# The PARISHES' PAPER September 2021

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



#### September 2021

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Sunday September 5th	9.30am Morning Worship	11 am Holy Communion & Patronal Festival		11am Holy Communion	11 am Family Service
Sunday September 12th	3pm Harvest at Whites Farm Followed by Cream Tea	9.30am Morning Worship			
Sunday September 19th	9.30am Holy Communion	11 am Harvest Service		11 am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evening Worship
Sunday September 26th	11 am Holy Communion	11 am Holy Communion	6.30pm Choral Evensong		11 am Holy Communion

Saturday, September 18th - Memorial Service for Penelope Rutherford-Jones at Stockland 11am

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

There will be weekly Holy Communion services held as below:

Dalwood - Wednesdays, September 1st, 15th and 29th at 9.30am Kilmington - Tuesdays, September 7th and 21st at 9:30am

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 609

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



WHILST procrastinating due to not wanting to do a job that needed doing – yes it happens quite regularly with me – I was randomly flicking through books and found this poem by Joan Copeland, a licensed reader.

The book it's from is called Autumn Reflections and I think it's quite an apt poem for where the Church of England is, and perhaps some of us may be at present.

The feline species is attached to buildings, has a sense of place. Cats get upset if forced to move out of their own accustomed space.

A canine on the other hand dotes on his master's every word. He cares not where he is at all as long as that dear voice is heard.

The Church of England, sad to tell,

has buildings many, people few; less dogs who love their Master's voice,

more cats who love their favourite pew.

I couldn't possibly comment on who amongst us may be a cat or a dog! It's a light-hearted poem but with a serious point being made that the Church of England needs to change to accommodate more people, not in churches, but in

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# CHURCH FUTURE FOR DOGS AND CATS!

#### **GILL HEIGHWAY**



community.

I will leave you to ponder on how our churches can move forward to

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embrace more people as we step out of the confines of the Covid pandemic.

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COVER: This month's beautiful sunflower front cover and back page diplademia photos are courtesy of Tim Phillips

#### PSALM 104 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

#### A BEAUTIFUL psalm. God is totally in charge!

#### PSALM 104

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

2. You are clothed with majesty and honour, wrapped in light as in a garment.

3. You spread out the heavens like a curtain and lay the beams of your dwelling place in the waters above.

4. You make the clouds your chariot and ride on the wings of the wind.

5. You make the winds your messengers and flames of fire your servants.

6. You laid the foundations of the earth, that it never should move at any time.

7. You covered it with the deep like a garment; the waters stood high above the hills.

8. At your rebuke they fled; at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

9. They rose up to the hills and flowed down to the valleys beneath, to the place which you had appointed for them.

10. You have set them their bounds that they should not pass, nor turn again to cover the earth.

11. You send the streams into the brooks, which run among the hills.

12. They give drink to every beast

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Trinity

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After

of the field, and the wild asses quench their thirst.

13. Beside them the birds of the air make their nests and sing among the branches.

14. You water the hills from your dwelling on high; the earth is filled with the fruit of your works.

15. You make grass to grow for the cattle and plants to meet our needs,

16. Bringing forth food from the earth and wine to gladden our hearts,

17. Oil to give us a cheerful countenance and bread to strengthen our hearts.

18. The trees of the Lord are full of sap, the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,

19. In which the birds build their nests, while the fir trees are a dwelling for the stork.

20. The mountains are a refuge for the wild goats and the stony cliffs for the conies.

21. You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows the time for its setting.

22. You make darkness that it may be night, in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.

23. The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God.

24. The sun rises and they are gone to lay themselves down in their dens.

25. People go forth to their work and to their labour until the evening.

26. O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

27. There is the sea, spread far and wide, and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

28. There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan which you have made to play in the deep,

29. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.

30. When you give it them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good.

31. When you hide your face they are troubled; when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.

32. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

33. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works;

34. He looks on the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke.

35. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will make music to my God while I have my being.

36. So shall my song please him while I rejoice in the Lord.

37. Let sinners be consumed out of the earth and the wicked be no more.

37a. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia, Alleluia.

# From the **registers**

#### <u>Funerals</u>

The burial of ashes of **Carole Eileen Heighway**, 59, took place at St Giles, Kilmington on Sunday, August 1st

Funeral of **Derek John Francis Burrough** took place on August 11th at St John the Baptist, Yarcombe

Memorial service of **Penelope Rutherford-Jones**, who lived in Stockland for many years and was a long-time member of the church and PCC. The service will take place in Stockland church on Saturday, September 18th at 11am

#### <u>Weddings</u>

N/A

<u>Christenings</u> N/A

OT Readings	NT Readings
Ps: 125	Jas: 2:1-10,14-17
Isa: 35:4-7a	Mark: 7:24-37
Ps: 19	Jas: 3:1-12
Isa: 50:4-9a	Mark: 8:27-End
Ps: 1	Jas: 3:13-4:3,7-8a
Jer: 11:18-20	Mark 9: 30-37
	Ps: 125 Isa: 35:4-7a Ps: 19 Isa: 50:4-9a Ps: 1

Esther: 7:1-6,9-10;

Ps: 124

9:20-22

**Bible readings September 2021** 

Jas: 5:13-End

Mark 9:38-End

#### CHURCH NEWS

# Sarah joins the pastoral team

#### By Mary Harrison

WHAT is a pastoral team? Those of you who read The Parishes' Paper from cover to cover — which, no doubt, is all of you — will know that on the back page there is a list of names under the heading 'pastoral teams' and each of our parishes have them.

