

# East Budleigh with Bicton Parish News

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## East Budleigh In Bloom Rolle Beds 2020

By Rosina Conner

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**In this edition of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish News, we have tried to provide the latest information as we go to print in this rapidly-changing situation.**

## **April view from The Vicarage...**

Dear friends,

I am writing this in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic so by the time this sees the light of day who knows where we will be at.

In the midst of a pandemic, coming hot on the heels of floods and associated climate panic, a three year Brexit impasse, terrorism, unending strife and wars in various parts of the globe, a social care crisis, one wonders where the next panic is coming from to rattle our nerves and sense of wellbeing.

Things were no different 2000 years ago. Born to a subject people under foreign occupation, living hard pastoral lives without a health system, or social security, and where extreme poverty was a norm rather than an exception, Jesus entered the world.

A world that conspired against him to have him executed on a cross on spurious jumped-up charges. And you think you have it bad nowadays?

In the midst of a seemingly never-ending

stream of nerve jangling and disturbing news, where is the good news?

The good news is that, that man, after he was executed, was raised to life on the third day – an earth-shattering event that changed the world and started the largest and most widely spread religion the world has ever known.

Christians believe that because of that fact – the raising to life of Jesus on that first Easter Sunday, a day we celebrate this year on April 12th, that no matter how desperate things may get, politically, socially, medically or environmentally we are buoyed up by HOPE. Hope that one day all things will be set right. There will be a settling of accounts, and justice and peace will reign. All that was wrong will be put right, light will shine in the darkness, goodness will triumph over evil, and All will be well and all manner of things shall be well.

Nothing can ultimately get us down for long, nothing is so dark that light cannot shine forth from it. Happy Easter!

Martin

**Pastoral support** - Any individual who is living alone who would like shopping / welfare phone call, needs to be made known to either me (Rev. Karen Young) or Fran at the church office 01395 443397, [rmcoffice@rmcommunity.co.uk](mailto:rmcoffice@rmcommunity.co.uk)

Any vulnerable adult who perhaps would not have the courage to let anyone know, but who if it were offered, would be likely to accept needs to be made known to me or Fran.

A volunteer will contact the individual and discuss with the person what they feel would be beneficial at this difficult time.

I am the main point of contact so I can co-ordinate the pastoral resource .

I am hoping this will have a cascade affect.

God bless - Karen. 01395 488121 [associatepriest@rmcommunity.co.uk](mailto:associatepriest@rmcommunity.co.uk)

## The Church Matters...

All Churches in the RMC are open; however, all Sunday and midweek Services are cancelled until further notice.

### Joint Meeting of the PCCs of the Raleigh Mission Community (RMC)

There was a meeting on Wednesday 18th March – the focus was on the Coronavirus (Corvid19) pandemic and how the Church will respond to this developing situation.

Public services are suspended, but this does not mean that ‘the Church of England has shut up shop’. In fact, it is precisely at this time of national crisis that as Christians we need to reach out to our neighbours in their need. Within the constraints set out by the Government, we will find new ways of serving our communities, new ways of being Church.

Our church buildings are one of the glories of Devon. Although we cannot hold public services for the time being, all three churches in the RMC will remain open.

All Annual Church Parochial Meetings (APCMs) are cancelled and postponed until new advice is issued – probably the Autumn. In the meantime, the existing PCC members and Officers will (are expected to) continue.

The Church of England website has special prayer resources for those who are ill or in self-isolation, prayers to be said with children at night and simple forms of Morning Prayer and Night Prayer, which can help sustain people

during the weeks when we are unable to gather in church. The Diocese has a range of resources to help you stay connected and able to ‘do church differently’: <https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/coronavirus-guidance/coronavirus-resources/>

Within the RMC all worship services are cancelled including the Budleigh Partnership services, the Good Friday Walk of Witness and the Easter Sunday beach sunrise service.

Funerals, baptisms, and weddings can go ahead subject to limitations on the number of attendees, ie, only close family in attendance.

