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and St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe

THE SUNDAY SERVICES



August 2021

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Sunday August 1st		11am Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion + baptism	11am Morning Worship
Sunday August 8th	11am Morning Worship	11am Holy Communion			11am Holy Communion
Sunday August 15th	11am Morning Worship	11am Holy Communion + baptism		11am Holy Communion	
Sunday August 22nd					11am Morning Worship & Songs of Praise
Sunday August 29th	11am Holy Communion		6:30pm Sung Evensong	11am Morning Worship	

We are restarting our midweek services in August and we would love you to attend

There will be weekly Holy Communion services held as below:

Dalwood, Wednesdays at 9:30am

Kilmington, Tuesdays at 9:30am



Further details can be found on the Five Alive Website

<https://www.fivealive.org/>

GOOD NEWS FOR THE COMMUNITY



ANNA CRABBE

GOOD news for the Five Alive Mission Community was announced on July 11th with the post of Priest-in-Charge being fulfilled by Rev Julie Dawn Lomas, see report on page 5.

We have been waiting for this news for nearly two years and we look forward to welcoming Julie and her husband, Steve, to the area and I am sure they will quickly settle in.

It is usual that parishes have to wait a while for a vicar to be replaced. For us it has been a long wait with many challenges due to pandemic. New skills have been quickly learnt, many are now used to 'Zooming' and different ways of communicating and keeping in touch. However it has been refreshing to actually join in person with others to worship and last week we had an outdoor service where we could all sing freely. By the time you read this we may be able to sing inside the church again.

Music is such an important part of worship and can be uplifting for our spirits. Listening to hymns sung by a small choir or a recording can also be uplifting and reflective and helps us worship in a different way.

All of our churches have been so grateful for the support of Archdeacon Andrew, the Archdeacon of Exeter, who has led a Zoom service or actual services each month. We are also very grateful for the retired clergy who have taken services and are helping



with weddings and Christenings. It is encouraging to see more activities taking place as people become more confident mixing again.

I have noticed in our churches that people have come forward to help when in the past they may have not felt confident or that they were needed. Our village communities have worked together to make sure

vulnerable people have their medicines delivered, shopping done and delivered, have lifts to the surgeries etc and I am sure this awareness of peoples' needs will continue as a new 'normal' life emerges.

As the church moves forward on a new journey we need to be open to new ideas and keep listening to the voice of God.

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COVER: This month's front cover photo, featuring Lamberts Castle Riding Club's Dalwood ride, is courtesy of **Helen Turner**

PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 86 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

“FOR you, Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you - for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave.”

What a difference! If you agree that last month's Psalm of the Month, Psalm 58 is unlikely to feature in Christian worship, you might instead choose Psalm 86 to feature frequently; for rather than expecting believers to believe in a vengeful god who would approve of them bathing their feet in the blood of the wicked, it presents God being "gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and full of kindness and truth."

PSALM 86

1. Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery

2. Preserve my soul, for I am faithful; save your servant, for I put my trust in you.

3. Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; I call upon

you all the day long.

4. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

5. For you, Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

6. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer and listen to the voice of my supplication

7. In the day of my distress I will call upon you, for you will answer me.

8. Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, nor any works like yours.

9. All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

10. For you are great and do wonderful things; you alone are God.

11. Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your

truth; knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name.

12. I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name for evermore.

13. For great is your steadfast love towards me; for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave.

14. O God, the proud rise up against me and a ruthless horde seek after my life; they have not set you before their eyes.

15. But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and full of kindness and truth.

16. Turn to me and have mercy upon me; give your strength to your servant and save the child of your handmaid.

17. Show me a token of your favour; that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me.

Bible readings August 2021

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Sun 1 [Gr] 9 th Sunday After Trinity	Ps: 51:1-13 2 Sam: 11:26-12:13a	Eph: 4:1-16 John 6:24-35
Sun 8 [Gr] 10 th Sunday After Trinity	Ps: 34:1-8 2 Sam 18:5-9,15,31-33	Eph: 4:25-5:2 John 6:35,41-51
Sun 15 [Wh or Gr] The Blessed Virgin Mary OR Trinity 11	Ps:45:10-End Isa:61:10-End OR Ps: 111 Prov: 9:1-6	Gal: 4:4-7 Luke 1:46-55 OR Eph: 5:15-20 John 6:51-58
Sun 22 [Gr] 12 th Sunday After Trinity	Ps: 84 1 Kgs:8:22-30,41-43	Eph: 6:10-20 John 6:56-69
Sun 29 [Gr] 13 th Sunday After Trinity	Ps: 45:1-7 Song of Sol:2:8-13	Jas: 1:17-End Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

From the registers

Funerals

Interment of Ashes of the late Mrs Evelyn Ruth Slade took place on July 14th at 11am at St Michael and All Angels Church in Stockland

Interment of Ashes of the late Michael Harding took place in Yacombe July 14th

Interment of Ashes of the late Tony Hazleton took place at Dalwood on the July 26th

Weddings

George Holland and Elizabeth Ricketts will be getting married in Kilmington on August 21st

Christenings

Christening of Margot Rose Bentley and Hubert Wilson Bentley, the children of Nicholas and Sophie Bently, will take place in Stockland on August 1st

Christening of Sophie Anne Newbery, daughter of David and Hannah Newbery will be taking place on August 15th

The rafters rock as church concert hits the right note

By Caroline Nunns

AFTER what has been an age, a music concert was finally staged at Dalwood's church on Sunday, June 27th thanks to Tina Mackenney, the Kroft Originals and others.

While Covid rules were strictly observed — signing in, social distancing and face masks — this did not curb either the obvious enjoyment or enthusiasm of the audience.

The line-up included previous performers at the coffee concerts and new talents. Tina introduced each act with a biographical note. Classical and jazz music really did make the rafters rock!

Caroline Nunns sang a couple of numbers accompanied by Tina to open proceedings.

