

PARISH NEWS

The magazine for
Burlescombe & Westleigh
Hockworthy
Holcombe Rogus



JUNE 2020

Perfidium

after William Blake

And were these fields in ancient time
Grazed by our forebears' flocks of sheep?
And were there blossomed apple groves
Where now reversing lorries bleep?

And daily did the sun arise
Upon sweet coombes of gold and green?
And was Perfidium dreamt of here
When only Nature could be seen?

Bring me my stock of metric bricks:
Bring me my pallets of cement:
O vans unload: O mixers mix!
Bury the neighbours who dissent!

I will not rest from building cheap,
Nor shall my cheque book leave my hand
Till we have raised Perfidium
On England's churned and plundered land.

Jeff Vinter

This month's poem offers some light relief. I must admit that the poem might raise blood pressure due to its subject matter, but first try to sing it to Sir Hubert Parry's rousing melody. My question is this: 'Can you keep a straight face as you start to sing the words to verse 3?' After that, you might like to write to the nearest house builder and enquire why the appearance of so much affordable housing resembles small prison blocks. I suspect that this poem has the potential to 'go viral' (not the most appropriate metaphor at this time) and I certainly have no objection to readers sharing it with family and friends; but, if you wish to publish it in any form, do please ask first for my permission (jeffrey.vinter@gmail.com). I will not withhold consent without good reason, but a few years ago had the unpleasant experience of finding a piece of my work pirated by a commercial organisation and sold for profit. To close on a sweeter note, may you and all those whom you love stay safe during this difficult time. JV

Cover pic: The best oak in Devon by John McIlwain

LATEST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH NEWS
The 10th of the preceding month

Editor's Note

Your parish magazine is on-line again this month, due to distribution problems during lockdown. We are still printing some hard copies for those who are not on the internet, which will be available (free) in South Street, Holcombe Rogus, at the Fenton Farm stall, at the post office in Holcombe Garage, in the telephone box in Westleigh, the Spar shop in Sampford Peverell, Buscombe Dairy in Burlescombe, in the gateway of The Bungalow, Burlescombe and the gateway of Churchbarns, Hockworthy. If you know of anyone who would like a printed copy, please do let them know where they can be picked up.

As I write, on 16th May, it looks as though lockdown is beginning to be relaxed in England, but we can't afford to be complacent, as four days ago it was reported that "a small number" of workers at the 2 Sisters chicken factory in Willand have tested positive for Covid 19. Cases in the south west still seem to be lower than in the rest of the country, and we would like to keep it that way!

Although we didn't manage to have our VE Day 75 street parties, we still celebrated, with bunting everywhere and social distancing tea parties all over the place. Steve and I settled down to an afternoon in the sun, listening to Glen Miller on the record player, glass in hand. As someone said, the next time the bunting will come out will be to celebrate the end of this horrible virus.

In the meantime, the sun is shining, the lambs are gambolling, the birds are feeding their fledglings and summer is on the way!

Keep safe everyone.

Sally



BURLESCOMBE & WESTLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council held its first virtual meeting in May, which was a new way for many, of doing things. Although times are generally quieter at the moment, the Parish Council is still working behind the scenes. The end of year accounts have been completed and approved by the Parish Council and the accounts have been formally audited by an independent auditor.

Depending on the current restrictions, the PC may hold its next meeting virtually but we will wait until nearer the time.

If you feel there is anything I can help you with then please feel free to contact me in the usual ways: 01884 820487 or clerk@burlescombe-pc.gov.uk

Keep well everyone.

Sue Jarvis

For and on behalf of Burlescombe Parish Council.

PRODUCE AVAILABLE LOCALLY

Buscombe Herd Dairy, Burlescombe

As well as beautiful milk, Buscombe Dairy is selling butter, bread, fruit and veg.

Open 8.00 am - 7.00 pm.



Parish Mag May Quiz by Peter Walter - Answers

The prize is the satisfaction of thinking you're brighter than anyone else!!

Local

1. In what year was Burlescombe School opened? 1859
2. Who was Kerrenhappuch who is memorialised in All Saints Church? Locally and biblically. *In real life one of the Bluett family. In the bible the third daughter of Jonah. I wonder what her friends called her?*
3. In what year was Tiverton Parkway Station opened? 1986
4. How many Borden Gate parish councillors are elected by Hockworthy voters? 5
5. Which order of monks first occupied Canonsleigh Abbey? *Augustinian*
6. How many TALL arches are there at Waytown lime kilns? 3

General

7. Who wrote the lyrics of the song Old Man River? *P G Wodehouse*
8. How tall is The Shard? *306.9m. 1016ft*
9. Who was Prime Minister 4 times in the nineteenth century? *W E Gladstone*
10. Where are the Islets of Langerhans? *In the pancreas*



Swans and seven cygnets (down from eight) seem to be happily ensconced in the Burlescombe/ Westleigh area.

Pic by Jayne Neale

ST. MARY'S, BURLESCOMBE

Westleigh United Reformed Church

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For news of on-line services, readings etc see pages 44 & 45

BURLESCOMBE & WESTLEIGH COMMUNITY HALL

Well, this month's news for the hall is going to be a short read! The hall has remained closed and much as we would like to have found a way to open in some form for the community it just has not been possible for us to do so and stay within the rules set out by the government to keep us all safe. I write this on the weekend of the expected announcement by Boris Johnson regarding the possible lifting of some of the restrictions so maybe by next month's edition I may have some kind of positive news, or at least be able to make some future plans to work towards. Fingers crossed!

In the meantime while the hall is empty and there are no bookings to disrupt we have taken the opportunity to have someone in to make some improvements to our storeroom and to install a cupboard to safeguard the new audio visual system. We have also had the boiler serviced. Ian has been busy keeping the outside weed free and neat looking and I have been wielding the strimmer so that when we do finally welcome you all back to the hall we will be looking our best. And I can assure you that all work carried out in the hall has been completed with social distancing!

It's been heartwarming to see all the individuals in the community working together and finding ways of keeping up spirits, helping each other out and keeping the children entertained with scarecrows and fairy trails in Park Woods.

Stay safe everyone, carry on helping each other and I look forward to hopefully bringing a slightly more hopeful message of reopening next month.

Well, that didn't turn out as short a read as I first thought!

Cliff Taylor
Chairman

Burlescombe Produce Market

After such an amazingly successful launch it was so disappointing to have had to postpone the market after only the second one in February. However I am keeping in regular touch with all of our sellers (and a couple of new ones) and they will all be ready and waiting for you at the hall as soon as we are able to relaunch.

And it really is just a postponement - the market and your support will be needed more than ever by all the local small producers who have struggled throughout these last few months with no, or extremely limited, outlets for their products.

It has been lovely to see our very own Buscombe Dairy bustling with locals and they have done a magnificent job of keeping us provided with some fresh basics and providing a delivery service to those in need - all of which goes to prove that as much as we show local producers our support by buying locally those same local producers are supporting the community that supports them.

What's not to love about keeping it local! See you at back at the Community Hall as soon as we are safely able.

Emily Pearson



VE Day in Burlescombe
pic from Michael Barrett on Facebook

WALKING GROUP

Obviously **all walks are cancelled for the time being**. I will contact everyone once restrictions have been lifted. In the meantime keep safe and well. I look forward to when we can meet up again.



