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## February view from the vicarage...

Dear friends,

February can be a particularly grim month, lightened for me only by the fact that it is my birthday.

But seriously, I know that some people get very affected by grim, grey cold rainy days. I know because I am one of them! There are measures that one can take, like buying a natural light lamp (or taking a short break to the Canaries!) but the only thing that really keeps me going is knowing that as surely as night follows day, the dark days will get lighter, the sun will shine, and daffodils will herald the re-birth of the natural environment and everything will look brighter and rosier. In Christian terms, this is the truth of the resurrection written into the fabric of the world's ecosystem.

This is a good time for Christians to remind ourselves that for us, the cycle of life and death is incomplete and that for us the cycle is Life – death – New Life.

Resurrection can be found in everyday life and in everyday people. Every time a hopeless situation is transformed, every time a fractured relationship is renewed, every time you learn something and are changed by the blackest of events – that is true resurrection written into the fabric of our lives.

It is the eternal source of our hope in this world. We know that nothing is so dark, twisted, or rotten that light and good cannot emerge from it.

Our hope is that we will all be transformed, that light will always conquer darkness, that life will always defeat death. Jesus is that sign of new life, the guarantee that things will get better; he is that Green shoot you see poking through the soil on the darkest of days.

Martin

Budleigh and District Churches' Partnership invite you to join us for Songs and Prayers from the Taizé Community on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 6.00pm in All Saints Church, East Budleigh.

## **The Church Matters .....**

Welcome to a new year and a new decade...

### **2019 Statistics**

We recently submitted our “2019 Statistics for Mission Return” to Exeter Diocese and share some of this information:

On average, 32 people (>16 years old) attend Church on a usual Sunday.

76 people attended on Easter Day.

310 came to the Christmas Eve service and 32 on Christmas Day.

There were 3 baptisms, 4 marriages and 5 funeral services held in the Church in 2019.

### **Works in and around the Church**

There have been problems with the flood-lights recently due to the wet weather and the old cabling and connections – this is work in progress.

More maintenance and repair work to the windows, roofs and tower is scheduled for this year together with some necessary work in the Churchyards.

### **Parochial Church Council (PCC)**

Please consider becoming a member of the PCC ... we are always looking for new talent. If you want to know what is involved, please contact any of the current PCC members listed below.

### **Joint Meetings of the PCCs of the Raleigh Mission Community (RMC)**

There was a meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – as this article was written on the 12<sup>th</sup> January, the report will be in the March issue of the Parish News.

There will be an RMC and PCC Meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – let someone on the PCC know if you have any issues for the RMC and/or the PCC and they can take them forward.

### **Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The Parish of East Budleigh with Bicton Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 19.00 in the Church Hall.

The APM is for the election of Church-wardens for the year April 2020 to April 2021 and everyone present can vote. Paul Kurowski will be standing down at the APM so we need to find a new Church-warden – please talk to Marilyn Hobbs / Paul Kurowski / Rev'd Martin Jacques if you would like information about the role and responsibilities.

At the APCM, there will be a number of reports including: the Church's activities for the year, about the fabric of the Church, Safeguarding and the Church's finances. Next year's PCC members will be elected, various appointments made and the nomination and selection of Charities to share in the collection for special services, eg, Mothering Sunday, Harvest Festival and Christmas Eve.

We hope to see many people attending these meetings to help shape the future of All Saints' Church.

#### **Safeguarding**

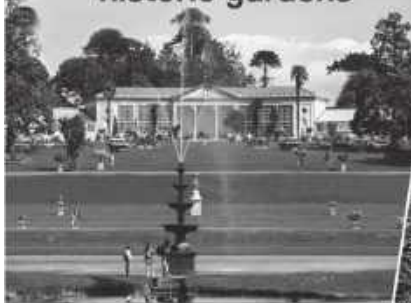
If you see something that's not right relating to children and/or vulnerable adults, please contact Paul Kurowski (013957 742942) our interim-Safeguarding Representative for East Budleigh.