We will develop our Pastoral Care support to people recognising that we will not necessarily be able to make visits – a lot of our Pastoral care members are in the ‘at risk group’. We will develop an umbrella support approach whereby we can keep in regular contact with people, get medications and shopping. We recognise that loneliness can be a significant issue for people on their own / self-isolating.

We will keep producing the weekly Pew Sheet and have them in the churches and other community places.

A basic safeguarding training for all PCC Members will be rolled out once the RMC can hold such sessions.

As things are developing fast, we will keep the website as up-to-date as possible: check the “Latest News” and “Daily Prayers” on the Home page at [www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk](http://www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk).

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## EVENTS 2019

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**15th & 16th June: Father's Day Weekend**  
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**7th July: Raddon Hill Clog Morris Dancers**  
Raddon Hill Clog Morris Dancers will be performing  
throughout the day.

**13th July: Exeter Children's Orchestra**  
2:00pm to 4:00pm. Performing a variety of music.

**26th July (Fri) Special Hermitage Open Day**  
A rare opportunity to view inside this 19th Century  
bowler house. No booking required.

**27th & 28th July: Crown Forces 1776**  
Displays depicting the British Army from the  
American War of Independence.

**2nd August (Fri) Pop Picnic In The Park**  
The Ed Sheeran Experience  
+ Katy Ellis + Katy Perry + JADELE  
Booking essential.

**15th August (Thurs) Orchid Day**  
Talks and displays by Burffham Nurseries.

**17th August (Sat) La La Choir**  
11.00am to 12.00pm. Singing many fun & familiar songs.

**22nd August (Thurs) Picnic Concert**  
A Night of Queen performed by The Bohemians  
+ local band K2. Booking essential.

**19th-26th October: Halloween Activities**  
Pumpkin Trail and colouring competition.

**13th December: Late Night Shopping  
and Craft Fair**  
4:30pm to 8:30pm

**December: Father Christmas at Bicton**  
Visit Father Christmas in his Grotto.

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The Church Matters continued...

East Budleigh with Bicton PCC Meeting  
– this followed the RMC Meeting

The Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2019 were approved – this can go to the Independent Examiner to verify and then the Diocese.

The Budget for 2020 was discussed and we recognise that the income will be significantly reduced. We recognised that there are a number of works to be done in the Church which will be progressed.

We started discussions about making our Church more welcoming and accessible and will review what we can do on a monthly basis.

Whilst we will not be holding Services until further notice, All Saints' Church will be open every day for everyone: visitors ... people who would like time for quiet reflection and / or prayer.

As at 19th March, as there is room for "social distancing", we are continuing with:

Tuesday Morning Prayers – people can meet for prayers at 09.30 on Tuesdays.

Thursday Silent Meditation - please arrive in time to settle by 18.25, so that, after a brief welcome and reading, we maintain silence and when the clock strikes 19.00 simply leave, in silence.

These are lovely opportunities to spend 30 minutes in the calming atmosphere of the Church - whenever you feel able to, come along.

Safeguarding

If you see something that's not right relating to children and/or vulnerable adults, please contact Paul Kurowski (013957 742942) our interim-Safeguarding Representative for East Budleigh.

Website

For all the latest news, activities/events and information relating to your Church, visit the website:

[www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/](http://www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/)

The "Latest News" is towards the bottom of the Home page.

The current PCC members are:

Vicar and Chair: Rev'd Martin

Associate Priest: Rev'd Karen

Churchwarden (ex officio):

Marilyn Hobbs

Churchwarden (ex officio):

Paul Kurowski

Secretary: Penny Kurowski

Treasurer: Maria Malinowska

Deanery Synod Rep: Margaret Briggs

Safeguarding Rep: (vacant)

Member: Jenny Hill (Cashier)

Members: Jane Buckland-Wright,

Christine Newall and John Robertson

Electoral Roll Officer and Lay Chair:

Richard Bunting.

We are supporting the Parish Council's and Community Shop's initiatives to help people during the pandemic.

Please contact me if you would like our prayers to include you, your family, friends and other loved ones.

