

East Budleigh with Bicton Parish News

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May view from the Vicarage...

“Hope is the ability to hear the music of the future
And faith is the courage to dance to it today”

These words of Peter Kuzmic encapsulate the character of a truly Christian life. The hope of a future characterised by love, community, justice and peace is the oxygen that feeds and enables our present.

The present is politically, economically, and socially far from perfect but the hope of that blessed future where “every tear will be wiped from our eyes, where mourning crying and pain will be no more” (revelation 21) is the hope that enables Christians to go on, despite whatever current circumstances throw up for us to deal with.

Christian hope is not a vague wish such as “I hope it is sunny tomorrow”, it is more of a certain expectation based on trust in a God who is faithful to his children and we are all his potential children.

Whether believer or non-believer makes no difference to the work of Jesus who died out of love for the whole world. As Paul says in the Bible, “He is the saviour of all humanity, especially those who believe.” (1 Tim. 4:10)

The advantage that Christian believers have over non/not sure/ or not yet believers is simply that we recognise and know that the future is one of healing and peace. And we work to make that future hope a current reality by finding the courage to dance to it today.

Love and peace,
Martin

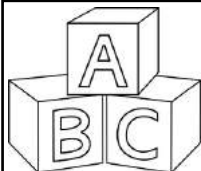
Thank you to the church Spring cleaners!

Now that the scaffolding has finally come down following the church ceiling repairs, you can imagine the amount of dust and dirt that had accumulated!

A merry band of 14 ‘mainly’ willing volunteers spent three hours dusting, hoovering, polishing and washing at All Saints on Saturday 13th April.

The church now looks a great deal brighter and certainly has a wonderful aroma of polish, just in time to welcome the congregation and visitors alike for Easter and beyond.

Thank you to these people and everyone who help clean the church throughout the year.



Congratulations and best wishes to our Parish News editor Jess, and Jack on the safe arrival of their baby son - Harrison Timothy Morgan, who was born on 10th April weighing in at a healthy 9lb 3oz! All are doing well.

The Church Matters

Parochial Church Council (PCC) members

At the time of writing this article (Wednesday 10th April), the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) have not taken place (Wednesday 24th April); however, we will have a new PCC. The list of the PCC members will be posted on the Church porch notice board.

Thanks go to Sue Pyne and Richard Eglin for all their years and work on the PCC.

Lent Lunch

Thanks to Marilyn Hobbs, Maria Malinowska, Jane Buckland-Wright, Penny Kurowski and Hanneke Coates for providing five very tasty soups when All Saints hosted the Lent Lunch on Wednesday 10th April in the Church Hall. The turnout of about 16-20 was disappointing but we recognised that many other events were happening at the same time, eg, St. Peter's had a "Loaves and Fishes" event!!!

North Aisle Ceiling

The Church Architect made the final inspection visit on Wednesday 10th April and was very satisfied with the work completed. This meant that the scaffolding could come down, our two contractors clean-up on Friday 12th all in time for our Church Spring Clean on Saturday 13th April. We completed on schedule before Easter and await the final invoices to close-out the work.

Thank you for your patience with the scaffolding over the last 23 weeks (I think).

Maintenance Visit and Tower Inspection

We have employed West Access Conservation (WAC) to undertake two maintenance visits per year and a tower inspection – this happened on 2nd and 3rd April. You may have seen two men abseiling down the tower ... if not, see the photos.

As standard, during the maintenance visit, WAC will undertake cleaning and clearance and fix any issues on the day, eg, slipped slates and small issues where WAC has the appropriate materials with them, and provide reports for our logbooks.

