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

### **“Our Church in 2025”**

28 folk from the village spent a constructive and enjoyable afternoon at the All Saints Church hall on the 3rd February looking at the future for the Church in East Budleigh. Rev'd Martin Jacques was encouraged by the positivity of the discussions and the intent to take our local mission forward for the community.

Plans included, open air services, Songs of Praise, Open church sessions and family friendly events which will be developed further at an Away Day for the three churches in the Raleigh Mission Community to which everyone is invited on the 6th April. Watch this space for more details and if you would like to join the group on 6th April please contact Fran by e-mail on [raleighmc@gmail.com](mailto:raleighmc@gmail.com) or Tel: 01395 443397.

### **All Saints Parochial Church Council (PCC) on Wednesday 13th February**

Marilyn Hobbs and Richard Eglin sent their apologies. Prior to the meeting, the reports from Peter Halford Head of Drake's School and Alan Murdoch from the Bell Ringers were reviewed. Geoff Aplin has taken over from Stuart Lovett as Churches Partnership Coordinator and asked for guidance on how to best serve the interests of All Saints Church. He provided feedback about the music in the Church and commented on the excellent number of people at the Taize service. He spoke about the Hand Bells Choir and that he had purchased a Size 19F handbell and hopes to get more. Rev'd Martin talked about “Mission” being widely defined Biblically to encompass worship, ministry, evangelism, fellowship and discipleship and that part of our Mission continues to involve ‘Open the Book’ at the schools and will include an Alpha course for the whole of the RMC. He stated that the information gained at All Saints’ “Our Church in 2025” (see above) will be supplemented and honed at the RMC Away Day on 6th April into a Mission Action Plan to go forward together. Further Martin said that the Venerable Trevor Jones had proposed a Plan of Action to bring the three PCCs in the RMC closer together by having only four meetings in the year at the same time in the same venue followed by a plenary session covering topics across the whole of the RMC, eg, mission, safeguarding and pastoral care. The ‘local’ PCCs will retain responsibility for the finances and fabric of their Church Buildings. This will be trialled for a year after the Annual Parish Church Meetings in April. Maria presented the financial review of 2018 – there is a significant overspend as a result of the work in the Church, the improvements in the Church Hall, and part funding of the RMC Youth Minister. The 2019 budget was reviewed and approved. The Terms of Reference of the Finance Sub-Committee were reviewed and approved. This new sub-committee will review the Church finances on a monthly basis and provide feedback and guidance to the Standing Committee and the PCC. Paul presented the Churchwardens’ Report - the current works are within budget and on time. Following the 2016 Quinquennial Report, there are works to be completed within the next two years. PCC approved: the proposal from West Access Conservation for regular maintenance services; the electrical work needed for the timer switch and lights in the Church; and the Churchyard tree inspection every two years. Mike Scrivener will get three quotes to upgrade or replace the sound system. Paul will progress the work for improved safety and access in and around the Churchyards as well as the long-term need for a future churchyard site.

The PCC discussed the General Data Protection Requirements and the plans to keep peoples’ data confidential including the Electoral Roll updates in the next two months.

Margaret highlighted that the PCC needed to provide input into the RMC’s Deanery Plan – Fran and Rev’d Martin are coordinating this activity.

Kate said that there were no safeguarding incidents since the last PCC Meeting. She highlighted the Diocese’s safeguarding updates and said that she would be attending the Safeguarding Forum in March.

The PCC members are: Rev'd Martin Jacques; Maria Malinowska; Richard Bunting; Kate Ponting; Margaret Briggs; Richard Eglin; Jane Buckland-Wright; Jenny Hill; Christine Newall; Sue Pyne; Marilyn Hobbs; and Paul Kurowski, with Fran Mills as Minute Secretary.

## **Church Events:**

### **Afternoon of Organ Favourites**

We are sorry that the afternoon of organ favourites was cancelled but we hope to re-schedule the event later in the year.

### **Valentine's Wine Tasting Evening**

In celebration of Valentine's Day, the All Saints Church Hall filled with over 60 people to enjoy the wine tasting. Laithwaites had carefully selected the wines by for the event, so romantic rosé and sparkling wines opened the tasting. Each of the panel described a wine and the audience had to choose the correct answer. Thanks to the panel: Tim (Laithwaites), Martin (Vicar) and Alex (V&A Museum) for their entertaining descriptions and to Stephen, Master of Ceremonies. After sampling five wines, a delicious dinner of Beef Bourguignon and Cointreau Crème Caramel was served and stories of romantic proposals shared.

