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May view from the Vicarage ...

Dear friends,

“Thank you for waiting. Your call is very important to us”. As I get older, those words start to grate more and more. It is quite a feat to speak to a human being nowadays without negotiating what seems like hours of pressing buttons, being continually re-directed to the website (which wasn't working in the first place – which is why you are 'phoning), listening to music “on-hold”, and being inadvertently cut off while nearly reaching the head of the queue.

I also get tired of being informed that things are continually changing “for our safety and convenience” – theirs mostly, not yours!

The de-humanisation of interaction between companies and their customers is in my view a retrograde step and provides cover for incompetency as well as saving them all a few quid.

There are of course many benefits to the technological revolution that we are living through, but as many people are now noticing, a lot of bad comes with the good to the extent that it appears that the nature of human beings is being changed, from much shorter attention spans, to depression, anxiety and many other ills associated with young people having access to hugely inappropriate material like hard-core pornography and “how – to” suicide sites.


And the worst of it is, we all of us feel absolutely powerless to do anything about it. I'm sure we all feel on our own trying to push a boulder uphill when even trying to fight against it.

What it has done to me is make me suspicious of all technology unfortunately, even though I know I use it every day to my benefit, but there comes a point when we cross a line and “enough” becomes “too much”.

Of course, even the church has tried all of this, and has pushed “on-line” services and the like. I'm having none of it – it was all right during the pandemic but real face to face interaction, especially during communal worship is where I am and where I'll stay. Call me old-fashioned....

“Thank you for waiting. You are now number three in the queue”.

Martin

Pastoral Care		If you know of anyone vulnerable or living alone - whether they come to church or not - who would appreciate being contacted, please phone the Raleigh Mission Community Pastoral Team Leader - Jenny Steele on 443133 or Lynda Bunting from All Saints, East Budleigh on 446731.
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EAST BUDLEIGH SCARECROW FESTIVAL WEEKEND 8/9 JUNE 2024

Our annual East Budleigh Scarecrow Festival 2024 is fast approaching and will be held on the weekend of **Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June.**

We really value your support and we are hoping that many village residents will have a bit of fun putting together some sort of Scarecrow to display in the village over the weekend. There is no competition so no pressure – it is just great to put on a bit of a show for our visitors giving vent to your creative streak. In the past Scarecrows have ranged from simple to extravagant, funny, topical, satirical and everything in between!

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Hugh, Malcolm and Trish who carried on the work of Sue over the last years, in making our large scarecrows that are displayed at the end of the village promoting the festival weekend. This year they have 'retired', quite understandably and we are looking forward to seeing the 'next generation' scarecrow which is being kindly undertaken by a new team!

There will be plenty of activities and refreshments to enjoy on both days. The main focus will be at the Village Hall where refreshments, including bacon rolls and cream teas, will be on sale between 11am and 4pm each day along with a variety of stalls featuring local crafts, cakes, pre-loved books, plants and some children's activities.

The newly titled 'Roger Conant Duck Race' will take place at 3pm in the East Budleigh Brook on both afternoons with cash prizes to be won. There will be a Raffle run over the weekend with great prizes provided by local businesses who are supporting our fundraising event.

There will be music during the weekend, with our local performers on stage and also East Devon Rock Choir on Saturday afternoon and Budleigh Male Voice Choir on Sunday afternoon.

The church will be decorated by beautiful knitting again! Trips up the bell tower, for those of you have not had the chance to admire the view, will be available and you can try ringing the church bells, between 2 and 4pm on both days. There will also be a handbell demonstration and trial session.

At midday on Sunday the East Budleigh Dog Show will take place up on the Recreation Field and Classic cars and rally cars will be on display in the village throughout the day.

Our event will close with a Songs of Praise service at 6pm in All Saints Church on Sunday evening.

We hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy – you may wish to bring some cash so that you can join in all the fun!

There is always room for more volunteers so if you feel you could commit to helping us and you are free over the weekend of 8/9 June 2024, we would love to hear from you. Contact us either in person (Jenny Hill, Christine Newall, Christina Dickinson, Charlie Abram, Maria Malinowska, Angie Canning or Jess Hill) or by email to friendsforallssaintschurch.as@rmcommunity.co.uk

Don't forget that you can join the Friends **200 Club** any time during the year. Please see the application form opposite if you are interested. **Just £8** will get you an entry in the draw every month for the rest of 2024 with the opportunity to **win £40, £20 or £10**.

Friends of All Saints 200 Club Raffle

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

Just send your name, address and telephone number together with payment to the address below:

1. with a cheque for £8 for the rest of 2024 made payable to 'PCC All Saints East Budleigh' or
2. Tick the box to confirm payment by bank transfer (BACS). The account details are:

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Return to: Angela Canning, Membership Secretary of the Friends of All Saints Church
East Budleigh, c/o Stores Cottage, 14 High Street, East Budleigh, EX9 7DY

200 Club Winners

March: 1st - Ms A. Kurowski 2nd - Master Harrison Morgan 3rd - Mrs D. Godfrey



THE FAMOUS EAST BUDLEIGH SCARECROW FESTIVAL

**Saturday 8th -
Sunday 9th June
2024 11am-4pm**

- Scarecrows around the Village
- Refreshments, stalls and entertainment around the Village Hall
- Church Tower visits
- Knitting Displays
- Handbells taster
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- Male Voice Choir
- Rally & Classic Cars and Bikes
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- Dog Show
- Songs of Praise

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All Saints East Budleigh Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 19 May

The APCM is similar to an AGM and will take place for our church - All Saints, on Sunday 19 May in the church, after the usual 9.30 morning service, beginning at approximately 10.30am.

