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Christmas & New Year view from the Vicarage ...

"Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, jack frost nipping at your toes" evokes an image, in my mind at least, of a lovely, thatched cottage surrounded by deep snow, and through the window, safe inside, huddled beside a roaring fire, with a beautifully decorated Christmas tree in the corner of the room and presents piled up underneath it. Add a robin, some holly, perhaps some children building a snow man in hats and scarves, and you pretty much have the entire romantic vision of Christmas.

Romantic it may be, but somewhere deep inside we all crave the peace and harmony, sense of expectation and comfort that such a scene evokes.

It may jar terribly with our current reality of money and relationship troubles, with possible illness and even perhaps a sense of crisis and foreboding but nevertheless that vision of contentment warmth and happiness is one that we aspire to and try to re-create in our often inadequate and ham-fisted ways.

That vision of hope, contrasting with an often-grim reality, is what the celebration of Christmas has been giving mankind for 2022 years.

That is the reason it endures in our imaginations, and no amount of commercialisation can extinguish it.

Hope for a better future, the faith and trust that darkness can never have the final word, is what keeps Christians going and it is a message of hope for mankind that colours our entire attitude to life that extends far beyond Christmas day itself.

One of the names given to Jesus in Matthew's gospel is "Emmanuel" which means "God is with us". No matter what is happening in your life, if you can nurture a relationship with the God who was born into this world just like every one of us, who shared in the trials and tribulations, frustrations and sufferings of life – just like us, and rose above them and triumphed in the end.

If you can do that, you really do have a friend in Jesus and a hope in your heart that cannot be extinguished.

That romantic vision of Christmas beloved of the Christmas card makers is simply reflecting the hope that is the content of the Christmas story.

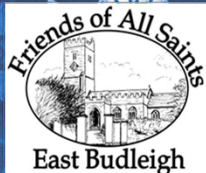
Have a happy Christmas and a blessed new year. Martin

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Friends of All Saints East Budleigh

Our purpose is to raise funds towards the maintenance of our ancient church and chuttyard

The first half of November was rather dark and damp despite the temperatures remaining very mild! This did not discourage a good turnout for our last Autumn Talk by Paul Kurowski. He packed a lot of history and information into his presentation which the audience enjoyed, along with a glass of refreshment. We are extremely grateful to Paul as he helped us raise £300 towards our fundraising efforts.



Looking forward, the Friends are thrilled to be welcoming back THE UNIVERSITY OF EXETER CHAPEL CHOIR to perform in All Saints' Church, on Saturday 10th December 2022 at 7.00pm.

The Choir is an auditioned ensemble of 26 student musicians whose principal role is to sing the liturgical services offered by the University Chapels. The Choir also sings at events throughout the year, from the University Christmas Carol service to Graduations, as well as further afield in the UK and touring abroad.

The choir provides musically talented students with the opportunity to pursue their love of music, alongside their degree, within a dedicated team who meet regularly for practice and performance.

The choir is led by the Organist and Director of Music of the University, Michael Graham. He has been a lay vicar in the choir at Exeter Cathedral since 2016. He is also MD of several community choirs in Devon including the Budleigh Salterton Male Voice Choir. "The University of Exeter Chapel choir is extremely excited to be returning to East Budleigh to present an evening of festivities and carols! With them comes favourites, such as 'Ding Dong Merrily' and 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'. The choir have been working hard this term giving concerts across Exeter and preparing for their busiest time of the year. Don't miss what will be a great night for all!"

Tickets cost £10 (including a glass of mulled wine) and are on sale at the Village Shop, East Budleigh Garage and 'Card Shop Too' in Budleigh Salterton.

We do hope you will join us to start your Christmas celebrations.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone that contributes to the magazine.

We greatly appreciate taking the time to submit articles, stories and photographs.

Thank you to the companies/ individuals who advertise in the magazine which funds the printing.

Friends of All Saints 200 Club Raffle

The Friends of All Saints, East Budleigh, invite you to join our 200 Club Raffle with a chance of winning a monthly cash prize (£40 first, £20 second and £10 third prize). We hope you might find it fun to be in with a chance to win back your annual investment and maybe more or, perhaps, you might like to buy tickets as gifts for friends or family!

