



St. John Ashbottle

Parish news



St. Michael Stawley



St. Bartholomew Bathealton



St. Peter Greenham



St. Nicholas Kittisford

For the Parishes of ASHBRIITLE with GREENHAM, BATHEALTON, STAWLEY and KITTISFORD

Church Services

Sunday November 6th 9.30 a.m.	<i>3rd before Advent</i> Parish Communion	STAWLEY
Sunday November 13th 9.30 a.m. 10.45 a.m.	<i>Remembrance Sunday</i> Parish Communion Service of Remembrance	ASHBRITTLE BATHEALTON
Sunday November 20th 9.30 a.m.	<i>Christ the King</i> Parish Communion	KITTISFORD
Sunday November 27th 9.30 a.m.	<i>Advent Sunday</i> Parish Communion	BATHEALTON

Our traditional **Service of Remembrance** is being held this year at Bathealton on Sunday November 13th at 10.45 a.m.

For those who like to receive their communion on Sundays (myself included!) there will be a brief celebration of Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. at Ashbrittle. At this Service there will be no hymns and no address. We will be using the rite set out in the Book of Common Prayer and there will be ample time for us all to make our way to Bathealton for the 10.45 a.m. Service of Remembrance.

Everyone is most welcome to all of the above.

Churchwardens and Clergy

Ashbrittle with Greenham	Charles Doble, The Old Rectory, Ashbrittle, TA21 0LQ David Hanks, Manley House, Ashbrittle, TA21 0LE	01823 672365 01823 672436
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Thought for the Month

In common with many others, I am still in the process of trying to come to terms with the death of our late Queen Elizabeth.

After writing a little about her memory in the previous edition of the "Parish News". I was asked if I had ever met her. "Only once", has been my reply.

Between 1981 and 1985, I was the Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Exeter, a wonderful man called Eric Mercer. He had been a tank commander in World War II, returning to England in 1946 as a major and having been offered a regular commission, only to decline in order to resume his training for the priesthood.

In 1983, Queen Elizabeth came to Exeter to distribute the Royal Maundy and part of my job was to co-ordinate some of the arrangements for the service in the Cathedral. When it was concluded, there was a reception in the Bishop's Palace where drinks were served and we all stood around in small groups, wearing name badges and awaiting introduction to The Queen and Prince Philip.

After shaking hands ("address her as Your Majesty and subsequently as Ma'm"), Prince Philip peered at my name badge and said, "Ah, Domestic Chaplain, does that mean you do the chores?" "Sometimes," was all I could think of replying.

In the Royal Household

A friend of mine, and a fellow School Chaplain, had a minor role in the Royal Household and was required to be on duty at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. Before the ceremony begins, he told me that those involved meet for coffee in a large room on the first floor of the Foreign Office. When the time came for the party, led by the Queen, to descend the grand marble staircase, she paused half way down and summoned the Foreign Secretary. Blowing on her gloved hand, the Queen said to him, "Dust.... Mr. Foreign Secretary, we don't like dust" before moving on.

Hearing the recollections of many others, I was struck by how the Queen managed to combine her commitment to her role at a grand occasion with her concern for the minor details of domestic life. The Queen seemed equally comfortable chatting with Heads of State, discussing the potential of racehorses or receiving bouquets of flowers from schoolchildren.

Her life was a mixture of the regal and the familiar; she seemed just as much at ease in the pomp and ceremony of State occasions as she was by the fireside or on the grouse moor.

This lack of pretence must be something to which we all aspire. Invited as we are to fulfil many roles in life; domestically as a spouse or a parent, professionally and recreationally, we constantly attempt and sometimes fail to be ourselves.

Very few people in life succeed and when they do we look to them as models. It has become common to describe such people as "stars". Perhaps we do so, not because they illuminate our existence, but because we look to them to show us the way.

*With my best wishes,
Martin Beaumont*

Stawley Harvest Festival Service

Our bellringers rang a session of call changes beautifully, for which we were thanked by our vicar and the congregation. We have the Revd Martin Beaumont to thank for a very special Holy Communion and Harvest Festival service, with Penny Hare at the organ. It was attended by thirty adults and one child. The church had been beautifully decorated, and the produce was taken to the Wellington refuge and Taunton Food Bank. To complete our service, wine was kindly provided by a member of our church, which was much appreciated.

Many thanks to Penny Hare of Stawley Mill who hosted a festival lunch, including a lovely ham. Others brought cheesecake, trifle and lemon tart. Tea, coffee, or wine were enjoyed sitting out in the sunshine.

