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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

ALL CHURCH SERVICES



APRIL 2023						
DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe	
Sun 2 Palm Sunday	11am Family Service	Meet at the Common at 10am to walk to St Giles's Church for 11am joint-service		11am Morning Worship	10.50am walk from village car park to church with donkey for joint-service with the Baptist Chapel	
Wed 5	9.30am Missi	9.30am Mission Community Said Communion. Hosted by St Peter's Church, DALWOOD				
Thur 6 Maundy Thursday	7pm Mission Community service with Holy Communion. Hosted by St Giles's Church, KILMINGTON					
Fri 7 Good Friday	2–3pm An hour at the cross	11.45 Hot cross bun service	10am Family service + Easter egg trail at Whitford Church	4 -5pm Family Easter egg trail outdoors	11am service with the Baptist Chapel	
Sat 8		3-5pm Celebrate Together				
Sun 9 Easter Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion	6.30am Sunrise Service at Shute Beacon 9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion at Shute	11am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	
Tues 11	Mission (9.30am Mission Community Said Communion. Hosted by St Giles Church, KILMINGTON				
Sun 16	11am Holy Communion			11am Family service	6.30pm Evening Worship	
Wed 19	9.30am Mission Community Said Communion Hosted by St Peter's Church, DALWOOD					
Sun 23	11am Morning Worship	9.30am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Choral Evensong at Shute	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	
Tues 25	9.30am Mission Community Said Communion Hosted by St Giles Church, KILMINGTON					
Sun 30	10:30 Mission Community Holy Communion. Hosted by St Michael's Church, SHUTE					
Wed May 3 9.30am	Mission Community Said Communion hosted by St Peter's Church, DALWOOD					
Coronation Sunday May 7	10:30 Mission Community Holy Communion Hosted by St Giles' Church, KILMINGTON for The King's Coronation					

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VICAR'S VIEWPOINT



WALK WITH ME THROUGH EASTER

REV JULIE LOMAS

I LOVE Easter more than Christmas. And no, it's not because of the amount of chocolate and cake that is on sale at Easter! And it's not because I prefer a bunny to an elf (although there is some truth in that).

I love Easter because of Christmas — and without Christmas there would be no Easter. These two Christian festivals enable us to remember and celebrate the coming of Jesus, firstly as the Son of God into the manger; and then we fast-forward and find ourselves celebrating his entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey; sharing in his the last supper; observing the cruelty and suffering of his death on the cross, and being laid to rest in the darkness of the tomb, before finally celebrating his resurrection in the garden.

Our preparations for Easter began on Ash Wednesday way back in February, and the season of Easter continues right through until the middle of May, although our focus in April is concentrated on the week





beginning with Palm Sunday on the 2nd, and then Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, before we join together with believers around the world to celebrate the resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 9th.

This year, I encourage and urge all of our readers to go to church for one or several of the special services being held in our area, to hear and experience afresh the astounding story of Jesus.

Whichever church you choose to visit you can be assured of a warm welcome and a seat at the back, along with an invitation to sing old familiar songs, pray familiar prayers and connect once more with the old rugged cross and the empty tomb.

Walk with me through the season of Easter and together may we thank God for the first resurrection day, and for Jesus, our Living Lord.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ...' —1: Peter 1: 3 (NIV)



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PSALM OF THE MONTH-

PSALM 49 — chosen by DAVID WILSDON

AS the opening verses make clear, the message of this 'Wisdom Psalm', relevant as much today as when it was composed, is for everyone.

Nor is there any escape from its implications; wealth and riches you cannot take them with you. Only if you understand this may God ransom your soul; from the grasp of death shall he take you

PSALM 49

1. Here this, all you peoples; listen, all you who dwell in the world,

2. You of low or high degree, both rich and poor together.

3. My mouth shall speak of wisdom and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

4. I will incline my ear to a parable; I will unfold my riddle with the lyre.

5. Why should I fear in evil days, when the malice of my foes surrounds me.

6. Such as trust in their goods and glory in the abundance of their

riches?

7. For no one can indeed ransom another or pay to God the price of deliverance.

8. To ransom a soul is too costly; there is no price one could pay for it,

9. So that they might live for ever; and never see the grave.

10. For we see that the wise die also; with the foolish and ignorant they perish and leave their riches to others.

11. Their tomb is their home for ever; their dwelling through all generations, though they call their lands after their own names.

12. Those who have honour, but lack understanding, are like the beasts that perish.

13. Such is the way of those who boast in themselves, the end of those who delight in their own words.

14. Like a flock of sheep they are

destined to die; death is their shepherd; they go straight down to the Pit.

15. Their beauty shall waste away and the land of the dead shall be their dwelling.

16. But God shall ransom my soul; from the grasp of death shall he take me.

17. Be not afraid if some grow rich and the glory of their house increases,

18. For they will carry nothing away when they die, nor will their glory follow after them.

19. Though they count themselves happy while they live and praise you for your success,

20. They shall enter the company of their ancestors who will nevermore see the light.

21. Those who have honour, but lack understanding, are like the beasts that perish.

Bible readings April 2023				
Date	OT Readings	NT Readings		
Sun 2 nd April Palm Sunday	No reading	Matthew 21: 1 - 11		
Sun 9 th Easter Sunday	Acts 10: 34 - 43	John 20: 1 - 18		
Sun 16 th	Acts 2: 14a, 22 - 32	John 20: 19 - 31		
Sun 23 rd	Acts 2: 14a; 36 - 41	Luke 24: 13 - 35		
Sun 30 th (Mission Community service hosted by St Michael's Church, Shute)	Acts 2: 42 - 47	John 10: 1 – 10		
Sun 7 th May (Mission Community Service hosted by St Giles's Church Kilmington to celebrate the coronation)		John 14: 1 - 14		

From the **registers**

Funerals

The funeral of **John Martell**, of Kilmington, took place on Saturday, March 11th at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, followed by burial in the churchyard

The funeral of **Christopher Alan Thomas**, of Shute, took place on Tuesday, March 14th at St Michael's Church, Shute

We extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends

<u>Weddings</u>

The marriage of Jane Elford and Ciaran Goold took place on Saturday, March 25th at St Michael's Church, Shute. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Goold, who have made their home on Anglesey

CHURCH NEWS

Art club reaches out to novice painters

By Roderick Ovey

AS well as our core function of being a place of worship we, the Dalwood Methodist Church, feel it is part of our mission to reach out into the community, and one of the ways we do this is with the art club we run.

The club started in October 2004 at the Axminster Methodist Church as a form of church outreach, and when that closed we brought it here to Dalwood.