Eyes were dabbed as Annabel Mackenney's clear, confident, voice hit the final note of I Could Have Danced all Night, accompanied by Anna Gregory, from Hawkchurch, her singing teacher, while , nine-year-old Ezra Jeffries, pianist and organist from Axminster, made us smile with his determination to press the organ pedal by jumping down from his seat to reach it! What a super talent that child has.

Anna Hughes, from Ham, played the hauntingly beautiful Liebestraum by Liszt.

A regular favourite at coffee concerts, performer Richard Llewelyn played jazz guitar and was

joined on the violin by Gillian Berry, from Wellington, making her first appearance in Dalwood. What a treat!

We hope to welcome them both to more events.

The final act was Shiraz, a two-woman 'tour de force', who write and perform their own songs reflecting situations faced in modern times. They harmonise beautifully while putting across important messages.

Cake and tea was supplied and served by Krofts and friends and a raffle was held during a short interval. In total £263.50 was raised to help church funds. Thanks go to all those who organised this event, those who performed and those who attended.



New vicar for Five Alive parishes named

THE Bishop of Crediton, patrons and parish representatives are delighted to announce that, subject to the completion of the statutory formalities, an offer of the post of Priest-in-Charge in the

Five Alive East Devon Mission Community has been made to The Rev Julie Dawn Lomas.

Rev Lomas is currently Assistant Curate Brampton, St Mark's with Chesterfield, St Mary's and All

Saints in the Diocese of Derby and that offer has been accepted.

Her licensing by the Bishop of Exeter will take place on Monday, October 11th at 7pm at St Giles's Church, Kilmington.

Dizzy heights for Charlotte's 21st birthday dive for charity

MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT SUPPORT IN LIGHT OF CORONAVIRUS

By Charlotte Bernhardt

I LIVE locally in Stockland and am writing a little message about something I am excited — and a little bit terrified — to do in the next few months, and I would really appreciate anyone taking the time to read this.

With the last year being the horrible year that it has been for us all, we have had to spend so much of that time on our own and unable to see loved ones and family. Because of this, there has been a huge increase in the number of people needing support with their mental health during the coronavirus.

Recently, I have been wanting to find a way to help people who may be feeling this way and have felt like they have been struggling through the more difficult times.

Last year, I was hoping to celebrate my 21st birthday with a skydive, despite being terrified of heights! Unfortunately, I was unable to do it, so I thought this could be a perfect time to face my fears and hopefully raise some money for a great charity.

I have booked a jump for September 5th and, although the date could vary depending on Covid-19, I am really hopeful this will be something I will be able to achieve this year.

To raise money for mental health awareness, I have chosen a small charity called Shawmind. Focused on providing preventative support strategies to individuals, schools and workplaces through early intervention, training and supportive listening, the charity has recently brought all of their services online, now managing to reach further across the country than before and provide support to anyone who



STOCKLAND resident Charlotte Bernhardt rises to the 'fear of heights' challenge

needs it during this pandemic.

One of Shawmind's main services were the Breathe Cafes, which were a popular source of support. Before lockdown, this was a physical cafe in local areas where anyone could stop by for a coffee and have a chat with one of their volunteers, access supportive listening, signposting to services such as therapists and psychologists or to simply have a conversation to find out more about mental health without fear of any judgement and meet new people.

They were previously run-in existing cafes, so there is no set-up fee to the volunteer, and they allow the charity the space to have an open conversation with those who need it.

With the huge increase in the number of people needing support with their mental health during the impact of Covid-19, it's crucial, now more than ever, that individuals are able to access the help that they need as soon as possible.

Because of this, the charity is currently ensuring that all of these Breathe Cafes are amalgamated into online sessions twice per week, and they are hoping to be able to

have these cafes based all over the UK and operating on a near-daily level.

Shawmind is also supporting children's mental health in schools across the UK, by way of training all teachers in mental health awareness, so that they are better placed to spot and support signs of distress in their students.

Around 75 per cent of mental illnesses begin before age 18, and a lot of the time, if they are dealt with soon enough, the individual is able to make a full recovery and not have their illness take over their life.

This is why the charity is aiming to help provide a preventative approach and help children and young people receive the support they need sooner.

If you want to find out any more information on this amazing charity and how we can help each other during these difficult times, you can find them on www.shawmind.org. Any donation, whether big or small, would be hugely appreciated.

Here's hoping that this year continues to be a much brighter and happier year for us all. Sending many air hugs.

Keep the Five Alive community thriving and in touch by sending your local news and views - we want to hear from our readers

Email your contributions to your parish correspondents or direct to the editor - see page 31 for contact details

HACK PACK



By Editor Kate Williams

AROUND 18 members and their horses joined a fabulous Lamberts Castle Riding Club ride on Wednesday, July 14th.

Taking in many bridleways through Dalwood and Membury — and barely meeting any cars — the riders thoroughly enjoyed a long hack with chances to canter through some fields and tracks.

Cooling off in the river at Dalwood was welcome to the equines and a wonderful lunch, provided by the Tuckers Arms, was enjoyed by the riders.

Thanks go to Fiona Bengier for leading the ride and to Tracey and Craig McGowan and Team Tuckers for a delicious lunch, which included chef Craig's famous sausage rolls.





DALWOOD NEWS

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Jogle for Jude ride raises over £100k for hospital

By Editor Kate Williams

A RECENT fundraising effort, in memory of the grandson of Dalwood residents Sue and Steve Jones, has raised an enormous £100,000.

The Jogle (John o’Groats to Lands End) for Jude bike ride took place on June 26th to raise funds for the Wallace and Gromit Appeal at Bristol Children’s Hospital where three-year-old Jude Chinn was cared for.

Jude — son of the couple’s daughter, Laura Jones, and her partner, Richard Chinn — was treated for a twisted bowel for before losing his life last year.

Jude’s family and friends decided to take on the cycle challenge and his grandfather, Steve, has thanked *The Parishes’ Paper* for supporting the event.