The fun evening raised over £500 for All Saints Church - thanks go to Maria and her team for organising and running this event.

### **North Aisle Ceiling**

"Don't pick at it!" ... "leave it alone" ...

Working with our Church Architect and having exposed 15 rafters at the west end of the North Aisle ceiling, it was necessary to enhance the scaffolding to support the ceiling whilst the 12 rafters were being replaced. As the scaffolding extended the full length of the North Aisle, we decided to check the east end of the ceiling – this revealed another 11 rafters needing replacement. The Diocese approved the work and our existing contractors will complete the work in time for Easter all being well. Thank you for your patience whilst the work continues.

### **Safeguarding**

If you see something that's not right relating to children and/or vulnerable adults say something.

Kate Ponting (07917 104250) is the Safeguarding Representative for East Budleigh and Otterton.

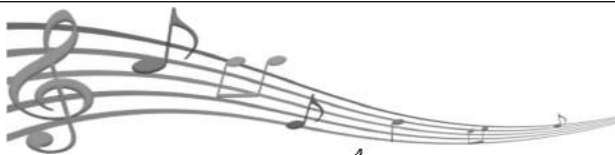
### **Website**

For all the latest news, activities/events and information about the Church, visit the website:  
<https://www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/>.

Paul Kurowski, Churchwarden

PS on a personal note, I was saddened to hear that Barbara Ingram had died. I barely knew her but, as the original owner of Southernhay, she graciously invited Penny and me to her house to discuss the plants, shrubs and trees that she had in her garden and proudly showed us photographs including a crop of kiwi fruit – sadly, no longer in the garden. I know that she was a great stalwart of the Church.

Her funeral will be in All Saints Church at 10.00 on Monday 4th March.



## Otter Valley Association

**Friday, 1st March, - 10.00am** - WALK Start: NT car park at Branscombe Mouth (charge applies) (OS 115, SY 207 882), 6.5 miles, 3 hours. Meet at Newton Poppleford recreation ground car park (OS 115, SY 088 899) at 09.15am to share cars or meet at the start point. "Branscombe to Beer" A popular coastal walk along the SWCP with fantastic cliff top views on the return journey. We'll take the Hooken Undercliff path eastwards, where a slump in the chalk cliffs in 1790 separated a ten acre piece of land, now a wooded and sheltered habitat with chalk pinnacles on the seaward side. A steep set of steps will bring us up to East Cliff, where we'll return to Branscombe on the cliff top path, passing the old Coast-guard Lookout and down another set of steep steps. Optional lunch/refreshments afterwards at the Sea Shanty café. Please be aware that the path is slippery and uneven in parts and may be muddy. Walk Leaders: Rosemary & David Hatch, 01392 444290

**Thursday, 7th March, - 10.00am** - WALK "A Little Bit of Everything" Start: Colaton Raleigh Church (OS 115, SY 082 872) 6 miles, 3 hours Passaford Lane (stiff climb!), Muttors Moor, Coast Path, green lanes and return by the River Otter. Walk Leader: Brian Turnbull, 01395 567339

**Wednesday 13th March 11.30am** – WALK Travel to the start is by the X38 bus from Exeter Bus Station (Stand No 12), dep 10:30, arr Heathfield, Battle Road (OS 110, SX 829 763) at 11:24. "Revised Templar Way Stage 2" The second stage is 9½ miles between Heathfield and Teignmouth via Newton Abbot Quay. A picnic lunch at Newton Abbot Quay will be followed by tea at Combe Cellars before catching the Shaldon ferry (50p) across the estuary to New Quay in Teignmouth. Definitely downhill all the way! Return travel by train dep Teignmouth 16.38/17:22, arr Exmouth 17.51/18:27 respectively and onward to East Devon by bus 57/157/357 or alight at Exeter Central to catch the 9 bus from the bus station. Please see OVA website for any necessary changes to travel times. Walk Leader: Mike Paddison, 01395 446550/07909 606660

**Monday, 18th March, - 09.30am** - WALK Start: Newton Poppleford Recreation Ground car park (OS 115, SY 088 899) 10 miles, 5+ hours. "In the Footsteps of Samuel Taylor Coleridge" Challenging uphill start to Hollow Head Cross and the views from White Cross, then descending into Ottery St Mary, the home of Coleridge. Lunch at the Volunteer Inn, followed by Town walk and a gentle walk back along the river Otter  
Walk Leaders: Iain Ure & Dee Woods, 01395 568822