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From the Register...

Novembrr 1st. Funeral and Burial of Ronald Poolton.

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**7.00pm All Saints Church
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University of Exeter Chapel Choir
Christmas Concert



Michael Graham - Director



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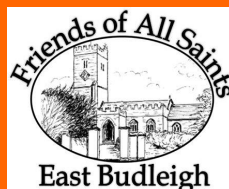
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East Budleigh with Bicton Women's Institute

We had an interesting meeting in November where our speaker Ken Atherton gave us a virtual guided tour of some of the UK's top-secret sites. It is amazing what is out of sight and beneath our feet!

Our Christmas meeting is on 8th December. We will have some musical entertainment, a Christmas raffle, and bring and share food. By the time you read this, we will probably have had our Carol Service, which is at 2.30pm in All Saints' Church on Friday 2nd December.

We start the 2023 with a meeting on 12th January where we will be indulging in a bit of papercraft and making bowls.

Our meetings are on the second Thursday of each month in East Budleigh Village Hall at 2pm and finish around 4pm. Visitors are always welcome.

If you want to find out more about our WI then please contact our President Diana Humphreys via email: dianajeanh@hotmail.com or phone 07768 529352, or look at our website: <https://eastbudleighwithbictonwi.org>

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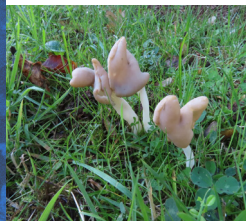
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Our Churchyards...

Fungi - 'new' species plus the return of the Parrots ...



Elastic Saddle Mushroom

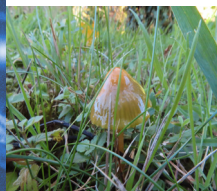
When we were going around the Churchyards on Thursday 19th November to list all the jobs to do, we were excited to see a very unfamiliar fungus in several places in Section "H" behind the Church. There were Snowy Waxcaps and several other fungi. Penny did the research and contacted Helen Cavilla to get her thoughts ... Helen joined us on the Friday and confirmed that we have Elastic Saddle mushrooms (*Helvella elastica*).

On Friday, we also discovered a fine outcrop of Parrot Waxcaps. *Gliophorus psittacinus* (syn. *Hygrocybe psittacina*) is an indicator of grassland quality, appearing on lawns only after years of low-nutrient management. So our grass cutting regime and management is good for wild flowers and fungi.



Snowy Waxcap

Photos of some of the fungi are included.



Parrot Waxcap



Meadow Corel

CPRE Devon's Best Churchyard Competition

Just to clarify the comment about winning a Certificate of Commendation - this is awarded to those who are really good, but this year were just pipped at the post to winning a plaque, eg, East Budleigh, Ashburton and a couple of others.

Churchyard Working Party

On Friday 20th November, we had eight volunteers - a huge thank you to them, as always. We managed to complete most of the 16 listed tasks including sweeping the gutters and clearing the drains in Yettington Road down to the High Street for the third month in a row!

The last Churchyard Working Party in 2022 is on Friday 16th December; and we start 2023 on Friday 20th January followed by 17th February and 17th March - all are welcome so come and join us and we will find a task to suit you. We start at 10.00 with a coffee break at 11.00 ... biscuits and/or cake as well!

If you can't make a Friday but could spend an hour or two, please let us know and we can find you a suitable task or two.

Our Churchyards....

Holly



Holly's clusters of red berries and shiny leaves are adding much welcome colour to our churchyards and cemeteries this yuletide.

Holly is native to the UK and our wildlife loves it. Earlier in the year bees and other insects will have enjoyed its nectar and pollen, while its leaves, buds and berries will have been eaten by the caterpillars of the Holly blue butterfly and various moths. Now, even in the depths of winter, the holly is a vital shelter and berry source for birds, and its dry leaf litter a perfect bed for hedgehogs and other small mammals.