Hopeful dates for later in 2020 are as follows:

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|---------------------------|----------|---------------|
| June 18th | Thursday | 7.00pm |
| July 16th | Thursday | 7.00pm |
| August 20 th | Thursday | 7.00pm |
| September 17th | Thursday | 6.15pm |
| October 18th | Sunday | 2.00pm |
| November 15 th | Sunday | 2.00pm |

WALK AND ANNUAL LUNCH

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| January 17 th 2021 | Sunday | 12.00 |
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Please contact me if you would like to find out more about our walks.
Phone no.: 01823 672905, email: s.larsen355@gmail.com.

Everyone is welcome. We are not an organisation; we have no committee or membership fees. Just come along. It does mean that we do not have public liability insurance and so we all take responsibility for ourselves. Please wear sensible footwear.

SL



WESTLEIGH WEATHER REPORT

APRIL 2020

The monthly rainfall was 36.8 mm/1.4 ins

This was 62% of the ten year average of 59 mm/2.3 ins

The maximum 24 hr rainfall was 7.0 mm/0.3 ins. On 16/4/20

There were 22 days without rainfall

Temperature Averages:

Historical average: High: 11.4°C/52°F

Low: 3.8°C/39°F

Actual average: High: 17.9°C/64°F

Low: 6.8°C/44°F

April rainfall in previous years was:

2019 62mm/ 2.4ins

2018 73mm/2.9 ins

2017 39mm/1.5 ins

2016 22mm/0.9 ins

2015 23mm/0.9 ins

Temperature

Maximum

Day: 27.0°C/80°F on 11/4/20

Night: 10.1°C/50°F on 7/4/20

Minimum

10.1°C/50°F on 28/4/20

1.3°C/34°F on 13/4/20

Wind

Maximum Gust---23 mph Force 5 – Fresh Breeze at 12.42 p.m. on 19/4/20

The average temperatures this month are what we normally expect in June!!

Report compiled by Peter Bostock

Sampford Peverell Historic Vehicle Gathering

It is with a very heavy heart that I have to announce the cancellation of this year's event.

I had been waiting until the last minute and for government advice but the lockdown hasn't eased enough for a social gathering such as this which is known for its small family friendly environment.

Please keep safe and well and hope to see all of you next year!

Lindy Astbury, Secretary - Sampford Peverell Historic Vehicles



THE BURLESCOMBE AND WESTLEIGH HISTORY GROUP



As I am sure is the same for each one of our local clubs and societies, there is little to report this month.

With our April and May meetings cancelled, we have now decided we need to cancel the June walk as well. Let us hope restrictions are lifted enough for us to enjoy a little more local history by July.

We will keep in touch to confirm (or cancel) arrangements a little nearer the time.

Here are last month's quiz answers:

The Great Fire of London – 1666, The sinking of the Titanic -1912, The Charge of the Light Brigade – 1854, The Mutiny on the Bounty – 1789, The Spanish Armada – 1588.

Captain Webb was the first person to swim the English Channel.

Alcock and Brown were the first to fly an aeroplane non-stop across the Atlantic Ocean (others had flown it before, in airships).

Roald Amundson was the leader of the first party to reach the South Pole.

Captain Thomas Blood successfully stole the Crown Jewels in 1671.

The six Mitford sisters were; Nancy, Pamela, Diana, Unity, Jessica (Decca) and Deborah.

How did you do? Here are a few more questions, answers next month.

Part 1

What links the following?

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|----|-------------------|----|---------------|----|-----------------|
| a) | Gonville Bromhead | b) | Lt. Bowers | c) | Albert Einstein |
| | Jack Cornwell | | Dr Wilson | | Lewis Carroll |
| | Guy Gibson | | Captain Oates | | Barack Obama |
| | Sam Browne | | P. O. Evans | | Paul McCartney |

Part 2

When did the following begin?

The Seven Years' War, The War of Jenkins' Ear, The Boxer Rebellion, The Indian Mutiny, The French Revolution, The Russian Revolution

Part 3

Put the following in order:

Cruiser, Destroyer, Corvette, Battleship, Frigate
Major, General, Captain, Colonel, Lieutenant
Viscount, Marquess, Baron, Duke, Earl
Division, Regiment, Company, Battalion, Brigade

Part 4

Describe the following weapons:

Pike, Poignard, Spontoon, Coehorn, Halberd, Fusil, Caltrop.

If you would like any more information please call me on 01823 672675 or email higginsrcl@yahoo.co.uk.

Robert Higgins

2020 Programme – unless stated, all meetings start at 7:30 p.m. in the U.R.C Hall, Westleigh

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|---------------------------------|---|---|
| 22 nd July 2020 | Summer outing to Smeatharpe Heritage Centre | |
| 26 th August 2020 | Open Forum | Unusual stories |
| 23 rd September 2020 | Jamie Byron | Devon and the Transatlantic Slave Trade |
| 28 th October 2020 | Open Forum | Us in the 1960s |
| 25 th November 2020 | John Young | Edward Young - Anthropologist |



THE VALLEY PARTNERSHIP

The Federation between Webber's and
Burlescombe Church of England Primary Schools



Dear Readers,

I do hope you are all still keeping well. Both schools are still closed at the time of writing this article, the exception being that we continue to provide full time child-care cover for our key workers and vulnerable children. This is based at Webber's School but involves all the Valley Partnership staff one way or another.

I would like to thank the huge effort made by parents helping the children with their home learning in this difficult time. They have helped them produce some lovely pieces of work and I think we will have a new generation of children who absolutely love walking and cycling as they have spent many hours with their families in their endeavours to keep fit and busy.

I would also like to thank our Sampford Peverell Team Ministry, in particular, Robin, for the lovely weekly services aimed at the children. We have enjoyed listening to his broadcasts and they have given all our families and staff much to ponder on.

If you visit our websites and look under **Children** and then **Home Learning**, you will find out the many tasks we have set the children each week. Maths and English have been the headline morning subjects each week for all children. It has been important to keep up with reading, spelling and phonics work. I think perhaps the hardest task for many has been the writing but everyone has persevered and we have read some amazing diaries and stories. In the afternoons there has been a range of things set including mindfulness and yoga. Key Stage 2, (juniors) their science investigations have been looking at growth rates and also identification of plants and their unique qualities. In Menu homework, which is geography/history based, this has been on a Greek theme, with cooking and making things high on the agenda. As for our younger children, they have had a weekly theme from the seaside to exploring other exciting habitats and what you might find there.

We have sadly had to say goodbye to Miss Hawkins from Burlescombe School, who has left in order to widen her skills and experience elsewhere. Miss Hawkins has worked within the Valley Partnership for over 6 ½ years, during which she has also worked at Webber's. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication. In other staff news, I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Hunter will be staying at Webber's in the EYFS and KS1. Mrs Atkins will remain at Webber's School in her part time role, and Miss Ody is delighted to

stay on as Acorns class teacher. I am also very pleased to tell you that Mrs Monk will return in September from her maternity leave in a newly developed role dedicated TVP SENDCo. She will have 2 whole days a week to support our young children and families with additional needs. She will also support our Children in Care (CiC) families too. Exciting times ahead!

