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November 2020



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Dear friends,

November is remarkable for having remembrance at its core. The 11th is remembrance Sunday of course when all people killed in war are remembered and also the first is All Souls day when all our dear departed ones are remembered. If you add into this that every Christian communion service is done “in remembrance of me” then remembrance is an important Christian, nay human concept.

Why do we remember anyone at any time? Surely it can’t be for the sole reason of remembering for its own sake?

No, we remember so that it has an effect on us, perhaps to change us.

Remembering the war dead might make us less likely to rush headlong into war at the slightest reason.

Remembering our dear departed ones might conceivably lead us to contemplate our own lives and change how we live them, or to prompt us to contact other members of our family before it’s too late.

Remembering the sacrifice of Jesus might empower us with the knowledge of the depth of God’s love for us. It might make us sorry for doing the things we know we shouldn’t have. It could strengthen us to face life’s difficulties head on knowing we have someone battling for us.

The word we use for remembrance in the original Greek carries the meaning of “to make present”. When we remember the war dead we make present their pain, death and sacrifice and remember also the benefits their sacrifice won for us.

When we remember our departed loved ones we make present their personalities, hopes, dreams, our relationship with each other and how they added value to our lives.

When we remember the sacrifice of Jesus, we make present his pain, death sacrifice and love and remember the healing he wrought for us.

Through remembering and making present we hope to be changed.

Love and peace

Martin



If you or anyone you know needs some pastoral care and support, please contact:
Rev'd Martin Jacques 01395 443473 or
Rev'd Karen Young 01395 488121

The Church Matters

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

The APM and APCM took place in the Church Hall on Thursday 15th October – a total of 20 attended.

In the APM, Marilyn Hobbs and John Neligan were unanimously elected Churchwardens.

In the APCM, following the Vicar's and Churchwardens' Reports, the PCC Annual Report to be submitted to the Diocese, including The Treasurer's Report, Financial Statements for the year ending December 31st 2019, and Independent Examiner's Report, was approved.

As Margaret Briggs stepped down as Deanery Synod Representative, Christine Newall was elected as the replacement. Jenny Hill resigned from the PCC and being Cashier. Penny Kurowski resigned from the PCC and PCC Secretary role. The remaining PCC members: Maria Malinowska, Richard Bunting, Jane Buckland-Wright and John Robertson were re-elected.

Jo Cant volunteered to do the required cashier's activities (but not a PCC member).

Rev'd Martin Jacques proposed the RMC Administrator, Fran Mills, as the PCC Secretary and Fran was duly elected.

This leaves two PCC member positions vacant.

The appointment of the Sidespersons, Chalice Attendants and Independent Examiner (Bick Accountants Limited) was

confirmed.

The collections at 'special' services are shared equally (50/50) between a charity and our Church funds. Last year's charities were agreed for the 2020 'special' services:

- Mothering Sunday – Children's Hospice South West.
- Christmas Eve – Families for Children
- Remembrance Day – Royal British Legion
- Harvest Festival collection and food gifts – Exmouth Open Door

Rev'd Martin thanked everyone for attending the meetings and felt that All Saints' was in good spirits.

Thanks go to Penny Kurowski and to Margaret Briggs and Jenny Hill for all their work for the PCC over many years.

PCC

If there is anything that you wish the PCC to consider, please let one of the members know. The PCC members are:

Vicar and Chair: Rev'd Martin Jacques
Associate Priest: Rev'd Karen Young

Churchwarden (ex officio): Marilyn Hobbs
Churchwarden (ex officio): John Neligan
Deanery Synod Rep (ex officio): Christine Newall

Secretary: Fran Mills

Treasurer: Maria Malinowska

Electoral Roll Officer and Lay Chair:

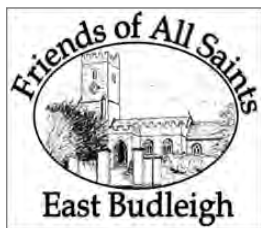
Richard Bunting

Member: Jane Buckland-Wright

Member: John Robertson

Member: (vacancy) Member: (vacancy)

Paul Kurowski,
now retired Churchwarden



2020 ...