Holly has adorned gardens and homes for centuries. As far back as the 15th century, it decorated churches at Christmas and small plants were used in pots as indoor

Christmas trees. During the 19th century, plant hunters brought exotic specimens back from China and Japan. With its high tolerance to pollution, holly was prized by the Victorians and used as a signature plant in early formal gardens and parks

In days gone by there was widespread belief that cutting down a whole holly tree brought bad luck and many stories exist of the great lengths taken to ensure a tree was not felled. Using its branches however, was thought to be acceptable. In some areas holly was harvested for winter animal fodder. Its leaves contain some of the highest calorific contents of any tree browsed by animals and are rich in nutrients. Remnants of old grinding machines that made the spiny leaves of holly (and gorse) more palatable, can still be found in some areas today.

Although many of its uses may now be a distant memory – such as it being hauled through chimneys to ensure a decent sweep, and its use to ward off witches – this beautiful native tree certainly still has a favourite place in our hearts at Christmas.

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

Penny and Paul Kurowski. Tel: 01395 742942; churchyard.as@rmcommunity.co.uk.

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PTFA

“Drake's PTFA would like to thank you for all the support. We had a lovely craft fair at the Town Hall in Budleigh Salterton, some fabulous stalls selling amazing crafts, and we hope the stall holders and visitors enjoyed it too.

We have another busy month in December. Join us for our annual wreath making afternoon on Sunday 11th December in the village hall. Tickets will be available from the village shop or on 07957906030 at £20 for all the materials, tutorial and some mince pies and a drink.

After this on the 13th we will be joining forces with the Village shop and hosting a Carol evening at the pub. Home made chilli will be available to buy from the pub, with the children starting the evening with some singing direct at your door and after meeting the carrolers at the village shop, head to the pub to kick off a festive music night with local musicians. Please do join us for some music, food and drink, or await our visit to your house, we will be rattling buckets for the PTFA”

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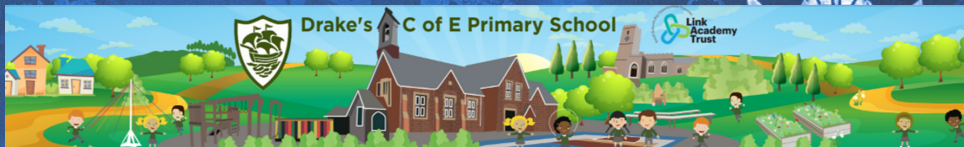
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The children really enjoyed the hundreds of years old tradition of throwing buns from the tower of All Saints Church.



Otters, Dragonflies and Year 5 had a wonderful time at Wildwood Escot.

Otter's Class had a trip into the maze then went on a wild animal walk, where they saw wild boar, wolves, Lynx, otters, owls and buzzards. They also made some wooden name badges and created animals out of mud. Dragonfly Class and Yr5 enjoyed the 'Living Histories' Saxon Day. They experienced some of the everyday lives and jobs of a typical Saxon in 900AD. They also conquered the maze, saw some wolves, wild boar and lynx.



We have a busy month ahead with our Christmas performance and Performance of Songs and Carols at All Saints Church which are on Wednesday 7th December at 2pm and 7pm. The children also have their school Christmas lunch to look forward to. Drake's PTFA are holding a Carols and Food Evening at the Sir Walter Raleigh Pub on Tuesday 13th December.

Reception 2023 admissions are now open. Applications need to be made directly with Devon School Admissions. The window closes on 15th January so if you would like to arrange a visit to view the school, please contact the school office.

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RSPB Aylesbeare Common

This month on Aylesbeare common, scrub clearances have started, with an emphasis so far on stemming woodland encroachment onto the lowland heath habitat that's so valuable. We've been at Fire Beacon Hill and cleared quite a bit near Hunger Hill on Harpford common. There is always the issue of how to process the cuttings and this winter we are picking through the birch to find stuff that's too good to waste: much of the long leggy brash can be repurposed. There is demand for it in making horse hurdles and we have been putting together birch bundles for local makers. As usual, we process as much as possible into logs, transported offsite to be stored to dry out, ready for firewood for the coming winters. Lastly we're often able to create habitat piles with the brash, in nearby woodland to support wildlife and fungi, as refugia and dead wood. We also cleared scrub off one of the tumuli (ancient burial mounds) on Aylesbeare common, which is a scheduled monument. To preserve the abundant archaeology on Aylesbeare common. Led by Devon County archaeologist, Cressida Whitton, a group of RSPB and archaeology volunteers worked together.