I have news of Webber's three hatchling chicks that were pictured in the magazine last time - we think one is a cockerel - if not he has swallowed a squeaky toy 😊! We are just in the process of trying to upload his efforts for you to enjoy! Please check out our website. And as for the Squirrel's Class fish, Miss Clode has reported how well they are doing, so I have asked her to send in some photographs for next time.

As I finish this article, I have just heard that there is a possibility of schools opening in three weeks' time for some year groups; Reception, Year One and Year 6. How this will be managed with the 2-metre social distancing I have yet to work out, but I will keep you posted and don't worry - I will have a 'safety first' plan 😊! It will be lovely to see some of our children again and perhaps we will get to see the others later in the term.

Please, please do take care of yourselves and I will write again next month to let you know what is happening in The Valley Partnership.

Kindest regards,
Deborah Eveleigh, Executive Head Teacher.

www.webbers.devon.sch.uk and www.burlescombe.devon.sch.uk
www.webbersprimary.co.uk and www.burlescombeprimary.co.uk

Contact us: Webber's on 01823 672510, currently Burlescombe school is fully closed.



Burlescombe Woods Fairy Trail

The spring has seen the arrival of a number of magical folk to Burlescombe Woods. Take a stroll along the marked pathway to discover 14 fairy homes and two gnomes, with smaller homes denoted by ribbons on the trees so you know where to hunt. The fairies have been busy during lockdown making improvements to their gardens, with the assistance of human friends from the surrounding villages. Please feel free to add to the trail, but ensure you are using eco friendly, natural materials.

To find the woods head to the railway bridge in Burlescombe, where you'll find an unmarked gate and path just after the bridge on your left if travelling uphill.

Danielle Brown





For more information and updates
follow 'Burlescombe pixies and
fairies' on Facebook.



WESTLEIGH and BURLESCOMBE SCARECROWS

Are there any more out there?



With thanks to
Suzanne Larsen
and Emily Pearson
for the photos

Facebook Community Help Groups

Don't forget that it's worth joining one of the Facebook community help groups - you can get help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, see who has got veg plants to spare, see what's going on locally, and lots more.

You can join Facebook by going to <https://en-gb.facebook.com/>



BORDEN GATE (Hockworthy) PARISH COUNCIL

Council meetings cancelled until further notice, but there may be a Zoom meeting at some point.

ST. SIMON and ST. JUDE, HOCKWORTHY

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Hockworthy News

In the midst of a social lockdown, it is unsurprising that Hockworthy is in partial stasis at the moment. I have managed to speak to a few hardy folk over a wall, at the end of a track, laughing ironically with a tip of my hat, or pausing with a smile as the odd rider and horse pass by, whilst lone cyclists and poets are on the increase. I have found some limited human interaction in the small Spar shop in Sampford Peverell, but overall it has been very quiet of late. As I am not old enough to qualify as 'vulnerable' (only just!), I haven't been able to set up an online shopping account *and* be able to find a delivery slot. It was easy enough to set up the account at Waitrose and Tesco (other supermarkets are available) but getting a delivery slot has been difficult (code for impossible). I did try sitting in front of my PC for two hours refreshing the pages but in the end decided that my food needs are limited, I have a chest freezer full of edible delights, and life is too short to stare relentlessly at a PC in the vain hope that it might just suddenly declare a slot 'available'; in many ways, just appeasing the system in this manner made me want to get up and wander off and Puff seemed to be grateful for the walk.



The Spar in Sampford Peverell has all I need, including the papers, and a short trip in the Daewoo down the back lanes through Uplowman is a pleasant drive anyway, and certainly 'essential' for me. In so doing, I crossed over the North Devon Link Road and stopped on the bridge to see if there was much traffic, and reassuringly it remains quite empty (Photo: noon 10th May). I noticed that the Farm Shop on the way down to the station is also open so in amongst all of this retail carnage, it is good to see that the local shops are 'doing their bit' for the nation. Quite apt really in this month when we have reflected on Victory in Europe, 75 years ago. How ironic that on the 8th May 1945 the country celebrated with street parties, a million people massed in the Mall and Trafalgar Square to see the



King, Queen and Winston Churchill, with much dancing and rejoicing and yet now we are self isolating, alone in many cases, and unable to rejoice about very much.

I did rejoice though when the Borden Gate Parish Council Minutes finally appeared on the Mid Devon Parish web site. I was reminded last month by a helpful response to my comments (HC) that the Minutes had been available on the new

Noticeboard for a while which I had realised – it's not that easy to read them in the rain though, whilst Puff gets bored easily such that he pulls on his lead, and the cars run close by. As it happens, I noticed in the January Minutes that Huntsham has asked for a contribution (£150) to their new defibrillator, following the report by Cllr M Williams in November 2019 that there is a grant for defibrillators from the BHF (British Heart Foundation) which got me thinking. As a man of advancing years, a defibrillator in Hockworthy would be a great idea and the Village Hall would be an obvious choice of location. So, I have done a little research, and of course our very own Parish News lists the locations of the three parish's defibrillators in Holcombe, Burlescombe, and Westleigh. It turns out that Huntsham won't be the only small village in the area that benefits from a defibrillator; in 2019, Stawley Rural Community Initiative received Lottery funding of £7,315 to purchase, install and maintain three defibrillators, sited at the village halls at Ashbrittle and Bathealton, and New House Farm, Kittisford. Add to this that Sampford Peverell has two, whilst Appley also has one, and Hockworthy is starting to look like a 'defibrillator free zone'. Maybe we should start the process now and get our own?

As I write on the 10th May, the Prime Minister has unveiled the next steps for our protracted journey out of lockdown to something less restricted. Hockworthy Music may have to wait a while before the next show, the Village Hall will continue to stand silent, and the streets will remain less busy. In 2015, Bill Gates gave a TED talk that predicted that the next big threat was a pandemic; a virus, not a bomb – turns out he was right. In 2020, he has recently followed this up with an article in the Washington Post and said *'World War II was the defining moment of our parents' generation. In a similar way, the COVID-19 pandemic—the first modern pandemic—will define this era. No one who lives through Pandemic I will ever forget it and it is impossible to overstate the pain that people are feeling now and will continue to feel for years to come. Policymakers will need to make sure that, as the country opens up, the recovery doesn't make inequality even worse than it already is.. There are so many*

heroes to admire right now, including the health workers on the front line. When the world eventually declares Pandemic I over, we will have all of them to thank for it.'

The NHS was born was 5 July 1948. On that day, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, opticians, dentists and hospitals came together for the first time as one giant UK-wide organisation. It was inaugurated when Aneurin "Nye" Bevan, the health minister visited Park Hospital in Davyhulme, Manchester. The newly created health boards took control of 2,751 of Britain's 3,000 hospitals which had previously been run by charities or local authorities and were now nationalised. By the day of the launch 94% of the public were enrolled with the NHS. Previously, many patients had to pay to visit a doctor or stay in hospital, pushing many families into debt but 'free healthcare for all' swept that away.

As the 72nd anniversary of the NHS beckons, one wonders what new initiatives under this Government lie ahead. One thing for certain, the NHS is here to stay.

Stay safe.