All the rainwater gutters, downpipes and drains were cleared as far as possible in the case of some of the soakaway drains

The areas of the Church requiring immediate attention are:

- The four stays of the flagpole
- Broken slate on the Nave south central pitch
- Missing ridging tile above the Nave
- The Nave North dormer window is rotten allowing water ingress
- Slipped slates on the North Aisle roof in two places
- Punctured lead valley above the North Aisle (probably as a result of previous repair work on the roof)
- Punctured lead valley above the Vestry – two temporary resin repairs stopped the immediate ingress of water into the Vestry but more work is needed

The areas requiring attention within 12 months are:

- The Nave South dormer window
- Fractured masonry of the cross finial at the east end of the Nave ridge
- Loose mortar around the outlet at the west end of the North Aisle
- South Aisle valley – lead creep
- Spalling masonry on the east-side copings of the Vestry
- Some of the copper flashing is missing over the Vestry
- The west end of the Vestry, there has been some masonry movement

There are other areas requiring attention in 2 and 5 years listed and these will be included in our long-term planning. continued..

continued from page 4... We have asked WAC to provide quotations for all the works – potentially these works will provide suitable targets for the Friends of All Saints Church. During the Tower survey a number of issues were identified and we have asked WAC to confirm the priority of the works and provide quotations.



Safeguarding

If you see something that's not right relating to children and/or vulnerable adults, please contact Kate Ponting (07917 104250) our Safeguarding Representative for East Budleigh.

Website

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

Paul Kurowski, Churchwarden



Drakes School May Fair -

Our wonderful annual Mayfair is approaching fast! This year it's going to be on the 6th of May and this is as usual the first Bank Holiday Monday. Traditionally children from Drake's School are going to perform Maypole dance and other country dances. The Procession will be honoured by the May Prince and May Queen and will take off at 2pm from East Budleigh Garage to the Village Green.

We have lots of family attractions planned like bouncy castle, ice cream van and games. There will also be cake sale and barbecue.

All in aid of Drake's C of E Primary School in East Budleigh .

We also would like to appeal kindly to anyone who would like to volunteer an hour or two to help in any way - many hands make light work! Cake donations will be greatly appreciated too -we know we have great bakers in the village!

To volunteer please let me know on 07887618393, or email: jolaluczkowska@gmail.com

With kindest regards and thanks, Jola Kawalek - Chair of Drake's School PTFA

Next edition of the Parish News - please email items for the June issue of the magazine to ebmag@hotmail.co.uk by 6pm on **Friday 10th May**. Thank you

Friends of All Saints Church -

The target for the Friends this year is to raise over £5,000 again – this will cover the maintenance and survey work already completed by West Access Conservation (WAC) as well as significantly contributing to the necessary work identified by WAC.

“East Budleigh’s Got Talent”

Wow - East Budleigh has got talent - what a very entertaining afternoon and evening! The acts ranged from a brass fanfare, horn quartet and solo trumpet, through hand bells and singers ranging from a Handel aria and a Song from Les Miserables to emotional, self-penned guitar and songs, via amazing performances on the piano and a poetry recital, to a barbershop octet and two chances for audience participation courtesy of the Open the Book team and Paul Painter. Paul had written the East Budleigh Song which cleverly covered most of East Budleigh’s famous sons, most of the roads and events historical and current with a catchy chorus that we sang six times!

We welcome any feedback from you about the event and any ideas how to improve it as people are already planning next year’s event! The event raised over £560 for our much needed funds.

Spring Talk: ‘Kandahar, Afghanistan: Life, Death and Things in Between’ by Andrew Canning OBE at 19.30 on Tuesday 21st May in the Village Hall. A former Royal Marines officer, Andrew spent 4 years as a civilian managing and delivering a training/mentoring programme for the Afghan Police and Army in the Taliban hotbed of southern Afghanistan (Kandahar) from 2010 to 2014. Kandahar Province is the ‘birthplace’ of the Taliban and their spiritual home: it is their crucial battleground that has seen some of the fiercest fighting since 2001. Andrew’s illustrated talk will deliver a frank and no-holds barred account of life in Kandahar,

including the daily challenges encountered. It will focus on the considerable role played by civilians in conflict zones, in support of the military.

