

#### **ALL CHURCH SERVICES**



#### October 2022

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Sunday October 2nd	11am Mission Community Holy Communion at Yarcombe with Harvest Festival				
Tuesday October 4th		9.30am Said Communion			
Saturday October 8th		3pm Celebrate Together			
Sunday October 9th	11am Family Service	11am Harvest Festival	11 am Holy Communion	11 am Morning Worship	11am Family Service
Wednesday October 12th	9.30am Said Communion				
Sunday October 16th	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion		11am Family Service	6.30pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday October 18th		9.30am Said Communion			
Sunday October 23rd	11am Morning Worship	9.30am Service of the Word	6.30pm Choral Evensong	9:30am Holy Communion	11 am Holy Communion
Wednesday October 28th	9.30am Said Communion			11 am Harvest Festival with Holy Communion	11 am Morning Worship
Sunday October 30th	11am Mission Community Holy Communion at Dalwood				

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up' Galatians 6v9

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#### WHOLEHEARTED

#### **REV JULIE LOMAS**

FROM the Bible – some words to live by: "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father, through him." Colossians 3: 17.

The month of October continues to be marked by services of thanksgiving for the good things of the earth as we meet in Yarcombe on October 2nd, and in Kilmington on October 9th for Harvest Festival Services. During these services, which have already taken place in Dalwood and Stockland, we take time out from the busyness of every day living in order to say two simple words - Thank You. Thank you to God, and thank you to our farmers, and thank you to all involved in the variety of ways in which food and drink are brought to the table.

The Harvest Festival planned for Shute with Whitford was overtaken by the events of Thursday September 8th, when we learned of the death of our late Queen, Elizabeth II, after 70 long and glorious years reigning over us. Flags were hurriedly carried up Church towers and set to the correct height. Bells were muffled, and then chimed out the 96 tolls in each of our villages to mark each year of Her



Wholehearted by Karen Herrick, Harlequin Arts

Majesty's life. Although we knew there was a plan, in fact I had been in a zoom meeting at 4pm that day with the Archdeacon of Exeter and the Bishop of Crediton, we still did not know exactly how that plan would be put into action. We soon learnt, and I wish to say my own Thank You to all the volunteers in each of our villages, who played their part and went to extraordinary lengths to ensure that

the passing of the monarch was marked with solemnity and decorum.

The late Queen Elizabeth lived her life taking seriously her vows and promises, her duties and her family commitments, and above all, her faith. Quietly and faithfully, in word and deed, with thanks to God, she lived her life wholeheartedly. May we learn from her example, and do likewise.

God save the King.

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COVER: Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II. Credit: Press Association

#### **PSALM OF THE MONTH**

#### PSALM 61 — chosen by DAVID WILSDON

I CHOSE Psalm 61 as a Psalm of the Month for October for its symbolic list of terms for describing the Almighty (rock, refuge, tower, tentdweller).

However, it was a bonus to realise that verses six and seven could well have fitted into the liturgy of the recent services of welcome to King Charles III - "May steadfast love and truth watch over him."

#### PSALM 61

1. Hear my crying, O God, and

listen to my prayer.

- 2. From the end of the earth I call to you with fainting heart; O set me on the rock that is higher than I.
- 3. For you are my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.
- 4. Let me dwell in your tent for ever and take refuge under the cover of your wings.
  - 5. For you, O God, will hear my

vows; you will grant the request of those who fear your name.

- 6. You will add length of days to the life of the king, that his years may endure throughout all generations.
- 7. May he sit enthroned before God forever; may steadfast love and truth watch over him.
- 8. So will I always sing praise to your name, and day by day fulfil my vows.

Bible readings October 2022			
Date	OT Readings	NT Readings	
Sun 2 (G)	Ps 37: 1 - 9	Luke 17: 5 - 10	
Sun 9 (G)	Jer 29: 1, 4 - 7	Luke 17: 11 - 19	
Sun 16 (G)	Jer 31: 27 - 24	Luke 18: 1 - 8	
Sun 23 (G)	Joel 2: 23 - end	Luke 18: 9 - 14	
Sun 30 (W) All Saints Day	Ephesians 1: 11 - end	Luke 6: 20 - 31	

#### From the **registers**

#### Funerals:

Funeral of **Brenda Batten** on September 13th at 11am held at St Peter's Church, Dalwood

Funeral of **Margaret Gudenian** on September 12th at 2pm held at St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe



## Ordination and induction | Restarting of for baptist church's Mike

By Gill Bridger

OVER 180 people came along to the Baptist Church, Kilmington, on Saturday, September 3rd to celebrate Michael Hudson's Ordination and Induction.

The church welcomed Carl Smethurst, Regional Minister at SWBA, who led the service and Rev Dr Stephen Finamore, Principal of Bristol Baptist College, who gave the message and presented Mike with an Ordination Bible.

Other visitors who took part were Rev Joel Ferreira, from Mike's sending church, Emsworth Baptist; Rev George Baker, Mike's Home Group Leader from his first church and now pastor at Pinhoe Road Baptist in Exeter; and Jamie Reeves, a fellow minister in training and now pastor of Rodbourne Cheney Baptist Church in Swindon.

Amongst the many quests was the church's former pastor, Darrell Holmes — it was good to see him again and his family.

Mike chose Psalm 119 vs 105 to be the theme for the service and a card signed by all the guests and presented to Mike included verses Psalm 24 vs 4 and 5. Please pray for Mike and his lovely young family, the church leaders and elders and the whole fellowship as it embarks on an exciting new future and as the church discerns God's will for the church and its community.

Rev Julie Lomas said: "The church service was very well attended, the singing was joyful, the prayers heartfelt, and the stories told were amusing and informative as well as challenging us to all to be disciples of Jesus.

"We wish Pastor Mike every blessing in his ministry in and around our village



MIKE Hudson pictured, above, with Rev Julie Lomas and receiving his Ordination Bible from Rev Dr Stephen Finamore, Principal of Bristol Baptist College, below



and the wider East Devon community. God bless you, Mike."

#### Keep the Five Alive community in touch by sending your local news to The Parishes' Paper

Email your contributions to parish correspondents – see page 31 for details

# local home communions

AFTER a couple of years of being unable to visit people in their homes to share home communions, the Five Alive Mission Community is delighted to announce that it is starting them again from this month.

These will be monthly, or less frequently, depending upon personal preference.

The visits will be extended to the other parishes in the Five Alive Mission Community as soon as possible.

The team has a list that it is working from but anyone in any of the parishes would appreciate a visit for a home communion — or knows someone that would — please contact Rev Julie Lomas, Anna Crabbe or Gill Heighway.

Gill Heighway

### Family thanks

JOHN Batten and family would like to give heartfelt thanks to the villagers of Dalwood for the amazing kindness and support they have shown following the passing of his wife, Brenda.

Additionally, they are most grateful for the tender care shown to Brenda by the staff and owners of Koppers Care Home in Kilmington during her final days.



FIVE ALIVE MISSION COMMUNITY'S 4 W'S DAY!

