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Church, Stockland; and St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe*

ALL CHURCH SERVICES



Date	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute + Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
AUGUST					
Sat 1 st				1pm Wedding	
Sun 2 nd	11am Lay Songs of Praise Joined by Methodist Church	11am Morning Worship	11am Shute BCP Holy Communion	NO SERVICE	11am Lay Led worship or village church With Baptist Chapel
Wed 5 th	9.30am Said Communion				
Sat 8 th		3 – 5pm Celebrate Service			
Sun 9 th	10.30am Mission Community Holy Communion Hosted by Stockland				
	Forest Church takes a break				
Tues 11 th		9.30am Said Communion			
Sun 16 th	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Worship in Whitford	NO SERVICE	6.30pm Evening prayer
Sun 23 rd	11am Morning Worship	9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)	6.30pm Choral Evensong	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
Sun 30 th	10.30am Mission Community Holy Communion Hosted by Yarcombe				

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THE WAY OF JESUS

CHRIS SHEPHERD LLM

I MENTIONED to someone some years ago that the church I belonged to was in an 'interregnum'.

"Ah," he opined. "Technically, since you are not between kings but rather priests, that's an 'interbasilosus'."

I'm not sure how you pronounce that, and in fact I can't find such a word in the dictionary, but it's true that we are between leaders for our five parishes. We can also say that it's a 'vacancy' but that sounds as though our minds have gone dead: which would be a bad state to be in!

And since Rev Julie Lomas has left us in such a very happy state, with healthy communities made stronger by her relational and committed

interactions, we can take stock and make sure that whoever comes next to the Five Alive Mission Community will find the job manageable.

We have time to work out what we are hoping for: which is not to have so demanding a workload that we exhaust the next incumbent.

In the CofE, more and more parishes are being put together, in all the dioceses. I've heard of not just six or seven, but 12 or 15 parishes under one priest: well, clearly that makes the job more like that of an episcopacy than that of the 'vicar' – who represents the bishop in each parish.

We also need to think beyond just keeping the various communities

happy, but to look outside them to what our calling is.

The church is not just there to 'comfort the afflicted' – which we do well – but also to 'afflict the comfortable'.

We need to look beyond the parish boundaries and be willing to speak out against what is wrong, to look beyond our own concerns and accept challenges.

With all the worries of our present planet, it's easy to become focused on ourselves and 'pull our horns in', to protect what we know and feel safe with. But that is not the way of Jesus.

There is a lot to think about as we as we peruse the applications...



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FRONT COVER IMAGE: Miley the border collie admires the Kilmington views, by Oscar Williams, age 14

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PARISH CHARITIES

Each month we will feature a different charity which is supported by one or more of our churches in the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community, either on a one-off basis, or as a regular commitment. This month, the chosen charity is Fairtrade...

WHEN we buy a cup of coffee, a chocolate bar or a bunch of bananas, it's easy to see only the product. Yet behind everything we purchase is a person – a farmer, a worker, a family.

The Fairtrade movement grew from roots established in the 1940s and 1950s when churches and charitable organisations began selling goods from disadvantaged communities.

Now a modern Fairtrade certification system – developed in the late 1980s – helps consumers identify products that meet agreed standards for fair prices, decent

working conditions, and sustainable production.

With over two million farmers and workers in over 67 countries, 37,000 products with the Fairtrade mark and more than 2,500 businesses in 145 countries sourcing Fairtrade products, the organisation is the most well-known and trusted sustainability label.

Today, Fairtrade is one practical way of putting Christian values into action. By paying producers a fair price and supporting local communities, it helps families build more secure futures. While no system is perfect, choosing

Fairtrade can be a simple expression of supporting our global neighbours.

Of course, buying Fairtrade won't change the world overnight. But perhaps next time you're shopping or buying a coffee, you'll remember that countless small acts of compassion, multiplied across millions of people, can make a real difference.

Every purchase becomes an opportunity to say, "Your work matters. Your family matters. You matter."

As always, further details can be found online at www.fairtrade.net

Bible readings

Date	First reading	Gospel reading
Sunday 2 August 9th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Genesis 32.22-31	Matthew 14.31-21
Sunday 9 August 10th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28	Matthew 14.22-33
Sunday 16 August 11th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Genesis 45.1-15	Matthew 15.10-28
Sunday 23 August 12th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Exodus 1.8-2.10	Matthew 16.13-20
Sunday 30 August 13th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Exodus 3.1-15	Matthew 16.21-end
Sunday 6 September 14th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Exodus 12.1-14	Matthew 18.15-20

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From the registers...

Weddings

The wedding of **Emily Rose Gay** and **Daniel Henry Johnson** took place on Saturday, June 20th at St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe.

AND NOW THESE
THREE REMAIN:
FAITH, HOPE AND
LOVE. BUT THE
GREATEST
OF THESE IS
LOVE.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Story of Naomi and Ruth

FOR the last Open the Book presentation of the summer term, the team told the story of Ruth and Naomi.

It is a story of the love and loyalty shown by a woman to her mother-in-law. When Ruth's husband dies, she has a choice between staying in her own land of Moab or travelling to Bethlehem, the home of Naomi where she will be a foreigner.

