Times war correspondent Christina Lamb, cider-maker, poet and broadcaster James Crowden and best-selling international writer Tracy Chevalier, all with new books published this year.

The Festival now in its 5th year will be structured differently to previous festivals which took place over a single weekend in September. This year individual events will be spread out over the year from May to October. We hope this will make it more user friendly for our local audience and also spread out the wealth of ideas and culture.

As before the Festival prides itself on a diverse array of speakers from fiction (Tracy Chevalier) to trees (Jill Butler) to travel (Sophy Roberts, James Crowden), and walking in the landscape (Robert Twigger and Peter Fiennes) to art and landscape (Susan Owens), to politics and current events (Dan Gretton, Christina Lamb). The Festival will also include three wonderful musical events. The highly acclaimed Lyra Vocal Ensemble from St Petersburg Russia will open the season with a concert on 1 May of Russian Orthodox Church music and also folk. Also vocalist Polina Shepherd who performs the world over will be running a Russian and Yiddish singing workshop (no previous experience or Russian/Yiddish language required) and then performing a concert on 19 September. Bijan Omrani will end the season with a highly entertaining talk based on his new and ongoing research on Shute

"We are thrilled to have such a fantastic line up of speakers again this year. It really brings something new to our locality and also brings in newcomers to our beautiful part of East Devon," said Sam Knights one of the directors and founders of Shute Festival.

The Festival has had full support from the community throughout the past 5 years and has attracted a number of awards and grants as well as sponsorship from local organisations and businesses. This has allowed it to cover the expenses and fees for speakers as well as provide outreach to the local primary school in the form of workshops and after school clubs. These are being planned for 2020. This year the Festival is delighted to have sponsorship in place already from the Carew Pole Charitable Trust and Axe Vale Show. Profits from the Festival will go to Shute Primary School at St Michael's Church Shute.

Full details of all events and individual tickets are on sale online at www.shutefest.org.uk

Shute Festival 2020 Events Programme

- Friday, May 1st, 7.30pm: Lyra Vocal ensemble Concert of Russian church and folk music
- Friday, May 22nd, 7.30pm: Sophy Roberts on The Lost Pianos of Siberia
- Saturday, May 23rd, 7.30pm: James Crowden on The Frozen River - Seeking Silence in the Himalaya
- Friday, June 26th, 7.30pm: Peter Fiennes on Footnotes: A Journey Round Britain in the Company of Great Writers
- Saturday, June 27th, 7.30pm: Robert Twigger on Walking the Great North Line
- Friday, July 17th, 7.30pm: Dan Gretton on I You We Them
- Saturday, July 18th, 10.30am: Christina Lamb on Our Bodies, Their Battlefield
- Sunday, July 19th, 10.30am: Jill Butler: Ancient Trees in an Historic Tree-scape
- Friday, September 18th,
 7.30pm: Susan Owens on Spirit of Place: Artists, Writers, and the British Landscape





SPEAKERS at this year's Shute Festival include Susan Owens, top; Dan Gretton, above; and Christina Lamb, below



- Saturday, September 19th, 12-4pm (workshop), 7.30pm (concert): Polina Shepherd: Russian and Yiddish songs
- Friday, October 23rd, 7.30pm: Tracey Chevalier on A Single Thread
- Saturday, October 24th, 7.30pm: Bijan Omrani: The Story of Shute House - Tales of the Unexpected

SHUTE NEWS

St Michael's Church Flower Rota

March 1st - Lent - No flowers March 8th - Lent - No flowers March 15th - Lent - No flowers March 22nd - Mothering Sunday -E Gosling

March 29th - Lent - No flowers

April 5th - Lent - No flowers April 12th - Easter Sunday - all helpers please

April 19th - Flowers will stand April 26th - Flowers will stand



David's talk on brushes history

AT the last meeting of Umborne Ladies, David Knapman, a volunteer from the Axminster Heritage Centre, came to talk about the history of Axminster Brush Making.

Members learned many fascinating facts about the brushes sold by the two competing companies, Coates and Co and the Bidwell Bros. They mainly made brushes for teeth, nails and hair but did make other types too.

Most bristles came from hogs and were, thankfully, de-bugged and sorted into colours, length and stiffness. Both companies made a huge array of toothbrushes with different qualities and stiffness.

The group was thankful to David for educating members on the subject, and it was great to see the old photos relating to the industry.

The next meeting is on Thursday, March 5th at 1.45pm at Umborne Hall.

Brent Shore will be coming to talk to the group about his latest novel, Blessed are the Meek. It is his first historical piece set in the North West of England - his home town of Hydeduring the middle of the 19th Century, at the time of the Chartists and the Plug Riots.

There is also a reference to Peterloo, of which the 200th anniversary is being commemorated this year. The book follows the life of a real person, a machine mender in the cotton mills who was imprisoned for his part in the riots. It is a work of fiction, largely based on historical facts. Visitors welcome at £3 to include refreshments and a raffle.