On Fire Beacon Hill, we returned to the new pond, tamping down the puddling clay with a group of volunteers to smooth over any cracks. Allowing the pond to slowly fill as rain gets more frequent during winter. This habitat will eventually support all sorts of wildlife and also provide a water source on the hill. We are considering ingenious means to fill it because rain might not be enough. Over the course of four long days, we helped install a new gate for the National Trust at East Cliff at Branscombe. It's used to partition livestock and is also a very busy part of the south west coast path. A Douglas fir gate was installed along with oak and chestnut posts.

Our residential volunteers travelled to RSPB Farnham Heath for an 'Introduction to Heathland' course, aimed at new staff

and volunteers from many other RSPB heathland reserves. Discussing the various methods of heath management and the importance of heathland for specific species like Dartford warbler and Nightjar, invertebrates and reptiles. They also attended a pony health and management course, learning about health, care and behaviour, run by the Dartmoor Pony Heritage Trust.

We held a bit of a thank you day for our dedicated midweek volunteers, starting with a morning apple pressing. Everyone brought in their apples from home and we borrowed an apple press from East Devon District Council, making 50 litres of juice! The majority has been left to ferment for scrumpy cider, while the pulp hasn't been wasted, and some of the ponies got a bit. Afterwards we all went over to Blackbury Honey farm for an excellent cream tea, and we were very well looked after in lovely surroundings.

The hen harrier roost watching has begun for the winter, part of the BTO national survey. Historically hen harriers have used the heaths here in the winter, Aylesbeare common being one of the spots. We don't see them every year any more although we do keep up the monitoring.

More of our Exmoor and Dartmoor ponies have been moved back from Stockland in the Blackdown Hills, and a small group that had escaped (a fallen branch had knocked out some of the fence) proved quite a challenge to retrieve but they're now home on Aylesbeare common. They joined our other ponies that are being collected from the Blackdowns and elsewhere, so that by the end of November there will be up to 22 ponies grazing across both Aylesbeare and Harpford common. We sometimes receive emails or phone calls from regular walkers who have noticed issues with fences and gates – thank you, this is always helpful. Sometimes we may already know but often it's the case that the first people to notice are those who use gates and paths all the time, so we value feedback, especially to do with the livestock, because their welfare relies on this infrastructure.

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East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council

East Devon Local Plan is out to consultation

East Devon District Council are asking the public for their views on their new Draft Local Plan. The Plan will set planning policies and proposals for new development in the District (for the period 2020-2040). When it is 'adopted' the Local Plan will be used to help determine planning applications and other planning proposals in the District. The consultation period commenced on the 7th November and will end on 15th January 2023. The Draft Local Plan can be accessed on the East Devon District Council website at <https://eastdevonlocalplan.commonplace.is/> together with details on how to comment on policies within the Plan. For parishioners who do not have access to the internet hard copies of the Draft plan will be available at libraries and written responses will be accepted. East Devon District Council will be holding a face to face exhibition at Exmouth Ocean on Thursday 8th December, 3pm to 7pm.

The Local Plan is required to make provision for at least 18,920 dwellings (net) between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2040, 14,850 of these are to be housing available for sale on the open market and 4,070 affordable homes. New development will be directed towards the most sustainable locations in East Devon in accordance with a spatial strategy and settlement hierarchy. Most development will be to the west of the District, a new town near Exeter and the main towns in the district. Within the settlement hierarchy East Budleigh has been designated a Tier 4 Service Village where limited growth is permissible to meet local needs and make the settlement more self-sustaining. The Plan does not allocate any residential sites in East Budleigh or within the rest of the Parish but will include a required housing provision figure for the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish. Settlement boundaries have been defined for East Budleigh where development will be supported in principle. This does not mean that all development will be acceptable within settlement boundaries: proposals will be considered on their own merits having regard to other policies in the local plan and any made neighbourhood plan.