With very many thanks to all for a splendid occasion.

Graham Henson.

Donations for the Parish News

Donations received from:

Mr and Mrs David Pearce
Michael and Judy Milne
Lesley Garner
David and Lorraine Seig
Brett Adshead
Andrew and Pauline Lyle
Mark Westcott
Anonymous in the Village Shop

Thanks again, for your kind support. Donations may be left at Stawley Shop or sent directly to the Treasurer. Details inside back cover.

Andrew Millard, Treasurer

To All Organisers of Events

The back page 'Dates for the Diary' is intended to allow organisers the opportunity of flagging up their events well in advance. Please use the facility to the full and avoid a clash of dates.

We always publish the magazine on the last Friday of the month. Depending on the calendar, that can mean events in the first few days of the month may not receive the publicity they deserve. Be aware, and if that is likely to be the case, make sure it's in the diary dates and put an ad in the previous month too.

Eds

Minutes of RCI meeting held on Wednesday 5th October

Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present and thanked PW for hosting the meeting.

Present: Michael Parkinson, Chairman (MiP), Pauline Wood, Treasurer (PW), Judy Webb, Secretary (JW), Ann-Marie Paterson (AMP); John Hannon (JH).

Apologies: Martin Perry (MP) Laura Burrow (LB)

Correspondence: None

Minutes of the last meeting: Were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising: none

Accounts: The Treasurer submitted her report showing the RCI Account's balances as at 5th October 2022 as follows:

RCI:	£333.11
Active Living:	£844.72
Youth Club:	£502.95
Total	£1680.78

Invoices for ongoing support for DeFibs and VETS for 2022 had been sent to Parish Councils and £100 had thus far been received from each of Ashbrittle and Bathealton PCs. As there is now an annual funding requirement for DeFib and VETS maintenance, including regular replacement of pads and Familiarisation Sessions, PCs should be approached for more funding.

The Chairman thanked PW for her work as Treasurer.

VETS:

A Familiarisation Session has been booked in The Pavilion for 6pm Tuesday 18th October. It is open

to all members of the community and has been publicised in the Parish News.

The Chairman thanked JW for her ongoing support of the DeFibs and VETS

Reports:

Lunch Club continues successfully but new ideas for speakers are needed.

Walking Group was still not meeting regularly at the moment.

Oil Group – thanks are again due to Michael and Judy Milne for their work in maintaining the group.

Walks Project – £70 had been received in donations in recent months

Art and Crafts Group meets monthly. Attendance numbers are variable; a minimum of five is needed to fund the Village Hall hire. It was suggested that some displays of work should appear in the Parish News or perhaps in The Globe again.

Welcome Packs – MP had distributed some thirty packs recently. He produces them himself and was thanked for doing so.

AOB. None

The next meeting will take place at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 1st February 2023 at Chackeridge Cottage, Ashbrittle.

Michael Parkinson

Ashbrittle Art and Craft Group

We hold a monthly get-together as a self-directed group to do whatever 'arty' or 'crafty' project takes your fancy

**Painting and drawing
Clay work and Textile Crafts**

Ashbrittle Village Hall At 2.00 pm

**Wednesday
2nd November: Mosaics
and 7th December**

Come and meet some local enthusiasts, and tell us about your favourite craft

For more information, contact Pauline
pjw200355@gmail.com

Supporting Appley Pavilion



QUIZ NIGHT!

Friday 18th November

Doors open at 7.30

Quiz at 8pm

£10 per person

Teams of 6

Bar

Silent Auction

Includes a cheeseboard per team!

Contact 07707416871 or

manager@stawleyunder5s.co.uk to book your tickets

Country Matters

We've been seeing various mushrooms popping up in the garden beds and hedges since the return of the rain. They show up in an array of shapes and colours, sometimes alone and sometimes in "fairy rings". Fungi are mostly known for their mushrooms and for their colourful, if unwelcome, presence on long forgotten food at the back of the refrigerator. In Britain, there are about 3,000 species of fungi which produce mushrooms that are visible to the naked eye and a further 12,000 which do not.

For many, our earliest introduction to fungi is as toadstools in children's stories, where they are associated with fairies and magic. While we cannot confirm that fungi are indeed related to magical folk, the roles they play in our lives often seem to be akin to magic. We use them to transform apple juice into cider, curds into cheese and bake fresh fluffy bread. They gave us the miracle penicillin and other medicines, are major decomposers which make dead matter 'disappear' from our surroundings and form close, lifelong relationships with plants.