Ann Shepherd



WHITFORD NEWS

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Members take turn Morris dancing

AT the latest meeting of Musbury and Whitford WI, the group was entertained by two members from Exeter Morris Dancers.

They arrived in costume and gave members a brief history of Morris dancing. There is a stone carving showing a Morris dancer dating back to 1485. One gave the group a rendition of a very spritely jig whilst his companion played the tabour

and fife. It was then the Wi's turn! Members walked through a dance in groups of three with their sticks and then 'performed' it with much laughter as they got it wrong.

The more energetic of the group then danced a ring version of Shepherd's Hey. A fantastic way to spend a February afternoon.

The next meeting, on Tuesday, March 10th at 7.30pm, Rosemary

Griggs will give the group a talk entitled, An Audience with Lady Katherine. Everyone is welcome to join the event.

An advance notice that Musbury and Whitford WI will be holding a jumble sale on Saturday, April 25th at Musbury Village Hall. More details will be published in *The Parishes' Paper* next month

Jean Fullerton

Send your Shute and Whitford news, photos and events to correspondent Bijan Omrani - bijan.omrani@btinternet.com



YARCOMBE NEWS

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Kayleigh's high altitude tours explained at new year lunch

WHY do you do it? This was the question on everybody's mind at the first community lunch of the year.

It was also asked during question time after the lunch, which was held in the Jubilee Hall on Wednesday, January 15th.

Kayleigh Johns kindly came along to tell everybody about her 'high altitude adventures' - her mountaineering experiences climbing Mt Kilimanjaro in Kenya and Mera Peak, Nepal, in the Himalayas.

The whole physical effort required, the consumption of a very high carbohydrate diet to sustain energy, much of which is lost due to the altitude sickness and other tummy bugs prevalent.

Traversing through hot, humid rainforests, gradually acclimatising to freezing conditions, scrabbling over rough terrain, abseiling rocky crags, negotiating glaciers does not seem to be much fun, but the achievement is obviously exhilarating.

Pictures of her toils and travails were shown whilst she explained her journeys to those who had enjoyed the first community lunch of the new year.

Kayleigh had also brought along the boots, gloves and jacket needed for her expeditions. She answered many questions and was thanked by Mary Smith.

Lin Box had prepared and cooked the pork casserole whilst Lek Sochon cooked rice and Mary the mixed vegetables. Warm mince pies with custard followed and teas, coffees and mints were served later.

Lesley Sutton

Gill gives 'light' to Candlemas service

By Rebecca Bell

IT was a pleasure to have Gill Heighway to lead our Family Service at St John the Baptist Church, in Yarcombe, on February 2nd with the theme for this Candlemas service being Share the Light.

The Candlemas feast is based on the Bible passage in Luke 2:22-40. This was read by Holly Rich and Katie and Ellie Rich, telling us about the time when the Holy Family journeyed to Jerusalem, 40 days after the birth of Jesus, to present him to God and offer sacrifice in the temple. During their time in the temple, Simeon gave his famous prophecy about the Christ Child being a light to all nations.

Gill's talk focused on 'light', starting with a discussion about different types of torches and when and why we use them "to light up the darkness". Then she said, in the

same way, we, too, must try to be like Jesus and bring 'light' to wherever we go and whoever we meet.

Concentration was then the order of the day, as we all sang a new song, Share the Light, with everyone quickly picking up some sign language to go with the words we were singing.

Benjamin Rich read the opening Bible passage from the Book of Malachi and the prayers were read by Lucas and Jake Dear, Edward and Grace Rich and Daniel Rich. Jessica Rich gave out the hymn books and took the Collection, assisted by her two sisters, Ellie and Katie.

Lucas and Jake Dear, played some delightful piano pieces before the service and Louise Dear played the piano throughout the service.

Refreshments were served after the service.

Thanks go to everyone, especially the children, who helped in any way to make this such an enjoyable time of worship and fellowship.

"I think I've finally become fully accepted here. After 25 years, the villagers have stopped calling me 'the new incumbent'!"



YARCOMBE NEWS

Big Brother expands

By Clifford Sochon

ON Friday, 7th February, the first Friday Forum of 2020 was held at Glebe Farm, hosted by Brian and Mary Smith.

Cliff Sochon was the elected speaker to compere and speak upon the chosen subject. The topic was chosen as one from those provided at the last forum. This month's subject was: Is Big Brother

The meeting was started after a mountain of food, supplied by our lovely ladies, was consumed.

The subject of Big Brother then reigned over many aspects of our modern acceptance of what is influencing our lives today. These included the question of whether there was indeed any level of an acceptable degree of 'bigness' that we, as a nation, would or could feel

comfortable with, or find even acceptable.

