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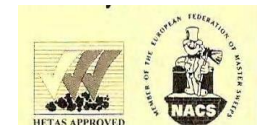
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THE VICAR WRITES...



I am reading a book telling the back-story of the popular TV series *Grantchester*, written by a son of the previous Archbishop Runcie; I expect some of you reading this will have seen some of the series. Being a back-story, it fills in the gaps of the clergy-detective's (Sidney) wartime experience. Incidentally, there has been a long history of a crossover between Anglicanism and detective fiction; take P D James, for example. Sidney seems to spend more time 'sleuthing' than working, but there needs to be some dramatic licence, I guess.

However, I digress. Sidney's wartime experiences (as an agnostic/atheist) have caused me to reflect on the parallels between returners from active wartime service and Covid survivors. Of course, I am not in any way decrying the sacrifices that our war heroes made. But there is an interesting link between the sense of unsureness that emerged after WW2 and the current uncertainty about what the 'new normal' will be like; interestingly, the book was written the year before the pandemic; so we can't see it as being prescient.

Of course, the book is also about Sidney's calling; his role in life. When I finish it, no doubt it will explain (a little at least) how he ends up becoming a clergyman in Grantchester. During the war his chaplain is 'Rev Nev' who has a formative influence upon him. They joke that were the chaplain to marry a Beverley, they could have children named Trevor and Neville. I'm sure you can shorten it out (appalling pun intended).

So - he recovers a sense of purpose in a seemingly purposeless world. Does that ring any bells for any of us? Well, for committed Christians, this shouldn't, of course, be the case. But what about those who are less sure?

For those of us who are churchgoers, of whatever denomination, there is going to be a lot of rethinking about what church is, and who it is for. These are not new questions; we did a Lent course in the Mission Community based upon a booklet which was over forty years old! You may recall it was punningly titled: *What on earth is the church for?*

For those of us who feel a need to do God's work; hopefully all of the above and more; we may want to listen a little more closely to that 'still quiet voice' inside us; maybe now is a time to look at doing something new, something less, something more fulfilling, something that might help others along a bit (for example).

We are not all, thank goodness, called to the ordained ministry, like Sidney, but I do believe we are *all* called, whether we like it or not, to God's work, whether as a teacher, a hospital worker, a retired intercessor, or a family supporter (to name but four examples). What is *your* calling? Let's hope when we eventually arrive at the so-called new normal, it will be more, not less, fulfilling for us.

Whatever you choose, may the road rise to meet you and God hold you in the palm of God's hand. Amen.

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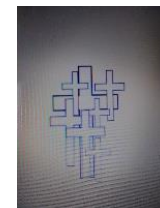
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Church Services during Lockdown in the White Cross Mission Community

We are pleased to be able to say that we are scheduling a programme of services in all of the WCMC churches in July – subject of course to Covid restrictions. Full details at the end of the magazine.

There will also be one Zoom service this month: *Sunday 25th July, Family Service, at 9.30 am.* Please email Jill at dupain@hotmail.co.uk for the Zoom address (it is the usual Rev'd Bill Zoom address for those who have been on Zoom before).

EDITOR'S NOTE



Hello and welcome to this July edition of the Clyst Valley News. Hope you're all keeping well and safe. As I write, we've seen a rather abrupt change in the weather from very hot, relentless sunshine to a rather more temperate overcast/rainy outlook. Disappointing in some ways but very good for our gardens and, no doubt, welcomed by the farmers.

Talking of which, my grateful thanks to Norman Cann from Ebford for this month's cover photo, taken a couple of years ago from close to his residence at this time of year. The flock belongs to local shepherd, Richard Ridout. Lovely! And don't forget Norman's regular weather column in the CSG and Ebford section.

Well, today was to be the day that most Covid restrictions would be relaxed and we would return to some form of normality. Sadly, we're going to have to wait another four weeks for the great liberation. Being a wary sort of bloke, I think it's probably right to err on the side of caution just a bit longer – though I appreciate that this is going to have a significant impact on a lot of local businesses, especially in the hospitality sector. Life can't be easy at the moment for you – but I'm sure we'll all be out there giving you our full custom once we can! Thanks for hangin' in there!