For all the latest news, activities/events and information relating to your Church, visit the website:

[www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/friends-of-all-saints.html](http://www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/friends-of-all-saints.html)

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## EVENTS 2019

### 11th June (Wed) Special Hermitage Open Day

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### 15th & 16th June Father's Day Weekend

Over 200 exhibitors of traction engines, mini steam engines, steam cars, military vehicles, classic motorcycles, vintage caravans, classic cars and commercial vehicles.

### 7th July Raddon Hill Clog Morris Dancers

Raddon Hill Clog Morris Dancers will be performing throughout the day.

### 13th July Exeter Children's Orchestra

2:00pm to 4:00pm. Performing a variety of music.

### 26th July (Fri) Special Hermitage Open Day

A rare opportunity to view inside this 19th Century bower house. No booking required.

### 27th & 28th July Crown Forces 1776

Displays depicting the British Army from the American War of Independence.

### 2nd August (Fri) Pop Picnic In The Park

The Ed Sheeran Experience  
+ Katy Ellis + Katy Perry + JADELE  
Booking essential.

### 15th August (Thurs) Orchid Day

Talks and displays by Burfham Nurseries.

### 17th August (Sat) La La Choir

11.00am to 12.00pm. Singing many fun & familiar songs.

### 22nd August (Thurs) Picnic Concert

A Night of Queen performed by The Bohemians  
+ local band K2. Booking essential.

### 19th-26th October Halloween Activities

Pumpkin Trail and colouring competition.

### 13th December Late Night Shopping and Craft Fair

4:30pm to 8:30pm

### December Father Christmas at Bicton

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## Friends of All Saints Church

The Friends' 2019 target was to raise £10,000 towards the costs of necessary repairs to the Church Tower and, having done all the financial calculations, we met this target – this is the highest amount raised in a year by the Friends since the it was formed in about 2007. The Friends is transferring £10,000 to cover the cost of the Tower works: this sum covers the Tower works completed in 2019 and covers/contributes to the Tower works in 2020.

### University of Exeter Choir – Christmas Concert December 2019

The Chapel Choir's Christmas Concert in the Church was a superb evening - the photo below gives you a flavour of the event. The Chapel Choir's singing was amazing encompassing a wide range of pieces from the spine-tingling "O Magnum Mysterium" to the very lively "The Twelve Days of Christmas".



Tony Venning gave a reading of Sir John Betjeman's poem "Christmas"; Paul Kurowski read Godfrey Rust's modern take on the angel's discussion with the shepherds in "The (goodwill) of the people". The Friends Committee members

served the refreshments in the interval and people had a chance to stretch their legs and chat with friends.

We sold 170 tickets and took a retiring collection. After expenses, the final contribution to the Friends funds for the evening amounted to just over £1,570.

There are more photos of the event on page 21 and also the website - see: [www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/photo-galleries.html](http://www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/photo-galleries.html)

### Friends' Committee

The Friends' Committee met on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

The Parish News continues to be supported by many local organisations and regular contributors – we strive to maintain a balance between content and advertising. In the past, any deficit in advertising revenues was made up by the PCC; however, due to the hard work of Charles Abram, the advertising revenue in 2019 was more comparable to the printing cost of the Parish News!

We have decided to move on to Office 365 – this should make producing and reviewing the Parish News simpler in OneDrive; it will also mean a change to an Outlook e-mail address to:

[ebmag.as@rmcommunity.co.uk](mailto:ebmag.as@rmcommunity.co.uk)

There are 79 'paid-up' Friends. It was decided to include the option to provide Gift Aid as part of the membership fee.

There are around 95 numbers issued for the 200 monthly draw. It would be great to have more members. Details on how to enter can be found on page 33.

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## **Activities for 2020 are:**

### **East Budleigh's Got Talent –**

**Saturday 28th March** with two performances: 2.30pm and 7pm

This event will be in the Church Hall.

Entries will be required by 7<sup>th</sup> March and the auditions will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

Ticket prices: Adults £5, Friends and children £4 including a drink and piece of cake.