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'Ralph Furlong MSc Agric'

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Holcombe Rogus

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ALL SAINTS, HOLCOMBE ROGUS

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GRASS CUTTING

| Week ending | |
|-------------|-------------|
| 6th June | G. Williams |
| 13th June | D. Hiscox |
| 20th June | T. Norman |
| 27th June | R. Snook |

HOLCOMBE ROGUS PARISH COUNCIL

From Adam Pilgrim

Chairman of Holcombe Rogus Parish Council

At the time of writing, our Play Area has to remain closed. I'm sure that there are many youngsters and parents of small children who look forward to being able to get back to using it. The risk of transmitting the virus is greater in the Play Area than in a general open space park since parents and children are likely to be handling the equipment and furniture. Additionally, maintaining the two metre separation is more challenging in that environment.

On the positive side of things, the maintenance continues as normal so that it will be in good order when re-opened. A new picnic bench, more suitable for small people, is being delivered. The Parish Council continues to gather funds to improve the play equipment.

Although Recycling Centres are beginning to be opened, the range of refuse that they will accept is limited. Residents are facing storing increasing amounts of garden and non-hazardous waste. The temptation to burn some of this outdoors is mounting. I'm asking potential "bonfirers" to guard against creating the nuisance of smoke, airborne ashes and embers blowing over neighbours' properties. Watch the wind direction and don't burn unless you are confident that it won't blow over other gardens and houses. Bonfire smoke indoors is unpleasant and quickly impregnates clothes drying outdoors.

Holcombe Rogus Parish Council Meeting

We held our first virtual Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 23rd April, which was very successful and indeed short! For me as the Clerk it will take a bit of time to adapt to scribbling down notes, hosting the meeting and ensuring everyone who needed to speak was heard. My thanks to the patient Councillors and I am sure we will get more practice over the next few months. These meetings will not be held monthly or indeed are required to be on the scheduled days and time but will be when the Councillors are available. This will also apply to planning meetings and indeed our first planning meeting is scheduled for 6th May. The agendas for these meetings will be on our website as we can't guarantee they will be posted on the notice boards. The details for the meetings are included in the agenda and members of the public are most welcome to attend. We are however, restricting the time for questions to two minutes per resident. It would be very helpful if anyone has a particular concern they wish to raise with the Council, the Clerk could be warned in advance so we can have as much information ready as possible.

The Annual Parish meeting and the Annual General Meeting have been cancelled for this year and all Councillors will remain in their posts for this coming year.

The main item for the April meeting was to get the accounts approved and signed before submitting to the external auditor. All documentation will be available to view on the website.

Planning

Decisions taken out of Committee due to lockdown:

20/00438/LBC Listed Building Consent for repairs to roof, chimney, replacement gutters and downpipes and installation of three roof lights at Brinscott - *No objections*

Decisions taken at Planning Meeting on 12th March:

20/00338/ARM Reserved matters for the erection of 2 dwellings at land east of 49 Twitchen was discussed and all details outlining the objections are shown below.

I am writing with our Council's comments on the above planning application which is an application for approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission reference 19/00060 /OUT.

*Our Council **strongly** objects to the development scheme proposed in this application for the following reasons; -*

1. Our Council does not consider that this type of development is appropriate to this rural location on the edge of the Holcombe Rogus Conservation Area and facing a row of cottages some 300 years old.

2. Two 4-bedroom houses with double garages are better suited to a modern housing estate in an urban environment such as Tiverton or Cullompton.

3. The scale of the development with a row of uninterrupted housing and garages and substantial provision for cars and hard standing is not suitable in this location.

4. Our Council considers that the size of the proposed houses needs to be reduced. 3-bedroom cottages with single garages would make the development less obtrusive. In order to break up the continuous line of buildings opposite the cottages it would be helpful if the location of the garage for Plot B is moved to the other side of the Plot B with a possible change in orientation as originally proposed. Block B could then move in a northerly direction. This should help to reduce the overall impact of the development on the existing Twitchen cottages.

5. Our Council is also concerned about the number of car spaces currently being allowed for. The current proposal allows for four cars per house and two additional spaces on the side of the road opposite the entrance to 48 Twitchen. Provision for 10 cars and a possible four cars at 48 Twitchen (where planning permission has recently been granted) is considered excessive and a reduction in the scale of development will enable this number to be reduced, lessen the environmental impact and also meet road safety concerns that have been raised previously with MDDC.

6. We note that there is a plan showing the provision of two car spaces in the front garden of 49 Twitchen (potentially in place of the two spaces by the roadside). The plan showing this alternative proposal seems to have been added to the public register after outline planning permission was granted and had not previously been seen by our Council. Our Council would oppose the removal of almost the whole of the front garden of 49 Twitchen to provide a car parking.

7. Our Council has seen the letters of objection submitted by residents in the Twitchen cottages and fully support what they have said.

8. *MDDC is aware that since the grant of outline planning permission for the development site the village shop in Holcombe Rogus has closed and this has a consequential impact on planning policy generally.*

9. *If the MDDC planning officer is minded to approve the current application our Council would ask that the matter be referred to MDDC planning committee and if granted that any section 106 contributions arising from this application be allocated for the refurbishment of the Holcombe Rogus play area.*

Given these comments we would ask MDDC to call for a re-design of the proposed development so as to provide a more appropriate form of development and to reduce the impact on Twitchen cottages. If it is considered helpful our Council would be happy to meet the MDDC planning officer and developers to explore a better development solution.

Decisions taken by MDDC:

20/00287/CAT Notification of intention to remove 1 Poplar tree within the Conservation Area at Steps Cottage – *No Objections*

20/00366/LBC Listed Building Consent for replacement back door at Buehills – *Granted consent*

20/00338/ARM Reserved matters for the erection of 2 dwellings at land east of 49 Twitchen. – *Granted consent with conditions*

Leslie Findlay
Parish Clerk

HOLCOMBE ROGUS WEBSITE

You may be aware that the village website is not operating at present, due to the lack of a webmaster.

This is a call for any resident of Holcombe Rogus who is au fait with running websites to consider taking over, updating and running this important information vehicle which should keep us, and the outside world, up-to-date with what is happening in our village.

If you are interested, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Leslie Findlay, email: clerk@holcomberogus-pc.gov.uk

Fenton Farm Deli Delivery

During this difficult time, Fenton Farm has decided to use the resources at our disposal to offer a new food delivery service for people in the surrounding area. All food is from local suppliers and delivery is free. Please see our website to see what we have on offer and to place your order.

www.fentonfarmdeli.co.uk

We'll be delivering on Mondays and Fridays – you'll need to have your order in by Thursday for deliveries on Monday, and orders in by Wednesday for deliveries on Friday.

Stay safe everyone!



As an Off Licence, Ridgeway Cider remains open daily. Julie is happy to take phone orders to allow social distancing: 01823 672644 or 07713 277919
Orders can be collected from designated box outside the Cider Barn. Payment by BACs or cash in envelope. Check website www.ridgeway.cider.co.uk or Parish Magazine for info on stock and prices.

See also:

Caterfood South West - <https://caterfood.co.uk>
Tel: 01803 664422

Stawley Village Shop, Appley Cross
Tel: 01823 674361



Timewells Cottage Library
- borrow and return -
cleaned, please!

