



**CORONATION
CELEBRATIONS
PULLOUT**

Parish news

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

Church Services

Sunday June 4th 9.30 a.m.	Trinity Sunday Parish Communion	STAWLEY
Sunday June 11th 9.30 a.m.	Trinity 1 Parish Communion	ASHBRITTE
Sunday June 18th 9.30 a.m.	Trinity 2 Parish Communion	KITTISFORD
Sunday June 25th 9.30 a.m.	Trinity 3 Parish Communion	BATHEALTON

On Saturday June 3rd there is our annual Stawley Church Fete at Stawley Mill (by kind permission of Penny Hare). This is due to start at 2.00 p.m. and all are very welcome.

On Sunday June 11th, there is an "Open Gardens" in Kittisford from 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. hoping to raise funds for St. Nicholas' Church.

Once again all are very welcome to join us.

Churchwardens and Clergy

Ashbrittle with Greenham

Charles Doble, The Old Rectory, Ashbrittle, TA21 0LQ 01823 672365
David Hanks, Manley House, Ashbrittle, TA21 0LE 01823 672436

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Sarah Eustice, Oakwood, Spring Grove, TA4 1NL 01823 401248

Kittisford Annie Musgrove, Meadow Farm, Greenham, TA21 0JW 01823 672627

Stawley Penny Hare, Stawley Mill, Wellington, TA21 0HT 01823 672183
Graham Henson, Court Place Farm, Stawley, TA21 0HP 01823 672496

Associate Priest Revd Martin Beaumont, Hilltop, Milverton TA4 1JR 01823 400127

Artists Wanted!

Do you have a painting or photograph which could be used as a cover design for the Parish News? Seasonal and local images are particularly welcome.
Please send hi-res images (300dpi) to Avril at AvrilSilk@aol.com
Portrait format is ideal if possible.

Thought for the Month

I hope and expect that by now, all our readers will be aware that the Wellington and District Team Ministry, of which the Ashbrittle group of parishes are a part, is engaged in a process of re-organisation. There are thirteen parishes in the current team, four in the Ashbrittle Group and we are to join with the parishes of Thorne St. Margaret, Sampford Arundel and Rockwell Green to create a new team. In order for this to happen, there will need to be a legal process of dismantling one team in order to construct another. The PCCs of St. John's, Wellington and West Buckland have met already, agreed a parish profile and an advertisement for a new full-time incumbent has appeared in the national press. It is to be hoped that the new priest in charge of these two parishes will be appointed promptly and in post by the autumn.

It is now the turn of the remaining parishes to begin their search for their new priests. The parishes in the east of the team are being re-configured. Langford Budville and Runnington will be joining the Milverton group and the current vicar of Milverton will assume pastoral responsibility for both of them. The other eastern parishes will be joining the Cotford St. Luke group which is currently vacant and together they have begun their own search for a new incumbent.

Here in the west of the old Team, the first step is the holding of a public meeting, where representatives of all the seven parishes will meet to discuss their priorities when searching for and appointing a new priest in charge.

This meeting will take place on Tuesday June 27th at 7.00 p.m. and it will be held in Appley Pavilion.

Our new Diocesan Bishop, Michael, will be with us and he and our Archdeacon, Simon Hill, will be on hand to answer questions and listen to the views of parishioners. Charles Doble, who as the Lay Dean of the Tone Deanery has been fully involved in the process of re-organisation and appointments, will also be present. This is an important meeting and if you are unable to be present, please make your views known to your Churchwardens.

As an associate priest in the current Wellington and District Team, when the team ceases to exist, so will my post. But as I have written before, I will be on hand to assist your new incumbent wherever and whenever I am invited to do so.

Our Suffragan (assistant) Bishop, Ruth, will be preaching at the final service of the existing Wellington Team, when all our churches and their congregations meet for the last time. This service

will take place at All Saint's Church, Rockwell Green on Sunday September 10th. There will be more details to follow in subsequent editions of the magazine.

