

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



### December 2021

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Wednesday 1st	9.30am Said Communion				
Sunday 5th	FESTIVAL WEEKEND NO SERVICE	11 am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion	11am Morning Worship
Tuesday 7th		9.30am Said Communion			
Saturday 11th		3pm Let's Celebrate			
Sunday 12th	9.30am Mission Community Holy Communion 3pm Christingle		6.30pm Choral Evensong	11 am Christingle	Join the Baptists at Yarcombe Chapel
Wednesday 15th	9.30am Said Communion				
Saturday 18th		3pm Christingle			
Sunday 19th	3pm Carol Service + Methodists	11am Holy Communion 6pm Carol Service		7pm Carol Service	
Tuesday 21st		9.30am Said Communion			
Wednesday 22nd					7pm Carol Service
Friday 24th	3pm Posada 11.30pm Midnight Mass	9.30pm Midnight Mass	4.30pm Whitford Chapel Christmas Eve Service		7.30pm Christmas Eve Service + HC
Saturday 25th				10.30am Mission Community Family Communion	
Sunday 26th					11 am Mission Community Holy Communion

There will be weekly Holy Communion services

Dalwood – Wednesdays in December 1st and 15th at 9.30am Kilmington – Tuesdays in December 7th and 21st at 09.30am

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

Galatians 609

Further details can be found on the Five Alive Website

https://www.fivealive.org/



### INTRODUCTION OF THE FOUR 'Ws'

#### **REV JULIE LOMAS**

THIS cardboard church, which I used as part of the family service in Stockland, started life as a packing box for a removal firm in Derby.

Through the creativity of my friend, Su, and the participation of the congregation, it was transformed into this visual delight, complete with the all-important church bell!

As I have travelled around the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community, I have been so encouraged to find our church buildings, like this one, have their doors open, ring their bells, and offer a warm welcome to all who are drawn to enter into these sacred spaces, whether on a Sunday or during the week.

What a privilege to live in a community where anyone can pop by their local church and step into a place soaked in prayer and praise for hundreds of years.

Some four hundred years ago, the poet and parson, George Herbert, wrote these words: "Seven whole days, not one in seven I will praise Thee."

It has been my joy to discover that

this is as much true of our communities today as it was then, with a range of people leading services, prayer groups, Bible study groups, toddler groups, opening and closing the churches every day; collecting food items for Axminster Foodbank, taking the stories of the Bible into schools through our Open the Book team and many more expressions of what it is to live as practising Christians.

I have introduced Sunday congregations to the four 'Ws' that are marking the beginning of my ministry here amongst you – these are Worship; Welcome; Witness and Well-being, and as the weeks and months roll out ahead of us, you will come to hear more about these four words and how they will shape and guide our mission community, help us grow in faith and help others hear the good news of God's great love, grace, mercy and peace.

This good news is especially needed at this time, and as we enter into the season of waiting during Advent, and the season of Christmas let's make room for God in our lives seven days a week.

Every blessing.



### Wishing all our readers a happy and healthy festive season and a very merry Christmas

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### PSALM OF THE MONTH

### PSALMS 122 & 123 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

#### **SONGS OF ASCENTS**

Psalms 120 - 134 are all alluded to as 'Songs of Ascent'. There is general agreement that this indicates that they are a collection of the psalms which could be sung by pilgrims as they travelled to, or arrived at, the city of Jerusalem.

Psalm 122 is clearly an example of what a pilgrim song would sound like, and, many centuries later, such prayer for the peace of Jerusalem is still common to Jews, Moslems and Christians alike.

#### **PSALM 122**

- 1. I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
- 2. And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem:

- 3. Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself.
- 4. Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
- 5. For there are set the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David.
- 6. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.
- 7. 'Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces.'
- 8. For my kindred and companions' sake, I will pray that peace be with you.
- 9. For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.

Psalm 123's connection with pilgrimage is not so obvious. However, It is a simple heart-felt prayer, that could be used at any time when the going was tough.

#### **PSALM 123**

- 1. To you I lift up my eyes, to you that are enthroned in the heavens,
- 2. As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, or the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3. So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us,
- 4. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- 5. Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of the arrogant, and of the contempt the proud.

### Bible readings December 2021

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Wed 1 [Pu]	Isa: 25:6-10a	Matt 15: 29-37
Sun 5 Advent 2 [Pu]	Mal: 3:1-4	Phil: 1:3-11, Luke: 3:1-6
Tue 7 [Pu/Wh]	Isa: 40:1-11	Matt: 18:12-14
Sat 11 [Pu/R]	Own Readings	Own Readings
Sun 12 Advent 3 [Pu]	Zeph: 3:14-End	Phil: 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18
Wed 15 Ember Day [Pu/R]	Isa: 45:6b-8,18,21b-End	Luke 7:18b-23
Sun 19 Advent 4 [Pu]	Mic: 5:2-5a	Heb: 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]
Tue 21 [Pu/R]	Zeph: 3:14-18	Luke 1:39-45
Fri 24 Christmas Eve [Pu/Wh/Go]	Isa:62:6-End	Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20
Sat 25 Christmas Day [Wh/Go]	Isa: 52:7-10	Heb: 1:1-4 [5-12] John 1:1-14
Sun 26 Stephen 1st Martyr [R/Wh]	2 Chron: 24:20-22	Acts 7:51-End Matt: 10:17-22

### From the registers

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

Funeral of **Betty England**, on Thursday, October 21st at St Giles's Church, Kilmington

Thanksgiving service and interment of ashes of Diana Troake at St Peter's Church, Dalwood, on Saturday, November 20th

Funeral of **Norman Frank Ayshford** on Thursday, November 4th in St Peter's Church, Dalwood

Interment of Ashes of Christopher Fletcher on Saturday, December 4th at St Peter's Church, Dalwood

**Alan John Jackson**, 77, buried in St Michael's Church, Stockland, October 26th

Kenneth Henry Chapman, 88, buried in St Giles's Church, Kilmington, November 24th

#### **Baptisms**

Memphis Wheeler in Shute Church on November 7th

Note from Rev Julie Lomas: "We extend our deepest sympathies to family and friends and continue to remember these dear ones in our prayers."

### Hope for Christmas to come alive

AT the Heart of Christmas is the Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas 2021.

Along with many local churches all over the country, we will be welcoming you from across the Five Alive Mission Community to celebrate and share the good news of Christ's birth with special services and events.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart

Luke 2.19

In 2020, many of us experienced a Christmas when so many of the ways we traditionally mark the season were suddenly denied to us.

This year, of course, we hope and pray that many of the familiar experiences that help Christmas

# At the heart of Christmas



come alive return to our homes, our churches and communities.

But whatever else December brings, it will offer us an opportunity to enter more deeply into the joyful mystery that lies at its heart: God becoming human in the birth of Jesus Christ.