**Friday, 22nd March, - 10.00am** - WALK Meet: Newton Poppleford Rec Ground (OS 115 SY 088 899) at 9.30am to share cars or meet at start point. "A springtime coast path and inland walk" Start: Small Car Park (off Grammar Lane) Weston (OS 115 SY 167 890) at 10am 6/7 miles 3.5 hours + optional stop for lunch at the end of the walk at the new café at the Donkey Sanctuary. The walk will take us along the side of Weston Combe to join the coast path. We will follow the coast path westwards towards Sidmouth initially with a steep stepped descent to the beach at Weston Mouth before climbing up past the Weston Plats and walking along the path as it descends and ascends past Salcombe Mouth & up Salcombe Hill Cliff. This section of path is steep in parts and can be muddy when wet, but weather permitting our efforts should be rewarded with stunning views along the coast. From the top of Salcombe Hill Cliff our route will take us inland for the return to Weston via Salcombe Regis. The walk finishes on paths through the Donkey Sanctuary where we will have the option of stopping at or returning to the new café for lunch. Walk Leader: Jane Kewley, 01395 445598/07966 280147

**Tuesday, 26th March, 7.30pm** - TALK Masonic Hall, Budleigh Salterton "Electric power distribution in East Devon" by Paul Elsen, Western Power's distribution Manager for Devon.

**Wednesday, 27th March, 10.30** - WALK Start: Budleigh Salterton Public Hall (OS 115, SY 062 860) at 10:30, 7 miles, 4 hours. "Budleigh to Sidmouth – the coastal route" From Budleigh Salterton we follow the coast path all the way to Sidmouth and hope to get some wonderful views along the way. This walk is normally done in summer and the landscape will have a different feel to it in March. There's only one stiff climb, but the path may be slippery in places at this time of year. We'll break for lunch at Ladram Bay (bring a picnic or buy it there) and finish up at the bus triangle in Sidmouth. There'll be time for relaxing or even shopping in Sidmouth before catching the hourly bus back to Budleigh Salterton. Walk Leader: Jon Roseway 01395 488739/07887 936280

**Friday, 29th March, 10.00am - WALK** Start at Kennford, (OS 110, SX 914 859), 6.5 miles with an optional add on 2 miles. "Do ya ken Kenn? – a journey into the past through rolling landscapes and woods and along ancient tracks with stunning views" Meet at Newton Poppleford Recreation Ground to leave at 9.30am in shared cars to the outskirts of Kennford for a walk start of 10.00am. Parking in Kennford: travelling along the A38, just before the A38/A380 split there is a turn off to Kenn and Kennford. Having turned off, turn immediately left towards Kennford and then turn left before the sign for Kennford and the phone box to park in the road. We leave the noise of the traffic behind as we follow country lanes and paths and pass through Kenn. Following the River Kenn and then a tributary, we ascend gradually to a tree-flanked lane climbing upwards with magnificent views (weather permitting!) to Exmouth, the estuary and Exeter. We follow a secret path to join St. Andrew's Lane that dates back to the Iron Age and leads us back to Kenn where we break for lunch at The Ley Arms. After this we propose a visit to the interesting St Andrew's Church. From here there is an easy 15 minute walk back to the cars. For those wanting the "add on" we will continue up the churchyard to get stunning views of Haldon and the Exe estuary before joining the Old Dawlish Road through the old village of Kennford and back to the cars. It would help, although not essential, if you could let us know if you are interested in this walk so that we can advise The Ley Arms on potential numbers for lunch. Walk Leaders: Penny & Paul Kurowski, 01395 742942/pandp@kurowski.me.uk

**Wednesday, 3rd April - 10.30am - WALK** Meet: Tipton St John Village CP (OS 115, SY 089 918), 8½ miles, 4½ hours "Totter around the Otter" A gentle start through the water meadows to the edge of Ottery St Mary. We then climb out of the valley via quiet lanes and footpaths to East Hill, where we stop for lunch and enjoy the views. We will return to Tipton via Fire Beacon Hill. Please bring a picnic lunch. Walk leaders: David & Rosie Conner, 07831 40695



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## Services in the Raleigh Mission Community - March 2019

