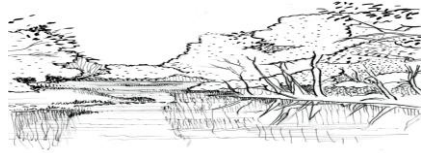


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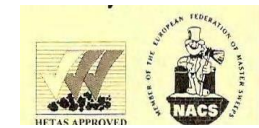
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**MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE**



I thought I ought to write something about illness and disability, as I am suffering from another bout of ME-related conditions at the time of writing. I was also prompted by something I heard on Radio 4 last Sunday: the speaker, who had lived in Bristol, was lamenting the thoughtlessness of some people, who parked across the kerb; making it difficult for her elderly mother to navigate the pavement with her

new mobility-assisted 'wheels' that she was pushing. The interesting point was that the speaker hadn't ever noticed it before her mother had to use her wheels.

In Woodbury, people can also be thoughtless with their parking but so can I when in a hurry, or simply when not thinking. We all need to be aware of others' disability, including that which we cannot see. During my illness I have been unable to walk even small distances (including, notably, the tiny distance between my house and St Swithun's in Woodbury) and have even considered applying for a temporary disabled parking sticker (the bureaucracy has put me off). How much have I taken for granted the ability to just walk anywhere I wanted; quite necessary in our small flat in Lyme Regis, where car parking is at a huge premium?

Of course, we can play on our disability; we have all heard stories of people taking disability car parking liberties. Jesus, I suppose, had something to say in his time about people with illnesses; more than once he asked: 'Do you want to be healed?', or 'What do you want me to do for you?' Some Bible commentators have suggested that to be healed could require a lifestyle change – if your income was from begging outside the temple, what would you do if your disability suddenly disappeared?

If I had more room in this article, I could write about resurrection, our new resurrection bodies, and the debate about what that would be like for those whose earthly bodies are in some way incomplete.

To finish where I started, finding out you are ill is in many ways a revelation, particularly for me with it being a 'syndrome' or 'condition'. It is definitely 'disabling', and has, I hope, enabled me to think a little more, and even empathise with more, of those whose lives are much more affected than mine. Help me to help others Lord, whatever my condition. Amen.

PS My thanks to one or two readers who have given me email thanks for my monthly thoughts. They are not always easy to write, I often crib others, but if I have caused some of you occasionally to ponder or even pray a little, I am grateful.

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**Church Services**

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#### EDITOR'S NOTE



*Hello and welcome to this March edition of the Clyst Valley News. As I write, we're waving a 'good riddance' goodbye to Storms Dudley, Eunice and Franklin. I do hope you have not suffered any personal harm or damage. It was certainly a chastening experience. Let's hope spring really is round the corner now. The snowdrops and bluebells seem to think so.*

*I'd like to say thank you to our good friend, Clyde Bish, for this month's cover photo. It's of a striking piece of metal artwork that now has a permanent berth on the Old Bridge in Clyst St Mary, created by local artist, Tom Walling, who is a Senior User for the Environment Agency which, as you will know, has recently completed the new flood defences for the village. The piece commemorates the Battle of Clyst St Mary in 1549 at the time of the Prayer Book Rebellion. Have a look at Clyde's 'Letter to the Editor' for a more detailed description of the piece. Thanks, and congratulations to Tom for this important addition to the historical legacy of the village. Do go along and check it out. If you approach the old bridge from the village, it is on the right just as you reach the mill stream crossing, sited on the recently raised flood barrier where it joins the bridge wall. It's really impressive.*

*I wonder how many readers have been glued to the TV this past couple of weeks, like I have, enthralled by the Winter Olympics? Our devotion to this four-yearly spectacle is a strange phenomenon, when you think about it. Most of us go for four years without sparing much thought to skips throwing stones into the house; triple toe loops; luge extensions; moguls; Super-Gs; McTwists – then, come the Olympics, we become engrossed, sofa-bound experts. I love it! And didn't our curlers do well? They held the nation captivated. The only slight dampener for me personally is the fact that I can't help associating these winter games with a certain degree of serious pain as I watched every minute of the BBC coverage of the Pyeongchang Games in 2018 from my sickbed with a severe bout of sciatica. In fact, I think I wrote about the experience at the time in one of these editorials. As they say, no pain, no gain...*