Inspired by readings from the Gospels of Luke and John read at so many Christmas services, At the Heart of Christmas is an invitation to everyone to discover – or rediscover

 the good news of God's saving love as revealed in the birth of Jesus.

It is also a challenge to each of us to ponder in our hearts — as Mary did — what the extraordinary events of the first Christmas might mean for us now and in the years ahead.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at one of our services this December.

Rev Julie Lomas

### Open the Book: writing on the wall



THE Open the Book team is delighted to be invited back into the schools each month, telling one of the wonderful stories from The Bible to the children in the Five Alive Mission Community.

This month, the team enacted the Old Testament story of the greedy King Balchazaar summoning the old and wise Daniel (the same Daniel who was put in a cage with lions but was unharmed) to interpret the strange writing that had appeared on the wall of his banqueting hall.



DANIEL tells King Balchazaar what the writing means, shown by Open the Book team members Diana Mellows, Greta Lidster and Caroline Nunns

Daniel did tell the king the meaning of the script, but it was not good news for King Balchazaar.

That night, he lost both his kingdom and his life for dishonouring God's name by taking the temple silver for a feast at his palace.

With Covid restrictions it is difficult to ask the children to be part of the

play, however, they can join in vociferously when asked to be a noisy crowd or wave banners.

For many of the younger children it was the first time they had seen the Open the Book in action, they may have been nervous, the team certainly were.

The team is looking forward to planning next month's story.

# Goodbye to the wonderful Lesley and new faces join

### Welcome to Christopher

THE Parishes' Paper also welcomes Christopher Thorne as parish correspondent for Kilmington, following Michael Tyler's departure.

Many thanks to Mike for his hard work over the time he has been a correspondent.

Christopher has lived in Kilmington since he was 11, apart from a seven-year stint where he lived in Musbury.

He said: "I am married to my gorgeous Christine. Elana, who is Christine's youngest daughter and whom is more Godly than me, also lives with us. I very much enjoy local country walks and am very concerned passionate about the state of our planet and sustainable living."

AS you may have read last month after living in Yarcombe for over 50 years, Lesley Sutton has decided to leave us and move to Exmouth.

Firstly, I would like to thank Lesley for all her help and support over the years as parish correspondent for Yarcombe.

During this time, she has written some wonderful editorials describing Yarcombe life in both the past and present. I have always read these with interest and admired Lesley's knowledge of the local history.

Lesley has also been an active member of *The Parishes' Paper* team, with her quiet yet determined manner she has helped develop the magazine into the publication it is today.

During my time with *The Parishes'* Paper, I have come to rely on Lesley's advice and guidance and on behalf of the magazine team, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Lesley for her dedication to the task of bringing local news to the people of our Five Alive East Devon Mission

Community.

We wish you well as you start the next chapter of your life in Exmouth.

I am very pleased to announce that Rebecca Bell has kindly agreed to take on the role of arish correspondent for Yarcombe. She will be relying on contributions from the village of Yarcombe and the surrounding area and we would be very grateful if you could send your articles featuring local news into Rebecca no matter how short or long they may be.

Good quality photographs are always a most welcome addition to any text and help illustrate articles in a colourful way.

Don't forget to send in your details of forthcoming events to contribute to our Future Events page which is filling up fast as the Covid restrictions are lifted and events restart again.

We wish Rebecca every success in the role and hope that you will help by supporting her with your contributions.

**Martin Nunns** 

### LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

By Rev Julie Lomas

HOW do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a church?

The Church of England is keenly aware that issues of gender and sexuality are intrinsic to people's experience; their sense of identity; their lives and the loving relationships that shape and sustain them.

We also know that the life and mission of our church – and of the worldwide Anglican Communion – are affected by the deep, and sometimes painful, disagreements among us which have been debated

and discussed on many occasions over the years.

These divisions have come into sharper focus because of society's changing perspectives and practices, especially in relation to lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and intersex people.

The church wants to understand what it means to follow Christ in love and faith given the questions about human identity and the variety of patterns of relationship emerging in our society, including marriage, civil partnership, cohabitation, celibacy and friendship.

The Living in Love and Faith resources explore these matters by studying what the Bible, theology, history and the social and biological sciences have to say, and by telling the real-life stories of followers of Christ with diverse experiences and

convictions.

In our diocese we believe that the Holy Spirit will be active among us as we pray, study and deliberate together to discover Christ's call to the church today.

We do this with a deep sense of hopefulness for a future in which Christians can follow Christ together joyfully, fruitfully and with integrity.

As your priest-in-charge, I am currently taking part in a five-week online course with many others from across Devon. I look forward to us all engaging with these matters in the coming months.

In the meantime, do take a look at the materials on the Church of England website — www.churchofengland.org/resources— and on our diocesan website — exeter.anglican.org/resources.

### Early Dalwood village life

By Alison Morgan

A SERIES of 'Village Life' articles appeared in the Axminster Heritage members newsletters this year and the September issue published a piece about Dalwood, written by Alison Morgan, an extract of which is reproduced here for The Parishes' Paper readers.

The articles are intended as an introduction to the general history as opposed to providing in-depth historical data.

It is hoped that a regular imagebased article will be published in future editions of *The Parishes' Paper*.

The Axminster Heritage Centre archive holds images and information on the villages that surround Axminster with further information about the centre at www.axminsterheritage.org. Further information about Dalwood history is a vailable via the website www.dalwoodhistory.co.uk.

#### St. Peter's Church, Dalwood

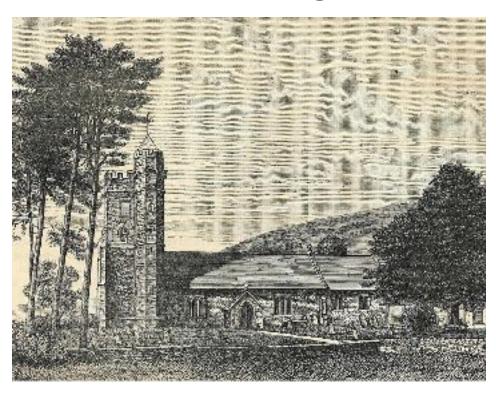
This sketch of St Peter's Church, above, is from the 1885 Parish Magazine showing the much smaller churchyard bordering on a large village green area to the fore.

Dalwood was first a Chapelry of Stockland sharing one vicar with a curate in charge of St Peter's Church.

In 1401 Pope Boniface IX St Peter's Rome made a grant that Dalwood may enclose and have a consecrated cemetery in consideration of the difficulty of access especially through winter floods to Stockland.

St Peter's churchyard has been extended three times since — in 1907 to south, 1932 to north and 1955 to the west. The Yew Tree was planted in 1779.