HOLCOMBE ROGUS POST OFFICE IS OPEN

The Post Office which comes to Holcombe Rogus on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.00 - 11.00 am, intends to continue offering this service for the foreseeable future. Tonia will bring milk and newspapers when she comes - just pop in to the Holcombe Garage office (the old shop) on a Tuesday or Thursday and speak to Tonia, or telephone Rockwell Green Post Office - 01823 662741.

VE Day Revisited – a Time Traveller's Tale

An only child, born in February 1946, I was what they called a baby boomer. I had a happy childhood, although I don't think we had much money. To be honest, it didn't seem to matter much. I was brought up by my mother, single-handedly, in a small town in Devon, and I had no memories of Birmingham where I was born. There were no other relatives in our lives and I was told that my father had died in a plane crash towards the end of the war. She never wanted to talk about him, so I just gave up asking questions.

My mother worked as the matron in a small private school for boys and we lived in a cottage in the grounds. I first went to the local primary school and then, after passing a scholarship examination, I got a bursary to the school where my mother worked. I never seemed to have any problems academically at school and always made friends easily. I got three A levels and left school aged 18, anxious to start earning money and to explore the world outside my small town. Jobs were plentiful and the civil service offered a good salary and prospects for someone with A levels. I accepted a post in London – I was sorry to leave my mother but the 1960s seemed to offer such promise. It was well within my means to rent a flat back then and I rose through the ranks at work. I managed to get home to see my mother at Christmas and other holidays, but with the thoughtlessness of youth those visits became less and less frequent. By 1973 we had introduced decimalisation, joined the European Economic Community, and the opportunities in London seemed limitless. Then came the miners' strike, the three-day week, the oil crisis and rampant inflation, followed by Thatcherism and the Falklands war. At the same time my social life was busy and exciting, watching bands in places like the Marquee Club, the Roundhouse and the Astoria, usually with one of a string of long-term girlfriends. I enjoyed foreign holidays in sunny locations, or skiing. By the time I reached 37 in 1983, I was still footloose and fancy free, working and playing hard, assuming that I had loads of time to settle down.

Although she hadn't been in particularly good health for a year or so, the news of my mother's death came as a shock in the May of that year. Back in Devon, while sorting out her affairs, I discovered a large metal box full of photos, letters and papers that I had never seen before. I'd primed myself for the task with quite a few generous scotches, but what I found shook me to the core. It seems that my mother was sent to a farm on the Welsh borders after joining the land army in 1943, and had not been married when I was born. At the bottom of the box I found some very unpleasant letters from her family along the lines of "Never darken my door again if you don't have the bastard adopted". But she had refused to give me up and found a new life in Devon while still managing to look after me so well.

I also discovered a small bundle of letters tied up in a faded ribbon and signed "Jack". The last one was dated 8th May saying that he was being posted overseas the next day and couldn't say where but that he would come back one day. There were some small black and white photos of my mother with a dark-haired young man, who looked a bit like me, in what appeared to be an American uniform. One had "VE day 8th May 1945 Whitchurch" written on the back and showed them both

surrounded by bunting outside a pub called The Black Horse. Could this man have been my father?

My mind was in a whirl. I had to get out of the house to clear my head. I left the cottage and wandered far out into the countryside. It was early evening and I was feeling pretty numb when I eventually reached a valley that I remembered from my childhood. This time, however, I noticed an odd-looking metal sphere with steps leading up to a door. As I approached the strange object I heard shouting from the top of the hillside. Looking up, I saw an old man with a beard and unkempt hair, yelling and waving a walking stick at me, but I couldn't make out what he was saying. I ignored him and climbed into the sphere.

Inside there were controls and dials. A disembodied voice told me that it had come from a different world, having sensed my turmoil. It said that I could travel to any destination at any time in history but I would have to be back in the sphere before midnight in order to return to the present day. Without really stopping to think, and not even quite believing what I was hearing, I keyed in 8th May 1945 Whitchurch. Within a few seconds an indicator announced my arrival and I stepped out of the sphere. Was I really in 1945? If I wasn't dreaming, I needed to find my father – he must have been an American serviceman. Victory celebrations were in full swing in the Welsh town. I got directions to the nearby base but found myself caught up in a frenzy of people celebrating, dancing, kissing and drinking and it was already 8.00 p.m. I eventually found the base but got turned away by guards posted on the entrance. Judging by the picture of him with my mother they must have been in the town together that day. I found my way back into the main part of town and pushed my way into The Black Horse but could find no trace of them. I stumbled into all the pubs in town, eagerly scanning all the different faces. I kept getting glasses of beer thrust into my hands in every place I searched and automatically drank them. I must eventually have passed out at some point and when I next looked at my watch it was 4.00 a.m. I had missed the deadline for my return! I rushed back to where I had last seen the sphere but there was no trace of it anywhere.

I never did manage to get to see my father nor find a way to return to 1983. Stuck in the past, I managed to survive on my wits but, of course, I knew no-one as I was in the wrong time. I always managed to get some sort of work, labouring or gardening and even had a few brief flirtations over the years, but, basically, I was a loner and was thought of as an eccentric and a drunk by the people I met in the pub. If I had told anyone I was from the future they would have thought I was mad. Perhaps I was!

The years passed and as I got older I always managed to carry on somehow. From my knowledge of the future I even managed to make some money from betting on the World Cup in 1966 and Red Rum's Grand National wins. But that could never make up for the empty and lonely existence that my life out of time had become. Always an outsider on the fringes of society, I kept going through those lonely and bitter years, waiting to get to the date that I had climbed into the time machine, regretting that I had ever done so. Then, I assumed, everything would go back to how it should be.

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So, on 8th May 1983 I returned to the spot in the Devon countryside where it had all started. By that time, at the age of 75, I needed a stick to help me. I got to the top of the hillside and saw the metal sphere down at the bottom of the valley. Just then I saw a man walking up the steps towards the door. I shouted and waved my walking stick, trying to warn him not to go in but he ignored me and just carried on ...

CSH





With thanks to Ruth
Sorenson, Emily

Pearson,
Emma
Carter &
Jayne
Neale
for VE
Day
pics. The
rest are
by me!





Tuesday 12 May 2020

No doubt you will all have seen the [Prime Minister's plans for the next phase of tackling the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic](#), aiming to reopen society a little and kick-start the economy. It signals a change, but it doesn't herald the end. The [changes to the lockdown are limited](#), it has not been lifted and we still have a long way to go. While this next phase feels significant, it is certainly not a return to normality.

We should all still be staying at home as much as possible, but from tomorrow, (Wednesday 13 May), people in England can spend more leisure time outdoors, which is important for our mental and physical health. However, [if you do go out](#), please remember to make sure you [observe social distancing](#) and good hand hygiene. After all, the reason why Devon has relatively fewer cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) is because we have all done well to comply with the government guidance so far – let's keep it up.

We celebrated the 75th anniversary of VE Day at the weekend, and it was fantastic to see such community spirit as we marked the day at home in our own ways. It's that community spirit and personal resolve that we need to hold on tight to still. Although it's encouraging to see the gradual opening back up of the things we once took for granted, let's make sure we give deliberate thought and care to what we do next and not undo the enormous effort that we have made so far by letting down our guard now.

Vulnerable residents urged to still stay at home

We're [urging vulnerable residents to remain at home despite changes to the lockdown](#) restrictions. Around 34,000 people in Devon have been identified as having an underlying health condition that puts them at very high risk of severe illness if they catch coronavirus.