Other key subject areas include affordable housing, climatic change, flooding, employment, protection/enhancement of the landscape and biodiversity, protection for local green spaces designated in Neighbourhood Plans, protection of heritage assets, protection and support for new community facilities and services, digital technology and locally distinctive designs which are required to have regard to neighbourhood plan design policies and design codes.

The Parish Council has prepared a brief summary of the Local Plan that can be viewed on the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council website at <http://www.eastbudleigh.org.uk>



East Budleigh Tidy Up Group who have kindly weeded and tidied up the village Car Park



East Budleigh Community Shop

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CHRISTMAS GOODIES

Christmas Gifts and Cards

We have lots of tempting treats and goodies in the shop this year – so do come and have a look at our range for Christmas. Whether you are looking for chocolates for the tree, confectionery or deli style gifts, boxes of chocolates and biscuits or just a box of cards and some wrapping paper – we are here for you!

Georgie Porgie Puddings

It wouldn't be Christmas in our house these days without a Georgie Porgie Pudding on Christmas day! And whether you want a traditional pudding or something a little different – chocolate orange and Baileys (gorgeous!), orange and Cointreau, apple and cider or lemon and Pimms – they are the best Christmas puddings in town.

CAROLS AT THE SHOP

Tuesday 13th December at 6.00 pm



Do come and join our Christmas Carols at the shop with mince pies and mulled wine. This year we will be joined by the children from Drake's School who are also singing carols around the village.

After the carols, it is Christmas Music Night at the Sir Walter Raleigh pub with chilli on sale.

We look forward to seeing you!

STALLCOMBE HOUSE CARDS



We are again supporting our local charity, Stallcombe House, selling their Christmas cards to raise very much needed finances. Every penny spent on those cards goes directly to the charity (we have a separate cash tin for them so that there's no confusion), and they, like all charities, really need our help at the moment.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOURS

Saturday 24th December 8 - 2

Sunday 25th December CLOSED

Monday 26th December 9 - 12

Tuesday 27th December 9 - 12

Wednesday to Saturday normal hours

Sunday 1st January 8 - 12

Monday 2nd January 9 - 2

Then back to normal shop hours.

Budleigh Cricket and Community Facility



The state-of-the-art new Budleigh cricket ground is being built within East Budleigh with Bicton parish, opposite the B3178 turning to Kersbrook. With two pitches, the facility will offer a very diverse range of cricket facilities to meet the needs of all

interested parties. Of particular note to those not interested in the sport, will be a magnificent pavilion which will be available to hire for a wide range of purposes including community, business and personal celebration events. With bar, kitchen, seating for 110 people and magnificent views it promises to be a valued local facility.

Although most patrons will emanate from Budleigh town, the cricket club is also keen to engage and be inclusive of East Budleigh and Otterton local communities.

Cricket will commence in 2023 and the pavilion is likely to be available for hire in 2024.



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Happy New Year

East Budleigh in Bloom

Oh dear, oh dear! The poor pansies, which looked so good when planted, have suffered really badly in the strong winds. However, they have lots of buds so there is promise of more flowers to come.

Our AGM on Saturday 12 November went very well; thank you to all who attended. It was very good to have the chance for a chat with you all over tea and cakes afterwards.

Next year's dates for your diary are:

- Plant sale on 20 May
- Open Gardens on 25 June; and
- Mapperton House and Garden visit on 20 July.

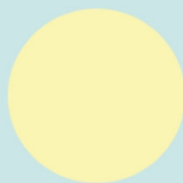
The next newsletter will be in February's edition of this magazine when the village should be a picture of snowdrops and daffodils.



Meanwhile a Merry Christmas and happy New Year to you all from everyone at East Budleigh in Bloom.

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

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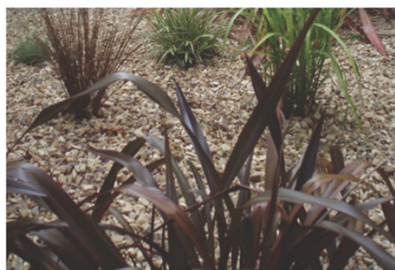
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December 9th - Downton Abbey. A new era

January 13th - Operation Mincemeat

February 10th – Top Gun Maverick

March 10th – Fisherman's Friend (One and All)

Open to all, come along and bring the family.