The role of fungi

Mycorrhizal fungi forage for, and provide the plant with essential nutrients in exchange for sugars. It is often easier for the fungi to gather nutrients as they can spread their delicate network of hyphae (similar to the roots of plants) over a greater area than the plant can spread its roots. They may also be better suited to absorbing water and nutrients from the soil. In fact, plants associated with these fungi often contain more nutrients.

These relationships improve plant growth, protect them from pathogens and increase resilience to the effects of stressors, such as drought or poor nutrient availability in the soil. This is in part because fungi can reduce nutrient loss and runoff from the soil as well as improve soil structure. Fungi can also form networks between plants which can allow the plants to share resources and communicate with each other to warn of potential threats, such as caterpillars.

The benefits of fungi to crops and garden plants seem to be becoming more widely recognised: plants with better health, more resilience, more nutrients and higher productivity; soil with less compaction, better water retention and less nutrient loss. There are several things we can do to support and encourage these plant-fungi relationships:

Growing a diversity of plants in our gardens, fields or pastureland will lead to a diversity of soil fungi. There are many species of mycorrhizal fungi which are good at different things. Increased fungal diversity will often increase the benefits for

the surrounding plants and soil organisms. Maintaining soil cover is also important because these fungi associate with plant roots. We can do this by planting perennials, ensuring annuals are replaced quickly and managing pasture so that it is never reduced to bare ground. Ground cover plants can be useful in times when we are not actively growing anything on the land. Even a cover of compost or woodchip can be helpful in protecting the soil and its organisms between plantings.

In addition, digging/tilling, phosphorus fertilizers and pesticides can also decrease fungal diversity, damage the mycorrhizal networks and reduce the benefits conferred by the fungal network.

Recommendation

Increasingly, it has become a commonplace recommendation to add mycorrhizal fungi to the soil when planting trees and shrubs. Many gardeners are switching to no-dig methods, decreasing areas of uncovered ground and reducing pesticides. There are farmers that are inoculating annual crops such as maize with mycorrhizal fungi, increasing crop diversity and the use of cover crops, adopting no-till production and decreasing pesticide use.

It can sometimes be a tricky transition toward growing methods which support soil health, however, we believe supporting soil microbiomes, of which fungal networks are a part, is becoming increasingly important. In fact, given the expected increase in stressors such as severe or unpredictable weather and the need for food security, the support of plant-fungi relationships may become even more important in the future.

Alësha Naranjit and Frazer Higgins

Wellington Choral Society

Our next concert is on **Saturday 26th November**
7.00pm
at St John the Baptist Church, Wellington.

The programme is as follows:

Mozart: Agnus Dei (from Coronation Mass)
and Laudate Dominum (from Vespers)
Haydn: Nelson Mass
Schubert: Mass in G

Tickets: £16.00 Under 18s go free
Tickets Available
from www.ticketsource.co.uk and Odette's Tea Room, Wellington

For more information please visit our website www.wellingtonchoralsociety.org.uk



Chipstable Village Hall Film Night

Saturday November 19th 2022

6.30 pm start

**Chipstable Village Hall,
Waterrow - TA4 2AX**



The excellent film about the female African American Mathematicians who worked at NASA during the space race. **Hidden Figures** will be shown at the Film Night. **A meal** will be served along with the ever popular **dessert selections**. Please bring your own drinks.

A free raffle ticket strip is included in the price. Simply keep the ticket stub. There are some great prizes to be won at no extra cost!

Ticket Information: Tickets can be purchased from:
Liz Kilbride at St Andrews café on Thursday Mornings.
Alternatively you can call - Sarah on 01398 361202

Priced at only £10 for adults - £5 for children under 12

Please note Tickets must be purchased by the 12th Nov

We look forward to seeing you there!!!

Natural Plant Associations

When I was a boy I used to make miniature gardens in wooden trays and boxes; but the plants that interested me were not those in my mother's garden but those I would see in the hedgerows and on the road verges. I used to try and re-create the seemingly random way they were found and the way the plants associated, making little representations of what I saw around me. I've continued to find these natural plant associations fascinating with the way the microscopic connects with the macroscopic within any given environment regardless of whether it is an area of urban waste ground, ancient woodland or upland heath.

This interest has always influenced and inspired my view of gardening - indeed, as I've got older I've found that consistently my attention is drawn more to plants in their wild environments and the way they are juxtaposed by that mix of nature, nurture and pure chance. Having corresponded with some of the more progressive professional gardeners and designers, I find I am very much not alone; Keith Wiley has based his 'Wildside' garden near Buckland Monachorum on this principle to stunning effect.

