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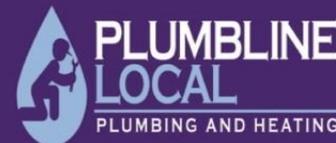
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MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE



The *Thought for Today* on Radio 4 on Saturday, given by a female Catholic commentator, used the idea of us being in a 'waiting time'. She compared this uncertainty with what will happen in Ukraine/Russia. As I write, we are almost at the end of Holy Week, and I have already been impressed by the variety of services across the Mission Community. On Good Friday, I was able to attend two very

different approaches to worship, and watch another online. It is very odd, as a vicar, being able to 'sample' services and attend them, without being responsible for leading them.

The two I went to (part of) were a children's Passion Play at Woodbury Salterton, and the ecumenical walk of witness in Woodbury. In both I was encouraged by the variety of people and families attending. At the former, it was good to hear the children bring the crowd together. The walk was a first for Woodbury – organised by Woodbury churches together – but really by Stephen from Christchurch. My grateful thanks to all from that congregation and also for St Swithun's faithful refreshments providers. Photos are available on Facebook! There are many services on Easter Day: I am, as ever, deeply grateful to all clergy and lay people who have been taking services for me.

So what am I trying to say? I sum it up as 'tell the story' and 'immerse yourself' within the Easter story. There are so many different ways to explore Holy Week, most of them very valid. Even those not in our tradition can be useful food for thought. We are living in 'in-between' times: we live with uncertainty – for some of us in our own lives, for others where there is conflict in the world.

This is where this day (the day before Easter Sunday), called Easter Eve, can help us. Jesus has been killed and is buried. We know about the promises of resurrection, but we have to wait for that. The musical *Jesus Christ Superstar* finishes with the crucifixion, but our story doesn't finish there.

I pray we all know the resurrection of Easter morning in our lives – and it encourages us through any dark times. Amen.

Bill and Daff Lemmey, Woodbury Vicarage revbillwhitecross@gmail.com 01395 232161

WHITE CROSS MISSION COMMUNITY

Please see the schedule of services within the WCMC for May at the back of the magazine. There will be a Zoom service on Sunday, 22nd May at 9.30 am. Please contact Jill Dupain at dupain@hotmail.co.uk or on 01395 232953 for information on how to join this service.

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EDITOR'S NOTE



Hello and welcome to this May edition of the Clyst Valley News. I'm delighted to say that we are happily ensconced back in CVN Towers after four months in temporary accommodation(s); and it feels good to be home!

My thanks to Norman Cann from Ebford – familiar to readers for his monthly weather report – for this month's cover photo of rams looking for each other. I hope they did manage to link up eventually!

The backdrop to my writing this editorial is a fairly depressing if familiar one: the tragic and cruel war in Ukraine continues to drag on with heart-breaking news of families suffering untold horrors still filling the headlines every day; the mounting list of scandals in Westminster that pose a real threat to the moral foundations on which our cherished democracy is based, sowing division across the country; the rise of far right, authoritarian regimes across the globe, some unnervingly close to home; and the alarming cost of living increases hitting family budgets pretty hard in this country.

So what can we turn to for a bit of light relief and cheerfulness? Well, for a start, despite the roller coaster of our weather at the moment, spring is definitely springing and it's a delight to see (and smell) the bluebells, buttercups, primroses lining our pathways, the sprouting wild garlic and the hedgerows glistening green. On a more human note, it has been inspiring to appreciate the wonderful efforts made by so many committed villagers to mark the holy festival of Easter in our churches and gardens this month.

And we mustn't forget the detailed preparations already well underway to ensure that the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next month will be celebrated in style and with lots of fun in our villages and towns. You can read all about them in this issue of the CVN. Whatever our own personal views of the monarchy – and they can be pretty extreme in either direction, let's face it – I guess most of us wouldn't turn up our noses at an opportunity to indulge in a bit of innocent fun and frolic, especially after the deprivations we've all (except, it seems, in Downing Street!) endured over the past couple of years. Do look out for the final details of all the activities in next month's issue of the magazine – what you might call the crowning glory! Enjoy the magazine. Best wishes. Peter Skelton

CLYST ST MARY



St Mary's Church

Church Services. The Family Service with Breakfast will be held on 1st May 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 Holy Communion Service on 15th May at 9.30 am followed coffee.