Concealed under the carpet beneath the floor within the church are six graves with engravings inscribed in the memory of the Dalwood schoolmaster, Zachary Mayne, (died 1694) and his five children — all of whom predeceased him: "Here lyeth the body of Mr Zachary Mayne father of the adjacent children. Obit November ye



11 1694."

There are also two other inscribed graves under the church floor: "Here lyeth the body of Attaliah Nicholas widow late of Taunton who departed this life XXI June AD 1684; and Here lyeth the body of John Downing of Stockland who dyed ye 11 day of August 1702."

Closest to the south door outside, there are two prominent headstones in memory of members of the Edwards family who were Dalwood shopkeepers. Adjacent to them is the headstone for Pedro de Alcântara Travassos Valdez, who had settled in Dalwood and lived with the Edwards family. He was the sixth son of José Lúcio Travassos Valdez, the prime minister of Portugal from 1839-1841.

There is a large table tomb for the Tucker family, who were early main landowners in the parish. Inscriptions on this tomb are no longer visible.

Fortunately, a letter dated October 31st 1846 written by William Tucker of Coryton, who was also known as Bill Tucker and who owned The New Inn in Dalwood, provided details of this family tomb.

Tucker states the details as follows: "Inscription very worn and that the stone was broken. 1st side

east Here Lieth the body of William Tucker of Axminster died March ANO D...1691; 2nd side west: Here lyeth the body of Agnes wife of William Tucker who dyed July 2 1693 And of Joan daughter who died August ANO DOM 1694. On the south side of this tomb three verses of a poem are inscribed in the same letters:

'From earth to heaven fled they are

To seas of joy from clouds of care From moons whose face is still To the Triumphant...

From Jesus to him that is so dear I am the true son of righteousness,

From stars that shine but in the night

To be a fixed starre most bright From earth from all death did they gather

Unto the spirit son and Father."

Nearer to the road is the War Memorial which was unveiled in 1920 and is inscribed in the memory of the 16 Dalwood heroes who died during the First World War: RP Bennett, MB Bishop, J Davey, C Davey, M Davey, W Davey, W L Driscoll, B J Edwards, F Hoare, E Hurford, H Loveridge, F Pratt, C R Parrett, H Sweetland, F Trim, and A F Dommett.



### DALWOOD NEWS

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### Festivities at St Peter's

### Community lunch update

DUE to the continuing high Covid infection rate in this area, the Dalwood Community Lunches team has unanimously decided that, in order to keep everyone absolutely safe, we are postponing the re-launch of this popular event.

The team will review the situation in the new year.

A CHRISTMAS display will again be held at St Peter's Church, Dalwood, on Saturday and Sunday, December 4th and 5th after the enforced break last year.

This time the theme is Recycled/ Upcycled Christmas. At least 20 displays have been promised so it will be well worth a visit. There is also a Christmas hampers raffle.

The church will be open from 10am to 5pm each day and the event will conclude at 5pm on Sunday with a carol sing-a-long.

The Christingle service takes place at 3pm on Sunday, December 12th when the work of the Children's Society is supported. This is a very simple, family-friendly service and each child will receive a Christingle.

The knitted figures of Mary, Joseph and their donkey will be travelling around the parish again this December, arriving at the church at 3pm on Christmas Eve for the short, simple Posada service when the families gather with their knitted sheep to place them, along with the nativity figures, in the crib.

The church team members look forward to welcoming everyone to these family Christmas services.

For more information, please contact Sue Drew on 01404 831365 or Mary Harrison on 01404 831975.





### DALWOOD NEWS

### All souls remembered

ALL Souls Day fell on November 2nd when we gathered in St Peter's Church, Dalwood, to remember those who have died and gone ahead of us into the presence of God.

We gave thanks for their lives and prayed for one another, lighting candles and offering comfort. Whether experiencing recent bereavement of a loved one, or recalling the life of a dear one who passed away some time ago, we were united in our desire to remember them well, to honour those whose lives had deeply touched our own.

We heard words of truth and life from the Bible, sang hymns and heard Rev Julie Lomas share thoughts on the reading from Lamentations Chapter 3:19-24. In her address, she referred to the way these verses had been translated in The Message: "There's one other thing I remember, and remembering, I keep a grip on

hope." The hope we keep a grip on is nothing less than the victory of Jesus Christ who died and who was raised to new life for our sake. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Julie Lomas



### Tots' club idea

**DALWOOD Methodist Church** is considering starting a Tea & Tots Club at the church for tots up to the age of four with their parents and carers.

It would be run by members of the chapel with help from friends from St Peter's, and will be held in the dual-purpose, carpeted

Initially we are looking to open from 10am until 11.30am on every other Monday, starting in the new year. There will be appropriate baby-changing and toilet facilities, toys for the tots and refreshments for the adults.

We don't propose making a charge, looking at this instead as outreach in the village.

If you would be interested please contact 01297 442433 or rod.ovey@btinternet.com.

**Pauline Ovey** 



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### DALWOOD NEWS

# Helpers come together for annual lunch to give thanks

ON Saturday, October 23rd, Dalwood church held its annual 'thank you lunch' in Dalwood Village Hall.

This is an event to thank over 50 people who work so hard over the year to ensure the church runs smoothly.

Brian Eddy, one of the churchwardens, welcomed everybody and thanked everyone in verse.

The group was joined by Rev Julie Lomas, who said grace before everyone enjoyed a mug of delicious butternut squash soup, followed by tasty sandwiches and cakes prepared by Sue Drew and her dedicated team of helpers.

Peter and Carol Major kept everyone's glasses topped up with wine and soft drinks.

It was amazing to see so many people contributing in so many ways to the life of the church, and being able to gather together again and enjoy fellowship, share stories and eat a hearty meal.

#### **Martin Nunns**



### RBL song and praise

VISITORS to the Royal British Legion coffee morning on November 13th were treated to coffee and delicious cakes in Dalwood Village Hall, decorated with poppies to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

There was entertainment from Dalwood's very own boy and girl bands, the Old Peculiars and the Kroft Originals, who led the community singing.

There was a raffle with some super prizes and the whole event raised £312 for The Royal British Legion. The contents of the collection boxes from Dalwood had not been counted at the time of going to press.

Many thanks to all those involved in making this event such a success.

#### Martin Nunns







### Award for nation's top spot

BURROW Farm Gardens in Dalwood is delighted to have been named the Nation's Favourite Public Garden in a competition run by The English Garden Magazine and The National Garden Scheme.

During August and September, garden visitors nationwide were asked to vote for their favourite garden to visit in each region as well as a national competition for gardens that are open regularly of which Burrow Farm Gardens was the winner.

Owner and creator of the 13-acre garden in Dalwood Mary Benger said: "It was so exciting to hear that we have won The Nation's Favourite Public Garden. I started creating the garden 62 years ago from fields



originally on my own and now with a team of helpers and volunteers. I am a complete plantaholic and have enjoyed every minute of my time in the garden. I would like to thank all of the people who took the time to vote for us and all of the visitors we have had over the years."