Like many organisations All Saints relies on volunteer support to keep it open and operational. There are many ways you could help - flower arranging, daily opening and locking, cleaning or reading a lesson at services are just a few examples.

Everyone is welcome to come to the APCM and to make suggestions. To vote you need to be on the church electoral roll (forms available in the church).

At the meeting we will review the previous year and look forward with hope to the coming one.

East Budleigh with Bicton Relief in Need Trust

The East Budleigh with Bicton Relief in Need Trust has funding available to support residents of the Parish in need of financial support. In the past, we have helped individuals with technology requirements, hardship caused by the cost of travel and other needs which support education.

The funding could also be used for hardship cases in the community. However, the individual must be a resident or work in the Parish of East Budleigh with Bicton.

The trustees meet twice a year in March and October; however requests for funds can be made at any time, and every request is discussed and agreed/declined by our committee of trustees. Every application is treated confidentially.

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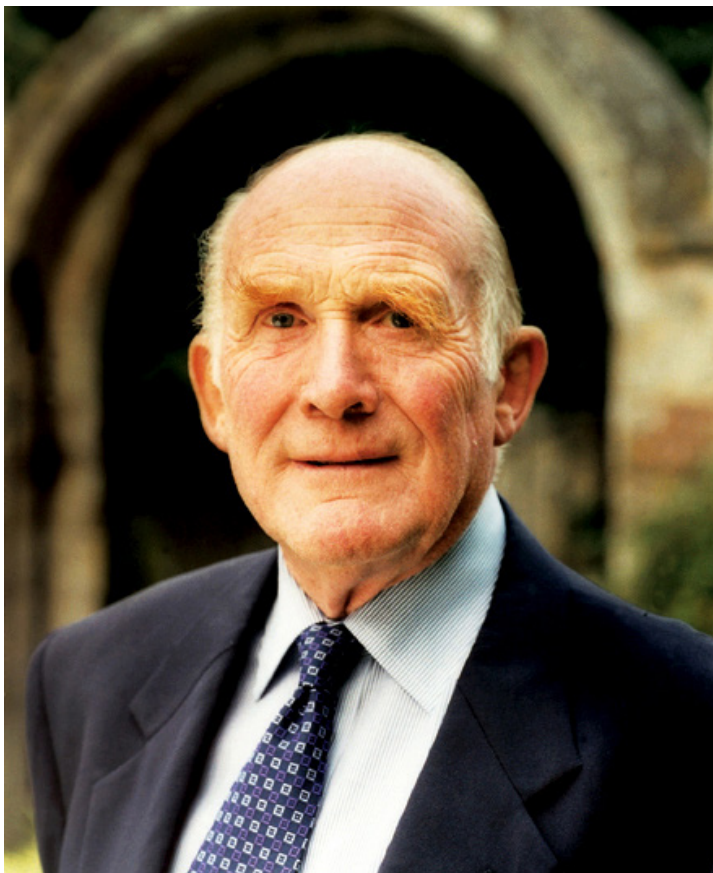
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Gerard Fane-Trefusis
22nd Baron Clinton
1934 - 2024

We are sad to record the death of Lord Clinton aged 89, peacefully at his home in East Devon on 2nd April 2024. Born Gerard Fane in 1934, he became the 22nd Baron Clinton in 1965, taking on responsibility for 25,000 acres across three estates in North and East Devon, known collectively as Clinton Devon Estates.

He leaves his wife, Nicola, always known as Nicky, and three children, the Hon. Charles Patrick Rolle Fane Trefusis, who will succeed him, and daughters Caroline and Henrietta.

Lord Clinton made his home for many years at Heanton Satchville at Huish, before moving with his wife to East Devon around five years ago.

Much of his childhood was spent with his great grandfather, Charles Trefusis, 21st Baron Clinton, his father having been killed in action in Flanders shortly before the evacuation of Dunkirk in 1940, when Gerard was five. After National Service with the Royal Scots between 1953 and 1955 he trained as a land agent, inheriting his title as the 22nd Baron Clinton from his great grandfather, who died in 1957. The title was in abeyance for eight years and Lord Clinton took up his seat in the House of Lords in 1965.

During his lifetime Lord Clinton secured the long-term sustainability of the 700-year-old Estates - the largest in family ownership in Devon - turning a traditional landed estate into a leading land management enterprise fit for the 21st century, and helping Clinton Devon Estates to win numerous awards under his stewardship. A firm believer in traditional farming and the importance of food production, to the end of his life Gerard Clinton kept an open mind, and his modernising efforts reflected changing times. Clinton Devon Estates comprises farmland and forestry in North and East Devon including woodlands of national importance, the 2,800-acre Pebblebed Heaths and Otter Estuary in East Devon – now designated a National Nature Reserve – and Bicton Arena, at East Budleigh, a leading equestrian venue in East Devon.