That said, I have much enjoyed the extra freedoms that were opened up to us at the easing of lockdown restrictions in May, haven't you? I've really pushed the boat out: been on a bus; a train to London; the tube; had numerous coffees inside cafés; had a restaurant dinner; visited a museum; and had a lovely (much postponed, I have to say) week with the family in west Cornwall. Apart from having to wear facemasks a lot of the time, it has all begun to feel a bit like normal. And I'd genuinely forgotten how wonderful normal is! Lockdown had been around for what seemed like for ever that I suppose, like so many of us, I'd sort of accepted that that was how life was to be. So it has come as a lovely surprise to rediscover what a fantastic difference the return of all those little things can make. (Like the resumption of printing our very own Clyst Valley News, for instance!) And there's more to come from 19th July! It'll feel like an early Christmas -bring it on!

Enjoy the magazine. Best wishes and take care. Peter Skelton

YOUR PHOTOS ALWAYS NEEDED FOR THE COVER OF THE CVN!



There must be a lot of photographers out there snapping away around our villages. After all, our neck of the woods is rather photogenic. Why not share your results with our readers? Most months we aim to put one nice pic on the magazine cover and we need yours! So please do send in your efforts to the editor, Peter Skelton, who will choose one each month. Try to use relatively high-definition settings but that's not a must. Just email them across to clystvalleynews@gmail.com and we'll do the rest. Simple!

A CLYST ST GEORGE LOYAL DELIVERER

All those involved with the magazine send their heartfelt thanks to Ann Hacking who for more than 40 years has taken on a round of delivering over 40 copies of the CVN each month in Ebford. She certainly deserves to put her feet up now! Thank you so much Ann for your sterling service!

Contributions, photos and letters to the editor for the August 2021 issue of the Clyst Valley News should be sent, preferably by email, to the editor, Peter Skelton, at clystvalleynews@gmail.com or to 3 Brockwells Court, Frog Lane, Clyst St Mary, EX5 1BX by Thursday 15th July 2021 at the latest, please. Please note that contributions may be edited.

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CLYST ST MARY



Clyst St Mary Church

Please see the July rota of services at the end of the magazine; we will not, however, be continuing with the private prayer arrangements for the time being. Please contact the Churchwarden Pat on 01392 877907 for more information.

Church Coffee Mornings



We hope to be able to resume these as soon as the Covid

rules permit.

Bishops Cyst Parish Council



Flood Protection Scheme. During an informal discussion with contractors, it appears the penultimate chapter of the Environment Agency's Flood Protection Scheme is now well under way, after weather delays in May. This is to build up the access road and bank around Mill House and Mill Cottage to the same level as the already completed bank running the length of Frog Lane. The final stage will be the installation of the stop logs on the

Old Bridge and across the farm track behind Millstream Cottage. These are subject to delay, as the foundations for them on the Old Bridge uncovered BT services, which must be adjusted under BT supervision. This means, we understand, a possible delay of up to eight weeks. Final details such as barriers to stop access on to the flood wall are also to be fitted. This means we should be fully protected by the end of the summer.

The Flood Group is meeting with Tom Walling of the Environment Agency on Monday 28th June 2021 to begin working on the protocol for fitting the stop logs. [See also below.]

Greenspire to Clyst St Mary Village Footpath. We would like to reassure residents that this footpath project is in hand and detailed plans are in the process of being developed by the appointed consulting engineers for submission to Devon County Council.

Parish Council Vacancies. You may be aware that there are vacancies for Parish Councillors on the Bishops Clyst Parish Council. If you would like to represent the residents of Clyst St Mary and Sowton Village on the Parish Council we would very much like to hear from you. We are particularly keen to recruit someone with an interest in the environment to be our Climate Change/Green Champion. If this appeals to you, or you have other areas of interest please email our Clerk, Karan Bennett, at bishopsclyst@gmail.com, with a personal statement setting out what skills and experience you would bring to the council.