She chooses to go with Naomi who is also widowed. This means that the two women have no husbands or sons to

support them.

While in Bethlehem, Ruth goes to a field to pick up surplus barley to feed Naomi and herself.

There she catches the eye of Boaz, the owner of the field. Boaz is introduced to Ruth and in time they are married. Their first son is called Obed who was a direct ancestor of Jesus!

The team finished the presentation with a time of reflection on loyalty and love as shown in the story and a short prayer: "Dear God, thank you that you take care of me, even when I feel alone and uncertain. Help me to know that you are a loyal and loving friend and that I can always turn to you for help Amen."

The group sang a song with the children about Ruth and then wished all the children and staff in the three schools a very happy summer break and look forward to sharing more Bible stories with them in the autumn.



Open the Book team



RECENTLY, it was the Archdeacon of Exeter's yearly visitation, which was held in The Minster Church in Axminster. In this service new churchwardens are admitted and welcomed and churchwardens are thanked for all the hard work they do. Churchwardens from Five Alive Mission Community East Devon are pictured, back row from left, Paul Bright, Archdeacon Andrew, Gay Atkinson, Bryan Drew, Rozanne Bulmer. Front row from left, Peter Wright, Jean Rich, Lesley Ball, Brian Eddy and Anna Crabbe

Success of Odd Socks Sunday

ON the day, it was lovely to see that people had entered into the spirit of things for the service, and we had the sock-equivalent of a colourful flower festival, but at ankle level.

It was surprising how quickly one's sense of embarrassment at wearing odd footwear, as though we had got up late and grabbed the first things available, including odd shoes, passed when we saw others similarly attired.

The theme of the service was 'Fools for Christ', based on 1 Corinthians 4 verses 10 to 13, and the minister, Rev Simon Leigh, developed the theme through how the congregation had been willing to make fools of themselves that day and on to how they would often be treated as fools by those who didn't believe, and who would sometimes mock them for our beliefs.

He continued by encouraging us to overcome any feelings of embarrassment or foolishness we might have about being Christians, and, instead, to stand up for what we believe.

As he left after the service he said the theme for next year would be "Lurid Shirts", and we wait with interest to see how that evolves.

*Roderick Ovey
Dalwood Methodist Church*



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Andrewshayes celebrates 90 years

LONG-STANDING popular venue, Andrewshayes Holiday Park in Dalwood, recently celebrated a special milestone of 90 years.

The story began when Stan and Marjorie Lawrence moved to Andrewshayes Farm in 1929. A few years later, in 1936, they were granted a Public Health Licence to welcome campers, beginning a family business that has now grown through four generations.

While much has changed over the years, one thing has remained the same, Andrewshayes has always been about people.

Many local residents have worked at the park and the farm over the decades, whether in the office or shop, as cleaners, waitresses or maintenance staff. Some worked just for a summer, while others stayed for many years, and almost everyone has a story or happy memory to share.

As part of the anniversary celebrations, the team at the park were delighted to welcome back several former members employees to enjoy a cream tea and reminisce with family members.

Looking through old photographs and sharing memories reminded them just how many friendships have been made at the park and farm over the years. The celebrations also reflected the wonderful community spirit that continues today.

Dalwood Raft Club kindly organised an anniversary barbecue, raising funds for local charity Balloons and helping



THE Lawrence family, from left, Harry, Caroline, Stephen, Peter, Clare and Stephanie (seated)

to make the day such a success.

As the fourth generation of our family now leads Andrewshayes into its next chapter, the family would like to thank everyone who has been part of the story over the past 90 years, all the staff, neighbours, local businesses and, of course, the many guests who

have returned year after year.

The family feels incredibly fortunate to have been part of the local community for so long and looks forward to creating many more memories in the years ahead.

Peter, Stephen and Clare Lawrence

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Axminster Mothers' Union
are holding a
COFFEE MORNING
on Thursday 6th August, 9am
Minster Rooms (and on Green)
Tea, coffee, home-made cake,
books, plants, good-as-new, raffle



Proceeds to MU charities



Family and guests enjoy the 90th anniversary celebrations



ABOVE, Andrewshayes Holiday Park owners, from left, Peter, Josh and Clare. LEFT, Lorna Gould serves up a feast to owner Harry Lawrence. Below, Harry, Stephanie and Marjorie Lawrence in 1963





DALWOOD NEWS

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International rugby player to open fair

SCOTTISH international women's rugby player Hollie Cunningham will open Dalwood Fair this summer.

Hollie, who will be at the 15th August event, began her rugby

journey at the age of 10 when her primary school PE teacher, who also coached the local girls' team at St Mary's Old Boys in Almondsbury, encouraged her to take up the sport.

Throughout her career, Hollie has been associated with clubs such as Cleve RFC and has represented England at the U18 and U20 levels.

Balancing her academic pursuits with rugby, she played for Hartpury College and Exeter University and currently plays for Bristol Bears as a forward second row.

She earned her first call up to the Scotland squad ahead of the 2025 Guinness Women's Six Nations and was also selected to the Scotland

squad in the 2026 Women's Six Nations, and now has seven international caps.

Hollie has strong connections with Dalwood – her grandfather was the late Gerry Cooper, himself a talented athlete with national recognition.

