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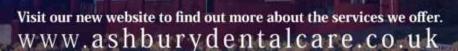
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March view from the vicarage...

Dear friends

This year the whole of March falls within the season of Lent, a time most people associate with "giving up something for Lent" but where does this practice come from?

Nowadays, the most well-known fast is the Muslim fast of Ramadan but the practice of fasting has receded from the Western consciousness amongst both religious and non-religious alike.

The period of Lent in the Christian calendar is supposed to mirror the forty days in the Wilderness at the start of Jesus' ministry on earth. A time of privation certainly but also a time of reflection.

But why fast at all? For one thing it demonstrates a measure of control over your own body, showing that you are not just a creature of instinct and you can control your body and its desires.

When I lived in Romania, it transpires that the Orthodox Christians "fast" for two days each week during the year, on Wednesdays and Fridays, usually meaning that they didn't eat meat on those days. Egyptian Christians restrict themselves to a vegan diet in the run up to their Christmas feast

I once asked an Orthodox priest why he fasted and he replied straight away that it is much easier to pray on an empty stomach, and the common theme running through all religions is that the fast is always broken, eventually, by an almighty feast.

If you think about it, the significance of any feast must be amplified many fold if preceded by a period of deliberate privation. Interestingly, the word breakfast literally means "breaking the fast". For Muslims, fasting also signifies solidarity with the poor and needy.

In a land of plenty, giving things up might seem to be counter-intuitive but the benefits of a period of voluntarily giving certain things up especially because we live in a land of plenty is attested by many people in many cultures to have real spiritual, psychological as well as physical benefits.

Martin

From the church register

30th October - funeral of Sue Blagdon, her ashes were interred on 28th November
31st October - interment of the ashes of Meg Tracy
23rd December - funeral and Burial of Mary Smith
29th January - celebration of the life of Brenda Bowen
7th February - burial followed by service to celebrate the life of Peggy Sleeman

The Church Matters...

by Paul Kurowski, Churchwarden

Do we need the Grade I listed Church at the top of the High Street? ... it provides the focal point in the East Budleigh Conservation Area and it looks good at night when lit ...

We do not get any money from the Church of England (CoE) ... in fact, we have to pay money to the CoE to cover the cost of our clergy, their housing and administration throughout the whole of England and Wales.

We have to cover the repair, maintenance and running costs of the Church and Churchyards through the money taken in Sunday collections, regular giving, organised events and legacies. Currently, through the PCC's careful management, we are just about all right financially; however, if there are any major works needed, we would have to raise funds and apply for grants ... this all takes time.

During January, we averaged 30 attendees and it was great to welcome visitors to our Church.

Works in and around the Church

J Elworthy Electrical Contractors have visited the Church to assess the work needed on the floodlights, the lighting for the paths and some of the internal lights – we hope to progress this work soon.

West Access Conservation came to the Church to assess and agree the maintenance and repair work to the windows, guttering, roofs and tower – we hope to complete this work this year.

Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The Parish of East Budleigh with Bicton

APM & APCM will be held on Wednesday 22nd April at 19.00 in the Church Hall.

The APM is for the election of Churchwardens for the year April 2020 to April 2021 and everyone present can vote. We are looking for a new Churchwarden – 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. We will elect new PCC members, 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 (01395 742942) our interim Safeguarding Representative for East Budleigh.

Website

For all the latest news, activities/events and information relating to your Church, visit: www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk

The current PCC members: Vicar & Chair: Rev'd Martin, Associate Priest: Rev'd Karen. Churchwardens: Marilyn Hobbs and Paul Kurowski. Secretary: Penny Kurowski. Treasurer: Maria Malinowska. Deanery Synod Rep: Margaret Briggs. Electoral Roll Officer & Lay Chair: Richard Bunting. Jenny Hill (Cashier), members: Christine Newall, Jane Buckland-Wright and John Robertson.



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Friends of All Saints Church

The Friends' Committee met on Monday 17th February to focus on East

Budleigh's Got Talent and discuss other fund-raising activities as well as reviewing membership and the 200 Club – no change in either.

