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June view from the Vicarage ...

Dear friends,

June is the time for enjoying good weather (we hope) and optimism and appreciating what we have around us.

June is also the start of the wedding season, the East Budleigh scarecrow festival - now celebrating its 20th year - picnics, garden parties and generally enjoying the great outdoors.

Of course, we know that the world is still not a perfect place, and we only need to watch the news about places as diverse as Sudan and Ukraine to realise that and indeed our personal tragedies are ever with us and cannot be erased.

But hope springs eternal in the human heart and it just seems easier to be positive when the weather is more predictable and sunnier.

Then my mouse problem gnawing its way through two washing machine water pipes and our dishwasher pipe as well, and a little recent health scare for me, doesn't seem to be quite so anxiety inducing – such is life.

The countryside around us shows us that this is still a “green and pleasant land” and nothing much beats wandering along the promenade beside the sea with an ice cream in hand and both of those things are within easy reach of us all in this lovely place we call home.

“God is in his heaven and all’s right in the world”. This means that even though objectively not much is right in the world, we can still be right with God, and therefore everything in our world can be right as well.

We are all looking for peace of mind, stability, and a way to live our lives whether we believe in God or not. But a believer has a massive head start because we believe that there is a coherent centre to this universe and moreover, we believe this centre has been revealed to us in human form.

The nature of this centre is love, peace and forgiveness and is available to anyone who is looking.

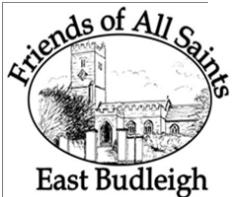
Love and peace,

Martin



If you know of anyone vulnerable or living alone - whether they come to church or not - who would appreciate being contacted, please phone the Raleigh Mission

Community Pastoral Team Leader - Jenny Steele on 443133 or Lynda Bunting from All Saints, East Budleigh on 446731.



Friends of All Saints East Budleigh

By the time you receive your magazine we will be only days away from our wonderful Scarecrow Festival.

We are really hoping that, as every year, many of you will feel the urge to display a scarecrow outside your home to provide entertainment to the neighbours and visitors to the village and help make our event a success.

Other ways of contributing to our fundraising event include:

Clearing out your bookshelves to supply our 'pre-loved' book stall. Donations can be delivered to the door step of 1 Chichester Close so they can be sorted before the event or alternatively brought to the Village Hall on Saturday morning 10 June.

Dropping off unused plants or cuttings to the Britain in Bloom team either at ...????... or again, outside the Village Hall on 10 June.

Baking a cake/cakes (including list of ingredients) and delivering to the Village Hall on Saturday and/or Sunday morning of the event.

The WI will be selling bric-a-brac which can be dropped off at Southernhay, Vicarage Road from 1 June, or again delivered to the Village Hall at the start of the festival.

A reminder that we are encouraging anyone who would like to dress up as a Scarecrow to take part in a Scarecrow Catwalk at midday on both Saturday and Sunday. There will be awards!!

Obviously this is quite a large event for us to run with a very small committee and we count on the support of this wonderful community to both help out and to come and enjoy the event. If anyone feels they can spare some time to stand behind the counter of any of our stalls for an hour or so, or to do a stint of wandering round the village selling raffle tickets we, would be ENORMOUSLY grateful.

As always you can contact us either in person - Charlie Abram, Lawrence Booth, Jenny Hill, Jess Hill, Maria Malinowski, Christine Newall, Christina (Tiggy) Dickinson, Angie Canning - or email us at friendsofall saintschurch.as@rmcommunity.co.uk

Church matters

At the annual church meeting on 7th May, Marilyn stood down as a Churchwarden after 11 years of sterling service. There being no other volunteers to fill her place, I shall continue on my own, although I have not been short of offers of help from all members of the congregation, which has been most heart warming, and for which I am extremely grateful to all. So for now (unless someone wants to join me) I am happy to do my best, calling upon the wonderful offers of help which have been comfortably forthcoming.

At the APCM we recorded our gratitude to Marilyn for her 11 years of sterling work, and on Sunday 14th May there was a small presentation to her of a card signed by many of the regular attenders and some golf balls which she can chase around East Devon Golf course and environs in her newly found leisure as a Churchwarden Emeritus. I shall miss her experience and guidance as co-warden.

John Neligan.----- churchwarden.