Hollie speaks very affectionately about her "treasured" times at Cobb Cottage, the support both Gerry and his wife, Sue, have given her and the positive influence they have been to her, allowing her to make considered life choices.

She remains very close to Sue who is possibly her biggest fan! Hollie is "beyond thrilled" to be opening the 681st Dalwood Fair.



Dalwood Community Shop Post Office & Coffee Shop



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Saturday: 8.30am - 4.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am - 12.30pm

Post Office:
Friday 10.00am to 12.00pm

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Dalwood Coffee Shop, social space and Gallery
pop in for a cuppa & delicious Joshua's cakes

New and old faces at music event

By Hilary Horley

ON Saturday, July 4th, after a bit of a grey start first thing, the sky turned blue, the sun shone, and by 11.30am, the 11th Dalwood Music Day got into full swing.

There were four venues – The Tuckers Arms, St Peter's Church, Dalwood Village Hall and Church Cottage Garden. All of them sited in and around the centre of the village.

The programme for the day was

varied, although there were some old favourites including La Vie en Rose (Gypsy Jazz), Maggie Reeday Quartet and The Jurassix performing their sea shanties.

New bands and singers took centre stage for the first time. These included Jim Causley with his West Country songs and tales and the local a cappella Axe Valley Community Choir.

Towards the end of the afternoon, audiences were treated to something totally different from anything Dalwood has experienced before. The group Zeffe performed music and songs from Eastern Europe. So atmospheric and, at times, almost haunting.

The day was rounded off by Jeremy Huggett's Back to the 60s band featuring favourite hits from the decade. Quite a few of the audience showed their ages by knowing all the

words of the songs and dancing along to them as well.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to Tina Mackenney for organising this annual event. It requires an enormous amount of thought, planning and hard work.

However, it couldn't be done without her team of helpers who look after the preparation of the village and its venues, and ensure the smooth running of the day. And it certainly was a fantastic day, from start to finish.



DALWOOD NEWS

Raft club says fond farewell to Peter

PETER Major has been a member of Dalwood Raft Club for some 25-plus years and, in the early days, he was an active and enthusiastic crew member on, amongst others, the 100-mile Wye alley races, the great river race along the Thames and the somewhat infamous Minehead sea races.

In later years he was more willing to step aside for maybe younger fitter crew, insisting he didn't want to let anyone down. This was also his mantra for all the help he subsequently gave the club in acting as back-up crew, providing storage for raft club property, helping with marquee erections, attending all the raft club social functions, including hosting summer parties at his home,

and all the myriad of actions he generously undertook on the club's behalf.

Peter did all this whilst he was similarly involved in other village organisations, with much endeavour in servicing the shop wine and newspaper requirements and being heavily involved in the church maintenance both on the building and grounds.

One of the more unusual roles he volunteered to take on was being the 'green man' at the school Maypole dancing, which he dutifully did for several years, even though it was probably slightly outside his comfort zone!

Dalwood Raft Club will miss him primarily for his ever-present

bonhomie, but also for the way he brought his management experience to the fore in thoughtfully coming up with options for the club to follow. His liaison work with the charities the club has donated to was invaluable as well.

Members will also remember him fondly for always having something to say at the 'any other business' part of meetings, even though it sometimes sounded remarkably similar to something discussed 20 minutes earlier!

Therefore, the raft club says farewell to Peter as he sets out on his final solo raft voyage.

And by the way, Peter, you never did let anyone down.

Dalwood Raft Club

Balloons children's charity explains support at meet

AT the June meeting of Dalwood Raft Club, members welcomed a representative from Balloons Charity, a small local charity for Exeter, East and Mid Devon, that was set up 20 years ago by two oncology nurses who realised there was no support for children and young people (five-25 years) who are about to or have experienced the loss of someone significant in their lives.

Balloons stands for Bereavement And Loss Looking ONwardS. Each client, normally after referral, is placed on a (shortish) waiting list and is then matched to a grief support worker (GSW) for four to six weekly sessions.

During these sessions, they may

make memory boxes, do some form of art, receive a suitable story book, small plushies, a worry monster, fidget toys and other small items which may help the child.

At the end of the course, each client will receive a handmade quilt which is chosen to reflect certain aspects which the GSW think reflects things that are important to the client (maybe colours or the print of the fabric).

Clients and their families may attend group activity days for up to two years after their initial support.

Volunteers have to attend a 10-day training course, plus safeguarding training, DBS checks and so on before moving forward to becoming a GSW – these cost in the

region of £1,350.

Reimbursement of travelling costs are the only payment a volunteers will receive.

They also run bespoke courses for teachers as it is calculated that one child in 29 is a bereaved child, for example, possibly one child in every classroom in every school.

Following on from the presentation, the raft club has made a donation to Balloons to fully fund the training of one new grief support worker.

We, Dalwood Raft Club, would like to thank everyone who has supported us at fund raising events recently, plus marquee hirers, the monies from which have been used to support this worthy charity.

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Celebrating 800 years of Franciscans

By Anna Crabbe

ROBERT and I went for a weekend recently at Hillfield Friary in Dorset for a weekend led by Brother Sam. It was a truly inspirational and thought-provoking weekend.