Knowing a strong economy was essential for rural communities to thrive inspired substantial new investment in business parks and commercial and residential property in East and North Devon, providing jobs and homes for many hundreds of local people. He built on the achievements of his predecessors by providing land for primary schools, sports grounds, allotments and open public access, as well as many miles of permissive paths. He set up a charitable trust which contributed substantially to local causes over many years.

Although content and grateful to leave the management of day-to-day operations to others, with his wife Nicky's tireless support Lord Clinton took a detailed and sympathetic interest in everything that went on in North Devon, and in the energetic and committed people who made it all happen, whether still active or long retired. Their personal loyalty to the Clintons was correspondingly intense. As Gerard himself remarked, "There are two families really: the family who own the Estate and the family who work there."

Lord Clinton saw himself as a countryman first and foremost, and took a close interest in the tenanted and in-hand farming enterprises on the Estate, particularly the Devon Red Cattle. The culling of his herd during the foot and mouth crisis of 2001 caused him enormous distress.

He was also a passionate forester, spending hours inspecting the Estates woodlands, which he saw as both an environmental asset and, when the time came, a crop of sustainable timber to be harvested. In 2019 he unveiled a plaque to mark the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Forestry Commission – in the same North Devon wood where his great grandfather had planted the newly created Commission's first trees.

The family motto is *Tout vient de Dieu* – Everything comes from God. Gerard Clinton never forgot to express his gratitude, for what he had been lucky enough to inherit from his great grandfather and the indispensable contribution of the very many individuals whose hard work over more than six decades had enabled him to be "a trustee for life" of the Clinton Estate so that he, in turn, might pass on a thriving estate to the next generation.

He will be remembered with admiration and great affection throughout Devon and beyond.

Kate Ponting



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EAST BUDLEIGH WITH BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council now has three vacancies. Please consider joining us. We are looking for people who care about the village and are prepared to work to keep it as a special place in which to live and work. Currently, some Councillors are having to wear several hats in order to cover all the interests of the Parish. We need someone who, in agreement with the Council, would liaise with Highways about matters affecting traffic, roads and verges. We also need a person to participate in the Landscape Recovery Group. Landscape Recovery aims to deliver nature recovery at scale as well as contributing to national environmental priorities including achieving net zero carbon, reducing flood risk and improving water and air quality in the lower Otter valley catchment area. Another outstanding role is for someone to report back on matters concerning Drake's School. A parent would be very welcome. If you are interested in our "Resilience" and preparedness for any Emergency, you might want to assist Councillor Tresidder who keeps the drains cleared, issues sand-bags and advises residents how to stay safe. In addition, all Councillors have their say on all planning applications and make recommendations.

Almost all adults living in or near the parish are eligible to join, in which case, if you apply and there are sufficient vacancies, you will automatically be co-opted onto the Council. We meet ten times a year at 6.0 pm on the third Monday of the month, with occasional additional Planning Meetings. Business is usually concluded within two hours. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk or the Chair, Derek Wensley, to find out more.

Judith Venning: clerk@eastbudleigh-pc.gov.uk 01395 489155

Derek Wensley derek.wensley@eastbudleigh-pc.gov.uk 01395446563

Sad Update on Salem Chapel

Sadly the EB Heritage Centre has been advised by the Historic Chapels Trust that they have not found a new owner for Salem Chapel despite strenuous efforts these last 12 months. They have exhausted their list of potential owners which included Friends of Friendless Churches, English Heritage, the National Trust, Landmark Trust, Clinton Devon Estates, Devon Historic Buildings Trust, Bicton Botanical Gardens, and Bicton College.

The next step is to consider the possibility of community ownership, now that reopening the chapel for events has been successful. Given the expected £160,000 costs over 10 years, this is a non-starter. Historic Chapels Trust will also investigate other prospective heritage owners or private and commercial owners who will be vetted for both their financial and heritage credentials.

Any new owner will be obliged to open Salem Chapel to the public and maintain the building in good order. Initial works to rectify the frontage subsidence due to water ingress etc will be completed by HCT this summer at a cost of £23,000. It is hoped that community events will be able to continue under any new ownership.

If you know of any possible new heritage owners, please contact East Budleigh Heritage Centre Ltd on 0777 321 8582.

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VOLUNTEERS AFTERNOON TEA

All Saints church will be holding a Volunteers' Afternoon Tea on Sunday 19 May 2024 to say thank you for all the hard work which makes All Saints such a thriving community today. The Afternoon Tea will be served at 3pm in the Church Hall.

The invitations are currently being sent out to each activity group with the request to let us know how many would like to attend, ideally by end April. Any details of specific dietary requirements would be most helpful too. (There will be no charge for this event.) If you are a volunteer and have not received an invitation to the Afternoon Tea, please contact Maria on 0777 321 8582.

We look forward to catching up on the 19th of May.
On behalf of the PCC All Saints East Budleigh

East Budleigh in Bloom

PLANT SALE AND AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 18th May
2 pm at the Village Hall

We would love donations for the plant and cake stalls and any garden paraphernalia. We would also welcome bottles of booze for the raffle, homegrown vegetables, indoor plants and homemade jams and chutneys.

Please come along and support our fund-raising efforts to keep East Budleigh blooming and reward yourself with a cup of tea and some of those tempting cakes.