Scarecrow Festival -

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June

Further developments for this year’s event:

- Instead of the bugs and insects, a Pets’ Corner where you will be able to touch the animals
- Church Tower tours on the Saturday;
- Handbells taster sessions on Saturday; and
- The wedding of the year in the Church at 12.00 on Sunday.

More details will be appearing around the village soon and the full programme will be in next month’s Parish News.

We will be looking for volunteers to help us over the weekend – even one hour can be very helpful, eg, giving the grumpy old man on the bookstall a ‘comfort break’!

We hope that you will join in by creating a scarecrow or two as these provide the focus of the event for all the visitors from around the country during the weekend.

Talk in September –

the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem

September 2019 marks the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem, which will undoubtedly attract interest from the media.

There are other 75th Anniversary events as well, of course, such as D Day in June, but Arnhem has a local interest slant because Gerry Hill’s father Douglas was there.

We accepted Ian Baxter’s offer to give this talk including Douglas’ story – more details will follow.

Information about the Friends, events and brief updates are on the All Saints website: www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/friends-of-all-saints.html.

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



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East Budleigh's got talent! The lights are low. The stage is set. Now the big question - has East Budleigh Got Talent? Opening with a fanfare, Raleigh Brass from Drake's School lifted the spirits and brought a cheer! The Horn Quartet gave us the uplifting Schubert Sanctus and then The Sharpshooters March, reminiscent of Wallace and Gromit! Paul's banter brought the first half to life. Jola's rendition of Handel's Aria lullaby thrilled as she hit those top notes and Elsa's graceful violin took us "Somewhere Only We Know", Amelia's own composition "London will you miss me?" struck a chord of reminiscence with many.

The Handbell choir continued the first half with Amazing Grace and a merry Schumann number both arranged for handbells by Dr Geoff Aplin and conducted by Chris Teuten. 8-year-old Samuel's Beethoven piano solo took us "Down by the Lakeside" and his brother Emil aged 7 followed with "Little Octopus" on the rock! Continuing the waterside theme, Judith and Geoff on mellow cello and piano graced us with "The Swan" by Saint-Saens.

Nick's own heartfelt composition on guitar "Don't Give Up" pulled at our emotions and Piotr's Chopin Waltz had us hanging on every note to close the first half.

Who knew? What talent there is in the Village, we all said over a tea and delicious cake or our wine and cheese or my interval choc-ice. The atmosphere in the room was very special, like the old days when everyone knew each other, they said.

Eagerly we took our seats as Nick brought us the second half. First up was Chris with Kapustin's piano Prelude which took our breath away, played with such energy! Nancy had the whole house near tears with "Castle in a Cloud" from Les Miserables.

A change of scene, Evie gave us a thoughtful "Complicated" by Avril Lavigne before our delightful Open the Book ladies took us On a Mission with rousing audience participation. Dressed in vintage train guard's uniform, Tony's recital of "Skimbleshanks, the Railway Cat" by T. S. Elliott transported us on the night train north, seen through the eyes of Skimbleshanks as he sloped through the sleeping car. The Raleigh Revellers took us through the "Graceful and Easy" tones of a Barbershop Quartet, except they were eight, maths was not their strong point they told us as they continued to delight with a traditional spiritual. We all had to agree with Paul Painter as he sang "You Got a Friend" before he introduced his own composition of the East Budleigh Song written especially for the occasion. Led by the children from Drake's School, the whole audience sang with gusto, not once but twice, of East Budleigh famous sons Raleigh and Conant and the village landmarks: We have scarecrows a Maypole and a phone mast that's new, A church and a shop so there's plenty to do. There are some who were born where they still live today Some come for the week then don't go away., Because here feels like home and it's easy to see, That here in East Budleigh's where we want to be. 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. We all agreed! And what a splendid evening! A great village event and fantastic team work by the Friends of All Saints, our saints in orange, our enormous thanks. As a jubilant audience filed out, we could hear plans being hatched for next year's performance! What will YOU do?

See page 15 for photos...