It will cost £2 for refreshments without a ticket. There will be a cash bar for wines.

**Scarecrow Festival –** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June – planning is underway. Bruce Crisp, woodturner, is already booked in!

**Talks** - these are not finalised yet but could be: "Bishop Lacey" – Charles Abram in April/May.

"All Saints' Church" - Hanneke Coates and Paul Kurowski in October/November.

**Christmas Concert - Friday 11th December 2020 at 7.30pm,**  
**University of Exeter Chapel Choir**

The Friends' Committee members are: Angie Canning, Elizabeth Smith, Jenny Hill, Christine Newall, Kate Ponting, Claire Duffield, Jess Hill, Maria Malinowska, Elliott Hamilton, Charles Abram, Martin Jacques and Paul Kurowski.

I will be stepping down from the Chair and Committee at the end of 2020 – please consider joining this dedicated and enthusiastic team of volunteers ...

If there is anything that you would like the Friends to do / try, please let us know by e-mail: [friend-sofallsaintschurch.as@rmcommunity.co.uk](mailto:friend-sofallsaintschurch.as@rmcommunity.co.uk)

### **Friends' Information**

Information about the Friends, events and brief updates are on the All Saints Church website - see:

[www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/friends-of-all-saints.html](http://www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/friends-of-all-saints.html)

We look forward to your support throughout 2020.

Paul Kurowski, Chair

**Jumble sale in the Village Hall** - a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Jumble Sale held in East Budleigh Village Hall run by the Former Little Otters Team in November. On that occasion we managed to raise £450 for Pete's Dragons in Exmouth which enables a bereaved family to take a holiday - thank you all so much.

Our next sale is booked for Saturday 29th February again at the East Budleigh Village Hall at the usual time of 10.00. This time our main recipient is NightStop which runs from Julian House in Exeter; a charity that supports young people coming out of care with no where to go. We also continue to support the Raleigh Federation (Drakes & Otterton School), CR2EE, Turnaround in Exeter, a women's refuge and the local charity shops by passing on any leftover jumble.

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## Our Churchyard

### *Tuesday 2nd June – “Bioblitz” in the Churchyard*

Our Bioblitz will be an attempt to record all the living species within the Churchyards: grasses, flowers, sedges, lichens, ferns, trees, birds, mammals, insects, reptiles ... the details are being finalised but we will probably be monitoring from 10.00 to 16.00. Anyone can come along to help.

Working with Clinton Devon Estates, we hope to have specialists, Drake’s School, the Exmouth U3A Natural History and Botany groups, and volunteers conduct the field study during the day. We expect to have the Church Hall available for refreshments and reference books/points.

We are hoping to organise an evening walk and talk covering moths and bats around this time.

The reasons for doing the Bioblitz are: we can improve what we do in the Churchyards if we know what we have (the last survey was completed in 1997); and to work with Drake’s School and the wider community.

We will provide more details in the March Parish News.

### ***Churchyard Working Party***

The Churchyard Working Party meets on the third Friday of the month ... the dates for your diaries are Friday: 21<sup>st</sup> February; 20<sup>th</sup> March; 17<sup>th</sup> April; 15<sup>th</sup> May; 19<sup>th</sup> June; 17<sup>th</sup> July; 21<sup>st</sup> August; 18<sup>th</sup> September; 16<sup>th</sup> October; 20<sup>th</sup> November; and 18<sup>th</sup> December.

The Churchyard Working Party meets at 10.00, by the shed at the back of the old Churchyard, and we finish between 12.00 and 13.00. Most importantly, we stop for coffee, biscuits/cakes and a chat at 11.00. You do not have to work for the whole time – whatever help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Everyone is welcome to come and help, as there are light and heavier jobs to suit all; tools are provided. You could just volunteer to make the coffee and wash-up after. If you would like to help out but these times/dates do not work for you, please contact us and we can sort something out.