Please deliver items for sale to the hall from 12 pm on the day or call 488739 for collection. Clear labelling of each plant makes them easier to sell. We can only accept cash as payment.

Our Churchyards...

A Feast for a Queen

As spring unfolds, queen bumblebees awaken from their hibernation, seeking out the delicate pollen and nectar of early-blooming flowers. Distinguished by their larger size and shaggier appearance compared to other bees, bumblebees boast superior adaptation to cold climates, making them the first buzzing heralds of spring. The queen bee will meticulously scout for dry sanctuaries to establish a nest—be it a vole hole, the base of a grass tussock or crevices in a stone chest tomb. Within these dry nooks she creates a thimble-sized waxen pot and fills it with a precious concoction of pollen, nectar, and eggs which initiates the summer cycle.

The old English word for bumblebee is 'dumbledore' and in the United Kingdom, 24 bumblebee species exist, yet only eight are commonly encountered. 18 species of bumblebees species are social species – living in nests of up to 400 individuals. Unlike honeybees they do not swarm, only the queen can sting, and a nest only lasts one season. They can beat their wings up to 200 times per second!

Churchyards, cemeteries and gardens can be sanctuaries for bumblebees, with many dry nesting opportunities and an array of bulbs and blossoms. Species of bumblebees with long tongues can enjoy deeper flowers like foxglove, while those with shorter tongues need short, open flowers, with nectar within easy reach such as dandelions and crocus. Take a leisurely stroll on a warm day, and behold the bustling activity of these industrious pollinators!

Nature in Our Churchyards

As the weather warms and we get more sunshine, our Churchyards are beginning to bloom even more - the Primroses are still flowering, Ox-Eye Daisies are shooting up, Crow Garlic stalks are proliferating, see how many other flowers you can spot and let us know.

Churchyard Working Party

Despite just 7 volunteers on April 19th, we successfully completed the priority tasks. The next three month's Churchyard Working Party dates are Friday: 17 May; 21 June; and 19 July. All are welcome so come and join us and we will find a task to suit you - we supply tools. We start around 10.00 and finish between 12.00 and 13.00 with a coffee break at 11.00 ... biscuits and/or cake as well!

If Fridays don't work for you but you would like to help, please let us know and we can find you a suitable task or two. Six of the Churchyard benches need sanding and re-varnishing - if you think this is something you could do (it needn't be all six!) please let us know.

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

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

Our Churchyards...

If you have family laid to rest at All Saints, please can you help to keep the churchyard a special place and join the Churchyard Parish Giving Scheme.

To contribute, please call 0333 002 1271 and ask for the All Saints EB Churchyard Scheme no. 150 615 005/A to arrange a direct debit.

You can make a donation on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. Perhaps an annual donation on their birthday or yours, or even at Christmas.

All Saints churchyard is a haven of solace and it is our turn to ensure it stays that way.

Thank you from the PCC, All Saints East Budleigh

Boundary between Southernhay and the Public Footpath leading to the Recreation Ground

Thank you to everyone for your patience whilst we replaced our old chain link fence, concrete posts and the ivy-covered fence and removed some non-specimen trees (male holly with no berries, elder, hazel and bay-laurel), from within our garden, to create a new boundary between our garden and the Public Footpath. Thanks also to the Parish Council for its support and allowing us to replace the broken kissing gate and fix the handrail.

A huge thank you to everyone who stopped for a chat about: the size of the project; the couple doing the work for us; and the overall improvements. Rob, Kate and we certainly appreciated the very positive feedback.

In answer to a frequent question, the work was completed by Hartnell Gardens (www.hartnellgardens.co.uk) who undertake garden development and maintenance. Rob trained at Bicton College and has more than 20 years' experience - he was very empathetic in helping us develop the scheme and executing the work.

We have planted 152 bare root mixed thornless hedging trees consisting of nine native species: *Salix Alba*, *Conus Sanguinea*; *Viburnum opulus*; *Fagus Sylvatica*; *Fagus purpurea*; *Acer campestre*; *Corylus avellane*; *Viburnum lantana*; and *Euonymus europaeus*. Once the hedge has grown taller and bushed out in about two to three years, we will remove the bamboo screening and support structure to provide a more natural environment.

A couple of things that we learnt: the holly and bay-laurel grew into and subsumed some of the chain link fence and a gate, and caused a concrete post to fracture; and once the elder had been cut down below ground level, the roots continued to seep liquid, hence it looked like there was a pipe leak at the top end of the footpath. Isn't nature wonderful!

Penny and Paul Kurowski

The Conant 400 Club and the
East Budleigh History Group invite you to our

ELIZABETHAN EVENING

An East Budleigh Community Event

on 18th May at
East Budleigh Village Hall
7.00 for 7.30

Price £25 to include a four-course meal with
mulled cider on arrival and a shot of mead with
the cheese course, entertainment featuring
a magician from The Magic Circle, a themed quiz
and a raffle with exciting prizes.

Additional information: Costumes not required
although you may wish to dress in Elizabethan style
(committee members will play their part). A knife and
hand wipes will be provided with the meal but the
challenge is to eat with your fingers as they did in those
days. A donation of £1 for charity will secure you a fork.