Natures perfect garden

Of course, for some there is a spiritual or divine element at work in this tableau - I have often used the phrase 'Nature's perfect garden' to describe when my eye and mind frame some frozen moment within 'Nature's Household' (to borrow Rudolph Steiner's terminology). It could be as simple as a Primrose, a dog violet, some small hummocks of Moss and the sleepy unfurling of a crozier from a small *Dryopteris* fern all caught, moist and fresh but fleetingly, in a shaft of April sunlight.

Most recently, on a trip to Switzerland whilst walking amongst wooded Alpine meadows at around 1000m I was entranced by how suddenly my eye would be caught and directed to a group of plants growing amongst boulders and scrub at the edge of the forest. *Helleborus foetidus* (Stinking Hellebore), *Digitalis lutea* (Yellow Foxglove), *Polygonatum verticillatum* (Whorled Solomon's seal), and *Sambucus ebulis* (Dwarf or Dane's Elder) growing together with various fern species to create a perfect 'woodland garden' scene that could easily grace any garden rich with semi-shaded aspects.

Further out in to the meadows I found groups of little *Colchicum* species flowering amongst *Salvia pratensis* (Meadow clary), *Geranium* and *Verbascum* species and most interestingly *Gentiana lutea* (Great yellow gentian)

of which the Swiss dig up the large fleshy roots, ferment then distill them to make a clear spirit (Enzian), drunk after meals as an aid to digestion - quite peculiar tasting but it certainly seems to do the job!

I have been asked recently to comment on how to improve an area of woodland garden which had become overgrown but has recently been cleared of brambles and undergrowth and the trees thinned to let in more light. The question was 'how can the planting be improved and diversified but keeping the feel of a more natural woodland?' My answer was to take inspiration from a natural woodland - don't remove all the Ivy, Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*) or Enchanter's nightshade (*Circaea lutetiana*) on the floor but encourage and divide the snowdrops, bluebells and other natives such as Dog Violets (*Viola riviniana*) and Primroses already there.

Also add more Fern species, plant native 'Gladwyn' Iris (*Iris foetidissima*) or maybe Butcher's broom (*Ruscus aculeatus*) for a spiky upright feel and also *Tellima grandiflora* with its mounds of slightly lobed round leaves and spikes of green-tinged with pink flowers and *Helleborus* and *Epimedium* species for extra spring interest. Maybe introduce some white Foxgloves (*Digitalis purpurea* var. *Alba*) or the stately *Digitalis grandiflora* too. All of these plants will self-seed naturally and also will compete well with 'in situ' native species and whilst not all native plants, will look very natural in that environment.

John Ridgely

Rainfall Statistics (ins) for September

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
2.69	3.59	0.00	3.66	3.66

Val Coats

Ashbrittle, Stawley & Clayhanger Cricket Club

End Of Season Presentation and Awards Evening

Friday 9th December 2022

Appley Pavilion
7.30pm

Tickets £10 to include Food

Book on 07890 261387



CHRISTMAS

CRAFT WORKSHOPS



Come and join the festive fun with craft expert Anna-Lisa De'Ath AKA The Crafty Country Fox. The classes are held in a stunning studio on our smallholding in Stawley with ample parking.

NOVEMBER

Saturday 5th 10.30am-1pm £35

Sunday 6th 10.30am-1pm £35

NEEDLE FELTED CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Have fun and de-stress while learning the relaxing art of needle felting to create your own adorable Christmas decorations that will make your tree extra special this year.

Saturday 12th 1pm-3pm £30

Sunday 13th 10.30am-12.30pm £30

PERSONALISED SCANDI CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Try your hand at decorating simple Scandi-inspired clay Christmas tree decorations using a number of different techniques, including gilding. Decorate them with modern or traditional designs or personalise them with names of your choice to make treasured keepsake ornaments.

Saturday 19th 1pm-3.30pm £35

Sunday 20th 10.30am-1pm £35

LINO PRINTED CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTWRAP

Learn how to design and carve a lino printing block to make your own unique festive designs. Create a set of hand-printed cards (with envelopes) and sheets of giftwrap, plus you can take your lino-cut block away with you so you can carry on printing as many cards as you wish once you get home.

Saturday 26th 1pm-3pm £30

Sunday 27th 10.30am-12.30pm £30

NATURAL CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

In this workshop you'll discover how to create a stunning festive wreath, using natural materials, that you can use to decorate your home throughout the festive season.

What's included:

All materials for the class, plus tea, coffee and delicious homemade sweet treats.