The even more observant of you will have noticed that there is an addition to the Dalwood list — Sarah Langrish. Welcome aboard, Sarah.

So what is a pastoral team and what do they do? We are members of the church who like to 'keep an eye out' for welcoming new people to the village and for being there to help and support anyone (not just churchgoers) in times of difficulty in any way we can.

We are blessed to live in a caring village and looking out for each other is not an exclusive pastoral team activity - many of you already do this sort of thing brilliantly and naturally. We just wanted to flag up that if you are struggling with an issue and you don't know who to turn to, there is this group of people who are willing to listen and provide whatever help they can. Some examples of help might be lifts to hospital or doctor's appointments, hospital visiting or just someone to talk to and provide a listening ear. So, now you know we're around, please don't be afraid to use us.



DALWOOD'S family-run business, Tony Benger Landscaping, scooped a trio of awards at the Pro Landscaper Business Awards recently.

The team took home three national awards — Design and Build Company, Employer of the Year and Supreme Winner.

Managing director Tony Benger explains what it means to have won: "When running a multi-faceted business, it is easy to mainly focus on daily challenges and problemsolving, yet significant milestones enable one to stop and reflect on the team's achievements and evaluate how far we have come.

"In terms of our success, I believe it is attributable to the foundations of unconditional dedication to the industry, tireless communication on the best horticultural practices with our clients and provision of a healthy learning culture for our staff. The awards prove we are on the right track for a sustainable and exciting future."

## Not a cross woof at the pets' blessing

HAVING recommenced communal acts of worship in mid-May, it was good to restart some of our normal events.

On August 8th, it was Pets' Blessing Day at Yarcombe Baptist Chapel. The morning began wet and dull. It was with some trepidation that I put the chairs out, placed hymn books on said chairs and awaited anyone who might venture to the chapel for an outdoor service.

By 11am, the clouds had lifted a bit and we welcomed 11 humans and five dogs. The theme was based around Genesis chapter one, all of creation was viewed by God "And it was good."

Maggie Lane played her piano for the hymns and, as we sang, Rosemary's dog, Josie, kept the tempo with her barks and Dave's dog, Scrappy, did his very best to keep the tune. Not very successfully, I may add, but it did cause amusement. Once again, we heard The Horses Prayer and a poem by John Osborne, Me Dogs, verse written in the Somerset dialect.

All the dogs, namely Josie, Ted, Ollie Scrappy and Lotti, received doggy treats as they were blessed. Most thought this was rather good, although Ollie was rather suspicious of an elderly lady blessing him and would only take his treat from Lek! You can't be too careful when strange women bless you and give you biscuits!

The weather was kind to us, even if a little breezy. Some of the loose papers in my Bible had to be rescued as I turned the page.

All the humans enjoyed a time of informal chat and fellowship following the service and not a cross woof was exchanged by the dogs. All in all, a very pleasant time.

Thelma Clarke



# DALWOOD NEWS

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# THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE

#### A special tribute as Dalwood bids farewell to its village publicans

#### By Mike Huskins

I FEEL rather honoured and quietly pleased that I've been asked to write about Craig and Tracey McGowan, of The Tuckers Arms, for a few reasons — which I will bring to light.

They arrived in Dalwood in December 2007 under a cloud of speculation, "Who are they? What's the dynamics? Where are they from? What have they done?"

Bearing in mind they were following the infamous David Beck... what style were we going to get now?

Village pubs are a strange environment, full of characters, idiots, stalwarts, tourists, experts, but in winter the Tuckers is full of the above but they're villagers too.

So, in they came. New menu, staff behind the bar (David never got that concept!), dogs and kids allowed in, but most of all, Tracey's role had been unleashed — CEO.

Clearly at this point we had no idea of the dynamics, other than Craig cooked, Bev behind the scenes doing all the jobs nobody thinks about but Tracey is the glue, gatekeeper, safekeeper, security, negotiator, dealbreaker and dealmaker but mostly the enforcer!

I am going to keep on about their involvement around the pub and the village for a while, because that's the bit you have been mostly exposed to or been affected by from the McGowans and their input.

We, on the other hand, have been given the opportunity to see another side which I will conclude with.

#### Village Life

"New broom sweeps the cleanest", as they say. Well, this one certainly did!

What did we get? Dalwood was lucky because we got buy in (as



FROM left, Jo, Mike and Elizabeth Huskins, Craig and Tracey McGowan

long as you did as you were told by Tracey!).

Here is my brief summary of how we, the village, benefitted... supporter of skittles, top class food, a safe haven, supporter of every club and society in the village, a rafter, funeral director, wedding planner, functions organiser, beer provider, takeaway service, a lender/borrower, personal meal providers (in times of need), church supporter, taxi service, meeting place amongst other things... but as a villager, you always felt you got preference.

We've been lucky to have Craig, Tracey, Beverly and Morris grace this village with their presence. There's not a village section that hasn't flourished under their involvement... fair, church, reading room, raft club, crazy cricket, local schools, and if they not been involved every other club has met there afterwards like the council, bowls, Corrydale, book clubs and badminton.

Besides, anyone who can steer Robin Bright, Les White, Mick Oliver and people like myself to doing her bidding without question, knows they are a force to be reckoned with. So, for all that, we have to say 'thank you' for all you have ever done for Dalwood and its cohorts.