I hope you will forgive me for using this important opportunity in the magazine to keep you all informed with the developments in the re-organisation of pastoral responsibilities for this area. Although it may all seem terribly "churchy" in the wrong way, I hope it does mean that a) everyone in our parishes know what is going on and b) you all have an opportunity to express your views about the kind of parish priest you would like. Whoever comes to be your "vicar", will be your priest and you will be able to turn to them for help, encouragement and advice.

In the meantime, as the Irish poet, Seamus Heaney used to observe, the swifts have returned and "all is well with the world." The majesty of the spring and early summer is reason for rejoicing. Despite the uncertainties of certain aspects of our lives, nature renews itself afresh.

With my best wishes.

Martin Beaumont



Coffee, Cake and Chat

Ashbrittle Village Hall

Saturday 17th June
10 -12 noon

**Unlimited Coffee and Delicious
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All for £4 per head
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Village Oil Group

The next oil delivery is due on
Wednesday 14th June
To place an order, please email:
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Judy or Michael Milne on 01823 672205 by the
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New members always welcome



Quaker Meeting for Worship at Spiceland

*We Meet for Worship at Spiceland, every
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From Quaker Faith and Practice available at
<https://qfp.quaker.org.uk/chapter/26/>

Whenever we are driven into the depths of our own being, or seek them of our own will, we are faced by a tremendous contrast. On the one side we recognise the pathetic littleness of our ephemeral existence, with no point or meaning in itself. On the other side, in the depth, there is something eternal and infinite in which our existence, and indeed all existence, is grounded.

This experience of the depths of existence fills us with a sense both of reverence and of responsibility, which gives even to our finite lives a meaning and a power which they do not possess in themselves. This, I am assured, is our human experience of God.

John Macmurray, 1967

Ashbrittle Parish Council Minutes of Regular Meeting held on Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 5.30 p.m.

Councillors Present: Charles Doble, Jeremy Robbins, Helena Massie, J. Pip Wilson and Vicky Hughes. There were no apologies.

Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, CD.

Matters Arising: To be discussed later in the meeting.

Correspondence Received: i) PCSO Louise Fyne sent her regular report about crime and other policing matters within our area.

Reports from Councillors:

Highways (Charles Doble) CD has contacted the Highways Department about the condition of the

roads, notably potholes. This is a national problem. The short-term repairs are not cost effective for the county council who then need to re-do them each year; the traffic weight on certain roads is problematic as the surfaces are not designed for such heavy wear. JR and CD were thanked for the help they are giving concerning the tanker damage to the hedge and stone wall on Heniton Hill road.

Footpaths (Jeremy Robbins) A quote has been received for the replacement and refurbishment of the finger posts so this work will be carried out in due course. We discussed possible improvements to the footpath section down to the stream crossing at Marcombe Lake although this is a water run-off stream in the wet weather so it is difficult to mitigate the slipperiness of the slope. Discussion was also had about the footpath across the Bull's Field when horses are present.

Finance (Helena Massie) HM presented the accounts to date. The Certificate of Exemption was signed and minuted 2023.04.26.6. It was agreed that the accounts proceed to the internal auditors. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) has been received for the current year. The fund could be used for the fingerposts. Planned expenditure was considered for the year ahead.

Community JR has been in discussion with the chair of Stawley PC to consider any joint projects such as a renewable power generation scheme. Consultancy advice is being sought.

Any Other Business:

i) JR has purchased a new Union Jack flag to fly from the church tower for King Charles III's Coronation. After the summer, a new vimpel will replace the flag. The cost is c. £80.

ii) JPW will notify the parishioner who would like to join the parish council about the process.

Date of next meeting: to be arranged.

The meeting concluded at 6.30 p.m.

Vicky Hughes

Situation Vacant

Ashbrittle Parish Council is seeking a person to prepare the meeting agenda, take the minutes at the bi-monthly meetings, type the minutes and distribute them as required. Meetings are held in Ashbrittle, usually bi-monthly, and last 1-2 hours; associated admin would be carried out soon after the meeting.