Easter. We had a very busy but lovely Easter weekend in the church and we would like to thank everyone who attended, and who helped make the church special for the Easter Festival.

Good Friday we had a service with a 20-strong choir who sang hymns and anthems; and volunteers from the congregation read the Easter story. It was a very moving service and thoroughly enjoyed by the congregation.

Saturday morning we put together the Easter Garden and we were ably helped by Alfie and his parents. Alfie brought his own additions to the garden and they brightened it up as never before. We loved his enthusiasm. Margaret and Paddy decorated the church with beautiful flowers and the scent was gorgeous. Our resurrected Christmas tree was prepared by Peter Cusa for the flower decoration that would happen on Easter Sunday. During the Sunday service everyone put flowers all over the cross and brought the whole thing back to life. Clyst St Mary's symbolic act for this Festival.

The church is open during the day so please do come on down and you can see the cross in the church. You can also bring some hard-stemmed flowers to put into the oasis that is on the cross. Many thanks to everyone who made the weekend special.

Our best wishes. Pat Cusa, Church Warden

Coffee Morning



The May coffee morning will be held in church on Saturday 14th from 10 till 11.30 am. Please come along and join us for coffee and a chat.

Ukraine Appeal: Easter Chocolate Quiz



Happy to say that the Easter Chocolate Quiz raised £65 for the Ukraine Appeal. The winner has received an Easter egg. A list of answers is in the porch of the church. Thank you. Jeanne Axford

SAVE THE DATE! Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



Saturday 4th June 2022, 4 pm onwards at the Village Hall in Clyst St Mary Food, activities, music and competitions for everyone including Jubilee cupcakes and decorating houses in a Jubilee theme. More details to follow shortly - look out for posters, leaflets and social media posts. Contact Pat Cusa on pat@cusa.org.uk or Ruth Flanagan on ruthflanagan24@yahoo.co.uk

Village Hall



Our website <https://www.clyststmaryvillagehall.co.uk/> gives details of hiring 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



The end of the spring term was very busy in school and we were very pleased to be able to hold one of our traditional events, the Easter Sponsored Walk. The weather was dry

and blustery and the children had great fun clocking up laps of the Clyst Valley Football Club pitch to raise money for the PTFA. The funds raised will contribute to the cost of developing a small patch of land, tucked behind one of our classrooms, into a quiet area for use at lunchtimes by those finding the hustle and bustle of the playground a bit overwhelming and those that prefer to sit quietly with a book to read.

Class 4 finished off the term with a trip to Leeford Woods for a final, full-day, forest school session. Much fun was had and new skills were learned - we hope everyone at home enjoyed the mementos the children made.



Learning about Easter celebrations and a trip to Clyst St Mary Church brought the term to a close for Class R. They explored the churchyard, inspected the organ loft and looked at the bell

tower while also learning about other key features of churches. Thanks to Liz Whittaker and Pat Cusa for facilitating the trip and supporting the children's learning.



Class 1 had worked so hard in the spring term that their reward was a surprise trip to the village park for some well-earned fun!

There was also a visit from Robert Holmes, an author, who spoke to the children about mindfulness and showed them the books he had written, for children, on this subject:

Master Owl Meets Miss Bunny and *Master Owl*.



When we return to school after the Easter break, planning

to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be in full flow. Preparations for filling the front playground with red, white and blue floral displays are already underway. Our thanks go to Jackie and Allan Wilson who have planted up the hanging baskets and are keeping them safe from late frosts for us! They will be along to plant up the containers too soon. On Friday 27th May we are having a tea party for the children with parents invited to join us later for some dancing and singing performances.

Classes 3 and 4 are starting the summer term with a two-day residential to Hooke Court, another step back to normality, and Class 5 will have Bikeability Level 2 training in May.

Let's hope the sunshine continues and the children can enjoy all our wonderful outdoor space for playtimes and learning.

Bishops Clyst Parish Council



Platinum Jubilee Celebration 2nd – 5th June 2022: The street party will now take place in Clyst St Mary Village Hall car park on Saturday 4th June which will enable use of the Hall if the weather isn't good. Further details will be published on the Parish Council website in due course.

Oak trees, provided by East Devon District Council, have been planted to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the Clyst St Mary Village Hall field (top right-hand corner) and Sowton Village church yard.

Annual Parish Meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in Clyst St Mary Church on Wednesday 4th May at 7 pm, followed by the normal monthly Parish Council meeting.