Worship, Welcome, Witness & Wellbeing 5th November, 2022 St Rita's Centre, Honiton 10:00am - 3:00pm

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED (£5. DONATION) OR BRING YOUR OWN! PLEASE RSVP BY 21ST OCTOBER TO RACHEL HUDSON ON 5ALIVEMC@GMAIL.COM CAR SHARING IS ENCOURAGED!

All Welcome

### Remembering

ON behalf of the Five Alive Mission Community, St Peter's Church, Dalwood, will host the annual memorial service on the evening of Tuesday, November 1st at 7pm.

All are welcome to attend this simple, yet moving service when the congregation shall remember with love and affection all who have died in the past year, and those who passed away in previous years.

Anyone who would like the name of their loved one to be read aloud during the evening, please contact your parish churchwarden (details on page 31) who will, in turn, inform the Rev Julie Lomas so that she can include as many names as possible.

This may be particularly significant to those families bereaved during the Covid pandemic, when restrictions were in place around funerals, and the usual practices of gathering together to pay our respects were suspended.

This invitation is extended to anyone who has been bereaved, whether or not there has been a connection with one of the churches, and those who bade farewell in the chapels of one of the local crematoria, or any other location.

Rev Julie Lomas

### Vision meeting

THE away day planned for Saturday, November 5th will allow a meeting as a Mission Community.

The day will run from 10am-3pm at St Rita's Centre, Honiton, and lunch will be provided for a suggested donation of £5 per head, or bring your own, and tea and coffee will be freely available.

The focus of the day is to give thanks for all that has past and been brought to fruit from previous Mission Action Plans, and then to look forward to where God is leading us next. We will use the headings of the four Ws — worship; welcome; witness and well-being — to guide our thinking, and we will use the day to mix our church teams up together so we can learn from each other, as well as encourage and build each other up in the faith. This day is open to PCC members, and with a special invitation to others in our congregations.

**Rev Julie Lomas** 

# Search is on for a new administrator

AFTER four years in post, the Five Alive Mission Community administrator, Rachel Hudson, is leaving to pursue other interests and work commitments.

Rachel has been a steady presence helping the mission community through one vicar leaving, and another arriving, as well as the tumult of the Covid pandemic, and a period of maternity leave after the birth of daughter Eleanor in 2021.

Rev Julie Lomas said: "We are sad that Rachel is leaving us, but glad we will still be able to keep in touch with her and the family through our close links with Kilmington Baptist Church, where her husband, Mike, is the pastor. "As the new vicar, I am deeply grateful for the help, support and practical wisdom and know-how that Rachel has brought to the role since my arrival last October. Thank you, Rachel. May God bless you as you move on."

Rachel will be leaving the post at the end of October, with the recruitment and selection procedure taking place over the coming weeks.

The Five Alive Mission Community Leadership Team would welcome expressions of interest from anyone keen to find out more about the parttime (six hours per week) role of the Five Alive Mission Community administrator. For an informal conversation please contact Rev Julie.

# Call to toddlers and babies to new stay-and-play groups

A NEW baby and toddler group has started in Yarcombe at the parish church on Thursday mornings from 10am-11.30am.

The first session was held on Thursday, September 8th when three children and their adults were welcomed to an informal time of play, with refreshments, and a short time of singing well-known nursery rhymes.

The Five Alive Mission Community villages are able to offer these 'stay and play' opportunities across the week, as there are now groups in Dalwood Methodist Church on Mondays, 10am-11.30am — contact Pauline Ovey on 01297 442433; St Giles's Church, Kilmington, on Wednesdays, 10am-12noon — contact Mary Tyler on 01297 34958; Kilmington Baptist Church on Wednesdays, 9.30am-11.30am — contact the church; and St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe, on Thursdays, 10am-11.30am — contact Mary Smith on 01404 861541

If you have, or know someone with, a

baby or pre-school child or children, the team looks forward to welcoming them to one or more of these groups.

**Rev Julie Lomas** 



CHILDREN at the first Yarcombe Baby & Toddler Group

Credit: Rev Julie Lomas



## Wedding bells

CONGRATULATIONS to Frances and Henry Burrough, married in St Peter's Church, Dalwood, on Saturday September 10th.

They made their vows and exchanged rings in front of a congregation of over 130. The bride's mother, Christine Wyatt, prepared the flowers with help from others in the village. The couple were due to fly to Mexico for their honeymoon, before returning to their home at Coombeshead Farm.

# Joy and thanksgiving at baptism for Bryony

FAMILY and friends of Bryony Hocking gathered in St Giles's Church, Kilmingotn, on Saturday, August 27th to share in a time of joy and celebration, thanksgiving for her birth, and for her baptism.

As the congregation gathered around the font, parents Hannah and John Hocking, and Godparents, Tim and Sheena Strevens and Catherine Bowden, were on hand to make their promises and to witness Bryony as she was baptised by Rev Julie Lomas.

Also in the congregation were members of the St Giles's Baby and Toddler Group, of which Bryony and Hannah are founder members.

After the service, a celebration tea was held in Kilmington Village Hall.

Members of St Giles's Church continue to pray for this family, and welcome enquiries from others about this first step in a life of faith.



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# DALWOOD NEWS

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# Cheerful walk around village for fundraising



A SMALL but cheerful band of walkers completed the five-mile Devon Historic Churches Walk around the beautiful village of Dalwood on Sunday, September 11th

It was perfect walking weather, the chatter was sociable, new friendships were struck and we felt we deserved every bit our cup of tea and delicious cake at the end of it.

In addition, the group raised some money for the Devon Historic Churches Trust which supports repairs to the ancient buildings. Thanks go to all who took part.

By Mary Harrison

#### DALWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

invite you to a

COFFEE MORNING

AT THE CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER

10-30 AM - 12 NOON

WITH A "BRING AND BUY" STALL

IN AID OF

DEVON AIR AMBULANCE

DO COME AND ENJOY A CUPPA AND A CHAT!

#### **URGENT PETITION re:**

The condition of DALWOOD'S roads and lanes

Calling ALL DALWOOD residents and road users into and through DALWOOD to support this most URGENT petition.

DALWOOD'S roads and lanes are in an APPAULING and UNSAFE condition.

To make DALWOOD'S roads and lanes safe for all using the main road into DALWOOD, especially from Carters Cross into the village and in SHEPERDA KNAPP, from LEA HOUSE to SUNNYLANDS CROSS which are in a particular dangerous condition and in need of URGENT and IMMEDIATE COMPLETE re- surfacing.

Other lanes into and through DALWOOD also need most URGENT and  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{IMMEDIATE}}$  attention.

YOUR support is needed, alongside that of Dalwood Parish Council, to insist East Devon District Council and Devon County Council Highways to use YOUR Taxes to ensure YOUR SAFETY on DALWOOD'S roads and lanes.

Please show your support and sign our petition.

Petitions will be in DALWOOD Community Shop,
The Tuckers Arms, Dalwood Village Hall
and The Folly Nursery.

You may also want to write to your MP, Richard Foord: <a href="richard.foords@libdems.ork.uk">richard.foords@libdems.ork.uk</a>. and Iain Chubb EDDC and Devon County Councillor: <a href="main.chubb@devon.co.uk">iain.chubb@devon.co.uk</a>. To canvas their support for your right to drive, ride and walk on safe roads in DALWOOD.