To book a place call Anna-Lisa on
07702 407747 or email
anna-lisa@thecraftycountryfox.co.uk



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An Echo from the Past

This is an ad but also an article. The first tells you about something and the second reflects on it. From Tuesday 8th November to Saturday 12th November at 7.30 p.m., plus a matinee on the Saturday at 2.30 p.m. in Wellington Arts Centre, a performance of.....

Cliff

An event celebrating the songs of Sir Cliff Richard. To book tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/wellingtonartscentre; phone 01823 240063 or purchase at Odette's Tearoom.

There you have it. Sally and I have got it, every Monday and Thursday evenings for rehearsals, singing the old songs and the not so old songs. Some of them are so well known while others are new to us. Ballads, show and movie songs, a Christmas one, hits and pop, and, of course, Cliff's rock'n'roll.

It's always interesting how things happen to us which bring back memories, occasions and experiences which we thought we had forgotten. We even recall not just what happened but also the emotions involved. We replay the laughter or feel the tears. We even catch a hint of the tastes and smells of way back when.

Along with those memories we know again the people, maybe not their names but who they were and how we felt about them. Some of them, if only briefly, had an effect on our lives. We can trace how we are now back to them and, through them. Some of those times and relationships were good, very good, and some of them were not. Whatever they were, we have moved on, and developed a better character, or, from some of them, not. But we are here and we have coped.

For example: on a school summer camp on the Isle of Wight, I walked along the pier at Sandown, a lad whose musical awareness was made up of Sinatra, Crosby, and the light classics. On that pier I met my first jukebox. I put in my sixpence, picked a song at random and out came a chap called Marty Wilde singing about "Donna". This was followed by Chuck Berry's "Little Queenie". From there I searched and found Cliff, Elvis et al. I remember then all and its excitement.

At the same time I ate my first whelks – and I have no inclination to eat them again – because I remember that too. But without that stroll on the pier and what happened, Sally and I would not be singing on stage in an evening show called "Cliff"!

So the next time you are in the shower – or wherever – and an old song, if only in part, comes to your lips, give it a go. Enjoy it! Remember! Remember all of them!

Martin Perry

Volunteer to be an Independent Visitor or Advocate for children in Somerset.

These are fascinating and inspiring opportunities, which can bring real benefits to vulnerable children and young people. (Travel and reasonable expenses are reimbursed). You can help children and young people understand their rights and ensure that their views, wishes and feelings are heard.

What is an Independent Visitor?

Independent Visitors are volunteers who befriend and spend time with a child or young person who is in the care of the Local Authority. By law all local authorities have to provide an Independent Visitor service.

In Somerset our intention is to encourage the relationship between the Independent Visitor and young person to continue beyond care. This way the care leavers continue to benefit from support, while making the transition to young adulthood. Independent Visitors are highly valued by the young people as they may be the only person involved in their lives who is not paid to be there.

What is an Advocate?

An Advocate is an independent person who can offer one-to-one support to children and young people to have their voice heard when meetings are taking place concerning their wellbeing. It's the role of the Advocate to speak up for the young person, make them aware of their rights, listen to them and represent their views, wishes and feelings. Why not join our bank of advocates? You chose when you're available.

Your volunteering can be arranged to suit your availability. Your life experience will be highly valued and you will be trained and supported in developing key skills.

Please contact us, if you are interested, and we will arrange a short visit or call to explain more and discuss your options. Email Route1businesssupportadmin@somerset.gov.uk or call 01749 822801.

Helen McInnes, Route 1 Co-ordinator

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at

Greenham Bridge

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From 9.30 - 9.50 am.



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Apple Day 2022

It was a very lively and sociable community day, helped greatly by the perfect weather. Boxes of wonderfully colourful apples kept arriving.



Apple crushing, juicing, bottling and pasteurising kept the Team busy from morning to tea time.



Children's games were organised by Stawley Preschool – there were some very wet children after Apple Bobbing!!

There are many people to thank:

Sally Scott and Bob Higgins for stepping in to provide seemingly endless portions of Bangers and Mash, and raising £268.68 towards Pavilion upkeep and maintenance.

Ian Williams, Jeremy Robbins, Dan Rathbone, Paul Musgrove, Gerry Webb, Tank Adams – for their relentless apple

pressing.....without whom the day would just not happen.

Dan Rathbone for taking all the apple pulp for his pigs! This usually goes to waste.

Stawley Preschool for organising the children's games and for running the cake stall which raised approximately £100 for the preschool.

Thank you as ever to Brendon Orchards Co-operative, Wiveliscombe, for the hire of their apple pressing equipment.

So, probably same time next year.....

