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February view from the Vicarage...

Dear friends,

Even when we thought we knew them quite well, it comes as a surprise when facts emerge like they were a prisoner of the Japanese during WWII, or they lived in Africa as a young woman, or they were a bowls champion or they served in the Arctic convoys, or been decorated by the queen, or had been a champion dog breeder, or loved baking or dancing.

It is a truth we are all familiar with that when it is often only when it comes to a person's funeral that we find out the most extraordinary things about them.

The list is endless. I come up across this repeatedly because I obviously preside at a lot of funerals.

We think we know people because we occasionally have a chat with them, or work with them, or live next door to them but everybody has a hidden side that we don't see and everybody has a vast hinterland of stories, loves, hates, experiences, achievements, joys and fears stretching right back to their youth.

Who knows what secrets the unassuming little old lady at number 22 holds? Is she a poet, a master baker, and what tragedies lurk in her history? People are endlessly fascinating, unique, and surprising.

One also never knows what pain lurks in their personal histories, from unrequited love to lost children to painful accidents.

You never really know people, especially their vast backstories, but these are the episodes that made them who they are today.

Always give people the respect they obviously deserve. We don't know their joys and tragedies, their achievements and failures, and all that is needed to open people up a bit is to get to know them and ask the right questions.

People are endlessly fascinating and the older a person is, the more fascinating and interesting their recollections become because the world has changed so much.

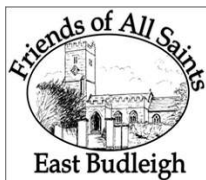
Do it before they leave us or you may only find out about them at their funeral.

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e being contacted, please phone the Raleigh
Team Leader - Jenny Steele on 443133 or
Lynda Bunting from All Saints, East Budleigh on 446731.



Happy New Year from the Friends of All Saints and we hope that everybody could travel and be with those they wanted to be with over Christmas.

The Friends were pleased to welcome the University of Exeter Chapel Choir to All Saints' on the 12th December. All tickets were sold and the audience were brilliantly entertained by the choir. You could not fail to come away feeling the "Christmas spirit". After the concert mulled wine and mince pies were served in the Church Hall.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to make this evening such a success.

We have a couple of fixtures over the coming months with our Spring Talks.

On Monday 28 February, Tony Venning will be opening our eyes to new adventures abroad, particularly rail journeys, with his talk entitled 'Travellers' Tales'. Then on Friday 18 March, Charlie Abram will be giving a talk on Bishop Lacey, the medieval Bishop of Exeter.

Look out for posters publicising dates and times.

We have a good number of people signing up for the 200 Club for 2022 but would welcome new subscribers for the coming year. Please see the advert in this magazine.

200 Club our monthly draw has a first prize of £40, second £20 and third £10.

The 200 club winners for September were:

1st - Justin Hill 2nd - Mr Ferguson 3rd - Marilyn Hobbs

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Happy new Year to you all and keep safe.

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£3 per session, includes tea & biscuits.

Contact Sue on 07840 739425 for further details.

East Budleigh with Bicton Women's' Institute

Unfortunately as the Speaker had to cancel due to illness, we decided to cancel altogether the January meeting because of the heightened risk of the Omicron strain of Covid.

We are however hoping to hold the February meeting at 2pm on Thursday 10th February in East Budleigh Village Hall. This will be a very informal social meeting with a Beetle Drive, a very enjoyable way to pass a miserable February afternoon. New members are very welcome to join us. Please contact Pam Terry (01395 742015) for more information.

Here's hoping for an early Spring!

Rosemary Jerrard
rosiejerrard@btinternet.com

Thank you for the donations towards the cost of the flowers for Christmas.

The Church looked very festive and thank you to the flower arranging team. We had a most enjoyable morning spent decorating the Church.

If anyone would like to join us at any time please get in touch. Sue 444144

OVA Walks Programme for February 2022

Wednesday 2 February – 10.00am – 5.5 miles - 3 hours.

‘Coast and Common’

Meet: Budleigh Salterton Public Hall CP (OS 115, SY 060 821)

The walk will start from the Public Hall and head to the coast path and then inland to Dalditch and Knowle. Stop for coffee.

Walk Leader: Sarah Westacott 01395 277644 / 0770 6078143

Wednesday 9 February – 10.00am – 6 miles - 3 hours.

