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## Decembers' view from the Vicarage...



Dear friends,

“Christmas is a coming and the goose is getting fat, please put a penny in the old man’s hat” seems to draw both excess and charity together in a rhyme that is traditional and comforting at the same time.

Traditions are a comfort at any time of year because of their familiarity, especially Christmas, where every family seems to have its own jealously guarded family traditions. Louise insists on a real tree every year, whereas my tatty old artificial one holds special memories for my daughter and I. Result: we have two trees obviously.

I love the rigmarole, the Turkey and tinsel, midnight Mass, presents on Christmas day, Noddy Holder bellowing “It’s Christmas” for the umpteenth time on the radio, TV, and in high street shops. That too has become a modern “tradition” which adds to the general feeling.

There is no need for a war between the religious and commercial sides of Christmas – try and see it as creative tension. Every church I’ve been at has had a Christmas tree put up inside the church – a marriage of Christian and pagan symbolism that does no-one any harm.

I know a high churchman in East London whose church welcomes scores of Hindus every Christmas to pay respects to the statue of the Virgin Mary. This softening of the divisions between different faith groups also seems right in the “season of goodwill”.

Christmas is a time for the hotchpotch of traditions and influences to be enjoyed as a whole, not a time to retreat into religious puritanism. After all the killjoy puritans banned celebrating Christmas in this country in 1644 believing it threatened core Christian beliefs (That went well!).

Christmas in all its muddle, excess, strange customs, noise *and* religious import can be enjoyed as a whole. So eat, drink and be merry and remember that the reason for all this from the Christian perspective is to celebrate the incarnation of God’s Son on earth,

Happy Christmas!

Martin

**From the Register ;-** August 8th - funeral of Faith Yard Cox  
October 30th - funeral of Susan Elizabeth Blagdon  
October 31st - burial of ashes Meg Tracy

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.

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

Church Repairs; West Access Conservation completed the necessary Phase 1 maintenance work on the Church and Tower in time for the All Saints' Day Service on Sunday 3rd November. For the phase 2 works, we need to get our Church Architect to provide a specification for works on the two windows in the Nave and some further work on the tower, following which quotes for the work can be requested, and then we can apply to the Diocese to get the Faculty approved.

### **All Saints' Church – Volunteers Lunch**

Over 150 volunteers who help in Church activities were invited to attend a "Thank You" lunch – the volunteer groups/people include PCC / Churchwardens, Readers/ Sidesperson/Coffee Helpers, Church Hall, Bell Ringers, Church Cleaners (Holy Dusters), Church Brass Cleaners, Church Flower Arrangers, Churchyard Working Party, Friends Committee, Parish News team, Parish News Distributors, Open/Lock Church, Flag raising/lowering, Organists, Relief In Need Charity, Handbell Ringers, All Saints' Church Gift Aid, Facebook and Website, Pastoral Care, Benefice Choir, Village Café, Square Circle Knitters (CR2EE), Food Bank, and Shop Carols. Without all their talents, devotion and time, the Church would not function as well as it does.

After the All Saints Day / Patronal Festival service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, at 12.30 around 90 volunteers enjoyed a choice of nine soups with bread followed by a plethora of cakes, cheese and biscuits with Maria and Stephen's entire grape harvest. Thanks to those who helped setting up the Church Hall, to the catering team and everyone who provided the tasty soups and excellent cakes.

### **Joint PCC Raleigh Mission Community**

There was a meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

RMC Meeting; the Patronal Festivals were successful and it was agreed to keep the same service times for 2020, ie, the All Saints' Day service will be at 10.00 on Sunday 1st November.

There will be three RMC meals organised in 2020. Kate Ponting is standing down from the East Budleigh with Bicton PCC and as Safeguarding Representative. Kate was thanked for her work on the PCC for over four years and for her initiatives and organisation for safeguarding.

PCC Meeting; the storage in the Vestry will be reorganised to accommodate the handbells and the sound system equipment. The Statistics for Mission are being compiled for submission to the Diocese. The finances were reviewed – the John Price legacy is being used for necessary repairs and maintenance works where other funds, eg, from Friends, are not available. The Church Hall kitchen equipment will be reviewed and new purchased where necessary.