Steve added: “We have now completed the ride in memory of our late three-year-old grandson, Jude, who passed away in June 2020 and we are all so grateful to everyone who supported us and contributed to the cause, helping us to raise over £100,000 to date.

“An amazing figure and The Bristol Children’s Hospital are so thankful to all concerned.

“We nearly failed in our attempt before reaching Scotland when the original hired support vehicle expired before leaving the collection town of Taunton where it was collecting most of the bikes!

“A hastily arranged replacement reached Scotland the next day at 3am. The 100-miles-a-day ride started on Saturday, June 26th at a very cold and bleak John o’ Groats.

“The Scottish weather improved though and the route through the highlands of Scotland was bathed in



Images supplied by Steve Jones



STEVE Jones and his daughter, Laura, above, supporting the 17 riders who completed the Jogle for Jude challenge, raising over £100,000 for the Wallace and Gromit Appeal at Bristol Children’s Hospital. Right, riders at the finish line led by Tobias Chinn and his dad, Richard

sunshine with stops for lunchtime swimming in the magnificent Loch Oich and Loch Lomand.

“Many punctures and bike fixes later, the reception the 17 riders received on arrival at Bristol Children’s Hospital was immense with members of the public, friends and hospital staff turning out to give a magnificent reception which was covered by the *ITV News* team in Bristol. Jude’s mum, Laura, was interviewed by so many radio stations along the route and even

national Heart Radio at breakfast time.

“A hog roast for the riders and support team was provided at Taunton Cricket Club and we were all overwhelmed by the hundreds of followers that cheered us in on Saturday, July 3rd.

“ITV also covered the finishing leg into Land’s End where Jude’s bother, Tobias, and his father, Richard, led the riders in to the very emotional finish line which was lined by so many supporters.”

DALWOOD NEWS

Proud grandparents as Jessica receives medal

ON Saturday, July 3rd, we had a very proud moment when our granddaughter, Jessica, was awarded the Prince Philip Medal by HRH Princess Royal.

Jessica was studying at Welbeck Sixth Form College under the Defence Technical Officer and Engineer Entry Scheme (DTEES). This was particularly poignant as the late HRH Duke of Edinburgh took a close interest in the college linked to his passion for engineering.

He instigated the Prince Philip Medal to be awarded to the most outstanding student in the senior year. Jessica was the final recipient of the medal as Welbeck is to close this year.

Jessica said: "It was an honour to



be the last DTEES student to receive this prestigious award especially from HRH The Princess Royal."

Don and Laurie Lucas



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THURSDAY: 9.00-11.30am

Thank you to all our customers and volunteers for your support during the Pandemic
Whilst restrictions are easing, we must still follow government advice to be cautious to help stop the transmission of COVID-19. Thank you for your help and understanding.

DALWOOD NEWS

A POSTCARD from the past — date unknown
— showing Dalwood village from local
resident Denise Scott's collection