Date	Time	All Saints East Budleigh	St Michaels Otterton	St Peters Budleigh Salterton
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>March</b>	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	09:30			Holy Communion
Ash Wednesday	18:00	Imposition of Ashes		
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
	18:00			Choral evensong
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	09:30			Holy Communion
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	09:30			Holy Communion
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	09:30			Holy Communion
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> Mothering Sunday	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Service with Drakes School		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Service with Otterton School	
	15:00			Service with St Peter's School
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>April</b>	09:30	Morning Prayer		
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	09:30			Holy Communion
	18:00			St Peter's school end of term service
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	09:30		Morning Prayer	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11:30			Holy Communion
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	08:00			Holy Communion BCP
	09:30	Holy Communion		
	10:00			Holy Communion
	11:00		Holy Communion	

## **Friends of All Saints**

### **Why not join the Friends?**

The Friends of All Saints Church (FoAS) is a community organisation for all whether or not you attend church or live in the village. The FoAS helps to protect and preserve the fabric of the Church and maintain the Churchyard in good condition. For the community, we also help fund the church floodlights and produce and distribute the Parish News magazine free of charge to all households in the parish. We organise events to raise money for specific projects in the Church and keep Friends informed about the fund-raising activities that we are considering and feedback about events via email before it's in the Parish News. We also offer reduced ticket prices to Friends for the events that we organise. To be an individual Friend of All Saints Church is only £15 per annum and a Family of Friends (two or more people at the same address) is £25 per annum – quite reasonable for 10 free issues of the Parish News plus the iconic view of the Church at the top of the High Street and lit up in the evenings until 23.00. An outline about the Friends with the form to join is on the website at: [www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/uploads/1/4/7/3/14736256/foas\\_2018\\_for\\_website.pdf](http://www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/uploads/1/4/7/3/14736256/foas_2018_for_website.pdf) or call 01395 742942.

### **East Budleigh's Got Talent – shows at 14.30 and 19.30 on Saturday 30 March**

There's still time to enter. We'd love to hear from you if you can sing, dance, do magic, conjure, tell jokes, play a musical instrument or display some other talent - anyone can join in as a solo performer, duo, group ... it's free to enter and it's not judged. If you would like to join in the fun, please contact Maria on 07773 218582 or e-mail: [maria@templehill.co.uk](mailto:maria@templehill.co.uk) by 18.00 on Friday 15th March. We will be holding 'auditions' in the Church Hall on Sunday 17th March between 16.30 and 18.00 to help us sort out the programme, the act's name and what equipment they will be bringing. Tickets are £6 for adults and £4 for children – Friends get £1 off. The price includes: tea/coffee and a slice of cake at the 14.30 performance; and cheese & biscuits and juice at the 19.30 performance. Choc-ices will be available to buy in the intervals and there will be a cash bar at each performance.

### **Spring Talk: 'Kandahar, Afghanistan: Life, Death and Things in Between' by Andrew Canning OBE at 19.30 on Tuesday 21st May in the Village Hall**

Andrew's illustrated talk will deliver a frank and no-holds barred account of life in Kandahar training the Afghan Police and Army, including the daily challenges encountered. He will focus on the considerable role played by civilians in conflict zones, in support of the military. The next Parish News will provide more details about the talk.

### **Scarecrow Festival - Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June**

This year's event is starting to take shape – the undoubted highlight will be Ian and Karen's wedding in the Church on Sunday! Ian provides the large banners used to advertise the event locally and some of the signage around the village. Both of them organise the Classic Cars and Bikes in the grounds of The Vicarage. As usual, the Church will be decked out with Square Circles knitting which, after the Songs of Praise, will be taken down and donated to Christian Response to Eastern Europe (CR2EE). We hope to have the tower tours on Saturday for the spectacular views over the village and surrounding countryside. The Recreation Ground will have 'fairground attractions and the Dog Show on Sunday. The Church Hall will have craft stalls and, new for this year, a Mocktail Bar. There will be a Pets Corner. The Village Hall will have various stalls plus drinks, tasty bacon baps and tempting cream teas throughout the day. We hope that you will join in by creating a scarecrow or two as these provide the inventive, humorous focus of the event for all the visitors during the weekend. We will provide more details in next month's Parish News.