Friends of All Saints 200 Club Raffle

The Friends of All Saints, East Budleigh, invite you to join our 200 Club Raffle with a chance of winning a monthly cash prize (£40 first, £20 second and £10 third prize). We hope you might find it fun to be in with a chance to win back your annual investment and maybe more or, perhaps, you might like to buy tickets as gifts for friends or family!

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200 Club Winners

1st - Mrs J Hill

2nd - Mrs M Neligan

3rd - Stephen Jones

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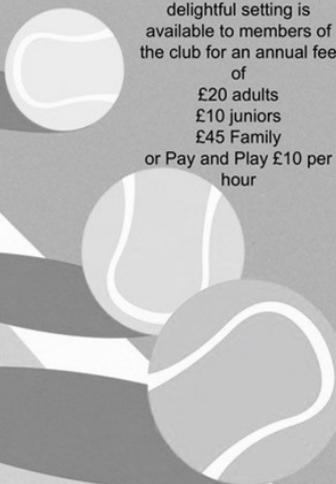
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East Budleigh with Bicton Women's Institute

In May we had our Annual Meeting, followed by a display of photographs of WI activities over the years. It was fun trying to identify members – people have changed a lot in the past 20-30 years!

Instead of our June meeting we have an outing to Fursdon House, and then we will have a stall at the Scarecrow Festival. We will have a couple of have-a-go games, as well as our usual bric-a-brac. If you have any quality bric-a-brac and would like to donate it to our stall, we will welcome it. Please bring it along on Saturday or Sunday, or you can deliver it to Penny at Southernhay, Vicarage Road, East Budleigh any time from the start of June (leave it in the porch if no-one is in), or she can pick it up from you – just telephone 01395 742942.

Our meetings are on the second Thursday of each month in East Budleigh Village Hall at 2pm and finish around 4pm. We are always happy to see visitors, so do come along and join us.

If you want to find out more about our WI then please contact our President Diana Humphreys by phone 07768 529352, email eastbudleighwithbicton@devonwi.org.uk or look at our website: <https://eastbudleighwithbictonwi.org>

EAST BUDLEIGH & BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish and District Council elections have taken place. Our re-elected Parish Councillors are John Tresidder, Louis Allan, Jim Carter, Jim Ferrers, Derek Wensley and Kathy Moyle BEM. We currently have four vacancies. The new District Councillors are Charlotte Fitzgerald (Independent), Melanie Martin (Independent) and Henry Riddell (Conservative). Christine Channon remains our County Councillor.

Pot holes continue to be an issue, and residents should continue to report them online. We escaped much flood damage mainly due to residents keeping the Brook clear and drains being cleared, following a request to EDDC from Councillor Tresidder. Councillor Tresidder continues to make sandbags available from the store by the Community Shop, when required.

We have received a grant from County Councillor Channon's locality budget, for the purchase of two additional salt/grit bins. These will be sited near The Pound and near the Community Shop. Our thanks to Councillor Channon for her generosity.

Our AGM took place on 23rd May when Councillor Derek Wensley (Chair) presented his report for the past year. The Parish Council has monitored and commented on planning applications, the Footpath review, the Local Plan and the LORP project on behalf of residents. See the full report on the website. Judith Venning, Clerk: 01395 489155 clerk@eastbudleigh-pc.gov.ukToilets, which we hope will have been resolved by the time you read this.
Judith Venning: clerk@eastbudleigh.org.uk 01395 48915

Parish Paths Warden Jon Roseway.

It would be very helpful if people out walking on paths in the parish were to report any obstacles such as broken gates, fallen trees or overgrowing vegetation to the Parish Clerk or directly to the County Council via their website at https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/map/map_src/prow/



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Coronation Street Party Photographs Peter Bowler



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Our Churchyards...

Churchyard Working Party

Thanks to Jon Roseway for leading the May working party.

The next three Churchyard Working Party dates are Friday: 16 June, 16 July, and 20 August. All are welcome so come and join us and we will find a task to suit you. We start around 10.00 and finish between 12.00 and 13.00 with a coffee break at 11.00 ... biscuits and/or cake as well!

If you can't make a Friday but could spend an hour or two, please let us know and we can find you a suitable task or two.

Something different:

The following article gives a different perspective about churchyards. The words are reprinted in full with permission from Zoe White:

Liminal Life (the art of graveyard photography)

Passing through the gates of a graveyard, you are invited to leave the noise and bustle of daily life behind; and it may take a while to feel your way into this new, liminal landscape.