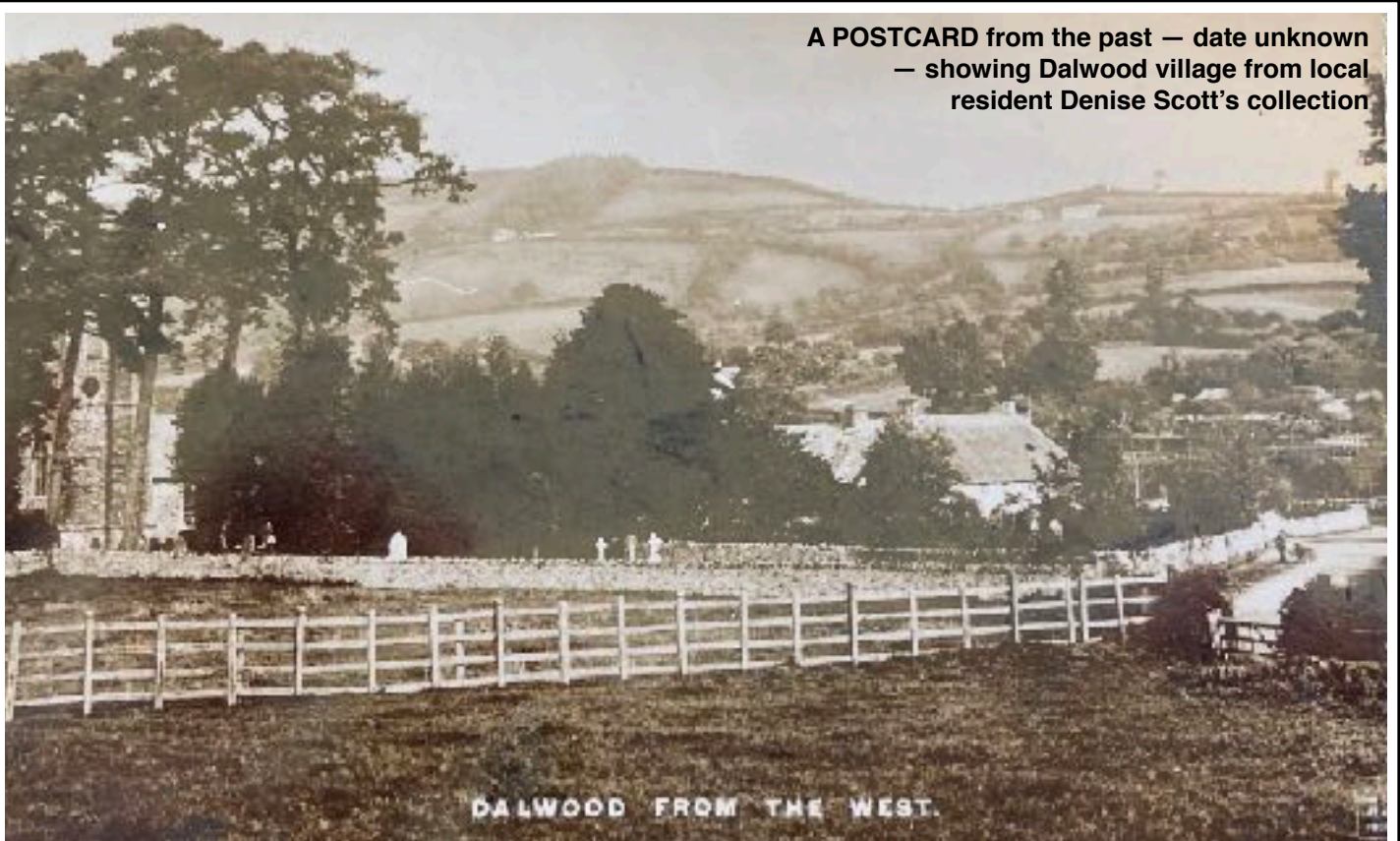


TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 7th August,
2-4pm

We were planning to hold a Jumble Sale on August 7th in aid of much needed funds for St Peter's Church.

Unfortunately we are not able to find anyone to clear the leftover items as normal. Therefore, we have decided to hold a Table Top Sale instead on the Jubilee field in Dalwood, weather permitting.

So you are invited to book a table for £5 to sell your own items. If you feel able to donate part of your profit that would be very much appreciated. You would need to take your unsold items home with you.

For more information and to
book a table please contact:
Kathy Laing on
01404 881601 or 07977 744912
or Sue Drew on
01404 831365 or 07501 016393

Flower Rota for St Peter's Church, Dalwood August 2021

August 7th and 14th — Claire Pace
August 21st and 28th — Mel Tomkins

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HYMNS AT LONG LAST!



PARISHIONERS enjoy an open-air service thanks to Archdeacon Andrew Beane

ON July 11th, Archdeacon Andrew Beane very kindly came to take a service for us at St Giles at 11am.

He had requested an outside service, so a few of us set up chairs, keyboard, and tables, carefully following the Archdeacon's instructions.

An enjoyable service ensued, begun by the very welcome announcement that we finally have a new vicar, or more technically, a Priest in Charge, coming to join us at the end of September.

The Revd Julie Lomas will be licensed at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, on Monday, October

11th at 7pm, with celebratory nibbles and drinks afterwards.

The Archdeacon delivered an interactive service with prayer stations and a bee trail. There were three stations; one to write a prayer on a leaf – quite tricky; one to create a wooden cross; and one where clay was provided to make a shape and imprint it with something around us – grass, a flower head, bark.

It was most enjoyable – we were encouraged to move around rather than being rooted to the spot! Through engagement and moving around, we are open to whatever is happening around us.

Margaret Hurford played the

keyboard so that we could all enjoy singing the hymns for the first time since last March.

The weather, which had looked decidedly poor, was kind to us; there wasn't one drop of rain during the service which we were all very thankful for.

The sun came out just as the Archdeacon was saying the final blessing! It promptly became worse after that.

Thanks go to all those who helped to set up the service and who served refreshments following the service.

Gill Heighway

Did you hear the bells ring?

By Diana Mellows

DID you hear the bells? Nothing can compare with the rich sounds of bells being rung from a church tower but with strict rules in place for many months we have been denied the pleasure of hearing their beautiful tones.

We have a very keen team of ringers in Kilmington and they have not been idle during the pandemic.

Like so many churches around the country St Giles's Church has an amazing chiming device designed in 1821 by The Rev Henry Thomas Ellacombe so that the bells in his church could be rung by himself alone.

He had become so frustrated by the drunk and disorderly behaviour of the village ringers — something we do not have to worry about in Kilmington — who did exactly what and when they pleased, and as they had the only key to the ringing chamber, he was powerless to stop them.

To commemorate the installation of the Ellacombe apparatus in St Mary's Church, Bitton, South Gloucestershire, on June 26th 1821, a global bi-centenary ring began at noon in New Zealand on that day two hundred years later.

Four hundred churches in the UK and some three to four dozen in other countries around the world have this same device and many took part in the global ring. Celia had posted it on Facebook and she received many comments from other towers even from Canada and New Zealand.

I was fortunate to be in the tower with Richard Norman and Celia Dunsford for their hour-long ring, they took it in turns to work through a varied programme of well-known songs and tunes, which included The Ellacombe Hymn, which was played twice by Celia, Frere Jacques, Jingle Bells, Love Divine, Pop Goes the Weasel and Pieces by Grieg and Vivaldi and lots more. The programme began and ended with the Westminster Chimes. Many



RICHARD Norman and Celia Dunsford next to the Ellacombe apparatus in St Giles's Church, Kilmington

people remarked on hearing the tunes and what a pleasure it was. One or two people were invited to come up and have a 'ring', they enjoyed it and would like to be asked again.

Finding sufficient competent ringers to toll six bells is sometimes a bit of a headache for the tower captain, and now that restrictions are nearly at an end, the full

complement of ringers must be found for each service so maybe The Rev Ellacombe to the rescue, sometimes?

Celia and Richard made me very welcome and I really enjoyed spending time with them and such an ingenious invention which is two hundred years old and still chiming perfectly. Well done both of you and thank you so much.

TV presenter Kate films at Aussie poetry event

By Editor Kate Williams

AN Australian-themed poetry event in Kilmington recently brought a crowd of around 30 locals — as well as a TV crew and presenter.

Nature enthusiast Kate Humble attended the Bush Poets Evening at Kilmington Village Hall on Wednesday, July 21st

Organised by village newcomers Sid and Sarah Heaslip, the poetry event was a way of meeting the locals, something that is popular in Australia.

Hosts Sid and Sarah, along with Mike Huskins, of Dalwood, read some traditional Aussie bush poems and local poets, including John Thorn, recited their own work.

The event was filmed for a new Channel 5 series, Country Life for Half the Price, to be aired in September.