The NHS has advised them to not to leave their homes until at least the end of June, even for essential supplies and exercise, in order to minimise face-to-face contact and prevent being exposed to the virus. There is no change to this guidance, and the [rigorous 'shielding' measures](#) introduced to help keep those who are considered extremely clinically vulnerable safe are still in place.



Mid Devon District Council

Covid19 Support Fund

Help for those in financial difficulties due to the Covid19 pandemic

Apply online

middevon.gov.uk/COVID19SupportFund

If you cannot access the form online, please call

Community Support Hotline

01884 234387

For the latest information visit our website
middevon.gov.uk/COVID19CommunitySupport



Isolation

I am here in isolation
Like the rest of this great nation
I am duty-bound to stay within my home.
Yes, I'm here for the duration
(Don't enjoy incarceration)
And it's only in my mind that I can roam

I am here in isolation
With no end to my frustration.
I could tell myself that life is burdensome.
I could phone my friends, complaining,
That it's frosty or it's raining
But that's no way to stop me feeling glum.

I am here in isolation
But I've found an occupation
That will keep me out of trouble or much worse.
Whenever I am able
I just sit down at the table
And write some lines of execrable verse

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THE AYSHFORD EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Ayshford Grammar School was established in Uffculme with money left for the purpose by Nicholas Ayshford of Taunton at the start of the eighteenth century. One G Greenway was the Master of the school from 1771 until his death in 1789 but had not been paid. His family finally, after taking the matter to court in 1793, were awarded £646-18s-6d.

In 1802 a Board of Trustees was established among whose duties was the requirement to provide "tuition gratis to 4 boys to be chosen by the trustees, of which 2 were to be of the Parish of Uffculme, and 2 of the Parishes of Burlescombe and Holcombe Rogus".

The Minute Books of the Trustees covering the years 1802 until 1922 are kept at the Devon Heritage Centre. These minutes record, among other matters, that at the AGM in 1836 only the Treasurer was present and in 1837 the same. Only 2 trustees, Mr Marker and Mr Walrond remained, Mr Manley, the Master was ill, there were no pupils and the buildings were in poor repair. Mr Manley died in 1841 and The Master of the Rolls, no less, ordered new trustees to be appointed.

The reconstituted Board included Edward Ayshford Sanford, the Rev Thomas Tanner of Burlescombe and the Rev Wills of Holcombe Rogus and paid out £528-16s-11d for repairs to the building.

Another crisis arose in 1871 when the Master left and there were no pupils. The Charity Commission was asked for advice. Their reply states that it depends on the accounts which should be submitted to the Commission annually but "it is found that the duty of rendering these returns has been unperformed since the year 1854." The school staggered on until 1922 when it was decided to close the school and establish the Foundation whose task would be to award scholarships.

The school was closed in that year and the premises were sold by auction at The Ostler in Uffculme for £825 to the Parish Guardians to be used as a Poor Law home for children. This opened in 1923.

The first meeting of the new Board of Trustees was held in September 1922. From that date until 1944 scholarships to Tiverton Grammar School were awarded. From 1944 fees were no longer required and awards were made towards the cost of school uniforms.

Various changes have been made since and now grants for books and equipment are awarded to full time Further and Higher Education students and apprentices aged 18 and over who are residents of the parishes of Uffculme, Burlescombe and Holcombe Rogus.

Application forms are available from the Clerk to the Trustees, P J Walter, 118 Burrough Way, WELLINGTON TA21 9PR Tel: 01823 650776 Email: pwalter@talk21.com.



While we've all been clapping our hands and banging saucepans on Thursdays at 8pm, Ivan Bunyard got out his drum kit and entertained South Street in Holcombe Rogus.

... and meantime, Will Leak has been keeping us supplied with bedding plants, compost and seeds at The Prince of Wales on Wednesday evenings ...



Shopping locally

Avoid the queues at supermarkets!

As well as those outlets in Holcombe and Burlescombe mentioned in previous pages, the following are some local outlets providing the necessities of life in these difficult times

Halberton Court Farm Shop

will deliver within 10 miles radius of Halberton - to elderly and vulnerable only.

Tel: 01884 829543 or 821741

Email: halbertoncourtfarmshop@gmail.com. Also on Facebook

Orders can be collected.

Fruit, veg, bread, eggs, butcher, deli etc

Little Turberfield Farm Shop - G&B Butchers

Sampford Peverell (on the road to the railway station)

Tel: 01884 820908. Also on Facebook.

Call and collect available.

Butcher, fruit, veg, eggs, cold meats, bread, deli, etc

Spar Shop and Post Office, Sampford Peverell.

Tel: 01884 829535. Open until 8.00 pm

Call and collect available.

General groceries, food, wine & beer

Beambridge Inn

will deliver within 5 mile radius. Orders can be collected. Small shop in the front of the pub - cards only.

Tel: 01823 672223. Email: info@beambridgeinn.com or see www.mypubshop.com

Dairy, baker, meat, fruit, veg, loo rolls, groceries etc.

Also free delivery of takeaway meals.

The Globe Inn, Sampford Peverell

Tel: 01884 821214. Email: info@the-globeinn.co.uk

Will deliver fish and chips Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Supermarkets

Many of us know the difficulties of getting a delivery slot on-line, but a phone call might help - and you could try phoning if you don't have internet access.

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| Morrisons, Tiverton | 01884 255301 |
| Tesco, Tiverton | 0345 677 9672 |
| M & S, Tiverton | 01884 254517 |
| Tesco, Cullompton | 0345 671 9351 |
| Aldi, Cullompton | 0800 042 0800 |
| Asda, Wellington | 01823 653470 |
| Waitrose, Wellington | 01823 663577 |

Which?

DEDICATED HOURS FOR VULNERABLE SHOPPERS IN STORE

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| ALDI | Can enter stores 30 minutes before opening time from Mon-Sat | ASDA | No dedicated hours |
| co op | Prioritised* Mon-Sat 8am-9am ; Sun 10am-11am | Iceland | First hour of trading Mon-Sat |
| LIDL | No dedicated hours | M&S | First hour of trading on Mon and Thu |
| MORRISONS | No dedicated hours | Sainsbury's | Mon, Wed, Fri 8am-9am |
| TESCO | Mon, Wed, Fri 9am-10am | Waitrose | First hour of opening |

Mid Devon Design Guide published for consultation

12-05-2020 08:11 PM BST

Mid Devon District Council is carrying out public consultation on a new Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and its Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening.



The Design Guide will provide guidance that can be used to help inform the design of new buildings in Mid Devon and help raise awareness and standards throughout the planning process. All comments received will be carefully considered by the Council before the Design Guide is finalised. Once the Design Guide has been adopted, it can be used by the Council, alongside relevant policies in the Mid Devon Local Plan and other development plans to help inform decisions on planning applications submitted for determination.

Councillor Graeme Barnell, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration, said:

“We are very pleased to publish a draft Design Guide for Mid Devon and give you an opportunity to tell us what you think. Achieving high quality design is an important part of the planning process. We value the special character of our towns and villages, and how buildings look and contribute to the appearance of the surrounding area matters to us greatly. The Design Guide will be used over the coming years to help Mid Devon continue to be the special place that it is for our communities to live, work and enjoy”.