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/).

Parish Council Vacancies – Environmental Champion Required! There are two 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 and improve diversity within the Council. If this appeals to you, or you have other areas of interest please email the 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 (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.

Walking Group



The walking group is gradually emerging from the Covid-related restrictions and a programme of walks is now being planned. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month and gathers at the Village Hall car park at 10 am.

So if you feel like a walk with congenial company, do come along. The walks are increasingly less demanding but do provide us with some much-needed exercise especially as the walk usually includes a pub lunch. The walk in May will be on Tuesday 17th, meeting as usual in the Village Hall car park at 10 am, and will be organised by Sue and Tony (01392 874563). So if you wish to know more about what is planned, do give them a ring. It should be added that this is an informal group and that we all walk at our own risk.

Clyst Valley Pre-School



We are now almost full at every session and are currently taking applications for the summer term and September 2022. Check us out on Instagram or visit our website, clystvalleypreschool.org. You can also contact us on 01392 876615 or by email to manager@clystvalleypreschool.org.

Table Tennis Club



Please come and join us! 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. Alternatively, fees may be paid on a weekly basis if preferred. For further details please contact Pam Gardner on 07714 097220 or by email to pamelamgardner@gmail.com.

	BADMINTON CLUB The Club plays every Tuesday evening in Clyst St Mary Village Hall from 8-10pm.	
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Anne on: annecurrver@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you.		

Weekly Sequence Dancing with Sheryl and Jon



Every Monday evening there is a sequence dance practice at the Village Hall from 7.30 to 9.30 pm. It costs £10 a couple. We are a friendly group and always welcome dancers wishing to brush up on their ballroom and Latin sequence dances. We run a tea dance on the first Sunday of each month and will be running one on 5th June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with a

cream tea included. We also run classes to teach people how to sequence dance from the very beginning across Exeter and East Devon.

Sequence dancing is a very enjoyable sociable hobby, excellent for your memory skills as well as keeping fit. Please contact us if you feel it is something you might like to try or join in with or come and watch if you are not sure what it is all about! Contact Sheryl and Jon Lawrence on 07900 478932 or 01395 279563 or email sa_lawrence@hotmail.com for more details.

CLYST ST GEORGE AND EBFORD



CSG Parish Council Chairman's Notes, May 2022

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 13th April. We heard reports from: the parish church which will be restarting the popular breakfast services in May; the Trustees of the Parish Hall, who with others are busy planning a celebration for the Queen's Jubilee on Sunday 5th June; the residents of Seawards Park and Ebford who are busy working for their folk.

The Cricket Club are excelling and now known as "The Mighty Cyst" in the Devon Cricket League. They have a team in the third level as well as players in the Devon County teams for both men and women, and continue to have an excellent youth coaching programme for boys and girls across our locality.

To sum up, our local community is bouncing back as Covid recedes. All the best.

John Manser

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Norman's Weather Report



The first two weeks of March produced 61 mm (2.4 inches) of rain here at Ebford; only supplemented by a further 5 mm on the 16th. So the total of 66 mm (2.6 inches) compares almost exactly with the 2001 to 2022 average of 65 mm; albeit with some considerable variations of course.

Temperatures and winds during the drier period were very variable and now, as I write in mid-April, consistent warmth and moisture are certainly required for the progress of crops and gardens. Norman Cann

SAVE THE DATE! Queen's Platinum Jubilee -- Big Jubilee Lunch



Cyst St George Parish Hall along with Cyst St George and Ebford Parish Council and the Residents Association of Seaward Park are holding a Big Jubilee Lunch to help celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5th June.

This will take the form of a BBQ, beer tent, bouncy castle, cake stall, teas, strawberries and cream, children's fancy dress competition, adults' fancy crown competition in the field/car park behind the Village Hall in Cyst St George. Tickets are

available from the following people: Paul Bragg, Lizzie Parkinson, John Manser, Claire Marks, Barbara Horner and Mark Stubbs. The cost of a ticket will be £5 to include a hot dog or burger, strawberries and cream and a glass of fizz/can of beer/soft drink.

After all the Covid misery, let's make it an occasion to remember. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

Cyst St George Parish Hall



The Committee of Cyst 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 Parish

Hall and assist in building up some more community activities. We would welcome anyone from Cyst St George or Ebford and wanted to include all areas particularly Cyst 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 Cyst 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.