‘The Hunter’s Path and Teign Gorge’

Meet: Fingle Bridge roadside parking (OL 28, SX 7375 8980)

Contact the walk leader if you wish to car share.

We walk the classic Hunter’s path from Fingle Bridge with fine views towards Chagford and Dartmoor beyond. Passing just below Castle Drogo we descend to the River Teign and follow it upstream to Dogmarsh Bridge before looping back to the gorge where we walk downstream along the riverside path to the start. Optional lunch at the pub.

Walk Leader: Jon Roseway 01395 488739 / 0788 7936280

Tuesday 15 February – 10.00am – 5.5 miles - 3 hours.

‘Railway Reminisce’

Meet: Newton Poppleford Playing Field CP (OS 115, SY 089 899)

The railway may have gone for over 50 years but much of the route is still followable. We will look at the station site in Newton Poppleford and then follow the track up the River Otter to Tipton St John, where there was a junction, station and level crossing. Up river to the 5-arch bridge and Tipton Mill, then return along the route of the Sidmouth branch to Harpford. Return over the Red Bridge to the start, or optional extension to continue on the railway track through Harpford Woods to the Bowd for a pub lunch and back to the start by bus.

Walk Leader: Taylor Lass 01395 568786

Thursday 24 February – 10.00am – 8.5 miles – 5 hours.

‘Shute Hill and River Yarty’

Meet: Shute Hill CP (OS 116, SY 258 973)

A walk through Shute Hill Woods before crossing the busy A35 and making our way up to Danes Hill with views over the countryside. We then drop down to Beckford Bridge and follow the river Yarty to Higher Water and back to the start point. Bring a picnic lunch.

Walk Leader: Graham Knapton 01395 445872

Wednesday 2 March – 10.30am – 9 miles – moderate - 5 hours.

‘Early Spring walk on Dartmoor’

Meet: Bennett’s Cross CP (OS 28, SX 679 816) (near Warren House Inn with nearest town Mortonthampstead)

The walk will head towards Water Hill, Chagford Common, Lettaford, Hookney Tor and Vitifer Tin Mines. Stop for coffee and lunch.

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A Happy New Year to you all. The Council has been successful in obtaining a grant from Lord Clinton's Charitable Trust to purchase a defibrillator for Yettington. This will probably be placed in the Phone Box, once repairs have been carried out and permission obtained from BT, to reconnect the electricity supply. Our thanks to Kate Ponting, of Clinton Devon Estates, for assisting us with the application. We have also been fortunate in obtaining a grant for an SID – a sign to warn motorists to slow down. This will assist the Speedwatch Groups in their valuable work.

The Parish Council and District Councillors have given full support towards plans by local volunteers to purchase the Sir Walter Raleigh public house for the Community. We wish them every success in this exciting venture, which should be of huge benefit to local residents and visitors.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the "Meet the Communities" day, which was planned for January, but this will be re-launched as soon as Covid cases in the area reduce. There is much enthusiasm for this event, which should be a great occasion for residents to discover more about the thriving local groups. I have reported the existence of some potholes to East Devon District Council. If you notice one of concern, please take a photograph, note approximate measurements and either send the information to East Devon District Council via the EDDC app or send the details to me.

As always, if you need more information or want to become a Parish Councillor, contact the Clerk, Judith Venning on 01395 489155 or clerk@eastbudleigh-pc.gov.uk and don't forget to visit the website for up to date information on a range of assistance during the pandemic – www.eastbudleigh.org.uk





Drake's Church of England Primary School

The new school term had started with great energy and enthusiasm by all of the staff and pupils.

In our first week back a football team from Drake's and Otterton took part in the EFL KIDS CUP 2022. Up on the hill at Exeter University on a cold rainy January day, the EFL Kids Cup 2022 was underway. The group stage saw us up against teams from far and wide across Devon. A knife edge game got us started that we just lost against Landscore (3:2) but we found our feet and went on to chalk up two fantastic wins against Yeo Valley (4:0) and St Leonards (3:0). The final group game was against the best team in the group Bradworthy who despite their long journey to Exeter were fit and sharp. We matched them well and what was another knife edge finish saw us lose 4:3 in the final minutes. Six points at the group stage wasn't enough to place us in the top two for the cup competition. However, we finished as the highest scoring third place team from the four groups with a fantastic 12 goals! This got us a bye into the semi-finals of the plate competition! We watched the other teams battling for their places in the semis and played a friendly to keep us warm against Ladysmith, who had been knocked out earlier, coming away with a 3:2 victory against a lively team. Our semi-final was against Broadclyst who were fluent, fast and tall – the first team we'd seen heading the ball from corners. We played well but couldn't match a team that clearly plays a lot of 6-aside together. We lost 3:0 with Broadclyst going on to win the plate competition final. We played a third-place play-off again against Beacon where some of our team faced their teammates from Exmouth Town and Brixington Blues. A well spirited game saw Beacon come out as third place with a 3:1 win.