At first you are aware of surface features only: the communal areas, green lawns and benches, the shrubs, trees, chapels, sculptures, and public memorials. But gradually, as the quietness seeps into you, your steps slow down, and your attention deepens. The closer you look, the more you see: tendrils curl over the tops of gravestones, creeping plants wind their way through carved inscriptions, bright green algae colonize grey granite walls.

Peering into creeper-covered sepulchres, cobwebbed vaults and cracked crypts, your edges soften, you breathe more easily, and your heart opens. Time and the elements work together in haphazard, co-incidental ways. Mould, mildew, yeast and fungus, merge their colours, etch, erode, corrode. There's treasure to be found in 'dead matter'.

Life unfolds here according to its own laws. The raw material is everywhere: mosses, lichens, peeling paint, random markings left by micro-organisms on stone and rock. It's the seamlessness and complexity of these processes that wants to be photographed. Wandering the silent, winding pathways, sun warm on your back, birdsong filling the air, you become a more useful self; a more spacious awareness. Open to chance, and to change, your lens searches out the design within the design. Nature is a conundrum. A stone is a stilled dynamic, reaching out towards the abstract. There is no plan now. The camera is simply an instrument through which an alchemical process is happening.

There's nothing here remotely concerned with 'death'. Death is only an idea now, a static thing. If there is any 'death' here, it is only the death of the idea that things have a separate, fixed identity. But there is nothing fixed here. Sunlight glints through the stained glass of a sepulchre window, splashing the crumbling paint work crimson and gold. Spider webs glisten.

Our Churchyards....

A chord is struck; a string plucked.

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Here, there is nothing but deep contentment, and palpable peace. Here you are timelessly alive, pleasure-pervaded, coalescing with delight. Take the plunge! Dive into the metamorphosis; become absorbed!

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Do visit and enjoy the Churchyards – wonderfully welcoming, peaceful places for quiet contemplation and mindfulness, and a haven for wildlife ... and photography.

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- Hare on the move
- Beaver
- Male orange tip on bluebells
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SHOP NEWS



Last week, there was a good gathering of volunteers at the shop to welcome Mel back from her trip down under. She was presented with some lovely flowers and a gift token from a collection to mark a significant birthday. It's a good thing we left the bunting in place!

Mel thanked Anne, Clive and Sally and all the great team of volunteers for running the shop so well while she was away.

SUMMER CIDER!

New ciders are appearing all the time – we have Old Blossom (Elderflower), Devon Rose, Shaky Bridge, Devon Red, Devon Mist, Fanny's Bramble, Rib Tickler and new - Devon Scrumpy, Devon Hills and Wilde Cherry.

On the beer front, we have a good range of Otter Beers, and new to the shop from Bay's Brewery in Torbay there is a Craft Lager and a Pale Ale.

Of course we have lots of soft drinks and mixers to keep you cool in Summer as well, and we will keep a selection of our drinks and wines in the chillers.

VICKY'S BREAD

Vicky's Bread, which supplies us with handmade, slow-rise, artisan bread from Cornwall, can now be ordered during the week until Thursday morning, for delivery on Friday.

There is a wide range of delicious products; Multigrain – sliced or unsliced, Bordelais sourdough, Cloudy White (wonderful for toast), Spelt sourdough loaves, Country white, 100% Rye Bread, and baguettes.

They have a range of Focaccias and Ciabattas, as well as very tasty Tea Cakes, Flapjacks and Saffron Buns.

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You may also be aware that we have been trying to find the right permanent Chef for some time so we're delighted that Dan and Amber agreed to be part of our team. Dan was formerly Head Chef at the 5 Bells and is a South West Young Chef of the Year, whilst Amber trained at the Michael Caines Academy. Those of you that have sampled their food over the last few weeks will know how good it is.

Part of the management changes saw Patrick Greenstreet decide to leave us. Thank you to Patrick for everything he did to help us establish our community pub and we wish him well for the future.

As a result of direction from the new team, you will see that we have extended our food service times. Our last dinner service is now 8:30pm with bar snacks until 9pm, and our policy is (if at all possible) to never turn anyone away. On Sundays we will serve lunch until 4pm.

On other initiatives:

We've decided to focus all of our energy for Walt's on our busiest days, Monday, Tuesday and Friday. On our volunteer days - Mondays and Tuesdays - we will roll out the Walts food offering into lunchtime plus a few extras to encourage more customers early in the week.