Parish Council Meetings. Parish Council meetings take place each month and dates, agendas and minutes are posted on our website (<http://www.bishopsclyst.org.uk>) and on noticeboards in Clyst St Mary and Sowton Village.

Contact the Parish Council. Karan Bennett, PC Clerk, working from the PC office in Clyst St Mary Village Hall on Monday to Wednesday, 9 am to 1 pm. Call 01392 874405 or email bishopsclyst@gmail.com.

Clyst St Mary Village Hall



In line with the reviews of the pandemic restrictions, we aim to keep the Village Hall available as much as possible. Therefore it's a great pleasure to see that the bookings are again building as hirers find that they are able to operate within the guidelines particularly given that the hall is

spacious and can be well ventilated.

Our new website <https://www.clyststmaryvillagehall.co.uk/> gives details of availability and prices but if there's anything else you'd like to know, please drop Ali West an email on: bookings@clyststmaryvillagehall.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Clyst St Mary Primary School



was just in time for the arrival of the photographer to take the class photos so we were able to make use of our lovely grounds as a backdrop for these. Class 5 have completed their Bikeability 'On Road' training which was enjoyed by all and been fascinated by an afternoon of story telling with puppets and music. They loved trying their hands at manoeuvring the puppets even if they did discover it was harder than it looked to bring the

At last the sun and warmth have put in an appearance and it feels like summer has really arrived. Fortunately this



birds to life!

Class 3 have had a day out at Exmouth Forest School and although the weather caused the cancellation of Class 1's trip to forest school they will soon be off to Escot's Wildwood instead. It is now Class 2's turn to enjoy all the fun of forest school which will culminate with a visit to Exmouth Forest School.

All other classes will be taking the opportunity to go out on trips as we approach the end of term and this rather strange academic year. Class R are heading off to the Bear Trail in Cullompton, hunting for bears and maybe even Goldilocks! Class 4 are travelling to the RHS Gardens at Rosemoor to learn how plants grow through drama - we are looking forward to the photos of everyone dressed up

as seeds and plants! Class 5 will explore the Exe estuary with the help of a



ranger from the Exe Estuary Management Partnership and Class 6 will spend a day at Rock and Rapid in South Molton where they will have opportunities for indoor climbing, bouldering, archery, team building and low ropes with a BBQ to finish making this a wonderful end to their time with us.

Class 6, with the support of Class 5, are busy practising for the traditional, end of term

performance which this year will be a panto entitled 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Camelot'. We wish all our Year 6 children well when they disperse to various secondary schools at the end of this term.

Finally, we would like to extend our thanks to Linda Beattie who has moved to be closer to her family. Having taught locally for many years Linda has volunteered at school since her retirement, supporting children's reading and stepping up to join the governing body after ill health prevented her husband, John, from continuing as a governor. Both she and John have made an invaluable contribution to the life of Clyst St Mary School and we will greatly miss our link with them. Thank you.



Walking Group



We have decided to open up our Walking Group on Tuesday 20th July but always with FINGERS CROSSED of course. I wrote an article for the magazine last month inviting those of you have been walking out during the pandemic or have recently moved to Clyst St Mary. We are always looking for new members and you are very welcome to come and try us out. We are

a friendly bunch, mostly mature but young at heart and we all love walking and socialising. There is no membership fee. There is no paperwork. We all take it in turns to organise a walk with picnic or pub lunch but if you have never done that, don't let that put you off. It is always the third Tuesday in the month. We all walk at our own risk.

So the good news is that we will meet at 10 am in the Village Hall car park on Tuesday 20th July to enjoy a day out together. The walk has not been determined as yet by Pat and Peter Cusa but it will be a popular walk and not a marathon. We usually walk 5/6 miles at a leisurely pace. We usually share cars but this may not be possible yet unless you are happy with friends you know or your own bubble, etc. Do come along appropriately dressed with good shoes. If you want more information, please contact Pat on 01392 877907. We hope to see you there. Pat and Peter Cusa

Clyst St Mary Flood Defence Improvements – Progress Update, Spring 2021



The Environment Agency would like to thank local residents and businesses once again for their patience while the essential improvement works to flood defences at Clyst St Mary are carried out.