There are other art clubs in the area

run on more traditional lines, but ours is aimed at those who perhaps had never painted before and would like teaching by encouragement in an informal atmosphere.

From the outset, the pastoral side of the meeting has been as important as the painting, and we have found that the relaxed atmosphere in no way impedes the individual's ability to make progress.

We meet at the chapel on every other Wednesday from 2pm until 4pm, and subscriptions are only £2 per session, which includes tea or coffee and biscuits. The price is low as we don't want people to be put off by being too expensive. At this sort of price we can't afford to get in demonstrators, as the mainstream clubs do, but look to improve our skills by sharing our talents with other members.

If you are interested in joining please give me a ring on 01297 442433 or contact me on rod.ovey@btinternet.com. New members are always welcome. Our 11am Sunday services assure a very warm welcome.

WHEN	WHAT		
Sunday, April 2nd From 10am	Palm Sunday – Starting at Shute Common, Kilmington Village Palm Sunday Procession, finishing at St Giles's Church for 11am service		
Sunday, April 2nd 11am	Joint-worship service with friends of St Giles's Church (held at St Giles's) with Pastor Mike sharing God's word		
Sunday, April 2nd 6.30pm	Church prayer meeting at The Baptist Church, Kilmington		
Good Friday April 7th, 10am	Special Good Friday reflective communion service followed by refreshments and hot cross buns – all welcome		
Saturday, April 8th 10am-12noon	Easter Trail starting at The Beacon		
Sunday, April 9th 10.30am	Easter Sunday: worship service — Living Hope!		
Easter Week April 3rd-7th between 12noon-12.30pm The church will be open for anyone to join with a for prayer and quiet reflection			

KILMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH —

SEE PAGE 22 FOR MORE EVENTS AT KILMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Bishop opens 'best kept secret' garden

THE garden of the Bishop's Palace is one of the best kept secrets in Exeter.

It covers three acres and is one of the most ancient in Devon. Bounded by the old Roman bank and city wall to the east, and by the cathedral to the west, it is a haven of peace in the middle of the city.

In spring it is a picture with wave after wave of spring flowers, starting with carpets of snowdrops, crocus, daffodils, narcissi and finally bluebells under the copper beech trees. The garden is rarely open to the public, but this year, Bishop Robert, is opening the grounds in aid of Devon Historic Churches Trust, a countywide charity that offers grants for the repair and upkeep of the churches.

Everyone is invited to come and walk around the garden with family and friends, and glance up at the magnificent cathedral.

The open day will be on Sunday, April 2nd, 2-4pm. Entry: £4 and children free. No unaccompanied children please.

Saying goodbye: baby loss service

A SAYING Goodbye service will be held by The Mariposa Trust on Saturday, April 15th, 10.30am, at Exeter Cathedral.

This service is for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss.

Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility, or for other reasons — but all are welcome.

Babies and children are also invited to come with their families, as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all.

It is known that as 1 in 4 women suffer miscarriage and baby loss, most people will have contact with a significant number of people who have either personally suffered baby loss, or who have a partner or family member that has.

To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, at: www.sayinggoodbye.org.

Rev Julie Lomas

For more information on the Five Alive Mission Community please visit www.fivealive.org

CHURCH NEWS

APPRECIATION FOR MISSION'S UKRAINE APPEAL DONATIONS

By Rev Julie Lomas

TO mark the anniversary of the Russian forces invading Ukraine, the **Five Alive Mission Community** decided to work once again with Devon charity CR2EE — www.CR2EE to collect supplies to be driven to the war-torn areas of Ukraine, and also neighbouring country Moldova.

Yet again, the response has been amazing, with contributions from each of the parishes collected in our churches over just a couple of weeks.

Hugh Scudder, who set up CR2EE about 30 years ago, arrived in Yarcombe on Sunday, March 5th with an empty estate car and, after giving us his eye-witness account of the situation and the needs of the people, he drove away with his car filled to the roof with our donations.

Hugh said: "I just wanted to say 'thank you' for the invitation to come to Yarcombe. I very much appreciate your support and prayers, not to mention the wonderful fellowship.

"I would also like to thank you for the donations of goods, only just fitted it all into my car, and £120 plus the cheque, all very much appreciated. Please continue to pray, so very important."

CR2EE send out an articulated truck



every six to eight weeks, so we will keep everyone informed of what is being asked for and how to donate via the five parishes.

Financial donations are also needed to pay for fuel. Thanks once again for all the support and donations.

HUGH Scudder gives an eyewitness report, above; and with some of the items donated, right



ON February 19th, a special service took place in Dalwood.

Following on from the Five Alive Mission Community service at the beginning of the month, featured in last month's magazine; members of the parish church, who had undergone safeguarding training, were awarded certificates to acknowledge their commitment to protecting vulnerable people.

Rev Julie Lomas's sermon highlighted the importance of being aware of problems in any community, and how Jesus particularly spoke about those who needed protection.

She said that while we often concern ourselves with abuse directed at children, it is very often adults who are vulnerable.

Safeguarding volunteers awarded certificates following special training



MEMBERS of the church who have completed safeguarding training receive Caroline Nunns their certificates

CHURCH NEWS

Church of England update on blessings for same-sex couples

By Rev Julie Lomas

READERS of *The Parishes' Paper* will recall last month's issue included statements from the national church, and from our Diocese, both made in January (March issue, pages 20-21).

In February, General Synod met, debated, prayed and voted on the proposals put to them.

The Church of England issued a statement on February 9th.

The Church of England's General Synod has welcomed proposals which would enable same-sex couples to come to church after a civil marriage or civil partnership to give thanks, dedicate their relationship to God and receive God's blessing.

Synod members also voted to "lament and repent" of the failure of the church to welcome LGBTQI+ people and for the harm that LGBTQI+ people have experienced – and continue to experience – in churches.

A motion which details and recognises a series of proposals put forward by the bishops on human identity and marriage was agreed by majorities in the Houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity after a landmark debate over two days. Earlier this week Synod members also met in small groups to consider and comment on a set of draft texts known as Prayers of Love and Faith, which could be used voluntarily in churches for couples who have marked a significant stage of their relationship such as a civil marriage or civil partnership.

Synod's comments will now guide the bishops as they refine those texts carefully and prepare new pastoral guidance for the Church on sexuality and marriage in the coming months before the prayers are formally commended for use in churches.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, said: "It has been a long road to get us to this point.

"For the first time, the Church of England will publicly, unreservedly and joyfully welcome same-sex couples in church.

"The Church continues to have deep differences on these questions which go to the heart of our human identity.

"As Archbishops, we are committed to respecting the conscience of those for whom this goes too far and to ensure that they have all the reassurances they need in order to maintain the unity of the Church as this conversation continues.