In addition, we have a new lunch menu from Wednesday to Saturday and we hope you will all enjoy it.

Christina Dickenson has offered to serve a Community Dish of the Day on the Monday evenings that there are no events. Book between 6:30 and 7:30pm on 12th and 26th June. We're now serving pasties on music and quiz nights thanks to Kevin Bentley. Our Silver Service lunch has been renamed our Community Lunch; everyone is welcome and it is held every Wednesday.

Forthcoming Live Music Nights are on 5th June and 3rd July - arrive early to enjoy the brilliant programme that Paul Painter organises.

We're open all day on both Saturday and Sunday for the Scarecrow weekend, 10th and 11th June, Awaken your gastronomic senses at our Speciality Food and Wine evening on 17th June.

Fathers Day Sunday Lunch is on 18th.

Quiz Night on 19th.

To make sure everyone knows what's planned we have a new events section on the website that explains the detail behind all of the above and makes it easy to find what's on and our opening times. www.sirwalerraleigh.co.uk

Finally, the refurbishment of the flat is well under way. The electricians and the plumbers are nearly finished, and we hope to be ready to accept holiday lets from July. More to follow once we have definite timescales.

Thanks again, to our brilliant volunteers who do so much to make our pub and Walt's the warm friendly place it is, and make up our staffing on so many occasions. If you'd like to volunteer we'd be grateful for your support – please contact Corinna on enquiries@sirwalerraleigh.co.uk.

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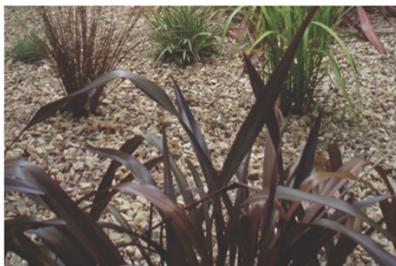
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Roger Conant Club

The Club organised two events in mid-May. A Blue Plaque on the wall of the Church Hall was unveiled by Simon Jupp MP aided by Luli and Zette Emmons, two descendants of Roger Conant who had travelled over from the USA to attend this event.

The Plaque commemorates the 400 th anniversary of Roger Conant leaving these shores for America. In a short speech Simon emphasised the importance of Roger Conant in the history of America and the fact that he was a 'local East Budleigh boy who made good'. Simon handed over to Luli and Zette Emmons who, in turn, detailed their heritage and gave a fascinating summary of their connection to their forefather.

The onlookers toasted the speakers and then many moved down to the Sir Walter Raleigh pub for a Conant Dinner. This was a meal that was enjoyed by everyone, it is safe to say. Thanks are due to the chef for the delicious 'Conant inspired' menu. The evening featured a raffle in which the first prize was an offer by John Washington to do a painting of the winner/partner/pet. As background, John showed two examples of his on-going work, one a painting of Roger Conant as a boy, the other with him with his extended family in later life. When finished, these paintings will complement John's splendid painting of Roger Conant which is on display in All Saints Church.

These events mark the first initiatives organised by the Roger Conant Club.

Details of other ventures will be detailed in the next weeks and months.

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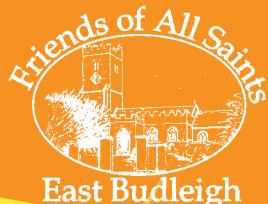
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- Knitting Displays
- Handbells taster (Saturday)
- Rock Choir
(Sunday 2.30 & 3.30pm)
- Rally & Classic Cars and Bikes (Sunday)
- Dog Show (Sunday)
- Songs of Praise (Sunday)
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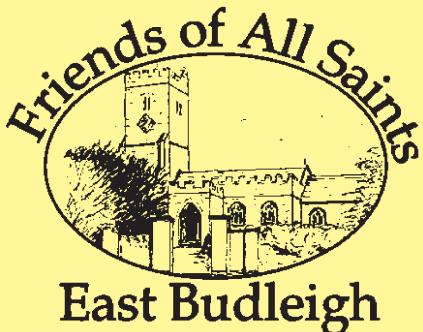
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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