Maria will organise a 'bring and share' Christmas Party – this will be at 4.30pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December in the Church Hall.

Following a suggestion from Rev'd Karen, the PCC agreed to hold the Christmas Day service at 11.00 am – this will allow a 'more relaxed' morning for some families and allow others the chance of joining the Christmas Day swim followed by Church.

The PCC thanked Kate for her contribution over the years particularly in her recent Safeguarding role – she will continue until a replacement Safeguarding Representative is found.

The next meetings are on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 – let us know any issues that you may want us to table/discuss.

**Remembrance Day Service** on Sunday 10th November saw 29 cadets from the  
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## EVENTS 2019

### 11<sup>th</sup> June (Wed) **Special Hermitage Open Day**

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

### 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 7<sup>th</sup> July **Raddon Hill Clog Morris Dancers**

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

### 13<sup>th</sup> July **Exeter Children's Orchestra**

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

### 26<sup>th</sup> July (Fri) **Special Hermitage Open Day**

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

### 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> July **Crown Forces 1776**

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> August (Fri) **Pop Picnic In The Park**

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

### 15<sup>th</sup> August (Thurs) **Orchid Day**

Talks and displays by Burnham Nurseries.

### 17<sup>th</sup> August (Sat) **La La Choir**

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

### 22<sup>nd</sup> August (Thurs) **Picnic Concert**

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

### 19<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October **Halloween Activities**

Pumpkin Trail and colouring competition.

### 13<sup>th</sup> December **Late Night Shopping and Craft Fair**

4:30pm to 8:30pm

### December **Father Christmas at Bicton**

Visit Father Christmas in his Grotto.

### December **Santa's Magical Workshop**

Ride the Woodland Railway and visit Santa in his Magical Workshop.

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Military Preparation & Protective Services Academy of Bicton College with their two team leads lining the High Street up to the Church. They formed part of the 86-strong congregation for the Service of Remembrance with Prayers for Peace. After the Service, refreshments were served with a warning to the congregation to get in quick before the cadets hoovered everything up!

The cadets lined the High Street down to the War Memorial. About 100 people came to pay their respects. The cadets marched in, Revd. Karen led the Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial

assisted by Andrew Canning with Stephen Jones on trumpet. Jack Ponting, Harry James, Thomas and James Pulley and Daniel Gater read out the names of the fallen; and Nancy Ponting and Nell James laid a wreath on behalf of "the Villagers" and other wreaths were laid. As Andrew Canning said afterwards, "the youthful participation ... helps to make the ceremony such a poignant occasion".

**Website:** for all the latest news, activities/events and information relating to your Church, visit the website: [www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/](http://www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/).

Paul Kurowski, Churchwarden



## **Friends of All Saints Church**

The Friends' target is to raise £10,000 towards the costs of necessary

repairs to the Church Tower.

### **University of Exeter Choir Concert at 7.30pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December in the Church**

The evening will comprise favourite Christmas carols, readings and feature the amazing singing of the wonderful choir that visited in February 2018. The evening will include:

"Walking in the Air" by Howard Blake from the animated film "The Snowman"; "O Magnum Mysterium" by Morten Lauridsen;

"The Three Kings" a carol by J.H. Hopkins and arranged by Martin Neary;

"The Twelve Days of Christmas";

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"; and

"O Come All Ye Faithful".

Tickets are available in the Community Shop, East Budleigh Garage, the RMC Office in St. Peter's Church, Budleigh Salterton, and Paul Kurowski. The price of the tickets, £10, includes

refreshments in the interval.

### **Friends' Committee**

The Friends' Committee met on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November to finalise the Christmas Concert and to develop plans for next year's events – watch this space! The Friends' Committee is: 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.

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). Thank you for your support throughout 2019 and, on behalf of the Friends' Committee, I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2020.