Our thanks go to the dedicated team of regulars who distribute the Parish News free to every household in the Parish.

2020 Activities 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 7th March and the auditions will be held on 14th March from 4pm.

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

It will cost £2 for refreshments alone. There will be a cash bar for wines.

Scarecrow Festival – Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June – apologies I was one day out In January's Parish News – Richard Slade gets the prize for highlighting the error to me!

Spring Talk – Charles Abram will give a talk about Bishop Lacey on Friday 1st May at 7.30pm in the Church.

Charity Cabaret Evening – potentially in October ... the final decision was deferred pending more information and contract terms and conditions.

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

If there is anything that you would like the Friends to do / try, please let us know by e-mail:

friendsofallsaintschurch.as@rm community.co.uk.

Friends' Committee

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.

Please consider joining this dedicated and enthusiastic team of volunteers to help raise funds for the necessary maintenance work in and repairs to the Church.

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

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Paul Kurowski, Chair

Church flowers

Easter Flowers; if anyone would like to give a donation towards the Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one please let me know.

Do you enjoy flower arranging? We would welcome anyone who would like to join us in arranging flowers in All Saints Church. Just get in touch - Sue Pyne 442524.

200 Club

To make our 200 club more profitable - we would love to welcome more players.

The 'Friends of East Budleigh Church' run a monthly raffle throughout the year to help raise funds for the upkeep of the church and churchyard.

Three winning numbers are drawn at the shop at the end of each month with three cash prizes of £40, £20 and £10

January 2020 winners

1st Mr and Mrs Colin Yeats 2nd Mrs Julie Smith 3rd Mrs Jenny Green

If you would like to subscribe for the 200 Club for 2020, please send your name, address, telephone number and email together with a cheque for £10.00 per number (£1 per month until the end of 2020) made payable to 'All Saints East Budleigh PCC'

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Our Churchyard

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BioBlitz

Tuesday 2nd June is the date for our "Bioblitz" when we will try to record all the living species in the Churchyards. Details are still being finalised, but we will be there from 10am to 4pm, and all are welcome to join in. Look out for more in the next Parish News, and for posters nearer the time. Do get in touch if you would like to help.

Help

As you probably know we won the CPRE's "Devon's Best Churchyard" award in 2019. We will enter the competition again this year, and are looking for ways to improve the Churchyards. One idea is to build a "bug hotel". If you think this is something you could do please let us know – we have a "how-to" guide, and can provide some materials – we just need someone with the time to do it!

If you have any other ideas for improvements we can make, please let us know – especially if you can give a bit of time to make them happen.

Penny and Paul Kurowski. Tel: 01395 742942; pandp@kurowski.me.uk

Parish Council Community Resilience Event held on 10th February in the Village Hall

Around 60 visitors attended the event, hosted by the Parish Council, and supported by the Environment Agency, Exeter University and the Devon Communities Together charity.

Local residents met members of our Community Resilience Team and gave their thoughts and ideas about the Community Resilience Plan currently being developed.

Attendees were able to discuss the East Budleigh Reintroduction of Beavers project with Roger Auster from Exeter University, and took away beautiful copies of the project report 4 days before it's official launch.

20 attendees expressed a desire to help the resilience team if a village emergency situation arose, and left their contact details.

This is a superb response as it gives us a sufficiently large resource to ensure anyone needing help will quickly be identified and given support.

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported this event.