The Design Guide SPD and associated documents are available to view on the Council's website at: middevon.gov.uk/design-guide.

Have your say on the protection of public open-air areas from inconsiderate dog owners

12-05-2020 10:54 PM BST

The Council is seeking the views of Mid Devon residents on the proposed strengthening of existing dog control powers to reduce anti-social behaviour arising from dogs.

A consultation on a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), is being held between today, **Tuesday, 12 May and Friday, 17 July 2020** and pending the views of the public, could be in place for the next three years.



A PSPO forms part of the [Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) and builds on the current control powers, which are due to expire in October 2020. It enables Local Authorities to impose restrictions to tackle nuisance and problem dog behaviour.

The proposed PSPO is expected to directly contribute to reducing anti-social and dangerous or aggressive dog incidents occurring in particular areas that are having, or are likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life for those who live, work or play within the locality.

An online survey has been setup for residents to have their say at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PMYQZGF>.

If residents would prefer to receive an electronic or paper copy of the survey, they can email streetsceneservices@middevon.gov.uk to request one. Completed copies of the survey can either be returned via the same email address or posted to:

Street Scene Services, Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton EX16 6PP

There are plenty of instructions for DIY face masks doing the rounds of social media and the press - this one is from the BBC:

The one with the t-shirt:

Cut up t-shirt* and pin together



Materials



T-shirt



Scissors

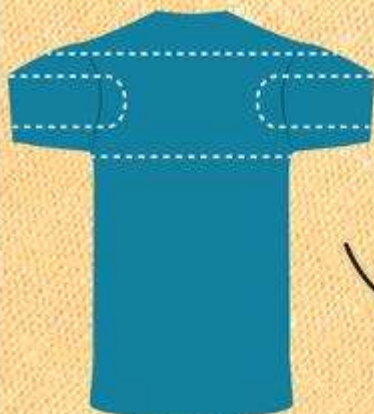


Kitchen towel

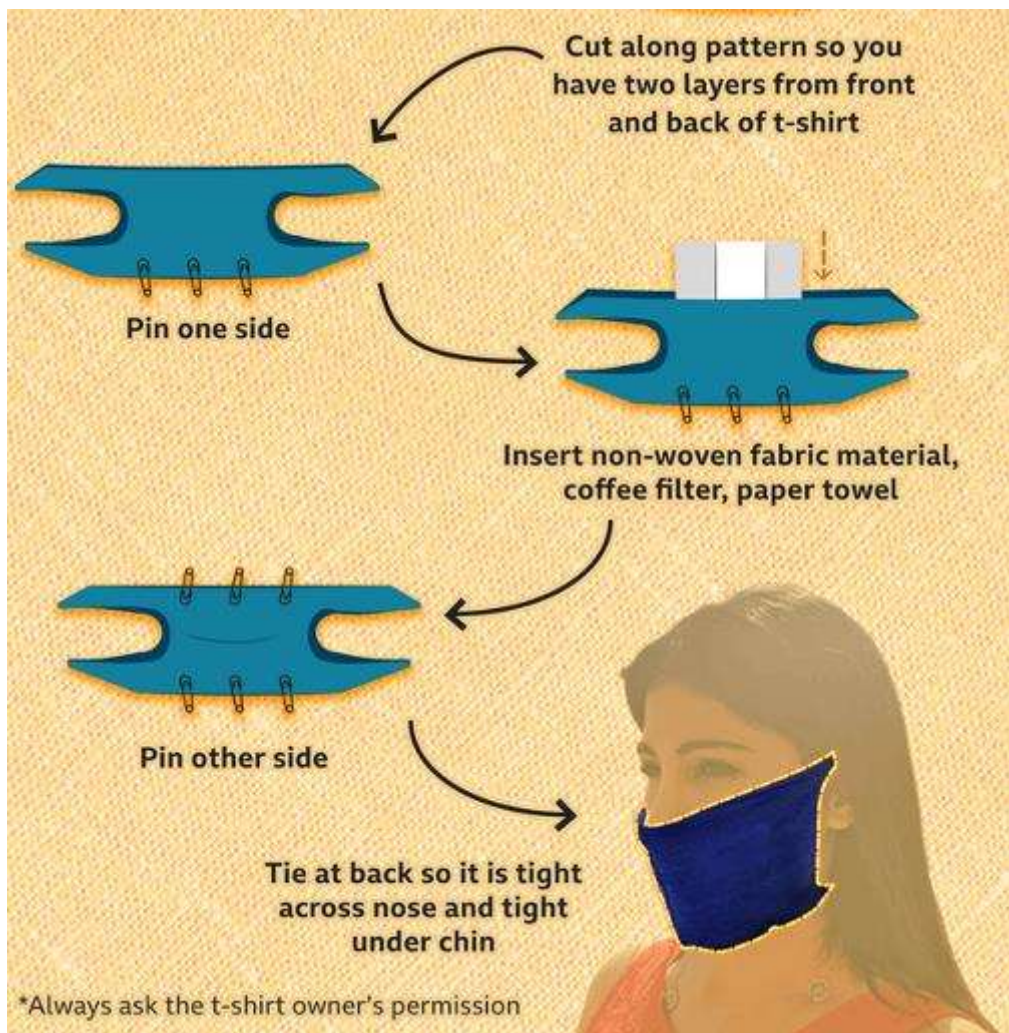


Pins

Start



Draw pattern across arms
and body of t-shirt



FORTHCOMING ROAD CLOSURES

South Street, Holcombe Rogus - South West Water -
7 July - 13 July

Durley Moor Cross - South West Water Utility Works -
3 August - 7 August 2020

Road from Brinscott Cross past Wiseburrow Copse - overhead cabling -
12 August - 13 August 2020

From outside Timewells Orchard to outside Barrington, road from Durley Moor Cross
to Frog Lane - South West Water Utility Works -
17 August - 21 August 2020

force matters

Vital support work continues at FORCE Cancer Charity



**For cancer support and information
plus advice on claiming benefits**

☎ 01392 406151

✉ support@forcecancercharity.co.uk

**For psychological and
emotional support**

☎ 01392 406168 / 406169

✉ help@forcecancercharity.co.uk

Can you help Coldharbour Mill?

In common with all other museums and heritage sites, Coldharbour Mill is currently closed owing to Covid-19, which hit just before we were about to reopen to the public in March.

As a small charity with limited cash reserves and no state or council funding, we have to rely on our own fundraising activities to obtain grants, and on the support and generosity of many people to make donations, to help to preserve our local treasure for future generations. This is even more important now, as enforced closure means that a major source of income from visitor admission fees has ceased, and there is enormous competition amongst charities for grants towards helping to cover lost income.

We urgently need £17,500 just for basic costs for the next few months, so that staff can continue to work from home to keep systems running and support our very valuable volunteers, and be ready to reopen to the public as soon as that is possible.

There are ways you can help us to keep going until we can reopen!