Frogs group is active in the village

THE St Giles's Churchyard League of Friends (Frogs) was launched in 2016.

Its purpose on formation was to remove the financial burden that had fallen on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the upkeep of the churchyard, and to create a churchyard of which all villagers could be proud.

The upkeep had been costing the PCC £2,000 a year and that burden has now been removed. Bear in mind that all parishioners have the right to be buried in the churchyard,

not just those of the Anglican faith, so it is only fair that the financial burden should be more widely spread.

Frogs, it should be stressed, is totally independent of the church.

The annual meeting of Frogs will be held at St Giles's Church on Tuesday, August 3rd starting at 7pm to discuss the accounts and the society's plans for the future.

An ongoing problem for Frogs is finding more people who can help to spread the load on the small group of individuals who have borne the

brunt of the physical work in the churchyard.

To this end, Frogs will be holding a working party in the churchyard on Saturday, August 14th from 10am until 12noon. There will be jobs for all levels of fitness and age. Hot drinks and cakes will be served and these working parties have, in the past, have been very successful social events. Non-members are very welcome. Details of membership are available from David Ingles on 01297 32234 or email dwingles@aol.com.

Please send us your community news, events and photos from the Five Alive community

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STOCKLAND NEWS

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100 Club wins

THE June Stockland Victory Hall 100 Club lucky winners have been drawn.

The winners are: number 2 Monica and Keith Parris, £20; number 36 Bronwen and Chris Curran, £10; number 8 Lydia Hartnol, £5.

Monica Parris

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

From a hymn by
John Greenleaf Whittier

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heat of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire,
breathe through the earthquake,
wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm,
O still small voice of calm!

Submitted by Philippa Wilks



KINGS Arms team: from left, Paul Espiritu, Matt Hallett, Ben Walker, Katie Knight and Heather Wells in the new rear courtyard garden

LIVE AND LOCAL

By Gill Metcalfe

THE new team at the King's Arms under the guidance of 'mine host' Ben Walker, are determined to bring not only excellent food to the table — and new beers with a variety of local offerings — but also to create a new ambience for its clients.

Sunday afternoons are becoming a super time to drop in to the local pub with the opportunity to listen to live

music and enjoy the social hub of the village.

Local musicians Stomping Dave and Slammer entertained with a mixture of folk, Cajun and Creole offerings; the skittle alley soon filled up with those wishing to relax and just enjoy as the weekend slowly disappeared towards Monday.

The Sunday sessions are proving extremely popular, serving to bring locals and friends together in times which, although perhaps easing, are not yet behind us.

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

Stockland correspondent Gill Metcalfe - gilldog12@gmail.com

THE DELUGE

By Gill Metcalfe

ON bidding June farewell and having at long last enjoyed some sunshine, July was heralded in with perhaps one of the worst downpours — utter deluge — of rain witnessed in the parish's history.

Monday, June 28th — not only did it rain, it literally bounced off the pavements and roads; and it continued to do so for well into the night and early Tuesday morning.

More seriously, the aftermath: the flooding and then as the waters receded the debris and the damage left in its wake.

The parish was not left

unscathed: parts of the village faced much destruction with flooded fields, bridges washed away, walls bowled over, and tarmac lifted — the photos tell the story.

Then mid-July — from floods to heatwave! The sun came out bringing with it some of the hottest weather recorded in the UK; plants, vegetables, grass all scorched unless some desperate watering was lavished on them. The farmers were out in force in the early evenings cutting and bailing — sensibly avoiding the 30-degree daytime temperatures; far too hot! Sometimes the call must be for some moderation regarding the ever-increasing unpredictable extremities of our climate.



Photos courtesy of Andrew Kippax, Chris Freeman, Jane Wedlock and Gill Metcalfe



Club discusses local-set novel

STOCKLAND'S book club met at the Kings Arms on Saturday, July 17th to discuss Remarkable Creatures by Tracy Chevalier.

This was a pertinent choice for the group as much of the text is set in Lyme Regis and Charmouth. For local readers this is a bonus – knowing the setting from personal experience.

Monmouth Beach, Seven Rocks Point, the Snakes' Graveyard, the Undercliffe, the Venn and, of course, The Cobb are all referenced.

The novel presents a delightful weave of fiction and historical facts. Its focus is on the discovery of fossilised creatures by Mary Anning and her determination to save them from the ravages of the local storms and tides. These included an ichthyosaurus, a plesiosaurus, a pterodactyl and a squaloraja. It also records her struggles against a male-dominated society to gain credibility and recognition for her finds and indeed for her challenging contribution to the scientific thinking of the early 1800s.

Debate was lively and thought provoking with the session sticking to the main discussion points — it was genuinely enjoyable.

The last 10 minutes were spent

reviewing some of the more recent reads of the group. As such, several books were recommended — in particular, *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Preceded by a barrage of accolades with over a million copies sold and judged by book club member Paul Spencer as a “wonderful book to read in lockdown or indeed out of lockdown”.

The novel is set in Russia, immediately after the Revolution. Count Alexander Rostov, recipient of the Order of Saint Andrew, member of the Jockey Club, Master of the Hunt is sentenced to house arrest in the Hotel Metropol. Deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the count has been sentenced to house arrest indefinitely, but instead of his usual suite, he is detained in an attic room while Russia undergoes decades of tumultuous upheaval.

Although living in a constricted space, this doesn't prevent the count from speculating about all the mysteries of human existence: seen as an elegant, witty and delightfully written novel with a deliciously surprising choice of vocabulary.

Perhaps its resonance lies in the topical questions as to how happiness is attained, how to make

connections and make a difference to one another's lives, even in the strangest, saddest and most restrictive circumstances. A tale for today.

A few other reads also suggested by the group included *The Great Western Beach* by Emma Smith: an autobiography offering a delightful recollection of childhood in Cornwall between the wars; *Without Prejudice* by Nicola Williams: a fast-paced gripping courtroom drama focussing on the inherent prejudices facing a black female barrister — great story with a challengingly complex ending; *Agent Sonya* by Ben MacIntyre and *Head Long* by Michael Frayn — clever and witty — were also enjoyed by individual members.