The gardens are now closed for winter but will reopen on April 1st 2022, daily from 10am to 6pm.



### KILMINGTON NEWS

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# Work party huge success and next session is planned

FROGS – the Friends of St Giles Churchyard – held the latest of its regular work parties in the churchyard on the morning of Saturday 23 October.

This proved to be the most successful of the sessions to date: the weather was kind and there were 15 volunteers present, of whom no fewer than eight were first-timers, and, of these eight, six were men, all of whom we hope will prove able to operate with the mowers and strimmers.

If so, this will greatly reduce the pressures on our regular mowing and strimming team. The 15 volunteers were very well looked after with mid-session hot drinks and cakes, courtesy of the catering team of Christine Thorne, Jean Thorne and Sheila Hill. Sheila has been a popular and hard-working member of the team, but this was to be her last appearance; she has decided to take a well-earned retirement. Jean

presented Sheila with a bouquet of flowers and some presents to mark the occasion.

The work programme for the party was varied, with some mowing and strimming, but the concentration was on the trimming of shrubs and the clearing of brambles, ivy and weeds. There was some gathering up of the autumnal leaves, but the big falls are yet to come. With this in mind, a further work party will be held on Saturday, December 11th, following the usual format - two hours starting at 10 o'clock, with a mid-session break for hot drinks and cakes around 11 o'clock. We are always happy to see new faces; just come along with protective gear and a pair of secateurs. Any heavier equipment will be provided by Frogs.

> David Ingles Frogs Treasurer and Membership Secretary



**WEATHER** was kind at Frogs recent work party

### Open tower

DURING the early hours of October 30th with the rain and wind lashing against the bedroom window, I was wishing we had not organised for folk to visit the church tower and roof and hear about bellringing.

Well, it could not have been a lovelier morning, no wind, no rain and plenty of sunshine so a steady stream of visitors climbed the 58 steps onto the roof to enjoy the panoramic view stopping off in the ringing, clock and bell chambers en route.

St Giles's bellringers and a few other helpers were on hand to explain about our bells, the chiming system, the clock and much more.

Hot drinks and cakes were eagerly enjoyed whilst watching a video, viewing the display boards and reading a Short History of St Giles's Church Bells, written by Richard Norman. Thanks to everyone who visited, donated to our bell maintenance fund and helped on the day.

A number of people expressed an interest in 'having a go' at bellringing to learn this ancient skill and make music on bells some of which are over 300 years old. There will be posts on Kilmington Now on Facebook when we have learner practice sessions taking place so that you can go out if you wish!

If you would like to know more or weren't able to attend the open morning, please get in touch – we are a friendly bunch! Contact 01297 33563.

Celia Dunsford

### The Christingle

A CHRISTINGLE service will take place this month at St Giles's Church.

All are welcome to join the service on Saturday, December 18th at 3pm.

### KILMINGTON NEWS

### FULL STEAM AHEAD

IS normality returning? what a difference a year makes. Once again, our Remembrance celebrations were able to return in full.

Thank you to all those who joined us in Kilmington on November 11th to witness the two-minute silence, enjoy some lovely refreshments provided by Claire and take an active part by dodging the maroon sticks — not quite the same as incoming fire, but close enough!

I know many of you in our neighbouring villages were able to celebrate Remembrance this year and it was fantastic to see all the images of the fallen placed around the area.

Here in Kilmington, it was no different, a large congregation attended the Beacon for the Remembrance Service and our thanks to Mike and all the helpers at the Beacon, as well as Julie, our new vicar, for providing such a memorable service and refreshments.

Our thanks also go to all those who turned out for the act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. Over 80 people joined the remainder of the congregation, making this the biggest turn out for many years.

Sadly, just after the service we learnt of the passing of Ron Foster. Ron was a great supporter of the RBL and served on the Kilmington committee for many years. He will be remembered as one of the stalwarts who would volunteer and help with anything, our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the Poppy Appeal organisers in all the villages for their outstanding efforts and of course all of you the public, for your outstanding generosity. We will provide an update when the final count has been conducted.

I am also pleased to report, that this year we were also able to return to Haselbury Mill for our remembrance lunch; my sincere thanks to Jean Falconer for organising everything so efficiently and all those who attended, it was a delight to see the barn so festive and appealing.

I feel at this stage, it would be remiss of me if I did not remind you that it is only 40 days to Christmas (less by the time you read this) and am happy to inform you that our Christmas Extravaganza is back!

Look out for the posters and adverts — there is one in this issue. Briefly, on Saturday, December

Briefly, on Saturday, December 4th, Kilmington Village Hall and the garden outside will be packed with Christmas cheer.

There will be cakes and other delicacies as well as hot food and other Christmas goodies. Tea, coffee, mulled wine will also be available as usual, so please come and support us and start Christmas off as we always used to, with all your friends.

I know we always bang on about wanting more to join our incredible organisation, so I won't disappoint, after all it is nearly Christmas!

Therefore, why not start 2022 by joining us in the RBL, for a measly £18 you will get an annual membership, loads of bumf to light your fires — which you don't have to receive — and, more importantly, be supporting someone or their family who have given everything to make your lives safer.

My challenge to the younger community to join us and make the organisation something that you want to be a part of remains, so give it a try!

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you, a very merry Christmas and happy and prosperous new year.

Take great care and stay safe.

Cdr Staff Seward OBE RN Rtd Chairman RBL Kilmington Branch 07799612557 Email t60sas@hotmail.co.uk







### KILMINGTON NEWS

FOLLOWING on from the success of the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community Light Party in 2019, it was decided to arrange another of these in St Giles's Church, Kilmington, to celebrate light and peace.

On October 30th, the church was decorated with lights, candles and lanterns which shone out through the stain glass windows to welcome 16 children and their parents and grandparents.

As the children approached, attracted to the flickering lights they were welcomed by the Rev Julie Lomas before entering the church.

Inside, there were a variety of activities for them to enjoy including making paper lanterns, illuminated with night lights and Christmas cards. Whilst blindfolded, they tried their hand at 'pinning the flame on the candle' which many of them achieved with remarkable accuracy.

There was also the opportunity for the children to play giant Jenga, the crashing down of wooden bricks

### Let there be light

was followed by the cry 'can we try again please'.

Later in the afternoon, quietness descended on the church in preparation for an amazing puppet show telling the story of the conversion of St Paul on the road to Damascus acted out by giant puppets. Tea time followed and, before leaving, the older children enjoyed waving sparklers and each child was handed a party bag full of goodies.

A huge thank you to the children, parents, grandparents for coming and making the event such a success. Last, but not least a great big thank you to the many marvellous helpers who planned the event and helped make it such a success on the day.