"We hope that today's thoughtful, prayerful debate marks a new beginning for the Church as we seek a way forward, listening to each other and most of all to God.

"Above all we continue to pray, as Jesus himself prayed, for the unity of his church and that we would love one another."

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who led the debate and chairs the group which oversaw the development of the proposals, said: "This is a moment of hope for the Church. I know that what we have proposed as a way forward does not go nearly far enough for many but too far for others.

"It is my prayer that what has been agreed today will represent a step forward for all of us within the Church — including LGBTQI+ people — as we remain committed to walking together.

"We have always said we will listen carefully to Synod, so over the next few months we will reflect on everything which has been said and prepare new pastoral guidance for the Church on matters of sexuality and marriage. We will also refine the texts of Prayers of Love and Faith."

Tawain 'voices' heard at special prayer service

THIS year, the women of Taiwan had written the service for World Day of Prayer, which is shared around the world for 24 hours, starting in Western Samoa in the Pacific Ocean and ending in American Samoa.

Everyone gets to learn something about the country's geography, economics, politics, social life and religion. We heard from the 'voices' of Taiwanese women about some of the problems they face and how their faith has helped them. It was a lovely service at Kilmington Baptist Church and a wonderful lunch was enjoyed afterwards, including specially cooked Taiwanese beef soup with rice. Next year's service will be written by the Women of Palestine, which should also be very interesting.

Mary Harrison





DALWOOD NEWS

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Players' plea

THE Corrydale Players will return after four years with a new show, Under the Rainbow.

The theatre group is looking for people to join the on-stage cast in this colourful and fun extravaganza of verse, movement and song which will run on August 23rd, 24th and 25th.

Show organisers are seeking new talent with age no barrier — from the young to the not-so-young.

Anyone who sings, plays an instrument, acts, recites or dances is encouraged to attend a meeting on Tuesday, April 4th, 7pm, at Dalwood Village Hall.

Please contact Shelagh on 01404 881193 or via email at bsfearnley@icloud.com; George on 01404 881442 or via email at george@marshall.co.uk; or Brian on 01404 831009 or via email at bandceddy@outlook.com.

In the name of The King

DALWOOD Recreation Trust and Dalwood Parish Council are inviting everyone to join together to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

On Saturday, May 6th from 6pm, locals are invited to raise a toast to His Majesty on the Jubilee Field.

The dress code for the occasion will be the colours red, white and blue and there will be a fancy dress competition for children.

A barbecue, fireworks and music will be provided — to include food for all to entertain the crowds.

Those attending are asked to please bring their own drinks and plastic glasses.

All donations gratefully received.





St Peter's Church, Dalwood Sunday 9th April, 9.30am



Easter Sunday Holy Communion

followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard. Please also bring one of your Easter Eggs to the service!



DALWOOD NEWS

SHELAGH: A DAME!

By Sue Cooper

SATURDAY, February 11th was a very special day for an even more special lady.

In St Augustine's Church in Seaton, following Mass, Shelagh Fearnley was presented with a Papal Award by Father Jacek Kostuck. This award, a decoration from the Holy See, Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, is called The Order of St Gregory the Great. This honour was bestowed only to men until 1994 when women were then admissible to the Order.

The medal, very rarely given, is in recognition of Shelagh's significant charitable work, but in particular, her work with the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). The process from nomination through to Papal recognition has been a long one... some 19 months.

Shelagh is very well known in

Dalwood village, leading various organisations and being secretary for others, and has a reputation for getting things done.

However, the Catholic Children's Society, a voluntary charitable agency, has benefitted greatly from her input as chair over the past 10 years. She modernised the charity, moved it forward and had the vision and foresight necessary for future management.

Her professional background as a senior clinical psychologist meant that she was very well placed to have a deep understanding of families in need.

Those who know Shelagh admire her grit and determination and her championing of the underdog.

The award is so well deserved and comes with two privileges — the right to ride a horse through St Peter's Basilica and to be called a dame! Congratulations, Dame Shelagh.







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We have easter eggs, chocolates and much more come in and see ...

Could you buy **I** more item when you call in ?

SHOP OPENING TIMES

 Monday- Friday:
 8.30am - 5.30pm

 Saturday:
 8.30am - 4.00pm

 Sunday:
 8.30am - 12.30pm

POST OFFICE opening times FRIDAY 10.00am -12.00pm

DALWOOD NEWS

Hot competition at villagers' quiz

DALWOODIANS are clearly a very competitive lot — the village hall was packed with would-be quizzers for St Peter's Church Quiz Night recently.

Brian Eddy nobly stepped in as quiz

Sewing seeds for plant sale

DALWOOD Recreational Trust is organising a plant sale in the village on May 13th.

Anyone who would like to grow any plants from seeds for this sale can find packets of seeds in Dalwood shop, so please come and help yourselves.

For further information, please refer to details in the May edition of *The Parishes' Paper* or contact Shelagh Fearnley on 01404 881193 or Sue Drew on 01404 881688. master and did a great job, with good humour and staying very patient when he had to explain a question several times.

Dalwoodians also know how to enjoy themselves and there was much laughter and discussion around the room.

A simple ploughman's, prepared by Sue Drew and helpers, was much appreciated to fuel the thoughts, as



was the supplies provided by Peter Major at the bar!

Villagers are also a very generous lot — a total profit of £650 was made, to be split between St Peter's Church and the DEC Turkey/Syria appeal. Many thanks to everyone who helped or came along.

Mary Harrison

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DALWOOD RECREATION TRUST CHARITY FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 2023 DALWOOD VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM 2 COURSE MEAL FOR £15

(Vegetarian and non-curry meals also on the menu) TICKETS AVAILABLE AT DALWOOD SHOP OR RING SHELAGH 01404 881198 OR HILARY 01404 881707 COME AND JOIN US AND ENJOY A MAGICAL EVENING OF FOOD DRINK AND MUSIC





KILMINGTON NEWS

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Record turnout for charity breakfast

By Christopher Thorne

WHAT a fantastic turnout for the village BIG Breakfast, which was held at Kilmington Village Hall on Saturday, March 11th.

I am reliably informed that it was a record turnout. Counting is continuing to find out exactly how much money was raised for Cancer Research.

The helpers were obviously overwhelmed at times with seats and

ELANA-MAY Blackmore and Christopher Thorne tuck into their breakfasts with Jenny Nickolls, behind, at her cake stall. Below, one of the delicious dishes. Bottom right, locals catch up over a bite to eat tables in short supply despite all of the village hall being used including the stage. There was a raffle and a stall full of

cakes, I believe that my wife purchased most of the cakes, at least that was what it felt like as I loaded up my car!