The discussion then moved onto the similarities of today with George Orwell's book written in 1949 and named 1984 and, later, the implications of the currently known and unknown properties of the mobile phone and its uses by younger and older generations.

The problems posed by this new Chinese platform, Tick-Tock, were also examined, which has the potential for everyone's details being given freely to Chinese servers and usage. Later, the seemingly indiscriminate use of AI, facial recognition, and the new use of digital camera technology, followed by the coming demise of the personal password, and log in name in exchange for biometric and physical input data was discussed at some length.

The growing use of 'cookies' in

day-to-day internet usage was discussed with several revealing aspects unknown to many of those attending. This was followed by the subject of 'useful and helpful apps', that can be installed on devices.

Later, the subjects of remotely controlled Large Area Networks (LAN) and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) devices were examined in some depth. Big Brother was noted to be active and growing exponentially in many areas, some which were partially found to be acceptable, whilst others were less so. Finally, forum members agreed that little could be done to slow the continual inexorable and exponential advance of new technology, but that we should all be very wary of the System Operators, who were praying upon our emotions, and stealing by stealth our details, for in exchange to us, a few perceived but seldom realised benefits. Big Brothers onward march to make money is in reality currently unstoppable.

St John the Baptist Church All Age Service First Sunday in Lent 1st March 11 am



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YFC 'dog show' fourth place

By Natalie Sampson

AFTER a busy December rounding off 2019, many Yarcombe and District Young Farmers' Club members were kept busy with all the Christmas festivities, including balls, YFC meals, carol singing and Taunton horse races, and a brilliant time was had by all.

This year has come around very quickly, kicking off with many of our members busy practising for the East Devon YFC drama competition round. This year, we performed Hound Dog, pictured, on Friday, January 24th at Exmouth Pavillions, which the group came in at a respectable fourth place. Well done to all members who took part and to all those who helped backstage to get the drama ready. A huge thank you especially to Sam Parris for producing our show and pulling us all together over the past few months.



Alongside all of this, we have also found time to fit in a lot of sport, with the girls taking part in five-a-side football match on January 17th, coming third. Well done to those who played.

On January 19th, members played mixed netball, with congratulations to those who took part. Yarcombe entered two teams-Yarcombe A came in first place, and Yarcombe B came second. There was a boys' five-a-side football team who made it into the Devon round and played on January 31st, being placed fourth.

Pub sports started off on January

29th, where the group played against Whimple YFC, competing in skittles, darts and pool. Yarcombe won the darts and skittles and have upcoming matches against Honiton and Culm Valley. Good luck to all those taking part.

The re-run of the performance of Hound Dog, was held on Sunday February 2nd, at Axminster Guidhall. A good turnout was had with profits going towards our charities of the year - Exeter Mardon Neuro-rehabilitation Centre and Farming Community Network.

Afterwards there was family entertainment by chairman Dan Olive of a First and Last game show. Thank you to everyone that came along and supported the group.

There will be a whist drive on Saturday, February 29th at Yarconbe hall, 7.30pm for 8pm start. If anyone has any questions please contact chairman Dan Olive on 07811 744714, or secretary Laura Dare on 07411 837605.

YARCOMBE WEATHER JANUARY 2020

	2020	2019	2018
Average Max. temperature	8.8°C	6.7°C	8.5°C
Average Min.	4.5°C	2.6°C	3.8°C
Average Overall temperature	6.6°C	4.7°C	6.2°C
Rainfall	106.4mm	62.4mm	110.5mm
Wettest Day	14th 21.5mm	18th 17.1 mm	3rd 11.1 mm
Sunniest Day	19th 8.5 hrs approx	30th 8.0 hrs	6th 7.0 hrs
Warmest Day	14th 12.2°C	25th 10.9°C	23rd 12.6°C
Coldest Night	20th - 0.7°C	31st -0.4°C	12th -0.8°C
Sunshine hours.	76 hours approx	74hrs	83 hrs

The overall temperature was slightly warmer than average but January seemed a very wet month, as we only had four dry days. In actual fact the month turned out drier that average. For those who can remember 2014 was one of the wettest Januarys on record with 314mm of rain. Sunday the 19th was the sunniest day of the month and the pressure climbed to 1050mb which was the highest since 1957.

Tony Newman

Show launches second photo contest

AXE Vale Show is pleased to announce its second Annual Photographic Competition.

After last year's success, the show is partnering again with Axminster Photographic Group to hold a photography competition.

Entries are welcome from all age groups using cell phones, digital or film cameras.

Printed photos, entry forms and the necessary entry fee should be sent in by June 1st so there is still plenty of time to get clicking. Competition categories include Landscapes and Seascapes, Nature, People, Pets and Domestic Animals, Towns and Villages and Axminster Life. Full terms, conditions and entry forms available at www.axevaleshow.com.