Penny and Paul Kurowski. Tel: 01395 742942; [pandp@kurowski.me.uk](mailto:pandp@kurowski.me.uk)

## **News from Yettington Village Hall -**

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## **Otter Valley Association - February diary**

### **Saturday, 8th February - 10.30am - WALK - 7 miles**

A leisurely walk from Joney's Cross car park (RSPB Reserve, OS SY 057 898), (EX10 0BL) with a stop for coffee and picnic lunch. Visiting Harpford Common, Venn Ottery and Newton Poppleford. Walk Leader: Sarah Westacott, 01395 277644.

### **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February - 10.15am – WALK – 7 miles**

Meet: Sidmouth Triangle for 9.49am bus or St Giles Church, Sidbury (OS 115 SY 139 917) at 10.15am. **"Sid Valley Ring Part 1 - Linear Walk"**. From Sidbury we ascend to White Cross and Fire Beacon Hill following the East Devon Way before descending through the western side of Sidmouth. Bring a packed lunch. Walk Leader: Vivien Insull, 01404 811267.

### **Monday, 17 February - 10.00am – WALK – 5½ miles**

Start: Steamer Steps, Budleigh Salterton (OS 115 SY 065 818) at 10.00am. **"A walk of two promenades"**. A relatively gentle walk along the coast path from Steamer Steps in Budleigh Salterton to the dock at Exmouth. From Exmouth, the 157 bus from Exmouth Parade takes us back to Budleigh Salterton Public Hall. We should be in Exmouth by 1230, so those who wish to enjoy the culinary delights of Exmouth can do so; those who do not should be in time for the 1300 bus back to Budleigh and onwards to Sidmouth. Walk leaders: David & Rosie Conner, 07831 406959.

### **Wednesday, 26th February - 10.00am - WALK - 6 miles**

Meet: Newton Poppleford Recreation Ground (OS 115, SY 088 899) at 9.00am to share cars or meet at the start point.

#### **"Yarner Wood, Trendlebere Down, Becky Falls and Houndtor Ridge".**

Start: Yarner Wood CP (OS OL28, SX 785 789 / TQ13 9LJ) 6 miles

The walk commences with a steady climb through towering stands of ancient oak woodland; drenched with lichen and ferns and pass bird hides which are famous for spotting pied flycatchers, lesser spotted woodpeckers and wood warblers to name but a few. We exit the wood at North Lodge, the most westerly point of the wood and commence a short walk over the western side of Trendlebere Down and drop down onto the road that leads to the entrance to Becky Falls where hopefully this time of year we will be able to see the falls through the trees. The next stage is a walk along the path below Houndtor Ridge to arrive at Holn Brake where we enter Yarner Wood again. After a short walk through the wood we reach the car park. There are toilets at the car park, but no other facilities en route, so bring a picnic lunch.

Walk Leaders: Paula & Mike Paddison, 01395 446550

### **Wednesday, 4th March - 10.00am - WALK - 6 miles.**

Start: Colaton Raleigh Church (OS 115, SY 082 872, 6 miles).

#### **"An ideal walk for an early spring day".**

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## East Budleigh Village Hall

A busy year ahead for us at the Village Hall and I would like to thank my fellow Trustees for their effort and input throughout 2019, which has resulted in the Village Hall in a good shape going forward.

One of our first agenda items is in thanking Ron Taylor for his sterling contribution as Treasurer over the past few years, to continue to search for a new Treasurer when Ron stands down at the AGM set for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 5.00pm in the Village Hall.

The major requirement for Treasurer is an energy to help the village and our community, though it is fair to say being comfortable with a spreadsheet would be an advantage. A financial background is not necessary, we have a fine system already in place and being a member of the Trustees is the important role.

Should anyone wish to discuss this and find out more, please don't hesitate to contact me:

Chris Dearsley, Chair, Trustees, on my mobile: 07866660196.

On to our up coming social events: The diary looks as follows:

Six Nations Rugby: Enjoy the atmosphere, watch on the big screen, bar and refreshments,

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February:** England v France, 3.00pm Kick off

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February:** England v Scotland, 4.45pm Kick off

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** England v Ireland, 3.00pm Kick off

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March:** England v Wales, 4.45 Kick off.