The local book club always invites its members to suggest and recommend good reads to the rest of the group. This gives insight into a wider range of books for members. All new people welcome. The August meeting for the book group will be on Saturday, August 14 at 10.30am at the Kings Arms. For further information please contact Jane Griffiths on 01404 831207.

*Jane Griffiths
and Gill Metcalfe*

Destruction to environment

EARLY morning on July 3rd saw local farmer Peter Derryman redirecting heavy traffic in Cawleys Lane, Shore Bottom.

A somewhat larger than road vehicle had become stuck in Anna's corner (Horse Plot) — not the first time and probably not the last as this has been a fairly regular occurrence.

Unfortunately, towing a vehicle out of its jam leaves an impact on the environment destroying the hedges and damaging the already poor road surface.

Those using this section of Cawleys Lane know only too well

that the road is already in a precarious and unusable state.

Signage is desperately needed to ensure that the environment is protected and that the roads can be safer.

The drivers of such vehicles leave destruction in their wake and yet escape from any payment for the damage caused whilst the locals gradually find that access to their homes is threatened. Perhaps our newly-elected councillors can be persuaded that action is more than needed.

Gill Metcalfe



ANOTHER large lorry gets stuck



SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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Barbecue and farmers' market summer event

By Maureen Davey
Whitford Produce
Association Chairman

AT long last Whitford Produce Association committee was happy to hold a meeting after such a long time. It was really good to see everyone face-to-face, especially in the newly-refurbished village hall.

This time of the year we are usually making final decisions about our annual summer show. However, this year we feel it is more appropriate to hold a smaller event to support the local community.

On a much brighter note, we have decided to hold a farmers' market and barbecue at Musbury Village Hall on the bank holiday weekend — Saturday, August 28th, 12noon-4.30pm.

We would like to invite everyone to enter the Favourite Flower competition (one stem). There is also a flower drawing competition for children under seven and another for 8-12 years. Please bring your flowers and drawings between 10am and 11am. We will then give visitors the choice to choose 1st, 2nd and 3rd by way of a secret ballot. We hope this will create a lovely show of beautiful blooms and pictures.

There will also be a bar, raffle, homemade cakes, local crafts, bric-a-brac, bring and buy stalls. Entry is free.

We will be holding this in conjunction with Musbury Village Hall Committee and 50 per cent of profits will go to the village hall and 50 per cent to Devon Air Ambulance. Contributions to any of the stalls would be very welcome.

We look forward to meeting old and new friends, especially to those who have moved to the village



BEAUTIFUL water lilies
Photo by Maureen Davey

during lockdown and have not had the opportunity to experience the

friendly atmosphere of our village get-togethers.

SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

BIJAN'S TALK ON CHURCH HISTORY

By Bijan Omrani

ON Saturday, September 4th, Bijan Omrani will be delivering a talk on the history of St Michael's Church, Shute.

The talk will be held in the church at 7.30pm 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 talk is followed by refreshments. It will be attended by the Archdeacon of Exeter, the Venerable Andrew Beane.

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



WHAT is underneath Shute's church? Come and find out at the talk on September 4th



ST Michael's Church Evensong's joyful servers before the service!
Photo by Sam Knights

Plainsong choir is back with monthly evensong events

THE recently re-established plainsong choir at Shute is continuing to offer a monthly traditional evensong with the Book of Common Prayer.

It will take place on the fourth Sunday of every month at 6.30pm, followed by refreshments.

Organisers are delighted that Peter Lea Cox will be acting as choirmaster.

Anyone who is interested in joining the choir, no matter your level of experience, please contact the choir administrator (bijan.omrani@btinternet.com).

Fundraising call by Shute Festival for kids' events



SHUTE Festival funded an opera workshop for professional singers from Grassroots Opera at Shute Primary in 2018

By Bijan Omrani

APART from the Great Summer Plant Hunt walk (see article, right), Shute Festival is taking an August break.

It will be back in September with further online and in-person events, including talks, walks, and concerts.

In the meantime, organisers are planning the children's outreach

programme for the autumn which is hoped will include opera, calligraphy, botanical art, drama workshops and shows delivered by local artists and teachers in the local area.

Please donate if possible – Shute Festival is very grateful for any support.

Donations can be made online at the Shute Festival website: www.shutefest.org.uk/tickets-donate.

In search of heath lobelia

THE Great Summer Plant Hunt will take place on Saturday, August 7th at 2pm-4pm, in Shute Woods.

This walk will particularly be in search of heath lobelia, which was first discovered growing in the UK at Shute Common in the 1760s and only grows in five southern counties.

The guided walk will be with members of the Heath Lobelia Champions volunteers. The walk will start from the parking area at Shute Pillars, near the A35.

This event is led by the Saving Special Species Project of the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is also part of Shute Festival's Talking Walks programme. Booking is essential. Please call 01297 489741 or 07765 126565 to book.



GREAT Summer Plant Hunt walkers will be searching Shute Woods for heath lobelia

Maureen thanks supporter of charity plant sale

I WOULD like to thank everyone who so generously supported my table top plant stall in Whitford, which was in aid of Hospiscare.

The total amount raised and which has been donated was £450, which

is an amazing amount from a sale of plants on a small stall and shows the great generosity of our local community.

Next year, I do hope that everything will return to normal and

we will be able to hold the Produce Association's annual plant stall in Whitford Village Hall. (For a diary date this is normally second Saturday in May 10-12pm).

Maureen Davey



YARCOMBE NEWS

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Life is looking up at last as restrictions start to lift

By Lesley Sutton

AT last things are starting to look up. We have the appointment of a new vicar for the Five Alive group of churches after such a long vacancy.