THANK YOU

# DALWOOD NEWS

By Tina Mackenney

THE Jake Leg Jug Band — all the way from Staffordshire — gave a cracking performance to a full house in Dalwood Village Hall on September 3rd.

The band had just played two successful days at Bude Jazz Festival and villagers were lucky they had time to stop off in Dalwood on the way home.

With banjo, double bass, guitar, harmonica, washboard and (stone) jug — hence the Band's name — and close harmony vocals, they entertained us with music and songs from 1920-30s America. There was banter and jokes and even some audience participation! And when Warren, on banjo, performed a few Lonnie Donegan songs, he even sounded like him and it brought back some youthful memories!

Thanks to all who were free to come along. If we can continue with

# Jug band delights



audience numbers rising, I'm sure the future of Dalwood Music is safe.

The next concert is on Sunday, October 16th at 3pm in the village hall with Annika Skoogh and Orpheus.

If you enjoy Latin-American rhythms — samba, rumba, cha-cha, bossa nova — you'll love this band. Annika, who is Swedish, even sings a lot of her numbers in Portuguese.

This month's coffee concert will take place at 10.30am on Wednesday, October 26th in St Peter's Church and is to be performed by the Eddy Boys (Brian and Chris's grandsons). Barnaby, Tobias and Josiah on piano, saxophone and clarinet. One certainly not to be missed!

To join the mailing list for Dalwood Music information, please email t.mackenney111@btinternet.com.

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# DALWOOD NEWS



THERE was definitely an autumnal feel, but still a beautiful day for the annual Harvest Festival service, this year held at Harrison Farm, Ham, courtesy of the Perry family.

The barn was decked out with a straw bale altar, beautifully adorned with fresh produce and flowers.

Gill Heighway did a great job taking the congregation through the production process of bread and asking us to pray for all the many people involved at each stage of the process.

The harvest hymn favourites were sung, prayers were said for all in the farming industry and special prayers for the late Queen Elizabeth II and the royal family.

After the service, a cream tea was served and there was a chance to see round the farm and watch the cows being milked. A collection was made for the DEC Pakistan Appeal, as we gave thanks for what we have and remember those who have lost so much.

Thanks again to Winston, Cathrine and Charlie for making us all so welcome.

Mary Harrison







# KILMINGTON NEWS

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## Bells muffled for The Queen

By Christopher Thorne

ON Sunday, September 11th the parishioners of the Five Alive Mission Community gathered at St Giles's Church to commemorate the recent death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

What a fantastic royal she was, being on the throne for over 70 Years. This was the longest reign of any British monarch in history and we were all so very privileged to have her as our queen over our lifetimes.

The congregation consisted of over 100 people. The initial slideshow, which was played whilst folk entered the church and took their seats, was superbly put together by Elana May Blackmore. This provided much of the life history of The Queen using the medium of photos. There was also a short film which Rev Julie played for us. The service was dignified and showed the love and respect that we all had for

our late monarch. The bells rung out for the service — fully muffled apart from the tenor bell being open on the backstroke.

The bells are only chimed in this configuration when a monarch passes, so, for some, this will be the only time that you hear them like this. They are rung with full muffles fitted over the whole mourning period. Richard Norman and Steve Lomas removed the muffles during the service so that the bells could again be rung at the end of this service — fully open — this time for The King.

I am sure that most will agree that The Queen will be greatly missed. She is now at peace after her lifetime of service to her people. If she was in pain, then this is now at an end. We take comfort in the fact that she is now with God, with her late husband Philip, with her sister Margaret, with her mother, with her father and with all those that have gone before. God bless The Queen.

### Support time

A CELEBRATE Together Service is to be held on Saturday, October 8th at 3pm. It will be for all but with emphasis for those with learning difficulties, for their support workers, for their family and friends.

A warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to attend. A short service is normally held with lots of singing, the playing of musical instruments and the waving of items. We normally have a small biblical drama. The service is relaxed with as much input as possible from the congregation and there is always a wonderful tea afterwards.

Celebrate Together services are always held on the second Saturday in the month, at 3pm, either at St Giles's, Kilmington, or St Paul's, Honiton.

**Christopher Thorne** 

## Open the Book team goes back to beginning

THE Open The Book Team was back in action following the six-week summer school holiday.

On Friday, September 16th three visits were made to St Michael's Church at Shute, St Giles's in Kilmington and Stockland Primary School.

The story of In the Beginning was told at each and it was so lovely to see the children and teachers again and it was especially nice to be able to tell the story to some new young faces. The stories are told from The Lion Storyteller Bible. For this story we had Christine Mills playing God, Greta Lidster playing Eve and Gay Atkinson playing Adam. Anna Crabbe was the Storyteller and I did the Introduction.

**Christine Thorne** 



# KILMINGTON NEWS



By Elana-May Blackmore

ON a beautiful evening, on Saturday, September 3rd, Rev Julie Lomas and her husband, Steve, opened their garden for an appreciation barbecue for all those who help with the running of St Giles's Church, Kilmington.

They prayed that they managed to speak with each and every person who were there, so that they could personally thank them for the time and effort that is spent in helping with the smooth running of the church and the help that they have personally been given over this last year.

Rev Julie was once again on duty with her collar in place. Despite this, we were able to persuade her to dance with Steve. Personally, I will never be able to get the image of them dancing together out of my head — in the best way!

A wonderful selection of burgers,



## Appreciation barbecue

sausages, chicken, jacket potatoes and sweets were available. We, of course, had a healthily salad too. The food was all delicious and was very much enjoyed by everyone present. Thanks goes to Steve and Julie for arranging this for us all — we can assure you that you are both very much loved and cherished.

In charge of the barbecue were Steve, Peter Giles and Stafford Seward — they all did a wonderful job. Peter also helped set up in the morning.

We had entertainment for the evening provided by Mike Tyler and his swing band, Jurassic Coasters. The music and dancing went on into the night.

We appreciate all that Rev Julie and Steve do for us, for our wonderful church community and even beyond the church into the further community. Thanks also goes to all who provided refreshments and drinks for the event; and to those who worked behind the scenes making the night so very special.

## Over £6k raised for church at open day

ON behalf of Kilmington Church Council, Reverend Julie Lomas and churchwarden Christopher Thorne would like to record their sincere thanks to the residents of Kilmington and further afield for their generous donations to our annual appeal in support of St Giles's Church.

The church held an open day and whilst hardy folk welcomed donors

and visitors outside in the drizzle, a warm welcome was waiting inside with refreshments and delicious biscuits.

Over £6,000 was received on that one day, which will help us to maintain the life of the church for another year and on into the future. Every blessing to you all.

**Christopher Thorne** 



Send your parish news to Kilmington correspondent Chris Thorne via email at chrisjonthorne69@gmail.com

# KILMINGTON NEWS

# Villagers thanked for food bank generosity over years

By Christine Mills

THE food box in St Giles's Church entrance porch, so generously filled week after week with contributions from the village, is part of a central food bank for those in need and is run by Axminster Churches Together (ACT), presently chaired by Rev Clive Sedgewick, vicar of the Minster and surrounding parishes.

The Food Bank was started by Axminster Christian Fellowship several years ago and later joined by ACTs and is supported by most of the churches of all denominations in the Axe Valley.