Rachel Oliver

A tribute from a 'first timer' Last year our fruit trees rendered a glut of apples and pears, but I was at a loss what to do with all of them. You can only eat so many pies or cakes! This year I decided to go apple pressing.

I set off for Appley Pavilion with two small sacks of apples, a ten litre water carrier and a two pint plastic bottle and met lots of friendly apple pressers who couldn't have been more helpful in explaining the process. It was mesmerising to watch the masher do its job and fill a large bucket from my two miserly sacks. Next point of call was the pressing team and what I had expected to be a trickle of apple juice turned out to be a strong and steady flow.

In no time at all I carried a bucket full of freshly pressed apple juice. Now, how to get the juice from the bucket into the carrier? It dawned on me that my prep had been rather flawed – I did not think to bring a pouring jug! I was very fortunate that the lovely people next to me lent me one of theirs and also provided lots of advice as to what to do with the juice. With carrier and bottle filled there were still several litres left in the bucket so I passed on the leftovers in return for the jar and the advice given.

The juice tastes amazing, who would have thought that some eating apples and loads of cookers would produce something so delicious. I pasteurized some juice and froze the rest. The plan is to turn some of the frozen juice into cider. I shall definitely be back next year, perfectly prepared and kitted out. It was a lovely experience and I recommend it highly. Even with a small quantity of apples you can get a result and, on top, I met so many lovely locals!

Thank you all!

Val Coots

Ashbrittle Village Hall Committee will be holding its AGM

on Thursday 17th November at 7.30 pm
Everyone welcome.

We are always looking for new members.

ASHBRITTLE ARTS

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ASHBRITTLE VILLAGE HALL Zeffe

A Klezmer Band

fantastic tunes from a balkan tradition

An Evening of Music Dance and Goulash

December 3rd 7.30pm

Doors open at 7pm

£15 includes a bowl of goulash
wine will be available to purchase

To pre-book tickets please email

Paul Leyland - pleyland@talk21.com

News from the Exmoor Pony Centre

For the first year since 2019 we were able to offer our Children Activity Days every Thursday during school holidays, and extremely busy they turned out to be. Ponies, staff and volunteers were happy to return to 'normal life' and meet our lovely visitors. By the time you are going to read this update our visitor season will have ended but this does not mean we go into hibernation! Most of our working ponies will leave the centre for a well deserved holiday with foster carers or at grazing sites. Three of them will be very lucky to spend the winter at Woolacombe Bay! It's usually Winston, our one-eyed pony, and two of his friends that travel to North Devon where the Woolacombe rangers look after them.

Not all go away though; some of the older ponies are needed as 'uncles' to assist us with the 2022 intake of foals. The gatherings of the herds are under way so it won't be long before the first foals arrive at the centre. Looking after unwanted foals was the main reason for setting up the Moorland Mousie Trust charity over two decades ago and the Exmoor Pony Centre is where it all happens. We never know how many cute foals we will get but it's always exciting to see them arrive and then develop over the coming months. By April 2023 they will have left us to become part of a grazing group or join foster carers.

No rest for staff and volunteers though – there's still plenty going on:

Festive Openings: For the first time we will open our gift shop every Saturday and Sunday from 11.00 am - 3.00 pm, starting from 19th November. We have lovely gifts and stocking fillers, some of which are also available from our online shop <https://www.moorlandmousietrust.org.uk/shop.php>, for example our bestselling Moorland Mousie Trust 2023 Calendar (£7.50 +P&P). Sales of the calendar, gifts and Adopt a Pony Scheme really do keep our work going and every penny helps. And during your shopping trip you may even get a glimpse of some of the foals!! If you are unable to visit us I would be happy to collect your purchases from the centre and deliver them to you to save you the postage, just tell our office manager when you order.

Dulverton by Starlight is a magical event and for some years we have been having a stall there. Sunday 4th December is the date to put in your diary.

Charity Auction – we started this in 2020 to help raise funds and it has now become a fixture on our list of activities. The lots will appear towards the end of November on our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/TheExmoorPonyCentre/ and this is where you can place your bid. You can also support us by offering a lot. Do you have any items we could auction off, or can you offer a service/experience for people to bid for? Please contact Kirsty at the centre on 01398 323093. In the past two years we auctioned off paintings, rocking horses, cream teas, photography experiences, B&B stays, guided tours – and even the chance to feature as a character in a book written by a local Exmoor author.

Val Coots

Big Breakfast at The Pavilion in aid of Cancer Research Saturday 15th October 2022



9:30 a.m. and we're off - lots of hungry diners!