The topic was celebrating 800 years of Franciscans. Brother Sam's mother, Joyce Double, lived in Kilminster for many years so he was delighted to have current news of the village.

St Francis, well known for his philosophy of living simply in community, has inspired people for many years.

Hillfield Friary is a welcoming retreat house which runs a variety of

courses during the year and it aims to live from the land as much as possible. It is well supported by local volunteers and on the Saturday evening we had an Italian feast for 90 people, as a 'thank you' from Hillfield and to celebrate 800 years since St Francis died.

Francis sought occasion to love God in everything. He would call creatures, no matter how small, by the names of 'brother' or 'sister' because he knew that they shared with him the same beginning.

During the Sunday morning Eucharist we sang a hymn written by one of the brothers, Br Hugh, to the tune of All Creatures of our God and King. I'll finish with a couple of verses

from the hymn:

*In wildflower meadow in Batcombe
bee, fly and twayblade orchids bloom.
All our flora sings God's praises.
The hedge laid round wildflower field
in autumn, nuts and berries yield,
all endangered Friary species,
Brother/ Sister, every creature,
Alleluia.*

*Let brother dog and sister cat,
snake, hamster, budgie and white rat
all sing praises, Alleluia.
Let pets help us to reconnect
with nature, which we so neglect,
For wellbeing, they can give us,
brother/sister, every creature,
Alleluia.*

Telling the Bible story of Sampson and Delilah – through the form of wig!

By Christopher Thorne

ANOTHER excellent Celebrate Together service was held on Saturday, June 13th with the theme of Samson and Delilah, which included the story of Samson's Great Deeds.

It was a double-header with part three due to take place at the next Celebrate Together service in Kilmington on Saturday, August 8th. Numbers during the June service were good with just under 50 being present. Thanks go to all who help to make this service so special.

After the welcome, some words for the gathering and song and prayer (including prayers from those sat in the pews), there was the lighting of a candle and celebrating birthdays. Then there was a Bible reading read by Christine Thorne with a drama and summary and, near the end, Elana's Bible Quiz. As usual, the service finished with a blessing and then it was time to enjoy eats and drinks.

During the drama, Chris Thorne was nominated to play Samson.

Chris said: "This was a bit of a

difficult one with me not having a great deal of hair! My wife, Christine, told me that I had to wear four wigs as the drama unfurled.

"The wigs themselves, and the quick changes, brought some joviality to the drama, which hopefully helped to hold these biblical stories in the congregations' minds."

Greta Lidster played Delilah who was incredibly determined to find what made Samson strong, so that she could then betray him so that she would receive a monetary reward from the Philistines.

Congregation participation added to the fun and the team would love for more to come and witness this different type of service.

Thanks go to the Celebrate Together service planning team for all the hard work – Christine Thorne, Gill Heighway, Great Lidster, and Christine Mills. Thanks also to Margaret Hurford for the excellent musical accompaniment that she provides; and the wonderful tea ladies – Barbara Woodsford, Pearl Hurford and Mary Tyler. Not forgetting those who contribute to the tea such as Sally Huscroft, Francis Holmes, and all the planning team. Barbabra and Pearl always arrive early to help get the tea set out and ready. Finally, thanks go to Barrie Lidster for the custom-made name badges that he provides.

The Celebrate Together team love to work together to provide a space for those with additional needs, for their carers, for their family and for their friends. They like each service to be a positive experience for all who attend. They do not want people to hide; they want them to show who they really are. These services are held in a safe place, and they are relaxed so everyone can make as much noise as they would like and have fun – there is no shushing or asking people



to keep quiet.

The next Celebrate Together service is at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, on Saturday, August 8th. There is level access and plenty of parking. Any questions regarding the service can be directed to Christine Thorne on 07814 041059. A warm welcome is extended to those who live on their own, who are elderly and to anyone who needs company. The food is free as is the fellowship.



Bishop's beautiful garden lunch

ON a beautiful sunny day in early July the LLMs and partners were invited to lunch in Bishop Mike's garden and the church wardens were invited for tea.

Everyone had a wonderful time with delicious food in a beautiful setting. It was an opportunity to meet other LLMs and church wardens from the Exeter Diocese.

Thanks go to Bishop Mike and Bishop Moira for their kind hospitality.

Anna Crabbe



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TOP: Lesley Rew and Brian Eddy with Bishop Mike. Above, Anna Crabbe and Carolyn Laycock, LLM at Bovey Tracey in the garden. Above left, the bees and the new pond in the Bishop's garden



STOCKLAND NEWS

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100 club winners

THE Stockland 100 Club June draw was held at the Safari Supper pudding stop.

Congratulations to: 1st - Mike and Lisa Barnes £20; 2nd - Emma and Nigel Parris £10; 3rd - Jill Mills £5.

*Lucy Durrant
and Sarah Bernhardt*

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

The Farmers' Prayer

Lord, in the quiet of the field
we come before you with humble
hearts.

We thank you for the blessings of
the land,
for the rain, the sun and the soil
beneath our feet.

Grant us the strength to labour
and the wisdom to tend the earth;
bless our hands as we plant and
harvest;

bless our skill as we tend our
livestock,
and may our work be fruitful and
just.