Cllr Mike Walters, Community Resilience Coordinator on behalf of East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council

Otter Valley Association - March diary

Saturday, 7th March -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 2 - Linear Walk". From Sidbury we take country lanes to Harcombe before a steep ascent to cross the A3052. We then head to the coast with sea views before turning inland to Salcombe Regis. We then ascend back to the Coast Path and descend through the Eastern side of Sidmouth. Bring a packed lunch. Walk Leader: Vivien Insull, 01404 811267

Tuesday, 10th March - 10.00am - WALK - 6 miles. Meet at Newton Poppleford Rec Ground (OS 115, SY088 899) at 8.45 am to share cars, or meet at the start point. "Eggardon Hill Fort and King John's Castle". Start: The Spyway Inn at Askerswell, Dorset. DT2 9EP (OS 117 ST 528 933) at 9.30am and we can have lunch afterwards at The Spyway Inn. Be prepared for some hills (it is Dorset!) but these will be rewarded with some wonderful views... Weather permitting! Walk Leaders: Paul & Fran Dike, 01297 20695/07977 057546

Wednesday, March 11th - 7.30pm - TALK. By Mr J P Allan at Peter Hall, Budleigh Salterton. "The Building of Exeter Cathedral"

Friday, March 13th - 10.00am - WALK - 5.5 miles. Meet: Otterton, Fore Street, (OS 115, SY 083 853). 2.75 hours. "A Riverside Ramble". This familiar local walk will start in the village of Otterton and follow the river path to the sea at

Budleigh, returning by a different route to the starting point. Flat terrain. 5.5 miles. Refreshments/lunch available at the Kings Arms or Otterton Mill café. Walk Leaders: Rosemary & David Hatch, 01392 444290

Thursday, 19th March -10.30am – WALK - 6½ miles. Start: Donkey Sanctuary car park (OS 115 SY 161 892). "Sanctuary, Sidmouth & Salcombe". A fairly energetic walk with two steep pulls. From the Donkey Sanctuary, we join the coast path at Lower Dunscombe Cliff and walk to Sidmouth. Following the course of the Sid, we walk through Sidmouth, climb back up Salcombe Hill to walk through the delightful village of Salcombe Regis and return to the Donkey Sanctuary where those that wish can enjoy a cup of tea at the café. Please bring a picnic. Walk leaders: David & Rosie Conner, 07831 406959

Wednesday, 25th March - 10.00am -WALK - 7 miles. Meet: Newton Poppleford Recreation Ground (OS 115, SY 088 899) at 9.00am to share cars or meet at the start point. "Parke (Bovey Tracey), Lustleigh and the Bovey River" Start: Parke (National Trust) CP (OS 110, SX 805 784 (Parke Entrance) / TQ13 9JQ), 7 miles. NT Membership cards will be required for free parking. The walk takes us through the pristine cottages of Wrayland and Lustleigh where refreshments at a tea shop or The Cleave might be available. However a picnic may be the safer option. The homeward stretch to Parke is steady down hill to Home Farm Café for tea and a bun! Walk Leaders: Paula & Mike Paddison, 01395 446550. continued on page 12...



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OVA March diary continued...

Monday, 30th March - 10.45am - WALK - 5.5 miles. Meet at Exmouth Railway Station at 10.15am. Outward dep. 10.23am, arrives Digby & Sowton 10.42am. "Take the train for a walk from town to Topsham". Start at Digby & Sowton Railway Station (OS 192, SX 960 915), 10.45am. A walk from Digby and Sowton station that wends through houses and a retail park, then magically transfers us to rural Ludwell Valley Park with its ancient history and great views. We then descend to the River Exe for an easy walk to Topsham where there are plenty of lunch opportunities and half-hourly train service back to Exmouth. About 2.5 hours. Nearer the time, please check the

leaders) for the latest train times. Walk Leaders: Penny & Paul Kurowski, 01395 742942 pandp@kurowski.me.uk

Friday, 3rd April - 10.00am - WALK - 8 miles. Meet at Newton Poppleford Rec Ground Car Park (OS 115, SY 088 899) at 9.15 to share cars or meet at the start point, 4 hours plus lunch. "Colyton, Shute Hill & Axe Valley circular" Start: Car Park in Colyton, Dolphin Street (OS 116, SY 246 940) at 10.00am. The route covers part of the Axe Valley and surrounding countryside with superb views of Musbury Castle Hill Fort and down the Exe estuary to the sea. Please bring a picnic. Walk Leader: Heather Fereday, 01395 446796.