#### **Real People**

Now we get to the dodgy bit. The good thing is, this will get edited, so if I'm out of line you will never read it! But we have form, an inside line, a different view, another take. You may not like it but it's true!

You see, when the McGowan's arrived from Muirfield, Leeds, Yorkshire, in 2007, they were young, unmarried, childless, fresh, aggressive, excited and ripe for the challenge. Cityscape to village life, pointing fingers to whispers and rumours. In-your-face looks to sideways glances.

We were akin to this, being from slightly northern climes and God forbid, have an opinion! We clicked.

I can honestly say, as a family, no one has benefitted more from having Craig and Tracey in our lives. We are lucky to count them as friends, confidants and document signers!

This ranges from being involved in weddings, Christenings, holidays, drunken nights, curry sharing, food tips, babysitting, dog sitting, family sitting, extorting money out of me, reigning me in, pushing us out, sharing beer, lending, borrowing, helping, dropping in, Covid bubble, Christmas Day dinners, taxi, coffee delivery and collection, employers, sounding boards, consultation, ideas, trading insults, sharing shoulders to cry on. The list could go on, but I think you get my drift.

However, there are some notables that are missing from the list.

Firstly, Tracey and Craig have known our daughter since the day they arrived, have nurtured her, employed her, guided her, befriended her, smothered her but mostly listened to her. For this, we will be forever grateful. For this has given her a safe haven, another set

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of parents to guide, love and look out for her but also for her to respect.

"Whoa, this isn't about you," I hear you cry! But we can name over 10 other young adults who they have steered, guided, supported and not just employed, but nurtured and showed them that a good work ethic, mixed in with respect and good manners, can be a great grounding for going forwards. Thank you.

Secondly, the door to the Tuckers has always been open, to all. But especially if you are on your back foot and the network is letting you down. Their ability to support, drop a hot meal in, pick something up or just be an ear has been astounding! Once again, thank you.

And thirdly, in a strange way, we were lucky in Dalwood with Covid and us in particular! We got invited to be in their bubble, so we spent a huge amount of time together being friends. Bouncing ideas, sharing beer and food but mostly being each other's social backbone for one's sanity. However, the spin-offs were huge for them.

Albert Einstein is widely credited with saying, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results."

Lockdown showed Tracy and Craig that they loved family life and spending time with Morris So to force a change on themselves for a positive to their lives needs is to be celebrated and admired.

As we know they are not going far, just up to the Grazing Cow for some normal working hours and the odd weekend off. So I'm fairly sure we will see them from time to time.

What's with the title of There can be only one'? Well, as I have eluded to, we have been lucky to trade many a beer and a joke over the years. How many times have you



TRACEY, pictured with, from left, Morris, Elizabeth Huskins and Natasha Dower a few years back

heard the phrase "one job" down the pub, in reference to someone not doing as the supposed to or to a satisfactory standard?

Craig loves his films, football and sport and the title line comes from one of his classic film favourites, Highlander.

I think there will only be one Craig, Tracey, Beverly and Morris or #teamtuckers and I would like to say thank you from all of us in Dalwood.

Congratulations to all the local school youngsters on their GCSE and A-level results!





# DALWOOD NEWS Pony clubber kids' camp fun

AXE Vale Hunt Pony Club camp during August hosted five Dalwood children and their ponies.

This year, 21 members enjoyed the four-day camp at Chard Equestrian Ltd, taking part in various equestrian disciplines, including flatwork and dressage, show jumping, cross country and mounted games.

Villagers Holly Seward, Maisy Trott, Tom and Megan Godfrey and Elsa Williams all had a fantastic time.



**HOLLY Seward and Flicka** 





ABOVE Maisy Trott and Princess; left, Megan Godfrey giving Elsa Williams a piggyback





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# **KILMINGTON NEWS**

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# **Crowdfund success**

#### KILMINGTON Village Hall, in conjunction with Moviola, started showing films in March 2005.

Moviola, based in Bedminster, provides a mobile cinema unit to rural communities and it proved to be very popular.

In 2019, the village hall started looking into the benefits of purchasing its own equipment, and in December 2020, a Crowdfunding appeal was launched. This was highly successful and in March 2021, Kilmington Community Cinema (KCC) became a reality, run by a team of volunteers with all profit, after running costs, going to the village hall.

In June, our first independently run film was shown. Due to Covid limitations on numbers, there was no advertising outside of the village other than those on the mailing list. Because of limited numbers a matinee was run on the following day which doubled the attendance. Prior to having our own equipment these shows would not have been viable. On Wednesday, September 8th we are showing Nomadland (12A) a winner of three Oscars and four Baftas. For safety, the hall capacity is being limited to 60, but to give as many folks as possible the chance to see this film we are running a matinee on Thursday, September 10th.

Our experience of Crowdfunding was very positive and, in addition to villager's excellent support, East Devon District Council, Devon County Council, and Kilmington Parish Council provided that extra push to more than meet our target. So, as a parish, if a reasonably substantial fund is required, give Crowdfunding a try and you will probably find it is worthwhile. If you want to see what can be achieved come along to one or more of our film shows. Visit www.kilmingtonvillage.com for booking and full details of the current and future films. You can also email: wattsjohn307@gmail.com or phone 01297 639758.