For further details, please apply to Charles Doble, Chairman.

charles.doble@ukgateway.net

Stawley Church

Garden Party and Fete



Stawley Mill 2pm

Saturday 3rd June

Plants, Cakes, Bottles, Books, Raffles and Bric a Brac

Cream Teas and Strawberries

All Proceeds to the Church

**Every Rose has its Thorn....
but some more than others**



'June, flaming
June' (hmm, we'll see)
is the month of roses.
I am not the biggest
fan of roses
particularly a lot of the
modern hybrids
'Garden' and recently
developed modern
shrub roses.

There are, of course, a few important caveats to that statement; I do love many of the classic 'ramblers' and the stronger climbers such as 'Kiftgate', 'Seagull', and 'Paul's Himalayan Musk' and I adore many species and classic shrubs.

The first is really special... *Rosa banksiae* 'Lutea' a vigorous climbing rose originally from China which has no thorns, has fine semi-evergreen glossy green foliage and pale yellow, double flowers. It was first introduced into Kew gardens in 1807 and named in honour of Lady Dorothy Banks, wife of Sir Joseph Banks, the director of Kew. Although it has virtually no scent, don't let that put you off. If you have a sheltered, south facing wall this is most certainly the rose for you. Unlike all other roses, it is best pruned after flowering and can take quite heavy pruning as long as it's done during the summer. The resulting new growths can be tied in and trained during the seasons and the best flowering for the following year is produced on these.

The next rose I have a soft spot for is *Rosa moysii* 'Geranium', a graceful arching shrub rose with matt, mid-green ferny foliage and large, single red flowers which appear from June onwards followed by large, bottle-shaped scarlet hips. It is also virtually thornless! Originating from Western China, this trouble free species can be grown in a sunny border or in light shade on woodland edge needing only annual removal of a few older stems to keep new shoots coming and thinning of material which might congest the centre.

This one is a bit of an oddity; *Rosa roxburghii* (Chestnut rose, Burr rose, Chinquapin rose) is a strong growing shrub rose with many thorns and interesting flaking grey-brown bark from the Nepal, Tibet and China. In the wild it grows in great thickets where the locals harvest the huge, orange-red chestnut sized hips which are rich in vitamin C. They are also grown commercially in China where the hips are either processed for rose hip syrup or dried and sold for herbal medicine. Its an interesting shrub rose to grow in the garden with its large, single, pale pink

flowers and fine, ferny foliage. There is also a 'double' form in cultivation known as 'Plena'.

Finally, a shrub rose I originally grew from seed and before then had never heard of. Many years ago I visited the JFK Arboretum in County Wexford, Republic of Ireland, where they had a fairly extensive collection of species roses and I think that's where I first saw this plant. *Rosa primula* (the Incense rose) which originates from China and parts of central Asia, has pale yellow single flowers and very finely divided, ferny, bright green foliage; it has many small thorns and produces small, brownish hips. Both the flowers and foliage are scented, particularly after rain on a warm summer afternoon hence its common name.

All the roses I've described above are relatively disease resistant, have interesting graceful forms and attractive foliage, bark, stems and fruit. They (and many other excellent species of old-fashioned shrub and rambling roses) are much better suited to the wetter, milder climate of the south west and particularly in the more informal, woodland and mixed style gardens that I'm attracted to. Some judicious seasonal pruning to shape and condition and a good mulch of well-rotted compost or manure around their roots is generally all they need to succeed.

John and Julie Ridgley



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Stawley Parish Council Meeting 9th May 2023

The Parish Council's meeting in May was required to accept the accounts for the year 2022/23. The Council accepted the accounts which show a turnover of just under £10,000 and can be found on the Stash website at: <https://stash.org.uk/document-category/stawley-finance/>. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) can be found on the same page.