*I hope you enjoy the magazine; and your pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. And, if you are planning any privations for Lent, the best of luck! Best wishes. Peter Skelton*

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#### CLYST ST MARY



#### St Mary's Church

*March Services.* The Family Service with Breakfast will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 9.30 am. This is a very informal gathering for parents and children, lasting no more than an hour (including breakfast!) so that you have the rest of the day for other family activities. There will be a Family Communion Service on 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 am, as usual. We welcome new families who would like to bring their children to join us in these

services.

*Easter.* We are moving to Easter which is an important part of the Church's calendar and the White Cross Mission have quite a lot of services for you to attend and enjoy. On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 10 am we will be putting our Easter Garden together in the church and would like some children to come on down and help us do this. Please look out for the list in this Parish Magazine.


*Easter Table Decoration.* Just before Christmas, Margaret Stainfield held an informal afternoon enabling those attending to make their own Christmas table decorations. We all surprised ourselves with the end result and because of the success we have decided to hold another one for Easter. The date is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2 to 4 pm in the church. There will be refreshments including homemade cake!

Please bring your own choice of flowers and greenery if you have any. Plenty around if you haven't. Everything else will be provided for you and the cost will be £5. We do hope you would like to come along and join us and it doesn't matter if you have never done anything like this. Give it a try! Any further questions, please email Margaret at [elspethstainfield@gmail.com](mailto:elspethstainfield@gmail.com). Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

*Notice Board.* At present our notice board is out of action because it is being attended to, making it more useful to you all and it will be replaced at the left of the steps. You can access this more easily up the ramp or up the steps.

*Maintaining the Church.* On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March we are holding a cleaning of the church and a tidy up outside in the churchyard. We would be very glad to have some of you come along and help us to achieve a neater looking church for you to enjoy. We are wilding up some areas and our wild flowers are beginning to poke their heads above the ground. We would also like to put bird nesting boxes into our trees and if you would like to sponsor a box, perhaps in memory of someone, please contact Pat on [pat@cusa.org.uk](mailto:pat@cusa.org.uk). Thank you in advance of some positive responses. Best wishes. Pat Cusa, Church Warden

#### Church Coffee Mornings

 The March coffee morning will be held in church on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 till 11.30 am. Please come along and join us for coffee and a chat.

## Bishops Clyst Parish Council



**Annual Parish Meeting.** The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in Clyst St Mary Church on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7 pm and will be followed by the normal monthly Parish Council meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting is, in legal terms, a quite separate body from the Parish Council, but it is the Council that arranges it, simply because it is unlikely that anyone else will do so. Its decisions are not binding on the Council, though the Council will normally take heed of what is said at the meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a legacy from the Middle Ages, when local councils did not exist, and all local decision making was carried out by meetings of the whole community, taking place in the church vestry. It is open to all electors of the Parish, who have the right not only to attend but also to speak on any matter of local interest. This contrasts with a Council meeting, where electors who are not Councillors have no automatic right to speak, though there is an item on every Parish Council agenda when electors can raise matters of concern to them.

This meeting has its own minutes, which are kept separately from the Council minutes, and these minutes can only be approved by the next Annual Parish Meeting which will, of course, not be held until the following year. The draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting are reported to the next convenient meeting of the Council, since otherwise matters are unlikely to get progressed. But the Council cannot approve these minutes, as they do not belong to the Council.

If you have any matter of local interest or concern which you wish to raise, please let the Clerk know and come along to the Annual Parish Meeting, or just come along if you would like to find out more about the issues affecting your parish.

**Community Grants.** Community grants of up to £500 are available to groups, clubs and voluntary organisations based in the Parish for non-commercial activities which benefit residents of the Parish. Please see further details on our website ([www.bishopsclyst.org.uk/community-grants/](http://www.bishopsclyst.org.uk/community-grants/)).