To be added to our mailing list: email: ottertonfilmclub@gmail.com



The East Budleigh History (EBHG)

The East Budleigh History (EBHG) met on Monday 7 November 2022 (1.30pm) at the Sir Walter Raleigh pub. The meeting welcomed both regular and new members. The group aims to make local history accessible to all people in East Budleigh and the parish. This was a working session to determine how to structure the initial EB History Group page to be hosted on the EB Council website. Action: MD and MM to make contact with website administrator P Bowler.

Main content discussed to include:

Welcome, purpose, constitution and contact details

EB History Group meeting notes

Links to local relevant sites, by invitation: All Saints church, EB Parish Council, Sir Walter Raleigh pub, OVA and OVApedia, Budleigh Past and Present/Facebook (2,500 followers), Roger Conant 400 Group (includes 150 American followers), Woodbury Salterton Society and Lymptstone History Society.

Photos - The EB History Group website could invite and would provide a location for photos sent in by local people. This may include photos collected for talks on old East Budleigh, Bishop Lacy and Roger Conant.

Lace-making in East Budleigh, focus on lace-maker Mrs Paver, who cooked outside so as not to contaminate the lace, the role of young children home-workers in the lace industry
The making of East Budleigh's roads: we hear that the men broke up the stone and the ladies laid the cobbles!

The Evolution of East Budleigh's Footpaths over the years, supported by chronological Ordnance Survey maps

The pubs of old East Budleigh, including the Prince of Wales

Changes in the village as documented by the National census

EB's retail shops over the years, from Stanley Annis to EB's Community Shop today
History of the EB Council

Sources for research to include The British Newspaper Archive both online (subscription required) and their Library in London with copy dating from the 1700s including the Western Morning News from 1850, the Express and Echo and Exmouth Journal and Kelly's Directory

If you would like to join the East Budleigh History Group, you are cordially invited to attend the next meeting at 1.30pm on Tuesday 13 December 2022 at Temple Hill House. Contact Maria on 0777 321 8582.

Diary Note : The January meeting of the East Budleigh History Group will take place at 1.30pm on Monday 30 January 2023 at the Sir Walter Raleigh pub. We will be joined by guests from the Lymptstone History Society to talk about caring for historical artifacts.





Photographs and word by David White

Several surprises for me this month. First a dormouse, seen north of white bridge. This small mammal should be hibernating by now. I suspect the recent & very unseasonal warm weather has discouraged this. On the morning of very strong winds it seems the dormouse decided to leave its fragile & wind shaking nest, & hide among nearby dense vegetation. My second surprise was seeing both wasps & hornets still actively feeding on ivy flowers so late in the year, & providing both size & markings differences of these two species at the same time.

Other species in this series are redshank about to feed, a heron in the air, a roe deer buck just showing his growing antler buds & finally a mute swan landing on water.





SIR WALTER RALEIGH



Walt's Cafe Volunteer Meeting

We had a meeting of the Walt's Cafe Volunteers on Thursday 10th November to provide feedback on the cafe operations since opening some seven months ago. We were pleased that 15 of our 18 Volunteers were able to attend.

We started by considering what had worked well. Working well as a team was the first point raised. This included also having the opportunity to meet new people, both volunteers and customers, and to learn new skills. The volunteers felt really proud of the whole concept of the community cafe and providing a warm space where people can meet friends or come on their own and find someone to talk to. Reasonably priced food and drinks was the next point. The Walt's crew were also very pleased with the coffee machine which provides consistently excellent coffee. Interestingly, the cafe opening hours before pub opening hours were seen as a positive way of making available the pub facilities as a warm space for wider community use. Finally, having a paper/online diary to coordinate volunteers' availability has been crucial in swapping shifts to keep the cafe open.