East Budleigh in Bloom

Children go gathering 'knots' in May, small bunches of wild flowers in celebration of May Day, traced back to Medieval times, singing 'umty-tiddly, unty-too, according to Eeyore, Pooh's friend.

May is a month of celebration and blossom, lilac, hawthorn or may tree, crab apple and wisteria to name a few. The garden is a delight with much to do in the warming soil. Plants demand attention such as feeding, staking, mending and renewing.

On the subject of renewing we need your help to re-store the village cart on the pound. The cart is an historical focal point which belongs to the village and needs your help. Someone with carpentry skills and a bit of brawn would be most welcome. After mending the cart will be moved forward and repainted.

Happy gardening.



Whist Drive at Yettington Hall - Monday 13th May at 7pm

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Churchyard

Some of you may have noticed that two very large branches had fallen off the Monterey Pine in the high winds of a few weeks ago. The Monterey Pine is in the far corner of the old Churchyard alongside Yettington Road. One of the branches was standing vertically and resting on another branch so a couple of us took our chainsaws and safely reduced the branches to manageable pieces and the area was later cleared.

Churchyard Working Party

Only seven people attended the Working Party in March and eleven in April, we are grateful to all who help maintain the attractive environment around the Church and Church Hall.

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.

The next three dates are: * Friday **17 May**; *Friday **21st June**; and * Friday **19th July**. Everyone is welcome to come and help, as there are light and heavier jobs to suit all; tools are provided. You do not have to work for the whole time – whatever help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

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.

Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) Devon's Best Churchyard competition 2019. In early April, CPRE sent an e-mail to let us know that it was open for entries for 2019 – the closing date is 31st May. Can we improve on last year's Second Equal with St. Andrew's, Kenn, or even better last year's winner, St Andrew in South Tawton? The judges are not seeking the most pristine or manicured churchyards. They are looking for those which are well managed to provide both a peaceful haven for people and wildlife. Perhaps you could come and help us ... not necessarily the Working Party but, perhaps, documenting the plants, birds, insects and animals (we know about the moles!), providing some homes / havens for the wildlife or designing a new interpretation board – we would love to hear from you.

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

CALLING ALL SNOOKER FANS - East Budleigh Snooker Club is situated at the back of the village hall in a purposely built room that was created in 1959. The Club was actually formed on 22nd October 1922 at the Institute and remained there for 37 years.

A lot of hard work and fundraising went towards the move and the Club has been very popular and successful over the years.

The Club has a team in the Exmouth & District Snooker League and has this season just won league and knock-out cup.

New members are welcome and there will be an open afternoon during June. Further details will be in your next addition. In the meantime if anybody would like further information or to join please contact Richard Slade on 01395 443609.

Otter Valley Association - May diary

Wednesday 1st May - 10.00am - WALK

Start: Colaton Raleigh, the Otter Inn (OS 115, SY 077 873), 6 miles, 3 hours. "Hawkerland before Lunch". An 'easy' walk north, briefly by the River Otter turning west along green lanes, agricultural tracks and footpaths via Monkey Lane, across the Hawkerland Valley, before returning to Colaton Raleigh and lunch at the Otter Inn.

Leader: Mike Paddison 01395 446 550.

Tuesday May 7th - 11.00am - WALK

"Sidmouth Arbotetum (Sidmouth Tree Trail & Salcombe Regis Walking Trail)". Catch 157 Bus (Budleigh Salterton 10.13) arriving at Sidmouth Triangle for an 11am start, 7 miles. Gentle but undulating and sustained walk along these two trails spotting the many interesting trees. About 3 to 4 hrs with retail therapy opportunities at the end.

Please bring packed lunch for cliff top stop, camera (bottle of wine for best photo!!) and your well-thumbed copy of the eye spy book of British trees or equivalent. There will probably be an extension up Peak Hill for keen walkers if the weather is fine. Leader: Iain Ure & Dee Woods, 01395 568822/07789 334469.

Saturday, 11th May - 10.30am - WALK.