**Parish Council Vacancies – Environmental Champion Required!** There are still 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 the Clerk, Karan Bennett, at [bishopsclyst@gmail.com](mailto: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 ([www.bishopsclyst.org.uk](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](mailto:bishopsclyst@gmail.com).

## Clyst St Mary Primary School



By the time this reaches you Storm Eunice will have passed, hopefully without leaving a trail of devastation, and we will have started the second half of the spring term. We are looking forward to warmer weather, more sunshine and more time spent outside.

February started with a visit from a member of the Fork to Farm team who came and told the children how chocolate is grown and then helped them make their own chocolate - we had lots of very smiley children over those two days!



Safer Internet Day (SID) was shared across the Three Rivers Federation, starting with the SID assemblies and culminating in sharing our learning from a week of particular focus on the wonders the internet provides and how to be safe. Well done everyone, you really showed us that you know how to stay safe and how important it is to be a kind and considerate internet citizen.

Class 5 have been enjoying their work with PaddleBoat Theatre Company which will run across the whole term and end with a performance to the school and parents. They have thrown themselves into all the challenges and become much more confident about performance which bodes well for this year's summer production.



We have ended the half term with Bikeability Balance training for Years R and 1 and Bikeability Level 1 training for Years 3 and 4. As you can see from the pictures even when the weather forced them indoors the children had fun while developing the pre-skills required for riding a bike. Thank you as ever to the great Bikeability team who give up their time to deliver these sessions.



## Village Hall AGM: New Committee Members Urgently Required!



The Village Hall AGM will be held in the Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm. The Hall is well used by a variety of groups and individuals and letting income covers our running costs so we are solvent. However, we have now reached the point where soon **it will not be possible to**

**carry on operating the Hall.** The majority of committee members are well over 70 and, unless we get some new and active members, there will be nobody able or willing to serve as officers. If you feel that you can give some time to help to run the Hall, please contact the Chairman, Rob Hatton, on 01392 874305; or come along to the AGM and volunteer. Meanwhile, bookings for the Village Hall are 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](mailto:bookings@clyststmaryvillagehall.co.uk). We look forward to seeing you soon.

## Walking Group



The March walk will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>. We meet at the Village Hall at 10 am. Carshare to Parke, Bovey Tracy. Please bring your National Trust card if you have one, for free parking. Café for lunch is card payments only. We all walk at our own risk. For further details please ring Janice on 01392 876858.

## Table Tennis Club



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## CLYST ST GEORGE AND EBFORD



### CSG Parish Council Chairman's Notes, March 2022

East Devon District Council have sent all parishes an information sheet on dog ownership, aimed at new owners but a reminder to those of us who have dogs to be good owners. As it is quite long, I have put a copy on the 'Clyst St George and Ebford' Facebook page; please read if you are a dog owner.

The Parish Council are keeping up to date with the updates to EDDC's Local Plan. It will soon be out to public consultation, and we will press for a local venue for a presentation of the Plan. All the best.

John Manser

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## Norman's Weather Report



A very 'dry January', in terms of rainfall, was imposed upon us by the wobbly vagaries of the Jet Stream north of Britain. This flows at great speed from west to east in our upper atmosphere and seems to dictate our weather continuously.

The amount of rain was only 23 mm (0.9 inch) and it fell almost entirely during the first ten days of the month; later days were either dry and quite cold or mild and also surprisingly dry. The 20-year average amount for January here at Ebford has been 83 mm (3.28 inches). The average over the last seven years, 2015 – 2021, is 80 mm. Things will change when spring appears! Norman Cann

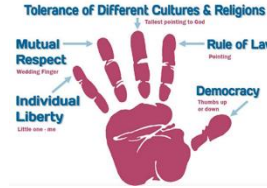
## Lady Seaward's C of E Primary School



*Edukid\_* With the help of the Edukid system, Lady Seaward's is sponsoring a child to help them attend school. The children of Lady Seaward's really enjoyed the opportunity to meet Ryan from Uganda with the school Ethos Team providing some

interesting questions to ask Ryan about his life experiences in Uganda and what school is like for him. We hope to have a follow-up session again later in the term.