Our works have continued with the reinstatement of the leat and works at the northern end of the scheme, although unfortunately, there have been some delays in the final elements of construction, and the project will need to continue work over the summer months. There will also be some changes to the design around Mill House. The Environment Agency will write to update locals once updated timescales are confirmed.

Kier's public liaison officer will continue to be available to help you with any queries with the site works and can be contacted on 07716 223056 or Exmouth.PLO@kier.co.uk.

[See also the Letter to the Editor.]

Clyst Valley Pre-School



Clyst Valley Preschool has remained open throughout the pandemic for all our children and is now full at almost every session. We are currently taking applications for September 2021 and beyond with sessions available on every day. Sadly we are not yet able to hold open days or taster sessions but hopefully this will change as lockdown is eased and things return to a new normal! To apply, or for more information, check our website www.clystvalleypreschool.org. You can also call us on 01392 876615 or email us on manager@clystvalleypreschool.org.

Table Tennis Club



Please come and join us! We resumed play at the Clyst St Mary Table Tennis Club in May. New members always welcome. We play at the Village Hall every Thursday, 4-6 pm. The minimal fee of £20 for a 10-week session includes use of all equipment and refreshments. For further details please contact Pam Gardner on 07714 097220 or by email to pamelamgardner9@gmail.com.

[For the tennis, short bowls and badminton clubs please look out for notices in subsequent issues of the CVN as to when activities will resume.]

CLYST ST GEORGE AND EBFORD



Clyst St George Church

Please see the July rota of services at the end of the magazine; and contact Jacquie Manser at jacquie@jmanser.co.uk for more information.

CSG Parish Council Chairman's Notes, July 2021

At our AGM I was re-elected as Chair and at our monthly meeting the Council co-opted Mrs Jeanette McDonald. She is a long time resident of the parish so I am sure she will bring some new insights to the PC.

It's hall in the name! We have one hall in Clyst St George but it is known as either the Village Hall or the Parish Hall. The Trustees have now decided that we wish it to be known as Clyst St George Parish Hall. Why? In 1931 when the Hall was built, on land donated by Lord Wraxhall, Major Gibbs named it Ebford and Clyst St George Parish Hall; at that time Ebford was in the

Parish of Woodbury but some of the original committee running the Hall were from Ebford and so it has remained. Ebford is now part of CSG Parish and the charity running the Hall is 'Clyst St George & Ebford Parish Hall'. That won't change but it is a bit too long, so the decision to rebrand it has been taken; signs and logos will be changed in the coming months. All the best. John Manser john@jmanser.co.uk 01392 874861

Norman's Weather Report



How dramatic the change from the drought conditions of March and April to the monsoon of May! Two days, 12th and 13th May, gave us 60 mm of rain here at Ebford - 10 mm more than the total for both March and April this year.

May started with over an inch during the first week and over four inches in the second week. The third week yielded another inch of thundery shower rain; the month's total was a record-breaking 177 mm or 7 inches of rain. Last year, in the middle of the first lockdown, May's total was only 9 mm, which made it the driest month of 2020.

The May average amount here at Ebford over the last 20 years has been almost exactly 2 inches. In this context, the last ten years have been significantly drier than the previous decade; with May 2007 and May 2008 recording about 5 inches each.

As I report now at the end of June's first week, a 'flaming' dry period appears to be approaching. Norman Cann

Clyst St George Parish Hall



Clyst St George Parish Hall is open once more to anyone who wants to hire the Hall. We are not making the Ethel Cann Room available at the moment as it is too small to adhere to the social distancing rules. The Hall has been redecorated and is looking splendid.