Paul Kurowski - Chair

## EAST BUDLEIGH HERITAGE PILOT PROJECT 2019

In the towns and villages of East Devon we have a wealth of historic buildings, monuments and landscapes that tell the story of our past. Our communities are a great source of knowledge and skills and last week a pilot scheme involving local people in their built heritage was successfully launched.

Fourteen volunteers from the communities of Budleigh Salterton, Sidmouth, Otterton and East Budleigh met at East Budleigh village hall and received two days of training in skills to help manage, protect and enhance the heritage assets of their area.

This included the outdoor exercises of assessing the character and appearance of the adjacent conservation area, and recording the significance of heritage assets within it. Training was delivered by Locus, a leading heritage and planning consultancy and supported by District Council policy and conservation officers.

Volunteers included members of the Otter Valley Association, Sid Vale Association and East Budleigh Parish Council, with an existing wealth of knowledge of the local historic environment. There was excellent feedback from the event, with all participants reporting an improvement in their knowledge and understanding of conservation areas and what they mean for their local area.

Following training, the group will help to prepare a conservation area appraisal and management plan, initially for the village of East Budleigh.

All members of the group indicated they would like to continue their involvement, which will include learning how to survey the external condition of Grade II listed buildings and putting forward items for the listing of local heritage assets.

Volunteers commented that they found the training enjoyable, informative, inspirational and excellent, and we look forward to meeting again in the near future to continue the good work.

The project is part of the District Council's first Heritage Strategy for 2019 – 2031. It has been supported by the East Devon AONB, the Norman Family Trust, the Otter Valley Association, East Budleigh Parish Council and East Devon District Council.





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## **Our Churchyard - Churchyard Working**



At the time of writing we are hoping for good weather for the Churchyard Working Party on 15<sup>th</sup> November. Earlier in the year, the smaller cherry tree near the Church Hall died and was cut down. The cherry tree was in remembrance of John Brenan, OVA President in the 1990s (and PCC Treasurer). The OVA agreed to fund a replacement tree and we will plant a red-berried Rowan Tree “*Sorbus Sargentia*” which should be better suited to the location and conditions.

The last Churchyard Working Party in 2019 will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Looking ahead to the first quarter of 2020, the dates for your diaries are Friday: 17<sup>th</sup> January; 21<sup>st</sup> February; and 21<sup>st</sup> March.

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.

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.

### **Could we be CPRE Devon's Best Churchyard in 2020?**

CPRE Devon's “Devon Voice”, their Autumn Newsletter 2019, had articles about the competition with all the good things that the different churches did and the organisers' requirements - a copy is in the Church.

We have already had suggestions for improving our Churchyard, eg, repainting the benches – we will be reviewing some other ideas with the Churchyard Working Party members before developing next year's plan.

Please let us know if there is anything that you think we could do to improve the wildlife, the peace and tranquillity in our Churchyard.

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

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

### **\* ‘WHIST DRIVE SUSPENDED DURING RENOVATIONS’**

For further information, please visit

[www.yettingtonhall.co.uk](http://www.yettingtonhall.co.uk)

## News from Salem Chapel

\* **Thank you** - to all our visitors and friends who have supported us over the past year.

Should you wish at any time, to view the Chapel, Chapel Records, associated literature and displays, please use the contact details below;

\* In the meantime we send you our **Warmest Wishes** for Christmas and our **Best Wishes for a Peaceful New Year.**

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\* **Events:** These are generally advertised on the adjoining Stable door below the Schoolroom/ Meeting Room.

\* Salem Chapel is owned by the **‘Historic Chapels Trust’** and managed by the **‘Churches Conservation Trust’** Charity no. 1017321.

### Loosen up your painting at the East Budleigh Art Class

Why not brighten up your new year by trying your hand at watercolour and drawing at the friendly art class at East Budleigh Church Hall ?

This term we will be looking at ways of loosening up your painting style, which should be fun! All abilities are catered for and the classes begin at 2.45pm on Monday January 6<sup>th</sup>. Ten week term £70/ £67 over 60s.