SATURDAY/SUNDAY

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- **Refreshments:** bacon baps, cream teas and drinks
- **Information Point:** tea towels, mini-scarecrows, scarecrow flags, photo competition and 'racing' ducks
- **Raffle (£1 ticket):** There will be a list available showing the wonderful prizes donated by our generous supporters.
- **Plant stall**
- **Cake stall**
- **Toffee Nosed (sweets)**
- **W.I. Bric-a-brac stall**
- **Bruce Crisp (wood turner)**
- **Music: East Devon Rock Choir:**
Sunday 2.30 and 3.30pm
- **Musical Interludes throughout the weekend**
- **Rally Car procession up the High Street & viewing in Village Hall car park:**
Sunday 11.00am

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- **Square Circle Knitting Group's exhibition and sale of knitted items**
- **Handbell Taster :**
Saturday 2.00pm – 4.00pm
- **Church bell tower tours:**
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- **Songs of Praise:**
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Note: some events and event timings may change - look out for signs and listen to the announcements



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Well I was poised to write another article full of the usual whatever takes our fancy that we think is useful or interesting (the endless bank holidays, the summer return of our nightjars, the unusual case of bright yellow graffiti appearing on our main Aylesbeare Common sign). But I want to devote this instead to the floods. The terrific rainfall on Tuesday 9th May because it really was the most incredible event. As a matter of fact, that morning, we'd just been doing some filming for a BBC Breakfast feature on our smooth snakes reintroduction 14 years ago, but by the end of the day, Newton Poppleford and Tipton St John were on the national BBC news! Our rain gauge had 35mm of rain in 2 hours but we heard others had far more. We were indoors as the rain began and we were in awe as the thunderstorm struck above us, the hail deafening on the roof and turning our hard surfaces to ponds. Trying to get home to or via Newton Poppleford later that afternoon, we were first aware of the extent of the floods and the damage. We've been very moved by it all, some of us personally affected by the flooding, as well as seeing and hearing stories of the wreckage to people's homes as well as to roads, bridges, hedges, walls...

It's also a personal matter for us because Aylesbeare and Harpford Commons sit above Newton Poppleford, and the Back brook comes off this heathland. What strikes me is how fast this rain fell; and how it just goes to show that landscapes don't stand much of a chance of preventing flooding with rainfall events like this. It's the sort of extreme weather we may expect more of with climate change but it's very likely that things could have been much worse downstream in the village. The heath will have acted as a big sponge: it's covered in scrubby shrub and grassland, mires, ponds and bogs and wet heath, adept at holding and absorbing water. As I wandered down the stream that runs through the middle of Harpford common on Wednesday (we spent the day assessing the damage), which is shrouded in wet woodland, I thought to myself, what better flood-alleviating habitat could you look for than this? The meandering, indecisive channels of the river, the water often running several streams at once through dense vegetation and oak, ash and willow, full of mosses, liverworts, dead wood, natural and also (our own) man-made "leaky dams." We've done a lot of work with the likes of Upstream Thinking, which gives grants and advice on land management in river catchments (eg benefitting water quality and flooding) and water is one of conservationists' key focuses, particularly on the Otter where we have beavers now.

When it comes to the damage we found on Aylesbeare and Harpford commons, well, it was interesting to see. In some cases, the erosion and evidence was less than expected, in others it was a rather intimidating sight the next day. I went first to our string of "five ponds," all in a row and separated by dams. I wondered if the dams might have given way but they were all intact and the channels that run from one to the next were fine. Some of our pebbly tracks are in a bad state now, and any future heavy rain is only to make the erosion worse so we'll have to find a way of restoring the surfaces, while also using local source material (an obligation because it is a Site of Special Scientific Interest). We are thinking of everyone in the villages affected and we wish everyone luck on the clear-up job ahead, within homes, communities and also in the council teams who will be repairing our infrastructure. Do get up on the heaths and enjoy the wildlife and scenery if you can.

As I wandered along our tarmac track and made my way down to the ford, I found it impassable on foot or by vehicle, the water deep and wide and the whole area turned to ponds and new beaches of pebbles. And we lost both footbridges along here! The one by the ford had slipped its stands and was sitting just down at a jaunty angle. When I went to the south end of the stream, just before it leaves the common, I found the bridge 2m high, above a beach of pebbles at the edge of a field, maybe 30 feet down, and round a few bends.



By a stroke of good fortune we'd actually booked our friendly local digger driver to do a job for us the day after the storm, and so he was able to restore the ford and the nearby footbridge immediately. But the one at the south end needs a rescue mission first. It forms part of a Devon County Council footpath and for now, you'll need wellies.