**British Values Learning.** As part of our curriculum and assembly learning we have been continuing to promote our pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development by exploring the British values which are presented here in a really useful way to explore and remember. Within our assemblies this week, we have explored what mutual respect means and what it can look like both in school and the wider community.



**Class 1.** Look at our amazing mud kitchens! The children have already been using them in their play, creating imaginative concoctions to make pancakes, soup and much more! Thank you so much to Mr Stubbings who kindly built them and to the Barker family for donating the wood. Class 1 LOVE our new outside mud kitchens!



**Class 3.** This week, Class 3 have been working hard on their observational drawings in art. We have been looking at Mayan artefacts and sketching exactly what we see - their artwork has been a great success!



## Clyst St George Parish Hall

The Committee of Clyst St George Parish Hall is looking for some keen new members to boost their numbers - no special qualifications necessary apart from a desire to help the community in which you live. We would love you to help in the future proofing of the village hall and assist in building up some more community activities. We would welcome anyone from Clyst St George or Ebford and wanted to include all areas particularly Clyst Road or Odams Wharf for example, that may be interested in helping. We have approximately five meetings a year. For more information please contact one of our existing committee members who are Paul Bragg, Helen Cragg, Colin Pilcher, Claire Marks, Alan Marks or Donna Pagliero in Clyst St George or Pamela Diffey, Anna Smith or John Manser in Ebford; or ring our Chairman, Pamela Diffey on 01392 877497 or Vice Chairman, Paul Bragg on 01392 874599 for more information.



## 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

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all of our parents and staff for supporting us throughout this difficult year. We have limited space at the moment but if you are looking to start your child from September 2022 you may want to contact us now! We are based in Lady Seaward's School and open four days a week, from Monday to Thursday, 8.45 am – 3.15 pm during school term times. For more information please telephone Elly on 07939 995486 (in school hours), email [littledragons@live.com](mailto:littledragons@live.com) or visit our website [www.littledragonsclyststgeorge.com](http://www.littledragonsclyststgeorge.com).

## WOODBURY SALTERTON



### Monthly Coffee Mornings with Bacon Butties

These continue to take place in church on the first Saturday of every month from 9.30 till 10.30. They are much enjoyed social events, popular with people and several dogs who look forward to meeting up with their canine friends and trying to beg some titbits! The March one will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>.



### Film Night.



The film was enjoyed by 24 children plus parents and made a profit of £117. 80. Thank you to Debbie Jung who organised it.

### Church Quiz: Feathered Friends



The final total came to £640. In addition, our Church Treasurer, Nigel Dupain, can claim gift aid on extra small donations.

### Woodbury Salterton C of E Primary School



Another month and more news to share with you from Woodbury Salterton C of E Primary School.

We are proud to announce that we achieved Bronze Award status in Christian Aid's *Global Neighbours*. This scheme was launched in partnership with the Church of England's



Education Office with a vision of helping young people understand more about the inequalities in this world and helping them to become courageous advocates for those who have no voice. The accreditation scheme celebrates schools that are helping pupils learn about global poverty and the Christian responsibility.

We have also won a Silver Carnegie Mental Health Award! All five of the schools in our federation have been awarded this in recognition of the focus we give to supporting pupil, parent and staff mental health and well-being. This has been particularly important throughout the pandemic.



This half term's value is COURAGE. During our collective worships we will be exploring what it means to be courageous and listening to Bible stories such as the story of Moses and Esther that show how people have been brave and shown acts of courage. Our words of wisdom from the Bible are: 'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1.9

Class 1 have had a busy few weeks. They designed and made their own sandwiches and then learned how to write down the instructions. They have begun a new unit about 'How to Hide a Lion at School' and loved exploring the new text; thinking about different verbs they could use to make their writing more interesting. They went on a walk up to forest school with their cuddly toys and found some hiding spots ready to write their own version of 'How to Hide a Toy at Forest School'! The children have come up with some great ideas for where they could hide their toys and how their toys are going to save the day. In science, they have loved exploring our bodies and the things that our bodies can do. They experimented with their senses and had a go at tasting, smelling, listening, looking at and touching things. Some children weren't so keen on tasting the pepper but loved tasting the strawberry.