As 2020 draws inexorably towards the end, the Friends Committee has been frustrated in organising major events to raise money for the fabric and maintenance of the Church. As at Friday 16th October, there is about £100 in the Friends 'account' resulting from the 200

Club draw and membership fees – this will not contribute much to the cost of the work on the Tower, the Nave windows and the potential stained glass and grilles!

Parish News

A huge 'thank you' to: Christine for coordinating and editing the Parish News again; Charles and Maria for sorting out the advertisers and invoicing; and to Elizabeth and all the volunteers who give up their time to distribute the Parish News to households for free. I know that people appreciate getting their regular Parish News.

The Parish News is always available on the RMC website:

www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/east-budleigh-parish-magazine.html

Supporting the Friends

You can support the Friends by joining as a Friend and/or entering the monthly draw in the 200 Club (see details on p33) and/or making a donation – for details of how to do this and information about the Friends, events and brief updates see: www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/friends-of-all-saints.html.

Friends' Committee

If anyone would like to join the Committee to help run the Friends' activities in 2021, please contact any of the Committee members.

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

Paul Kurowski Chair ... until midnight 31 December 2020!

Our Churchyards

Churchyard Volunteering

The Churchyard sessions on 4th and 18th September had 5 and 8 volunteers completing essential tasks - our thanks go to Jon Roseway for leading these sessions. On 16th October, we had 11 volunteers and, during the break, we were able to have a socially distanced celebration - the reason is outlined below.

The future Churchyard dates are Friday 20th November and 18th December. Anyone can join in ... we meet by the shed in the old Churchyard at 10am ... bring your own tools and refreshments and we'll let you know what needs doing!

Our Churchyards

We appreciate all those who have commented positively about the Churchyards and paths – it's great to get feedback about what we are doing for the Community.

Our thanks go to David White for updating us on wildlife sightings and providing superb photos of such moments, eg, proof that rabbit(s) are in the Churchyard.

Andy Heath completed what should be the final cut for 2020.

CPRE Devon's Best Churchyard Competition 2020

Given our success in the last two years, we were not expecting to be in the top two and the best we hoped for was 'Highly Commended' ...

On 11th October, we received an e-mail from CPRE Devon thanking us for entering again and that this year All Saints', East Budleigh, has been awarded Highly Commended. We will be receiving one of CPRE's special oak plaques.

We achieved the 'Highly Commended' award due to all the work of our volunteers.

To date, in 10 Working Party sessions this year, we have had 21 different people join in and average 10 per session – thank you all.

It is worth noting that the 2018 winner and 2018 & 2019 runners up and 'highly commended' are not in this year's list!

The comment about the benches was gratifying given the hard work of two of our volunteers during lockdown! CPRE's visit was before the new noticeboards went in ... something for next year's entry!

Please visit and enjoy the Churchyards – they are wonderfully peaceful places for quiet contemplation and a haven for wildlife

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



A message about Christmas services from the vicar and All Saints church council

Christmas is not cancelled. It will be celebrated with joy, of that we are certain.

It may be different, there will be more online, but how different, we will see.

How will we celebrate Christmas at All Saints this year? With our treasured Christmas Carol Service and Christmas Day Service? Definitely. We have to ask how do we welcome everyone AND stay within the law. We are a small ancient church with a big heart. All Saints will always welcome everyone and never turn anyone away. So we may need more than one Christmas Carol Service. Let us know and we can arrange it. Perhaps on different days.

Our Christmas Carol Service can look the same and be full of all your favourites, but it will sound different. With no congregational singing yet, we will need soloists. Could this be you? We know the talent is there. A suitable Christmas poem perhaps or a musical piece?

All Saints also has an important tradition of charitable giving to local charities. At Christmas, the local charity is Families for Children who will rely on donations for their essential work again.

This year, let's live our best life, be kind to ourselves and generous to others. Let's put the joy of the Christmas Story at the centre and take an opportunity for community thanksgiving without leaving anyone out.

Let us know what you think, we are listening.

Please contact maria@templehill.co.uk

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Included with the magazine this month is an Emergency Plan Summary Booklet. This provides a useful introduction to a new Emergency Plan currently being developed. The Plan will make our community more resilient against the threat posed by extreme weather events, potential power failures, gas leaks, and any other emergency including a pandemic! A copy of the booklet is also available to view in the Information Room adjacent to the Community Shop.