**Tickets are available from the Village Shop
and by e-mail, either from**

Stan Roberts (stanmroberts@gmail.com) or
Bonnie Blackwell (bonniesyon@yahoo.co.uk)

MAY MAGIC IN EAST BUDLEIGH

Top tier Magic Circle magician **Damian Surr** will be performing for one night only **at the Elizabethan Evening** community event on Saturday 18th May, 7pm for 7.30 start at the **Village Hall**.



Damian is a multi-award-winning, previous Magic Circle Magician of the Year and will be mingling amongst guests to entertain, amaze, intrigue and generally baffle with his extraordinary talents.

If you'd like to see something memorable and unique in the village, you can book tickets for a full evening of fun, food, magic and entertainment.

There's an Elizabethan menu, a selection of drinks, a quiz and a raffle with donations from profits to Millwater School and Médecine Sans Frontières.

**Tickets are £25 and available from the Village Shop
or online from stanmroberts@gmail.com and bonnieyon@yahoo.co.uk**

EAST BUDLEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

The East Budleigh History Society is joining with the Conant 400 Group in putting on the Elizabethan Evening in the Village Hall.

East Budleigh is unusual and maybe unique in having two historical figures in the village who are associated with the Americas, but did you know:

That Sir Walter Raleigh never himself set foot in North America, even though the capital of North Carolina is named after him. He did go to South America though, which ended badly for him!

That Roger Conant founded a settlement which eventually became Salem Massachusetts, but he can't be blamed for the association that the town has with witches, because the infamous witch trials happened years after he died. Unfortunately though, his statue there makes him look a bit like some kind of wizard, and stands in front of the Witch Museum!

Also, that there is no connection between Salem in the US and the Salem Chapel in East Budleigh. Roger Conant would have attended All Saints Church, where his father, (like Walter Raleigh's father before him), was a churchwarden. Roger Conant left England in 1623, and the Salem Chapel was not built until 1719, as a place of worship for Dissenters or Nonconformists, who did not want to belong to the Church of England. Salem can mean "peace" or relate to other biblical references including Jerusalem.

Come to the Elizabethan Evening and to the History Society meetings and learn more about our fascinating local history! Next meeting Monday 29 April at 1.30 pm in the SWR Pub.



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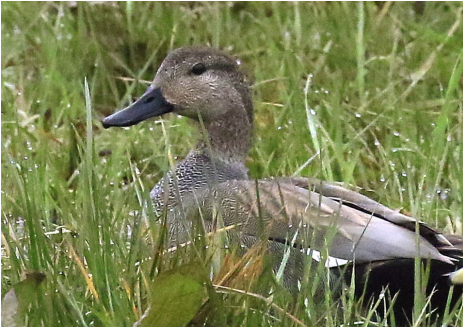
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50th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

25TH MAY 2024 - ST PETER'S CHURCH

The Budleigh Salterton Male Voice Choir will start the celebration of their 50th Year with a Concert at St Peter's Church on Saturday 25th May at 7.00pm and their special guests for the evening are the Exeter University Singers.



On the 8th May 1974, Pam Jones, her husband Ivor and 5 others had a meeting, which resulted in the first practice taking place on 10th September, when 18 members attended. By January 1975, there were 31 members, and the first major concert was held at the Exmouth Pavilion on 13th July to a packed house.

This was the birth of the highly regarded Budleigh Salterton Male Voice Choir, which continues to perform regularly, raising money for local and national charities, while entertaining numerous concert goers. In March 2024 the Choir won 3 cups at the Torbay Music Festival.

Since January 2023 the Choir have been holding rehearsals each Tuesday at 7.00pm in East Budleigh Village Hall and would welcome the interest of any potential new members to come along and join us. No audition is required. Singing is very good for your health and is a means of meeting new friends.

Tickets for the Concert on 25th May at St Peter's are £12. Available from www.budleighmvc.co.uk or from THE CARD SHOP TOO, 3 High Street or cash on the door on the night.

EAST BUDLEIGH WITH BICTON WOMENS' INSTITUTE

Did you know that Exeter Red Coat Guides come out and give talks? At our April meeting we had an interesting talk from one of them, John Davidson, about the coming of the railways to Exeter and our local area, and the impact they had.

Our next WI meeting in the Village Hall is on Thursday 9th May at 2pm. This is our AGM, following which we have some fizz, and fun! In June we will have our annual outing, to Seaton Tramway.

Our meetings are on the second Thursday of each month (but not June or September) in East Budleigh Village Hall at 2pm and finish around 4pm. We also meet up for a sociable coffee morning (or occasionally a lunch) in a local café once a month. We are always happy to see visitors, so do come along and enjoy a meeting with us – you may decide to join!

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



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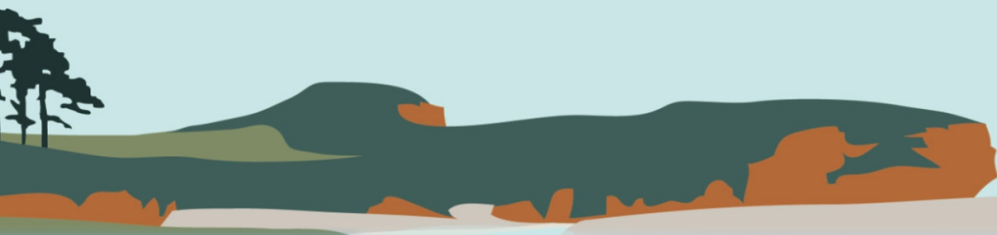
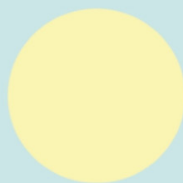
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Open letter from the SWR Committee

As we enter the third year of our community owning the SWR we would like to start by saying a big Thank You to all of you that use your pub and Walts, and especially to the volunteers who give up their spare time to help. Without you, we would not be in the position we are in...OPEN.