Class 2 have been really excited about their new theme of Rocks, Relics and Rumbles and have been researching how volcanoes are formed, as well as looking at and comparing different types of rocks. Some of the children have brought in fossils that they found locally; it has been fascinating to find out about some of the animal remains they show. As part of their RE unit on Judaism, Jane, a visitor, came to school and talked to Class 2 and 3 about their faith. The children in Class 2 learned about the beliefs and customs that are important to Jewish people. This included the special hats that Jewish men wear called Kippah, as well as lots of things that are done to prepare and celebrate Shabbat – such as cleaning their house, cooking food and lighting candles. In DT this term the children are making sand carriers to help Class 1 move the sand tray in their outside area. This has included research into types of buckets and containers, testing various materials to see which would be the most suitable and making their own containers. The children decided that plastic would be the best material to use and are collecting recyclable and unwanted plastic pots to make their containers. In literacy the children have been re-telling fairy tales using adverbs to show time passing, such as 'a little while later', and 'after that'. They are then planning on re-writing a fairy tale and changing the ending of it. In maths they have been learning how to multiply and divide numbers, using strategies such as grouping, sharing and using times table facts.

Class 3 have been working incredibly hard on their learning and making great progress with Times Tables Rockstars. Class 3 also have two 'Word Millionaires'; Megan and Olivia have read over 1 million words since starting Class 3 in September 2021. This is a fantastic achievement and their photo is displayed in our Word Millionaire corner in the school library to encourage other young readers. During our RE lessons Class 3 welcomed Jane to school to talk about her faith and show us many different Jewish artefacts. The children learnt some Jewish songs, performed a Jewish dance and had a taste of some Challah bread. Class 3 also had an engaging and thoughtful afternoon at the LIFE exhibition run by the ICE team at the Belmont Chapel. The workshop taught them all about the life of Jesus and gave them an opportunity to reflect on what they believe and think about the life of Jesus.

Due to our nursery numbers growing rapidly, we have increased the sessions that we are able to offer and are now open every weekday. Please email/telephone the office to check availability and pick up an application form. For more information about our school community please visit our website for more details, including before and after school care.

### Thank You – A Message from David Althorp, Dagworthy Cottage



I am very grateful for the financial assistance given as the result of the generosity of people to the burnt down thatched cottage and adjoining properties fund in Woodbury Salterton. The money for Dagworthy Cottage has been spent on clothes and a replacement laptop for me and, for my dog Loki, a new bed. All of these items were lost in the fire along with most of the contents. It will take a year to 18 months for the cottage to be rebuilt.


I am humbled by the friendship and support shown to me by the residents of the village and the surrounding area. A heartfelt thank you to all friends and neighbours who have helped in so many ways.

### Carol Bolt

We are sad to report the death of Carol Bolt on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Carol would have been known to many people in the village as she ran the Village Shop and Post Office for around 11 years

(from the early 1970s) that was built within the big, old garage building that used to be where Sages Lea now is.


Carol's husband, Barrie Bolt, and daughter, Debbie Clarke and her family, would like to thank friends and neighbours for all the sympathy cards, gifts and messages they received following Carol's death. They also send their grateful thanks to Woodbury Surgery and the District Nursing team, who looked after Carol so well, and to Budleigh, Exmouth and Lymptone Hospiscare at Home, who enabled Carol to pass away at home, with her family, which is where she wanted to be. The Hospiscare at Home nurses cared for Carol and all the family so compassionately. A donation to the local Hospiscare and Woodbury Surgery will be made in memory of Carol.



### SAVE THE DATE

To coincide with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, Woodbury Salterton are planning a Garden Party for all the family on Bank Holiday  
**FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE**  
Events are planned for the afternoon and evening.

**YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU**



There is a Jubilee Celebration meeting at the Digger's Rest on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm. We would love to see anyone who would like to be involved, no contribution too small. Please contact Arwen Beaton at the Digger's Rest 01395 232375 or Jane Angus 07779 168381 with any questions.