#### John Watts



#### Sophie Ann's church family welcome

IT was lovely to welcome Sophie Ann Newbery, sister of Alice Olivia, into our church family at St Giles's Church, Kilmington.

Rev Mary Harding ran a smooth baptism plus Holy Communion and talked about what baptism means.

We had a large contingent of the Newbery family and friends at the service to celebrate with Sophie, who was wearing a beautiful Christening gown which Hannah, her mother, explained was the 'Newbery gown', a delightful tradition.

After a tough year it was good to be able to welcome people back into the church and to be able to sing – behind masks. Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake were consumed after the service, and thanks go to all those who prepared and served the refreshments.

Thanks to everyone who helped organise the wonderful service.

Gill Heighway

#### SHOW IS GO

ORGANISERS are pleased to a n n o u n c e t h a t Kilmington Village Show will a h e a d a t 1 p m o n Saturday, September 11th in the field behind the village hall.

Planning for this outside event is well underway and a busy afternoon's entertainment is organised.

In the arena, first is the children's fancy dress, with no theme so entrants can have fun coming up with some great ideas.

Lyme Regis Taekwondo Club members will be demonstrating their skills and the chickens will be racing again.

A Fun Dog Show with nine classes starts at 1.30pm, this allows for registration. The best from each class will then come into the main arena for the coveted title of Best in Show. Look out for the dog show posters for full details.

There will be races for the children and Professor Bumble will be on hand all afternoon to keep them entertained.

Stalls and sideshows, a display of cars and tractors will also add to the entertainment. The show team is already collecting bottles for a tombola and donations of anything in a bottle will be gratefully received by Lesley on 07900 827689.

Visitors won't go hungry with cream teas, cake, ice creams, a beer tent and a barbecue by the Royal British Legion. Afternoon music entertainment comes from local group The Jurassix, which includes two of Kilmington's own residents.

Organisers are monitoring and will follow Government Covid guidelines. So put the date in your diary now.

Lesley Rew

# KILMINGTON NEWS

## Christening is a joyous event for little Barnaby by Rev Voysey

REV Tracey Voysey, from the Axe Valley team, led a very joyous Christening at Kilmington's church on July 31st for Barnaby Kershaw, son of Fiona and David Kershaw and great-grandson of Michael Keenes.

This Christening had been postponed several times due to the pandemic so it was lovely to gather to celebrate it at last!

The Keenes and Kershaw families have had a long connection with Kilmington as Barnaby's grandparents were married at St Giles's Church 40 years ago and all the great-grandchildren have been Christened in the church.

The family were very grateful to receive such a warm welcome from all who were there.

Rev Tracey led a lovely service with the children making paper doves and she used a personalised scallop shell for the christening.

Thank you to all who helped with this service.

Anna Crabbe



# Sienna-Anne's is first Christening in a very long time



By Anna Crabbe

ON July 24th, we had our first Christening for a very long time due to the pandemic and it was such a happy occasion.

Sienna-Anne Edith Dunham was Christened at St Giles's Church, Kilmington.

Nearly 50 family and friends came to the service and it was beautifully led by Rev Tracey Voysey for the Axe

#### Flower Rota for St Giles' Church Kilmington

September 5<sup>th</sup> &-12<sup>th</sup> Frances Holme September 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Elaine Penzer Valley team. Emily, Sienna-Anne's mother, and all the family loved the service and the younger children made paper doves to give to Sienna-Anne, which linked in with the reading of Jesus's baptism from St Mark's Gospel.

It was lovely to be able to celebrate a baptism after such a long time. The family appreciated the warm welcome from those who attended and thank you for all who helped with the service.

## Study group: back to basics

THE St Giles study group that meets every other Tuesday at 7pm is to begin its new programme on Tuesday, September 7th.

The group meets at David Wilsdon's home — 3, Meadow Bank, Kilmington. For further details, contact David on 01297 34142.

# KILMINGTON NEWS Being together again

By Diana Mellows

AFTER so many months of restrictions, to be able to meet and greet friends and family has been wonderful but never more so than for the Celebrate Group of people with special needs.

They have missed their gatherings so much and in beautiful St Giles's Church, they were able to express their pleasure at being reunited in a simple service of songs and prayers.

The theme was The World of Wonder, Christopher Thorne read the story of the creation and Elana did the Macaton Signing for the whole service and Christine Thorne helped her with the miming for the songs accompanied by Margaret Hurford on the piano. Anna Crabbe worked the projector so that everyone could read the words on the big screen. The church resounded with happiness and joy, the decorations of birds and butterflies added to the theme of God's wonderful creation. A big 'thank you' to everyone who came and all who helped organise the



service. The Celebrate Together service always ends with a good tea and a big 'thank you' to Barbara, Pearl and Sheila for providing such delicious cakes, scones and sandwiches, which are always so appreciated by everyone. The next Celebrate Together Service will be on Saturday, October 9th at 3pm. There will be a warm welcome for everyone at this service, all ages are invited.

# Moving forward and seeking 'recruits'

By Cdr Staff Seward OBE RN Rtd Chairman RBL Kilmington Branch

DESPITE our best efforts and the relaxation of COVID restrictions, the increased infection rate of the new variant resulted in us deciding to cancel our Centenary Family Barbecue on July 24th.

We apologise to all those who were looking forward to joining us but hope that you understand our decision.