Diana Mellows









### STOCKLAND NEWS

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### Carol service

THE carol service will take place on Sunday, December 19th at 7pm.

If anyone would like to read a lesson or sing in the choir do get in touch with Rozanne Bulmer on 01404 41907/07796 338 332.

If there is anyone out there who has sung descents at school or otherwise, we would love to hear from you as well.

Rozanne Bulmer

### Christingle time

THE Christingle Service will take place in the church on Sunday, December 12th at 11am.

It is hoped that all the new families around the village will join us. Again, there will be a chance to meet the new vicar afterwards.

### 100 winners

STOCKLAND Victory Hall 100 Club winners are listed for September.

\$ & P Wilkes, number 10, £20; I & J Doble, number 3, £10; Jean Spiller, number 45, £5



### Rev Julie takes baptism service

By Gill Metcalfe

THE baptism service on October 24th excelled and was superbly taken by Rev Julie Lomas, the new parish minister.

The service really did focus on the congregation's involvement and full participation. It was well supported by baptismal family members and many other parishioners who clearly enjoyed the service and felt that Julie's arrival in the Stockland Church had started most encouragingly.

Refreshments were served afterwards to enable people to meet Julie and her husband, Steve, and chat with them.

As usual, the refreshments were excellent with the organisers most generous with the provision made. Most grateful thanks must be paid to them



ELLA Lane, left, with the Rev Julie Lomas at the baptismal service Sunday, October 24th

# Poppy wreaths laid on remembrance plaque

THE Service of Remembrance took place at 10.50am in Stockland church.

Such services throughout the country are marked by the laying of poppy wreaths on war memorials throughout the country as was the remembrance plaque, pictured, in the Stockland church.

The poppy has become one of the nation's most recognisable symbols,

with millions of people in the UK wearing the flowers during November in the build-up to Remembrance Day each year.

This year marks the centenary year of the symbol whose origins lie in the line, "In Flanders fields the poppies blow, between the crosses, row on row" from the First World War poem In Flanders Fields, written by Canadian officer John McCrae.

Send your Stockland news to village correspondent
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### STOCKLAND NEWS

THE King's Arms is currently hosting some splendid photographs by local photographer Tim Phillips.

Tim is well known for his outstanding prints and his regular contributions to the front and back covers of The Parishes' Paper.

Whilst his works line one wall of the lounge bar, top right, country sketches of wildlife by local artist and illustrator Kate Steel are featured on the wall at right angles, below right, complementing Tim's presentation — all of which are marked up for sale.

Whilst admiring these, it goes without saying that work of such high quality by parish residents add much interest and points for discussion and would make ideal Christmas or birthday gifts.

Gill Metcalfe

### Parish art on show and sale





### Two book club meets proven lively

TWO meetings of Stockland's book club have passed since the last report and each meeting has proven lively and highly informative.

The September read, The Offing by Benjamin Myers, was highly rated despite some qualms about some lax in editing – all agreed it was a genuinely enjoyable read.

The October get-together, being the alternate month where individuals discuss their recent reads to the group, witnessed that a landslide amount of reading had been undertaken. Many books were suggested including: Once Upon a River by Diane Setterfield: The Man Who Died Twice by Richard Osman; The Awakening by Kate Chopin; Braiding Sweet Grass by Robin Wall Kimmerer; Jigsaw: An Unsentimental Education: A Biographical Novel by Sybille Bedford; The Salt Path by Raynor Winn; The Children Who Lived in the Barn by Eleanor Grahame; and Consequences by EM Delderfield.

Seemingly an endless list but the brief analyses presented by the members and the enjoyment or not gleaned was welcomed by all and certainly not viewed as off-putting. It does challenge one to read or in some cases not!

The current reading challenge is Border: A Journey to the Edge of Europe by Kapka Kassabova, who was born in Bulgaria and left the Eastern Block after the Berlin Wall came down.

Now returning to the enigmatic border lands of Bulgaria, Turkey and Greece, she embarks on a personal and compelling odyssey of adventure and exploration. She pulls together her narrative with first-hand accounts of people living in these border areas along with their history and descriptions of the natural landscape of this turbulent wilderness of Europe's extremes.

Her stories and accounts are conveyed with passion and a sense of immediacy of dangers past and present for all exiles, displaced peoples and invaded borderlands. This is, of course, as relevant today as throughout the troubled history of these lands. A very thoughtful and provoking read.

On leaving the meetings, discussion often continues over an in-house lunch, despite the coffee and cake served earlier.

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, December 11th at 11am in the King's Room and will invite members to briefly discuss books they have read and would recommend or not! Do come alonghave your valuable input: even if you have read very little – even just Country Life so is the case for many in the group. Contact Jane on 01404 831207.

Jo Espir

#### PAUSE FOR PRAYER

### lona prayer and blessing

Watch now, dear Lord, with those who wake

or watch or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ,

rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. And now may the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing.

that we may abound in hope in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Submitted by Philippa Wilks

### STOCKLAND NEWS

### Ladies' lunch club is back!

SADLY, the past 18 months has seen the curtailment of virtually all of the village activities: no Stockland Fair, no traditional markets, no charity jumble sales, no harvest lunch and no Christmas lunch.

As village life slowly reinvigorates events are now either up and running or are being organised much to all-round relief.

For many years, the women's Swag group provided excellent monthly get-together meetings with some fascinating and challenging speakers and adventures out of the village; there was always the quiz, the summer al fresco lunch – strawberries galore and food to die for, and indeed the bingo.

To date, just as with many of the activities itemised above their return is very much unsure.

With the current lack of some of these parts of the village social life coupled with the less severe Covid restrictions, many of the Stockland ladies were anxious to get something going, the first being a lunch at the Stockland King's Arms on November 3rd.

Thus, cometh the hour as 20 ladies sat down to the first meetup for too long – and indeed what a stunning lunch provided in the King's Room at the King's Arms.

And what a get-together – loads of chat, genuine banter, lots of catch-up and just the relief of seeing everyone.

Such was the positive response that the next lunch will be on Wednesday, December 1st. This was warmly welcomed and, by some – immediately subscribed to.

Although the organisation for this lunch has been finalised to date with menu choices made, if anyone has slipped through the net and may thus miss out on this event, please do contact Julia Howard via email at juliahoward51@gmail.com or 07754 748456 or 01404 881121,

Lunch Club Group

## Great sportsman and fine friend is missed

#### **EULOGY**

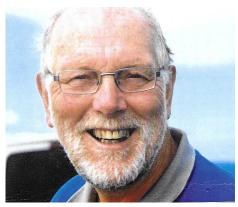
Alan Jackson 26th October 2021

ALAN, widely known as Jacko, came to East Devon in 1969, living first at The Gatehouse at Escot, then to a bungalow in Cotleigh. He then bought Lane End in Stockland, later moving to a beautiful Devon long-house, Moxhayes, in Yarcombe. After, with ill-health gaining on him, he bought Hope Cottage in Stockland Village.