All of those involved, you did a wonderful job and you should all feel very proud of yourselves.

I am sure that the charity will be very grateful with what I am sure will be a lot of money raised.





A jigsaw library

OUR friends at Kilmington Baptist Church now have a jigsaw library — on offer every day.

You can drop in and pick up a puzzle, make it up at home, then it can be returned and then you can try a different one. What a fantastic idea.

Rev Julie Lomas





Memories of John shared

John Martell 1940 to 2023

I FIRST met John in 1965 when he joined our business in Axminster having worked for a firm at Sandbanks, Poole, as an estate agent, and by coincidence over the years we became neighbours in Kilmington.

He was a man of strong principles and with his family was involved in village life, particularly as a Kilmington Primary School governor for 40 years.

He had many interests amongst which was his involvement with the Axe Valley Canoe Club, being a founder member; a love of rugby; reading and gardening.

As a colleague at work, John was never late in the morning, extremely conscientious, reliable and with a wonderful sense of humour. Many was the time I would ask, "How are you?" when he was obviously not well, but he always replied, "Fine," and rarely had a day off.

A long time with illness lately was borne with stoicism. He will be remembered in Kilmington for many years and I am sure Pat and family will have many good memories in the future as well.

Chris Bolton

KILMINGTON NEWS



JUDITH Simpson spotted this lizard on Kilmington Common recently

Jeanette's walking raises cash for leukaemia charity

By Jeanette Porter

LAST November, I was diagnosed with myeloma — a blood cancer. As I do not drive, ELF (Exeter Leukaemia Fund) has been transporting me to and from Exeter hospital once each week for my chemo.

ELF describes itself as "supporting patients and families affected by blood cancer and related conditions across the South West". It used to have a shop in Axminster which closed due to Covid-19.

Exeter Leukaemia Fund is an amazing organisation: so much more than just a fund. Based at Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Wonford, ELF can give advice on many things which can affect leukaemia patients. Contact 01392 493344 or visit enquiries@elfcharity.org.uk for support or information. The drivers who drive the ELF cars are all so kind and considerate.

During February and March, I have been walking nearly every day to raise funds for ELF; so far, I have managed just over a mile a day. My target amount is £810 for my 81st birthday. To sponsor my walking, you can donate at: www.justgiving.com/ fundraising/jeanette-porter1.

• Jeanette raised £800 for Hospiscare in 2022 again by walking every day —that time was in memory of her husband, who died of cancer during Covid. Now she has cancer herself but is doing this amazing job. The village is very proud of her.

Rev Julie Lomas

Jeanette's seeing how far she can walk in Feb & March for ELF!

"I've set myself this challenge as a thank you to ELF for transporting me each week from Axminster to the RD&E. My goal is to raise E810 by my 81st birthday at the end of March"



Sponsor Jeanette: www.justgiving.com/ undraising/jeanette-porter1 Celebrate Together St Giles Church Kilmington EX13 7RF



The Theme: "Easter Praise" Saturday 8th April 2023 At 3:00pm

Invites you to a special service for all, especially for people with learning difficulties, their support workers, family and friends. Tea afterwards. Please note that there is ample parking and level access,

For further information please ring Christine Thorne 07814041059

KILMINGTON NEWS



Dear friends honoured at 'together' service

By Elana-May Blackmore

ON Saturday, February 11th the theme at St Giles's Church, for the Celebrate Together service was based on the passage in the Bible — Finding the Lost Coin.

The group was continuing the theme of 'lost'. The congregation was involved in the drama by looking for the Lost Coin. Adults with additional needs, parents and carers were involved by shaking blankets and searching in socks, boxes, hats, and laundry bags.

The service was led by Anna Crabbe with Christine Thorne reading the drama, and Greta Lidster playing the widow who had lost her coin.

The fantastic Margert Hurford assisted with the music for the service, playing every tune on the piano. Thanks goes to her as without her help there would be no music which would be very sad and dull.

Everyone especially enjoyed singing Amazing Grace and The Spirit Lives to Set Us Free, as well as the songs which are regulars for the Celebrate Together occasions.

During the service, dear friends who were no longer with us were honoured — Diana Mellows and Jenny Hemmings. They both had such hearts for the Celebrate Together services and played vital parts within them. The Celebrate Together team sorely miss them, they were so incredible with everyone and were compassionate and servant hearted. They are missed by everyone.

To finish, a special prayer was said for those in Turkey and Syria, it is terrible that so many people are suffering in that part of the world at this time.

Once again, following the service, a glorious selection of food was provided by the wonderful catering ladies. The food was devoured by all.

The group is blessed by those who give their time to make these services so special.

The next Celebrate Together service will take place on Saturday, April 8th with the theme, Easter Praise. Everyone is welcome, and there is level access. Please contact Christine Thorne on 07814 041059 for further information. It would be great to see some new faces as well as the regulars.

Memorial service for late Elizabeth Foster

THERE is to be a service held for the late Elizabeth Foster on Tuesday, 2nd May, 2pm at St Giles's Church.

Elizabeth was a regular member of the congregation at St Giles's and she has been sorely missed and, after the service, there will be refreshments available in the Kilmington Village Hall.

There has been a request from the

family to ask those who intend to attend the funeral, could they please inform the family of that intention and whether they will be staying for refreshments.

Elizabeth died at the start of the pandemic and the family were unable to hold a proper funeral or gettogether.

Elizabeth's son, David Whitney, and

his brother both live in Australia which has added to the problems in being able to arrange this service. A reminder will be sent out closer to the date.

To contact David please use pickwhitney@gmail.com or there is a folder in St Giles's Church to record any intention to attend.

Christopher Thorne

Charity Lent lunch events to continue until April

LENT Lunches are continuing to be held in Kilmington every Thursday with the last on Thursday, April 6th.

These lunch events are being held at the pavilion, which overlooks Kilmington Cricket Pitch, from 12noon-1.15pm.

Soup, bread, cheese, teas, coffees and good company is offered with donations welcome. This year, proceeds will go to Tearfund and The Children's Society. For any enquiries please contact Christine Thorne on 07814 041059. *Christine Thorne*



STOCKLAND NEWS

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PAUSE FOR PRAYER

From Green Heart of the Snowdrop by Kate McIlhagga

Creator of All

Creator of the galaxies, Ruler of the uttermost reaches of Space,

you are nearer to us than hands and feet.

closer to us than our next breath.

We sense your Presence

in the tightly curled rosebud

and in the open arms of a golden beach.

We hear you in the sound of wind and waves

and in the soft chatter of happy children.

Your Presence is woven into the life of the world

and into our lives

and we are glad to sing your praise.