### **Other Events**

At the Friends Meeting in January, we discussed other potential events for 2019 and 2020 including a barn dance/Ceilidh, a Halloween Party for children (and adults) on Friday 1st November and the Christmas Concert. If there is anything that you would like the Friends to do / try, please let us know by e-mail: [foaseb@outlook.com](mailto:foaseb@outlook.com). Friends' Committee the Friends' Committee is: Angie Canning, Elizabeth Smith, Jenny Hill, Christine Newall, Kate Ponting, Claire Duffield, Jess Hill, Maria Malinowska, Elliott Hamilton, Charles Abram, Martin Jacques and Paul Kurowski. Information about the Friends, events and brief updates are on the All Saints Church website - see: [www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/friends-of-all-saints.html](http://www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/friends-of-all-saints.html) or call 01395 742942.

# East Budleigh Community Shop

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## Mother's Day

We have plenty of ideas in the shop for little Mother's Day gifts on 31<sup>st</sup> March. Alongside our usual boxes of chocolates we now have Cornish Clotted Cream Fudge from Copperpot Originals. Made in St.Ives, this is a lovely rich fudge for a special treat.

If confectionery is not right for you – how about some of the gorgeous variety of gift stationery that we have in stock? We have magnetic shopping lists; notebooks; sticky note pads; writing sets and note blocks. Not forgetting our East Budleigh pens.

We also have a great range of handmade slate products from Joe Kerley of Yettington – and he will happily make to order too.

Of course we have a supply of Mother's Day cards – and some beautiful cards handmade in the village by Lynda Bell.

## Annual General Meeting

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. All members will be welcome, and if you are not yet a member, you can join for a one-off payment of only £5 at the meeting. Our full accounts and Annual Report will be available, and can also be seen on our website.

As the Community Shop ends its tenth year, I can report that it is thriving. Our Finances are in good shape, with sales of £200,077 and a net profit this year of £1,592. Many customers are now using the convenience of Contactless payments. The Shop software has been successfully upgraded, Fast-Fibre Internet was installed and new more eco-friendly lights fitted throughout the store.

Our Volunteer numbers have increased and turnover of staff is very low. Our office staff are now experts at knowing what items will sell and what our customers want. I am sure we all look forward with eagerness to the next ten years.

Happy Shopping!

**Judith Venning, Chair of the Management Committee.**

## CREAM TEAS TIME!

Spring is in the air and thoughts are just beginning to turn to warmer times. We have a weekly supply of lovely fresh scones from the Devon Scone Company, based just up the road in Woodbury.

We sell plain, fruit or cheese scones alongside their gorgeous range of jams too. From traditional strawberry to in-season loganberry or their delicious raspberry and gin preserve – there's bound to be a favourite.

If you can't get down to the shop when they are fresh in – don't worry because any left are frozen quickly and are just as nice defrosted for an hour.

## Fresh and Local

We read so much nowadays about businesses closing left, right and centre that it's good to remember that, when you buy from your Community Shop – it's not just that you keep this wonderful village facility going – you also help support so many local providers, crafts and businesses.

Did you know that we currently stock produce from thirty local and west-country providers? That is thirty businesses that you are helping to keep going during these difficult times – and it's everything from butchers, fish-mongers and brewers to card makers, honey producers, bakeries, frozen ready meals providers, and so much more.

So, on behalf of us, and all of them – THANK YOU!

**Mel Ferrers**

## **View from the East Budleigh Vicarage...**

There are daffodils in my garden; the fig tree is full of buds; a pair of pheasants regularly strut past the living room window; the night sky brings stars in abundance; we live amidst beautiful countryside beside the sea: East Budleigh and Otterton are both picturesque and welcoming and supportive communities.

I lead collective worship in both schools of the Raleigh Federation every week and the subject of the last one was "Counting your blessings".

As we awake from Winter, it seems to be the appropriate thing to do, and I think, actually essential to our mental wellbeing.

Life throws many curve balls at us, as the Americans say, but some things, like my brief list above, always remain fairly constant.

But who do we thank for such a beautiful world? The collective worship before last I talked about the supposed conflict between science and nature. This is a manufactured debate between people who know very little about either science or religion (except what extremists on both sides say) and the good news I gave to the children is that there is no conflict. You can believe in the Big Bang theory and evolution and also believe that there is a divine hand behind both.

Charles Darwin was a Christian when he wrote the origin of species and in fact said that his theory "gave a grander view of God" and the scientist who came up with the Big Bang theory was a Roman Catholic priest called Georges LeMaitre. In fact the Big Bang theory was initially derided by some atheist scientists for being "too religious" a view of the universe because it was predicated on a "point of creation" which left the door wide open for the idea of a creator.