Start: Wheathill Plantation car park on East Budleigh Common (OS 115, SY 040 848) 8 miles, 4 hours. "Down to the River Otter and back". Taking in Hayes Lane, East Budleigh, River Otter, Kersbrook and Shortwood Common. We will stop for a picnic lunch. Walk Leader: Sarah Westacott, 01395 277644.

Thursday, 16th May 10.00am - WALK

Start: Fernworthy Reservoir CP (OL 28, SX 669 839), 6 miles, 3 hours. "Butterfly Heaven and Horsefly Hell!" For car-sharing, we will meet at Newton Poppleford recreation ground CP (OS 115, SY 088 899)

leaving promptly at 9.00am. Lots of variety on this walk - woodland, open moor and delightful lakeside meadows, where the butterflies are abundant and the horse flies can be equally so. We walk past the dam and up onto moorland past Thornworthy Tor (424m) towards Shovel Down and turn to reach the North Teign River, following it until entering Fernworthy Forest. We then stroll around the reservoir and have a picnic lunch beside the water. There will be an optional extension of 4 miles (weather permitting) in the afternoon that takes in a short section of the Two Moors Way. Walk Leader: Jon Roseway 07887 936280.

Wednesday, 22nd May - 13.15pm WALK

"An afternoon tour of Topsham". A short walk into Topsham from the starting point, followed by a 90 minute walking tour of this old port with a Topsham Society guide, taking in all the principal historical areas of the town. Afterwards, an optional visit/afternoon tea at Topsham Museum, before returning to Darts Farm by a different route. Meet at Darts Farm (OS SX 977 883) at 13.15. 4 hours, including refreshments/tour of museum. 3 miles plus town tour. Number 57 bus from Exmouth to Darts Farm, four buses an hour from the Parade or park considerably at Darts Farm. Booking essential by Wednesday 15th May as numbers are limited. Small individual donations to Topsham Society are required. For more details/to book Tel: 01392 444290 or email: David.hatch@terebellum.co.uk. Only assistance dogs permitted.

Saturday, 25th May - 10.00am - WALK

Start: Woodbury Castle main car park (OS 115, SY 032 874), 5 miles, 3 hours. "Colaton Raleigh Common" Walk Leader: Heather Fereday, 01395 446796/07484 62731

OVA continued...

Thursday, 30th May - 7pm - WALK . Start: Sidbury Village car park (OS 115, SY 139 918) - 5.5 miles, 2.5 hours. "A balmy spring evening walk". Hills round Sidbury via Buckton and Lower Sweetcombe Farms. Then East Devon Way and steep descent through Buckley Plantation to welcome refreshments at the conclusion. Leader, Ted Swan, 01395 567450.

EAST BUDLEIGH WITH BICTON VILLAGE HALL, Charity No 1171367
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 7.30pm Village Hall
Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Report from the Village Green
7. Retirement and Election of Trustees: At every subsequent AGM of the Members of the CIO, following the first such meeting which was held on the 15th May 2018, one third of the Charity Trustees shall retire from office. If the number of Charity Trustees is not 3 or a multiple of 3, then the number nearest to one third shall retire from Office.
8. Proposed Capital Expenditure Programme
9. Any Other Business

Notes to the AGM:

Trustees : All of those concerned have indicated they are happy to continue as Trustees. Unless anyone wishes to raise this matter the Chair will propose that the following are duly re-elected to continue as Trustees for the forthcoming year: C Dearsley, R Taylor, B Blackwell, A House, J Murphy.

Attendance: All inhabitants of the parishes of East Budleigh and Bicton are entitled to attend and speak at the General Meeting of the CIO in accord with the rules made by the Trustees but are unable to vote unless such inhabitants are current members of the CIO.

Membership: Membership of the CIO is open to anyone aged 18 or over who is an inhabitant of the Parishes of East Budleigh and Bicton or a community organisation operating in these parishes who is interested in furthering its purposes, and who, by applying for membership, has indicated his, her or its agreement to become a member and acceptance of the duty of members set out in the Constitution of the East Budleigh with Bicton Village Hall Charity.