Contributed by Philippa Wilks



HEAD of School at Stockland C of E Primary Academy Beccy Bendall, left, and Rev Julie Lomas

Photos courtesy of Stockland Academy

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S OFFICIAL WELCOME

STOCKLAND C of E Primary Academy and the Diocese of Exeter officially welcomed Miss Beccy Bendall, the recently appointed Head of School, with a commissioning service at St Michael and All Angels Church in the village of Stockland.

The service, which took place on Tuesday, February 28th, was an opportunity for the parish, staff, parents and pupils to welcome and affirm Miss Bendall in her role as Head of School.

The service was delivered by Rev Julie Lomas, Minister of Religion (Church of England) and Priest-in-charge of the Five Alive Mission Community including Stockland church.

Rev Julie opened with: "On behalf of all of us in the church and community here in Stockland, we are thankful to God for bringing Miss Bendall to our school.

"During the service we promised to hold her, and all who attend the school in any capacity, in our thoughts and prayers, and we are looking forward to working closely together for the benefit of our young people, the staff team and our community."

The service was both a celebration and a commitment from Miss Bendall and the school community to offer their support as she takes on her role. It was also a welcome into the diocesan family of schools.

The service was a delightful event with readings delivered by a number of pupils from the Stockland Primary Academy; prayers were shared, gifts were presented and there was some outstanding singing. Miss Bendall was also presented with the keys to the school, symbolising the responsibility entrusted to Miss Bendall by Caroline Lancey, Associate Head of Accelerated Learning from The Redstart Learning Partnership.

Caroline warmly welcomed Miss Bendall stating that "it was such a privilege to be a part of Miss Bendall's first steps on her journey of Headship at Stockland Church of England Primary Academy".

During the service, the children of Stockland were impeccably behaved and did themselves proud. They enjoyed the singing and the opportunity to be part of the service.

Beccy Bendall, Head of School added: "I feel extremely privileged to be Head of School at Stockland C of E Primary Academy: the Commissioning Service to mark my appointment was wonderful. To be joined by the children, staff, parents and members of the community was really special. The children performed their readings beautifully and were a credit to the school".

Finally, Debbie Eveleigh, EDEN Director, was keen to share her thoughts: "The service was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to demonstrate their commitment to working together with Miss Bendall in her new, permanent role as Head of Stockland Primary Academy.

"Also with the schoolchildren, their families, staff, Exeter Diocese Education Department, together with The Redstart Learning Partnership, local villages, communities and church members pledging their support.

"The children seemed to really understand the significance of the service — their whole-hearted singing really let everyone know how delighted they were at being part of this special service."

> Beth Souster Redstart Partnership

Send us your Five Alive news, activities and nature photos Stockland correspondent Gill Metcalfe - gilldog12@gmail.com

STOCKLAND NEWS

Packed ladies' lunch

By Gill Metcalfe

THE luncheon ladies' first Wednesday comes around so quickly: one moment the group are together for coffee, and then the next for a three-course lunch – and a month has disappeared.

With numbers ever-constant and at times increasing, it is proving a lively and popular event.

Members of the group have thoroughly enjoyed the cakes and hot drinks and the outstanding lunches which the chef has treated them to throughout.

The most recent lunch was no different — but for the new chef, Robert, to pop in to say hello and was heartily welcomed by the group.

Even in the short time of his taking on the post, he has started to build up an applaudable reputation.

The menu did not disappoint: the nowfamed King's Arms' ham, egg(s) and chips, sausage and mash with onion gravy and seasonal vegetables, and cauliflower steaks were clearly appreciated. All was quiet as everyone tucked in. Each meal was genuinely delicious.

It is amazing the amount of goodhearted and even serious chatter that is generated on these occasions — and then there is the laughter that somehow only a simple raffle can engender. This time the draw was based on the less than humble and the currently unavailable tomato! Several tomatoes were however, on view, along with the heavily tomato-based pack of baked beans: most prized wins!

All round an excellent luncheon. Thanks go to all who contributed to the enjoyment and to hosts the King's Arms staff for ensuring the continued success of the venture.

Reminder to think ahead and book for the coffee morning on Wednesday, April 5th; hopefully the skittle alley will be available to enable circulation and sharing of news. Please contact Jane Wedlock on janewedlock@live.co.uk or 01404 881817 or 07944 926676, then make sure it's in your diary.



Jan's church friends legacy

By Jane Wedlock

THE present church in Stockland has stood with many changes for over 500 years and has been cared for, repaired and improved due to the generosity of those who have lived in the parish.

It is well known in these days of rising costs that it is becoming increasingly expensive to maintain the fabric of the church and enhance the appearance of the churchyard.

These were the thoughts of the late Jan Bowden when she founded the organisation known as Friends of St Michael and All Angels in 1998. She felt that everyone had a duty to hand such an important piece of heritage to successors in as good, if not better, condition than it was inherited. To this end, together with the vicar and a loyal band of like-minded people drawn from the village and its surroundings, she set to work organising fundraising activities.

By 2001, the organisation had become a registered charity enabling it to claim back tax on donations and membership contributions. The church had been provided with new altar curtains, pew cushions, improvements to surrounding paths, a garden shed, carpet runners, organ maintenance and prize books for Sunday school children.

Membership details are included in the welcome packs given to newcomers in the hope that Jan's work will continue into the future.

Individual subscription is £10 per annum or family membership is £20 per annum. Contact details for anyone who would like to join the Friends are included in the directory on page 30.



David moves

DAVID Edye, pictured, recently moved to his new retirement home in Exmouth.

He has been a well respected resident of Stockland over the past three decades, living firstly at Cuckfold Farm for over 28 years and latterly at Paradise Farm.

David has been an enthusiastic and capable member of the parochial church council and with his wife, Margaret, who sadly died four years ago, much-loved residents.

He became involved in and supported village life and would be seen running a stall at the Stockland Fair, participating at quiz nights, the tennis club, church dances and harvest and Easter lunches.

David took over the role of church treasurer at a difficult financial time and steered the church council successfully through it. As a sideman, he would give a warm welcome to parishioners and visitors as well as setting up for services, including the 8am communion service winter and summer. We wish him a long and happy time in his new home with a view of the sea and continued support from his two sons and their families.

Philip Donne-Davis

100 club draw

MANY thanks to all who have paid up 2023 subscriptions for Stockland Victory Hall 100 Club.

The first draws have been made, congratulations to all winners.

January winners: No 42 - Tim and Pat Shepheard Walwyn, £20; No 5 -

Bill and Cara Gilmour White, £10; No 66 - Roger and Kelly Patch, £5. February winners: No 38 -Duncan Stevens, £20; No 63 - Ian Buck, £10; No 28 - Graham and Jenny Sorrill, £5.