We have to thank Jean and Geoffrey, our churchwardens, with Gill and Anna (readers) and several visiting clergy, including the Archdeacon, for managing to take services which have been much appreciated by those attending.

Gavin has come up trumps providing music, the 'choir' which has been 'cobbled' together from week-to-week has been glad that they know most of the hymns, but 18 months of not singing does stretch the vocal chords, especially on the high notes.

It will be good to open the church up again and even better if it could be used for some community events taking advantage of the space and historical beauty. Services have also been taking place at Yarcombe Baptist Chapel, thanks to Thelma Clarke, Mark Drew and Maggie Lane.

Ashley and Renata Potter have introduced themselves to the village as new tenants at the Yarcombe Inn and will open later in the summer. It is wonderful to be told that Ashley has NVQC level 2 in hospitality and catering at Exeter College, so is a 'local boy' and that he ran a café in Exeter where he really enjoyed cooking before the dreaded Covid struck. Good luck to them and hopefully the standard of food will encourage locals and visitors to visit as in days of yore! At present they seem very busy decorating and tidying and preparing the premises for opening.

Due to demand and necessary space Julie has restarted the pilates



TEMPORARY repairs to Moorhayne Lane following the recent flooding

classes in the Jubilee Hall on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

Lifting of restrictions has enabled people to meet together in their gardens and well-ventilated areas indoors, so life is starting to come back to some sort of normal once again. Notices are also appearing on the village noticeboard advertising various activities.

The torrential downpour which caused flooding problems to several in the village, together with difficulties in accessing homes, caused immense problems to some of the local lanes. Trickling streams became raging torrents and the tarmac surfaces were lifted by the volume and strength of the water during the length of the storm and it will take a long time before they can be rebuilt. Thelma Clarke recorded over 60ml in an hour on her gauge. The A30/303 corridor and Chard seemed to bear the brunt of the weather as shown on local TV. As with the Boscastle disaster, it shows never to underestimate the power of water.

David Little has continued to wind the church clock daily, as part of his 10,000 steps programme, how

much the twisty climb up the steps contributes to his health will have to be seen.

David is most upset when the clock is a second out of sync with Greenwich Mean Time. After moving to the village from Hertfordshire, via Chard and Shorebottom some 43 years ago, he was shown the workings of the clock by Gerald Phillips and, of course, John Salter.

About 30 years ago, he undertook the job of 'keeper time' which he has dutifully performed all this time.

Various helpers have wound the clock whilst David has been away but regulation and resetting the time is up to him.

Remedial work to strengthen the tower and other work causes dust and debris to sometimes get clogged in the intricate mechanism of this hand-built work of art. Changes in climate are documented and there are old pennies keeping the balance that are moved to keep accurate time.

Thankfully, David is a very well qualified and respected engineer and takes his responsibility very seriously for which we are all grateful.



Bike ride, barbecue and stock judging for YFC as restrictions begin to ease

BOTH May and June were busier in the Young Farmers' Club (YFC) calendar, as guidelines and restrictions surrounding Covid-19 began to ease in respect of what clubs and organisations, such as YFC, were permitted to do.

At the beginning of May on the bank holiday, Yarcombe and District YFC held a group bike ride, which started at the Sidmouth Arms in Upton and ended at the York Inn in Churchinford. Well done to those who came along, it was a very enjoyable day.

We also held an outside social barbecue on May 19th, thank you to our club leader, Roger Patch, for kindly allowing the event to take place.

As June approached, competitions such as the East Devon Stock judging were underway. Yarcombe YFC was 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 stock judging competition. Preparations for the Devon County Show also began, in terms of both club and individual entries. Thank you to those members who took the time to enter individual classes at Devon County Show.

As the restrictions started to ease surrounding weddings, we also had a couple of YFC members tie the knot! Congratulations and best wishes to Becca and Adam Pulman on their special day back at the end of April and also Dean and Claire Parris, who recently married in June.

It is a particularly exciting and encouraging time, with prospective club events in the very near future. Club meetings are able to be held in person, as opposed to Zoom, and it has been wonderful to be reunited

with our friends and members at long last.

Further club meetings are in the pipeline and we will look to be discussing and arranging summer social events very soon — we look forward to being able to share details with you all, when we can.

As always, we encourage all members to stay actively involved and connected with YFCs.

If anyone would like to become involved in YFC, we would love you to join our club and encourage you to contact our chairman or secretary for more information.

If anyone has any further questions please contact our chairman, Dan Olive, on 07811744714, or our secretary, Natalie Sampson, on 07775591324.

We hope you all stay safe and well.