Its purpose is to support those in dire need and each who regularly receives hampers is recommended by someone. Items needed are tinned, dried or in date by three months and at Christmas seasonal items are particularly welcomed. The food is delivered and at Christmas up to 60 hampers, packed by volunteers, are sent out.

Jane Rigg, from the Purzebrook Chapel in Axminster, has been its coordinator for the past eight years, but now feels it is the right time to retire.

Although it has not yet been finally decided, Axe Valley Christians Against Poverty (AVCAP) is very keen to take on the responsibility for the Food



Bank and hope to work together with ACT. Huge thanks goes to Kilmington for its generosity for those less fortunate and may God bless you for your care.







# STOCKLAND NEWS

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#### **PAUSE FOR PRAYER**

Morning Hymn by Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only light, Sun of righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night! Day-spring from on high, be near! Day-star, in my heart appear! Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by thee; Joyless is the day's return, Till thy mercy's beams I see; Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart. Visit then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, radiancy divine, Scatter all my unbelief! More and more thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.

Please send all your news and photos to parish correspondent Gill Metcalfe via email: gilldog12@gmail.com
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# Village's tribute to HM The Queen is simple and humble

By Gill Metcalfe

THE most humble of tributes was placed in the Broadhayes Chapel of St Michael's and All Angels Stockland, alongside a short poignant committal acknowledging the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

It almost says there are no words which can express the sorrow of losing such a peerless figure-head for the country.

The simple photograph, the book of condolence, the small candles, the apt wooden cross and the beautiful bouquet of white flowers plus the perfect peace of the chapel suffice.

# STOCKLAND NEWS

# 'Extreme' team's charity walk raises huge £8,600

By Gill Metcalfe

MEMBERS of the Stockland community will all know the outrageous antics of a local Millhayes family. Not only have they proved fundraisers extraordinaire but in their real lives —that is day-to-day — they run two local fitness centres.

So, this is an article of two halves — one, to highlight their outlandish fundraising challenges and two, to congratulate them on their 'get real' daily lives achievement! The latter first here because then the family take over this article in the explanation of their charitable efforts – the ones that move them towards self-destruction in order to promote an outstanding cause.

So firstly, the family's business venture has taken them to the finals of the National Fitness Awards 2022. They have been nominated in three of the award categories: Member Achievement, Customer Service, and South West Gym of the Year. These awards are open to over 7,200 fitness centres across the country so being short-listed as one of the finalists is no mean feat. That's a big wow already.

Judging is to take place in the following weeks when the winners will be announced at the National Awards Ceremony to follow later this year. We hold our breath for their success — to win would be fantastic — but even so, they are finalists! So over to the family...

"Hello everyone! Many of you may have recently seen us out and about on the lanes of Stockland, Dalwood and surrounding areas as we prepared for our fundraising trek along the South Devon Coast Path.

"On Saturday September 10th, we — Sarah, Craig and Charlotte Bernhardt,



THE 'Extreme' fundraising team, of Stockland

Kim Harvey, Josh Armytage, Duncan Sheridan-Shaw and Clare Connor — all completed the challenge of the 26-mile coastal trek raising money for The Alzheimer's Society.

"Starting in Brixham, we took 11 hours and 51 minutes to complete the marathon with a total combined elevation of 1,355 metres, which according to the British Walking Federation is almost entering the category of 'Extreme'!! Not ideal on such a hot day!

"Despite the heat, we all had a fantastic day supporting and encouraging one another to complete the demanding route with many laughs along the way.

"As many of you will be aware, we

have been continuously raising funds for this charity throughout 2022 with pub quizes, cake sales, spin-a-thons (in Honiton Tesco foyer) and our charity party and auction in Stockland Victory Hall.

"We would like to thank everyone for the amazing levels of generosity to date, which has enabled us to raise an amazing £8,600 so far. We would love to hit £9,000 and if anyone would still like to make a donation to this incredible cause and help us reach this target then we would be most grateful. You can still do so by visiting www.justgiving.com/team/GoTeamB and donate to any of the 7 team members named.

"Many thanks for your support."

# STOCKLAND NEWS

By Gill Metcalfe

AS the evenings draw in, in farewell to summer many more villagers will be happy to pick up a good read and relax – hopefully in the warm! For the Stockland Book Club group such offers the opportunity to read some of the books recommended by individual members.

As usual the monthly meeting (September 17th) provided a varied list. First up for discussion was 'And the Mountains Echoed' (Khaled Rosseini), the group read. Most members referenced his previous book, The Kite Runner much praised by all. However, this follow-up prompted a very mixed response with a feeling that perhaps the author had over stretched himself with too many characters and even too many narratives detracting from the essential story. Again, it was seen as a well written text - a difficult first half but with a welcome second half easier to absorb but offering far too many posed and unanswered questions.

Then time for the individual reads: The Wild Isles: An Anthology of the Best of British & Irish Nature Writing (Patrick Barkham), Jumping the Queue (Mary Wesley), The Good Lord Bird (James McBride), Shadow Play (Joseph O'Connor), The Lincoln Highway (Amor Towles), The High House (Jessie Greengrass), This Must be the Place (Maggie O'Farrell) Disobedience (Naomi Alderman), Regenisis (George Monbiot) The Underground Railroad

# Varied reading list

(Colson Whitehead), Wilding: a return of nature to a British Farm.(Isabel Trees).

The Wild Isles is an anthology of a wide array of British and Irish nature writing. Text is arranged under themes that range from birds, woods, coastlines, seasons and urban nature juxtaposed against extracts from much loved classical writings offering an enjoyable and diverse collection. Some astoundingly beautiful prose and analysis but punctuated by somewhat difficult sections where in part the written word might have been simpler:: none-the-less a particularly informative text.

Both Wilding (Isabel Trees) and The High House (Jessie Greengrass) have been discussed previously by the group: however, several members were encouraged to read these and felt well-rewarded with thanks for the recommendations – really one of the aims of the wider reading demonstrated.

Jumping the Queue (Mary Wesley) – recently widowed, estranged from her four adult children, both dog and cat dead, Matilda sees her only escape is 'to end it all': both depressing and uplifting and most revealing; in parts quirky, humorous and with several twists in the plot: to be read in lighter moments for sure.

This Must be the Place (Maggie

O'Farrell) prompted mixed thoughts from an outstanding revelation of a relationship its highs and lows and then comments of a mishmash of confusing text with a revolving stage of characters seen as all too confusing

Alderman's Disobedience gently challenges the traditions: of the Orthodox Jewish Community against the impact of bisexuality on its members – somewhat controversial when published in 2006 and am unsure if those of the faith would alter such opinions today. Similarly, O'Connor's Shadowplay challenges the complexities of love that stands dangerously outside social convention in investigating a fictional relationship between Bram Stoker and two stars of the Victorian Theatre: seen as ingenious and highly entertaining.

Such a list, as presented by members, may seem daunting here but the aim is to make good/indifferent choices – briefly – as suggestions to others. The discussion offers the opportunity to pick up on texts otherwise not considered or not come across and exchange ideas. The amount of information seems vast but it does genuinely help interesting choices and even some change in reading habits.