STOCKLAND NEWS

Enjoyable Easter brunch and walk

THE annual Easter Monday Brunch in aid of Stockland church will take place on Easter Monday, April 10th from 10am-12noon at Stockland Victory Hall.

A full breakfast will be served at a cost of £9 for adults, £5 for under-11s.

Brunch will then be followed by the Easter walk, led by Bryan Drew starting at 12.30pm, meeting at the village hall car park. Wellingtons or good footwear a necessity.

A raffle in support of church funds will also feature. Irrespective of the weather, the brunch and the following walk are truly enjoyable.

For further information contact Bryan Drew on 01404 881538

> Stockland church committee

Call for fantastic fair help

By Gill Metcalfe

STOCKLAND Fair committee is delighted to confirm the recipients of grants from last year's fair.

Thanks go to everyone who helped to prepare the fairground, manned stalls, baked cakes and gave their time — all their hard work has helped to raise a fabulous amount for local charities.

In addition to our main named charity, Hospiscare, donations have been made to: Stockland Victory Hall, to fund resurfacing work in the car park area; Stockland and Yarcombe Preschool, to fund the expansion of the preschool garden; Stockland parish church to repair flood damage and electrical wiring; Axminster Rotary Club; and a contribution towards the village planters so everyone can all enjoy some glorious spring bulbs and summer flowers.

It is wonderful to have such a fantastic range of local causes benefit. Local charitable groups looking for support can get in touch with the committee to be considered next year. The group would also love to hear from crafty folk and makers who may be interested in a stall at this year's event on Monday, May 29th — contact Annie Williams on 01404 881521.

The success of the fair depends on the amazing help and support that Stockland residents so generously provide to make the magic happen. Anyone able to help please add the following dates to diaries, so we can ensure many hands make light work: Saturday, May 14th - initial village cleanup; Saturday, May 21st - reserve village clean-up (in case of bad weather the weekend before!); Sunday, May 28th fair set-up; Monday, May 29th - fair day and initial take-down; Tuesday, May 30th - final clean-up.

Stockland Fair committee



Stockland Coronation Tea Payto Dease Join us on celebrating the Sings Coronation Sunday 7th May 2023 2-4pm Stockland Village Hall Tea, Cake and Rounders Everyone welcome - no booking required Veryone welcome - no booking required Dease donate either a cake to share or a contribution to the hall



SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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All welcome at the Coronation Bar and other events following hall's upgrade

By Kay Orsman

DURING the Covid-19 pandemic, the Whitford Village Hall was upgraded with new decoration inside and out, including new heating, internet access and, in October last year, the 'newlook' Coronation Bar was opened.

It now has a new team of volunteers who run the bar every Thursday evening between 8pm-10.30pm and on the first Sunday of the month, there is a lunchtime bar from 12noon-2.30pm. On sale are draft lager, beer and cider together with a new selection of wines. This is the ideal place to 'pop in' and meet with other local people for a chat and drink.

The Coronation Bar has now been open for nearly six months and has a regular cliental, along with newcomers who pop by to enjoy the friendly banter.

Once a month, a special evening is put on — skittles, theme nights or just games. Usually, on these evenings snacks are available which can be purchased. The latest special evening was a 'pasty and pint' night which proved popular and was very well attended.

Whitford Village Hall Committee tries hard to bring together the locals as well as the wider community of the parish and surrounding villages. All are welcome to join in the events which are aimed to make everyone feel at home in the surroundings.

Several regular groups hire the village hall for yoga, pilates, short mat bowls, WI, children's dance lessons and Whitford Wombles (crafting). We have availability for other groups or individuals to use the facilities on offer such as a table tennis table and an upright piano so please get in touch if interested.

Anyone with ideas for new activities, especially in the daytime period, please let the committee know.

• Are you working from home but would like to meet up with another colleague for an hour or two? If so, the small Coronation Room may be



A SIGHTING of the Easter Bunny at Whitford

an ideal solution for you to meet up and collaborate. Whitford Village Hall has all the wi-fi you will need.

• Are you a crafter who would like the opportunity to work in a larger space and have a chat with likeminded people?

• Perhaps you would just like a place to meet other people and have a chat over a coffee or a cup of tea? If so, get in touch.

During April, regular activities will begin alongside the following:

• April 2nd – An event for both kids and big kids. An Alice in Wonderland treasure hunt starting at 11am. A short wander around the village looking for items associated with the story. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The trail will end up at the village hall where the Coronation Bar will be open for a

Photo by Kay Orsman

drink and lunch will be on sale: hot dogs and a drink for the kids and a ploughman's lunch for the adults. Please book your space for the treasure hunt, lunch, or both.

• April 20th – Special bar night will be the last skittles of the season and a snack will be available to order. Bookings are taken to reserve a place.

• May 7th – Coronation get-together, more details nearer the day.

• May 25th – Special bar night with a snack. The theme will be Allo, Allo, and will include French-inspired games.

Anyone who would like to book the village hall, attend any of the events or just offer help or suggestions, please make contact via email whitfordbookings@btinternet.com or call 01297 552760.

SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

Walk date to save

SAVE the date for a special walk from Whitford Chapel to its mother church of St Michael's Church, Shute on May 14th.

This is based on the old medieval tradition of the Rogation-tide processions and bound-beating, intended to bless the fields and the parish at large.

One of the banners in Shute church which will be used for this traditional walk is pictured. More details to follow in the May issue.

Bijan Omrani



Village events

UMBORNE Village Hall needs a renovation project outside.

The decking around the hall needs renewing as it is unsafe and the trustees are calling for people in the community to help pull up the old and replace with new.

Anyone willing and able is asked to come to the hall at 10am on Saturday, April 15th. Wear suitable PPE for manual work — gloves, boots and overalls.

On Monday, May 8th, a celebration is planned for The King's Coronation. Tea and entertainment similar to the Queen's Platinum anniversary was celebrated.

The Umborne Ug and Barbecue will be held on Saturday, June 24th, starting at 6pm.



THE Umborne Big Breakfast raised funds for the Fiona Eye Fund on March 11th. Many thanks go to the volunteers and organisers and, of course, to the breakfast eaters!

Photo: Rev Julie Lomas

Force ambassador's talk

By Linda Ambler

UPCOMING meetings of Umborne Ladies include a visit to Burrow Farm Gardens on April 6th at 10am and at Umborne Village Hall on May 11th at 7.30pm.

Anne Swithinbank will attend the latter, presenting a talk titled Foraging from the Garden — finding useful plants for dyes, teas and flavourings. All visitors will be welcome. Tickets cost £5, including refreshments and a raffle ticket. All are welcome, please contact annshepherd@outlook.com.