The Council is currently seeking quotations to refurbish the toilets. A budget for the Nature Trail will go before Council by the time you read this. Detailed information on the trail will be advertised to the Parish for comment before we go any further.

District Councillor Alan Dent recommends that residents download the EDDC APP onto your smart phones. You can report a range of problems in the village via the app and it will receive quicker attention than emails sent to a busy department.

With the assistance of Emma Stamp (Highways, EDDC), progress is being made on addressing the Traffic problems in East Budleigh & Yettington. More news in due course.

You may notice some disruption at The Pound. This is a temporary measure to protect trees whilst building works commence on the nearby land. Several trees have protection orders, so it is essential that no damage of any kind occurs. Sadly, fly tipping has recently occurred here. Please be vigilant and report such incidents (using the EDDC App!)

Finally, we have plans for our Telephone Box. The Clerk and Cllr. Tresidder held a meeting with a small group of residents to look at the proposals for its use. The most popular is to have a mini museum, wifi point and a place for walkers to get information on local wildlife and trails.

If you want to get involved, consider being a Councillor. Details from the clerk.

Judith Venning: clerk@eastbudleigh-pc.gov.uk



East Budleigh with Bicton WI

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, meetings are on hold until the New Year at the earliest. Meanwhile we continue to send all members a monthly newsletter email and run virtual competitions.

The winner of the September Flower of the Month competition was Jane Buckland-Wright's Stapelia. This unusual plant is apparently sometimes known as the "carrion flower" as it has a putrid smell to attract flies.

To find out more about our WI please contact our President Pam Terry on 01395 742015.



News from Salem Chapel

Salem Chapel and Schoolroom C1719 remain closed indefinitely. For emergencies (only) please contact 07544 239289.



Yettington Hall update

Following the success of the Open Day in August, we now have a happy band of volunteers who are invaluable in shaping the successful future of the Hall. On the 11th October a few of us could be seen

creating a border outside the 'Annex' as well as planting bulbs, trimming the boundary hedge & strimming the bank. This will be an ongoing exercise with more planting & addition of pots to improve the aesthetic look of the frontage as we move into Spring 2021.

Sadly due to Covid, events at the hall are currently limited. However, we are running a Christmas raffle to help raise funds for on going renovations, with the draw taking place Monday 21st December. Full details on entering, prizes etc can be found at East Budleigh Community shop or by visiting www.yettingtonhall.co.uk or our facebook page 'Yettington Village Hall'.



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Village Hall update

I am pleased to report that the trustees of the Village Hall met on the 1st October and we had a busy but encouraging meeting, given all the issues we all face at the moment.

A large part of the meeting was dedicated to our continuing response to our requirements to keep the Hall safely open whilst meeting all the Covid secure guidelines. Not surprisingly there has been considerable information published from a variety of sources and it has taken a little unscrambling to highlight the essentials, ensure we are meeting, as Trustees, all our responsibilities and effectively and safely keep the Hall open.

Fortunately there are two organisations who regularly provide updates on the Government pronouncements as they may effect Village Halls. The first is Action With Communities in Rural England, the second Devon Communities Together.

I mention this as some of you may see various notices appearing around the Hall and the Village Green and play area. These notices are obviously for information but also to meet our legal responsibilities.

Inside the Hall, in the lobby area we have installed a Covid Notice Board.

The front door contains our official NHS QR code and all our Group organisers are aware of the various actions they need to take to meet all requirements and eventualities. I am pleased to say that not only are many of our regular groups enjoying their meetings once again in the Hall, but we have 2 new groups who have started, an Art Class and a Pilates group. We hope to add a couple more in the near future.

With regards to all our groups and friends, reference and information can be found on our web site and we make as much use as is possible of our screen information point in the window at the Hall.

As Trustees we are always interested to hear any suggestions about the use of the Hall, so please contact us.

On this note the next Trustees meeting is scheduled for the 5th November at 5.00pm and there is always an open invitation for anyone from the Village to come along.

At this meeting, amongst many other topics, we will be discussing our continuing plans for renovations and refurbishment of the Hall, which at least provides a positive view for the future. We also will be looking at the potential for new play equipment and seating in the Village Green area with the welcome (as ever) support from our Parish Council.