If you aren't able to make it, don't worry, there will be other opportunities for you to help out over the coming months.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Peter  
**Re My Cover Photo**



*I think this is a very cleverly crafted piece of functional and commemorative artwork. Gone are the normal deterrent spikes to be replaced by the spears of the combatants on that day in 1549. In addition to the date are the emblems of the commanders on the two shields - the lion and Fleur de Lys on the attacking royalist side to the right and what I assume is the heraldic martlet (although figured more like the wren in German heraldry than the usual swallow-like bird) which is prominent on Humphrey Arundel's coat of arms defending on the left.*

*I remember closing my walk 'In the Footsteps of the Rebels' with a comment that, apart from a brief mention on the Environment Agency board at the far end of the Old Bridge, there is no memorial to those who fought on either side for what they believed to be right. Perhaps now there is.*

*With best wishes.  
Clyde Bish, Clyst St Mary*

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**POETRY CORNER**

*Quiet Arrival*  
by John Smith (of Clyst St Mary)

Long withered fingers of winter  
Cling to the soil of the garden –  
And my senses search for hope.

Each morning the wistful looking  
For new life to peep at the day  
Bringing light in place of grey.

Then suddenly small points of white  
In the earth seen from the window  
Feed the joy of recognition.

The shy snowdrops, late this year,  
Almost apologise for smallness  
In these first hesitant days.

Quietly, without the trumpet blast  
Of later blooms, smiling their shy smile  
As if to say 'We are here if you want us.'



Oh yes! This visitor so modest  
Will always be so welcome, and full grown  
Will nod their silent bells in thanks.

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**AND FINALLY...**

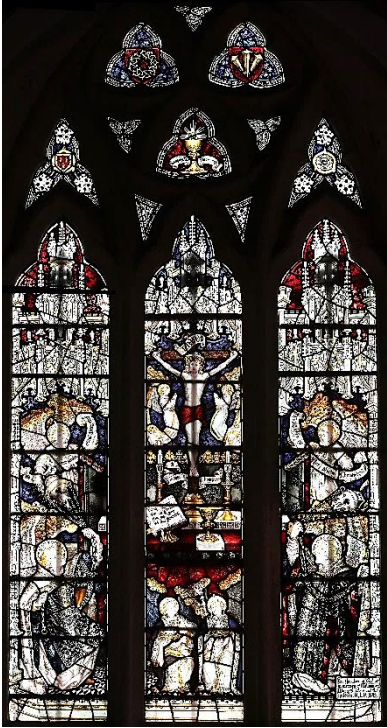
**Exmouth Mobile Library Timetable 2022**

| Day     | Village            | Stop          | Arrive | Dates                                                                  |
|---------|--------------------|---------------|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday  | Exton              | Station       | 09.45  | 7/2, 7/3, 4/4, 6/5, 27/6, 25/7, 22/8, 19/9, 17/10, 14/11, 12/12        |
| Tuesday | Clyst St Mary      | Winslade Park | 14.50} | 15/2, 15/3, 12/4, 10/5, 7/6, 5/7<br>2 & 30/8, 27/9, 25/10, 22/11       |
| Tuesday | Clyst St George    | Layby B3179   | 15.20} |                                                                        |
| Friday  | Aylesbeare         | Nightjar Inn  | 09.50} | 4/2, 4/3, 1 & 29/4, 27/5, 24/6<br>22/7, 19/8, 16/9, 14/10, 11/11, 9/12 |
| Friday  | Woodbury Salterton | Kennels       | 12.50} |                                                                        |
| Friday  | Woodbury           | White Hart    | 14.00} |                                                                        |

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.



## St Swithun's Church Woodbury East Window by Kempe Studios



In 1893 the children of William and Mary Sanders approached the Rector at St Swithun's, Rev'd John Loveband Fulford, to ask permission to install this unique window in honour of their parents, who were related to the Rector by marriage. The Rector's son Robert Medley Fulford was the architect of the restoration of St Swithun's in the 1890s. In the 1841 census William Sanders was living with his wife and children at Gilbrook in Woodbury, and a tanner by trade. Both William and his nephew (by marriage) the Rector were High Church Anglicans. The well-known glazier Charles Eamer Kempe (1837 - 1907) was approached to provide the window. We can recognise his style as the wings of the angels have peacock feathers. Their garments are pearlised, and during Kempe's lifetime the wheatsheaf 'signature' is used.