Community Lunch: **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February.** Ever popular, come and meet your friends over lunch, further information to follow via posters/advertising and tickets will be on sale in the Community Shop.

Quizz Night: **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February.**

Again ever popular. Our quiz master, Richard Bell, will be on hand with a fiendish mix of testing questions. Teams of 6 are invited to enjoy the quiz and refreshments – further details will be advertised.

Future plans are already being discussed for a Village Open Boules Competition and a summer music event to follow our previous successful evenings.

Please come along, enjoy and support your Village Hall.

**East Budleigh with Bicton Village Hall, General Meeting  
Tuesday, 11th February 2020 at 5:00 pm @ Village Hall**

**AGENDA**

1. Chairman's welcome and opening remarks
2. Minutes of the General Meeting: 5th November 2019
3. Matters arising
4. Correspondence
5. Finance Report
6. Hall Manager's Report: SL
7. Village Green Update: MP
8. Up Coming Social Events
9. Any Other Business
10. Date of Next Meeting: A G M: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May

**Notes to the Agenda:**

Under the Village Hall Constitution, outside of the regular Trustee meetings, there are to be held General Meetings. These are, going forward, to take place, August, November and February each year together with the AGM which is normally held in May. Those welcome to attend can be Members – anyone 18 or over, inhabitants of the Parishes of East Budleigh and Bicton, or Community Organisations and their representatives. Outside of these dates general meetings can be called at any time to comply with the rules set out for such meetings in the Constitution of East Budleigh with Bicton Charitable Incorporated Organisation .

**YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU**

The Parish Council is really struggling through lack of membership. The Councillor task is not too arduous and only requires people with an interest in their parish and its wellbeing.

The Parish and its heritage are held in high regard generally and the broader media has supported this view. The aim is simply to preserve this status and to avoid any decline which would be detrimental to us all.

We hold around a dozen meetings a year on a Tuesday evening, so if you can spare a small amount of time and effort then please get in touch with our Clerk - [clerk@eastbudleigh.org.uk](mailto:clerk@eastbudleigh.org.uk)

# East Budleigh Community Shop

Newsletter Number 119 - February 2020

## CALING ALL MEMBERS!

The Community Shop Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at

**7.00 pm on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February.**

We look forward to seeing as many members as possible to present our accounts and report on another very successful year. There will also be an opportunity for members to ask any questions and contribute to the development of the shop.

If you are not a member, do consider joining for a one-off payment of only £5. You can join through the shop or on the evening of the AGM.

The meeting is also an opportunity to thank all our wonderful volunteers at the heart of our great community. We are always keen to attract new people. If you have wondered about joining our team, please do call in and see Mel, Anne or Liz and we would be very happy to show you around and welcome you to the team!

## GREEN NEWS

We have now installed a compost bin at the shop for all our garden waste, as well as the odd few items of wastage from our fruit and veg range. Our loose fruit and veg were popular, but our wastage rates were enormous. We hope that we will soon be producing useful compost.

We are making great strides with minimising our packaging and ensuring that it can all be recycled.

We already recycle all our cardboard, thanks to our volunteers, and will now be recycling all our plastic waste and bottles.

Don't forget that we also offer free refills of tap water to our customers.

## WHAT'S IN THE SHOP?

**Valentine's Day:** The shop will be stocking our usual Valentine's fare of chocolates, wine, bubbles and a few flowers for your Valentines gifts. We also have cards for this and all other occasions. For a special occasion such as Valentine's Day, why not buy one of our handmade cards – made in the village, they can even be pre-ordered and Lynda will make every effort to make them to your personal requirements. A real one-off!

**New Year sniffles?** It seems like everyone is struggling to keep the bugs at bay this year – so a timely reminder that we have a selection of medicines and remedies for your coughs and colds, sore throats, aches and pains.

So whether its cough medicine, paracetamol, Lemsips or just boxes of tissues and throat sweets you are in need of – we have a plentiful supply. For your little ones we also have Calpol, Tixylix, Sudocrem and Vaseline.