Further information contact 01626 891245 or visit [mikemcdonald.co.uk](http://mikemcdonald.co.uk)

*Joyce and Brian Knivett thank everyone  
in the village for the comfort and huge support  
they have received in the last few weeks.  
Again thank you*

**Otterton Film Club** will be screening “The Green Book” in Otterton Village Hall on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7.00pm for the purchase of snacks and drinks), all are welcome. Entrance fees: members £2.00, non-members £6.00, under 16s £3.00. The film for January 10th is yet to be announced, this will be decided by a vote of members.

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## Otter Valley Association - December Diary

**Friday, 6th December - 10.45am –**

**WALK – 6.5 miles.** Start Topsham Road, Exeter bus stop just past the Crematorium entrance (OS 115 SX, 939 907) at 10.45am, 6.5miles, 4 hours (including lunch stop). **“Exeter Green Circle the other way round – Part One”**

After 2 years of walking the Green Circle anti-clockwise, this time we will go clockwise, and see the green outskirts of Exeter from a different viewpoint. This walk takes us from Topsham Road to the river and canal, then through the old village of Alphington and up into Redhills before recrossing the river to arrive at Iron Bridge in the city centre. You can then either travel straight home (we will have bus and train timetables with us) or pop into the city centre for a bit of Christmas shopping. Please bring a picnic lunch unless the weather is awful, in which case we will find a pub instead.

The start point of the walk is on the 57 bus route. You can take the 9.40am number 58 bus from Budleigh Salterton Public Hall and change at Exmouth Road for the 57. If travelling from Newton Poppleford, take the 9.49am number 9 bus and change at Livery Dole, taking the 57 towards Brixington.

**The start time for this walk is dependent on the bus bringing the walk leaders from Budleigh Salterton, if you are travelling by another means please be at the start by 10.45 and wait for us!**

Walk Leaders: Penny and Paul Kurowski, 01395 742942 [pandp@kurowski.me.uk](mailto:pandp@kurowski.me.uk)

**Thursday, 12th December - 10.00am –**

**WALK – 4 miles.** Start: Dalditch Farm (OS 115, SY 047 835), 4 miles, 2 hours **“Squabmoor and Dalditch Camp”**. A shortish walk beginning with a gentle climb past Squabmoor reservoir onto East Budleigh Common, discovering WW2 remains at Dalditch Camp, and returning via Hayes Wood. Walk leader: Brian Turnbull 01395 567339.

**Tuesday 17th December - 10.00am –**

**WALK – 5-6 miles.** Start: Budleigh Salterton Public Hall, 5-6 miles, 3 hours. **“A Mince Pie Walk”**. Join us for a walk along the byways and coastal paths westwards from Budleigh Salterton, with a stop for a mince pie en route. Please bring your own drinks – mince pies provided! Walk Leaders: Penny and Paul Kurowski, 01395 742942.

**Thursday, 26th December - 10.30am -**

**Boxing Day WALK – 4 miles.** Start: East Budleigh car park (OS 115, SY 066 849), 4 miles. A leisurely Boxing Day amble at this time of good cheer, skirting around the charming village of East Budleigh. Followed by lunch (optional) at the Sir Walter Raleigh pub. Or forget the walk and just join us for lunch, it's up to you! Walk Leader: Jon Roseway, 01395 488739 or 07887936280. Send an e-mail to me at [marilyn\\_jon@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:marilyn_jon@tiscali.co.uk) expressing interest and I'll return one with the lunch menu for you to make your choice, as the food must be ordered beforehand. Why not do it now, so you don't forget. I'll close the list on Dec 10th.

**RSPB** - Our livestock have been on the move again – finding their winter homes. All the cattle have been removed from sites to overwinter back at their farm bases, and the ponies have been re-aligned to maximise their impact on the environment. This year, again, we have helped Killerton Estate (National Trust) with their grazing and supplied them with 5 ponies so keep your eyes peeled for those. Remember to respect any signage that is in place and close gates behind you. It is likely that there will be a small group

of livestock on Fire Beacon Hill over the winter months, we will keep you posted on this.