There are hand sanitising units at strategic points in the building for the use of the hirers and hirers are asked to be responsible for making sure that they adhere to the government guidelines for holding gatherings in a COVID-safe way. Our cleaner will use PPE when working in the Hall and he has special cleaning fluids to make the area as safe as possible. We are confident we will resume the coffee mornings (see above), Big Breakfast and the quiz evenings, hopefully soon. Watch this space!

Enquiries to Claire Marks at clyststgeorgeandebfordvhall@outlook.com or 'phone 07834 234546. Pamela Diffey (Chairperson) 01392 877497

Nature Garden

Clyst St George has a delightful nature garden by the side of the parish church. The aim of the garden is to grow local Devon indigenous plants and trees and to encourage a Devon meadow with local wild flowers. Should you wish to help develop this 'green' facility, you can come along on the first Saturday of every month from 9.30 to 11 am. (PLEASE CHECK IN ADVANCE.)

Little Dragons Pre-School

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WOODBURY SALTERTON



Church Services

Please see the July rota of services at the end of the magazine; and contact the Churchwarden, Debbie Jung, on 01395 232328 for more information. The church will continue to be open for private prayer on Wednesdays, 3 – 6 pm and Saturdays, 9 am – 12 noon.

Weekly Coffee Mornings



Church coffee mornings take place each Saturday from 9.30 till 10.30 in the churchyard.

Village Lunch

On 19th May the first of what will be a monthly event, a Village Lunch, was held in the Digger's Rest. Monthly lunches had been part of our WI social calendar and it was decided that, although we no longer meet as an Institute, we would keep this social event going. Those attending had to sit on socially distanced tables of six in accordance with current regulations.

After the meal Valerie Davieson presented former WI President Gil Bricknell and Secretary Terrie Newman with orchids. Valerie thanked Gill for all she had done as President before lockdown and for keeping contact through teas, etc during the period when we could not meet. Terrie had spent hours on the computer sending round information. Valerie also thanked former Treasurer Gill Scott in her absence for her financial expertise in putting all our records online. All three were exceptional people to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude.

Gill added her personal thanks to Terrie and Gill for their support and help during the formal procedures of suspending the WI. The bank account has been formally closed but a sum remains so that the WI could be started up again within the next three years. She said the closure sees the beginning of a new chapter as we all need one another and our friendships. She invited all former members to take a Devon WI mug as a souvenir.

It was agreed that there will be a Village Lunch at the Digger's each month on the last Wednesday of the month and this is inclusive and is open to all.



Return of the Scarecrows!



The news that the Scarecrow Challenge, a very popular annual event on the village calendar, is to return this year, has been greeted with great delight. This year's theme is *Characters or Events from History*. It is hoped that scarecrows will start to appear around the village from the beginning of July, culminating in the judging by popular vote on SUNDAY 18TH JULY. Entry forms are available from the organiser, Debbie Jung, or from the church or from The Digger's Rest. Entries, with the £5 fee, should be returned to Debbie.

On Sunday 18th maps indicating where the scarecrows are situated will be on sale (for £2) from 2 pm in the Glebe Field. Participants can then follow the route and decide which is their favourite scarecrow. There is a prize for the entry which gets the most votes. Teas, coffees and cakes will be on sale from 2 till 5 pm and there will be stalls and games – all socially distanced.

This event is not only a lovely opportunity for the village to get together but also raises much needed funds to keep our village church going. Please support it.

Happy Birthday Gill!



Gill Bricknell decided to celebrate her 70th birthday with a tea in her garden for friends and combine this with raising funds for Hospiscare by asking for donations instead of presents.

A lovely afternoon was enjoyed by all. A chance to socialise and make the special birthday of this very popular lady and much loved friend a memorable occasion. A total of £315 was raised for Hospiscare.

POETRY CORNER

Woodland Fern

by John Smith (of Clyst St Mary)

You could not design a fern
If it didn't already exist,
What architect could achieve
Such symmetry and grace,
And the way in which it uncurls
Its carefully folded fronds
Has taken a million years
To achieve such elegance.



Did the beauty already exist
Before humans could express it?
Like music that may not be there
If there are no ears to hear it...