Wedding Congratulations!



David Brady, the ever-popular local postie at Ebford, was married to Tania at Mamhead on Saturday 16th April. A very nice monetary collection was made for him by local residents to show their collective appreciation of his cheerful attention to duties.

Nature Garden

Cyst 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 or visit our website www.littledragonsclyststgeorge.com.

WOODBURY SALTERTON



School Easter Service

Debbie Jung stepped in as Rev'd Bill was unavailable and gave a talk on eggs at the School Easter Service. It was good to have parents able to attend this again. There was a retiring collection for church funds.

Good Friday

On the morning of Good Friday a Passion Play was performed. Children coloured in eggs to hang on the Easter egg tree before roles were distributed. Jill Dupain was the Narrator, Phil Dent read the part of Jesus and various children took the roles of the High Priest, Pilate and Judas and the rest were the disciples, the crowd, etc with assistance and encouragement from Debbie Jung.



There was a break for drinks and hot cross buns before parents and others arrived at 11 am for the performance, which took place within a short service, which Debbie led.



The service ended with everyone carrying a lighted tea light to place around the shrouded body of Jesus and everyone left in silence. It was a beautiful and moving performance. [See also below.]



Ukraine



The church collection is still open and further donations are very welcome as the need continues and increases day by day. Children at our village school wanted to raise money so had a tabletop sale. Some made items for sale. These include sunflowers in individual pots. Katharine Wheeler brought these home because of the Easter holidays and has a lot for sale. The proceeds will go to the Ukraine appeal. The money that the school raised will be added to what the church has collected and be given to the Red Cross as a gift from the whole village.

If you'd like to donate, payment can be made by cheque to Woodbury Salterton PCC, directly to Debbie Jung (Churchwarden) or Nigel Dupain (Treasurer) or by BAC – bank transfer -- by emailing Nigel at dupain@hotmail.co.uk to ask for the church bank account details. Many thanks to all those who have given to this appeal.

SIAMS Inspection



As part of the SIAMS Inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) there was a service of worship in church. The artwork on crosses which the children had done has been left in church. Although the whole school does not worship together in school yet, hymn rehearsals were held in church to familiarise the children with the hymns which they have not sung for two years because of Covid. Katharine played the organ for rehearsals and the service.

Quiz

Quiz sales this year have gone extremely well. Copies at £2 each are still available from Katharine Wheeler. The closing date for entries is 29th May so there is still time to have a go. In the event of a tie there will be a draw to award the £10 prize.

Coffee Morning



The May coffee morning with bacon butties will be held in church on Saturday 7th at 9.30.

Jubilee Art & Craft Exhibition

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Woodbury Salterton is holding its first art & craft exhibition for the Jubilee weekend, Thursday 2nd until Sunday 5th June, 10 am – 4 pm. Entry is free to all. Our artists and crafters are renowned professionals who want to celebrate the Jubilee by exhibiting their work in our church. You will also have the opportunity to buy this work and proceeds will be going to the church to help secure this beautiful building. We will be serving tea and coffee and of course cakes so if you would just like to spend some quiet time amongst some amazing art and crafts, please feel free to pop along. Here are a few biographies of our artists:

Naomi Dunstan is an artist, designer and lecturer. Inspired by her return home to the West Country her current work represents the energy and the unique phases of the last few years – looking for strength and inspiration and that love of being close to the sea.

Louise Kelly – Local Devon artist who escaped from London. Observation is integral to Louise's practice, sketching and painting plein-air she gathers ideas for composition and colour. An earlier career in illustration informs Louise's work, giving her paintings a narrative slant and revealing her natural inclination towards images which evoke a sense of place or sometimes disquiet.

Nick Watton – "Travelling through life with a sketchbook in my rucksack", Devon Cornwall and the sea remain my main inspirations. I paint and draw as often as possible using oils, watercolour and charcoal.

Abby Clarke – The Countryside Felter – needle-felted sculptures. One of a kind handmade animal and figurine wool sculptures. Using various different breeds of sheep's wool to make 3D creations with a barbed needle, my creations have found new homes around the world.

Megan Cobley – I am a graphite artist with a particular interest in horses. Throughout my work I strive towards a detailed representation of form, texture and the play of light, endeavouring to bring the character of my subjects alive on the page.