The next meeting: October 15th (3rd Saturday) at the King's Arms 11.00 a.m. All very much welcome – please join us – new views always appreciated.

## Meet-ups a thing to look forward to after Covid

JULY and August flew by — two months' break for the ladies' coffee morning get-togethers and the restart was without a doubt most welcomed returner and a real success.

In all 18 were able to make the morning with apologies from several others. This first mid-week day of the month is proving a most enjoyable social event. With so much of the village life lost to the pandemic the ability to meet and chat has become one to look forward to and

importantly chat and just catch up on everyone.

It is always a pleasure to have the vicar, Rev Julie Lomas, join us on these occasions – duties permitting. Her input into our parishes, despite her only relatively recent arrival, has certainly not gone unnoticed and indeed most welcomed.

The alternate coffee morning and lunch seems a popular arrangement and indeed there is the latter to look forward to for the October date which undoubtedly will soon come round.

With this in mind don't forget to book with Julia for the lunch for Wednesday 5th October. Also please note when booking through Julia the generosity and thoughtfulness of Ben and his staff who have kept a vigilant eye on pricing for this event. Thank you, King's Arms.

For further information and booking please contact Julia on: juliahoward51@gmail.com 01404881121/07754748456

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# SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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# Bells recording reposted on social media by top news agency and broadcaster



By Bijan Omrani

COMMEMORATIONS were held in the parish of Shute to mark the death of the late HM Queen Elizabeth II — including bellringing, a recording of which was reposted by a top news agency and broadcaster.

Special services were held both at St Michael's Church, Shute, and St Mary at the Cross, Whitford, where prayers were said both in memory of The Queen, and also for the accession of His Majesty King Charles III.

A book of condolence was opened at St Michael's Shute, set on a table by the pulpit with a display of flowers; the book has been signed by many parishioners and other visitors to the church.

Particular mention should be made of the bellringers, who have worked especially hard during this period of national mourning.

Protocol required the bells to be rung half-muffled at certain points following the death of The Queen, with

# Plainsong choir great way to start with singing

SHUTE Plainsong Choir continues to welcome new members and it performs at a traditional sung evensong on the fourth Sunday of every month.

Singing plainsong is an easy and rewarding way to start singing, or to get back into it if one has not sung for a long time.

The choirmaster is Peter Lea Cox, who has many years of experience. Please contact the churchwarden Dr Bijan Omrani for further details – bijan.omrani@btinternet.com.

leather covers being put on the bell clappers.

The endeavour of putting on the covers was particularly challenging, and took a number of hours to achieve.

The bells were rung at 12noon and 7pm on the day following the Sovereign's death, and at other occasions following.

A recording of the Shute bells being rung which was posted on social media was rebroadcast globally by the news agency Reuters and the American Channel NBC.

# SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

# History day shows plans

ST Michael's Church, Shute, was open on the morning of Saturday, September 10th for a history morning, in support of the Devon Historic Churches Trust day.

Churchwarden Dr Bijan Omrani and organist Peter Lea Cox were in attendance to give informal tours and to answer questions about the history of the church and the organ. Volunteers also offered teas, coffees, and refreshments.

A particular highlight of the day was the first public display of recentlyrediscovered original 19th Century plans for the re-ordering of St Michael's by Edward Ashworth, the country's foremost church architect of that period, along with a large number of other architectural drawings and plans of Whitford Chapel.

These were rediscovered during a clean-up of the vestry by Rev Julie Lomas and volunteers. The plans, which are of significant historical interest, will soon be deposited on permanent loan with the County Archives at Exeter, where they can be properly preserved and curated.

During the day, previously unseen historical graffiti was observed at various points in the church which will



HISTORICAL plans of Shute church recently rediscovered

further add to our understanding of its history. More will be written about this in due course.

# Filming for STAG story

A PROFESSIONAL film crew has been at work in Shute's church last month to record a documentary about the now-disbanded Shute Theatre and Arts Guild (STAG).

The documentary focuses on a now legendary 1986 STAG production of Shakespeare's Macbeth which went so badly wrong that it was reported in the national and international media, including — as the parish correspondent understands — *The New York Times*. Several people were injured.

The documentary will use the story of the production to look at wider ideas of community, which are especially important in the aftermath of the Covid pandemic.

It is intended that there will be a showing of the completed documentary for the Community in the Church itself as soon as the documentary has been completed.

# October Shute Festival moves to seaside town



ACTRESS Maddy Anholt, who will be talking about her new book How to Leave Your Psychopath

Shute Festival in October will be held at the Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis and will run from October 1st-11th, with the main weekend of events being held on October 8th and 9th. The festival will include three concerts, with Afghan Music, Klezmer, and English folk music all available.

It will also include a host of prominent authors discussing a wide range of subjects, from English folk tales to exploration of the Amazon, the glamorous young Bloomsbury set to sustainable farming, Mary Seacole, the Jamaican nurse who became a hero of the Crimea, and best-seller Phillipe Sands on "The Last Colony", amongst other events. The festival continues to support Shute Primary School and the church. Other one off Shute Festival events will be held in Shute itself in due course. Tickets and full details are available at www.shutefest.org.uk



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# 'BUZZING' ATMOSPHERE AT FLOWER SHOW RETURN

By Julie Rich

ON Saturday, July 30th Yarcombe Flower Show took place in the Jubilee Hall after a three-year absence due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Despite the break, the show was really well supported by both, exhibitors and spectators. There were 471 entries, from 69 exhibitors of which 29 were children. We were lucky to have 15 first time exhibitors too, we hope everyone enjoyed taking part.

We express thanks to those who helped set up tables and staging along with the accurate tablecloth laying and positioning of bunting beforehand.

By 10.30am everything was staged and in place ready for the judges, the hall looked simply wonderful.

The prize cards were awarded, written and put in place. Huge thanks goes to the judges for giving their expert opinions and giving up their valuable time.

The red geranium plug plants created a wonderful entrance to welcome everyone to the show. The doors opened for people to view the exhibits at 2.30pm, raffle tickets were purchased and slips of paper were handed out for the people's choice vote.

The room was buzzing, the atmosphere was warm, chatting amongst all as everyone meandered their way around to get a good look at what was on show, from stunning flowers from the garden, talented and precise handicrafts, superb garden vegetables, impressive flower arrangements, tasty homemade cookery and preserves along with intricate photography.

Children put on an amazing display of crafts, handwriting, painting and cookery items, which they should be extremely proud of.

At 3pm it was time for the unveiling of the great potato dig. Two teams of eager helpers worked really hard to unearth this year's crop, bag and weigh them, for which we are extremely grateful. We also thank Geoffrey Berry for providing the seed potatoes for this fun growing competition.

As the sun shone, people enjoyed tea and cakes outside, whilst catching up with old friends and meeting new people to the village. It was so lovely to see this long established tradition with a beating heart once again. A big thank you to our helpers in the kitchen.

4pm saw the raffle take place followed by the presentation of cups. An anticipated crowd gathered in the room to see who would be awarded the prizes. We thank Rev Julie Lomas for giving out the awards.

Thank you to all the Committee members who put so much time and energy into producing our village flower show.