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Peter



The penultimate chapter of the EA's Flood Protection Scheme is now well under way, after weather delays in May. This is to build up the access road and bank around Mill House and Mill Cottage to the same level as the already completed bank running the length of Frog Lane. The final stage will be the installation of the stop logs on the Old Bridge and across the farm track behind Millstream Cottage. These are subject to delay, as the foundations for them on the Old Bridge uncovered BT services, which must be adjusted under BT supervision. This means, I am told by the



site foreman, a possible delay of up to eight weeks. Final details such as barriers to stop access onto the flood wall are also to be fitted. So by the end of the summer we should be fully protected.

Regards. Chris Scanes

AND FINALLY...

Exmouth Mobile Library Timetable 2021

Day	Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Friday	Aylesbeare	Nightjar Inn	09.50	10.10
Friday	Clyst St Mary	Cat and Fiddle	12.10	12.30
Tuesday	Clyst St Mary	Winslade Park	14.50	15.10
Tuesday	Clyst St George	School	15.20	15.40
Monday	Exton	Station	09.45	10.05
Friday	Woodbury Salterton	Kennels	12.50	13.10
Woodbury	Woodbury	White Hart	14.00	16.00

- *Disclaimer: Due to operational circumstances, the mobile library may need to be off road and unable to visit on some dates. Details will be publicised closer to the time. These timetables may be subject to change.*



Temporary One-Way Street, Banned Turns, Speed Restriction and Prohibition of Parking During Devon County Show



Devon County Council hereby give notice that from Friday 2 July 2021 (for a maximum of 21 days) until Sunday 4 July 2021 (both dates inclusive):

- No person shall except upon the direction or with permission of a Police Officer in uniform cause or permit any vehicle to turn right from the following junctions from Friday 2 July to Sunday 4 July:

From the A376 onto the A3052 at Clyst St, Mary roundabout - from the A3052 into Clyst St. Mary Village at the roundabout - from the A3052 onto Church Lane - from Church Lane onto the A3052 - from the A3052 into St. Bridget Nursery - from St. Bridget Nursery onto the A3052 - from the A3052 onto the Village Road at Rydon Motors - from the Village Road onto the A3052 at Rydon Motors - from the A3052 into Westpoint at Orange Gate - from the Sidmouth Road exit gate onto the A3052 - from Cavanna Homes, Greenspire construction site onto the A3052 - from the A3052 into Cavanna Homes, Greenspire construction site.

- No person shall except upon the direction or with permission of a Police Officer in uniform cause or permit any vehicle to turn right from the following junctions from 14.00 to 19.30 from Friday 2 July to Sunday 4 July:

From Winslade Park Avenue onto the A376.

- No person shall except upon the direction or with permission of a Police Officer in uniform cause or permit any vehicle to turn left from the following junctions from Friday 2 July to Sunday 4 July:

From the A3052 into Westpoint at Orange Gate - from the rear exit gate from Yellow Car Park onto Bishops Court Lane.

- No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in a southerly direction on the following length of road between 14.00 to 18.00 from Friday 2 July to Sunday 4 July: *C171 Bishops Court Lane from its junction with Darts Exit Gate to Marlborough Cross.*
- No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in a northerly direction on the following length of road when temporary traffic signs are in place from Friday 2 July to Sunday 4 July:

B3184 from its junction with A3052 at Nine Oaks to Marwood Cross.

No person shall cause any vehicle to wait, from 09.00 on 2 July to 18.00 on 4 July:

Church Lane from the A3052 to Clyst Valley Road - Oil Mill Lane from the A3052 to the access road to Dartline Coaches - access road to Dartline Coaches from Oil Mill Lane to the access gate to Dartline Coaches.

- No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a greater speed than 30 miles per hour on the sections of affected roads when temporary traffic signs are in place from Wednesday 30 June to Sunday 4 July:

A3052 from its junction with the A376 at Clyst St, Mary roundabout to a point approximately 925.5 metres east of its junction with Oil Mill Lane.