May the rain fall gently and the sun
shine brightly on our crops;
protect our livestock, our homes and
our families.

We ask for your guidance in every
season

and for your mercy when storms and
hardships come.

Help us to remain steadfast in faith
as we sow and reap the gifts you
have given.

In your name we pray.
Amen.

Academy year-end round-up

By Cara Gilmour White

AS you might expect from Stockland Primary Academy and Nursery, the final weeks of the academic year were packed with activity, achievement and celebration.

By the time this issue reaches readers, staff and pupils will be enjoying a well-earned summer break, but here is a snapshot of how the year concluded.

After an initial postponement due to wet weather, sports day finally arrived under glorious sunshine. Every pupil took part in a range of track events, including the ever-popular grand house relay, before rotating around a variety of field activities such as beanbag throwing, netball shooting, standing jumps and the traditional egg-and-spoon race.

There was excellent participation, determination and teamwork throughout the day. While every child contributed valuable points to their house total, it was Otter house that emerged victorious this year. Congratulations to all involved.

The school was treated to a wonderful display of musical talent when 10 representatives from the National Youth Brass Band visited the school.

The musicians performed on the school field, delighting pupils and staff with a varied programme that included their own composition, Blue Whale, as well as contemporary favourites from Harry Styles and the soundtrack of K-Pop Demon Hunters. It was an inspiring and memorable experience for everyone.

The final week of term was particularly busy with 20 pupils representing the school at the ACE Olympics held at Exeter Arena, competing in a range of track and field events. The youngest children enjoyed an enchanting Ugly Bug Ball, while Huntshayes Class completed a

walk and picnic from Huntshayes Turbary back to school. Bucehayes Class showcased their talents in a fantastic end-of-year production of Peter Pan at the church, and the week concluded with an energetic and engaging African drumming workshop, kindly organised by the PTA.

On the final day of term, the school said goodbye to its Year 6 pupils during a special leavers' service. The students led the service with maturity, confidence and warmth, demonstrating just how ready they are for the next stage of their educational journey. Everyone shall miss them greatly but are confident that they will continue to thrive in their new schools.

This summer also brings change for members of staff as farewell is bid to Ethne Staniland, who has accepted a promotion to lead a larger school closer to home. Staff and pupils thank her for her contribution to Stockland and wish her every success in her new role.

At the same time, the school is delighted to congratulate Liz Williams, who takes up the position of head of school from September. Liz will continue teaching Years 5 and 6 alongside her new leadership responsibilities and is looking forward to the opportunities and challenges the role will bring.

The academy also says goodbye to Cara Gilmour-White, who leaves Stockland after eight happy years to become head of school at ACE's Winsham Primary School. Alongside teaching Key Stage 2, she is excited to take on this new leadership role, although she will, of course, miss the Stockland school community enormously.

The academy wishes all the pupils, families and wider village community a wonderful summer and look forward to another exciting year ahead.



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STOCKLAND NEWS



Safari supper huge success

ALFRESCO drinks in the beautiful sunshine on a gorgeous, June evening, saw 43 people join, heading off to different locations for starters, then on to mains on a progressive, village supper and finally ending up at the village hall for a wide variety of delicious puddings.

Thanks goes to all who supported with this event – hosting, making amazing puddings, setting up the hall, running the bar and attending.

Everyone was in great spirits and brought so much fun! It was an amazing evening full of laughing and craziness (you know who you are!) and the organisers were so pleased with how it all went they are hoping to make it an annual event so watch this space for more details next spring.

Lucy Durrant and Jane Angwin



Stockland Harvest Lunch

Sunday 27th September 2026

Time: 12:30 for 1pm start

£12 Adults

£8 Children (12 years and under)

Includes a 2-course meal and coffee

Bar available

To give numbers or to find out more information
please contact either:

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STOCKLAND NEWS



A perfect day for cream tea

FRIENDS of St Michael and All Angels Stockland were indeed fortunate that, after a week of extreme heat, the day of the cream tea saw temperatures drop to what was for many of us a more pleasant level.

Tim and Pat Shepperd-Walwyn had very kindly allowed the group to use their stunning garden for the event where gentle stone steps divided the whole area into different levels each of which contained lawn surrounded by varied planting – everything looked beautiful in the sunshine creating various colours and shapes to be enjoyed.

A small fountain was an added delight as the sun got hotter through the afternoon.

Amongst all of this scattered tables and chairs looked very inviting with their yellow check cloths and simple glass jars of garden flowers ready to be topped with plates of delicious cream and jam topped scones – whether it be the Devon or Cornwall way as both were on offer – with cake and cups of tea.

A raffle added fun to the afternoon and extra enjoyment for the many winners.

Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to make this such a success – especially to Tim and Pat for allowing the group to share their delightful home and garden.

Friends of St Michael and All Angels Stockland



Project Play team's 2,000-mile charity challenge

WHAT do a paramedic, an ADHD coach, two ActionAid workers, a guitar teacher, a granny cyclist (her words), a bed-and-breakfast host, a children's book author, a preschool manager and a champion for asylum seekers all have in common this summer? A 2,000-mile quest and a very good reason to do it.