Our Residential Volunteers have been eagerly beavering away getting all trained up for the winter work which includes some chainsaw training and first aid. We have said goodbye to Tom who has left us for a paid job in conservation but Hello to our new volunteer Josh – remember to say hi if you find them out and about.

Thanks  
The RSPB Aylesbeare Common Team.

### **Gilbert Stephens Solicitors Budleigh Salterton Office wins ‘Best Dressed Window’ in Carnival Week 2019**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, Gilbert Stephens Solicitors were thrilled to receive 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Budleigh Salterton Carnival window competition. Judges, Marion Coles and Mary Hartnell, awarded Gilbert Stephens with a trophy and certificate which they proudly displayed at the front of their spectacular display. The Carnival window competition is a new and exciting opportunity for local businesses in the town centre of Budleigh Salterton to put their creativity to the test and compete for the desirable title of ‘Best Dressed Window’.

After a great deal of thought into their Carnival themed window, the Gilbert Stephens Budleigh office has been very busy decorating their window. On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, the window was finally complete, furnished with a Tiki Bar, a fabulous flamingo, a prickly pineapple, some luscious greenery and a bright balloon garland which trailed along the top of the display.

Patrick Langrishe, Partner, says “the Carnival is a fantastic and colourful



event which brings the whole town together. As a local firm, we thoroughly enjoy getting involved and brightening up our window for the week”.

Due to a yellow weather warning and predictions of high winds and heavy rain, organisers were advised to cancel this year’s Carnival. Many were disappointed as after a break of over twenty years, the Budleigh community were eager to welcome the Carnival back to the seaside town. This year’s Carnival would have been the third Budleigh Salterton Carnival to date.

Gilbert Stephens look forward to seeing the Carnival back in Budleigh Salterton and maybe even retaining their trophy in next year’s Carnival window competition!



# East Budleigh Community Shop

## Newsletter Number 118 – December/January 2019/20

### CHRISTMAS GOODIES

We have almost everything you could need for your Christmas festivities. From baking ingredients to cake decorations and boards; Christmas cards to gift wrap – not forgetting the ribbons, bows and sellotape. We stock table covers and napkins, gift ideas and home decorations – all at great prices! We do also have packs of small cards suitable for school children and those all-important “thank you” letters.

We continue our support for Stallcombe House by, selling their cards for them. All of the money paid for those cards goes directly to supporting their wonderful work. Last year we raised £165 for them ... let's see if we can raise even more this year.

We are taking orders for Turkeys, Beef and Ham Joints, sausages, and sausage meat from Arthurs Butchers. Prices per kg are listed in the shop and we will be taking orders until 17<sup>th</sup> December. Orders will be delivered to the shop on Christmas Eve (unless requested for earlier).

We also have a good selection of Georgie Porgies' puddings. As usual we are stocking a full range of Christmas snacks and treats and our great range of wines, beers and spirits, including our local beers and ciders.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS



Our annual village get-together for eating mince pies, drinking mulled wine and singing a few Christmas Carols will be held around the Christmas tree at the shop on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

We start at 6.30pm with our wine and pies (every year we are either getting more people come along or just drinking more mulled wine) and then begin the carols when we are suitably refreshed! All are welcome and it really has become a staple of the Christmas season.

### SANTA'S VISIT



As we go to press we await a date when Santa is coming to visit the shop and see our youngest villagers – watch the shop posters for more information!

We wish all our volunteers, supporters and customers a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

### WINTER WEATHER



As winter approaches, the Community Shop is always here to help. We had some great volunteers with 4x4s who helped us get supplies to customers last year through the snow. Whatever the weather throws at us we will try to deliver to customers on request.

In case of flooding, the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council now holds an emergency store of sandbags at the Community Shop, which can be distributed to residents if needed.

## *East Budleigh in Bloom*

A dedication to the memory of Sue Blagdon - kind, smiling, witty and talented, always generous with her time and a 'treasured' member of our little group. Sue loved poetry and here are a few lines from one she loved.