Other matters discussed at the meeting included:

- i) The movement of lorries to and from Greentop Farm still causes concern. Somerset Council's Enforcement Team are reviewing the case.
- ii) The Council will renew the insurance with BHIB.

iii) An application for change of use from agricultural to holiday let / glamping at Wagtail Farm, Bullockfield Hill was discussed. A response will be made after consultation with local residents.

iv) The recently refurbished fingerpost at Greenham has a spelling mistake. Holcombe Rogus has become Holcombe Regis. This mistake was missed by all until a keen eyed part time resident noticed it a few weeks after installation. A new finger is on order so that Regis can become Rogus.

Full minutes are on the website at <https://stash.org.uk/notices/stawley-parish-council-minutes-2/>

Paul Musgrove (Chairman)



Broadband Meeting

A representative of Airband, who are contracted to provide fibre connections to us before the end of 2024, is coming to tell us what to expect. This meeting is open to all residents of the parishes of Ashbrittle, Bathealton and Stawley .

Do come along to hear what will be offered by Airband and to show them that we are very keen to see them deliver fibre to our homes.

The meeting will be on:

**6th June 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
at Appley Pavilion**

**This meeting will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting for Stawley
for those who wish to attend.**

Bathealton Plant Sale

The sun shone and we had a wonderful afternoon at Hellings Farm for the plant sale. The event was, as usual, to raise funds for Bathealton Church.



An afternoon of activity on the plant sale tables with tea and cakes to follow. Photo: Adele Broad

Thank you to all those who gave up their time before, during and after the event to support the sale in so many ways. Special thanks to Morag Berthon for hosting it and the effort she puts into pulling it all together.

We made in excess of £900 which is very much appreciated. See you all next year.

Andrew and Sarah (Churchwardens)

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7th and 21st June

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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

**Next Meetings:
Wednesdays 7th June
and 5th July**

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If you are interested in joining us please contact Pauline pjw200355@gmail.com

Charlie is my darling!

(No, not that one. The one sadly without the crown jewels...) My lovely tabby Charlie is a wanderer. I think he goes down as far as Tracebridge and beyond. He's a sweetheart but a bit timid so if you see him, please could you let me know? Email AvrilSilk@aol.com or call 01823 672131. A recent visit to the vet might mean he wanders less so fingers crossed.

He's been with me for the best part of two years now and I often wonder what his backstory might be. As you can tell, I think he's a bit special!



Open Garden

Kittisford

Greater Brimley Farm, Springers, Kittisford Glebe TA21 0SA

Sunday 11th June 2 - 6pm

Live music: Honest John 3-5pm



Teas | Plants | Raffle

Admission Adults **£5.00**

Children under 16 **FREE**

*All proceeds in aid of
Ukraine and Kittisford Church*



Wildlife Counts

Currently, the UK is among the most nature-depleted nations in Europe. With only half of its native wildlife remaining, it ranks in the bottom 10% of countries worldwide with respect to biodiversity. Even here in these countryside parishes, where the fields are covered with flowers and the air full of birdsong and the humming of insects, all is not as well as it may seem. In the last few years, the government declared a climate and ecological emergency across every parish and district of Somerset.

While we have undoubtedly lost a lot, this is not an article mourning our loss, it is an invitation to embrace the beautiful wildness that remains. What we have is still quite glorious and very much worth protecting.

In an effort to help nature recover across the county, the Somerset Wildlife Trust started the Great Somerset Wildlife Count. This initiative is enabling them to better understand which species are thriving and which need our help to recover. It is a large-scale, long-term and detail-oriented project which relies on the involvement of interested volunteer observers. So, in addition to their other data collection, once a year the Wildlife Trust invites everyone to join in the Big Count. For a few days they ask everyone to keep a look out for a selection of easily identifiable animals and plants across the county which can help them assess ecosystem health.

Just as regular check-ups can help monitor our health, regular wildlife surveys like the Big Count, can help scientists monitor the health of an ecosystem. In the past, the extent of some of the species' decline was only recognised after populations had reached near-extinction. For some there was no recovery. Now, with regular monitoring we are better equipped to identify trends in species populations and assist those in trouble before they reach a critical point.