Since the community took ownership of the pub, two years ago, there has been significant unexpected capital outlay. We have had to replace every piece of equipment in the kitchen, install a fire alarm system, and deal with leaks due to old pipework. It has been necessary to refurbish the flat above the pub as it was more or less uninhabitable, as well as dealing with the energy and the cost-of-living crisis. This has had a massive impact on profitability, but even after all of that, we are on course to have a successful Year 3, as planned, and we hope you all enjoy taking part.

As a committee we are focused on both balancing the community aspect of owning the pub, providing community events, and making sure the whole community is welcome, plus running a viable business and being responsible to all of the shareholders who have invested in the project. Many people are working incredibly hard to achieve both objectives, and we know that is understood by most in our community.

Looking at where we are now, compared to two years ago, we think that everyone involved has done the best job possible, with some brilliant times had by many, especially with our music and quiz nights, our community supper and scrabble mornings plus an often busy restaurant. All this in a really difficult time for the hospitality industry. However, we are also aware that not all the feedback given has been as we would hope.

Your committee remains positive. Not only have we survived when so many other pubs have closed, we have won a coveted AA rosette, been included in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide, won TripAdvisor accolades, and will soon we feature in Devon Life, who want to write an article about our success.

Of course, not everyone is as positive about what we've achieved and to quote George Clooney "everyone has an opinion, and has the right to voice it,". Over the past two years we have listened to an enormous amount of feedback both positive and negative. Please be assured we take this seriously and act on all of the feedback that is practical and balance the community and business aspects of running the pub and cafe. Have we made mistakes.... yes of course, so when you provide feedback, please do so direct to us - whether to highlight positive experiences, or to suggest areas for development.

Overall, we do hope you agree that your pub has made huge improvements over the last two years and made a big impact on the social fabric of our village. Please support the Sir Walter Raleigh Community Pub in any way you can and use the feedback forms in the pub in a constructive way. A member of the committee will always be happy to discuss your thoughts.

Thanks again for everyone's hard work and fabulous support from the village. We have an amazing local pub and café that are the envy of nearby communities.

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East Budleigh Community Shop

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NEWS FROM YOUR SHOP

A big thank you to all our customers for bearing with us lately as we change our supplier for fresh fruit and veg. We thought it would be helpful to explain what is happening and the changes that this means for both you and your shop.

Our previous supplier gave up this round and when we looked around, we couldn't find anyone else who could supply pre-weighed and packed items for us. This has had some great consequences and a little inconvenience. We are now getting a daily delivery (on weekdays) from Westcountry, who have supplied our milk for some time. Most of their produce is unwrapped with just a few items in punnets (eg blueberries and cherry tomatoes) and we are bagging some items for sale such as new potatoes (300g) and carrots (500g). Most other items are sold singly, such as bananas, lemons, baking potatoes, apples etc. This has enabled us to drastically reduce our plastic packaging, which we know customers will welcome.

We have to juggle ease of sale for our volunteers and best solutions for our customers and this is where we have settled for now. This means that all the fruit, vegetables and salad are coming in daily as fresh as we can possibly get! Our stock will be smaller but if you would like anything else just let us know the day before and we can get any amount for you from Monday to Friday. In an emergency we can even order before 11.00am and have it in for you that afternoon. This is great, as previously we were having just one delivery per week so stock had to last a lot longer and this inevitably led to a high wastage rate on some items.

One inconvenience is that buying every day from a wholesaler, the prices are variable and so we are having to adjust cost against setting price daily. We can't, therefore, guarantee a particular price on a product and so you will need to check if it concerns you before you buy or at the till. I hope this helps explain things but as always, if you have any questions, do come and ask one of us in the office.

One final note on our butchers and we are delighted that The Butchers @ Topsham are back with us (the butcher is the same chap that worked for Arthur's and he has taken on the business). He is delivering meats, flans, turnovers and pasties on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and he's even managed to reduce -yes, reduce, the price of the pasties! Fantastic news!

Thank you for sticking with us. We really appreciate your business. Keep buying local and keep supporting your village shop!

Mel, Anne, Clive and Sally.

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Our Parent and Toddler group is now taking place on Tuesdays, 9.30-11.00am. The children get to take part in a range of activities including; messy play, riding bikes, role play and much more. Come along for some fun, play and a warm welcome.

The children's Ethos group have been tidying the school grounds along with the village and were given litter pickers by the local Lion's Club. They were also involved in setting competitions for Red Nose Day and World Book Day.