## WINE SALES BOOMING!

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which encourages a denser stock proof hedge. New growth will be seen from the laid sections (pleachers) this spring. Thicker hedges provide better habitat for a range of species and can improve biodiversity.



Many people have commented on how the work has let more light in as well as opening up far reaching views. Timber for firewood was stacked for villagers to collect and the

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**February update from the Heaths:** as I write this the wind is howling around the cabin and rain is smashing horizontally at the windows!

So what a season, we have struggled along with our winter management in the most appalling conditions, hats off, (no pun intended) to our residential volunteers who have battled on all in the spirit of nature conservation, we have been clearing encroaching scrub from the reserve in many locations, most recently we have been opening up the tracks on one of our butterfly transect routes, here we hope to allow more light to the track edges and improve the floristic diversity of the area, hopefully improving the conditions for many of the butterfly species.

Just before Christmas we had a local contractor on site with his swing shovel digger creating areas of bare ground, we have some very rare invertebrates which require the open sandy areas and patches of pioneer heath, this is one way that we are able to create and maintain this particular type of habitat, we hope to do more soon.

Our grazing animals have also been keeping us busy with moving groups between different areas on the site, we have recently brought the Dartmoor ponies back from Killerton Estate, a National Trust site close to Exeter. These have ended up back on the reserve at Aylesbeare. We have moved a few of the other groups of ponies about to help target management in particular spots, this also helps with looking after the animals over the Christmas period as you could otherwise spend hours looking for livestock over the whole reserve!!

We welcome Megan who joins us for six months and to Leo who is coming out several days a week, Aaron has moved on to Forestry England and Becky has stepped up to help keep the wheels turning with both our daily and residential volunteers, so we are having a few staff changes on the reserve, as the nights start to shorten we look forward to a little less rain and some warmer temperatures. Thanks - RSPB Aylesbeare Common Team

## *East Buddleigh in Bloom*

This is the season to look wistfully out of the window and picture how the garden will look in the following summer. Many gardeners get out the seed and plant catalogues to place their orders and plan ahead.

As you begin planting seed in the coming months think ahead for East Buddleigh in Bloom as well and sow a few for us. We are particularly interested in having a wide selection of vegetable plants to sell at our Plant Sale on Saturday 16th May 2020.

Bedding plants and herbs also sell well so a selection of these in pots or trays will help us out greatly.

If seeds are not your thing, as you dig over the garden and split up your perennials or take cuttings of your favourite plants please pot up a few for us.

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## Update on the Lower Otter Restoration Project

In January, a significant milestone was achieved in the delivery of the Lower Otter Restoration Project (LORP).

Planning approval was granted for the construction of a new cricket ground to the north of South Farm Cottages Budleigh Salterton. The long-term future of the cricket club's current home at Ottermouth has been under threat due to the impacts of flooding and poor drainage, with the club flooded as recently as December. The planning decision means that should the wider restoration project go ahead as planned, an important sporting, recreational and social focal point for the community will not be lost.

This restoration project is being developed by the *Environment Agency* and *Clinton Devon Estates*. It has broad and ambitious aims, attempting to attain more sustainable management of the River Otter, its estuary and its immediate surroundings in the face of rapid climate changes and rising sea levels. Key aims of the project include: maintaining and securing existing public footpaths; securing vehicle access to the residents and businesses at South Farm, along South Farm Road; reconnecting the river to its floodplain, allowing it to flood and drain naturally; stabilising the former domestic refuse tip to protect against future erosion; finding a more sustainable site for Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club; increasing the area of rare inter-tidal habitat with significant biodiversity benefits, including for birdlife. Details on the project can be found at [www.lowerotterrestortionproject.co.uk](http://www.lowerotterrestortionproject.co.uk)

Although the planning decision on the cricket club's relocation is very welcome, before LORP can proceed, planning approval is also required for the broader scheme. Detailed plans are being developed for submission to the planning authorities for consideration in the first half of this year. Prior to submission, some technical issues still need to be resolved. Most critical is ensuring that South West Water infrastructure is protected, including an important freshwater borehole south of Otterton. Detailed plans for the scheme will be shared with the public once these have been developed. This is unlikely to be before Easter.