Chris Dearsley, on behalf of the Trustees, Village Hall



Drake's C of E Primary School

What a great first half term we have had, the children have loved being back at school. Our new PE specialist Mr Luxa has been teaching the children Frisbee in PE lessons. We have supported 'Just One Tree' charity by having a non-pupil day in return for donations.

If your child is due to start school in September 2021 then we would love to welcome you to our school. Please contact the office and make an appointment to come and have a look around. In the meantime, have a look at our Facebook page and website where we have made a virtual tour.

We have a busy half term coming up with many exciting things happening and look forward to sharing our experiences with you.



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November by William Cullen Bryant

Yet one smile more, departing, distant sun!
One mellow smile through the soft vapoury air,
Ere, o'er the frozen earth, the loud winds ran,
Or snows are sifted o'er the meadows bare.
One smile on the brown hills and naked trees,
And the dark rocks whose summer wreaths are cast,
And the blue Gentian flower, that, in the breeze,
Nods lonely, of her beauteous race the last.
Yet a few sunny days, in which the bee
Shall murmur by the hedge that skim the way,
The cricket chirp upon the russet lea,
And man delight to linger in thy ray.
Yet one rich smile, and we will try to bear
The piercing winter frost, and winds, and darkened air.

East Budleigh Community Shop

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NEW IN THE SHOP

We now have some lovely dessert ideas for our wintry evenings. You will find them in our chiller cabinet and include chocolate sponge puddings, treacle puddings, profiteroles and tiramisu.

We also now stock a range of small pots of flavoured yoghurts, in response to our customer requests.

Tideford Farm fresh soups are back in the chiller cabinet ready to heat up at home and enjoy. If you didn't try these last year then give them a whirl... made only with "Ingredients you'd find at home" no added nasties and a great taste.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

It's never too early to plan for the festive season, so our Christmas stock will soon be available in the shop. As usual we will have a lovely range of decorations, cards, wrapping papers and local gifts and crafts.

Don't forget, as always, we will be taking orders for turkeys, meat joints, etc from Arthur's Butchers along with our usual festive food and drinks. Let us know if we can help with any other Christmas requirements.

Our 2021 Wildlife Calendar featuring some wonderful photographs taken by David White is now in the shop at the same price as last year – only £6 – an ideal gift.

SUGGESTIONS PLEASE!

It's been such a strange year, hasn't it? Well, as we head into winter and think about how we might celebrate Christmas this year we would love to know what you would like from your village shop? Will you be wishing to do more of your shopping here ... or honestly will you be doing bigger online orders and using us less than normal?

The Community Shop is **your** shop, so we do need to know how you would like us to operate. We have had such good feedback about our service during the difficult times we have all had. Over the last two months our turnover has increased significantly from the same period last year, so we like to think that we are providing what the community wants.

We now have a suggestions box in the shop so please feel free to pop your ideas in when you shop, and help us to help you. Whether your ideas are for Christmas or all the year round, we look forward to hearing them!

SHOP OPENING

Just a reminder of our current opening hours, which are of course subject to change if circumstances change:-

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Friday	9 am to 5pm
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Sunday	8 am to 12 noon.

Tuesday is our late night opening for the Wandering Pig pizza van – so pop in while you wait, to do your shopping or grab a bottle of wine / beer / cider.

We are still offering a free delivery or collection service for anyone who needs to be isolated. If you need any help at all with shopping or collection/delivery please call us, any weekday morning.

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East Budleigh in Bloom

The cart on the Pound has now been moved as we are sure you will have all noticed! Huge thanks to Gareth Smith, John Smith and his son Daniel for the hard work and expertise, not to mention the time they all spent moving it so successfully. The final finish will happen as soon as practicable.

The herb garden has established so well that it is ready for the community to use. Please pick your herbs and enjoy and please feel free to pick up any leaves as you go!

We hope you all enjoy the winter pansies, which will have been planted by the time you read this.

Happy gardening!