So when I look upon the natural world, and the lovely villages where we live I have no problem thanking God for everything that makes my life worthwhile. I invite you to do the same.

Martin (Vicar of the Raleigh Mission Community)

## **East Budleigh with Bicton WI – February 2019 meeting report**

President Pam Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting, and after the singing of Jerusalem, birthday wishes were given to those with a birthday in February. Updates followed for the walking, swimming, skittles and craft groups. Photos of pictures made at the January needle felting workshop were displayed. All who attended produced amazing pieces of work, considering most had no experience of this craft previously.

Activities taking place this year include a visit to Blackbury Camp to see the bluebells, followed by a cream tea at Blackbury Honey Farm. A visit to Cadhay House & Gardens, a tea party at Bicton Park, and a coffee morning. These events are linked to East Budleigh with Bicton WI celebrating its centenary year.

The speaker for the evening was Norman Hartley, author, talking about ghost/thriller writing. Norman has spent most of his life writing, as a Reuters correspondent, newspaper reporter and feature writer, BBC editor and broadcaster, television script writer and ghost. He has led a full life mixing with many well-known people, whose memoirs he has been involved with as a ghost writer. Copies of his latest thriller The Saxon Games were available to buy.

Daffodils on roadside near East Budleigh allotments. It has come to the WI's attention through a member, that many people are unaware that it was our WI who planted them. A few years ago a group of members got together and planted 100 daffodil bulbs, which now give such a beautiful display each spring as you approach the village.

The speaker for March is Mike Temple talking about "Mercy Ships". The WI meets on the second Tuesday of the month 7-9pm at East Budleigh Village Hall. New members are always welcome, join us for an evening of fun and friendship.



## Drake's C of E Primary School

We have had a very busy half-term with lots of brilliant learning and exciting things happening. We've had many broader activities taking place with lovely experiences for all the children. These include a visit to Exeter University Great Hall to work with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. The children were part of a larger group of children from schools across Devon.



The children in Otters and Dragonflies enjoyed a visit from Hawkridge Birds of Prey Centre, they really enjoyed meeting the owls and learning some interesting facts about them.

Children from Years 2, 5 and 6 went to Exmouth Community College to take part in a Dance Festival, the children's behaviour was fantastic and they were a credit to the school. All the children tried their hardest and did fantastic. Also, children from Years 5 and 6 visited Exmouth Community College to take part in a Hockey Festival. The children did amazing team work and represented our school well.

All of the children have enjoyed workshops from Whizz, Pop, Bang! The children learned about taste as well as how to make sweets. They also enjoyed the workshop on Electronics and found it very funny when they managed to get somebody's hair to stand on-end!

In school we have introduced some new systems to ensure the children have a fun and safe play-time and lunch break. The children have been brilliantly behaved and had a positive attitude towards their new routine in the morning and play-times. The Sports Leaders have come up with a timetable and they run activities during the morning break time.



Next half term we have lots of interesting things planned. We will be making the most of the allotment and using it alongside our learning. Otters Class have a visit planned to Living Coasts in Torquay to learn all about penguins and how to help keep our oceans clean from plastics. Also in school there are exciting new things in the pipeline so watch this space.



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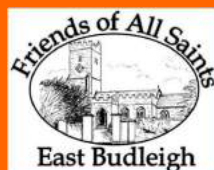
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
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# **Churchyard**

## **Garden of Remembrance**

We are trying very hard, despite the efforts of wind, rain and moles, to keep the Garden of Remembrance and the new Churchyard beautiful. Our Churchyard Working Party tidies these areas every month and Alan Pring mows the new Churchyard as required.

To help us: please make sure that any pots or vases are heavy enough to prevent moles pushing them up and over; alternatively, put the pot on the memorial stone. If you put loose flowers, please anchor them well as it is a windy site and moles disturb the ground.

We rake the molehills, edge and clean the memorials and trim/mow the grass, so please do not plant anything in the grass.

If you want to plant something, please contact us and we can arrange a suitable location.

## **Churchyard Memorials**

If anyone would like to help catalogue the memorials in our Churchyards, please let us know.

## **Churchyard Working Party**

On 15th January, the 10 volunteers of the Churchyard Working Party marvelled at the snowdrops and primroses that were out already! Drains were cleared as far as an arm's length, the Christmas tree was 'sorted', mole hills were raked out, the Church Hall gutter cleared, fallen branches cleared, graves tended, old ant hills removed, paths swept and the Church Hall border weeded.