January is also a very significant month, as together with an allied partner scheme in the Saône Valley, Normandy, France, we will hear the outcome of a funding application to the Interreg VA Programme (a European Funding stream) to support some of the project delivery costs. The final delivery of the project, including the relocation of *Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club*, will depend on both us and our French partners attaining planning approval for the whole scheme and securing funding. Other funding partners include the *Environment Agency* and *Clinton Devon Estates*.

Sam Bridgewater, Head of Wildlife and Conservation  
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## East Budleigh with Bickton WI

The December meeting was opened by President Pam Terry. Details were given of various activities and future events planned, including our annual lunch and a fossil Hunt at Charmouth in the early Summer. As this was our Christmas meeting the business was kept to a minimum and we were then entertained by the Sidmouth Ukelele Group playing a selection of popular and seasonal songs, many of which members joined in.

After about 20 minutes we had a break for refreshments, where we enjoyed a 'Bring & Share' meal and fruit punch, alcohol free of course!

The Ukelele Group then entertained us for another half-hour with more lively music. A really enjoyable evening making us able to forget the awful weather outside.

East Budleigh with Bickton WI meet on the 2nd Tuesday each month (except August) 7-9pm in the Village Hall. New members are always welcome to join us.

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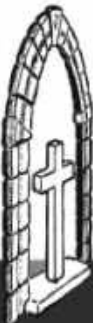
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## **Roger Conant 400**

A steering group has been formed, known as the RC 400, which is looking to give Roger Conant wider recognition for what he achieved in his lifetime. This begs the question..... Who was Roger Conant ?

Roger Conant was born in the Mill House, East Budleigh, on 9th April 1592 (since demolished but was situated just above Hill Farm). He was the youngest son of Richard Conant, a miller, who had married into one of the leading merchant families of Colyton.

As the youngest son of a family of eight, Roger realised he had to make his own way in the world and so left East Budleigh for London around 1610, (following his brother Christopher, who belonged to the Grocers' Guild) where he became a salter, a trade concerned with the preserving of meat and fish. In 1618 he married Sarah Horton and they had a son, Caleb, in 1622. In the following year the family made the choice to move to America where Roger led a small group of settlers to an abandoned native Indian settlement called Naumkeag. To sustain the settlement funding and provisions were raised in England and in 1626, at a Thanksgiving ceremony Naumkeag was renamed Salem, (now a city in the US state of Massachusetts).

Conant was chosen as the first governor of these settlers and was one of the first two Salem representatives elected to the colony's general court of legislature. Notably he was renowned and respected for his altruism, particularly towards the native Indian communities. He died in Beverly, Massachusetts 1679. Roger Conant was active in the affairs of Salem throughout his life and his profound contributions to the foundation of Salem has been honoured by the city, not least by a statue erected and situated near the city hall.

The aim of the RC 400 Group is to reflect the life and achievements of Roger Conant, another famous person born in East Budleigh, (Sir Walter Raleigh is better known of course). The target date for a celebration is 2023, the 400th anniversary of his departure from England. Various ideas for the event are mooted and those which seem to be the most viable will be floated in later editions of this magazine. Pleasingly, executives from Salem City Hall have expressed a keen interest in joining our initiative.

Kevin Quant, RC 400 Group

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Date	Time	All Saints East Budleigh	St Michaels Otterton	St Peters Budleigh Salterton
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>February</b>	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Service of the Word	
	18:00	Taizé Service		
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	09:30			Holy Communion
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
	18:00			Choral Evensong
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Weds. 12 <sup>th</sup>	09:30			Holy Communion
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	11:30			Holy Communion for healing
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Weds. 19 <sup>th</sup>	09:30			Holy Communion
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Weds. 26 <sup>th</sup>	09:30			Holy Communion
Ash Wednesday	18:00	Imposition of Ashes		
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>March</b>	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
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