East Budleigh in Bloom

OVA website (or contact the walk

Spring has sprung and the village is looking very pretty in its new colourful dressing. We are busy with the planning and ordering for the summer planting now finished, we have a couple of projects to keep us going.

The cart on the Pound is going to be moved nearer to the pavement and more central in the Pound. At present it is hiding behind the new oak tree. Once it has been moved and repainted, we will fill it with some new planters ready for the summer plants in May.

The Village Hall has kindly agreed to us planting a community herb garden in the car park by the shop, replacing the gravel area. The Hall Committee and the Community Shop are funding this project, we are planting it at the end of March, and, once established, we hope that everyone in the village will enjoy the fresh herbs and help with the care of the plants.

We hope that we will have another successful plant sale on Saturday 16 May due to you all growing and gifting an amazing selection of plants.

Happy gardening!

East Budleigh's got Talent

There is a buzz in the Village. Curious notes peeling out from up on the hill on Mondays. Yes, that sounds good. People talking to themselves in rhyming couplets when no one is listening. On Tuesdays, plans are hatched and heads scratched at the Village Café. On Wednesdays there are earnest gatherings in search of harmony. On Thursdays, cheerful chimes from the children. Strumming of strings... tickling of keys ... and polishing of brass ... and joyous voices everywhere!

So what is going on? Yes, you have guessed it, East Budleigh's Got Talent! is back. By popular demand!

It is not too late to join in the fun. Can you sing, dance, play a musical instrument or tell jokes. If so, we would like to hear from you. Supportive auditions for a 3-minute slot will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday 14 March from 4-5pm. Contact Maria on 0777 321 8582 to book a time. We have 14 acts registered with 6 slots remaining, so go for it!

This is not a competition - everyone is a star!

This is your chance to step into the limelight and spread some happiness and have fun. There are two

performances on Saturday 28 March in the Church Hall at 2.30pm and a repeat performance at 7pm. Tickets are priced at Adults £5, Children and FOAS £4. The ticket includes a hot drink and cake and there will be a cash bar.

To get you in the mood, here is the East Budleigh Song which Paul Painter kindly wrote for us and he will play as we sing along. See you there!

The East Budleigh Song

Words and music Paul Painter 2019

Verse 1

When Raleigh set off for his city of gold, He thought he'd be rich long before he was old.

But he quite lost his head and he never came home,

Now his statue it stands on a plinth all alone.

CHORUS

Though we roam far and wide it can't be denied.

We think of our village with love and with pride.

So let's sing it out loud and let's sing it out strong,

For we know that there's only one East Budleigh song.

Come on the 24th to hear the rest ©

Thank you - to the anonymous person who put some beautifully knitted babies jumpers in the church recently for CR2EE. I believe you have put some in before but I would like to thank you personally if you would make yourself known. You can phone me on....443141. In any case I am very happy to receive the garments and invite you to join us on a Wednesday afternoon if you would like to knit alongside some friendly,like minded people. Thank you. Janet lovett

East Budleigh Community Shop

Newsletter Number 120 - March 2020

COMING SOON!

Following another successful foray to the Source West Country Trade show we are hoping very soon to be able to introduce you to:-

CHUNK PIES - Made locally by Chunk of Devon, we have finally found a product to replace the sadly missed Tom's Pies, which went out of retail production last year. We've seen, tasted and loved these pies, and we hope you will too.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

The Community Shop has leased an allotment from Clinton Estates for 4-5 years now and Nick Ward has worked really hard to keep the excellent produce flowing.

During its lease, the allotment has benefitted shop income by £800-£1,000 annually, reflecting our low prices, which has been a great boost to our finances. Even more appreciated has been the provision of fresh local produce with minimal transport and a guarantee of non-contamination.

We do benefit from surplus crops grown by villagers, but we are really keen to find anyone who could take over the allotment, or just help in any way with the work and cultivation. Do any keen gardeners have some spare time, and an interest in keeping this great project going strong?

COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you to all those who came to our AGM last month, we always appreciate support from members.