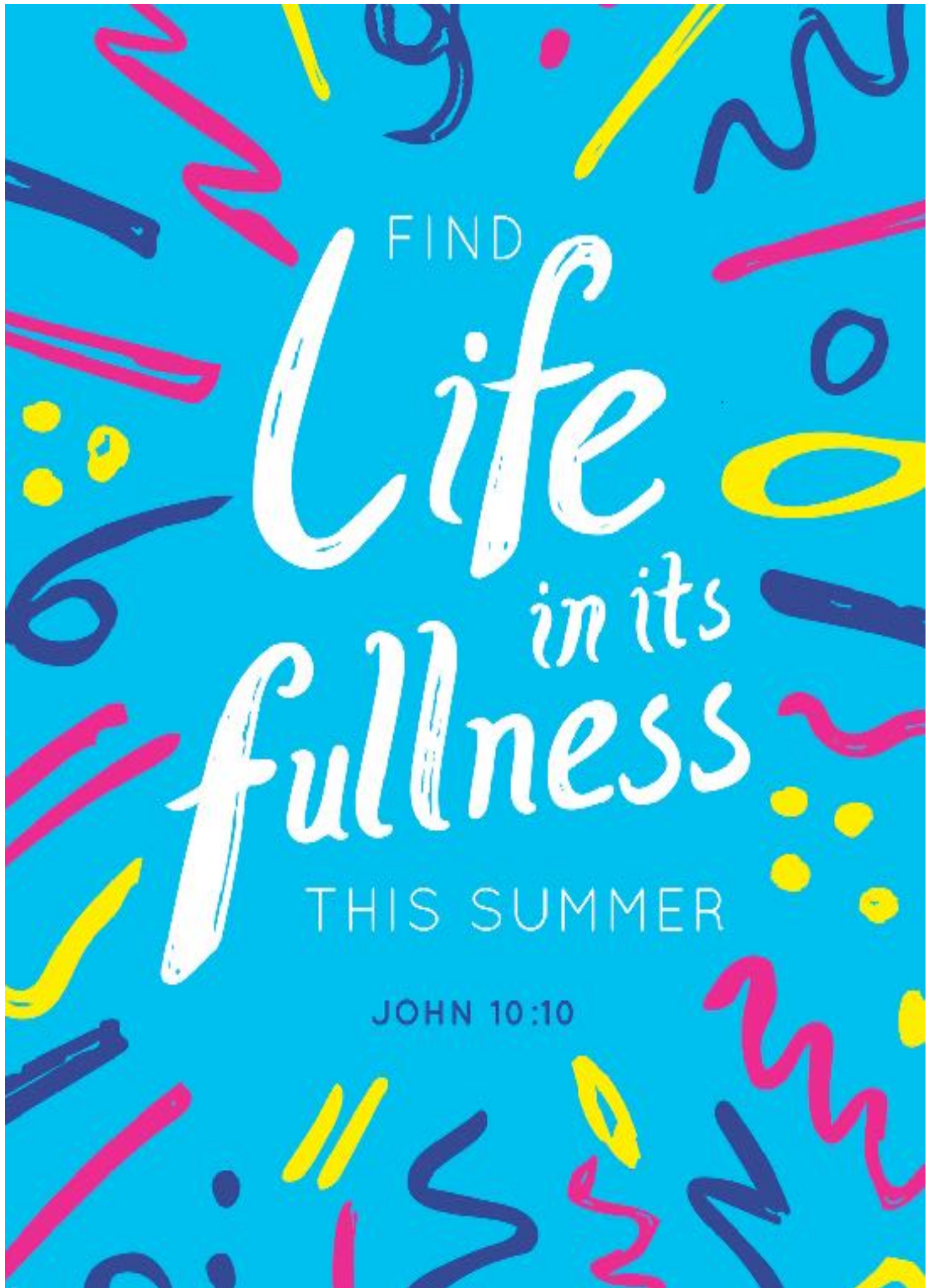
Katie Trevelyan
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Yarcombe and District YFC

YARCOMBE WEATHER JUNE 2021

	2021	2020	2019
Average Max. temperature	19.8°C	19.3°C	17.3°C
Average Min.	10.9°C	10.8°C	11.6°C
Average Overall temperature	15.4°C	15.0°C	14.5°C
Rainfall	123.5mm	107.3mm	115.1mm
Wettest Day	28th 44.8mm	18th 40.4mm	7th 23.9mm
Sunniest Day	13th 5.5hrs	24th 15hrs	28th 15.9hrs
Warmest Day	14th 25.0°C	25th 28.8°C	28th 25.5°C
Coldest Night	4th 6.4°C	6th 5.1°C	6th 5.8°C
Sunshine hours	179hrs approx	164hrs approx	162hrs approx

Looking at the figures it all looks reasonable for June. But take into account a few cold days when the temperature on Saturday the 19th just reached 12.8°C and the worst deluge I have ever seen on the 27th when we had 40mm in three hours which caused flash floods in many areas in a five mile radius will make June a month to remember.

Tony Newman



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- 2 eggs
- 50g caster sugar
- 400g fresh summer fruits

Method:

1. Heat oven to 180C/160Cfan/gas 4
2. Combine the crushed biscuits with the melted butter and sugar
3. Press the biscuit mixture onto the base and sides of a 20cm springform tin. Chill
4. Blend the cheese, eggs and sugar until smooth, pour onto the biscuit base
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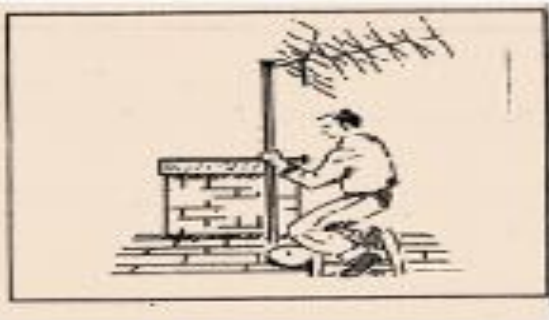
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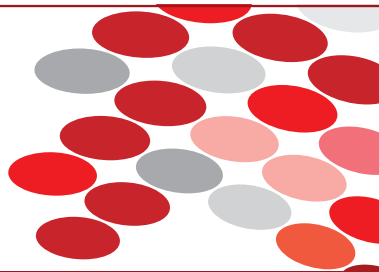
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10am-12noon August 6th	St Giles, Kilmington	Coffee Shop - Stop in for a coffee and a chat. Happening each Friday morning
2pm August 7th	Jubilee Field, Dalwood	Table Top/Jumble Sale
10am August 10th	The Beacon, Kilmington	Post Office - Pop-up Post Office available for walk-in services. Held each Tuesday morning
September		
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
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DALWOOD COUNTRY FAIR 2021

A message from Dalwood Fair Committee:

The Dalwood Fair is cancelled, it cannot go ahead

We can't let you get infected, feeling poorly, full of dread

The committee had a meeting, they debated to and fro

A few said it should go ahead, the majority said "No"

With Covid numbers rising and no need to wear a mask

Keeping volunteers and public safe was just too much to ask

We are really very sorry to take away your fun

We must make sure that Dalwood Fair is safe for everyone

We hope that you will understand what we have had to do

We will have a bigger, better fair in

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