This year's Big Count runs from the 16th to 25th of June and focuses on recording goldfinches; dragonflies and damselflies; bullfinches; birds-foot trefoil; frogs and toads; slow worms; snails; spiders; fungi and butterflies (speckled wood, small tortoiseshell, common blue, marbled white). Taking part in the Big Count can be an enjoyable way to engage with nature while doing something meaningful to protect biodiversity. Why not do some counts at your home and favourite nature spots? You can find more information about the Big Count and on how to get involved by searching for it at somersetwildlife.org.

Additionally, Frazer and I thought it might be fun to invite you to do some Big Count wildlife counts with us in some of the parish churchyards. We will be looking around for an hour at each

churchyard recording what we see. Do join us - we'd be happy for the extra eyes and ears.

Ashbrittle – 17th June at 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Greenham – 18th June at 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Kittisford – 24th June at 10:00 - 11:00 am

If you would like dates and times for other churchyard surveys please email me at alesha.r.n@gmail.com

Alesha Naranjit and Frazer Higgins

Deer watch

Being a passionate deer lover, I thought I'd share some information about the deer in our local area. There are two main species that we might see – roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus*) and occasionally red deer (*Cervus Elephus*). This article is about, to my mind at least, our prettiest native deer – the roe which have been around for 10,000 years, at least.

Roe deer inhabit field margins and patches of woodland. They are active throughout twenty-four hours but prefer to come out into the open at dusk and dawn. They feed by browsing selective shoots, leaves and buds of the local flora (and occasionally prize roses!). During the winter months you might spot them in the open fields in small groups. By summer, however, they have spread out into their individual territories.

At this time of year it is worth being aware that the females – the does – will be giving birth, often to twins. The kids initially have no scent and are usually tucked up in long grass by the mother whilst she goes off to feed. Sadly, every year well intentioned walkers spot the kids in the grass and assume they are orphaned, pick them up and take them to the RSPCA. If you do spot a tiny kid in the grass the Mum will not be far away - please leave well alone.

The main breeding season - the rut – takes place from mid-July to mid-August. During this period the males – bucks – will be competing for the females. The bucks are hugely territorial and will fight off any rivals (sadly sometimes to the death).

The best time to spot these lovely deer is early evening, unless you are a very early riser and can be up before dawn. Keep an eye out on the edges of woodland, you may see the does and last year's youngsters coming out of the woods to feed. Equally, you may also spot the bucks moving around the boundaries of their territory checking to make sure they can't smell any pretenders looking to move in on their patch.

For more information on deer have a look at the British Deer Society website: www.bds.org.uk or give me a call on 07753 814553.

Antony Weeks



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The Globe INN Appley



Minutes of the AGM of the Stawley Rural Community Initiative Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 7.30 pm

Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance.

Present: Michael Parkinson, Chairman (Mike), Ann-Marie Paterson (AMP), Martin Perry (MP), Jane Embleton (JE),

Apologies: Pauline Wood, Treasurer (PW), John Hannon (JH), Laura Burrow (LB)

Correspondence: None

Minutes of the last meeting: They were agreed and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report: PW was ill and unable to attend but had sent in her report on the finances which showed a credit balance of £1,825.46 for the financial year ending 31st August 2022.

The Walking Leaflets continue to be popular and the Wivey campsite distribution of the leaflets generates a good income.

Appointment / reappointment of Trustees: In accordance with Charity Commission requirements, one third of trustees must stand down each year but some could be reappointed. This year it was the turn of Mike Parkinson and Pauline Wood to stand down. Pauline was prepared to stand again, but Mike, having chaired the RCI for twelve years will stand down.

Existing Trustees, with the exception of Mike Parkinson, were prepared to stand again and were duly proposed and elected *nem con*. Required forms were signed.