"The countless pinprick points of light  
that make us human also map us,  
so if I looked at you with love, complete

in utter darkness, I would see  
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The children have really enjoyed DEAR (drop everything and read) Day. We had a fabulous day reading books, listening to stories, making book marks, reviewing books and going on vocab hunts. Otter's Class visited Julie and John at the farm to investigate tractors. Great fun and very informative! Otter's Class enjoyed a visit from the Devon Fire Service where they learnt about the job a fire fighter does and some important Fire Safety rules. They learnt how to Stop Drop and Roll.



We have lots of exciting events coming up including productions, carol singing and a trip to the pantomime all on the calendar!



Please also visit our school website <http://www.raleighfederation.org.uk/>

Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with all the exciting things happening in school. Search for - Drake's CofE Primary School. If you would like to look around our school please contact the school office on 01395 443871.



A small flock of yellow wagtails, including this male bird, were seen feeding among local cattle during a pause on their migration back to Africa.

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A couple of avocets feeding near the mouth of the river



The female black redstarts have now been joined by an attractive adult male. A very uncommon visitor to our village.

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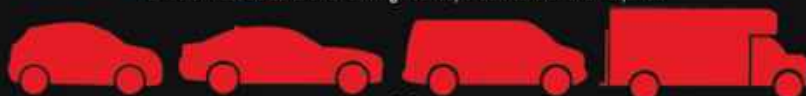
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## **East Budleigh with Bicton WI - November 2019 Meeting**

The meeting was opened by President Pam Terry'

The Speaker for the evening, Ken Atherton then gave a very sobering talk entitled 'Have you seen my rubber Ducky?' He became alarmed at the knowledge of plastic entering our Oceans in 1997 when a container ship sank releasing thousands of plastic toys into the sea. These were eventually washed up on beaches of the west coast of Canada and North America and Japan. Since then the world has learnt and seen on television the impact of plastic usage and the vast amount in the sea. Two areas of the Pacific have massive areas of plastic one of which is the size of France.

After refreshments we heard the reports from our various groups - Crafts, Swimmers, Walkers and Skittles, also of other events both local and County organised. We are holding our usual annual lunch on 21 February, this year at The Blue Ball in Sidford.

The new clock, which we presented to the Village Hall to mark our Centenary, failed to automatically go back an hour at the end of October! This will hopefully be rectified soon to avoid confusion to everyone.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm-9pm in East Budleigh Village Hall. New members are always welcome.



### **East Budleigh Chess Club**

There will be a Christmas Reunion Blitz Tournament held on Thursday, **12th December** at 6.50 pm at All Saints Church Hall, East Budleigh.

Handicap prizes will be awarded. Mince pies/tea/coffee will be provided but please bring your own soft drinks.

Tickets £5-00. Juniors u18 are free.

Please send an email to the secretary (BG) if entering the competition. Hurry, places are limited. Address below;

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## **Historic woodland recovery started in Devon.**

1st December marks the end of *National Tree Week* and many community groups have held events celebrating or doing practical and positive things for their local treescapes. 2019 also marked a very important anniversary for trees across the UK, as a hundred years ago, saw the creation of the Forestry Commission.

At the end of the First World War, the UK's timber supply was much depleted. Britain's forests had been in steady decline since the Middle Ages, but the additional strain of the war – especially the demands of trench warfare – left the nation's woodlands in a sorry state. From a countryside that was once largely forested, just 5% of the landscape retained its tree cover and urgent action was required to address growing concerns. In 1918, the Acland Committee reported to then prime minister, David Lloyd George, that an organisation with state backing would be the most effective way of restoring and restocking the nation's forests. On 1 September 1919, the Forestry Act came into force, establishing the Forestry Commission (FC) and granting it responsibility to look after woods across England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. The Commissioners held their first meeting on 7 December 1919. Immediately after business was concluded, the chairman Lord Lovat set off to his land holdings in Scotland to plant the first tree. However, fellow commissioner, Lord Clinton (who later became the Commission's second chair), was equally determined and on returning to Devon, was met by foresters at Eggesford, who drove him into the woods to plant beech and larch saplings. Lord Lovat's journey by overnight sleeper was a longer one and upon alighting from the train in Elgin to meet his foresters he also received a telegram from Lord Clinton, announcing the first trees had been planted the previous evening. Official records list rather tactfully, that trees were planted in both England and Scotland on 8 December 1919.<sup>a</sup>