A member may be an individual, a corporate body, or an individual or corporate body representing an organisation which is not incorporated.

The intent here is to welcome to the AGM any representative from the regular users of the Village Hall, or all interested parties/stakeholders from East Budleigh and Bicton.

Chris Dearsley, Chairman, Trustees of the Village Hall

East Budleigh Community Shop

Newsletter Number 112 - May 2019

SUMMER IS COMING!



It is almost here and you may have already noticed that our ice –cream freezer is stocked up and ready to go.

As always, we have a great range of children's and adult's favourites in stock –and the ever-popular Marshfield Farm ice cream pots are flying out at a rate of knots.

We have stocked these small tubs of deliciousness for quite a while now, and quite often get requests for larger (1 litre) tubs, which we are more than happy to provide.

If you have a favourite flavour that you would like to get in bigger tubs, please let us know and we will get them in for you. It's a big saving in the long run.

TUESDAY NIGHT IS PIZZA NIGHT!



As the success of the Tuesday evening Wandering Pig Pizza Van is looking assured, we are delighted to let you know that we are officially staying open until 7pm, for the summertime at least, when he is here! We have trialled this informally and with the longer evenings here it's great to grab a beer or bottle of wine to go with your pizza order.

Summer evenings require cold drinks – so we are keeping a nice range of beers, ciders and wines in the chiller. If you want your drinks chilled do ask, and if you have a particular favourite then let us now and we will keep a chilled supply ready for you.

We will also be stocking bags of ice – if you know that you will want a large supply please give us some notice (we only have a bi-weekly delivery), otherwise we will have a few bags on standby for you all.

BBQ WEATHER?



Talking about summer, just a reminder that we are starting to get the gorgeous steak burgers in from Arthur's Butchers to go along with their range of sausages, steaks, lamb steaks and chicken fillets.

For all your barbecue meats you can pre-order anything from them for delivery on a Monday or Thursday. We can order right up to the early morning of delivery – so if you see the sun shining, give us a call. We look forward to seeing you.

SHOP NEWS

Following our successful Annual General Meeting, the shop management committee have now elected members to their official roles.

After being at the heart of the shop's success as Financial Officer from the very start, Paul Smith has now been elected Chair. Judith Venning, who has brought some valuable fresh ideas as Chair for the last three years, will continue with her vital IT role and financial support.

We welcome David Conner on board as our new Financial Officer. Andrew Canning will continue as our Volunteer Liaison, which is a key role. Charles Abram will continue in charge of PR and related projects, and Lesley Wensley will again serve as Minutes Secretary. Finally, John Tresidder will carry on as Vice Chair and Company Secretary.

As ever, we still have a few gaps in our volunteer roster – so if you, or someone you know, would like to join our great band of volunteers please let us know.



East Budleigh has certainly got talent!

Photos taken by Maria Malinowska at
East Budleigh's got Talent on 30th March 2019

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Tickets are £10, available from the Budleigh Salterton Tourist Information Centre, from The Card Shop Too, and at the door (if available). The bar opens at 7pm.

Returning after a successful concert last May, the band will bring a dynamic mix of jazz, blues, funk and Latin – full of energy and excitement!

Budleigh Salterton Lions Club -

8th May, normal Cash Bingo at the Public Hall, Budleigh Salterton. Doors open 6.30pm eyes down for 7.30pm.

Gala Week Saturday 25th May - Sunday 2nd June - see programme for all the details of the fun packed week. On sale in shops around Budleigh Salterton and the Community shop in East Budleigh.

The Carnival Club will be holding their usual Fancy Dress, Races and Cream Teas on the May Bank Holiday - Monday 27th May at the Green, B/S from 2pm onwards. Please see the Gala Programme for more details.

On Saturday 25th May, there will be Horse Racing at the Public Hall, B/S. from 7pm. It's such fun, and you get the chance to join in - using wooden horses and string!! Dress up as if you are going to Ascot!! For more details, see the Gala Week Programme.