Adrian Barlow is a recognised authority on the life and works of Kempe and writes: 'At first glance the window seems to represent the Crucifixion of Christ, but in fact the scene depicts the celebration of the Roman Mass. The words on the open Missal ("Te igitur clementissime Pater...") are the opening words of the first prayer in the Canon of the Mass; the text "O salutaris hostia" are the opening words of a Gregorian hymn and up in the tracery

the words surrounding the chalice "Sanguis Xti lava nos" (Blood of Christ, wash us) - are apparently a confusion on Kempe's part of two different lines from the C14 hymn "Anima Christi" which contains the following lines: "Sanguis Christi, inebria me; Aqua lateris Christi, lava me." Actually, Kempe knew the correct words perfectly well as they appear in a window of 1884 in St Mary's Church, Monmouth.

'The miniature Christ on the crucifix is interesting because on his head he has both the crown of thorns and another crown which is actually (and uniquely as far as I'm aware) a crown apparently composed of fruit and leaves. Although his body shows five wounds with blood flowing, this is an image of Christ in Majesty being adored by the angels, two of whom are also censuring the altar on which the Mass is about to be celebrated.'

Adrian concludes, 'The whole window (undoubtedly designed by John Lisle but right at the start of his time as Chief Draughtsman to the Kempe Studios) leaves me almost speechless!' I'm grateful to Adrian Barlow for his interpretation of the window, William Finnigan for the photo of the window, David Kemp and Gillian Selley on the history of the window and village. In view of the unique design, the window deserves some specialist care. Stuart Bird

## Woodbury Camera Club



Woodbury Camera Club has decided to restart their face-to-face camera club meetings so we have decided to have a social in the Maltsters on 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm. We are keen to welcome new members and to this end we are

inviting anyone interested in joining the group to contact Debbie Jung on 07903 345683 for further information

Woodbury Camera Club has members from all over the parish. We are a friendly club of all abilities who enjoy taking photos with 'phones or traditional cameras. We have regular talks from speakers to extend our knowledge and interest. Any questions or further info required, please contact Debbie Jung as above.

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## Change in the Air for Love Topsham



We're on the verge of spring and there's change in the air for Love Topsham. As ever the town will welcome visitors especially as the days get longer - perfect for strolls along the estuary, leisurely drinks outside our pubs and cafés, or a first visit of the year to Love Topsham's benches at the Quay. Meanwhile Love Topsham itself will be undergoing a few subtle changes. We'll still be working hard to emphasise Topsham as the perfect destination for visitors wanting independent shops, fine food and glorious views. But there will be a little more emphasis on community activity and supporting and publicising other groups in the town -



many of these are already outward-looking such as Topsham Museum, a firm visitor favourite. We'll have news on new specific events in the April edition; in the meantime, please check out [lovetopsham.co.uk](http://lovetopsham.co.uk) for news, the town calendar, and ideas of how to make the best of Topsham. We hope to see you in town! Thanks for your support, from the Love Topsham team.

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## The Exeter Forum Talks Programme: 2<sup>nd</sup> March to 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022



The Exeter Forum weekly talks take place on Wednesdays at the Mint Methodist Church in Fore Street, Exeter. Members get together from 10.15 am. After time for coffee and socialising, the talk starts, usually at around 10.45 am.