The Royal British Legion (RBL) is encouraging branches to resume their activities. As a result, we are continuing to take a safe and pragmatic approach based on the views of our members and village residents. We will be providing the barbecue at Kilmington Village Show on September 11th and we will continue to plan for our annual meeting, which has provisionally been set for Friday, October 4th. Confirmation of the annual meeting will be available on our Facebook page — Royal British Legion Kilmington Devon and the village website.

Although early days, we did resume our Friday 'get-togethers' and it was nice to see a few familiar faces at both the New Inn on Friday, July 2nd and the Tuckers Arms on Friday, August 6th. Our next gettogether will be at The New Inn on Friday, September 3rd and we look forward to seeing you all. RBL Centenary Pins; Please contact Peter or Louise Wood or any other members of the committee if you would like to obtain a centenary pin, marking this incredible anniversary.

Finally, we are still looking for new members to join Kilmington RBL and would really like to reach out to the younger generation. If you believe in supporting those who have given their everything for this incredible country and have ideas of how to move the RBL forward; I encourage and challenge you to join us. If you think we are all too old and not in touch with today, then change it! You do not have to have been a member of the Armed Forces, we welcome everyone.



# STOCKLAND NEWS

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#### **PAUSE FOR PRAYER**

This World - by John Birch

In this your beautiful but fragile world bless those who dedicate their lives to its care. who within their hearts have a passion to protect its oceans, forests, plants and creatures. who are stewards of this world that is our home; this world. created by your hand, given life by your breath, - a precious place. This, your gift to us; its waters refreshing, its soil providing, its air sustaining. In this your beautiful world, bless those who dedicate their lives to its care. Amen.

Submitted by Philippa Wilks

### A festive treat

AT long, long last, a Stockland village event – fingers crossed!

The Christmas Village Market 2021 is due to take place at Stockland Victory Hall on Saturday, November 27th, 10am-12noon.

How long ago was it that Covid-19 put paid to the much-enjoyed Stockland events? This one has always proven to be outstanding with the hall filled to the brim with stalls displaying a range of local craft skills along with sales of regional produce.

The two hours allotted just buzz. It is difficult to move from stall to stall without stopping and talking with the trader or just admiring the quality of the goods on sale and even making those special one-off purchases with Christmas very much in mind.

Monica Parris/Gill Metcalfe



FIRST Stockland Tennis Club Committee. Back row, from left, Barry Cooper, David Snook, Alec Le Mare, Bill Dawkins. Front row, from left, Sue Fox, Valerie Johnson, Monica Parris, Rowena Drew Photo courtesy of Bryan and Rowena Drew

# CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF TENNIS

By Bryan and Rowena Drew

A LARGE crowd of past and present members attended the 40th anniversary event, staged at the tennis court on Sunday, July 25th.

The afternoon event saw an entertaining mixed doubles match between Lucy Whitley and Simon Durrant playing against Alice Whitley and Paul Drew.

Phil Plummer, a former junior coach for several years, showed his expertise on the court during the session.

The chair, Ted Espir, thanked everyone for coming, especially the Stockland Tennis Club Committee.

His thanks were extended to all club members for their enthusiasm in the continued success of the club which is going from strength to strength encouraging players of all ages to take part and join in with the tournaments which culminate with 'finals day' in September when eight finals matches will be played.

The court was officially opened on Sunday, August 16th 1981 after a Rural Aid Grant was gained and the balance of money from hall funds enabled the project to go ahead. One of the original contractors of the court, Ray King of En Tout Cas, attended the event with his partner, Pauline.

People also enjoyed looking through the photos of players from Finals Weekends from the past 40 years, some of whom are still playing.

Scones, made by the chairman and various cake made by committee members, together with Pimms, made this a day to be remembered for all who attended.

# STOCKLAND NEWS

# <u>An endless list and</u> <u>buzz about books</u>

#### By Gill Metcalfe

STOCKLAND Book Club event on Saturday, August 14th proved a lively and spirited meeting with so many books read and reviewed by members.

There was a real buzz about the variety of books presented and the list seemed endless. First up was *Finding The Mother Tree* by Suzanne Simard. This offers an account of the ground-breaking research into how forest trees are connected. The author has spent a lifetime uncovering how trees cooperate through a vast web of underground fungi. Judged as well worth reading for its ecological message and for one person's battles against prejudice and cancer.

As said, a substantial amount of reading and reviewing had been undertaken by group members including: *The Librarian* by Salley Vickers, *The Lying Life of Adults* by Elena Ferrante, *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro, *A House in the Country* by Jocelyn Playfair, *All The Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr, *The Rock* by L J Ross, *Agent Sonya* by Ben Mcintyre, *Shuggie Bain* by Douglas Stuart, *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell, *The Shadow of Men* by Abir Mukherjee and *Going to the Wars* by Max Hastings.

Of these, *Klara and the Sun* is the most recent publication which looks at the rapidly-changing modern world through the eyes of an unforgettable narrator to



PAN-fried wild mushrooms, fried duck egg and watercress salad enjoyed after the book club meeting at the King's Arms

explore a fundamental question: what does it mean to love? Whilst beautifully written, the review presented suggests a highly challenging novel in which the Nobel Laureate examines loneliness, sacrifice and the meaning of love in a novel narrated by a robot (an artificial friend) with feelings.

This futuristic work of fiction review was tempered by the non-

fiction *Agent Sonya* – otherwise Ursula Burton, a friendly but reserved woman who spoke English with a slight foreign accent.