**Paul Kurowski, Churchwarden**

## **200 Club**

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

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

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

### **February 2020 winners**

1st Marilyn Hobbs

2nd Mr Bodley– Tickell

3rd Mr D Smith

If you would like to subscribe for the 200 Club for 2020, please send your name, address, telephone number and email together with a cheque for £9.00 per number (£1 per month until the end of 2020) made payable to 'All Saints East Budleigh PCC' c/o Jenny Hill, The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Road, East Budleigh, Devon, EX9 7EF

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## **Yettington Village Hall -**

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### **Community Sunday Lunch - 16th February**

We raised £915 for the village hall and play area. Thank you to the helpers who came and laid the tables, organised the table flowers, prepared the food, dished up and tidied up at the end of the afternoon. We couldn't have done it without you, thank you!

Thank you also to everyone who came to the lunch, it was a sell out.

Barbara and Julie.



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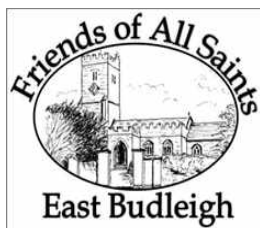
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### **Friends of All Saints Church**

The Friends' Committee met on Monday 17th February and on Monday 16th March – we welcomed Christina (Tiggy) Dickinson to both meetings. February's plans have been overtaken by the Coronavirus outbreak and so the March meeting focussed on postponing events and planning for the future ...

Scarecrow Festival: Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June – planning will continue without incurring costs. We will review the situation at our next Meeting on Monday 20th April so that we can include the update in May's Parish News.

East Budleigh's Got Talent: postponed until the Autumn, hopefully September.

Charles Abram's talk about Bishop Lacy, planned for Friday 1st May, is postponed until October.

A talk about All Saints' Church by Hanneke Coates and Paul Kurowski is planned for November.

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

The potential Cabaret Evening in October was cancelled due to high costs and significant down-payments. We are considering something like a 1970s/ ABBA-themed disco linked with a Harvest Supper.

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)

### Parish News

We will continue publishing the Parish News – it is also available on the RMC website:

[www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/east-budleigh-parish-magazine](http://www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/east-budleigh-parish-magazine)

An emergency Contact List is included in this month's Parish News on page 34 – this replaces the list of Church Services as these have been cancelled until further notice.

### Friends' Committee

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

In the march Meeting, we looked at how our activities fit into the Church Continuity Plan during the Coronavirus outbreak and confirm that we are meeting these requirements.

### 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](http://www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/friends-of-all-saints)

### Parish News

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Paul Kurowski  
Chair

## **Otter Valley Association -**

Following Government advice the OVA walks for April have been cancelled.

### **Our Churchyards**

#### **The Churchyard Working Party**

As we can maintain 'social distancing' whilst getting exercise outside, we will continue to meet on the third Friday of the month until we are told otherwise.

The next Working Parties are Friday 17th April, Friday 15th May and Friday 19th June.

You are very welcome to come and join us for a couple of hours of "green gym". You will find us by the shed at the back of the old graveyard at 10am.

There are jobs for all ... we ask that you bring your own drink but we will be providing pre-wrapped biscuits for the break.

#### **BioBlitz**

Tuesday 2nd June is the date for our "BioBlitz" when we will try to record all the living species in the Churchyards. Given the current circumstances, we may have to scale down our aspirations.

Look out for more details in the next Parish News, and for posters nearer the time.

#### **Caring for God's Acre Conference**

We attended the Caring for God's Acre Conference in Cardiff on Thursday 12th March. There were talks about:

- "The Beautiful Burial Ground";
- "Traditional Grasslands";
- "Beyond names and dates: why memorials are so important"; and
- "Why record?" – this was about recording wildlife.

After lunch, we split up to attend four workshops:

- "The Five Steps" – planning the management of your site and encouraging others to be involved;
- "Investigating and Recording Memorials" - how to collect information about the cultural heritage of the burial ground, particularly the monuments;
- "Blooming and Beautiful – getting the balance right" - how to manage the grassland in burial grounds in a way that encourages wildflowers whilst being sensitive to visitors' needs. "Involving the Community" - ideas and top tips for publicising and running events to engage the wider community in your site.