The children played brilliantly, and they were a credit to both schools – well done everyone!

If you would like your child to attend our school, please contact 01395 443871 or email admindrakes@thelink.academy for a personalised tour.

Please visit our school website www.drakes.thelink.academy .



Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with all the exciting things happening in school. Search for - Drake's CofE Primary School

East Budleigh in Bloom

Oh dear – not much colour from our Polyanthus so far this winter! They are coming into flower now at the Rolle beds and, with the daffodils now appearing, will make a wonderful display. Better late than never!

The Violas have fared better and are giving some colour. The daffodils in the cart on the Pound are growing apace, so the signs of Spring are now all around us.

As a bit of advance notice for those of you who very kindly grow wonderful plants for us to sell, our plant sale this year will be on Saturday 14 May.

We plan to have the summer planting all done in time for the Platinum Jubilee weekend in early June, so the Village will look very festive and colourful for the occasion.

If you have any queries please contact the secretary, Jon Roseway, 01395 488739.

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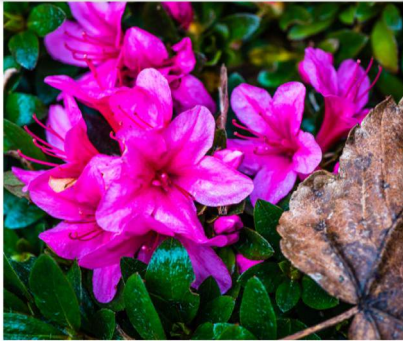
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Left: Autumn leaf - Mahonia Japonica

Below left: Azalea Madame van Hecke

Below: Azalea Gibraltar



Sir Walter Raleigh
Community Public
House Presentation at
the Village Hall



East Budleigh Community Shop

Newsletter No. 139 - February 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR

A little delayed – but we would like to wish all of our customers and volunteers a very Happy New Year! Thank you for the support that you showed to our shop throughout last year, giving us another great year supplying our village. We continue to offer delivery services to those in isolation or who cannot get to the shop in person and we have been delighted to have so many lovely cards and comments over the festive period – every one of them is greatly appreciated!

AGM

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting for members in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 1st March. We are looking forward to a 'real' meeting, taking appropriate precautions, of course.

An invitation will be sent to all members with our audited accounts and annual report. We would welcome new members on the night – for a one-off payment of only £5.

SHOP LOCAL, SUPPORT LOCAL!

As we all strive to be mindful of food miles and the environmental impact of our shopping, the New Year is a good time to highlight just some of our local producers. Quite apart from the great quality that these businesses offer, it's worth thinking about how many small local businesses you support every time you buy their products in our store. We have so many local companies as part of our shop community – from biscuits to breads, eggs to tea, sandwiches to vegetables. Don't forget we also have locally made cards that are literally produced in the village and make a lovely alternative to mass produced ones if you're after something different.

LOCAL BEERS AND CIDERS:

We stock Otter beers; the very popular Black Tor Brewery beers; Sandford Orchard ciders (including the Exeter Chiefs Foundation charity supporting Rib Tickler!); Four Elms ciders (yes – they do more than fresh apple juice!) and Norcott ciders.

CHUTNEYS AND PRESERVES:

We have a large range of very competitively priced Otter Vale chutneys as well as supporting Netta's Kitchen chutneys from Budleigh Salterton and preserves from our lovely Devon Scone Company in Woodbury. All very good quality products that are popular throughout the year.

FRESH MEAT AND FISH:

If you haven't yet ventured in to try out meats from Arthurs of Topsham or fish from Gibson's Plaice, you are missing a treat. Whilst we would never claim that these are cheap options, the feedback we receive time and time again is that the quality is absolutely fantastic – meat that tastes like it used to. It truly is fabulous – and you will only ever pay the same for Arthurs meats in our shop as you would pay travelling to the butchers themselves in Topsham. As always if you ever wish to order any products from either Arthur's or Gibson's Plaice, you only have to give us a call and we can arrange that for you. Arthurs deliver 3 times a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) complete with those hot pasties, sausage rolls and quiches, and Gibson's supply on Fridays as and when we need. When we have their fresh fish in, we order surplus and freeze them so that we can have a ready supply.