A 'cross-county' team of 10 spent June and July walking, running, cycling and swimming their way to 2,000 miles between them.

The team was raising funds for Project Play, a small but mighty charity that shows up every week in the camps and safe houses of Calais and Dunkirk, bringing games, art, music and a bit of breathing space to children who have very little of either. Since 2018 they have reached over 9,000 children. Donations are still being taken at: justgiving.com/page/movetogetherdevon





SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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and Whitford?**

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Tom's talk on Seaton Down coin discovery

THERE was an especially large turnout at the latest meeting of the Umberne Social Club when members came to hear Tom Cadbury tell the group all about the Seaton Down Hoard.

Tom is the assistant curator of antiquities at Exeter's Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM) so is well placed to explain one of the most important Roman coin discoveries ever made in Britain.

The audience learnt that it was discovered in 2013 on farmland near Seaton Down by metal detectorist Laurence Egerton and contained 23,888 copper-alloy Roman coins buried around AD 350; and became a major milestone in British archeology discoveries.

The RAMM launched a public campaign which ultimately allowed it to acquire the Seaton Down Hoard in

2016 since when hundreds of volunteers have helped to clean and study the coins.

Educational programmes and Roman-themed outreach events have been developed across Devon schools and the Hoard is now a permanent feature of RAMM's displays.

However, just why so many coins were found buried together and remained largely intact is a cause for much speculation and provides researchers with much food for thought. A really interesting evening.

The speaker at the meeting on Thursday, September 3rd at 7.30pm is Vicky Whitworth, who will be telling members about the Friends of the River Axe and the work it does. Visitors are always very welcome at £4 which includes refreshments and raffle tickets.

Sheila Townsend



Resurrection of Communion at Whitford chapel

ON Sunday, July 5th, a service of Holy Communion was held at Whitford chapel, St Mary at the Cross.

This was the first time for many years that a Sunday communion service was held in Whitford.

The service was led by the Rev Stuart Huntley, one of the ministers who are kindly filling in during the current interregnum; 17 parishioners from Whitford and Shute attended; both piano and organ were played by a talented local youngster and the service was followed as usual by refreshments and friendly chat.

It is hoped that more communion services can be held at Whitford in the future, to complement the normal third Sunday of the month morning service.

Fanny Balcombe

SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS



Tropical vibes as villagers enjoy taste of Caribbean

ON Sunday, July 5th, the Caribbean Street Party was yet another of Whitford's wonderful, winning events.

The weather turned up for it, the sun was blazing and the tropical shirts were adorned. There was even a grass skirt-wearer amongst the group.

Most importantly, the food... tasty and aplenty – partygoers were most well-fed with Caribbean chicken, sweet potato and an array of colourful salads.

"Where were we going to put the pudding?" was asked as everyone indulged even further.

Throughout the afternoon, the

tropical punch, wine, cider and the usual assortment of beverages flowed. A good time was had by all and the villagers were very happy, appreciative of all the organisation and preparation that had made the street party such fun.

Elizabeth Harris





YARCOMBE NEWS

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Wonderful conversation, laughter and love

WHAT a glorious afternoon for the Yarcombe Tuesday Club July meeting.

Huge thanks to the hosts for inviting the club members to their beautiful garden and with some helpers, treating the group to the most scrumptious tea. Scones – fruit and cheese – as well as cream and jam, not to mention the cakes!

Beautiful crockery, unlimited tea and cold drinks plus the stunning views.

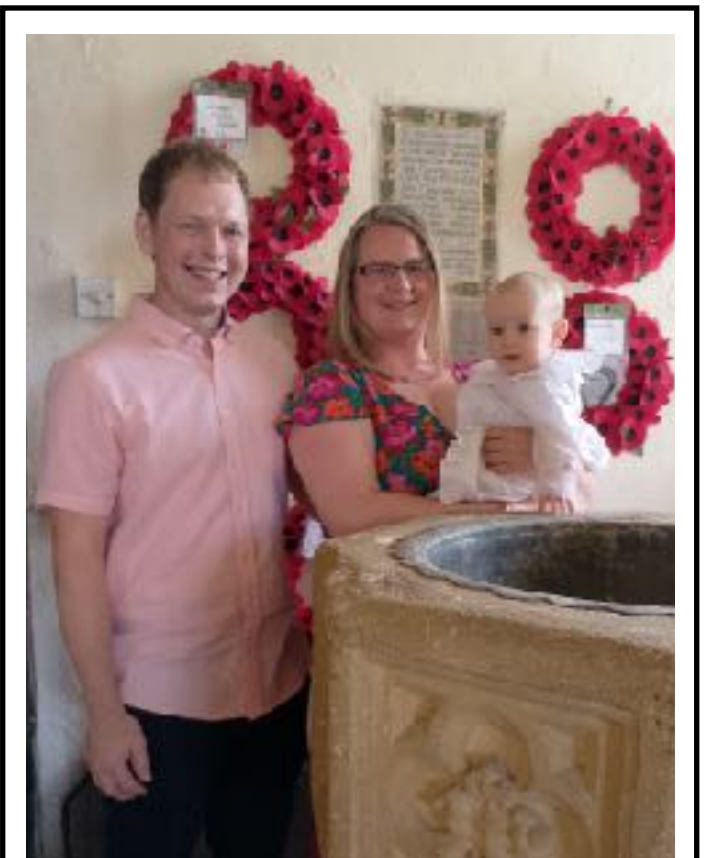
Wonderful conversation, laughter and love filled the air.