We thought it would be useful to remind you of the current roles on the shop management committee:-

- · Paul Smith Chair
- John Tresidder Vice-chair, Company Sec.
- Charles Abram Publicity and Calendar
- · Andrew Canning Volunteer Support
- David Conner Treasurer
- Judith Venning IT and Banking
- Lesley Wensley Minute Secretary

Our great management team consists of Mel Ferrers, Anne Davies and Liz Dearsley; they are helped with a variety of admin tasks behind the scenes by Judith and Lesley.

Sincere thanks to everyone for working so hard to make our community shop so successful and sustainable.

Please feel free to contact us through the shop!.

THANK YOU

.. to all our volunteers. Our shop is only able to serve the community because of the excellent work of its volunteers - without the volunteers there would be no shop in the village! There is always a need to seek new volunteers to replace those who have had to leave and/or to bolster the existing team of volunteers, thus spreading the burden of work more widely.

There are a variety of roles in which volunteers can be engaged in the shop including preparing newspaper and bread deliveries in the mornings, serving behind the counter, cleaning, recycling, stocking shelves, cashing-up and tidying up areas surrounding the shop.

Current volunteers often express the enjoyment they get from working in our widely acclaimed shop, meeting members of our community in the process and contributing to the success of an invaluable village facility. If you have an hour or more to spare each week, or less frequently, your services would be greatly appreciated. Any of the shop managers (Mel, Liz or Anne) would be delighted to provide more information if you'd like to consider volunteering. Or you could ask any current volunteers for their views!



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Birch Coppice on the Recreation ground, which was planted by East Budleigh in Bloom some years ago photo by Rosie Conner



Sunsets and snowdrops in the village, by Peter Bowler







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Chess in East Budleigh

The Christmas Reunion Blitz Tournament held at All Saints Church Hall, East Budleigh was a great success. It was satisfying in the line-up to see old and new friends. Oliver Wensley who is an Exmouth and Devon County player scored an emphatic victory winning all his games. This was a nice win for this Exmouth player whose parents live in the village. The only real resistance came from our former juniors Max Lee and Sam Lister who held out the longest against the worthy winner.

Barbara Newcombe who specializes in speed chess came a solid second in the overall competition. Prizes were awarded at the end of the evening. A further reunion event is planned for Thursday, September 17th. Tickets £5-00. Juniors u18 are free.

The British Chess Championships will be again held in Devon at the Riviera International Centre in Torquay Summer 2020. See the ECF for details.

Devon County Chess Association has a new web site: http://devonchess.com/

Brian Gosling by email at brigosling@aol.com or by phone on 01395 442060.

East Budleigh with Bicton WI

East Budleigh with Bicton WI met on Tuesday 11 February at the Village Hall. 38 Members were welcomed by President Pam Terry. Reports were given on our various groups - Craft, Walkers, Swimmers and Skittles and details of planned future events including a Fossil Hunt at Charmouth, a visit to Escot and our annual lunch, this year at the Blue Ball at Sidford.

After a break for refreshments we then enjoyed an In-House social evening after dividing into groups to participate in a variety of Craft demonstrations, Flower Arrangements, paper flower making, Scrabble and a Quiz. An interesting evening showing a lot of skills amongst our members willing to share it with others.

Our WI meets on the second Tuesday of the month (except August) at 7pm at East Budleigh Village Hall.

New members are always very welcome.



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With Spring upon us here is a seasonal update from across the Estate.

Clinton Farms

At the beginning of February, we welcomed Sam Briant-Evans as farms manager. Greg Gray has also been appointed as main tractor driver and both are settling well into their new roles in the team.

In drier weather we were able to get slurry out onto the grass leys and have started ploughing, in preparation for spring cropping at Kingston and Dotton farms. Grass has grown well in the mild weather, so we were able to turn some milking cows out at Otter Dairy last month, to utilise the grazing we have available.

At Ashtree farm, hedge laying took place. This long-term restoration project is part of ongoing hedgerow maintenance across the farms.