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Local wildlife photographs by David White

A big surprise was seeing a flock of 34 white fronted geese on the newly created marsh north of South Farm Road. I have been told it's the 1980's since a similar number of this species was seen in our area. There are up to 6 black tailed godwits now using this area. Little grebe, redshank water rail & snipe can now be seen in the river or along its banks; although it takes time & patience to be able to find some of these birds. Finally a female sparrow hawk paid a visit to the bird feeders in our garden, presumably looking for a victim, but left without success.



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Geese, Redshank, Snipe
feeding, Black Tailed Godwit.





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Our Churchyards

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Somewhere to Shelter

Although January and February may not be the best months to see wildlife in our local churchyard or burial ground, these spaces will still be acting as havens for a variety of animals.

Piles of vegetation, such as leaf litter, may shelter a hedgehog, which rolls up in the leaves until it resembles a leafy football. Corners of twigs, branches or stones will be used by hibernating newts, frogs and toads. Frogs can pick up the colour of their surroundings during the winter - for instance they sometimes emerge a pinky-red colour if they are on a red clay soil.

The ancient churchyard walls contain nooks and crannies for slow worms and a multitude of invertebrates. Lizards may be underground in burrows or cracks, and queen bumblebees will be overwintering in old vole holes.

Butterfly eggs will likely be in areas of tussocky grass. The Holly Blue butterfly lays eggs on holly leaves in the autumn, ready to emerge in spring.



Any ivy may be sheltering small birds, such as wrens, whilst the dense foliage of yew trees shelters bird species such as the beautiful goldcrest. Old trees, such as veteran oaks or yews, may have bats roosting behind loose bark, or owls sheltering within holes.

So next time you wander through the bare looking Churchyard – remember that it is still a haven for wildlife - waiting to emerge once spring arrives.

Candlemas Bells

Many snowdrops found in churchyards and monastic sites have been planted as a symbol of purity and hope. The first known cultivation of snowdrops in the UK was recorded in 1597 and, while it is thought that it was pilgrims who brought this beautiful flower to our shores, it was the Victorians who enthusiastically planted them in churchyards and cemeteries.



Snowdrops go by over 30 different local names including dew drops, eve's tear and February fair-maids. They are also known as Candlemas bells.

In the Middle Ages Candlemas (held on the 2nd of February) was the day when everyone in the parish brought their candles to church to be blessed by the priest. This was to ward off evil spirits. After a procession, and the blessing, the candles were all lit and set before the statue of the Virgin Mary. The snowdrop was the flower gathered to decorate the church at that time, so took on the name of that ancient tradition.

Back in those times snowdrops were used to treat headaches. Today in modern medicine a compound from the bulb has been used to develop a dementia treatment. As well as brightening up the churchyard, they are a great energy source for emerging queen bumblebees at this time of year.

Churchyard Working Party

On Friday 17th December, 13 volunteers completed the tasks for the day. Derek, our compost supremo, went up in the afternoon to finish the third and fourth bins - there's dedication! Two visitors from Weymouth commented on how neat and tidy the Garden of Remembrance was looking - thanks go to Norman who tidies and strims the grass ... the day before Norman's work it had been a scene of devastation with molehills everywhere, wind-blown flowers and pots overturned. It is nice to know that all our work is appreciated.

We had an amazing 14 volunteers on Friday 21st January despite the cold. Fortunately, many jobs were located in the warmth of the sun. Most of the listed jobs were completed apart from painting all the steps' edges. The compost bin area behind the shed is almost complete and, once we have new dustbins, we'll be able to make composting, recycling and rubbish disposal easier for all. We are also planning to have two more grassy paths going across the main Churchyard to improve accessibility

The next three Churchyard Working Party dates in 2022 are Friday 18th February, 18th March and 22nd April - we hope to see you at one ... 10.00!

Do visit and enjoy the Churchyards – they are wonderfully welcoming, peaceful places for quiet contemplation and a haven for wildlife



Church Matters

The floral decorations and the Christmas tree were a joy to see: our grateful thanks to all who worked so hard to make All Saints so beautifully festive and thanks to regular watering the flowers kept their glory and the Christmas tree its pine needles throughout the Christmas season.