By all accounts, she seemed to be leading a simple unassuming life — not so! The text uncovers the true story behind the Cold War's most intrepid female — Moscow's most dangerous wartime spy!

The Offing by Benjamin Myers is the novel for discussion at the 10.30am September 25th meeting at The King's Arms.

Its opening sentence, 'Where did life go' qualified at the bottom of the first page by 'a few summers here, some long dark winters there; good fortune, infamy, illness, a little love, a little more luck and suddenly you're looking down the wrong end of the telescope' makes the book immediately difficult to put down. Read on by joining the group's next session.

As a postscript, with Stockland Book Club now based in the King's Arms it is not a difficult decision to enjoy lunch and a glass of... well, whatever.

At the August meet, the sun shone, not a drop of rain in sight so, seated al fresco with a plate of pan-fried wild mushrooms on toast, fried duck egg and watercress seemed an excellent idea. The Lyme Bay crab was also tempting. Mention of the delicious walnut cake that accompanied the morning coffee serving should not go amiss.

# STOCKLAND NEWS Remembering Penelope

THE family of Penelope Rutherford-Jones wish to advise that there will be a memorial service for her to take place on Saturday, September 18th at 11am at Stockland church.

Penelope was a pillar of strength, who was very involved in the village, parish and church for many years. She is sorely missed by us all.

The service will be conducted by the Rev Nigel Freathy, a past incumbent of the Five Alive Mission Community, which he started many years ago.

Although officially retired, he has been a wonderful support to us all in taking services when time allowed over the last few years, and just being there for help and assistance when needed.

All who knew Penelope are welcome to come to the service and to join the family afterwards.

Gill Metcalfe



# Ride and stride church fundraising event

THE Devon Historic Churches Preservation Trust's annual Ride and Stride fundraising day will take place on Sunday, September 12th in Stockland, with a walk being organised by Bryan Drew.

Coffee and refreshments will be served in the church from 10am and the walk will start at 10.30am from the church.

If people would like to bring a packed lunch, which they can leave

in the church whilst they walk, their lunches can be enjoyed in the grounds of the church afterwards or inside if the weather is not so good. Additional refreshments will be available.

It is hoped to hold a raffle, as well as plant and bric-a-brac tables to raise funds for this worthwhile cause that helps churches throughout the county when renovations and repairs. All are welcome, do come and support.

For more information please contact Rozanne Bulmer on 01404 41907 or 07796 338 332. For details of the walk and sponsor forms please contact Bryan Drew on 01404 881538.

We look forward to seeing you then. Any donations of cakes or biscuits always welcome.

Rozanne Bulmer

Would you like to see your club, event or local photos in The Parishes' Paper? Send us your community news, activities and nature photos of the Five Alive area

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# Grey long-eared bat search

THE Saving Special Species Project, which is supported by Shute Festival, is carrying out a series of Local Bat Walks in September.

The bat-detecting walks are planned at a range of local sites in East Devon and West Dorset – the target area for the grey long-eared bat project.

Exploring a range of habitats including meadows, woodland, farmland and lanes, these magical moon lit walks will be led by local bat experts. A chance to learn how to identify bats using hand held bat detectors and contribute valuable data needed for monitoring our UK bat populations.

These free events are part of the grey long-eared bat project, possibly the UK's rarest bat, with only eight known roosts and confined to the southern coast including a stronghold here in East Devon and West Dorset. On the walk, find out more about the project and how you can help in the challenging restoration of this seriously declining bat species.

On Saturday, September 4th, 7.15pm-9.15pm, at Bolshayne Farm, Southleigh Road, Colyton, Sarah Butcher, of the Devon Bat Group, will lead a walk through the farm's traditional hay meadows including Bolshayne Fen SSSI, ancient hedgerows, and nearby woodland edge — perfect habitat for grey long-eared bats. Attendees will be peering into the night sky and listening out for these bats using special hand-held bat detectors.

On Friday, September 10th, 7pm-9pm, at Holyford Woods, Colyford, local bat expert Adrian Bayley will lead a walk in one of East Devon's oldest woods. Adrian also plans to show the harp nets, which capture bats safely and carefully for identification. Will he pick up the grey long-eared bat known as the whispering bat for its quiet echo location?

On Friday, September 17th, 6.45pm-8.45pm, at National Trust Stonebarrow, Charmouth, another bat-detecting walk will take place.

It will be led by local bat enthusiasts Mary Anne Crafter and Ruth Worsley.

Learn how to use bat detectors to help us identify bats on the wing. The Golden Cap estate holds an incredible 15 out of the 17 species of UK bat including the very rare grey long-eared bat.

A similar walk will also be held with the same guides on Saturday, September 18th, 6.45pm-8.45pm at Hogchester Meadows, Charmouth.

Booking is essential. Please email savingspecialspecies@gmail.com to book.

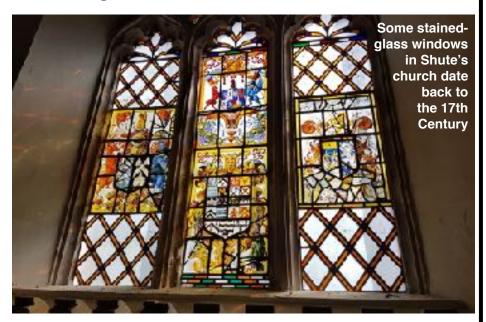
### Learn about the history of St Michael's Church

A REMINDER that on Saturday, September 4th, 7.30pm, Bijan Omrani will be delivering a talk on the history of St Michael's Church, Shute.