If you do go for a walk on Aylesbeare, or any of our commons, please do keep your dog on a lead. We ask this during the breeding season above all else, and this is for the sake of ground nesting birds but also small mammals and reptiles. Speaking of the smooth snakes earlier (and we hope you saw us on BBC Breakfast!) I'd also like to bring your attention to adders - they're very much moving around now, and they have a venomous bite. Most years we hear of dogs being bitten so this is another good reason to keep them on a lead.

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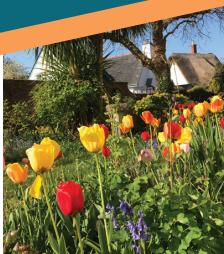
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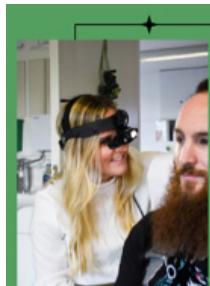


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Dragonfly Class have been up to the allotment to learn about the parts of a flower. They acted out pollination to help them understand the function of each part.



Otters Class had a great PE lesson and enjoyed practising their tennis skills.



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Help Save Salem Chapel As a community Heritage Centre Questionnaire Survey Outcome

Thank you East Budleigh! We received 105 responses to our East Budleigh History Group questionnaire on a potential Heritage Centre in Salem Chapel and over 30 people turned out in the pouring rain for the questionnaire feedback meeting on Monday 24 April.

At the meeting, there was a very positive discussion in support of the Heritage Centre and potential community uses for Salem Chapel. The meeting fully acknowledged the concerns for road safety with increased use of the Chapel, given its location on a road junction and lack of pavements and parking. The Heritage Centre proposal itself envisages light foot, bus and cycle traffic and does not require dedicated parking.

The primary aim of the questionnaire was to help the East Budleigh History Group determine the feasibility of the Heritage Centre. We took the opportunity to broaden the questionnaire to facilitate free-format suggestions of other potential uses of the Chapel and for people to express their views, which they did.

In summary, the meeting was in favour of the use of the Salem Chapel for a community-run Heritage Centre but concluded that it was not feasible to seek ownership of the building due to the ongoing maintenance costs, which could be considerable over time. The Heritage Centre would need another owner like the Friends of Friendless Churches to take ownership and responsibility for maintenance. Significantly, a number of those not in favour actually wanted to see the Chapel open but were not in favour of some of the suggested commercial uses.

Here is the questionnaire survey outcome. These findings have been shared with the Historic Chapels Trust and the Friends of Friendless Churches.

1. Is it important to you that the Chapel is saved for community use? YES 85%. NO 15%
2. Would you be interested in visiting the Chapel? YES 86%. NO 14%
3. How important do you think it is to have a Heritage Centre in East Budleigh? Not important:7%, Slightly important:13%, Important: 20%, Fairly important: 23%, Very important: 37%
4. Would you like to see a heritage Trail marked in the village? YES 91%. NO 9%
5. In addition to exhibitions to Sir Walter Raleigh and Roger Conant on the upper gallery, what additional services would you most like to see the Heritage Centre offer on the ground floor?
62% Cream teas, quality coffee, light refreshments, high quality ice cream
60% Adult education classes, 39% After school clubs, 39% A well-being centre, 37% Other, 33% Tickets for local event, 28% Internet, 11% Wine store, 8% A beauty/nail bar, 3% Dry cleaning
6. If the Chapel was run by the community as a Heritage Centre would you use it?
7. What kind of facilities would you like to see in the outdoor space?
69% nature trail, insect hotel, hedgehog house, bird tables
54% catering tables, chairs parasols, 46% dog bowls dog treats, 45% cycles racks, 24% other

8. What additional income generating ideas would you support?

63%. Solar panels on the roof out of sight - 24% or on the ground, 26% Other

47% Let the school room commercially for office use - 32% for Airbnb - 9% for residential use 9.
Would you be interested in helping a community Heritage Centre:

52% Buy a share, 50% Make a donation, 29% Volunteering, 21% Fundraising, 19% Provide professional services, 16% Join the steering group, 9% Make a loan, 7% paid work

10. 44 responses provided their contact details.

The next step is for the steering group to send formal proposals to the Historic Chapel Trust for the use of the Salem Chapel as a Heritage Centre but not taking responsibility for ownership.

The next meeting of the East Budleigh History Group will take place at 1.30pm on Monday 12 June at the Sir Walter Raleigh pub. We will be reviewing the outcome of the Heritage Centre at Salem Chapel questionnaire and next steps. All welcome!