TESCO Running until 30th June, Drake's School will be one of the three Stronger Starts options in Tesco stores for funding towards our new school playground. Please pick up a blue token each time you visit Tesco and put it in our pot and spread the word to family and friends to support us. Thank you in advance! Below is the list of stores we will be in;

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Also: Drakes PTFA will be once again running the popular chocolate bingo as part of the Budleigh Salterton Lions Gala Week. The Bingo event will be at the Town Hall on Saturday 1st June. More information to follow, or get in touch on drakesptfaeb@gmail.com

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BUDLEIGH SALTERTON LIONS CLUB



Budleigh Salterton Lions Club will soon be holding their annual 'Gala Week' event commencing on Saturday 25th May ending on Sunday 2nd June. Gala Week is a great opportunity for the local community and visitors to Budleigh Salterton to have lots of fun and raise lots of money for local charities and good causes.

The Budleigh Salterton Lions Club Gala event started in 1982, originally it was only a 'Gala Weekend'. Over time as more Charities and local organisations wanted to be involved it developed and became the 'Gala Week' that we know now (although it actually lasts 9 days so that the Lions can accommodate everybody who wants to take part!).

The Gala Week Programme will be on sale soon for just £1 in lots of local shops in the town and at the village shops in East Budleigh and Otterton. The programme contains all the times and details of the various events and has the entry form for the famous and legendary 'Spot the Stranger' competition.

On Saturday 25th May the week begins with the Gala Week Fete on the Green, the 'big bumper breakfast' in aid of Cancer Research UK, afternoon cream teas in aid of Force Cancer, finishing with the 50th anniversary concert featuring the Budleigh Salterton Male Voice Choir and the Exeter University Singers.

On Sunday 2nd June in addition to the usual Family Treasure Hunt the Lions (in conjunction with EMATS - Event Medical, Ambulance & Training Services) will be offering free Diabetes checks in the Public Hall from 10am until 4pm (information for booking will be in the Gala Week Programme). There are lots of other events and competitions throughout the week including the children's pavement artist competition, pebble building competition, coffee morning in aid of the RNLI, a horse racing evening, the Budleigh Runners 'Pebble Dash' fun run, dog show, barn dance, big band evening, art exhibition, pudding night, bingo evening, children's cycle competition and many more finishing with the Lions quiz night on Sunday 2nd June at the Feathers Hotel.

On behalf of all the members of our Lions Club, thank you to everyone, including local businesses, who donate to and support our appeals, buy our raffle tickets, and attend our events. If we didn't have the support of our local community, we just wouldn't be able to do what we do; your contributions are greatly appreciated.

If there is any Charity or other organisation that wishes to take part in Gala Week 2025 then please get in touch with us via our website.

Budleigh Salterton Lions Club was established in 1980. There are currently 44 members, men and women who live in Budleigh, East Budleigh, Otterton and Exmouth.

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Thursday 2 May – 10.00am – 5.9 miles – approx. 3 hours.

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Take the B3165 Crewkerne road off the A35 at Hunters Lodge. Travel for at least 2 miles then turn right at Portobello X (two white gates/fences just after turning) then you are on the right road for the car park.

The walk is around Chapernhayes, Wootton Fitzpaine, Coney's Castle, Fishpond Bottom, Wootton Hill.

Bring a flask as there will be a coffee stop

Walk Leaders: Paul and Fran Dike 07977 057546 0129720695

Wednesday 22 May – 2.15pm – 1.5 hours. Booking required

'Topsham Guided Walking Tour'

Meet: Darts Farm CP 1.45pm.

Tour starts Homan Way CP at 2.15pm.

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A donation of £3 per person is requested and we will finish the tour at Topsham Museum where you can visit or indulge in a cream tea in the lovely garden.

Booking required to enable the Museum to have sufficient tour guides available.

To book, please email: Jane Connick at walks@ova.org.uk

Week commencing 26 May – 10.00am – 5.5 miles. 3 hours (check programme nearer the time for the date)

'Otter and Coast'

Meet: The Green, Fore Street, Otterton. Parking in nearby roads (OS115, SY 081 852); [what3words ///ranted.fork.prune](https://www.what3words.com/what3words///ranted.fork.prune)

The classic route via Stantway Farm, Brandy Head, the White Bridge and the Otter, but not necessarily in that order. The river section is flat, whilst the coast path is a bit hilly but not too steep. We will pause on the coastal section for coffee, so bring a flask.

Walk Leader: Ross Hussey: rdandamhussey22@gmail.com or 01395 227991.

Mobile for contact on the day only: 07902 255915

Tuesday 4 June – 10.00am - 5 miles – 3 hours.

'Knapp Copse Circular'

Meet: Knapp Copse car park (OS 115, SY155 957)

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Booking required. Contact the walk leader if you wish to car share.

Walk Leader: Jon Roseway 01395 488739 / 07887 936280

Monday 24 June – 10.00 am. Limited group size

'Silver-studded blue butterflies'. Booking required

The main aim of the walk is to try and spot silver-studded blues. They are most likely to be on the wing from mid-June to mid-July. They are a small butterfly only found on a limited number of sites across England. They have a complex life cycle and are easily missed, especially the females which are brown and tend to be static, waiting for males to find them.

They are fairly frail flyers and don't like windy days. We would hope to see several other heathland butterflies as well.