Since 1987, Devon's lucky residents have been able to access the invaluable services and resources of Force. On March 2nd, Meriel Fishwick, who has worked for Force for 30 years, came to enlighten the Umborne Ladies — and men, who are always welcome — on how this amazing cancer charity began. It started in the very early days of support for cancer sufferers, and has grown and developed with the help of medics, physios, complementary practitioners and loyal volunteers.

It now has a whole centre based at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Wonford, and outreach centres at Tiverton, Crediton and Honiton, providing amongst other things, chemotherapy treatment locally so reducing the time spent for patients travelling into Exeter.

Money goes to research projects, and to buy equipment that will enhance the experience of patients at home or in hospital.

The charity costs £1.7million to run annually, none of which comes routinely from the Government, NHS or other national sources. So all support of their fundraising efforts, is vital.

World Book Day finds in the chapel

OLD books with dedication pages inside the covers were discovered on World Book Day, March 2nd, in Whitford church.

The Prayer Book as proposed in 1928 is dedicated to the memory of Seymour Whidborne of Long Chimney, Whitford. Does anyone have any information to share on the 60th anniversary of this donation, either about Mr Whidborne or his wife and children?

Easter next year will also see the 60th anniversary of the presentation of the Bible by Mrs G Loud and we know the Loud family are still in residence in the area. Perhaps they can shed some light on Mrs G Loud, and her connections to Whitford church.

Please send any information to either Rev Julie Lomas or Bijan Omrani.



YARCOMBE NEWS

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Charity tractor run raises £3k

By Chloe Webber

FEBRUARY was certainly not a quiet month for Yarcombe and District Young Farmers' Club (YFC), which continued to have meetings in halls discussing upcoming events. Also, members were busy getting organised for the tractor run and other events.

Earlier in the year, members played against Honiton YFC in pub sports taking part in pool, darts and skittles, winning the pool and darts. More games coming up against other clubs soon.

In February, members from Blackdown Farm Vets came to talk at the monthly meeting about 'The changing role of the farm vet'. This was a very informative talk, with massive thanks going to them for attending.

The club has received a letter of thanks from Yarcombe church for helping with the churchyard tidy-up in February. Thanks go to those who



helped out, it is very much appreciated.

On Sunday, February 12th, the club's 'entertains' re-run was held. Well done to all those who took part in the re-run and the extra entertainment. Thanks go to everyone who helped out on the day serving tea and cakes. A total of £654.76 was raised for the chosen

charity, Hospiscare.

On Sunday, February 26th, the charity tractor run was held. It started and finished at Stopgate by kind permission of the Barnes family.

Thanks go to everyone who helped out on the day including Complete Meats for supplying the food; and Buglers and Hamblys for supplying the Dynos.

The event could not have run as smoothly without everyone's help. Over 100 tractors attended and around £3,159 was raised for Hospiscare, which the entire group was very proud of — well done, Yarcombe YFC!

The 'pub of the month' was held in March at the York Inn with live music and there is a barn disco coming up on Friday, April 14th.

If anyone has any questions and would like to become involved with Young Farmers' Club, please contact chairman Will Vining on 07850 605542. Club meetings take place every other week in either Yarcombe or Upottery village halls, 8pm start.

	YARCOMBE WEATH	ER FEBRUARY 20	023
	2023	2022	2021
Average Max. temperature	9.8°C	10.3°C	8.4°C
Average Min.	3.7°C	4.7°C	3.3°C
Average Overall temperature	6.7°C	7.5°C	5.8°C
Rainfall	12.8 mm	92.2mm	120.3 mm
Wettest Day	21st 3.2mm	13th 22.2mm	13th 16.6 mm
Sunniest Day	19th 9 hrs approx	25th 8 hrs	28th 10 hrs
Warmest Day	19th 12.7°C	16th 13.1°C	26th 11.7°C
Coldest Night	10th 1.4°C	11th -0.5°C	11th -4.5°C
Sunshine hours.	83 hours approx	92 hrs	88 hrs

The driest February since I started recording the Yarcombe weather in 2007. The temperature was slightly above average for February but most days, if you take the wind chill factor into account, the temperature would have been 3° C lower.

Tony Newman

PLEASE SEND ALL YOUR YARCOMBE NEWS AND PHOTOS TO Rebecca Bell - email: rebecca.e.bell@outlook.com

An 'abundance of the known' thanks to local authors' books

By Gill Metcalfe

THERE is nothing more rewarding than being able to identify with books written about recognisable places and people — and often by writers whom are known to an area, town or village or even to the reader.

Stockland parish is fortunate to have a small selection of such texts: Behind the Hedges (Pauline Rook); A Journey Through the History of Stockland (Bryan Drew); and The Stockland Turbaries: Management for Wildlife and People (David J Allen, Geoff Pearce).

Arguably, these books are 'dip in books' — not lengthy reads, but picked up to glean snippets of information of the area lived in although the photos in all three are those to be pored over!

Pauline Rook's book covers a 20-year memoire of photography in the Blackdown Hills. Being commissioned to capture the spirit and essence of the Blackdown Hills, the book offers a kaleidoscope of places known, people known, familiar buildings, family names all part of a working snapshot of rural life and traditions.

Cider, cheese and rug makers, hedge layers (wicked maidens), visiting blacksmiths, shooting parties, evidence of yesteryear farming with abandoned ploughs, tip carts (putts) tractors and cottages partially consumed by plant growth all are included whilst home interiors are also featured.

Open a few pages and there is an abundance of the known — family names for starters, and for those whose families' span generations of local living a photo of themselves might just catch the eye, but then a much more youthful version. Outstanding photographs and a real trip down memory lane is the joy of this book.

Bryan Drew's book affords a complete history of the Stockland Parish — no stone is left unturned. Recently re-edited — second printing, though only two corrections in a text of 323 pages — every part of Stockland (once named Ertacomestoche) is visited, teased out and documented.

Living in Stockland? Be assured your house, your land, your families will all be referenced and accounted for!

Whilst it is a dip-into text, once opened it is difficult to be extracted from it. Any genuine wish to research something leads on to a related topic

Behind the Hedges



Twenty years of photography in the Blackdown Hills Pauline Rook ARPS

and on and on — the detail covered by the text, by the one book demonstrates an author's love for his roots and heritage which daresay is also acknowledged by the reader who might proudly inwardly say they live there and know Bryan.

David Allen and Geoff Pearce are surely known to all in the parish? Mention wildlife photography, swallow counts, turbaries, conservation and their names are first to hand.