| Date                   | Speaker                         | Title                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> March  | David Jenner                    | <i>Orchids of the UK – a Photographic Celebration</i><br>David Jenner will make a welcome return to the Exeter Forum with another of his wildlife talks illustrated by his own photography. David has photographed nearly all of the UK wild orchids. His talk will particularly focus on the common and rarer species found in Devon. |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> March  | Kevin Cox                       | <i>Where Have All the Birds Gone?</i><br>Kevin Cox, Chair of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, will look at issues facing our bird life and ways of restoring species and diversity.                                                                                                                                      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> March | Dr Todd Gray                    | <i>Devon and African Enslavement at the Time of Emancipation: An Impartial Analysis of the Evidence</i><br>Devon historian and author, Todd Gray, will look at the evidence for Devon's connections with slavery and the effects on the county of slave ownership.                                                                     |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> March | Stephen Powles                  | <i>Otters – Coming to a River Near You</i><br>Stephen will follow up his wildlife photography talk with this celebration of the life of the otter in Devon. His talk includes rare videos of otters on a tributary of the Exe and insights into the life of these wonderful but elusive animals.                                       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> April  | Keith Walton                    | <i>Exeter's Historic Churches and Their Roles in Mediaeval Times</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> April | Martin Young and Jonathan Smith | <i>Chernobyl and its Effect on the Local Environment</i><br>Martin and Jonathan will look at the legacy of the Chernobyl nuclear accident in 1986 and particularly its on-going effects on the local environment.                                                                                                                      |

## Monthly Giggle



A boss shows one of his staff his brand-new sports car. 'That is an amazing car,' the employee responds. 'Isn't it?' replies the boss. 'But if you can set your goals higher and work even harder this year, then I can get a much more expensive car next year.'

*Did you hear about the farmer who made his chickens drink hot water? He thought they would lay hard-boiled eggs.*

A famous footballer went to Heaven and was met by St Peter at the Pearly Gates. 'Who are you?' asked the saint. 'What did you do on earth?'  
'I was a footballer.'  
'Oh, and where are your boots?'  
'I left them on earth.'  
'Well, hurry back and get them - we're playing a local derby against Hell tonight.'

I just found this old tape, so I gave it a play. I don't recommend it at all. Head Cleaner - worst band ever...



*ever considered becoming an economist?'*

*The newly-qualified doctor was thrilled to be allowed to accompany the famous surgeon on his daily hospital rounds. He answered enthusiastically whenever his opinion was asked for; completely undaunted by the fact that his diagnoses were consistently wrong. In desperation, the surgeon took him aside and asked him, 'Have you*



The teacher said to her class, 'Can someone use the word "gruesome" in a sentence?' Johnny stood up. 'I can Miss. I used to be shorter than I am now, then I gruesome.'  
[Thanks to Lesley Richardson. Ed]

*The roof of the shed was damaged in the gales but my kind neighbour gave me a waterproof cover to use until I could repair it. Ta Pauline.*

## Estuary League of Friends



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### Shopping Trips

The next shopping trip dates will be:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February

If you would like to attend these shopping dates, please call us on 01392 879009 and we will get you booked in with George.

Thank you.

### the WI INSPIRING WOMEN Topham

Come and join us on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January Nancy Potter House 7pm to meet Rachel Dunn.

Rachel designs and hand-creates bespoke fascinators, hats and bags in a range of styles, colours and fabrics. Each item is individually crafted to ensure a perfect colour match to complement and enhance any outfit. All her accessories are handmade to order in Devon using only the highest quality, locally-sourced materials

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### Wednesday 2nd March: Ash Wednesday

19:00 CSM Service of Ashing Rev'd Bill

### Sunday 6th March: 1st Sunday of Lent

Week 1

11:15 AYL Morning Worship Carolyn Keep  
09:30 WST Holy Communion Rev'd Peter  
09:30 CSM Breakfast family service Rev'd Bill  
11:15 WBY Holy Communion Rev'd Margaret  
16:00 EXT Evening Worship Christine Grist

### Sunday 13th March: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Week 2

09:30 EXT Holy Communion Rev'd Margaret  
11:15 FAR Holy Communion Rev'd Bill  
09:30 CSG Family service Christine Grist

### Sunday 20th March: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Week 3

11:15 AYL Holy Communion Rev'd Chris Cant  
09:30 CSM Holy Communion and Baptism Rev'd Bill  
09:30 WST Breakfast Family Service Rev'd Sid  
18:30 WBY Evensong Christine Grist

### Sunday 27th March: 4th Sunday of Lent & Mothering Sunday

Week 4

11:15 CSG Holy Communion Rev'd Sid  
09:30 Zoom Family Service Rev'd Bill  
09:30 FAR Morning Worship Carolyn Keep  
10:30 WBY Café Church Lay Led

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

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