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OVA Walks Programme for June 2023

Please check the OVA website (www.ova.org.uk) for additional walks and on the day of the walk, in case of last-minute changes.

Friday 2 June – 10.00am – about 7 miles.

‘Not quite the 100 acre wood’ but parking at Eeyore’s place!

Meet: Donkey Sanctuary

Walk details to follow. Please see OVA website.

Walk Leader: Carolyn Cox

Wednesday 21 June – 10.00am – 5-6 miles. About 3 hours

‘Tors and Mires’

Meet: Haytor National Park Visitor Centre (OL28, SX 765 771)

We will walk from Haytor Visitor Centre via Haytor Quarries to the Devon Wildlife Trust nature reserve at Emsworthy Mire. Here we will take our time to explore the remarkable plants and animals that live here. We take a different route back, crossing Saddle Tor for great views on a clear day. You might like to bring a picnic lunch for afterwards or visit the nearby café.

Please book with the walk leaders: Paul and Penny Kurowski 01395 742942 or 07792 619748 or pandpkurowski.me.uk

Tuesday 27 June – 10.00am – 5.5 miles. 3 hours

‘Branscombe – Beer Loop’

Meet: Branscombe Village Hall CP (OS 115, SY 1974 8876)

A fairly steep climb up from Branscombe on the inland route to Beer for coffee and then up again onto Beer Head for outstanding views of the coastline. Then we take the Hooken under-cliff path with its microclimate ‘jungle’ and well-exposed geology. Optional lunch at the Sea Shanty café or Branscombe beach.

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Do you have availability on the morning of Sunday 2nd July to support Mill Water School's Annual Fundraiser: The Bicton 10k?

There are lots of ways you can give your support, whatever your capacity...

This year it will start and finish at the school, behind Bicton College, with organisers donating money to Mill Water for every volunteer marshal that we provide (13 needed).

Our PTFA members and families will also support the event with a cake sale, for the spectators and hungry runners.

And event organiser Lizzie Mayne from LMEvents will waive the usual entry fee (£20) for some participants to run the 10k and pledge to raise some money for the school. This offer is limited so will be on a 'first come first served' basis.

Please email Georgia White at fundraising@millwater.devon.sch.uk to let the school know what you could help with.. marshalling on the morning, donating some cakes for the stall, cheering participants along the route or perhaps getting your running shoes on!

Marshals need to be in place prior to the 9am race start and will finish by 11am. Cakes will be on sale throughout the morning.

For more event details, visit: <https://www.lmevents.org.uk/e/the-balmy-bicton-10km-2368>



Mill Water School Celebrates Good Ofsted Report



Headteacher Sarah Pickering marks Good Ofsted outcome with pupils from reception and school leavers classes.

Mill Water School in East Budleigh is delighted with Ofsted's recognition that it continues to be a Good school.

The school for pupils with special needs was described as having a "positive environment" in which its 120 children and young people "feel safe".

The recently published report follows an inspection in March. It also praises Mill Water as a "supportive" school where "pupils treat each other with kindness" and "feel valued".

Headteacher Sarah Pickering said: "We are delighted with this outcome. Thank you to everyone who gave overwhelmingly positive responses to Ofsted's parent survey. We are extremely proud of our whole school community and of every member of staff, whose dedication was acknowledged in the report."

Mill Water's pupils are aged 3 to 19 and have a range of complex and profound learning difficulties. Staff are committed to providing the care and support that each pupil needs to prepare for their best future. To find out more about the Mill Water School visit: www.millwater.devon.sch.uk

The Former Little Otters will be holding a fundraising Jumble sale in support of the Motor Neurone Disease Association who support research into curing this cruel disease.

The Jumble Sale will take place on Saturday 17th June at East Budleigh Village Hall between 10 - 12.00.

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We'd love you to join us.

If you're interested in helping your local community, volunteering, fund-raising, organising projects, using your talents, gaining new skills, making friends and having fun – you can do all of this and more as a Lions Club member.

If you are interested in joining the Budleigh Salterton Lions Club please send an email to Bslionsclubsecretary@gmail.com.

Where/when do the Budleigh Lions meet?

We hold our Business meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Dog and Donkey Public House, Knowle at 7.30pm. The meetings are open to members and guests.

Who can join Budleigh Salterton Lions Club?

Membership of the Club is open to men and women aged 18 and over.

How much will membership cost me per year?