Certainly an afternoon to remember.

Jill Holness
Tuesday Club Co-ordinator



YARCOMBE NEWS



Edward and Rachel Pittwood with their daughter, Alice, who was baptised by Rev John Lees in Yarcombe on Sunday, July 19. Edward and Rachel were married in Yarcombe in 2019

It's a bit of a sticky situation

By Kay Pike

IS Sellotape (or its equivalent buddies) your go-to for wrapping for birthday and Christmas gift-wrapping?

With sticky tape being made from single-use plastic, it is a prime example of plastic waste. It is estimated that the UK uses 1.6million miles of

Sellotape (or its close cousins) – just at Christmas. That's enough to wrap around the world 66 times!

Placing wrapping including cardboard, with too much plastic tape left on, can also contaminate the batches, which is not what we want to see for all our recycling efforts!

There are great alternatives to sellotape too, such as coloured string,

raffia and brown paper tape, both patterned and plain.

Washi tape can be widely purchased, in narrow or wider widths.

Choose rolls that have cardboard innards too! Washi paper tape originated in Japan and is often used for craft and scrap booking and is a useful addition to your store of materials for special events.

FIVE ALIVE TIPS

AUGUST

LOOKING after wildlife in the heat. Times of drought and dryness can be dangerous for wildlife.

- Provide water for birds and insects – put a dish of water out to help wildlife stay hydrated.
- Insects, small mammals, birds and even badgers, foxes and deer could benefit.
- A stone in a plant saucer helps bees to perch and drink without drowning.

These small actions make a big difference and are just some of the ways we can live out our calling to care for God's creation.

For a blog on looking after wildlife in the heat for more warm weather eco tips visit: arocha.org.uk/looking-after-wildlife-in-the-heat/

SEPTEMBER

The Season of Creation (September 1st-October) 4th is dedicated to God as the creator and sustainer of all life.

Join A Rocha UK's Season of Creation prayer and reflection

webinar on Wednesday, September 2nd. During this period, many churches celebrate harvest, thanking God for his provision through the land and the food that it produces. If you are part of a church or community, suggest that a service or gathering has a Season of Creation focus. Prayers, worship, teaching and the offering could focus on creation. Could there be an activity with a creation focus too?

Explore more Season of Creation resources at arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/season-of-creation

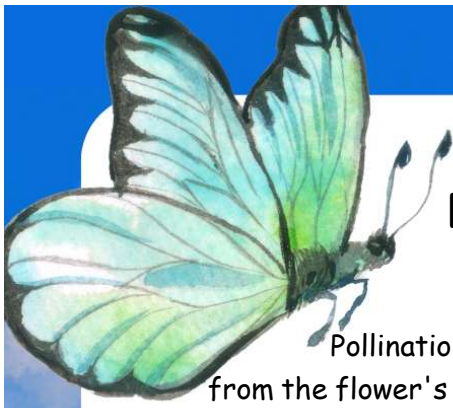
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Family activities for August 'Butterflies'

Pollination is how flowering plants reproduce. Pollen needs to travel from the flower's male part, called the anther, to the flower's female part, called the stigma. Pollen is full of genetic information needed to fertilise a plant. For some plants, this is done with the help of wind & rain, but for others it is done with the help of pollinators who pick up pollen from one flower & transport it to another.

Plants provide sweet nectar and pollen for pollinators. In return, pollinators move pollen from one flower to another, fertilising the plant so it can produce seeds. Along with various types of bees, flies, beetles and even wasps, butterflies & moths are wonderful pollinators.

When Jesus was telling his followers not to worry, in Luke 12:27 he said 'Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even [King] Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these.' We should remember to be thankful for all the ways God looks after us we often don't actually see.

Here are some ideas for when you are out & about.

- 1- See how many types of butterflies you can spot?
- 2- Look for signs of the butterfly life cycle - eggs on the back of leaves, leaves with holes munched out by caterpillars, maybe even chrysalis. The butterfly life cycle helps to remind us that our outlook & priorities change when we become Christians, '*...the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*' 2 Corinthians 5:17.
- 3- Use natural materials from your garden or when out for a walk to make a butterfly. If you do, we'd love to share a picture of it. Please send a photo of it to us at 5alive.families@gmail.com.





George's marvellous Spree camp adventure is highly recommended

By George Gilmour-White

I RECENTLY went back to Spree, a Christian camp, for a weekend and had a great time again.

This is the second time I have been. There were lots of exciting activities, funfair rides and opportunities to make new friends.

One of the highlights of the camp was the range of funfair rides. They were very popular and added to the exciting atmosphere throughout the weekend.

There were also many activities to take part in, including climbing, Nerf Wars, archery and axe-throwing. The climbing wall tested our confidence and determination, while Nerf

Wars was a fun team activity that everyone enjoyed. Archery and axe-throwing gave us the chance to learn new skills and improve our aim in a safe environment.