Liz Dunne – Having retired from over 40 years of working to improve learning in schools and universities, I am now fulfilling my long-dreamed ambition – to create appliqué pictures by means of machine embroidery. The landscape of this wonderful local patch of East Devon provides the inspiration for much of my work.

Brendan Rawlings is a Devonshire artist that specialises in driftwood sculpture, tree carving and wall art. He has sold worldwide and has won many awards including the 2021 Sculpture Artist of the Year. Each piece is a bespoke unique piece of art, with its only personality and individuality created through the driftwood.

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 3RD JUNE**. Events are planned for the afternoon and evening.

There is a Jubilee Celebration meeting at the Digger's Rest on Monday 21st 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.

Sandra Andrews - Devon is in my blood -- the landscape, the skies and seas all inform my work. Coupled with a love of stones worn by the passage of feet, the colour of rust and patination, weathering and ancient markings -- all inspire. We have such a deep well here to draw on, so much variety and history to grab our attention. I enjoy responding to it and work mainly in mixed media, textured surfaces and acrylic paint.

Woodbury Salterton C of E Primary School



We hope that you had a peaceful Easter; children from Woodbury Salterton School joined others in the community on Good Friday to act in our local Passion Play. The church was decorated with various styles of cross on the pew ends. [See also above.]



We want to say farewell and thank you and to welcome to new members of our school community. Farewell and thank you to our mealtime assistant Mrs Ficken, who is starting a new career in health and fitness and welcome to Miss Salter and Mrs Drake who join us in her place. Farewell and thank you for years of service to two of our valued assistants, Mrs Campbell and Mrs Ascott who will be leaving to use their skills with secondary age students. Welcome to Miss Ballard, who will be working in Class 1 as a Foundation Stage Practitioner.

Class 1 have continued to learn about Judaism. They designed Sukkots outside using fabric and shared apple, honey and Challah bread. The children talked about Jewish traditions and why they are important. The Evil Pea has been on the loose in Class 1 for the past few weeks and we have been writing instructions about how we can catch him! We made our own Supertatos, designed our own traps and even made Supertato cars -- you might like to read the books too! Year 2 children have enjoyed learning about shape using the Geoboards. As part of the Rocks, Relics and Rumbles theme, they have been learning about how fossils are formed and had a go at making their own out of salt dough; and a small dinosaur. They have been learning the recorder and can now play short tunes. In English they have been writing biographies about the fossil collector Mary Anning; their new book is called the Book of Bones – I wonder if you can guess what animals they will learn about?

In Class 3's learning about the Victorians, they were shocked to discover that children as young as five were often sent out to work to help their families have enough money to buy food, and learned how changes in laws improved the lives of the children during this era. In the lead up to Easter, the children have examined Isaiah 53 and considered whether the 'suffering servant' being depicted was Jesus. They explored the Christian concepts of incarnation and salvation, identifying how the sacrifice of Jesus fits into the big story of the Bible. They have also learnt how Christians across the world continue to make sacrifices today in order to help others. In Collective Worship we have talked about the importance of building friendships and how important it is to forgive others, as God has forgiven us. We talked about how this can be a hard thing to do but vital if we want to live in a kinder and more peaceful world. We have linked our value of forgiveness to events in Ukraine and how forgiveness will be needed in the future. Our words of wisdom from the Bible are: 'Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others.' Colossians 3.13.

A massive thank you to everyone who came in wearing red on Red Nose Day and brought in a donation to raise money for Comic Relief. We are pleased to tell you that we raised £35.50 – well done everyone!

Would you consider being a school governor and be a part of your local community? The Governors of the Jubilee with Pebblebed Federation are responsible for five schools including Woodbury Salterton. We are a friendly team with a range of skills. We are particularly looking for new governors with skills in finance or in education but it is not essential. If you are

interested in joining our governing body, please contact our Clerk, Dr Helen Ryland: HRyland@woodbury-salterton.devon.sch.uk.

Woodbury Salterton Jubilee Art Exhibition: Call for Contributors



Thursday 1st – Sunday 4th June at Holy Trinity Church
Over the Jubilee Bank Holiday, Woodbury Salterton is celebrating local artists with an exhibition in the church – a beautiful space with lovely natural light. We want to celebrate all local talent in a variety of mediums including good quality photography, small sculptures and crafts. We have already signed up a number of

local artists and would welcome other creatives interested in exhibiting and/or selling.