We thoroughly enjoyed the day and came back enthused about all the things we could do ...

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## EAST BUDLEIGH WITH BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Your Parish Council aims to provide information and support to residents. Currently, Cllr. Mike Walters is heading a new initiative called Flood Resilience, which will now encompass all types of emergency. An open day was well attended in February, where initial plans were explained. During the recent flooding, we monitored Met. Office warnings on water levels and sandbags were issued as required.

The Council is receiving regular updates from Government in respect of the Coronavirus. A combined plan of action has been agreed with the Community Shop on how we might best look after each other. If you need help or more information, your Councillors will know who to call on and there are posters around the Parish. See details below:

Cllr. Mike Walters 443707,  
Cllr. Jim Carter 443388,  
Cllr. Sally Miller 445238,  
Cllr. Derek Wensley 446563,  
Cllr. John Shaw 443359,

Cllr. Peter Barnard 567572,  
Cllr. Patsy Hayman 443663,  
Cllr. Mike Smith 443992,  
Cllr. John Tresidder 443422,  
Cllr. Fiona Ward 446610.

Parish Clerk Judith Venning 489155

### *East Budleigh in Bloom*



At last some sunshine and blue skies! At last a chance to get down to some serious gardening.

The early daffodils are now going over but the beds and planters still look colourful and will hopefully go on for a few more weeks before we empty them for the summer planting.

We now source our plants from Hillcrest Growers, part of New Leaf at Exminster. New Leaf is part of Devon Partnership NHS Trust. The new Leaf service delivers training therapy and supported employment to adults living with a mental health condition and who are working towards paid employment.

EBiB is very pleased to be helping this very worthwhile community project as well as buying top class plants.





## Drake's C of E Primary School

This term has been really busy at Drake's, we have had lots of fun and would like to share some of what we have been doing with you.

The children and staff took part in World Book Day where they came to school dressed as characters from their favourite books. We also had a cake sale to raise money for our new library.



We had an Animal Encounters Visit where the children were visited by Hump the 20 year old tortoise, a 10 year old Royal Python called Patch, an African Flat Tailed Gecko called Coco, Rango the Madagascan Panther Chameleon, Sarva the 10 year old Tenrec, some Australian Stick Insects and a White Tree Frog called Kermit. They got to handle the animals and learned some amazing facts about them.

For Sport Relief the children came to school in their sportiest clothes and took part in lots of different activities, including a cake sale which raised money for this good cause.



We have also taken part in lots of sporting activities, some of the children went to Marpool Primary School for a gymnastics competition. The children had to perform a vault followed by a set floor routine. They performed exceptionally well and fully enjoyed their experience. Dragonflies Class attended

an after school Netball Festival at Exmouth Community College. We had a huge 80% of the class choose to attend which demonstrates their enjoyment and their commitment to participation in physical activity. Their enthusiasm shone through. Some of Year 3 & 4 took part in a Tag Rugby Mega Festival on the Astroturf at Exmouth CC. The children learned and used a variety of rugby skills and put them to great use in some games.

Please also visit our new school website [www.drakes.thelink.academy](http://www.drakes.thelink.academy)



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.

# East Budleigh Community Shop

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## WHAT'S NEW!

**TIDEFORD SOUPS** - we now stock a range of their delicious soups. We have tested many fresh soups over the years to see what would fit best with the shop and these are a fantastic addition. They are organic, vegan, gluten free and contain nothing that you wouldn't be able to put in your own homemade soups ...but its all done for you! So far we have had in stock, Minestrone, Italian Tomato, Country Vegetable, Lentil and Spinach Dahl and Spiced Parsnip. Try some soon!