By Christmas 1919 the tide had turned, significantly changing for the better, the future of forestry in Britain. Woodland cover has risen from 5% to 10% in England and 13% across the UK. East Devon has 17% woodland cover. Although the initial driver for tree planting early last century was to provide a timber resource to support any future war efforts, strategic objectives have changed over time. In the 1990s policy focus moved from production forestry to the planting of native broadleaves for wildlife. In the following decade public recreation became increasingly important whilst in the last ten years the shift has refocused again, this time towards combating climate change and resilience to disease.

In 2019 there is public outcry over the devastating impacts of global

deforestation. Whatever uncertainty we face as a nation, trees are once again rising up the political agenda as they have a significant role to play in combatting climate change. Growing trees sequesters carbon both in the branches, trunk and leaves and also in the forest soil. Using timber products above high carbon products such as steel, cement, reduces emissions and is a renewable resource.

Forestry Commission anniversary celebrations have taken place across the UK and closest to home will be marked by Lord Clinton planting trees close to those planted a hundred years ago by his great grandfather in Forestry Commission woodland at Flashdown in Eggesford Forest.

*"British Forests; The Forestry Commission 1919-2019, Ian Gambles, Profile Editions 2019*

Wishing all readers of *East Budleigh with Bicton Parish News* a peaceful Christmas and very happy New Year from everyone at Clinton Devon Estates.

### **Budleigh Salterton Lions**

4th December - Turkey and Cash Bingo, Public Hall Budleigh Salterton, doors open 6.00 pm, eyes down 7.30 pm.

This is a popular event, be sure to try and get there early to get a seat.

15th January, Bingo at the Public Hall, B/S.

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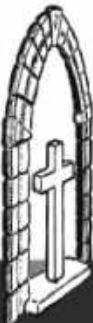
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## Services in the Raleigh Mission Community - December

Date	Time	All Saints East Budleigh	St Michaels Otterton	St Peters Budleigh Salterton
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
	18:00			Choral Evensong for Advent Sunday
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Weds. 4 <sup>th</sup>	09:30			Holy Communion
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 8 <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 10 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Weds. 11 <sup>th</sup>	09:30			Holy Communion
Thurs. 12 <sup>th</sup>	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
	16:00		Carol Service	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer		
	17:30			St Peter's School Concert
Weds. 18 <sup>th</sup>	09:30			Holy Communion
Thurs. 19 <sup>th</sup>	09:30		Morning Prayer	St Peter's School E/O Term Service
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00			Millwater School Christmas Service
	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
	18:00			Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve</b>	15:00		Christingle	
	17:00			Christingle
	18:00	Carol Service		
	23:00			Midnight Mass
<b>Weds. 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day</b>	08:00			Christmas Holy Communion
	<b>11:00</b>	Christmas Holy Communion	Christmas Holy Communion	Christmas Holy Communion
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer		

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### **October winners**

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**2nd** Roger Kingwill

**3rd** Marian Davao

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## Services in the Raleigh Mission Community - January

Date	Time	All Saints East Budleigh	St Michaels Otterton	St Peters Budleigh Salterton
<b>Weds. 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	09:30			Holy Communion
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Service of the word	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Weds. 8 <sup>th</sup>	09:30			Holy Communion
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	11:30			Holy Communion for healing
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Baptism of Christ	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
	18:00			Choral Evensong
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Weds. 15 <sup>th</sup>	09:30			Holy Communion
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion - Service for Christian Unity
	11:00		Holy Communion	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Weds. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	09:30			Holy Communion
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	<b>10:00</b>			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Weds. 29 <sup>th</sup>	09:30			Holy Communion
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	11:30			Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b> Presentation of Christ	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
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Your home is where you feel the most comfortable and the happiest.

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## Our care

- ✓ Home help
- ✓ Companionship
- ✓ Personal care
- ✓ Dementia care

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