We hope you all enjoyed it and we look forward to seeing a few more exhibitors next year, come on, join in and have a go!

#### **RESULTS:**

Perpetual Cups & Awards

Ewins Flower Section Cup – Diane Frost

G & J Dyer Runner-up Cup – Rosanne Derryman

Mrs English Produce Cup – Louise Dear

Tony Spiller Runner-up Trophy – Thelma Clarke

Frank Wale Memorial Bowl - Louise

Dear

Salter Rose Bowl – Helen Matthews Flower Show Committee Cookery Cup – Ellie Rich

Dorothy Baker Rose Bowl – Jean Rich (citrus curd)

Carl Clarke Handicraft Cup – Pat Bright

Ruth Everitt Photography Trophy – Naomi Doble

Jim Miller Shield – Veronica Wadey (cushion cover)

Tony Spiller Children's Plaques – Under 5 Years – Charlie Parris, 5-8 Years - Joe Doble, 9 Years & Over – Daisy Drew

Stone Trophy for the "Most Impressive Exhibit" in the Children's Section – Daisy Drew Painted pebble (hedgehog)

People's Choice Trophy – Daniel Rich – painted pebble (rugby ball)

Silver Goblets awarded to "Best in Section": Flowers – Louise Dear (best cut flower from her garden), Produce – Stuart Drew (Head of cabbage), Flower Arrangements – Helen Matthews (Devon Lanes), Cookery – Tim Rich (Scotch egg), Handicraft – Veronica Wadey (Cushion cover), Photography – Naomi Doble (Purple).

Potato Dig: "Big Dig" – 1st Veronica Wadey (2.85kgs), 2nd Marion Every (2.04 kgs), 3rd Zoe Bradbrook (1.92kgs). "Little Dig" – 1st Riley Stubbington (2.19kgs), 2nd Katie Stubbington (1.961kgs), 3rd Lucas Dear (0.85 kgs).

CUT FLOWERS: Clematis – D Frost, J Rich, R Derryman. Penstemons – D Frost. R Derryman. Fuchsias stems – H Parris, D Frost, D Parris. Fuchsias heads – C Parris, J Johnson, H Parris. Hydrangea head – R Derryman, H



Parris, D Frost. 3 Stage Bloom - R Derryman, D Frost. Floribunda Roses -D Frost. Scented Rose - R Derryman, D Frost. Dahlias - D Frost, N Doble, C Parris. Hosta Leaves - J Rich, Jean Rich, H Parris. Perennials - N Doble, R Derryman. Mixed garden flowers - N Doble, R Derryman, D Frost . Sweet Peas - C Parris, J Rich, M Box. Gladioli - S Sparkes, C Parris, M Every. Annual bedding plants - D Frost, J Rich. Geranium - V Wadey, J Rich, M Smith. Succulents - J Rich, D Frost. Longest bramble - C Vining, B Matthews, J Lomas. "Purple" Flower - N Doble, P Foxwell, C Parris. Best Cut Flower from my Garden - L Dear, D Frost, J Lomas / C Parris. Buddleia - L Dear, H Parris, J Rich.

VEGETABLES & FRUIT: White Potatoes - W Randle, L Dear, M Every. Coloured Potatoes -M Every, T Longest runner bean - W Clarke. Randle, K Hart, L Dear. Lettuces - L Dear, T Clarke. Cabbage - S Drew, T Clarke. Onion Sets - L Dear, J Johnson, T Clarke. Shallots -M Every, P Foxwell, L Dear. Spring Onions - W Randle, D Parris, M Box. Runner Beans - M Box, L Dear, T Clarke. Peas - T Clarke. Broad Beans - T Clarke, J Lomas. Beetroot - S Drew, L Dear, T Clarke. French Beans - S Drew, J Rich, R Derryman. Carrots - L Dear, M Box. Tomatoes - R Derryman, J Rich, M Every. Cucumbers - S Drew, C Parris, M Every. Courgettes - B Smith, L Dear, S Jeffery. Mixed Herbs – L Dear, H Parris. Any Other Vegetable – S Drew, K Hart. Garden Collection - C Derryman, L Dear, T Clarke. Soft Fruit - L Dear, C Parris, W Randle. Rhubarb - B Smith, S Jeffery, L Dear.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS: Floating Flower Heads – R Derryman, H Matthews, C Parris. Inspired by Ikebana – H Matthews, S Boyd. Eco friendly arrangement – H Matthews. Platinum – H Matthews, H Parris. Miniature in an unusual container – V Wadey, C Parris, M Smith. Decorated Hat - S Boyd, C Parris. Devon Lanes – H Matthews, S Boyd, H Parris / R Derryman.

COOKERY: Men – Scotch Eggs – T Rich, Daniel Rich. Sausage rolls - E Rich, T Rich, K Rich. Cheese straws – E Rich. Savoury Muffins – S Jeffery, K Rich.





Bread loaf – B Salter, C Parris. Vegetarian Quiche – J Rich, P Foxwell. Individual Meringues – E Rich, K Rich, S Jeffery. Victoria Sandwich – K Rich, D Drew, E Rich. My Favourite Fruit Cake - C Parris, P Bright. Chocolate traybake – P Foxwell, J Rich, H Parris. Alcoholic Beverage – B Salter, L Hearle, B Matthews, Non-Alcoholic Beverage – D Frost, D Drew, Jean Rich.

PRESERVES: Something Pickled – C Parris, H Parris. Chutney – L Dear, B Salter, L Hearle. Jelly – C Parris. Jamstoned fruit – C Parris. Jam- Soft Fruit-J Rich, D Parris, B Salter. Citrus Curd – Jean Rich. Marmalade – C Parris, J

HANDICRAFTS: Pressed Flower – D Drew, E Sparkes. Machine Sewn Item – V Wadey, P Bright, L Dear. Crocheted Item – C Vining, P Bright, S Jeffery. Knitted Article – P Bright, J Lomas, T Clarke. Something Upcycled – O Burdge. Origami – S Doble, D Rich. Decorated Pebble – A Clements, E Sparkes, R Derryman. Something made from wood – David Parris. Cushion Cover – V Wadey, P Bright. Placemat – V Wadey, P Bright, C Parris. Acrostic Poem – Queen – W Randle, P Reynolds, J Rich.

PHOTOGRAPHY: "Sunset" - S Sparkes, V Wadey, N Doble. "Wet & Dry" - E Sparkes, L Burdge, N Doble. "Branching Out " - N Doble, E Sparkes, S Sparkes. "Purple" - N Doble, V Wadey, E Sparkes. "Insect(s)" - S Sparkes, E Sparkes, N Doble. "Spider Cobweb(s)" - V Wadey, N Doble. "Reflection(s)" - V Wadey, N Doble, E Sparkes.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES: UNDER 5 YEARS: Finger painted pebble – A Derryman, C Parris. Something made at Pre-School – C Parris, A Derryman. Happy Face picture – C Parris, A Derryman. Geranium – J Charlesworth.

5-8 YEARS: Photo of an animal – J Doble, B Doble, J Rich. Painted pebble – J Rich, E Huang, F Huang. It started with an egg box – H Burdge, H Derryman, J Doble. Rocky Road – H Derryman, J Doble, B Doble. Sports Day in a seed tray – J Doble, B Doble, H Derryman. Geranium – J Rich, B Doble, J Doble.