On 15th February, we had 11 volunteers. There was a lot of tidying up to do, eg, fallen branches, weeding the Church Hall patio and border, clearing ivy off graves, and edging borders. The work in clearing ant hills, mole heaps and delineating graves has meant that we've been able to in-fill the sunken grass path in the old churchyard that runs parallel with Yettington Road. As we had strimmed/cut and cleared the tall vegetation in the old Churchyard last year, we were 'rewarded' with lots of snowdrops, primroses, crocuses, daffodils, celandines, stitchworts, daisies and speedwells.

Thanks to all who help maintain the attractive environment around the Church and Church Hall.

The Churchyard Working Party meets at 10.00 by the shed at the back of the old churchyard. The dates for Spring are:

Friday 15 March; Friday 12 April; and Friday 17 May.

Tools are provided. There are light and heavier jobs to suit all – everyone is welcome to come and help. We stop for coffee, biscuits/cakes and a chat at 11.00, and finish between 12.00 and 13.00.

You do not have to work for the whole time – whatever help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to help out but these times/dates do not work for you, please contact us and we can sort something out.

The grass is growing so we'll be starting our new cutting regime around the Church and Church Hall.

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Contractors and our volunteer hedge group will continue to rejuvenate sections of overgrown and sheep damaged hedges at Ashtree Farm using the traditional skill of hedgelaying.

## **River Otter Estuary**

Walkers have been delighted that the footpath between White Bridge and Lime Kiln re-opened ahead of schedule. This was the culmination of a joint project between the Environment Agency, East Devon District Council, Bridge Civil Engineering of Chudleigh, and Clinton Devon Estates who worked together to organise repairs after the path was washed away. We are grateful to our volunteer wardens Doug and Joan Cullen, who kept walkers informed of the alternative route. Join Clinton Devon Estates and the Otter Valley Association for the Spring Litter Pick on 23 March 1100-1300. Meet at Lime Kiln car park. FREE car parking and equipment provided.

## **Pebblebed Heaths**

The MOD contractors should complete their repairs to the grenade range on Colaton Raleigh Common this month. They have undertaken track repairs and are bringing in some stone using pebblebed material sourced from Uffcombe. The main access route is via Warren car park, but warning signs will be deployed on all the tracks that cross their access route and the staff posted in the carpark will be able to give people further information.

## **Forestry**

In the plantations adjacent to Castle Lane in Exmouth thinning work continues and we hope to invite local schools to get a closer view and teach them about forestry and sustainable timber production.

## **Land and Property**

The show home at King Alfred Way, Newton Poppleford is now open and house sales at Plumb Park at Littleham are going well. The team have been working hard to bring the EPC ratings of our rental properties up to an E or above. Ensuring older properties are energy efficient brings its challenges but this important legal requirement is one we also know improves properties for our tenants. The Estate continues to work with farming tenants during Brexit, keeping them informed and supported to ensure their businesses remain viable in an uncertain future.

## **Bicton Arena**

Over the winter Sheep have been grazing the parkland, keeping the grass down and employing their 'golden hooves' to sort the divots in the turf. During the quieter months providing an opportunity for riders to jump the cross-country fences on the all-weather arena, was a popular one. But now these jumps have been moved to make way for dressage and show-jumping competitions. Preparations are in full swing for the coming season, the Bicton Horse Trails are the first major competition and start on 19 April. Yettington and East Budleigh residents are once again invited to join the team from Bicton Arena at our Neighbours Forum on Tuesday 26 March at 1900. We will report back on any issues/actions from last year, give an overview of the season ahead and respond to questions and queries. Do join us if you can.

Countryside Learning Officer, Kate Ponting [kate.ponting@clintondevon.com](mailto:kate.ponting@clintondevon.com) 01395 446 918.

## *East Budleigh in Bloom*

On March the 1st last year the snow fairy magically bestowed 6" of snow on our village.

March is unpredictable except the clocks spring forward an hour.

We have planted Beryl's tree in the Recreation field, a Himalayan Birch, as requested by John [Beryl's husband] as being one of her favourites. There are some special photographs of the occasion on our website by courtesy of Peter Bowler.

Our 'adopt a basket' scheme would welcome more volunteers, information can be found in the village shop. The planter on the bridge in the High Street will be hopefully replaced for a larger one to allow full use of the space and make a good display of flowers.