The event will be held in the church itself and will mark the launch of a new pamphlet on the history of the church which will be made available for the first time on the same day.

The talk will include the development of the church over time, the history of the church's memorials, its connections with the local gentry families and the neighbouring National Trust property, Shute Barton, and the role the church has played in the life of the parish. The Archdeacon of Exeter, the Venerable Andrew Beane will attend and refreshments will be served after.

The talk is being held as part of events connected with the Devon



Historic Churches Day, held the following Saturday. Proceeds will be shared between St Michael's Church, Shute, and the Devon

Historic Churches Trust, which supports historic churches in need across the county. Tickets are available on the door, £5 each.

# SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS Fantastic talks lined up as festival returns

By Bijan Omrani

SHUTE Festival is returning after its August break with a variety of events in September, including Talking Walks and in-person lectures.

Two Talking Walks will be held in September. The first will be on Sunday, September 12th 10am-12.30pm: A Roam Across Stockland's Turbaries, led by Dr David Allen.

Dr Allen is a third-generation resident of Stockland. After more than 20 years as an agricultural botanist in Africa, David returned to his native parish where he took on the management of the Stockland Turbaries on behalf of Stockland Parish Council.

Turbaries date from Medieval times when land, too poor to be considered Commons, was known as Manorial Wate on which parishioners had the right to dig peat. They were fuel allotments.

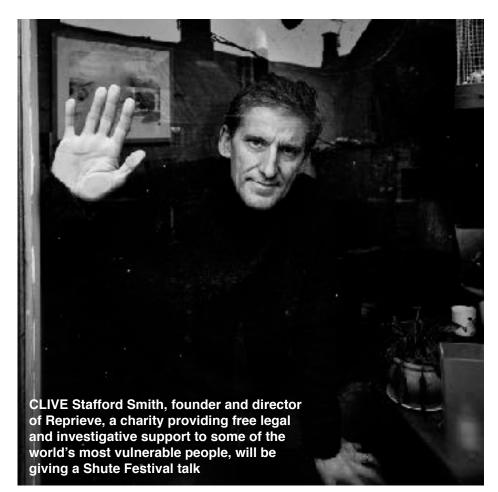
Among the parishes within the Blackdown Hills that possess turbaries, Stockland is fortunate to have 165 acres, in seven blocks.

They have been managed for wildlife over the past 25 years and are extremely important as carbon stores and thus an important part of the plan to manage climate change.

#### A correction

IN the August issue of *The Parishes' Paper*, an article on page 17 regarding the farmers' market and barbecue wrongly stated it to be held at Musbury Village Hall.

It should have stated the venue as Whitford Village Hall with 50 per cent of the profits to go to Whitford Village Hall.



We will be visiting two of the important sites which are very different: Horner Hill and Bucehayes Common. The walk will involve some uneven ground and uphill walking.

The second Talking Walk will be on Saturday, September 18th, 2-4pm: A Quantock Adventure based on The Last Broomsquire led by Martin Hesp.

Martin is a writer and journalist based in Somerset. For decades he was editor-at-large of the Western Morning News and his knowledge of the South West is unsurpassed.

Martin's tale, The Last Broomsquire, is increasingly referred to as the Quantock novel and has an evocative sense of place.

You can watch Martin talking about the novel at Shute Festival earlier this year via our programme page.

The story, which takes places as the 18th Century becomes the 19th, could only have happened in the Quantock Hills.

The tale is intrinsically woven into the deep coombes and lofty ridges of what is now an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

All the locations described actually do exist and won't have changed much in the intervening 200 years. Martin will be leading us on a unique walk in the central Quantock

# SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS



area which will take us to some of the main locations in the novel. The walk will also involve some uneven ground and uphill walking.

Spaces are limited on these walks. To book, please visit www.shutefest.org.uk.

In-person lectures are, at the time of writing, also planned to go ahead in September. On September 16th, Clive Stafford Smith is due to speak at a Shute Festival event.

Clive is the founder and director of Reprieve, a charity providing free legal and investigative support to some of the world's most vulnerable people – to help those facing execution around the world, and those victimised by states' abusive counter-terror policies, including torture and extrajudicial killing.

In 2001, Clive sued for access to the prisoners at Guantánamo Bay.

Believing the camp was an affront to democracy and the law, his goal was to close Guantánamo.

Clive has helped secure the release of 69 prisoners from the camp, including every British prisoner.

A graduate of Columbia Law School in New York, Clive worked as a lawyer with the Southern Center for Human Rights, focusing on death penalty and civil rights cases.

Today, Clive oversees Reprieve's casework alongside representing prisoners on death row. He has represented over 300 prisoners facing the death penalty in America, preventing the death penalty in all but six cases.

Clive has received an OBE for Humanitarian Services and an International Bar Association's Human Rights Award.

Further details about the time and venue are to be confirmed. Please visit the Shute Festival website for further details.

An online panel discussion is also due to be held on 30 September on the subject of Trees and Agroforestry, with Robin Walter and David Wolfe of Wakelyns Farm. Further details will be announced on the festival website at www.shutefest.org.uk in due course.