River Otter

The River Otter Beaver Trial draws to a close this month and the publication of the science and evidence report presents the biodiversity benefits, the impact dams have on flood risk, fish passage and water quality, the health and population growth of the beavers and documents people's attitudes and perceptions during the five year trial. The report can be found at www.devonwildlifetrust.org/what-we-do/our-projects/river-otter-beaver-trial

Funding has recently been approved to help with the delivery of the Lower Otter Restoration Project. The bid for this grant, worth ca. £8.5 million was led by Environment Agency partners who with the Estate and the Conservation Trust have been developing the initiative since 2014.

Although funding is in place, we still need to submit a detailed planning application. Without this we cannot proceed. Should planning be granted we would be in a position to begin work on the scheme from autumn 2020. One of the many outputs would be the creation of 100 hectares of mudflat and saltmarsh as well as naturalising the lower river valley as far as possible. This will elevate the conservation value of the lower Otter Valley from regional to international significance and is one of the most exciting and ambitious habitat restoration schemes in the South West.

Pebblebed Heaths

Car park improvements and modifications were agreed last month, and work will commence soon to be completed in stages. Redistributing and upgrading parking across the site will improve safety and visitor experience whilst minimising wildlife disturbance, damage to trees or heritage features and antisocial behaviour. Successful teamwork has enabled groups of volunteers to support the work of each other. The practical team cleared a number of Neolithic bowl barrows on Bicton and Woodbury commons, that members of the archaeological team had continued...

flagged as nearly disappearing amongst invasive vegetation. They also employed energetic raking skills to improve sites across the commons for our rare silver studded blue butterfly. This was much appreciated by our ecological monitoring team who were able to show us butterfly eggs overwintering nearby.

Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer kate.ponting@clintondevon.com 01395 443 881

Gardening tips for March from the Royal Horticultural Society

Spring usually arrives by mid-March and the frequent sunny days allow us to tackle an increasing range of gardening tasks. It's time to get busy preparing seed beds, sowing seed, cutting back winter shrubs and generally tidying up around the garden.

- 1 Protect new spring shoots from slugs
- 2 Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes
- 3 Plant summer-flowering bulbs
- 4 Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials
- 5 Top dress containers with fresh compost
- 6 Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed)
- 7 Cut back Cornus (dogwood) and Salix (willow) grown for colourful winter stems
- 8 Hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control early
- 9 Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond heaters
- 10 Prune bush and climbing roses

News from Salem Chapel

Visiting: should you wish to view this 1719 Dissenters Chapel - Grade 2 listed, please use the contact details below. On display are Chapel Records 1763 -1972, associated literature, displays covering the history of the buildings from 1719 to the present day, Archaeological drawings of the renovation, including provision made for our resident bats.

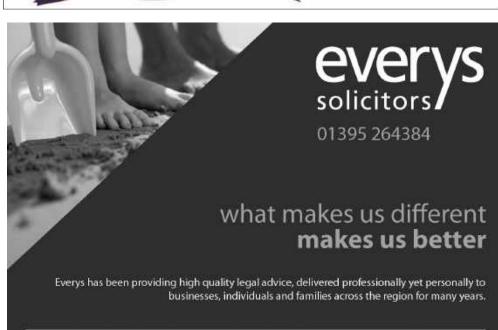
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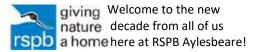
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It's been a bit of a wet start to the year and our team have been soaked on many an occasion, but that hasn't put us or the wildlife off. Dartford Warblers have been spotted around the heath! We've been busy doing the bulk of our annual winter scrub clearance to make sure the Pebblebeds remain a valuable habitat for all our brilliant birds. Our team has taken out chunks of birch and leggy gorse across Aylesbeare and Harpford Commons where they've been trying to encroach on the heaths, so that's meant plenty of controlled fires to warm us up in the rain. We don't just burn the scrub we cut to keep us warm; it's a vital aspect of our habitat management schemes, preventing nutrients overloading the soil and allowing the grass to take over. Controlled burns dispose of the plant matter effectively and all the scrub we remove contributes to maintaining the open areas of the Commons for our ground-nesting birds and other specialist wildlife.