If you are interested in participating or helping out, please contact Debbie Jung on 07903 345683 for more information. Please also look out for more publicity in the next couple of months.



POETRY CORNER

Extreme Recycling
by John Smith (of Clyst St Mary)

Walking on any street
I see the myriad faces
Of fellow humans, all different.
How can nature be so clever?

Surely there can only be
Just so many permutations
That can be manufactured
Into billions of random features.

And I have grown to like
This face, for all its ageing.
Perhaps another user
Could later enjoy its image...



No person living then
Will remember the child I was
And this face can be recycled
By nature, to serve new life.
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**AND FINALLY...
Clyst Valley Trail Public Consultation**



Devon County Council are planning on running a public consultation regarding the Clyst Valley Trail, a multi-use path which will join the Exe Estuary Trail to Pinhoe, via Clyst St Mary. This is a genuine

consultation to gather public views and opinions, to help us in the next stages of scheme development. The consultation will be running between 9th May and 10th June 2022. For more information, please contact Planning, Transportation and Environment, Devon County Council, County Hall, Exeter, tel 01392 383000.

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
Tuesday	Clyst St George	Layby B3179	15.20}	2 & 30/8, 27/9, 25/10, 22/11
Friday	Aylesbeare	Nightjar Inn	09.50}	4/2, 4/3, 1 & 29/4, 27/5, 24/6
Friday	Woodbury Salterton	Kennels	12.50}	22/7, 19/8, 16/9, 14/10, 11/11, 9/12
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.

How to Get REALLY Involved with Topsham



May is a busy month for Love Topsham activity - and even if you're just an occasional visitor, there's lots to enjoy.

On 8th May there will be our *Join The Club* event -- you may already have seen posters around town. This will be based at Matthews Hall between 10 am and 3 pm where 25 clubs and societies have stalls and will be eager to entice you to join up to a class or become a volunteer -- people living close by are just as welcome as residents. Absolutely everyone is welcome especially those new to the area or who want to strike up a new hobby or make new friends.

Clubs from Topsham Film Society to the Bridge Club, from wellness groups to the Goat Walk Land Trust will be on display, and there will be lots of demonstrations and taster classes too -- anyone for a first attempt at walking rugby, or the unique experience of bellringing? Up to date information on exactly who is exhibiting and when the demos will be held can be found on www.lovetopsham.co.uk.

Then as we approach the end of the month there's the return of the Love Topsham *Hanging Baskets* -- no fewer than 90 of them as we celebrate the start of the warmer weather. As last year they will be outside many of the town's shops until the end of summer bringing a blaze of colour and comfort to the main shopping areas. And don't forget to give a cheery wave to our small army of volunteers who every morning, come rain or shine, will be watering them to keep them in peak condition.

And throughout May our lovely friends at Topsham's Sails and Canvas will be working on *Jubilee Bunting*. This is funded by Love Topsham and will be put up on High Street and Fore Street, ahead of Topsham Community Association's fantastic Jubilee weekend of events and celebrations. The bunting will remain in place throughout the summer to make the town an even cheerier location for residents and visitors alike.



Finally, a reminder that all of these are done thanks to your support as a community, via the *Love Topsham Card* -- an opportunity to have a stake in the town and help keep it the special place we love. If you want to play a part with just a small monthly donation, or by volunteering, please check out www.lovetopsham.co.uk for everything you need to know.



Thank you so much for reading and have a wonderful May. From the Love Topsham Team.

Clyst Valley Choral Society News



We had a successful 'after Covid lockdown' debut concert in November last year where we proved that we were still able to make beautiful music. We had a successful Christmas Concert at St John's Church, Withycombe, Exmouth where we raised over £200 for the Afghan refugees.

Our next concert is on Saturday 14th May at Clyst St Mary Church and on Sunday 15th May at Holy Trinity Church, Exmouth at 7.30 pm. We will be singing Mozart's *Requiem*. Paul Stock is Director of Music, soloists are Jason Bomford, Ellie Shaw, Peter Beamish and Janet Macdonald. We will be accompanied by Mark Perry on the organ and the Clyst Valley Ensemble.

This will be our first concert at Clyst St Mary Church. We rehearse there and as we are Clyst Valley Choral Society, we felt that we should share our music with the residents of Clyst St Mary and Clyst Valley and support the church. We are a small choir with a big sound. Do come along; you will not be disappointed!