In his early days, Alan had been a successful commercial artist, turned to good use later in a period of property development that honed his craftsmanship. But first and foremost, we think of Jacko as a sportsman: his small balls skills were very great, whether table-tennis, squash or tennis. He was a familiar figure on the Stockland Tennis Court where many of us experienced his competitive prowess.

Off court, he was a conspicuous performer at the tennis club dances held annually in the village hall around the Millennium: A Night at the Oscars, the Sand Dance and Three Juvenile Delinquents come to mind.

Alan was a member of Honiton Golf



ALAN 'Jacko' Jackson

Photo courtesy of David Allen

Club for 47 years. He was a very good player and, at his peak, had a single figure handicap. When the club bought more land to extend the course, it was Jacko's design that was adopted.

The course itself became his passion, leading to election to the committee, then to the greens committee. In recognising his services to the club, he became a vice president, with his name on the honours board in the clubhouse for posterity.

Above all, Jacko was caring, decent, honest and fun-loving, a fine man and a great friend. We shall all miss him.

David Allen

### Absolutely stunning church flowers

PERHAPS as a follow-up to the eulogy, above, mention must be made of the church flowers on the day — they were absolutely stunning in their total golden yellow hue — an autumnal abundance paying an awesome tribute.

So often the flowers in churches, although beautifully presented, are all too often over-looked because of the service or ceremony being conducted: in effect they are just there because they should be. On this occasion the floral tributes were just breath-taking.

Stockland church's flowers are in the hands of some outstanding arrangers – but in some respects they are un-sung heroes. They collect the flowers – they are rarely bought in – they use their own prize blooms and those other-wise donated – the hard work and sheer enjoyment of their floral challenges are so evident. So, a warm and well-deserved thank you is deserved by those who thoroughly enjoy their final 'displays'. Thanks go to Trish Bass, Janet Fox, Jill Mills, Pat Shepherd Warwy, Monica Parris and Jenny Bloom.

Gill Metcalfe



### SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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By Bijan Omrani

ON Thursday, December 23rd from 6-8pm, at St Michael's Church, Shute, Jo Seaman, former cultural attache at the British Embassy in Tbilisi, will be in conversation with Bijan Omrani on 'Georgia: land of wine, poetry and mountains and a Rose Revolution'.

This will be an illustrated talk with Georgian wine, music and Georgian nibbles to follow. Tickets £10 via www.shutefest.org.uk or on the door with donations welcomed for the wine and nibbles. Children 16 and under are free.

This is the final event of 2021 and a celebration for Shute Festival which has emerged from the pandemic with a global audience, online and live events and a new series of walking talks. Come and join in with friends and family for an evening of entertainment.

Jo, a local resident and author, tells a fascinating story of how she ended up going to the South Caucasus as director of the British Council in Georgia at a time of political uncertainty and turmoil. In attempting to fulfil her mission of cultural diplomacy she recalls how she rubbed shoulders with

# Former British Embassy attache talks at festival Christmas celebration

ballerinas and border guards, ambassadors and activists, ministers and musicians, despots, and dodgy officials.

A consummate diplomat, Jo needed all her skills as she ventured out into the fraught and often amusing sphere of international relations and was drawn into the heady events of the Rose Revolution. All this against a backdrop of a stunning country with ancient sites, mountains, a deep musical and poetic culture, and renowned for its cuisine and hospitality. Jo has written a book about her experiences.

Jo worked for the British Council for almost 30 years, firstly in London and Manchester, with short assignments all over Africa, Asia and the former Soviet Union. She then lived in Egypt, Georgia, Pakistan, Jamaica and France before returning to the UK. Jo is

now a writer and researcher and (with former diplomat husband, Mike, whom she met in Georgia), runs a consultancy firm offering training, project management and analysis. Views expressed in the presentation are purely personal and do not reflect the official views of the British Council or the British Government.

Other online talks will be taking place in December. See www.shutefest.org.uk for details. Shute Festival will be taking a break at the beginning of 2022, but organisers will look forward to offering more events after a short rest.

The festival is thankful for the support of the wider Shute community, and looks forward to being able to continue supporting Shute Primary Scgool, the church, and other local organisations over the course of next year.

### Memphis welcomed

BABY Memphis Dorian Wheeler was baptised at St Michael's Church, Shute, on November 7th.

Baby Memphis, pictured with his parents, Amethyst and Chris Wheeler, wears the family christening gown which was worn by his mother, aunt, great grandmother and great aunt.

Many members of the family have been married, baptised and buried in Shute church.

Rev Julie Lomas said: "We are delighted to welcome and pray with and for the newest addition to their family, and to the church family."



### SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

### Autumn show returns

By Maureen Davey

AFTER much debating, it was decided to go ahead with the Whitford Produce Association Autumn Show which proved to be just what we needed to start getting life back to 'normal', and we were delighted with the afternoon.

We were also very lucky with the weather, which meant afternoon tea and cake could be enjoyed outside in the sunshine.

Although entries were down, this did not detract from the quality, with a wide variety and wonderful displays of flowers and vegetables.

The children's section was amazingly well supported by Musbury Primary School, with poems and collages on an autumnal theme, which gave the judges a hard time choosing the winning entries. They certainly made a delightful display and it was agreed by all, that they gave much pleasure in reading them and how young children see autumn.

The hall had a very happy atmosphere with people enjoying themselves, and we thank Musbury



CHRISTOPHER Loud's prizewinning Entry of Vegetables and Fruit

Photo by Rev Julie Lomas

Primary School PTFA for all the support they gave with games and stalls.

The afternoon was rounded off with the auctioning of prize-winning flowers and produce. It was good to see young children taking part and enjoying the auction.

A fun time was had by all and our thanks go to everyone who supported the show either by entering produce or coming along for the afternoon. It did seem that after life has been so restricted, it was good to get out and about enjoying rural events once again.

### Whitford Produce Association Autumn Show Cup winners were:

Andrew Gray Cup - Margaret Clarke/Christopher Loud.

For most prize money in Chrysanthemum classes: Colyton Agricultural Society Cup - Christopher Loud.

Overall winner of vegetables and fruit: Ernie Gardner Cup - Margaret Clarke

Best plant of Chrysanthemum: Donald Baker Cup - Christopher Loud.

For the vegetable section: Mr & Mrs FWR Laverack Cup - Christopher Loud.

Homemade wines and beer: Ladies Trophy - Wendy Mitcham.

Cookery Classes: Nancy James Cup for Children under 7 years - Seth Snowdon.

Betty Gardner Cup for Children 8-12 years - Toby Hawkins.



LOCAL resident Ella Shepherd performed a sponsored skydive on Saturday, November 13th, to raise funds for Exeter-based charity Balloons, which helps to provide pre and post bereavement support to children, young people and their families.