The walk will be led by Lesley Kerry who recently retired from monitoring the silver-studded blue for The Pebblebed Heaths. She was co-ordinating volunteers and has been reviewing habitats and collecting information on silver-studded blues for many years before retiring from the role. She will be assisted by Geoff Porter who is the Natural Environment representative for the OVA.

We aim to repeat the walk on Tuesday 9 July and both dates are weather dependant.

The size of the group will be limited and we will maintain a 'reserve' list.

To book: please email: walks@ova.org.uk indicating which date you prefer, bookings open Monday 27 May for both dates and parking information will be given when a booking is confirmed.

Wednesday 26 June – approx. 5 miles

'St Boniface Way' – Stage One – approximately 5 miles.

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Stage One is from Crediton to Newton St Cyres and is around 5 miles.

Stage Two from Newton St Cyres to Exeter Cathedral is around 8 miles.

There are some hills and some road walking, especially in Stage Two, but it is mostly easy walking. Please see the website for more information nearer the time on accurate distances and more information on timing, start point, parking, buses and refreshment points.

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Writing this in the middle of April, it's been another month of weather highs and lows, with regards to rainfall, temperature, and wind. Whilst constantly wittering on about the weather may seem like just adhering to the ultimate British stereotype, the elements do have a fundamental effect on our work. As Spring begins to creep back, along with some familiar ornithological faces, we have begun our breeding bird surveys. From about March until June, we make 3 to four visits, breaking up Aylesbeare and Harpford commons into four blocks. We record all bird species but we especially track the heathland species like the Dartford warbler, the stonechat, linnets and yellowhammers. Unfortunately, due to their stature and choice of habitat (that is, exposed heath with only a few trees for shelter), these little fellows are far more susceptible to weather; thus windy, rainy, and unseasonably cold mornings make for fruitless surveying, and so far this year our windows of opportunity have been few and far between.

On favourable days, we start at 6am, recording all birds from song, call or sight. It can take many hours, but is also some of the most rewarding work we do, and serves as a good reminder for why we labour away on the reserve the rest of the year. There is nothing quite like seeing the early sun's rays catch the vibrant reds and chestnuts of a male Dartford Warbler in breeding plumage, as he declares sovereignty over his particular gorse bush, or seeing a flock of linnets, with their distinctive notched tails, silhouetted against the pale morning sky. Though it may be hard to believe out on the common, Linnets are a red listed species, with their numbers falling by almost 60% from 1970 to 2014, and are still in decline according to the latest BTO Breeding Bird Survey. Thus seeing these finches, although not the most colourful bird to look at, always sparks some excitement for me, and counting up to 30 individuals on surveys brings a sense of hope.

The RSPB staff team, with our residential volunteers, surveys our main reserve and we have a wonderful group of survey volunteers who cover our other sites, some of whom have been doing so for many years. On the subject of volunteers, as many of you will know, we couldn't do what we do without their help, and over the coming year we would like to make a push to encourage more people to join our volunteering team, especially the practical side of things and the work parties. Our mid-week volunteer work parties can be satisfyingly hard work, with a lovely group of people, and it might sometimes feel like the sunny days make up for the rainy ones but, in truth, the rainiest and wettest days can make for the most long-lasting anecdotes! At this time of year, a day spent working on the reserve, people come across caterpillars and beetles and butterflies and flowers that can be overlooked on a walk.

We'd love to welcome new people to our groups on a Wednesday and a Thursday, and in many ways the best way to get involved is to get in touch and we can invite you out to see if it's for you.

Last but not least, we want to let you know that Vlad, our estate worker of the last nearly 17 years and a familiar face to all regular visitors to Aylesbeare common, has finally retired from the RSPB! His input especially with the pony grazing, and an impressive tally of hours in the tractor, has had a huge impact on the heaths and we are extremely grateful and lucky to have worked with him. There isn't a lot Vlad can't mend after some tinkering and resourcefulness, but his way with the ponies is where he stands alone. As well as so much tractor driving, he's also made sure our machinery is well maintained and it will be hard to replace him, but that's what we need to do, and we are now looking for someone to fill this vital role for the reserve. If you or anyone you know is looking for a unique opportunity like this, please do get in touch with us to discuss further. But Vlad will be sticking around for work at certain key times over the next year so he's not completely said goodbye yet.

Please email aylesbeare.common@rspb.org.uk if you would like to know more about volunteering or joining our staff team.

Fiona Daggett

Easter Flower Displays in All Saints



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Thursday 2nd	9.30			Morning Prayer
Sunday 5th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
Sunday 5th	9.30		Holy Communion	
Sunday 5th	10.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 5th	11.00			Morning Prayer
Tuesday 7th	9.30		Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 8th	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 9th	9.30			Morning Prayer
Sunday 12th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
Sunday 12th	9.30		Holy Communion	
Sunday 12th	10.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 12th	11.00			Holy Communion
Sunday 12th	18.00	Choral Evensong		
Tuesday 14th	9.30		Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 15th	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 16th	9.30			Morning Prayer
Sunday 19th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
Sunday 19th	9.30		Holy Communion	
Sunday 19th	10.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 19th	11.00			Holy Communion
Tuesday 21st	9.30		Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 22nd	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 23rd	9.30			Morning Prayer
Sunday 26th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
Sunday 26th	9.30		Holy Communion	
Sunday 26th	10.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 26th	11.00			Holy Communion
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