We are grateful for donations which not only help to keep the Festival going, but which also will be used to help offer a cultural outreach program for the children at Shute Primary School, including opera workshops, calligraphy, and dancing.

Donations can be made at www.shutefest.org.uk.



# YARCOMBE NEWS

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#### AS the summer months began, the young farmers' calendar became busier as restrictions lifted.

Many clubs planned discos for Yarcombe and District Young Farmers' Club (YFC) members to attend and other social activities interacting and getting back to having fun with friends.

As June approached, competitions such as the East Devon Stockjudging were underway. Yarcombe YFC were placed third in terms of the club with the most overall points.

We are very proud of our member, Henry Pearse, who participated and did very well in the competition. Henry was placed first in the Dairy Linear and was awarded fourth place in Dairy, along with being awarded fourth place for the overall Junior Stockjudging competition.

The boys played against Honiton Young Farmers at Combe Football Club on June 28th with Yarcombe winning 3-2.

July played a big part of getting back into the normal YFC activities. At the beginning of July, we had a club rounders and barbecue evening, which was good fun playing rounders as the sun was

# YFC gets back to fun and raising money for charities

going down. We have also had our first club meeting back in a village hall, as opposed to being on Zoom or in farm sheds in the past. We had 16 members attend the meeting at Upottery Village Hall on July 26th with upcoming events discussed.

On July 30th, we held our first disco of the year. Our disco was held by kind permission of the Burrough family in a shed. It was a great success and everyone had a great night dancing and drinking the night away with friends from across the county. There was a terrific turnout for the club and a decent profit was made towards our charities. Thank you to members of the advisory and members of the club for helping on the bar and door.

Half a dozen members helped set up for the annual Honiton Show on Sunday, August 1st, where we spent the morning putting up sheep hurdles. Thank you to those who helped out, despite getting muddy and wet. A few other members on the same day took part at the Devon YFC field day at Bicton, representing East Devon group in sports such as netball.

At Honiton Show on August 5th and 6th, members entered various club classes. It was fantastic to see a brilliant display of entries showcasing members talents. Well done to all those who helped with entries and setting up, including members' parents. We did very well with our entries gaining two firsts, a second, four thirds and three fourths, all competing against five other clubs in East Devon YFC.

If anyone would like to become involved in YFC, we would love you to join our club and encourage you to contact our chairman, Dan Olive on 07811744714, or secretary Natalie Sampson on 07775591324.

Natalie Sampson Secretary, Yarcombe and District Young Farmers' Club

#### YARCOMBE WEATHER JULY 2021

	2021	2020	2019
Average Max. temperature	22.3°C	21.2°C	21.7°C
Average Min.	13.8°C	11.8°C	14.9°C
Average Overall temperature	18.0°C	16.5°C	18.2°C
Rainfall	73.2mm	29.4mm	28.9 mm
Wettest Day	5th 12.2mm	26th 14.4 mm	12th 8.9mm
Sunniest Day	20th 15.0 hrs approx	21st 11.0 hrs	25th 16.0 hrs
Warmest Day	21st 29.7°C	31st 28.0°C	25th 26.9°C
Coldest Night	6th 10.6°C	22nd 8.5°C	4th 11.7°C
Sunshine hours	224 hours approx	147hrs	258 hrs

We had a good warm spell from July 12th to 23rd when the day time temperature hit the mid 20C each day. Otherwise July was an average month. A little while ago Miranda Gudenian mentioned to me that the prevailing wind over the last few years have changed, so from my records I have done a seven month survey which confirms that she is correct. As you can see from my summary it has changed from a westerly to a northerly direction. During this period the winds blew from the North for 80 days, South for 43 days, East for 34 days, and West for 55 days.

#### YARCOMBE PARISH CORRESPONDENT NEEDED

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

The Parishes' Paper is looking for a parish correspondent for Yarcombe.

The role involves gathering local news, covering parish events, including taking photos. You don't need to be a wizard on the computer, just keen to search out interesting stories.

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10am-12noon August 4th	St Giles, Kilmington	Mother and Baby Group - Taking place each Wednesday morning	
10am - 12pm 3rd September	St Giles, Kilmington	Coffee Shop - Stop in for a coffee and a chat. Happening each Friday morning	
10am - 12pm Every Tuesday	The Beacon, Kilmington	Post Office - Pop-up Pop Office available for walk in services. Held each Tuesday morning.	
3pm 5th September	St Peter's, Dalwood	Edward Jacobs - Concert of Classical and Popular Piano Music. Contact Tina Mackenney 01404 831280 for further info	
7th September	The Beacon, Kilmington	Messy Sparklers is a preschool group full of sensory activities, messy play and fun	
6:45pm 8th September	Kilmington Village Hall	Kilmington Community Cinema NOMADLAND (12A) film will be playing, doors open 6:45 and film starts at 7:15pm	
6:45pm 9th September	Kilmington Village Hall	Kilmington Community Cinema NOMADLAND (12A) film will be playing - doors open 6:45 and film starts at 7:15pm	
September 11th	Stockland	Devon Historic Churches Preservation Trust's Ride & Stride Day - Walk and coffee morning. Contact Rozanne Bulmer on 01404 41907 or Bryan Drew on 01404 881538 for details	
November			
10am - 12pm 27th November	Stockland Victory Hall	Stockland Christmas Village Market	
For regular church services see page 2			

Please send details of upcoming events within the Five Alive community to Martin Nunns at martingnunns@gmail.com

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