Ella's skydive took place after three cancellations because of bad weather, but Ella said: "It was definitely well worth the wait as the weather was perfect with blue skies and few clouds.

"Thank you so much to everyone who kindly donated!"

### Choral double

TWO visiting choirs will be singing wonderful music at St Michael's Church, Shute, in December to mark the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

On December 5th at 4pm, Parnham Voices, accompanied by Lizzie Peacock on the harp and directed by James L Thomas, will be singing a concert entitled A Boy was Born.

Tickets will be £10 at the door (cash or card), and under-16s free.

On December 12th at 6.30pm, Axminster Chamber Choir, directed by Peter Parshall and with Peter Lea Cox as organist, will be singing a liturgy of early Advent music. Refreshments will be available afterwards by donation.



### YARCOMBE NEWS

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# Villagers flock to church winter tidy

By Jean Rich

ONE Saturday in late October, lots of people came along to tidy Yarcombe churchyard.

Both yews received 'haircuts' and are now looking very trim. The grass was mowed by a husband and wife team assisted by another family member. Paths were swept and drains cleaned.

The noise of chainsaws and hedge

trimmers meant most in the village knew that work was underway. People came and went, whilst others came later to finish the job.

There was a good atmosphere with old hands meeting with newcomers to our parish, helped along with hot and cold drinks, pasties and homemade fruit cake.

Thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped, we now have a lovely tidy churchyard all ready for the winter months ahead.



YARCOMBE'S 'tidy-up crew' came for the winter village event

Send your Yarcombe news, photos and events to new village correspondent for The Parishes' Paper — Rebecca Bell rebecca.e.bell@outlook.com

### Remembering

ON Sunday, November 14th, the annual Remembrance Service was held at St John the Baptist, Yarcombe.

The church was full for this very emotional service which was presided over by Gill Heighway.

We were once again very appreciative to have the Chard Band in attendance providing their wonderful, thought provoking music before and after the service and for the hymns, Jerusalem, I Vow to Thee My Country and Abide with Me.

We were so fortunate to have the bugler play the very poignant Last Post to mark the start of the two minutes' silence and end with The Rouse, a scene played out at the Cenotaph in London and across the country and the Commonwealth.

There was an activity for the children — Jake, Daniel, Rebecca and Joe — which involved printing poppies with corks. They worked very quickly to present their artwork to the congregation following Gill's address.

Tea and coffee were served after the service before we all left church to be greeted by the warm sunshine on a bright November afternoon.

Rebecca Bell

### Family service

ON the November 7th, there was a family service at St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe.

the Baptist Church, Yarcombe.
The service was lead by Lin
Box. We were thinking about
Remembrance Sunday and what
it means and we read a Psalm.
Jake Dear read a reading from the
Bible and Gavin played the piano.

Rebecca brought Kim's Game to play, which is a remembering game. Hymns were sang and a lovely cup of tea and biscuit at the end was enjoyed.

Katie and Ellie Rich

### YARCOMBE NEWS

### CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY

By Rebecca Bell

ON a very grey morning during October half-term, a group of children, parents and helpers from Yarcombe gathered in church.

The children chose and changed into their nativity costumes and gathered under the lych gate.

Why so early for Christmas? We were there to take a photo of the nativity scene for the Yarcombe and Marsh Christmas card, which will be delivered to every household in the parish by the pastoral team.

Everyone was really pleased with the photo and the card will be arriving through letter boxes in December. Thank you to all the children and their families for taking part.



### Short mat bowls, a festive share lunch and planning for 2022

THREE members of Yarcombe Tuesday Club gave their apologies for not being able to attend the recent meeting.

Those who took part in the short mat bowls session really enjoyed it, quickly realising a gentle release of the wood achieved better results than a 'skittles' throw. I'd like to thank the members who are regular players for helping to set the mats up and for their patience in explaining the rules.

The next meeting, on December 14th, will be a Christmas bring-and-share light lunch at 12.30pm in the village hall. Please limit what you bring to just enough for two, maybe three people, as we are trying to avoid over catering.

We have permission to use the sound system in the hall so a few festive tunes will enhance the

ambiance as there will be no hall decorations this year. Lively chatter, a game and a short quiz should help to get us in the Christmas spirit, as well as a glass or two of wine during lunch!

The programme for next year is nowhere near complete. The months booked so far are March, May, July (possibly) and September. If you have ideas as to what you'd like to do please let me know before December 14th so I can fill in the gaps and issue everyone with a copy of the 2022 programme at the lunch. Mention was made of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which is next June. If you feel our group should mark this very special occasion and have any suggestions as to what we could do please let me know.

Veronica Wadey



TOP, children gather early for the nativity Christmas card photo shoot. Above, Summer Channon-Durant, two, as a beautiful shepherdess

Please send parish news to Yarcombe's new correspondent, Rebecca Bell

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### YARCOMBE NEWS

OCTOBER has certainly been a very busy month for young farmers. At the start of the month, we had our new officers meeting, thanking the past years officers and welcoming in the new officers for the year. We have had several meetings in village halls, discussing upcoming events.

Competitions have started back again, two teams from the club participated in the Brainstrust speaking competition on October 7th

An intermediate and senior team was entered, well done to the Senior team who came fourth and the intermediate team coming sixth. Some members participating in their first speaking competition.

Will Vining, Moly David and Adam Burrough went onto the county round on October 29th to represent in the East Devon team, coming first, congratulations.

We held our new members meeting on October 18th at Yarcombe Village Hall where 55 people turned up.

It was fantastic to see a busy hall again for a meeting and getting

## Speaking and sport competitions for YFC

back to normal times and young farmers doing what they do best.

A great evening was had by all meeting new members, learning about young farmers, and having fun playing games with a lot of laughs.

Sports competitions have started back again. On October 26th the club took two teams to the county ten-pin bowling competition, at Exeter. A fun and competitive evening was had by all and well done to those who took part.

Also, on November 7th, two teams played sports girls team playing netball and boys team playing football, well done to all those who took part.

The next couple of months are looking to be busy months again, we are busy practising for pantomime, several balls coming up

and other social events and competitions to all get involved with as a club.

If anyone would like to get involved in Yarcombe Young Farmers' Club, we would love you to join in our activities and become a member.

If anyone has any further questions and would like to become involved with Young Farmers, please contact chairman Jack Tomlinson on 07712 479384, or secretary Emily Dunster on 07368 654447.