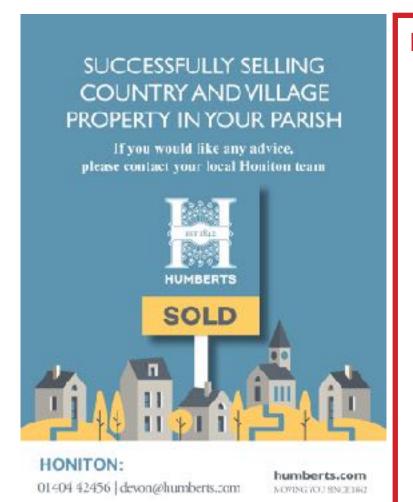
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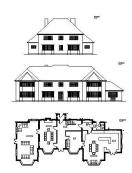
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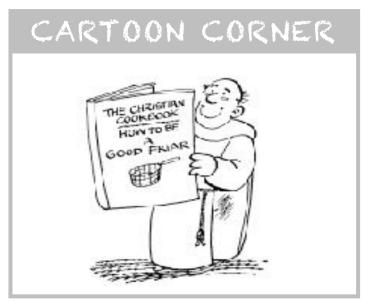
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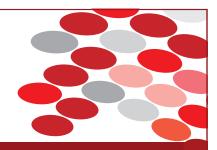
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2nd - 6th		All Saints Church, Sidmouth	Keswick in Devon - see ad
Tues 3rd	19:30	Whitford Village Hall	Skittles & Social Evening
Tues 3rd	10:30	The Beacon, Kilmington	Messy Sparklers - Sensory playgroup
Wed 4th	9:15	The Beacon, Kilmington	Toddlers & Tinies playgroup
Wed 4th	15:30	The Beacon, Kilmington	Flame2! After primary school club
Wed 4th	18:45	Kilmington Village Hall	Moviola Film Judy (12A) film starts 19:15
Thurs 5th	18:30	The Beacon, Kilmington	Fusion Youth Club - Year 6, 7 & 8
Fri 6th	11:00	The Beacon, Kilmington	World Day of Prayer
Tuesday	Morning	The Beacon, Kilmington	Post Office and Cafe
Sun 8th	18:00	The Beacon, Kilmington	Praise Evening
Mon 9th	10:00	The Beacon, Kilmington	Reflections Group
Tues 10th	10:30	Whitford Village Hall	Tuesday Chat
Wed 11th	10:00	Dalwood Methodist Church	Coffee morning for Axminster Care Service
Sat 14th	19:00	Dalwood Village Hall	Wine Tasting & "Call my Bluff" Quiz Evening £10pp, Tickets available from Brian Eddy or Michael Dods
Sat 14th	08:30	The Beacon, Kilmington	Women's Breakfast - all are welcome!
Tues 17th	10:30	The Beacon, Kilmington	CAMEO Coffee Morning, Contact Lunch
Tues 17th	19:30	Whitford Village Hall	Skittles & Social Evening
Thur 19th	18:30	The Beacon, Kilmington	Fusion Youth Club - Year 6, 7 & 8
Sat 21st	14:00	Stockland Victory Hall	Jumble Sale
Sat 21st	20:00	Tucker's Arms, Dalwood	Tucker's Jazz - Jake Leg Jug Band
Tues 24th	19:00	The Tucker's Arms, Dalwood	Supper and Talk with Ian Purdon - See ad for details
Tues 24th	10:30	Whitford Village Hall	Tuesday Chat
Wed 25th	10:30	St Peter's Church, Dalwood	Coffee Concert, East Devon Daytime Band
Sat 28th	19:30	Whitford Village Hall	Bingo
Sat 28th	8:00	The Beacon, Kilmington	Men's Breakfast, Speaker Steve Waller.
April			
Sat 4th	19:30	The Minster, Axminster	CPE Bach's St Matthew Passion by the Axminster and District Choral Society.
		For regular church service	ces see page 2

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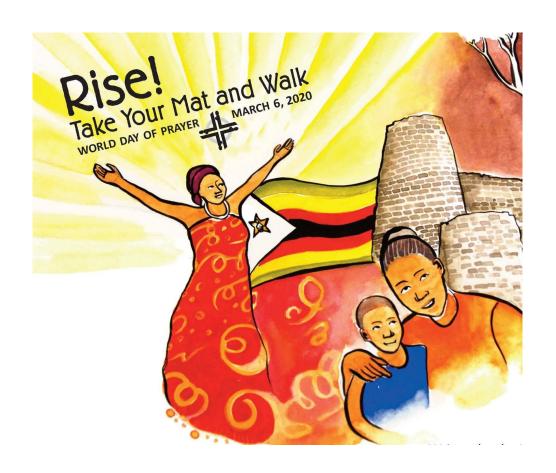
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