Many thanks to everyone who came along and supported the Big Breakfast, all proceeds, £360 (at the time of writing), going to Cancer Research. The kitchen team cooked up over sixty breakfasts!

As ever, Suzette and Kath excelled themselves, serving an extensive menu; full English (large & small), various combinations on toast, pancakes etc etc...

Many thanks to Izzie, Freya, Lucy, Liz and Charlotte, a great support team.

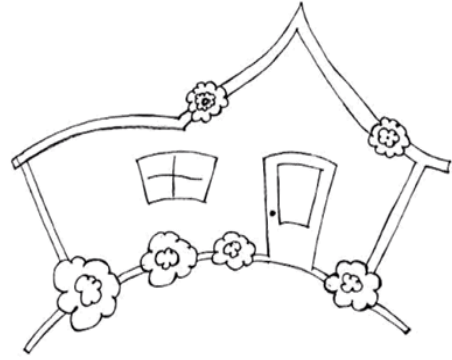
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A beautiful sunny morning was the perfect start to the fun ride at Woodlands Farm. Hosted by the Greenway family this venue has become an essential annual event for the past twenty plus years raising funds for many local charities including Bathealton Church and Musgrove Park Hospital in the past.



A fun ride, for the uninitiated, is a planned route comprising of a combination of bridlepaths, roads and private land that the owners have generously allowed to be part of the set trail (not every landowner is keen on the prospect of a hundred plus horses crossing their fields!)

Some of these fields had small jumps in them constructed by the dedicated band of volunteers and stewards who were on hand to ensure that everyone negotiated them safely.



All shapes, colours and sizes of equines took part, from the children on small Thelwell type ponies being led by mums and dads around the six mile route to the groups of friends who opted for the longer and more challenging twelve mile route. One such pony was twenty nine years young and looking fresher than the poor mum who had walked all the way round.

Seventy riders and horses had pre-booked with more expected to turn up. By the end of the afternoon one hundred and twenty two tired but happy riders and their steeds had successfully completed the ride and been awarded a rosette and promised to return next year.

Thanks to the Greenway family, the organisers and the volunteers who gave their time so freely to make this event the success it was.

Janet Sharland and Nerys Gibbs

And many thanks to the organisers who have promised a donation to the Parish News. Eds

Gardening Club

On Monday October 17th nine members of the Gardening Club enjoyed a beautifully sunny autumn day at the National Trust's Killerton House and Gardens. After meeting at the cafe for coffee, we all made our way up to the house. We were drawn firstly to the flower bed in front of the house which was displaying an array of Salvias in many shades of blue. Behind this and standing at the side of the house was a very handsome Tulip Tree which was covered in a mixture of green and golden autumn leaves, made more stunning by the clear blue sky behind it.

After taking time to study the warmer looking beds of golds, rusts and amber flowers, we headed off across the lawns to the Acer Trees showing off their red and rust leaves and carpeted below with a mass of Dwarf Cyclamen.

A visit to The Bear House was a must. Stood to the right of this was a magnificent Japanese Dogwood (Cornus Kousa). This tree was very tall and wide, laden with strawberry-like fruit cascading right down from top to bottom. Some of us had a nibble of the fruit, which is not poisonous, it had a slight taste of peach to the fleshy inside.

After a light lunch at the cafe nearby, we looked around Killerton House where a very well informed gentleman told us of the family history of the Acklands, the former owners of Killerton.

We headed home in the late afternoon and a good time was had by all.

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Lunch Club

In September we enjoyed an excellent talk from Ken Atherton, a well known local speaker. The subject was "The mysterious disappearance of Commander 'Buster' Crabb". Ken took us back to the 1950s when a great deal of publicity followed the appearance of Russian cruisers in Portsmouth Harbour. The investigations by a member of the RNVR, the confusion about his briefing and who ordered it and Commander Crabb's subsequent disappearance were all covered.

As were further investigations over the years when a certain amount of covering up was found to have occurred.....

Once again, we followed up with a delicious lunch from Jackie White.

Our November topic will be a complete contrast. A first reading of a brand new Christmas play written by Martin Perry and introduced by Avril Silk. Another first time experience at our Lunch Club, Thursday 26th November at 12.00 noon. If you would like to come please let me know by emailing harlingdelia@gmail.com or call me on 01823 672203.

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On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918 the guns fell silent, and World War I ended. More than 100 years later, at 11.00am on 11 November, the nations will pause to remember. In silence and hope.

In sombre days of Remembrance, many Quakers choose to wear red or white poppies. Some wear both together.