Cost of membership is currently £50.00 per year. £25.00 paid bi-annually in January and July.

What would be my time commitment?

Obviously being a member of the Lions club is going to take up some of your time, but it is understood that your family and work come first. After that you give what time you can. There is a Business Meeting each month for all members. The various committees also meet monthly. There are social events during the year.

How do you distribute funds?

Funds are awarded to worthy causes by a consensus of the members. The Service Chair and Committee meet monthly and make their recommendations and present these at the next Business meeting . Club Members are asked to vote and if carried, the agreed sum is allocated to the worthy cause. The trustees formally approve the donations.

Where do you distribute funds?

Priority is placed on supporting the needy or deserving causes within the Budleigh area including East Budleigh, Yettington and Otterton. Funds are also donated to local and national charities. Some funds are allocated to Lions International causes as approved by Club members. All requests or applications are considered on a case by case basis.

Does the Club hold any social activities?

Yes, part of our philosophy is to encourage a mix of social activities for members, family and friends. Some events are held with other Clubs.

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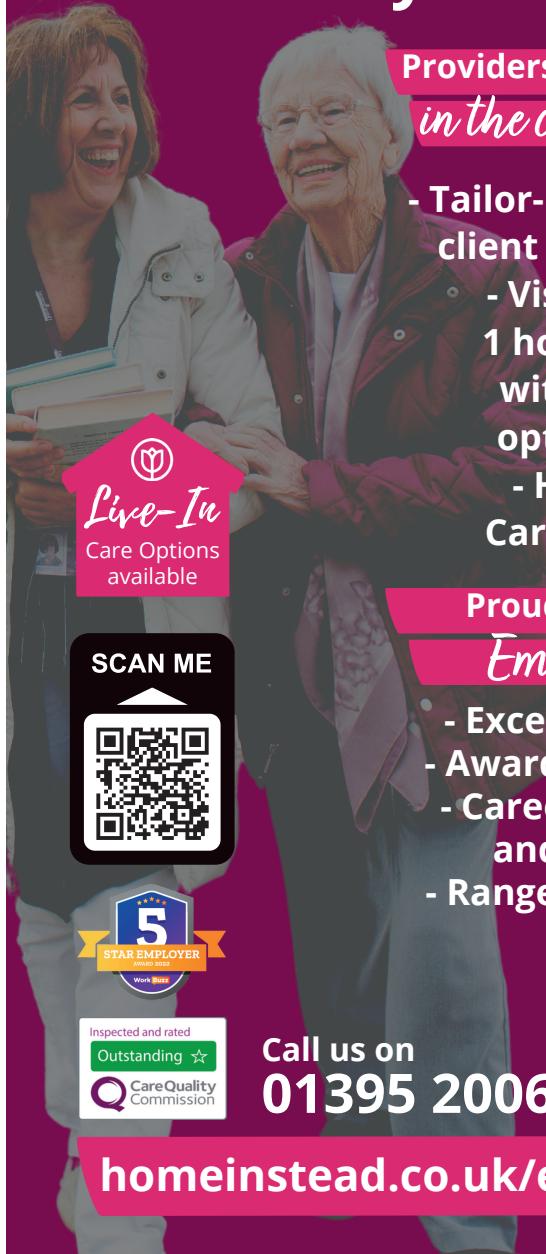
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Sunday 4th	8.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 4th	9.30		Holy Communion	
Sunday 4th	10.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 4th	11.00			Morning Prayer
Tuesday 6th	9.30		Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 7th	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 8th	9.30			Morning prayer
Saturday 10th				
Sunday 11th	8.00	Holy communiocn		
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Sunday 11th	11.30			Morning Prayer
Sunday 11th	18.00	Choral Evensong	Scarecrow Songs of Priase	
Tuesday 13th	9.30		Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 14th	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 15th	9.30			Morning Prayer
Sunday 18th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
Sunday 18th	9.30		Holy Communion	
Sunday 18th	10.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 18th	11.00			Holy Communion
Tuesday 20th	9.30		Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 21st	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 22nd	9.30			Morning Prayer
Saturday 24th	13.00		Wedding Fisher/McBarnet	
Sunday 25th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
Sunday 25th	9.30		Holy Communion	
Sunday 25th	10.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 25th	11.00			Holy Communion
Tuesday 27th	9.30		Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 28th	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 29th	9.30			Morning Prayer
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Sunday 2nd	11.00			Morning Prayer

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