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable - DEVON COUNTY SHOW. For additional information 'phone: 01392 353702.

Meg Booth, Chief Officer of Highways, Infrastructure Development & Waste, Devon Highways, Devon County Council, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QD



Have You Topped Up Your Tan in Topsham Yet?



You won't be alone when you visit Topsham this month - it's likely to be one of the busiest but most enjoyable times of year when the town is at its most beautiful.

Make a day of it by planning a walk or two between refreshments and retail therapy. Amongst the favourite *Quick Guides* on our website - we have nine in total on lovetopsham.co.uk - are ones for cyclists, families and dog walkers, all ideal for bright summer mornings or balmy afternoons and evenings. If you're after something a little more historic there are guides to our churches and even our pubs, past and present.

You'll want refreshments as a reward for that exercise: you'll know exactly how diverse our food, drink and café cultures are, and if you want to combine them with soaking up the sun just grab a takeaway and head to our Love Topsham benches now enjoying their second summer at the Quay and the Recreation Ground.

If you really want to cool off, there's always Topsham pool - a big hit with all ages and open throughout the summer.

Visit us on a Saturday this month and you'll probably perk up your



ears thanks to our *Summer of Sounds* street musicians - watch for them in town from mid-morning on Saturdays.

You'll find more details about who's playing on the *Town Calendar* on the website - from checking which days the museum is open, through times for fitness classes and sports clubs, to charity and other music events, this is where you'll find what's what.



And a reminder, if you haven't already spotted them, that the *Love Topsham hanging baskets* dotted throughout the shopping area are now in full bloom thanks to our rota of daily dead-headers and water-providers. Say hello if you see them in action!

Now we hate to remind you but...we're much closer to next Christmas than to last (honestly!) so we hope you'll help us with your ideas for what we should do. We all know the restrictions which made Christmas 2020 less joyous than we would have liked - the festive season in 2021 will be the opportunity to make up for what we missed most last time round. So what could Love Topsham do to make your visits to the town even more enjoyable in a few months' time when the evenings are dark and the lights go up? The last festive period, despite the challenges, had Christmas lights and trees aplenty, competitions for the best dressed homes and shop windows, and a Dress Up event for children in the weeks leading to the big day. So should Christmas 2021 be more of the same, but bigger? Or something different to add to the list? Please let us know by emailing lovetopsham@gmail.com. Thank you!



And finally, our regular reminder - you may know already but for just £3 a month you can contribute directly to all the events you've just read about, and you can enjoy discounts in some shops and invitations to VIP events. You know the score - please check out lovetopsham.co.uk for details - thank you.

In the meantime, have a wonderful July and do please soak up the sun in Topsham. See you soon over a cool drink! Best wishes from the Love Topsham team.

Woodbury Hair Salon Wins Prestigious Award!



Salon No 8, at The Arch in Woodbury, which was only opened by Stephinie Murdoch in 2019, has been announced as a winner at the South West of England Prestige Awards and is named 'New hair and beauty salon of the year'. It was nominated and recognised for its outstanding customer care, its consistent quality of work and its eco-friendly ethos with the steps it has taken to help the environment.

The judges were impressed '...by the company's commitment to being an eco-friendly salon that cares about the effect of the products and

packaging it uses, and encourages its clients to do the same. It is clear the care and attention the salon practises also extend to its clients, who receive a personal experience from the moment they step into the salon, starting with a detailed consultation. Although the salon only opened in 2019, its warm and friendly atmosphere has allowed it to become a welcomed hub for the community to gather and socialise. However, this wouldn't have been possible without the consistent outstanding quality of its hair and beauty services.'

The Prince's Trust Enterprise Courses



We just wanted to remind you of our upcoming virtual Explore Enterprise courses. If you have any young people aged 18 - 30 and living in Devon and Cornwall, who are interested in starting a business, please ask them to ring our customer service line or email us at PlymouthEnterpriseTeam@princes-trust.org.uk. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch. Best wishes, Kelly and Ivanna, The Prince's Trust, Room 4 The Garehouse, Royal

William Yard, Plymouth, PL1 3RP; 07931 555085/07484 082161.