**CHUNK OF DEVON PIES** – we have found a range as good as Tom's Pies. We have their Ultimate Steak Pie, Chicken, Leek and Bacon Pie, Kickin' Chicken (curry) Pie, Homity Pie (vegetarian) and Spicy Jackfruit – which is a fully vegan pie!! We also have, by popular demand their porkpies.

**EXMOOR KITCHEN** - not a new range, but certainly worth a reminder as an easy option to pop in the oven for a wholesome, good as homemade, satisfying meal is this range of frozen ready meals. A great choice for an easy meal, they are ready for the oven and in single portion sizes. Their range alters occasionally with new recipes replacing old, but at the moment we have Beef Lasagne, Fish Pie, Cottage Pie, Chicken Curry, Chicken, Leek and Bacon pie, and for a vegetarian option we have, Three Bean Casserole, Lentil and Vegetable Lasagne and Macaroni Cheese.

**ARTHUR'S BUTCHERS** - adding to these is our regular stock of hot pasties, sausage rolls and quiches (delivered hot on a Monday and Thursday) and I think we have pastry fans well and truly looked after! Arthur's also provide a great range of frozen ready meals made in their kitchen, which include Beef Hotpot, Cottage Pie and Shepherd's Pie, and a Cauliflower, Broccoli and Leek Bake.

**LOOK WHAT WE FOUND** – and finally, do look at this lovely range of packet ready meals for even more choice. Sixtasty varieties are on offer.

## COMMUNITY HERB GARDEN

Here's some very good news – East Budleigh in Bloom, who do so much to make this a village to be proud of, are planting a Community Herb Garden by the shop. Instead of our current rather bleak gravel, this will be a fragrant bed of herbs for use by the village.

The Village Hall and the Community Shop have both contributed funds to pay for the materials and plants, and East Budleigh in Bloom volunteers will plant – and then maintain the garden. It is going to be a lovely addition to the whole area, and will really enhance the shop entrance.

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

We have been busy planning to deal with the spread of coronavirus. The Community Shop is taking all possible precautions to ensure that staff, customers and volunteers are safe.

We want to maintain the shop services, but we may have to reduce staffing or hours. Newspapers will be self-service outside the shop, with an honesty box, which will reduce any risks.

We aim to continue doorstep deliveries, with a safe method of payment, to those in need in the community. We are also keen to promote the 'friendly neighbour' concept whereby friends and neighbours get shopping for those who need help, which has always been a great strength of this community.

We have liaised with the Parish Council, Budleigh Medical Centre and All Saints Church and other groups to promote our services. If you know anyone who is at risk and in need of help, please let us know, and we will try to support them.

Needless to say, we will make any new volunteers very welcome, particularly for deliveries, as some of our current team of volunteers will be precluded from working.

Please keep an eye on the Parish Council website and notice board and also the information posted outside the shop which we will keep as up-to-date as possible.

## **Roger Conant 400 celebrating an East**

**Devon Pilgrim:** Exciting developments have continued apace since the last piece regarding Roger Conant was published. The group has now expanded with several new members coming on board to assist in bringing wider recognition to Roger Conant. Collectively we have sought out various persons, groups and associations to expand the profile.

The following is an article provided by a member of the 400 group: East Devon MP Simon Jupp has paid tribute to a group of local residents who have set up a link between their village and an American city founded by a Devon-born settler four centuries ago. The Conant 400 project in East Budleigh has been set up to coincide with Mayflower 400, the British Plymouth-based organisation which is commemorating the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrim Fathers in the New World. None of the Mayflower Pilgrims came from Devon, but the 1620 voyage was followed during two decades by many other groups of people in a phenomenon known as the Great Puritan Migration. Among them was Roger Conant, the youngest son of East Budleigh's miller, who sailed to America in 1623 and three years later founded the city of Salem Massachusetts.