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





Some of the East Budleigh flower ladies arranged these displays for Harvest at St Peters church.
Final picture is a view over Pulhayes Farm.
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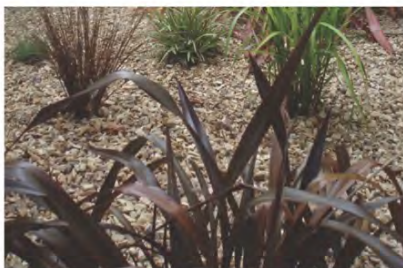
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¼ tsp ground cumin
1 tsp ground coriander
¼ tsp ground turmeric
1½ tsp ground ginger
½ tsp chilli powder, plus a sprinkle
1 large onion, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
2 bay leaves
1.3 litres fresh vegetable stock
Fresh coriander leaves to serve



Method

1. Heat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4. Slice about 100g of the parsnips very thinly on a mandolin or using a sharp knife. Pat dry with kitchen paper, toss with 1 tbsp of the oil, the cumin and some salt and pepper, then spread out on a large baking sheet. Bake for 20-25 minutes until crisp and golden at the edges.
2. Meanwhile, put the rest of the ground spices in a small frying pan and toast for 1-2 minutes over a medium heat until fragrant.
3. Heat the remaining oil in a large saucepan over a medium-high heat and fry the onion for 7-8 minutes until softening. Meanwhile, chop the rest of the parsnips. Add the garlic to the onion pan and cook for 2 minutes more. Add the toasted spices and bay leaves and stir for a minute, then add the chopped parsnips and stock. Bring to the boil, then turn down to a medium heat and cook for 30 minutes until the parsnips are tender.
4. Remove and discard the bay leaves, then whizz the soup using a stick blender (or in a blender with the cap removed and a folded tea towel held over to stop the hot soup exploding out) until smooth. Season to taste. Sprinkle with the parsnip crisps, extra chilli powder and a few coriander leaves to serve.

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CLINTON DEVON ESTATES

A seasonal round-up from across the Estate.

Property and Land

The team would like to thank all our contractors who have worked hard over the last few months, in supporting us and our tenants. As COVID levels continue to be uncertain, we are continuing to speak with commercial and residential tenants, offering support where we can and ensuring that emergency works, and statutory maintenance programmes are met.

We welcome student, Eliza Raine, from Harper Adams University and wish her a very successful placement where she will be assisting in all aspects of our work and building her skills for a career as a rural surveyor.

Bicton Arena

Between 12-15 October, Bicton Arena hosted the final major competition of the somewhat disrupted season. 700 competitors took part in the International Horse Trials where the iconic parkland provided a beautiful, seasonal backdrop for riders taking part in dressage, show-jumping and cross-country disciplines, including roads & tracks elements across local farmland and heath.

Strict COVID-19 protocols have meant sadly no spectators. However, even if it was sport behind closed doors the team were proud to have been able to resume equestrian sporting activity, following

lockdown. Although this presented many challenges, measures in place to ensure covid security were highly praised by British Eventing Officials and competitors alike, with many positive initiatives to take forward to future seasons.

Otter Estuary and Pebblebed Heaths

Planning permission to deliver the Lower Otter Restoration Project was submitted and the proposal was open for comments on the EDDC planning portal until the end of the month. There were a number of misconceptions circulating about the project and its aims. The website www.lowerotterrestorationproject.co.uk is the most comprehensive and factual resource available to give accurate information to help understand all the key elements of this complex project.

The Pebblebed Heaths Conservation Trust received hundreds of entries to 'The Heaths and Me' project. Many local people had a go at capturing what the heathland landscape means to them. View some of the submissions in the online gallery <https://bit.ly/THAMgallery>.

Clinton Farms

It has been a good year for forage production. Following favourable weather over the summer the farms are well placed going into the colder months, with food to feed our cattle over winter. Most field operations have now come to an end for this season, with only hedge trimming to be carried out over the winter. The cows at both dairies will remain grazing as long as ground conditions and grass growth allow.

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We said goodbye to Ben Hunt our assistant farm manager who left us last month to take a well-earned promotion to the position of Farm Manager on a dairy unit near Bristol. We would like to thank Ben for all his dedication and hard work during his time at Clinton Farms and wish him the best of luck in his next venture. Ben will be replaced by Matthew Dixon as trainee farm manager and we look forward to welcoming Matt to the farm team.