The first red poppies were sold by the Royal British Legion in 1921 to support World War I veterans and to remember service men and women killed in conflict. In 1933, the white poppies were introduced by the Women's Cooperative Guild, to say very clearly, "No more wars. No more killing. Let us work for peace."

The white poppy represents the hope of peace. They represent remembrance for all victims of war, a commitment to peace and a challenge to attempts to glamorise or celebrate war.

A PRAYER FOR REMEMBRANCE

Let us remember before God the men and women of all nations who have died as a result of war - those whom we have known and whose memory we treasure; those we never knew, and those who died unknown. We will remember all who have lived in hope, but died in vain - the tortured, the innocent, the starving and the exiled, the imprisoned, the oppressed and the disappeared.

Living God, by whose love we are united with one another across the boundaries of time and space, bring us to a new remembrance of your love and life, reflected in earth and sky, and every person who ever lived. Teach us to be reconciled to one another and to you. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by John Ansell

Avian Influenza - Bird Flu

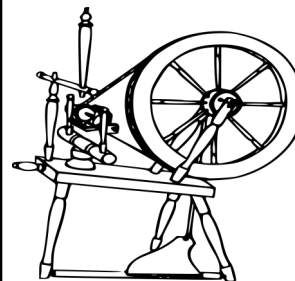
Full details of what is required can be found on the government website - www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu You can find a self-assessment checklist to help you put the measures in place, as well as more information about the virus.

Keep up to date by regularly visiting the avian influenza section on the government website, and by registering for email or text alerts - www.gov.uk/guidance/apha-alert-subscription-service

Remember that if you have poultry/captive birds it is your responsibility to keep updated on any outbreaks and an easy way to do this is by signing up for text notifications – register with the *APHA alerts service*. If you have any concerns about the health of your birds, you should promptly speak to your vet.

Low risk to Public Health

The risk to public health from the virus is very low, however it is important that people don't pick up sick or dead birds. You can report finding dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese or ducks) or other dead wild birds, such as birds of prey, to the DEFRA helpline on 03459 335577.



Spinning and Woolcraft Group

The group have been holding some meetings at members' houses where a large and well ventilated indoor space is available, but there may still be the need to have a Zoom meeting from time to time.

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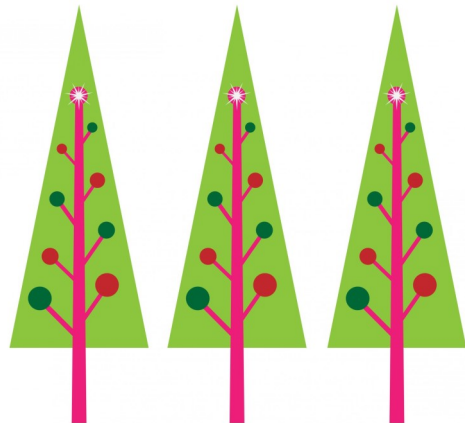
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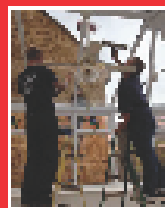
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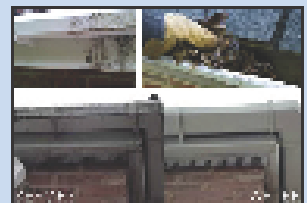
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19th	6.30 pm	Film Night - Chipstable Village Hall
22nd	6.00 pm	Stawley Community Association AGM at the Village Shop
24th	12 noon	Lunch Club in Ashbrittle Village Hall

December

3rd	2.30 pm	Christmas Fayre, Bathealton Village Hall
3rd	7.30 pm	Ashbrittle Arts Club - Zeffe - in Ashbrittle Village Hall
9th	7.30 pm	Cricket Club Awards and Presentations in Appley Pavilion
10th	11.00 - 4.00 pm	Stawley Mill Happenings
15th	7.30 pm	Kittisford Christmas Dinner at Kittisford House

January 2023

5th	8.00 pm	Ashbrittle, Stawley & Clayhanger Cricket Club AGM
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February

25th		Annual Quiz Night at Appley Pavilion
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July

1st		Summer Ball at Appley Pavilion
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Wivey Link *Going places.....*

Wivey Link offers a community run transport service for those of any age with out easy access to a car. We can take people to health and medical appointments as well as social trips, shopping, hairdressers etc.

- Door to door transport service operating from Wiveliscombe
- We cover all surrounding Parishes as well as Taunton and Wellington
- Wheelchair friendly cars
- Fares are very reasonable and bus pass holders get a concessionary rate.

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