Equally, it is important to review what has not worked well and if we can make improvements. Admittedly, on some occasions we are short of volunteers, having lost some 20% of the initial cafe volunteers to pub volunteering, seen also as a positive too of course. Whilst we all love the smell of fresh-

baked croissants, many volunteers felt it was uneconomical to cook a small batch of croissants in the immense commercial oven given the current high price of gas. There is also increased awareness about moving to carbon net zero to save the planet, so it is a balance. We noted that there was a lack of a convenient keyholder for opening on Fridays and alternatives were identified. We held a vote on whether to close on Thursday mornings in December and the outcome was 50/50 but carried as there were insufficient volunteers for the shift. This is a shame, but the news will be communicated in advance by posters in the pub, shop and at the bus stop. There was a general feeling for the need to review the cake offering to provide a choice of cake and include small cakes, flapjacks and tray-bakes. The allergen notices need to be better displayed and pre-printed ones are being investigated.

So, on balance, there are many positives and key improvements were to:

- investigate a number of cake suppliers, to include smaller cakes, savouries and croissants without compromising on quality.
- promote the cafe more widely and improve communication with signage, adverts and posters.

Actions were assigned to individuals according.

If you have some helpful suggestions on how we can improve Walt's, please share with us on email on

enquiries@sirwalterraleigh.co.uk

See you soon



Budleigh Salterton Lions Club

As part of a network of local organisations we are helping to provide food security in our community. We continue to support the Exmouth Food bank and the new Budleigh Community Food Larder.

We are proud of our achievements, but we know that without the support of the local community we couldn't do what we do, so thank you!

Budleigh Lions are part of a much larger community of 1.4 million around the world. Lions come together from over 200 countries to serve their communities and tackle local community challenges wherever they occur.

Some of Budleigh Lion's fundraising events are: -

Our annual Pebble Building Competition which is always a popular event during Gala Week, is now the subject of a PodCast on the UK Lions Website

In August our Golf Day raised over £7000 and there is already a waiting list for next years event.

In September, we organised our first 10k run which was a great success raising over £3000.

Monthly bingo and quiz evenings which not only raise funds, but also bring local people together.

In December we will have our Community Christmas Lunch for about 100 local people in the Public Hall. We will provide a three course Lunch including drinks and entertainment for free. In addition we provide approximately 50 Christmas Hampers to local households.

We have made donations to a wide range of Charities and local community organisations this year including Devon Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Services, Force Cancer, Marie Curie, ELF, Pete's Dragons, Shelterbox, Hospiscare, Diabetes Research RD&E, RNLI, Community Workshop, Budleigh in Bloom, Budleigh Scouts and Devon Air Ambulance. In addition we have made donations to Lions Clubs International for disaster relief including the floods in Japan, the typhoon in the Philippines and the earthquake in Haiti.

We continue to litter pick on the beach and around the surrounding area and we find that this is a great way to engage with people and tell them about the work we do.

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Drake's PTFA welcomes you to join them for a seasonal evening of fundraising for our village school.

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5pm, doors will open at the Sir Walter Raleigh Pub. The PTFA will be serving home-made chilli until 8pm (or we run out!).

5.30pm, the children will head out around the village carol singing at your door, shaking their buckets!

6.30pm, they will meet at the shop to join the end of the East Budleigh Village Shop's Christmas carol evening, making this a festive evening for all the village.

7pm, the children will start off an evening of music back in the pub with some pre-prepared songs.

7.30pm, the pub's Christmas music evening begins.

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Tuesday 13th December, 5pm onwards (see separate poster for more details).

Christmas carols with the Budleigh Male Choir

Tuesday 20th December, 7.30pm

Christmas Eve Celebration Drinks

Saturday 24th December, after the Church Carol Service.

Christmas Day Lunchtime Drinks

Sunday 25th December

Keep an eye out for more details about Christmas 'specials' on the pub's notice boards, or visit our Facebook page. For bookings, ring 01395 442510, email enquiries@sirwalterraleigh.co.uk or pop in!



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The Sir Walter Raleigh is celebrating its first Christmas season as a community pub with a host of festive events. Our new headchef Gus has created a delicious new menu, with regularly changing specials, bar snacks and desserts.

We shall also be serving special Christmas lunch and dinner menus every Thursday in December. So take the strain off and book your table now. And keep an eye out for updates on the Sir Walter Raleigh's Facebook page, and on posters around the village and the pub's notice boards.