Election of Officers: The following officers, having agreed to be nominated, were proposed as follows:

Chairman – not appointed

Minutes Secretary – Judy Webb, proposed by AMP, seconded MP

Treasurer – Pauline Wood, proposed by Mike, seconded by JE

The lack of a Chairman led to a discussion on how to move forward. JE posed the question, “Do we need an RCI?” She reminded us why the RCI was formed and we looked at what we do. The situation has now changed. Could the various activities / clubs be self-sustaining or done by another group? Welcome packs could possibly be provided by PCs. Could the lunch club become self-sustaining via Ashbittle village hall? Mike has little input to the Oil group (would Judy Milne

be prepared to continue?). JE happy to be more involved but not keen to be Chair.

Despite being quorate, with a decision about the whole future of the RCI needed, we decided to meet again with more members present to discuss:

Do we need the RCI?

What will it look like?

If needed, appoint a Chair

AOB: JE expressed our thanks to Mike for all his years of service as Chairman

Date of next meeting: 10th May 2023 at Rose Cottage, Appley at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Mike Parkinson (Chairman)

Lunch Club

On the last Thursday in April we enjoyed a delicious pre-Coronation lunch, as ever provided by our Jackie ‘Never Fased’ White. Preceding it was a most interesting talk by Colin Spackman from the Wellington History Society. He had in his possession a copy of the Radio Times covering the Coronation week in 1953. He took us through the range of programmes both on radio and television with entertaining comments on the differences of presentation between then and now. Probably the most significant difference being the limited scope of outside broadcasting and the relative scarcity of television sets in the ordinary population.

Our midsummer Lunch Club is on Thursday 29th June at 12.00 noon. We are delighted that our speaker will be Jeremy Robbins, very well known in Ashbittle and far beyond... He will be talking about his experiences in Australia over many years. As many of us know, the Robbins family are famous for adventures, so this talk is highly recommended.

Please let me know if you would like to attend. Email harlingdelia@gmail.com or telephone 01823 672203.

Delia Harling

Donations for the Parish News

Donations received from:

David and Nicky Welch
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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

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7.30 PM

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ASHBRITTLE VILLAGE HALL
Thursday, June 29th at noon

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Tuesday 13th June

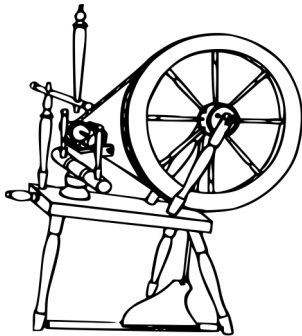
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Spinning and Woolcraft Group

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.

Meeting arrangements will be confirmed in advance when the reminder email is sent out.

If you would like to join us please contact me and I will add you to the mailing list. Perhaps you would like to come along and learn to spin with us?

Or bring along your knitting, crochet or other needlecraft project. All welcome.

Next Sessions

Tuesdays: 6th and 20th June
4th and 18th July
at 2.30pm

Contact Pauline: on 01823 672222 or
email pjw200355@gmail.com

STAWLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SCA)

COMMUNITY APPEAL

For those of you not entirely sure or who are new to the area, the SCA is a not-for-profit group which acts as landlord and caretaker of Stawley Shop and Tearoom. We also recruit and organise the lovely team of volunteers to assist our wonderful tenant, Katie.

The SCA receives a small monthly rent from the tenant, but lack of fundraising due to lockdown and the recent purchase of the new chiller cabinet, has led to a considerable reduction in our funds.

As part of the general maintenance of the building, we now must undertake extensive upgrading of the electrical system in the shop. Based on the quotes received so far, we need to raise extra funds sooner rather than later.

We believe that the Shop and Tearoom is a valued asset to the community.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

If you would like to donate, please send a payment by bank transfer, or call into the Shop to make a cash donation.

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THANK YOU

Coffee Morning

On behalf of St. Michael and All Angels Church, Stawley, I would to thank Michael and Judy Milne and family for allowing us to hold our Coffee and 'Bring and Buy' morning in their house on April 27th.