Conant initially joined the Plymouth Pilgrims, but apparently found them too strict for his liking. He has been admired by Americans for his attitude of tolerance and conciliation at a time when the early settlers faced so many dangers. Prof Stanley Roberts, chair of the Conant 400 group, said that positive contact had been made with City of Salem officials and with Salem State University, and that various

ways of commemorating Roger Conant were being explored. The group has also been in contact with Tourist Information Centres in East Devon to discover how the area can benefit from Mayflower 400 away from Plymouth. Simon Jupp, MP for East Devon said; "East Devon should be proud of its Pilgrim, Roger Conant. He was a leader with vision. I congratulate members of East Budleigh's Conant 400 project for their initiative in developing transatlantic links which I hope will benefit local tourism and education."

Roger's descendant Jeff Conant, a resident of California, with the mill stone outside the Church Hall, East Budleigh, during a 2016 visit to the UK. It's all that remains of his ancestors' mill, demolished in the early 20th century. East Devon MP Simon Jupp (Photo).

**Kevin Quant,  
RC 400 Group**



### **Photos by David White**



A couple of goosander seen on the River Otter and a pair of nesting collared doves in the village.



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A General Meeting, to which all user groups were invited, took place on 11 February chaired by our Treasurer Ron Taylor.

Headline News was the award of £10,000 from the Community Fund of the National Lottery. This money has been given to work up plans and apply for planning approval for potential phased improvements to the Village Hall. Under the title "Responding to the Future" the aim is to consider improvements to accessibility, disabled and other toilet facilities, roof insulation and heating efficiency and the addition of a multi-purpose space and a separate drinks servery.

The delivery of these ideas is of course dependent on raising a lot more money but establishing clear plans is the first step along the road. These ideas were presented at an open session held on the 13 July 2019 and another open session will be held in the future. In the meantime if you have any thoughts or ideas for improving the hall please drop a note in the Village Hall letterbox and or come along to our Annual General Meeting which is *currently planned to take place* at the Village Hall at 5.00pm on Tuesday 5 May 2020.

## **East Budleigh with Bicton WI**

East Budleigh with Bicton WI - Tuesday 10 March

Members were welcomed by President Pam Terry. Reports followed from the Craft Group, Swimmers, Walkers and Skittles. Our Craft Group will cease in May, but the East Budleigh village group will continue and our members will be welcome to join this. The annual lunch, held at The Blue Ball in Sidford had been enjoyed by everyone attending. We are planning to go on an organised Fossil Hunt in Charmouth on 7 May and to Escot on 17 June. Due to the cost now of coach hire, we must consider car-sharing to places nearer home. After a break for refreshments, due to the fact that our Speaker for the evening was unable to attend, Dorothy Redshaw, our Vice President stepped in at short notice and gave a very interesting talk with illustrations on the history and creation of the intricate flower displays produced for the 'Well Dressing' in Derbyshire each year.

Our WI meet on the second Tuesday each month (except August) between 7pm-9pm at the Village Hall.

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### **Clinton Estates to trial ideas for future UK farming and environment policy.**

Our rural landscape and its managers will face significant changes over the coming years, not least of which is the uncertainty around the scale and targeting of future farming and wildlife support, post Brexit. Challenges include the phased reduction of the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS); which have supported agriculture for many decades. These payments will be reduced from existing levels today to zero by 2028. The publication of the government's 25 Year Environment Plan and policy changes in the forthcoming Agriculture Bill suggests that future financial support for farming from government will be based on a clear demonstration of public benefit, described as "public money for public goods".

In 2018 Defra announced that they were looking to trial and test new ideas for an Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS) between 2019-2021. These ELMS trials will help shape the replacement for existing farming and environmental support. Clinton Devon Estates was keen to influence thinking on this and we submitted a proposal to use parts of the Estate, the first based around the River Otter and the other at Beer, to co-design alongside stakeholders and farmers what a future ELMS might look like.

With support from the Westcountry Rivers Trust and the Centre for Rural Policy Research, Exeter University with a broad array of civic and environmental partners including East Budleigh with Bickton Parish Council, East Devon AONB, the Otter Valley Association, Budleigh Health Hub and the Environment Agency, we have now begun a two-year project to design bespoke schemes for these two local catchments. We hope this work will show how it is possible to support the local farming industry and economy whilst enhancing what is currently most cherished about our local landscapes and wildlife.