As always, the pub could not run without the huge support of our village community. If you are able to volunteer a few hours to help pull a pint or serve some meals, then let someone know behind the bar. Experience is not needed, just a smile and a willingness to learn!

We look forward to seeing you for festive carols, ales, mince pies and sprouts, and wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

As part of its community outreach, the Sir Walter Raleigh pub held its first Memory Cafe on Wednesday 9 November.

It was a wet and windy afternoon but those brave enough to step out in the wind and rain were rewarded with an afternoon of fun and cheer.

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Kate took us through a great selection of well-recognized WWII songs, including:

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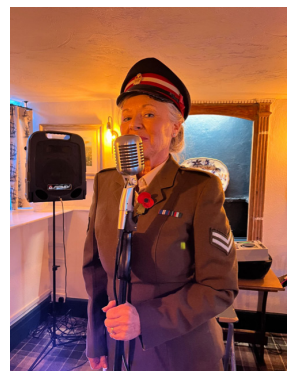
The White Cliffs of Dover

We'll meet again

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or to just listen over a free cup of tea or coffee in warm space.

Entrance was free.





OVA Walks Programme for December 2022

Please check the OVA website (www.oval.org.uk) for additional walks and on the day of the walk, in case of last-minute changes.

Friday 9 December – 10.00am – 5.5 miles. 2.5 hours.

'A winter warm up'

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Stop for coffee.**

Walk Leader: Sarah Westacott 01395 277644 / 0770 607814

Monday, 26 December – 10.30am. 4 miles. 2 hours

'Boxing Day Walk'

Meet: Otterton village green (OS 115, SY 0803 8526).

A leisurely Boxing Day amble at this time of good cheer. A few circuits around the picturesque village of Otterton should be enough for most of us. Bring a flask for the coffee stop. Following the walk there will be lunch (optional) at the Kings Arms pub. Or forget the walk and just join us for lunch, it's up to you! Send an e-mail to me at jon.r2@talktalk.net 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 9th.

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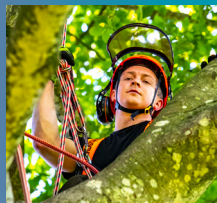
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Services in the Raleigh Mission Community - December 2022

Date	Time	St Peter's	All Saints	St Michael's
December				
Thursday 1st	9.30			Morning Prayer
Sunday 4th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
Sunday 4th	9.30		Holy Communion	
Sunday 4th	10.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 4th	11.00			Morning Prayer
Tuesday 6th	9.30		Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 7th	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 8th	9.30			Morning Prayer
Sunday 11th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
Sunday 11th	9.30		Holy Communion	
Sunday 11th	10.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 11th	11.00			Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	18.00	Choral Evensong		
Tuesday 13th	9.30		Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 14th	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 15th	9.30			Morning Prayer
Sunday 16th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
Sunday 16th	9.30		Holy Communion	
Sunday 16th	10.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 16th	11.00			Holy Communion
Sunday 16th	15.00		Christingle	
Sunday 16th	16.00			Carol Service
Sunday 16th	18.00	Family Carol Service		
Tuesday 20th	9.30		Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 21st	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 22nd	9.30			Morning Prayer
Saturday 24th	15.00			Christingle
Saturday 24th	17.00	Christingle		
Saturday 24th	18.00		Carol Service	
Saturday 24th	23.00	Midnight Mass		
Sunday 25th	8.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 25th	10.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 25th	9.30		Holy Communion	
Sunday 25th	11.00			Holy Communion
Tuesday 27th	9.30		Cancelled	
Wednesday 28th	9.30	Cancelled		
Thursday 29th	9.30			Cancelled



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Sunday 22nd	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
Sunday 22nd	9.30		Holy Communion	
Sunday 22nd	10.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 22nd	11.00			Holy Communion
Tuesday 24th	9.30		Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 25th	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 26th	9.30			Morning Prayer
Sunday 29th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
Sunday 29th	9.30		Holy Communion	
Sunday 29th	10.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 29th	11.00			Holy Communion
Tuesday 31st	9.30		Morning Prayer	
February				
Wednesday 1st	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 2nd	9.30			Morning Prayer



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