EAST BUDLEIGH



The club championship is now reaching its final stage with a number of players in contention and must be decided by the end of May.

East Budleigh had a fine victory in the Championship section of the Exeter Chess League beating Exeter University B by 1.5- 2.5 points. The match started with a big slice of luck for the visiting team when the University captain on Board 1 prematurely resigned thinking he had a lost game out of the opening. Unfortunately for him and his

team he was seeing ghosts and he could have played on although he would have been a couple of pawns down. Ken Alexander on Board 2 had the better ending against his opponent but it soon fizzled out into a solid draw with neither side being able to make any progress. Score so far: 1.5 points to E.B. The University hit back with a win on Board 3 when Mike Lee could not make up the deficiency of his sacrificed Knight! All eyes were now on the remaining Board 4 which would determine the outcome of the match. Max Lee played a clever tactic to win his opponent's Rook. Although tired after a long game he kept his cool and brought home the victory. Final score 1.5- 2.5 points to East Budleigh.

The club secretary and Ken Alexander have recently been involved in a county match against Cornwall in which the Devon team came out on top 9-7. Both players managed wins thus helping Devon retain the second team championship – the Wayling Cup. The next club night is on Thursday, May 9th, at 6.50pm at the All Saints Church Hall, East Budleigh.

The club needs new members in order to survive in its present form. For more information please contact Brian Gosling by email at brigosling@aol.com or by phone at 01395 442060.

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Pulling together...

Every year, around this time I write about invasive plants, especially Himalayan balsam, *Impatiens glandulifera* and what Clinton Devon Estate and dedicated local volunteers are doing to manage the spread of alien invaders. But are we making a difference and is there any point in even trying to control this beautiful but harmful riverbank thug?

Himalayan balsam spreads very quickly along watercourses. Growing up to three metres tall it outcompetes native wildflowers, and when it dies back in winter, leaves banks prone to erosion by flood water. Undoubtably its pink flowers, seen from June to October are a good nectar source for bees who enjoy its abundant nectar but at the expense of our native plants.

Himalayan balsam is listed on Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act in England and Wales which makes it an offence to plant or allow to spread onto neighbouring land. Balsam can be controlled by spraying with weed killer, brush cutting or by pulling out whole plants by hand. Staff and contractors employ all these methods.

The River Otter, like water bodies across the region is heavily infested with Himalayan balsam. Each plant can produce 800 seeds which when ripe will be launched over several metres from explosive seed pods. Lying at the end of 32 kilometres of river, the banks and flood plains of the lower Otter will always be susceptible to seed washing down from any up-stream plants. Clearing the flood plain of balsam, before upstream areas are balsam free is almost impossible, as these areas are un-defendable. Instead a more productive

strategy is to focus on eradicating balsam from the top of the tributaries down. Although away from public knowledge progress here is positive but takes time.

From the middle of next month scores of volunteers will set out again to reduce Himalayan balsam's impact on the environment. Work will continue on the brooks which flow easterly from the commons before joining the river. Village volunteers at Newton Popleford do a great job on the Back Brook in a challenging environment. The Otter Valley Association (OVA) mobilise their volunteer efforts twice weekly and after many years are seeing balsam on the brook in Colaton Raleigh reach an easily manageable state even in the swampy sections. Pebblebed Heath Conservation Trust volunteers sweep the Budleigh Brook focussing on a boggy, wooded stretch at Yettington and target hotspots to stop the spread to SSSI heathland and hedgerows near public rights of way.

Himalayan balsam arrived in Britain in 1839 around the same time as John Rolfe and Lady Louisa, like other Victorian gardeners were developing their own impressive plant collection for their garden at Bickton (now open to public as Bickton Park botanic gardens). Today, the Bickton estate falls into three separate ownerships; Bickton Arena, Bickton Park and across the Great Lake covering just under half of the parish's 1184 acres, lies the main house and its grounds which are owned and managed by Bickton College.