David has been a much-liked and respected source of botanical wisdom on the Blackdown Hills for many years and has had a life-long relationship with the Turbaries.

He has now created a valuable testament to that relationship in the publication, The Stockland Turbaries: Management for Wildlife and People, written with the assistance of local outstanding ornithologist and photographer Geoff.

David narrates the text guiding readers through the Stockland Turbaries — a string of seven irregularly-shaped parcels of land scattered across the parish of Stockland, from Bucehayes Common to the west of the Stockland Straight, to Horner Hill, deep in the Yarty valley.

These harbour a remarkable diversity of wildlife, having emerged out of a deep history which illustrates much about the social realities of this



landscape. Latterly, they have become a focus of much community effort, through the commitment of a handful of Stockland residents who recognise the value of this unusual parish-owned resource.

It is a beautifully written book, combining a deep ecological knowledge of the intimate landscapes of the Turbaries, with a historical context for their existence, and a record of a community's efforts over the last 30 years to maintain them for the benefit of the parishioners of Stockland.

This is a book full of contributions from members of the parish, their photographs and reminiscences.

By Editor Kate Williams

A KILMINGTON resident describes how her life was lit up one night in February as she witnessed the aurora — in Kilmington!

AURORA

in Kilmington village

On February, 27th at 9pm, Hannah-Louise Hoad experienced something most people only get to see if they visit the northern and southern regions of the world.

She explained: "I never dreamt I'd be so lucky to witness mother nature in one of her most beautiful forms, especially not here in Kilmington from our home. "We were settling down for the evening watching a film when our friends, Francesca Wilkes and Bradley Nortcliffe, contacted us querying a green light in the sky and sent us the news articles about the Northern Lights being visible.

"From that moment, I was outside looking around when my husband, James, suggested looking out from our bedroom window as it faces north.

"There it was; the pink and green glow. I was in complete awe and snapped as many pictures as I could. I felt a whirlwind of emotions and immense gratitude."





Leads for dogs order on local playing fields

USERS of Kilmington Playing Field will be aware that the trustees have been very concerned about the amount of dog fouling.

In July last year, notices were displayed showing the extent of the problem in the hope that it would prompt those dog walkers who were failing to 'pick up' and use the dog waste bin provided to be more responsible but, regrettably, there was only a small reduction in the amount of fouling. The field is used by the local school and pre-school children and the amount of fouling has created an unpleasant and unhealthy environment for them and other users, so the trustees have considered it necessary to take further steps to try to eradicate the problem.

As it is believed that much of the fouling occurs when dogs are off the lead, East Devon District Council has agreed that Kilmington Playing Field should become a 'dogs on leads' area when the new Public Spaces Protection Order 2023 — Control of Dogs takes effect on May 1st. Failure to comply with the order could result in a fine of ± 100 .

The trustees regret that the failure of a minority has resulted in restrictions on the responsible majority of dog owners.

> R J Seward Secretary to the Trustees of Kilmington Playing Fields

For more information on the Five Alive Mission Community visit www.fivealive.org

KILMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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Tuesdays 10am-12noon	Post Office services and Community Cafe with free refreshments	
Tuesday, April 18th 12.30pm	Community Contact Lunch	
Wednesday, April 5th 9.30am	Men's Home Group (for prayer and Bible Study)	
Every Wednesday 2pm	The Beacon Home Group	
Wednesdays, April 19th & 26th at 9.30am	Tummies, Toddlers & Tinies	
Thursdays, April 20th & 27th at 1.45pm	Just For You ladies Bible study and prayer	
Saturday, April 15th 7.50am for 8am	Men's Breakfast	
Saturday, April 22nd 8.30am	Women's Breakfast	
Sundays, April 16th, 23rd & 30th ,10.30am	Worship Services	
Paused	Messy Sparklers is paused for a month due to the school Easter holidaysNext date: May 2nd, 10.30am	



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This figure doesn't include other bottled drinks such as the ones that form part of meal deals or are sold singularly.

Researchers have found that bottled water contains roughly twice as many plastic particles as tap water.

It has also been discovered that certain big companies are depleting

supplies of spring water in some parts of the world, leaving insufficient for the people who live there.

In fact, one big corporation has siphoned off 45million gallons of spring water from just one stream in California to fill its bottles for market.

You may like to watch this short video: The Story of Bottled Water on YouTube. Though made a few years ago in the US, it is still relevant. It talks about 'manufactured demand'.

It is reported: "Manufactured demand is a marketing tactic used by companies to convince us that we need to buy their product because the alternative is unsafe, inconvenient, or otherwise undesirable. Like tap water."*

Why not make a simple swap and buy a re-useable stainless steel water bottle?

There are many available in local shops and online. It will take just a little while to get into the habit of filling it up and taking the bottle with you.

We are so blessed in this country to have water on tap. Remember... singleuse is no use. Let's be plastic-smart and protect our health and our shared environment!

*Research sourced from adropintheocean.com

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10 – 12noon each Friday	St Giles Church, Kilmington	Coffee Shop
9.30am – 11.30am Fridays	Stockland Victory Hall	Stockland and Yarcombe Toddler Group – contact 07951 958327
6.30pm alt Fridays	Stockland Victory Hall	Stockland Youth Club – every other Friday evening
Saturday 1 st April 7.30pm	The Minster Church, Axminster	Axminster & District Choral Society present UK premier of CPE Bach St. Matthew Passion 1789 (tickets £15 /£12)
Sunday 2 nd 2 – 4pm	The Bishop's Palace, Exeter	Open Garden in aid of the Devon Historic Churches Trust
Wednesday 5th 11am	King's Arms Stockland	Ladies Lunch Club book with Julia Howard 01404 881121
Thursday 6 th 12 – 1.30pm	Kilmington Cricket Pavilion	Lent Lunches, donations welcomed in support of Tearfund and The Children's Society
Saturday 8 th April 12 – 4pm	The New Inn, Kilmington	Spring market – local handmade businesses
Sunday 9 th April 10am – 3pm	Burrow Farm Gardens	Spring Plant Fair with up to 25 visiting nurseries
Monday 10 th April 10am – 12noon	Stockland Victory Hall	Brunch followed by walk at 12.30pm (see advert for more details)
Wed 12th April 10.30am - 12 noon	Dalwood Methodist Church	Coffee Morning in aid of Devon Freewheelers
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Wednesday 19 th 6.45 – 7.45pm	Stockland Church of St Michael & All Angels	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Saturday 22 nd 7-30pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Bollywood Curry Night in aid of Dalwood Recreational Trust For ticket etc. please see the advert for details
Sunday 23 rd 3pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Dalwood Jazz - La Vie en Rose - gypsy jazz band
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