We always have our Sunday concert at Holy Trinity Church, Exmouth and we always appreciate the support we receive from members of Holy Trinity and the surrounding district.

Tickets are £8.50 in advance and £10 on the door. Tickets are available at Holy Trinity office, 10 am to 12 noon. They can be ordered and paid for on the night from me by calling 07950 021006. The concert is in memory of Sue Stock.

We welcome new members. We rehearse Thursday evenings at St Mary's Church, Clyst St Mary, at 7.30 pm. For more details please ring Barbara Scales, Secretary, on 079500 21006, or visit our website www.clystvalleychoral.info and contact via email.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022
CELEBRATIONS IN WOODBURY VILLAGE: 2nd - 5th JUNE

Thursday 2nd – Community Day – 11.00-3.00pm on the village green and 3.30-4.30 in the Community Orchard

- Start of *Flower Festival* in St Swithun's Church which will run for four days
- Community Day* of arts, crafts, produce fairs and village clubs on the village green (If you would like to have a table selling produce, the charge is £5 per table; if the table is to advertise your club, there is no charge)
- Tea and coffee available
- To book a table, contact Chris Lear on 01395 232772; chrislear06@gmail.com
- 3.30-4.30pm – Teas and Trees.** The planting of the commemorative tree will take place in the Community Orchard followed by a mad hatter themed tea party. Wear a hat. Children bring toys. Cakes and sandwiches available with some unexpected fillings!

Friday 3rd – Children's tea party – 2.00-4.00pm at the Arch

- Children's Street Party* for all children in the parish aged 12 and under – bring food to share drinks will be provided. Fancy dress.
- In order to provide the right number of tables and chairs, it is important that parents who wish their child to attend the party **REGISTER FIRST** with Cheryl McGauley – 07786 706546; cheryl@mcgauley.co.uk or DM. All children 12 and under will receive a Jubilee mug. Please contact Cheryl if adults or older children wish to purchase one. Price £7.50.

Saturday 4th – Children's Fun Day – 2.00-6.00pm on the village green

- Children's Fun Day* on Woodbury village green – stalls, games and bouncy castle
- Cream Teas*

Sunday 5th – Day of celebration

- Church Service* on the village green in the morning – all welcome. 10.00am
- Afternoon Tea and Entertainment* on the village green from 2.30-4.00pm in the marquee
- Live band, hog roast, dancing and a whale lot of fun* in the evening from 7.00-11.00pm
- Fireworks* at 10.30pm

This YOUR village, YOUR event. We invite you to donate £1 towards the running costs. Collecting boxes are now placed around various venue in the village so please donate.

Platinum Jubilee programmes @ £1 each will also be available at these venues from the beginning of May.

If there is anything you wish to discuss regarding these celebrations, please contact Chris Lear on 01395 232772; chrislear06@gmail.com. Further updates will be posted in *Woodbury News* each month.

The Exeter Forum Talks Programme: 4th May to 29th June 2022



The Exeter Forum weekly talks take place on Wednesdays at the Mint Methodist Church in Fore Street, Exeter, EX4 3AT. Members get together from 10.15 am. After time for coffee and socialising, the talk starts, usually at around 10.45 am. All are very welcome to attend these meetings. There is an admission charge of £3 if not a member of the Exeter Forum. More information at www.exeterforum.org/talks.