The annual carol service on Christmas Eve was its usual joyful gateway to the celebrations, notwithstanding that we had to block off alternate pews to maintain safe distancing. The brass band accompanying the organ filled the Church and our hearts with glorious sound. Our grateful thanks to Maria and Stephen for organising it all and also to the soloists and readers for the Important parts they played.

The only shadow cast over the proceedings was the failure of the lights up the pathways to lighten our darkness, despite renewing where necessary batteries and bulbs: the Churchwardens are waiting for an electrician to come to check the lighting outside and inside: the current problem is endemic locally in finding electricians and similar skilled folk who have the time to come. The church Wardens will persevere.

The handle to the Church main door very recently needed urgent repair one very wet and very windy Thursday afternoon. Fortunately, Nigel Dickinson had both the time and the wherewithal to effect an urgent, and, we are confident, an everlasting repair to the ancient main door.

Finally, a very happy and blessed New Year from the Church wardens

Marilyn Hobbs and John Neligan.

Next edition of the Parish News

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As we start another year on the Heath, we can look back on a busy 2021. It was full of habitat creation, infrastructure repairs and lots of scrub clearance to maintain the rare low-land heath. To thank our volunteers for all the hard work they have put in throughout the year, we had an outside Christmas lunch during December at Venn Ottery Hill. Of course, we made use of them while they were there and got some jobs done! We had a group clearing and burning scrub, tree guards were set up around newly planted trees and some trees by the roadside were removed.

Whilst we have an excellent group of weekday volunteers, we also have a Sunday work party once a month for those who are busy during the week. During winter this often involves scrub clearance with a potato baked on the bonfire for lunch. If you are interested in joining us on our weekly Wednesday and Thursday work parties or on the 2nd Sunday of the month, contact: Aylesbeare.Common@rspb.org.uk. It's a great way to meet new people, get to know your local habitat and learn more about nature all whilst keeping fit. Additionally, we have surveys going on throughout the year that you can get involved with. Currently, we have the winter bird transect and Hen Harrier surveys.

We have also been working on the Stockland Turbaries, clearing the invasive species of Rhododendron and Cherry Laurel. Rhododendron and Cherry Laurel pose similar problems in a woodland block, in suitable conditions, the species will outcompete native plants making it difficult for woodland flora to grow. As the light is blocked, the understorey remains bare which in turn prevents woodland regeneration. They are also unsuitable for animal grazing due to their toxicity meaning they can often grow unchecked. Funding available from the woodland management grant can be used to remove Cherry Laurel and Rhododendron. We were contracted on behalf of the Stockland parish council to remove these species and have spent a couple of weeks over the course of December and January clearing and burning. The toxic compounds in the species (such as cyanide) break down when burnt at high temperatures so don't pose a further risk to human health! It is important to control the spread as this allows woodland regeneration and prevents further costs associated with control. We also helped the National Trust at Branscombe with some access projects at the end of December.

A new residential volunteer arrived within the new year and we have another due to arrive later this month. This not only increases our weekday workforce but provides a great learning opportunity for young people wanting to find a career in conservation.

As for 2022, we are continuing to roll out our winter work programme to meet habitat and species management objectives. We also hope to continue our involvement with management at Venn Ottery Hill. In the spring it comes to the end of its 5-year aftercare obligations and we will continue to work with Aggregate Industries to manage the site.



CLINTON DEVON ESTATES

Mud; mucky, marvellous but misunderstood.

At this time of year, it is common to find a moan or two in my inbox about mud. It is annoying to slip along a wet section of footpath or find soil tracked onto roads by agricultural vehicles. Even in places where it should be, the brown stuff is undervalued. Soil and mud are much more than inconvenient dirt. So, does mud need a re-brand?

World Wetland Day is marked on 2nd February. This year's theme is Action for People and Nature, highlighting the need to take action, to value, restore and manage wetlands sustainably. The *Lower Otter Restoration Project* is taking action for people and nature by delivering a natural solution to help adapt to climate change and restore lost wetland. The historic earth embankment will be breached next year. Seawater will silently cover the valley floor for the first time in 200 years but as the tide retreats it will leave mud, lots of mud, enough mud to cover 156 football fields. This change is one that should be welcomed.