As well as the activities, there were worship sessions and talks where we learned more about the Christian faith. These sessions brought everyone together and helped create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

Overall, the Christian camp was an amazing experience. It was full of fun, friendship and adventure, and there was always something exciting to do. I enjoyed meeting new people and taking part in all the activities, and I would recommend the camp to other young people. I can't wait to go again next year.

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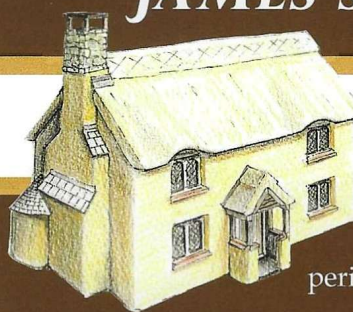
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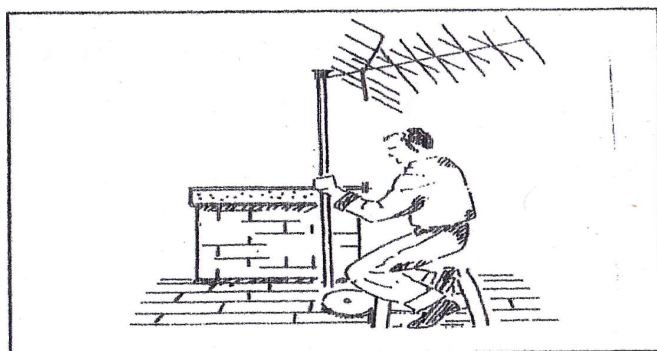
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FUTURE EVENTS

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Mondays 10-11am	Kilmington Baptist Church	Prayer Meeting
Mondays (inc. school holidays) 2-4pm	St Giles' Church, Kilmington	Baby group. Contact Mary Tyler 01297 34958
Tuesdays (weekly) 10-12noon	Kilmington Baptist Church	Post Office Services with Warm Welcome Cafe and free refreshments
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Wednesdays (term time) 9.15-11am	Kilmington Baptist Church	Tummies Toddlers & Tinies
Wednesdays 10:15-12pm	Yarcombe Post Office	Post Office open each week from March 19 th
Thursdays 8-10pm	Coronation Room, Whitford	Village Bar open. All welcome
Thursdays 10:15am-11:30am	Kilmington Baptist Church	Just For You Ladies Bible study group
Fridays 10-12noon	St Giles' Church, Kilmington	Coffee Shop
Friday (1 per month) 9.30-11.30am	Stockland Victory Hall	Stockland & Yarcombe Toddler Group. Call 01404 881450 for future dates
Saturday August 1 3pm	Yarcombe	Yarcombe Terrier Races, please see the back page for more details
Saturday August 1 2pm-5.30pm	Whitford Sports Field	Whitford Summer Show
Saturday August 1 3pm	EX14 9BN Yarcombe	Yarcombe Terrier Racing, see the back page of the July edition for more details
Thursday August 6 9am	Minster Rooms, Axminster	Mother's Union Coffee Morning, see advert for more details
Saturday August 8 10am-12pm	Yarcombe Jubilee Hall	Market and cafe
Sunday August 9 3pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Dalwood Jazz with Amy Roberts (clarinet, sax and flute) & The Craig Milverton Trio
Wednesday August 12 7pm	Yarcombe Inn	Terrier Racing Thank You Event
Saturday August 15 1-5pm	Dalwood Fair Field	Dalwood Country Fair, see back page for more details
Sunday Sept 20 11.00am	St Giles Church and Kilmington Village Hall	Harvest Festival followed by lunch and auction of Harvest produce.
Sunday Sept 27 11am	Stockland Church & Hall	Harvest Service and lunch

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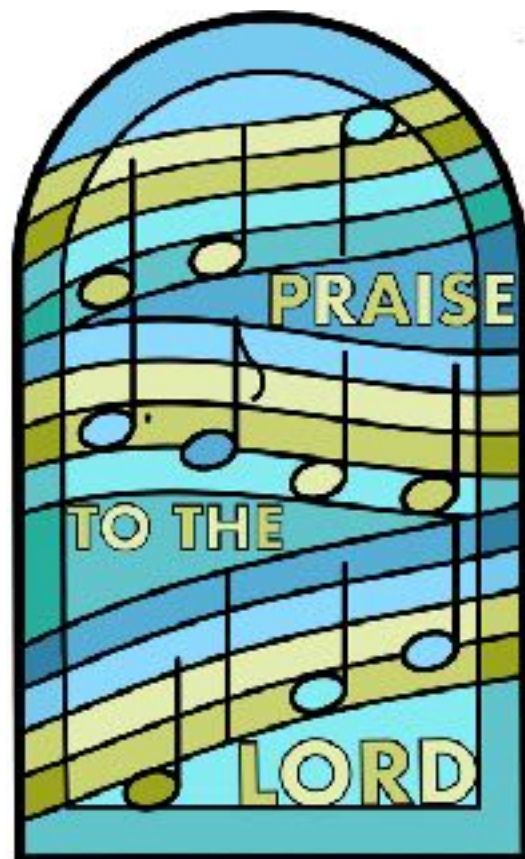
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