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A group for gentlemen to catch up weekly and enjoy a hearty meal. Open to all ages.

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Needle Craft Group!

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1,420 face masks have been made by local people

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It's Tea Time!

Please join us for a 'socially distanced' friendship group. We will be offering a 2 course meal and take home afternoon tea for £9 per person.

13th July
27th July
10th August
24th August

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Dear Customer,


Please be aware that the Bradbury Café will be closed for **two** days only on the **6th and 7th July** for training purposes.

We will be open again as usual from **Thursday 8th July**.

Many thanks for your understanding,


The Estuary League of Friends team.



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1-2-1 IT Help!

Estuary League of Friends is now offering '1-2-1' help with IT on **Wednesday** mornings between **9:30 - 11:45am** here at Nancy Potter House, Topsham.



- Smartphone Help
- Help with Laptops/ Computers
- Answering any queries to do with Devices or Technology
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Monthly Giggle



What if the fly on the wall told the elephant in the room about the skeleton in the cupboard?

A friend told me he'd been to a Michelin-styled restaurant. I said, 'Don't you mean a Michelin-starred restaurant?'
He said, 'No. Everything tasted rubbery!'

My wife made a dress out of chocolate bars. I said, 'Very nice. Give us a twirl.'



Why's a car no good at football? It's only got one boot.

A German walked into a bar and asked for a martini. The barman asked, 'Dry?'
The German said, 'Nein, just one.'

So I said to a friend, 'What's your favourite place in Wales?'
He said, 'It's difficult to say.'

'Mr Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully,' the divorce court judge said, 'And I have decided to give your wife £400 a week.'
'That's very fair, Your Honour,' the husband said. 'And every now and then I will try to send her a few pounds myself...'

A man is driving down the motorway when his wife phones him...
'I have just heard on the radio that there's a car going the wrong way down the motorway. Do be careful.'
'There's not just one car,' he says. 'There's hundreds of them.'
[Thanks, as ever, to Lesley Richardson, for these gems. Ed]



"When I press this button, activating the trapdoor, this will conclude the exit interview."

Now That I'm Older...

I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider's web.

I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food supply in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.

Never sing in the shower! Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping, and slipping leads to paramedics seeing you naked. So remember ...Don't sing!
[Thanks once again to John Flitney for these funnies. Ed]



A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named Amal. The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him Juan. Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his mum. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her

husband that she wished she also had a picture of Amal. Her husband responds, 'But they are twins. If you've seen Juan, you've seen Amal.'

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WCMC SERVICES JULY 2021



Sunday 4th July: 5th Sunday after Trinity

Week 1

09:30	AYL	Morning Worship	Christine
09:30	WST	Holy Communion	Rev'd Margaret
09:30	CSM	Holy Communion	Rev'd Bill
11:15	WBY	Holy Communion with Baptism	Rev'd Bill
18:30	EXT	Evening Worship	Rev'd Roz

Sunday 11th July: 6th Sunday after Trinity

Week 2

09:30	EXT	Holy Communion	Rev'd Peter
09:30	FAR	Holy Communion	Rev'd Bill
09:30	CSG	Holy Communion with Baptism	Rev'd Margaret

Sunday 18th July: 7th Sunday after Trinity

Week 3

11:15	AYL	Holy Communion	Rev'd Bill
09:30	CSM	All Age Worship	Christine
09:30	WST	Family Service	Rev'd Bill
18:30	WBY	Evening Prayer	Rev'd Peter

Sunday 25th July: 8th Sunday after Trinity

Week 4

09:30	CSG	Holy Communion	TBA
09:30	Zoom	Family Service	Zoom team
09:30	FAR	Morning Worship	Rev'd Janice

AYL Aylesbeare FAR Farringdon EXT Exton WST Woodbury Salterton WBY Woodbury
CSG Clyst St George CSM Clyst St Mary

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