Club meetings take place every other week in either Yarcombe or Upottery village halls, with an 8pm start

Natalie Sampson Press Secretary Yarcombe and District Young Farmers

#### YARCOMBE WEATHER OCTOBER 2021

	2021	2020	2019
Average Max.temperature	15.3 °C	13.6 °C	12.5 °C
Average Min.	9.7 °C	8.2 °C	8.9 °C
Average Overall temperature	12.5 °C	10.9 °C	10.7 °C
Rainfall	237.8 mm	199.4mm	162.4mm
Wettest Day	28th 48.3mm	30th 25.6 mm	30th 25.1 mm
Sunniest Day	11th 10.0 hrs approx.	14th 9.0 hrs	19th 9.0 hrs
Warmest Day	7th 19.1 °C	20th 16.0 °C	1st 16.1 °C
Coldest Night	12th 6.3 °C	10th 3.7 °C	8th 4.0 °C
Sunshine hours.	118 hours approx.	82hrs hrs	80 hrs

When I was a lad in the 1950's, farmers provided most if not all of everyone's food, very little was imported. At this time of the year I collected nuts, sloes, blackberries and even rose hips and mushrooms.

I still collect blackberries to make bramble jelly. These days we import a large amount of our fruit and a proportion of

I still collect blackberries to make bramble jelly. These days we import a large amount of our fruit and a proportion of our vegetables.

I am musing on all this as I walk our dog Nellie along the hedgerows on a fine Autumn day. There is a saying that October has 21 fine days and this year has been one of them. The sky's have been blue and there is a gold glint to the hedges and on fallen leaves. Today I spotted a Red Admiral butterfly and Nellie disturbed a cormorant fishing on the river Yarty.

Tony Newman

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### FIGHTING FOR CHANGE

STOCKLAND parish members participated in a gathering of peaceful well-prepared climate change demonstrators at The Minster Green on Saturday, November 6th in support of UN Climate Change Conference 2020.

Placards were raised and leaflets distributed. The response was positive with an abundance of support shown in waves, horn blowing, applause and thumbsups given.

Whilst the numbers were not large, about 25-30 folks — some five from the parish — we formed a valuable presence in connecting with all those passing by on foot or in vehicles. The message was seen and heard.

The Stockland contingent is now planning to form a Sustainable Stocklanders group.

Contact for this is Claire Holgate who can be reached at claireholgate@hotmail.co.uk.

Florence Spencer





THE all-important younger generation protestors, above.
Left, The Minster Green demonstrators showing their support for climate change action

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### All-important Devon hedges

IT'S that time of year again when the hedges in the parishes' lanes are cut back heralding the onset of autumn. Overgrown swathes of bracken and grasses are cut back and the hedges become manicured artefacts.

There is certainly tremendous skill and, for some pride in the correct cut, in seeing the work as not just a point of practical necessity but one of pleasure. Indeed, some of the hedges are stunning in the tidying and trimming achieved.

The local hedges may well be taken for granted because they serve a distinct purpose, a purpose first recognised by Devonian farmers as a means of livestock enclosure in medieval times. Some of the local hedges date back 600 years and even more. As such their preservation is imperative. Devon hedges are recognised as historically special in contrast to some of their counterparts throughout the UK.

For definition, a Devon hedge must have an earthen bank, which may be faced with either turf or stone. It should contain a wide mix of shrub and tree species, including the odd mature tree, ideally with wildflower margins and a ditch. A typical Devon hedge can contain hawthorn, hazel, oak, ash and holly and at times rarer species such as guelder rose, alder buckthorn and Plymouth pear. It is not uncommon to find up to as many as 11 or 12 different species in a mature hedge.

These hedges provide for an enormous ecosystem service – they afford carbon stores which play an essential role in the fight against climate change. Many of the creatures they host pollinate crops or predate pests. The hedges also help to prevent flooding and stabilise the soil, preventing it, along with nitrates and other pollutants from entering waterways. Devon hedges are particularly good for this due to their high banks and thick woody

growth.

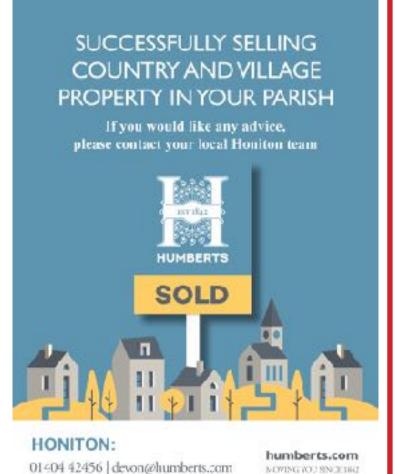
It has become illegal to destroy them without permission from the local council since 1977.

Under the government's recent environmental land management scheme (Local Nature Recovery Scheme and the Landscape Recovery Scheme) – a sustainable farming/land preservation incentive provides payment for those delivering actions in their conservation.

It is hardly surprising that the Stockland Neighbourhood Plan 2014-2031 Note Pages 14-16 addresses the issue of retention/ preservation on the parish's behalf citing the following in relation to the protection of such banks.

Such reiterates the natural heritage of the Parish and the drive to preserve it. The autumn hedge cutting provides a strong reminder. It is an utter delight to see these landmarks so well looked after.

Gill Metcalfe



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10am - 12noon Every Tuesday	The Beacon, Kilmington	Post Office - Pop-up Pop Office available for walk in services. Held each Tuesday morning.
10am-12noon Every Wednesday	St Giles's Church, Kilmington	Mums and Babies Support Group - A special time for mothers and young babies. Contact Diana Mellows 01297 32334 or Mary Tyler 01297 34958
10am-1pm Saturday 4th	Kilmington Village Hall	Royal British Legion Christmas Fair
4pm-6pm Saturday 4th	Dalwood	Village Street Market with Christmas lights switch-on at 5pm
10am-5pm 4-5th	St Peter's Church, Dalwood	St Peter's Church Recycled/Upcycled Christmas display
10:30am Tuesday 7th	The Beacon, Kilmington	Messy Sparklers sensory playgroup for preschool children and parents, lunch included £2 to book - contact church for booking info
7pm Wednesday 8th	The Beacon, Kilmington	Axminster Valley Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Information Evening
6:45pm Thursday 8th 2pm Friday 9th	Kilmington Baptist Church	Kilmington Community Cinema - Dream Horse (PG)
12.30pm Tuesday 14th	The Beacon, Kilmington	Community Contact Christmas Lunch
10am-12pm Wednesday 15th	St Giles, Kilmington	Crib Service for Mums and Babies in St Giles's Church during baby group session - all family members welcome. Contact Anna Crabbe
7.30pm Thursday 16th	Tuckers Arms, Dalwood	Kroft Originals and Old Peculiars Sing Along
8am Saturday 18th	The Beacon, Kilmington	Men's Breakfast - all are welcome!
19.30pm Saturday 18th	The Minster, Axminster	Axminster and District Choral Society Concert of Handel's Messiah. Tickets in advance from www.tickettailor.com
6.30pm Wednesday 22nd	The Beacon, Kilmington	Family Carol Service with Festive Refreshments afterward

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