If you take out Mill membership now for just £20 per person or £45 per family, it will be valid until **December 2021**, so you will have unlimited FREE entry and be able to take advantage of all the benefits for well over a year. To join, just email or write to request an application form, or click on Join Now on the Membership page of the Mill website:

www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/become-a-member/

Alternatively you can donate to our Emergency Appeal by post or via the website: www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/donate/

To contact Coldharbour Mill:

email: info@coldharbourmill.org.uk

visit the Mill website: www.coldharbourmill.org.uk

write to: Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme, Cullompton EX15 3EE

Thank you for your support, please stay safe,
the Coldharbour Mill Trustees, Staff and Volunteers.

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CHURCH NEWS AND NOTICES



Church Office

Sampford Peverell Team Mission Community

Open Wednesday mornings between 9.30 am and 5.00 pm (ansaphone will be on at other times).

Team Office: The Methodist Church, Higher Town, Sampford Peverell EX16 7TA

Administrator: Mandy Rowley. Telephone 01884 821879

Rector: Revd Glyn Lewry. Telephone: 01884 [829356](tel:01884829356)
Email: revglyn01@gmail.com

READINGS FOR JUNE 2020

From the Common Worship Lectionary Year A

At Holy Communion - Epistle and Gospel

At Matins and Evensong - Old Testament and Gospel

Sunday 7th June – Trinity Sunday

WHITE

| | |
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| Old Testament | Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31 |
| Epistle | 2 Corinthians 13.11-13 |
| Gospel | Matthew 28.16-20 |

Sunday 14th June – 1st Sunday after Trinity

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| Old Testament | Exodus 19.2-8a |
| Epistle | Romans 5.1-8 |
| Gospel | Matthew 9.35 - 10.8 [9-23] |

GREEN

Sunday 21st June – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

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| Old Testament | Jeremiah 20.7-13 |
| Epistle | Romans 6.1b-11 |
| Gospel | Matthew 10.24-39 |

GREEN

Sunday 28th June – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

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| Old Testament | Jeremiah 28.5-9 |
| Epistle | Romans 6.12-23 |
| Gospel | Matthew 10.40-42 |

GREEN

CHURCH NEWS

Although the doors of our churches are locked there is still plenty going on. The website is updated regularly so please use it to find out what's going on – www.sptmc.org

SERVICES

Sunday Holy Communion 9.00am - Glyn is live streaming a service of Holy Communion every Sunday at 9.00. To watch, either follow the link on the website www.sptmc.org or go to www.facebook.co.uk/sptmc.org . People can also access the service via phone. Contact Glyn for the number and code.

Virtual Coffee mornings – Glyn and Mandy are hosting Virtual Coffee Mornings by Zoom - all welcome. For details go to the website.

Friday Morning Prayer by Zoom – 9.00am every week. Contact Glyn for an invitation.

Wednesday Evening Prayer live streamed – 6.30pm. For details go to website.

Church for families at home – Robin Budgell, our Children, Families' and Schools worker, has been working hard to keep in touch with schools. He has produced an online assembly every week, and put resources for families on the website and Messy Church & Sundaze pages.

Glyn is trying to keep in touch with as many people as possible by phone. If you would like to hear from him, do let him know.

Contact details

Rev Glyn Lewry - 01884 829356; revglyn01@gmail.com

Administrator - 07906 381451; churchoffice2@btconnect.com

Robin Budgell - 07902 774 626; robbudgell@hotmail.com

Thought for the Month

In the first few weeks of lockdown when I couldn't do all the usual things, my wife and I attacked the garden. It needed attacking. Our normal pattern is to be so busy that we do some work on it in spring then get busy again or more interested in going out. So the garden doesn't get the attention it should.

Now we have been given the time I have noticed something. Goldfish can learn. We have a pond in the garden. We dug it for my son's 10th birthday as an alternative to more pets in the house. We bought six fish and were given six and they have done quite well.

When the weather is warm enough, I feed them and if we have visitors, they feed them. What happens now is that whenever anyone goes and stands by the pond the fish all go to that side and open their mouths ready for food. If we walk round the pond they follow. I thought fish were not that clever and didn't learn. These ones have learned when food will be coming.

I wonder what we will learn from our changed world. We have learned to be thankful: thankful for the people who care for us, thankful that there is food and organisation (we don't need to keep it for ourselves) thankful for neighbours and a simple phone call.

None of us can tell what will happen when we start to get back to normal. Churches and people of faith will have as much to learn as anyone. We have spent energy and money in constructing the beautiful places of worship that stand the test of time. Only to find we have to be online, in a kitchen or garden, maintaining communities in new ways.

Maybe we can be like the fish and watch where the food comes from, where the good stuff is happening. Beyond all our buildings and beliefs have we been pushed into action? Are we reflecting the love that Christ showed us on to others? When all this is over will we have the time and the courage to recognise that a world of love, care and sacrifice for others, is what Christ gave himself for?

Paul Booth, Methodist Minister



**Quaker Meeting for Worship
10.30 every Sunday
Spiceland Quaker Meeting Uffculme EX15 3AZ**

*Sadly, due to the current corona virus crisis, there will be **NO Meeting for Worship** at Spiceland until further notice –*

*In the meantime we are agreeing to sit in our own homes at 10.30am every Sunday and
“Meet without Meeting”*

For 30 minutes we can join together where ever we are to hold the world, our community, our families in the light with hope and love. Please do join us.

This month we would share the poem

Sometimes religion appears to be presented as offering easy cures for pain: have faith and God will mend your hurts; reach out to God and your woundedness will be healed. The Beatitude ‘Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted’ can be interpreted this way too, but the Latin root of the word ‘comfort’ means ‘with strength’ rather than ‘at ease’. The Beatitude is not promising to take away our pain; indeed the inference is that the pain will remain with us. It does promise that God will cherish us and our wound, and help us draw a blessing from our distressed state.

S Jocelyn Burnell, 1989 *Quaker Faith and Practice* 21.66
<https://qfp.quaker.org.uk/chapter/21/>

For more information phone John Bell on 07580 958275 or use the “contact us” form on our website: <http://www.spicelanduffculmequakers.com/>

There are also instructions on the website of how to find us.

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)



**the village's own
'good neighbour'
scheme,**

- *Help with transport to medical or dental appointments,**
- *Visiting for a chat**
- *Collection and delivery of medicines**
- *Chaperone or witness services,**
- * - or ask us if you have a problem, we will try to help**

for those in need who cannot call on nearby family members.

(you do not have to be a patient of the local GP surgery - this is open to all who live in the village, and including Burlescombe, Halberton, Hockworthy Holcombe Rogus, Uplozman, Westleigh and Whitnage

**NEW CONTACT
NUMBER**

Contact us on 07954 081705

Please allow at least 24 hours notice if you need transport.

The minimum transport charge is £3 for up to 3 miles. Longer journeys are charged at 45p per mile from the drivers door, payable to the driver.
All our helpers have been cleared by the national Disclosure and Barring Service

Sampford Peverell Caring Friends -

Hon Secretary: Brenda Hazelton 01884 829225

Hon Chairman: Neil Macdonald 01884 821096

We are always pleased to hear from anyone interested in helping with our work. Please contact any of the above for an initial chat.

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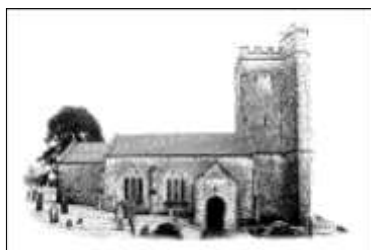
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