Local people are encouraged to get involved, pull what they can before plants produce seed, leaving stems to dry out and to report any balsam 'hot spots' they see in the lower Otter valley to their parish councils, the OVA or Clinton Devon Estates. Pulling is hugely satisfying and easy for....

.... almost anyone. On Wednesday 19 June, many volunteer pullers will meet to tackle a new area of wet woodland at Bicton College, where local landowners, environmental experts and volunteers are keen to share experience from nearly a decade of management in the lower Otter valley to help the next generation of farmers, horticulturalists and conservationists tackle their invasive

plants. To find out more or to get involved in this or other areas, contact 443881 or kate.ponting@clintondevon.com. Although whatever we do, won't be enough to irradiate balsam yet... if all the landowners and organisations in one place combine and pull together with a dedicated volunteer team for this season and for many to come, then in the future a Balsam Free Bicton is very possible!

News from Salem Chapel

- Dates for your Diary: Take time to see the 'Sixth Annual Art and Craft Exhibition' by pupils from the Raleigh Federation (Drakes and Otterton Schools), on either Saturday June 8th or Sunday 9th - as part of the Village 'Scarecrow Festival'. Open 1.30 - 5.00 pm on both afternoons. Refreshments available in the adjoining Schoolroom. There will be a 'water bowl' for well behaved dogs!
- Visiting Salem Chapel: should you wish to view the Chapel, Chapel Records 1762 - 1972, associated literature and displays covering the history of the buildings from 1719 to the present day or even meet our resident bats, please use one of the contact details below.
- Availability: These unique and interesting buildings - Grade 2* star listed, are available for hire. The Schoolroom can be hired separately and has toilets and a small kitchen. The buildings are suitable for a wide range of activities and our rates are reasonable. If you are interested, please contact (01395) 446189 or email salembookingseb@mail.com Alternatively, use the contact page on the HCT (The Historic Chapels Trust) www.hct.org.uk
- Salem Chapel is owned by the 'Historic Chapels Trust' and managed by the 'Churches Conservation trust', Charity no. 1017321.

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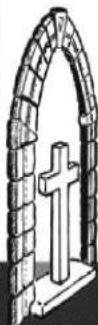
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President Pam Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting. We had a good turnout of members and visitors for our very popular speaker, the RT. Honourable Ann Widdecombe DSG. She opened the evening telling us about her time on the TV show Strictly Come Dancing. From learning to dance with her partner Anton du Beke, to the light-hearted, humorous moments that happened along the way. Ann was a politician and Conservative Party Member of Parliament from 1987 to 2010, and retired from politics at the 2010 general election. She has taken part in many television programs ranging from Big Brother to Have I Got News for You, as well as the aforementioned Strictly Come Dancing. Also taking part in pantomime alongside Strictly judge Craig Revel Horwood. Her non-political achievements include being a popular novelist, and currently writes a weekly column for the Daily Express. From the serious side of a former politician to the many humorous stories of events throughout her life, Ann Widdecombe was thoroughly entertaining and an excellent speaker.

Updates followed for the walking, swimming, craft and skittles groups, also upcoming events which are planned for the next few months.

Next month is our Annual Meeting with Resolutions, so no speakers.

The WI meets on the second Tuesday of the month 7-9pm at East Budleigh Village Hall. New members are always welcome, come and join us as a guest for the evening.

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Friday 3 rd	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 5 th	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
Tuesday 7 th	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Weds. 8 th	09:30			Holy Communion
Thursday 9 th	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 10 th	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 12 th	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
	18:00			Choral Evensong
Tuesday 14 th	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Weds. 15 th	09:30			Holy Communion
Thursday 16 th	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 17 th	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 19 th	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
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	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
Tuesday 21 st	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Weds. 22 nd	09:30			Holy Communion
Thursday 23 rd	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 24 th	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 26 th	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
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	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
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Tuesday 28 th	09:30	Morning Prayer		
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