It was a very enjoyable occasion with £283.00 being raised for our Church.

Graham Henson, Church Warden.

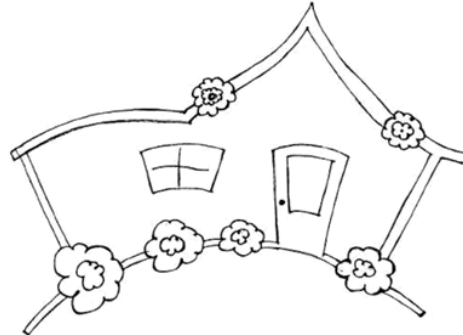
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Gardening Club

The Club has been very active since the last Parish News, with a high proportion of members enjoying three visits.

South Wood Farm, near Cotleigh

On a glorious spring afternoon, members were able to enjoy this private garden which opens for a few days a year under the National Gardens Scheme. The garden proved to be a sheer delight and clearly demonstrated what vision (and not a little money!) can achieve.



A quick break for refreshments. Photo: Penny Stanbury

The focal point is a 17C thatched farmhouse and outbuildings, all set within sixty acres of Devon farmland. In only fourteen years, the owner (Clive Potter), under the guidance of Garden Designer, Arne Maynard, has created an intimate series of gardens and wild areas. Tulips are a dominant plant in the spring and the property hosts a vast array of species – many of which were at perfection for our visit and showed well in their naturalistic planting. Topiary hedges and specimen trees add a pleasing touch to the garden, as do the vast number of espaliered apple trees.

The Kitchen Garden is extensive and constructed as a series of raised beds (the soil is shallow) made of intricately carved oak! The long greenhouse is a master class of precision and tidiness and made us all feel so humble about our own efforts that many retired for delicious tea and home-made cakes, before exploring the wilder areas of the garden! Many thanks to Penny Stanbury for organising this visit.

Burrow Farm Gardens, Dalwood

Members could hardly believe their luck when the rain stopped (at last!) and the sun shone for a wander around this most beautiful small garden. 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the garden which was voted the Nation's Favourite Small Garden in 2021. This year it aspires to be voted the RHS best Partner Garden! The garden is a mix of formal and less formal areas of sweeping, albeit

soggy, lawns with an eclectic array of shrubs and trees. The owners have ingeniously blended the thirteen acre garden into the rolling hills of the surrounding countryside – providing sensational views from the garden's boundaries.

Plant Swap and Tea

In a spell of wet and windy weather, members met in Jo Hartas' garden and enjoyed an excellent tea (with posh crockery!) but in glorious sunshine. Jo prides herself in a garden for nature, so it was interesting to see how the tiered garden has responded to 'light touch' gardening. Her greenhouse shows how well one can accommodate a lot of pots in a small space. Members had contributed a wide range of plants to exchange, with all spares being 'acquired' for Stawley Fete on 3rd June. An additional bonus of the visit was to meet and see the superb craftsmanship of Michael Fairfax. Much time was spent in his workshop, admiring his visionary sculptures and musical instruments. Thank you, Jo and Michael, for contributing to this enjoyable afternoon.

June and July visits are scheduled for the organic garden at Yeo Valley and the National Trust's wonderful garden at Coleton Fishacre, Kingswear, Devon.

Last, but not least, as many members already know, Di Roberts has recently moved to Dulverton. Di has been a stalwart of the Club and has rarely missed an event. For the past months, she has also played a role in running the club – efforts for which members are very grateful. We wish her well in her new life and are delighted that she plans to join us for some future events. In the meantime, I plan to assume Di's role, that is, until my tenure ends next July when other volunteers will be sought.

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7th and 21st	10.00 - 12.30 p.m.	Books, Biscuits, Coffee and Cakes at Stawley Mill
11th	2.00 - 6.00 p.m.	Open Gardens at Kittisford with music by 'Honest John'
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