9 YEARS & OVER: It started with a stick and a bottle – D Rich, G Doble, O Burdge. Cress in a hat – K Rich, D Drew, G Doble. Painted pebble – D Drew, D Rich, K Rich / E Rich. Photo-Flowers – D Drew, H Rich, K Rich. Shortbread fingers – G Doble, D Drew, E Rich / D Rich. Commonwealth in a seed tray – L Dear, J Dear, E Rich. Acrostic Poem – Flower Show – J Burdge, J Dear, K Rich. Geranium – D Rich, E Rich, G Doble / K Rich.

#### **Design Opportunity**

We are asking if anyone fancies having a go at creating a digital design for next year's schedule front cover. Please email entries to me timandjules14@aol.co.uk and you will be rewarded for your efforts.

Details to include:- Yarcombe Flower Show; Date – Saturday 29th July 2023; Jubilee Hall, Yarcombe; 2.30pm.

# 'THREE-TEAM' DUCK RACE AT DAIRY FARM

ON Sunday, June 26th a duck race was held at South Waterhayne Farm, Yarcombe, the home of Daisy's Dairy. This was by kind permission of the Leppard family.

It was decided it would be a great idea for the three organisations to work together as a team especially as many families have children involved in one or all three, that way we could have one bigger event and hopefully all be able to benefit from it.

So, the Yarcombe Children's Fund, Stockland and Yarcombe Preschool and Stockland Primary Academy School joined together and got to work!

The Sunday before we met at the location to work out the fine details, Dads brought their strimmer's and hedgecutters and set to work along the riverbank, doing an excellent job trying to make sure it was going to be enjoyable for everyone without getting stung! The ladies worked out a rough plan of what would be required, tables, barbecue, burgers, sausages, rolls, drinks and toilets. Then we had a practice run with two or three ducks to see the outcome, this enabled us to iron out any issues that might arise.

The day arrived and all played their part in the organising, setting up and packing away along with the actual running of the afternoon. There was so much to do from parking the cars, selling the ducks, arranging the prizes, the raffle, the BBQ, the cake stall, the drinks, preparing the river, creating the finish line, along with some fun side stalls, a massive thank you to all that helped achieve this.

We are very grateful to Peter who kindly gave up his time and provided the microphone system. This allowed Richard to do what he does best... providing the commentary and keeping everyone up to date on each of the duck races whilst attempting to not fall in the river either! This created a wonderful atmosphere all afternoon.

We thank you both.

A special guest appearance from 'Big Bird' also brought much joy to the afternoon. He came bounding down the field and was greeted by a cheering crowd. He was soon given the job of starting each race by tipping the ducks into the water and then ably following them in the river to make sure they had a good swim to the finish line, so many thanks to him.

We asked local businesses if they would be willing to provide prizes for the first five ducks over the winning line, we were astounded by how generous they were, so as the prizes kept coming in, we decided to split the ducks sold and have 3 duck races, each with 5 prizes.

We still can not believe that a total of 721 ducks were sold, this exceeded our wildest expectations.

Children along with their friends and families gathered eagerly as the ducks entered the river, then followed them along the riverbank cheering them on and wishing them to not get stuck, the race for the finish line was on, who's duck would cross the line first and be up for the top prize?

Then it was the contest for the booby prize of who would own the last duck over the line. So much excitement!

#### **PRIZE WINNERS:**

Stockland Primary Academy School – Race 1

1st Prize - £50 Kings Arms Voucher – Charlotte Broom

2nd Prize - £40 Millers Farm Shop Hamper kindly donated by Blackdown Farm Vets – Alexa Dugdale

3rd Prize - £30 Combe Garden Centre Voucher – Harry Harding

4th Prize - £25 Otter Valley Ice Cream Voucher kindly donated by Agrii - Wilfred Blaine

5th Prize – Seaton Tramway Tickets – Harry Parris Last Place – Duck Food - Martin Paley

Stockland & Yarcombe Preschool – Race 2

1st Prize - £50 Complete Meats Voucher kindly donated by NFU Mutual - Jasper Stevens

2nd Prize - £50 Crealy Theme Park Voucher kindly donated by A & S Barnes Contractors – Ruben Powell-Borge

3rd Prize – Sunday Lunch for a Family kindly donated by The Flintlock Inn – Kevin Wood

4th Prize - £25 Marks & Spencer Voucher kindly donated by Feedco Ltd - Liz & Rod Stevens

5th Prize – Axe Valley Wildlife Park Family Pass – Cathy Derryman

Last Place - Duck Food - Rie Fawcett

Yarcombe Children's Fund – Race 3 1st Prize - £50 Barleymows Hamper – Darcie Arscott

2nd Prize - £40 Grazing Cow Voucher kindly donated by A R Tucker Contractors – Freya Joyce

3rd Prize – Sunday Lunch for 2 kindly donated by The Sidmouth Arms – Rosemary Arscott

4th Prize - £25 Otter Valley Ice Cream Voucher kindly donated by Agrii - Heidi Burdge

5th Prize – Hollywood Bowl Vouchers for 6 – Violet Ellis

Last Place – Duck Food – Cindy Vining

The event was really well supported with a great turn out of people, all enjoying the tasty burgers and sausages from the BBQ along with a variety of drinks.

There were homemade cakes of chocolate brownies, flapjacks, cupcakes, cookies, macaroons and more, so many delicious things to choose from!

Hook a duck fun for the children, trying their hardest to get the duck attached to the hook.

Guessing the sweets in the jar was a tricky one, there were actually 239 sweets and this was won by Emily Rees who guessed 235 and was the nearest, hope she didn't eat them all at once!

And how long is a piece of string in the bottle, this was 38 metres 83cm



long. A bag of chocolates was awarded to Coretta Miller with the closest quess.

Then 'Splat the Rat' was a great hit! The tension built not knowing when the rat was going to appear and whether the bat would get to him in time. Great fun enjoyed by children and adults alike.

The football shoot out was appreciated by many children, trying their best to get the balls through the holes in the board.

The weather was relatively kind to us, well it didn't rain! The sun appeared on occasions so ice creams were also sold and enjoyed.

After the three duck races, the raffle was drawn, the prizes in the raffle were awesome!

Saucepan set kindly donated by System Six Kitchens

Turkey Voucher for Christmas kindly donated by Diana Hine

New Holland Bruder Tractor with Loader kindly donated by Buglers

£20 Boden Voucher

Hamper kindly donated by Daisy's Dairy

New Holland Bruder Tractor kindly donated by Buglers

£20 Voucher kindly donated by McDonalds

£15 Voucher kindly donated by Otter Valley Ice Creams

£10 Voucher kindly donated by Mole Valley

Swingball Set, Cricket Set and Rounders Set kindly donated anonymously

Following this the winners of the duck race were announced and award their prizes.

Then it was time to find out who had won the amazing hamper kindly donated by Complete Meats, it looked delicious, full of cooked meats, cheeses, pickles, pork pie, scotch eggs etc etc.

Every person who had sold five ducks were entered into this draw and

the lucky person pulled from the hat was Catherine Perry.