Date	Speaker	Title
4 th May	Dr Clare Maudling	<i>'Be Bold, Courageous and Wise': Building an Exeter for the Future from 1942 to the Present</i> (Special talk to mark the 80 th anniversary of the Exeter Blitz.) The story of Exeter's Blitz is well known, but the process of rebuilding the city remains hidden behind misconceptions and myths. This talk will uncover the hidden story of Exeter's rise from the destruction of the Blitz, through the post-war struggle to rebuild, to the shaping of the modern city.
11 th May	Brenda Parsons	<i>The Civil War in Exeter – 1642 to 1646 – An Eye-witness Report!</i> Brenda will provide an illustrated eye-witness account about the effects of the English Civil War on the City of Exeter. <i>This will be a short talk and will be followed by the Exeter Forum AGM.</i>
18 th May	Michael Parrott	<i>The Polish 307 Squadron – The Eagle Owls</i> In this second special talk to mark the 80 th anniversary of the Exeter Blitz, Michael will tell the story of the Polish 307 Squadron nightfighters. The Eagle Owls helped defend Great Britain from enemy bombers during the Second World War. For two years the squadron was based at Exeter Airport and prevented the total destruction of Exeter during the Blitz in May 1942.
25 th May	Ian Johnston	<i>The Work of the Devon and Somerset Fire Rescue Service (DSFRS) and Fire Safety in the Home</i> This talk will look at the various roles of the Devon and Somerset Fire Rescue Service and how it responds to the demands it has to face. It will also cover the importance of fire safety in the home with some practical advice.
1 st June	No meeting	<i>Spring Bank Holiday week break</i>
8 th June	To be confirmed	
15 th June	Brian Freeland	<i>The View from the Wings</i> A slightly saucy talk about the theatre from a stage manager's view. Brian will draw on his own experience from variety (Butlin's Holiday Camps and the London Palladium) to the Royal Shakespeare Company, the National Theatre, Scottish Opera and Sadler's Wells Ballet.
22 nd June	To be confirmed	
29 th June	Mark Richardson	<i>The Exeter Food Bank and the Challenges of Recent Months</i> Mark will describe the current work of the Exeter Food Bank which is based alongside the Mint Methodist Church. He will look at the challenges of Covid, the cost-of-living crisis and other uncertainties, and how the food bank has responded.

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Upcoming Meetings:

Date	Event	Time
Monday 16 th May	Jubilee hot smoking with Rachel Dunn	2pm - 4pm
Tuesday 31 st May	Plattens Jubilee Dress for the occasion including tea: sculptor/artist and of course tea	4pm - 4:30pm
Tuesday 14 th June	Crafts with Sarah (Exeter Craft Club)	7pm
Monday 27 th June	Do your own decoupage glass bottle	2pm - 4pm

Entry Fee: £2.00 per person
*Tuesday 31st May will be charged at £5.00 per person
Refreshments will be provided

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Wednesday 18th May	Wednesday 25th May
Wednesday 1st June	

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Monthly Giggle

A lady rushes into the vet's surgery shouting that her duck needs immediate attention. 'Please help me,' she wails, 'My duck has been run over. Please tell me she isn't dead.' The vet examines the duck and shakes her head. 'Oh no,' says the lady, 'she can't be dead. Perhaps she is in a coma. Can we get another opinion?' The vet goes out and returns with a Labrador on a lead. The dog goes up to the table, puts its front paws on the edge, sniffs the duck, shakes its head and leaves. The vet then brings in a cat and puts it on the table with the duck. It sniffs the duck all over, shakes its head, jumps off the table and leaves. The vet goes over to her computer, taps a few keys, and presents the bill to the lady. 'HOW much?' she shrieks. 'Well,' says the vet, 'you wanted a second opinion. The price was pushed up to £125 after the lab report and the cat scan...' [Thanks to Lesley Richardson.]

What is another name for a water otter? A kettle.



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Sunday 1st May: 3rd Sunday of Easter

11-15	AYL	Morning Worship
09-30	WST	Holy Communion
09-30	CSM	Breakfast Family Service
11-15	WBY	Holy Communion
18-00	EXT	Evening Worship

Sunday 8th May: 4th Sunday of Easter

09-30	EXT	Holy Communion
11-15	FAR	Holy Communion
09-30	CSG	Breakfast Family Service
11-15	WBY	Holy Communion

Sunday 15th May: 5th Sunday of Easter

11-15	AYL	Holy Communion
09-30	CSM	Holy Communion
09-30	WST	Breakfast Family Service
18-30	WBY	Evensong

Sunday 22nd May: 6th Sunday of Easter

11-15	CSG	Holy Communion
09-30	Zoo	Family Service
	m	
15-00	FAR	Rogation Service and short walk
10-30	WBY	Special Bell Service (Café Church)

Sunday 29th May: 7th Sunday of Easter

11-15	CSM	Whole Mission Community Holy Communion
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Week 1

Carolyn
Rev'd Peter
Rev'd Bill
Rev'd Margaret
Carolyn

Week 2

Rev'd Margaret
Rev'd Sid
Rev'd Bill
Rev'd David

Week 3

Rev'd David
Rev'd Chris
Lay led
Rev'd Peter

Week 4

Rev'd Sid
Zoom team
Lay led
Lay led

Week 5

TBA

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