The annual Spring Plant Sale on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April is taking shape and all information will be in the April edition of the magazine, so look out for 'new events, this year.

And remember what the March Hare said at the tea party,

'You might just as well say,'added the March Hare, 'that 'I like what I get' is the same thing as 'I get what I like!'      Lewis Carroll

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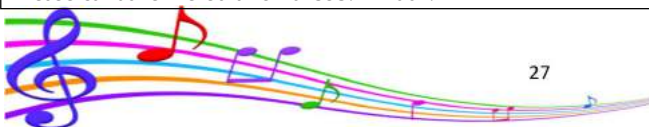
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And for the Budleigh Salterton Carnival Club we are holding a jumble sale on Saturday 20th April, at The Public Hall 10 - 12 am. refreshments on sale. Great raffle. If anyone has any jumble we will be very grateful. Please call Julie Meredith on 01395. 442067.





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## **The East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council and its Neighbourhood Plan**

The Parish Council has been enacting some of the Objectives and Policies put forward in its Neighbourhood Plan...

\* From the start of this year, in a pilot scheme, less-mobile residents of the Parish will be offered door-to-door transport to the Budleigh Salterton Hub for certain periodic medical check-ups. IF YOU WISH TO SEE IF YOU COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY PLEASE CONTACT THE SURGERY, BUDLEIGH SALTERTON.

\* The Footpaths Coordinator, Jon Roseway, has been consulted regarding the possibility of inter-connecting footpaths within and around the Parish to allow walkers better to avoid the B3178. Three opportunities will be explored further.

\* Telecommunications: the 'Wynards Mast' is providing better coverage for mobile phones in the area. No further action will be taken at this time.

\* An application for the funding of a wildflower trail through East Budleigh is in the process of being explored.

\* Local businesses are now more prominently featured on the Parish website and on a new 'events' website [www.budleighdistrict.org.uk](http://www.budleighdistrict.org.uk).

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Please be as specific as possible

2. There's up to £10,000 over the next couple of years to spend on creating or improving community infrastructure in the parish. For example: formal parks, informal open space, things for young people / teenagers to play on, children's play areas, village halls, footways and cycle paths, benches, lighting, signage, cultural projects etc. What do you think this should be spent on?

Please be as specific as possible

Please forward suggestions to the Clerk of the Parish Council:

clerk@eastbudleigh-pc.gov.uk

or

15 High St, East Budleigh, EX9 7DY

### Chess Club report

East Budleigh had a memorable Devon KO match against Seaton. Although out-graded on most boards the players put up a strong showing but no surprise at the final result.

On top board they had the club president - **Grandmaster Keith Arkell** - but this wasn't quite enough to make up for the grading deficiency that East Budleigh suffered overall. In the eight-board match many of the games were too close to call at the halfway point. Eventually the older established club (Seaton) pulled out in front and fashioned a **5.5-2.5** victory.

There were club wins from Keith Arkell and Tom Miner and a good draw from Ken Alexander who had earlier battled against snow and ice to get to the venue.

Tom's win was notable because it was his first win for some time. The Grandmaster seemed to be cruising in his game against his opponent who had drawn against Keith in a previous encounter!

Congratulations to Keith Arkell for winning the Open in the Simon Bartlett Memorial Congress recently at Torquay. The club secretary came equal 2nd in the Major section.

The next club night is on Thursday, **March 14th**, at 6.50pm at the All Saints Church Hall, East Budleigh. For more information please contact

Brian Gosling by email at [brigosling@aol.com](mailto:brigosling@aol.com) or by phone at 01395 442060.

### Football Club Cash Bingo

Football Club Cash Bingo in the Village Hall  
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### Next edition of the Parish news

Please email items for the April issue of the  
magazine to [ebmag@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ebmag@hotmail.co.uk)  
by 6pm on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you

## News from Salem Chapel

- **Open Weekend:** The Chapel and Schoolroom will be open the **third** weekend in **March - Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th** from **11.30 - 4.30pm**. Lots to see and **light refreshments** available in the Schoolroom. All welcome, including well behaved dogs!
- **Visiting Salem Chapel:** should you wish at **any time** to view the Chapel, Chapel Records 1793 - 1972, associated literature and displays covering the history of the buildings from 1719 to the present day or even meet our **resident bats**, please use one of the contact details below.
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The East Budleigh Tennis Club will hold its 41st AGM in The Old School Room Salem Chapel Vicarage Road on Monday 25 March 2019 at 7.30pm.

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