It was so lovely to get together after recent times and be able to enjoy an afternoon of family fun and entertainment. So much energy and smiling faces everywhere.

Daisy's Dairy had launched a special flavour for the day, Candyfloss milkshake proved very popular and was enjoyed by many along with all their other flavours available.

The day resulted in an incredible £2,440 profit being made, which will be split between the three organisations, so much more than we could ever have anticipated, and we couldn't have achieved this without your help, so 'Thank You' on behalf of the duck race team.

These much needed, funds will be put towards enhancing opportunities for our local children.

> Rosanne Derryman, Julie Rich and The Duck Race Team

#### YARCOMBE WEATHER AUGUST 2022

	2022	2021	2020
Average Max. temperature	24.1°C	19.7°C	21.7°C
Average Min.	13.8°C	12.3°C	13.5°C
Average Overall temperature	18.9°C	16.0°C	17.6°C
Rainfall	26.4 mm	44.4mm	112.2 mm
Wettest Day	16th 15.8 mm	5th 10.1mm	19th 27.5 mm
Sunniest Day	8th 14 hrs approx	10th 12.0 hrs	12th 13.0hrs
Warmest Day	12th 32.5°C	10th 22.3°C	12th 31.7°C
Coldest Night	26th 9.0°C	27th 9.0°C	4th 7.9°C
Sunshine hours	204 hours approx	132 hrs	132 hrs

Following a dry and warm July, the August daytime temperature was constantly in the mid-20s and again very little rain giving us drought conditions.

The heatwave back in 1911 was much more severe as it started in early July and continued to the middle of September. During this period the peak temperature climbed to 36.7C.

The asphalt on the roads melted causing numerous accidents. Wells, water and water supplies ran dry causing havoc in the agriculture industry. The following year the Met Office recorded long spells of heavy rain during August which caused widespread floods across the country.

I await 1923 with interest.

Tony Newman



# White vinegar: it's dirt cheap

WHY is white vinegar good to use for natural cleaning?

Well, it has no harsh chemicals, it's eco-friendly, biodegradable, vegan, hypoallergenic, non-toxic, considered safe for use in septic tanks, without harming the good bacteria in the tank, removes dirt, grease, and grime with ease in the kitchen, bathroom, general living areas of the home and the garden, removes limescale, is a natural disinfectant and can kill common germs.

It works on porcelain, ceramics, plastic, stainless steel, chrome. Not to mention that it saves on oceans of plastic bottles. What's not to like? It is, after all, what our grandparents used to use.

It is widely available online with the cheapest price around from Millers

Farm Shop in a five-litre container. The container is plastic but currently there is no alternative, except for small amounts sold in glass or a purchase from a zero waste shop. Buying in bulk uses less plastic and is usually cheaper. A five litre container is going to last quite a sizeable chunk of time. There is very little smell, which usually disappears very quickly leaving a fresh, clean smell.

Just a couple of caveats... white vinegar is not suitable for cleaning natural stone, granite, marble, quartz, metallic paint or wood. For induction hobs, always check your manufacturer's instructions. Also, never mix it with bleach, hydrogen peroxide or liquid Castile soap! With that out of the way, here are a couple of cleaning 'recipes' to try.

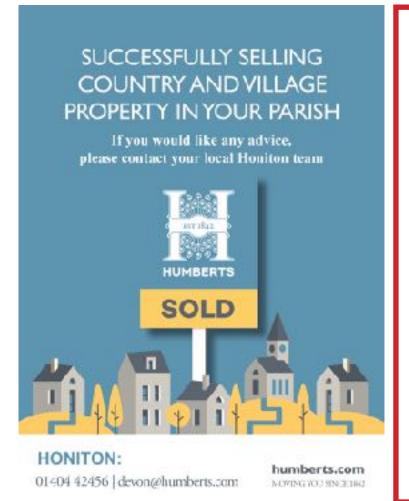
For an all-purpose cleaner (counter tops, cooker tops, fridges, sinks, baths, taps) use one part washing up liquid (don't overdo this ingredient), one part white vinegar, three parts cooled, previously boiled water.

Mix in a spray bottle. Gently shake once before use. For tough, caked-on stains, sprinkle over bicarb of soda ( a natural, mild abrasive), then spray on, rub and rinse off.

For cleaning the washing machine, pour two cups of white vinegar in the main dispenser and fabric conditioner compartments and run a 60 degree cycle. Use as a replacement for fabric conditioner too. Find out how bad commercial fabric conditioner is for your clothes.

Can you lose your bond with chemicals?

Send local 'eco' and sustainable news and group reports to the relevant parish corespondent. Details on page 31



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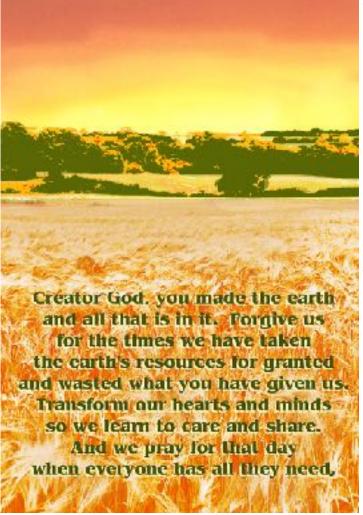
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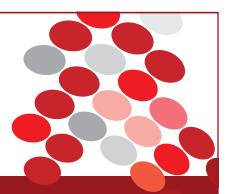
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7:30pm Mondays from 3rd October (6 weeks)	The Beacon, Kilmington	Parenting Course - be in touch with Juletta for more information children.youth@baptistchurchkilmington.org	
10am-11:30am 1st 3 Mondays each month	Dalwood Methodist Church	Baby and Toddler Group - All are welcome	
10am-12noon Thursday Mornings	St John the Baptist, Yarcombe	Baby & Toddler Group - contact Mary Tyler 01297 34958 for any further information	
4th October 10:30am	The Beacon, Kilmington	Messy Sparklers - Fun sensory play group for preschoolers and parents to have fun plus lunch is provided for all! £2 donation requested	
7th October 6:30pm	Stockland Victory Hall	Stockland Youth Club (Every second Friday)	
10th October 3pm-5pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Dalwood Jazz - Annika Skoogh & Orpheus	
12th Oct (6:45pm) & 13th Oct (1:45pm)	Kilmington Village Hall	Kilmington Community Cinema - The Good Liar (15) or visit www.kilmingtonvillage.com/other-organisations	
12th October	Dalwood Methodist Church	Coffee Morning in aid of Devon Air Ambulance	
15th October 8am	The Beacon, Kilmington	Men's Breakfast - All are welcome	
18th October 12:30pm	The Beacon, Kilmington	Community Contact Lunch	
19th October 12:30pm	Dalwood Village Hall	3 Course Lunch - Contact Fiona 01297 639338 to book	
26th October 10:30am	St Peter's Church, Dalwood	Coffee Concert - The Eddy Boys (Retiring collection to local charity FORCE)	
25th November 7pm	St Michael and All Angels, Stockland	Floral Demonstration with wine and nibbles	
3rd December 10am-12noon	Stockland Victory Hall	Stockland Christmas Market - booking information contact monica.parris@btconnect.com 01404881535	
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