Forestry and Renewables

Volunteers will work in Clinton Woodlands this season to collect redundant tree guards, which whilst vital to protect saplings in early growth stages, can become a waste product when their job is done. Many of the protective sleeves, installed decades ago, were made from what was marketed as biodegradable plastic; the ecologically responsible option of the time. They will slowly degrade naturally given enough time. However, knowledge about the timescale needed for plastics to fully degrade and the issues of creating smaller particles during this process, are better understood prompting action now. The waste plastic will not go to landfill, but instead either be recycled or chipped and sent to the energy recovery facility in Exeter, to generate clean electricity.

Gardening tips for November

Winter is on its way

Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up.

Top 10 jobs this month

1. Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds
2. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
3. Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
4. Prune roses to prevent wind-rock
5. Plant out winter bedding
6. Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem
7. Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubblewrap works well
8. Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks
9. Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden
10. Use a seasonal bonfire - where this is allowed - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting





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At the beginning of this month our Warden had an intensive 3-day Tree Safety Assessment course up at our headquarters in Bedfordshire. Following on from this, we will be finalising management plans for all our ash trees on site, and continuing to review any of our other trees that have management plans already in place.

On the subject of trees, the windthrown trees from Woolcombe's Plantation have now been cleared. The cattle did an excellent job munching through the ground vegetation and getting some of the bramble under control, and their efforts will hopefully be rewarded in late Spring when the wildflowers emerge again. All of the wood we fell and collect from the Commons will be put to good use, and we have just delivered our first few trailers of logs out to customers in the local area.

There has been plenty of fencing work going on the reserve too; mainly focussing on clearing vegetation from along our boundary fencelines. This improves our ability to maintain the fences, and check for any damages after bad weather, and also benefits our livestock, as they are more able to see how far they can roam. Plus, there have been some replacement posts installed where old ones have rotted out or are no longer adequate.

Most recently, there have been several days of scrub clearance on one of the mires on Aylesbeare. Nearby is an established colony of the rare Southern Damselfly, and by opening up connecting runnels and removing willow and birch from the site, we are hoping to encourage the damselflies to expand their population on the reserve into this newly suitable habitat.

Finally, we will finish off with something new for our article this month – a species feature of one of the many wild things that call the Commons home.

Species feature: Stonechat

Smaller than a sparrow, male stonechat have a black head and back, white shoulder patches, and a rust-brown breast; females have the same rusty breast, but a brown back with a black-striped head and throat. There are around 59,000 breeding pairs of stonechat in the UK, and one of the best RSPB reserves to see them is Aylesbeare Common. Their common name comes from the alarm call shared by both sexes – like two stones being struck against each other. These striking little birds are quite vocal about their presence on the heath, and can be seen singing from the top of a gorse bush at any time of year. They are partial migrants, and some individuals may begin to move South in the early autumn. Many stonechats, though, stay throughout the year, often as pairs – if you see one stonechat singing, it's mate is likely nearby. Stonechats may have two broods each year, and start to breed early in the

Spring, often laying 4-6 eggs in late March, in nests close to the ground. Nests are deep cup-like structures constructed from grass, leaves, roots and stems, and lined with softer materials such as pony hair, sheep's wool or other bird's feathers.



Find more
information on
Stonechats on the
RSPB website

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Sunday 1 st November	08:00			Holy Communion
	09:30	Patronal Festival Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Morning Prayer	
	15:00			All Souls Service
Weds. 4 th	09:30			Holy Communion
	10:00	Morning Prayer		
Thursday 5 th	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Sunday 8 th Remembrance Sunday	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	10:00			Holy Communion
	10:50	Remembrance Service starting at War memorial	Remembrance Service starting at War memorial	
Weds. 11 th	09:30			Holy Communion
	10:00	Morning Prayer		
	11:00	Drakes School Service @ War memorial TBC	Otterton School Service @ War memorial TBC	Service at B/S War Memorial
Thursday 12 th	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Sunday 15 th	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
Weds. 18 th	09:30			Holy Communion
	10:00	Morning Prayer		
Thursday 19 th	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Sunday 22 nd	08:00			
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
Weds. 25 th	09:30			Holy Communion
	10:00	Morning Prayer		
Thursday 26 th	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Sunday 29 th	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
Weds. 2 nd December	18:00			Advent Service
	09:30			Holy Communion
Thursday 3 rd	10:00	Morning Prayer		
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