Key features of the trial include: ensuring management plans for individual farms compliment others in the catchment whilst supporting agricultural productivity and innovation; reducing environmental risk; maximising wildlife, supporting habitats and other 'ecosystem services'; increasing local understanding and support for agriculture and farmers whilst adequately rewarding farmers for the many public benefits they provide.

Countryside Learning in all seasons.

Despite the cold and wet end to winter, plenty of requests for educational visits meant that over 300 primary school pupils, from across Devon, visited Otterton to take part in activities at the mill and along the river. Those learning about food and farming, took part in activities to explore the crops and other food produced in the Otter Valley and saw where for centuries, wheat has been milled into flour. Others studying rivers started the day at the mill and then followed a walk downstream to Ottermouth, spotting signs of human and environmental change, including the most recent signs of beaver activity.

Drake's School welcomed David White to showcase his amazing photographs of village wildlife. Each class also took part in activities to learn how to encourage and watch common birds in their school and gardens. Devon Birds kindly donated £100 for bird feeders, seed mixes and books to support the children to identify and learn more about their local birdlife.

**Please note: The litter pick planned for Saturday 4 April has been cancelled.**

Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer [kate.ponting@clintondevon.com](mailto:kate.ponting@clintondevon.com)  
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As always when the end of our winter habitat work is fast approaching, the past month has been a busy one for our Aylesbeare team. Along with our scrub clearance work – the removal of the encroaching tree species we mentioned in the last issue – we have been focusing on maintaining the access tracks across the Aylesbeare and Harpford Commons and at our Fire Beacon Hill reserve outside Sidmouth. This has involved widening the tracks in many cases and carefully removing large overhanging limbs. Although much of this work is done to allow horse-riders and our tractors and vehicles to navigate safely around the sites, it does have the more important outcome of improving the access for the fire service in the event of an emergency.

We have also spent several weeks re-widening many of the firebreaks we have created across the heaths in past years, where gorse and small trees have grown up and rendered them too narrow or enclosed. While these fire-breaks won't prevent a fire from starting, if a fire does happen to break out on the heaths (we hope that it won't) in dry summer weather, they should prevent the fire from spreading too far and allow the fire service to contain it more effectively. The work the fire service does with us to work towards hopefully limiting severe heathland fires is invaluable.

We also have a big thanks to say to the local scouts who joined one of our regular Sunday work parties – everyone did an excellent job in clearing a large dense section of holly on Aylesbeare Common. While we all love holly – especially around a certain time of year that it's probably too early to mention – when it grows in large stands it creates such a thick understory that very little light can reach the ground

and other plant species struggle to grow there. Selectively removing – or thinning – the holly opens up areas to allow other plant species to colonise, subsequently supporting a larger number of animal species, particularly our more specialist heathland invertebrates who can't tolerate the thick shade that a dense holly stand creates.

Outside of Aylesbeare, our annual bird-watching course has started at Dart's Farm, again run by one of our wonderful volunteers and one of our own staff members. If you missed the course this year, don't fear, you can register your interest early or book onto the course when it rolls around again. It's an excellent opportunity to learn how to identify the birds you might see in your garden or on walks around the Commons, and also to learn a little bit about the biology of birds; including how species like the bar-tailed godwit fly 11,400km between Alaska and New Zealand without stopping, or about the somewhat dubious mating practises of the dunnock. If you are looking for other ways to engage with nature in your local area, the Aylesbeare team is always welcoming new volunteers, particularly for our regular work parties on Wednesdays or Sundays who help us with the practical habitat management of the heathland to ensure it remains a valuable site for our birds.

Finally, we have a new warden for the RSPB Aylesbeare team starting with us after Easter. He comes to us from the National Trust in Mid Devon and brings a wealth of practical knowledge that will no doubt benefit the wildlife of the Commons immensely.





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Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm - Saturday 8am to 4pm - Sunday 8am to Noon

**Looking For Easy Meals To Cook At Home?  
See our New Range of Pies and Soups**



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