Where mud is deposited at the mouth of rivers the layers form mudflats. Other local rivers like the Exe have extensive coastal systems including mud flats. In parts of the lower Otter valley where vegetation has been removed to allow the water to drain effectively, the open views already allow a glimpse of the changes ahead and migrant birds are already making the most of the new habitats. When it is estuary once more, over time, salt tolerant plants will colonise the mud helping it developing into areas of both mudflats and saltmarsh.

Saltmarshes provide habitats of high biodiversity value, deliver coastal protection from sea level rise and storms and lock-up valuable carbon. Wading birds and the juvenile stages of many marine fish species exploit the food and protection provided by the networks of muddy creeks. Wetlands cover just 5 to 8% of the world's surface but lock up 20 to 30% of the world's carbon. Carbon is captured both by growing plants and in the sediments beneath. A single hectare of saltmarsh can capture up to two tonnes of carbon a year, locking it away for centuries.

With all this happening right under our feet, it is definitely time to recognise all these benefits and start to champion marvellous mud!

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Community mental health group RV.One helps build a new outdoor learning shed at Mill Water School for pupils with special needs.



Picture captions (left to right): 1. RV.One volunteers assembling the shed. 2. Mill Water School pupils inspect the work. 3. RV.One team leader Luke Kelsall laying the roofing.

Volunteers from the local not-for-profit organisation RV.One kindly helped build a sturdy new shed in the apple orchard at Mill Water SEN School this week.

This was a great example of a community partnership, with mutual benefits for the RV.One helpers and Mill Water. The school, next to Bicton College, educates 115 pupils with profound and complex learning disabilities. It strives to promote inclusivity, to help pupils to develop skills for independent living and to enable them to successfully integrate in their communities. The much-needed shed will store tools for gardening projects and it frees up an area adjacent to the school's new bike track, creating the storage needed for new specialist bike equipment. Pupils from Classes 12 and 13 went along to inspect the new shed being built and to chat with the volunteers.

The organisation, named after the rendezvous first checkpoint term used in the military, was founded by a local Royal Marine and aims to support mental wellbeing through outdoor and social activities.

Team leader and former Royal Marine Luke Kelsall, who talked openly about his own past mental health struggles, said: "It was great to be a part of this project. This was an opportunity for volunteers to do something active and creative, with a tangible outcome and a real end product; and it was a good example of a community coming together to help one another. Thank you to Mill Water School for being so welcoming."

Mill Water School headteacher Sarah Pickering said: "It was a pleasure to meet the volunteers and we are grateful to them as the storage was a necessity. It is, however, particularly nice to hear they got something out of the project too. I look forward to welcoming them again."

RV.One's mission statement is 'Rehabilitating the mind through functional fitness, creativity and adventure'. It was launched with a commando-style beach challenge in Exmouth just before the Covid pandemic and it provides support to anyone struggling with mental health. For more details, visit: www.rvone.co.uk

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We are currently advertising for a Manager/Chef who would report to the Management Committee. Alongside, we ask that local people volunteer to assist, as required and on special occasions. It is hoped to set up a café alongside the usual pub offering, which could also be run by volunteers. We expect to take ownership in February then carry out some essential refurbishing, and quickly re-open for drinks and snacks. A wider menu will be in place once we have a chef. Look at the website www.sirwalterraleigh.co.uk where you can download a “pledge” document to confirm the contribution you are willing to make.

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Date	Time	St Peters	All Saints	Otterton
February				
Tuesday 1st	9.30		Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 2nd	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 3rd	9.30			Morning Prayer
Sunday 6th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
	9.30		Holy Communion	
	10.00	Holy Communion		
	11.00			Morning Prayer
Tuesday 8th	9.30		Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 9th	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 10th	9.30			Morning Prayer
Sunday 13th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
	9.30		Holy Communion	
	10.00	Holy Communion		
	11.00			Holy Communion
	18.00	Choral Evensong		
Tuesday 15th	9.30		Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 16th	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 17th	9.30			Morning Prayer
Sunday 20th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
	9.30		Holy Communion	
	10.00	Holy Communion		
	11.00			Holy Communion
Tuesday 22nd	9.30		Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 23rd	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 24th	9.30			Morning Prayer
Sunday 27th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
	9.30		Holy Communion	
	10.00	Holy Communion		
	11.00			Holy Communion
March				
Tuesday 1st	9.30		Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 2nd	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 3rd	9.30			Morning Prayer
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