Our winter bird surveys have found a good number of species flying about – there are the usual suspects; robins, and wrens, and a variety of tits, plus sparrow hawks, plenty of woodpeckers, jack snipe, and three woodcock. We hope you've all been able to get out and enjoy some of these birds, and if you see something exciting or unusual please feel free to let us know. We would like to remind people when you visit this special place, the car park is the opposite side of the road to the main reserve – the track down the middle is exclusively for access to the farm and use by RSPB staff.

Some of our volunteers have been working down by the ford to create more butterfly

habitats.. Differences in the length of short heathland vegetation promotes different rates of growth in the plants, creating the variety the butterflies and caterpillars need in their diets. The silver-studded blue populations that remain in England are small, but our population is doing well, adult butterflies tend to be on the wing from June onwards so controlling the scrub at this time of year ensures there is fresh new growth when they lay their eggs.

The ponies we lease from our graziers were all turned out together on Aylesbeare and Harpford Commons at the beginning of February and are a mix of Dartmoor and Exmoor breeds. These cute little characters will be free to roam over the heaths until the Autumn unless circumstances change helping us manage the scrub the same way their wild ancestors would have done thousands of years ago. If you are concerned about your dog interacting with the ponies, refer to the Pebblebed Dog Code and always keep your dog in your sight. On the subject of dogs; we have had some complaints about dog-mess left on the heaths, please remember to bag it and take it away with you to dispose of safely. Leaving 'presents' on the ground means excess nutrients are taken into the soil, changing the pH and therefore adversely affecting the range of plants and species that survive there.

Looking ahead to the summer, we have just released tickets for the Nightjar walks we guide over Aylesbeare Common in May, June and July once they finish their migration from Africa to breed on the heaths. If you would like to join us for an hour and a half one evening to look for the nightjars, tickets can be bought from rspbaylesbearenightjar20.eventbrite.co.uk and we hope to see you there.

March Wind

March wind is a jolly fellow; He likes to joke and play. He turns umbrellas inside out And blows men's hats away.

He calls the pussy willows
And whispers in each ear,
"Wake up you lazy little seeds;
Don't you know that spring is here?"



East Budleigh Church Hall

The church hall has lovely views across the village and surrounding countryside. It has a modern kitchen and is available to hire for functions and activities.

Please contact:

Richard Slade 01395 443609 or church office 01395 443397

If you are housebound and would like a visit and a chat, or advice on how to access help, or Home Communion, please contact:
Hanneke Coates

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		All Saints	St Michaels	St Peters
Date	Time	East Budleigh	Otterton	Budleigh Salterton
Sunday 1 st March	08:00	Holy Communion		Holy Communion BCP
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Thursday 5 th	09:30 11:30		Morning Prayer	Habi Camana inian
Friday 6 th	11:30			Holy Communion Women's World day of
	15:00			prayer - Baptist Church
Sunday 8 th	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
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	11:00		Holy Communion	,
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Tuesday 10 th	09:30	Morning Prayer		
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Thurs. 12 th	09:30		Morning Prayer	•
Friday 13 th	11:30		<u> </u>	Holy Communion
,	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 15 th	09:30	Holy Communion		,
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	11:00		Holy Communion	,
Tuesday 17 th	09:30	Morning Prayer	, -	
Weds. 18 th	09:30			Holy Communion
Thurs. 19 th	09:30		Morning Prayer	, -
Friday 20 th	11:30		<u> </u>	Holy Communion
Sunday 22 nd	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Mothering Sunday service with school		,
	10:00			Holy Communion - Mothering Sunday
	11:00		Mothering Sunday service with school	
Tuesday 24 th	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Weds. 25 th	09:30			Holy Communion
Thurs. 26 th	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 27 th	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 29 th	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
Tuesday 31 st	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Weds. 1 st April	09:30			Holy Communion
Thursday 2 nd Friday 3 rd	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 3 rd	11:30		<u> </u>	Holy Communion
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