

Parish Magazine

Ashprington Cornworthy Dittisham

February 2021



HOPE

When the storm has passed
and the roads are tamed
and we are the survivors
of a collective shipwreck.

With a tearful heart
and our destiny blessed
we will feel joy
simply for being alive.

And we'll give a hug
to the first stranger
and praise our good luck
that we kept a friend.

And then we'll remember
all that we lost
and finally learn
everything we never learned.

And we'll envy no one
for all of us have suffered
and we'll not be idle
but be more compassionate.

We'll value more what belongs to all
than what was earned.

We'll be more generous
and much more committed.

We'll understand how fragile
it is to be alive.

We'll sweat empathy
for those still with us and those who are gone.

We'll miss the old man
who asked for a buck in the market
whose name we never knew
who was always at your side.

And maybe the poor old man
was your God in disguise
But you never asked his name
because you never had the time.

And all will become a miracle.

And all will become a legacy.

And we'll respect the life,
the life we have gained.

When the storm passes
I ask you Lord, in shame
that you return us better,
as you once dreamed us.

“Esperanza”

Alexis Valdes, Miami, 2020

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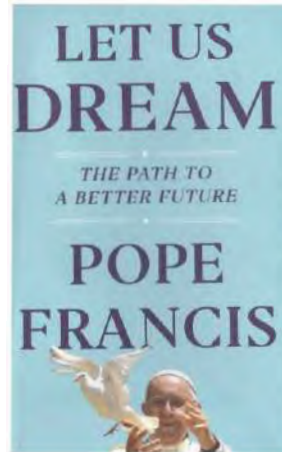
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HOPE



My dear husband gave me this book for Christmas, having seen a review of it and thought it “looked interesting”. It was more than interesting; it was enthralling and will be re-read.

Presented in three parts: a time to see, a time to choose, a time to act - there are no dictates, only ideas and

analogies. One of the most profound appears in the epilogue leading to the poem HOPE. It is the story of Ariadne helping Theseus out of the labyrinth after he slew the Minotaur. She gave him a ball of jewelled thread by which to find his way out.

“The worst thing that can happen to us is that we stay behind, looking in the mirror, dizzy from so much spinning around without an exit. To get out of the labyrinth we have to leave behind the “selfie” culture and look at the eyes, faces, hands, and needs of those around us; and in this way find, too, our own faces, our own hands full of possibilities.

Once we feel that “twitch upon the thread” there are many ways to emerge from the labyrinth. What they have in common is the realization that we belong to each other in a mutual relationship, that we are part of a people, and that our destiny is a shared one.

Let yourself be pulled along, shaken up, challenged. Maybe it will be through something you’ve read; maybe through a group of people you’ve heard about on the news, or that you know in your neighbourhood, whose story has moved you. Or maybe people closer to home who need you.

When you feel the twitch, stop and pray. Read the Gospel, or just create a space inside yourself to listen. Open yourself... decentre... transcend.

And then act. Call up, go visit, offer your service. Say you don’t have a clue what they do, but maybe you can help. Say you’d like to be part of a different world, and you thought this might be a good place to start.

I’d like to end with a poem that I was sent from a friend in Argentina. When I spoke on the phone with Alexis Valdes he told me that he wrote Esperanza in a single sitting, without changing the words, as if God had used him as a channel. It went viral, moving many. It captures the path to the better future. Let his poetry and its beauty have the final word, helping us to decentre and transcend so that our peoples may have life.”

Pope Francis Miserando atque eligendo (lowly but chosen)

A letter from the Archbishops of Caterbury and York to the nation

Dear friends

As we reach the terrible milestone of 100,000 deaths from COVID-19, we invite everyone in our nation to pause as we reflect on the enormity of this pandemic.

100,000 isn't just an abstract figure. Each number is a person: someone we loved and someone who loved us. We also believe that each of these people was known to God and cherished by God.

We write to you then in consolation, but also in encouragement, and ultimately in the hope of Jesus Christ. The God who comes to us in Jesus knew grief and suffering himself. On the cross, Jesus shares the weight of our sadness.

We therefore encourage everyone who is feeling scared, or lost or isolated to cast their fears on God. We also know that poorer communities, minority ethnic communities and those living with disabilities have been afflicted disproportionately and cry out for the healing of these inequalities. During this pandemic, we encourage everyone to do all they can to live within the guidelines and constraints given by government following the advice of the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Scientific Adviser. We show our commitment, care and love for one another by ensuring we do everything we can to stop the virus spreading.

None of this is easy. Very many of us are experiencing isolation, loneliness, anxiety and despondency like never before. Many people have lost their livelihoods. Our economy struggles. Also, the necessary restrictions we live with have also prevented us from being alongside loved ones as they died, or even at their graveside. All grief profoundly affects us, but this pandemic grief is so hard.

Therefore, we need to support each other. We do this by following the guidelines. But we also do it by continuing to reach out to each other with care and kindness.

One thing we can all do is pray. We hope it is some consolation to know that the church prays for the life of our nation every day. Whether you're someone of faith, or not, we invite you to call on God in prayer. Starting on 1st February we invite you to set aside time every evening to pray, particularly at 6pm each day. More than ever, this is a time when we need to love each other. Prayer is an expression of love. A number of resources will be made available on our website.

Finally, we write of hope. We are grateful for the hope we have because of the service of our NHS and social care staff. What a blessing and lifeline for our nation. We are grateful for the service given in local communities by clergy, other frontline workers and so many good neighbours. We are grateful for the hope of the vaccine. It is a testimony to the God-given wisdom and gifts of scientists and researchers. We urge everyone to take the vaccine as soon as it is offered to you.

Most of all, we have hope because God raised Jesus from the dead. This is the Christian hope that we will be celebrating at Easter. We live in the hope that we will share in his resurrection. Death doesn't have the last word. In God's kingdom, every tear will be wiped away.

Please be assured of our prayers. Please join us.

Gracious God,
as we remember before you the thousands
who have died,
surround us and all who mourn with your
strong compassion.

Be gentle with us in our grief,
protect us from despair,
and give us grace to persevere
and face the future with hope
in Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Amen.

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.

St. Teresa of Avila



LENT COURSE 2021

These Are Our Stories: Lent in a Pandemic Year

Our 2021 five week Lent course is based on the pandemic stories of five people from across Devon and will encourage each of us to tell our own stories and reflect on where our faith fits into the experience of the past 12 months.

It has been written by Dr Jon Curtis, Diocese of Exeter Lay Discipleship Advisor. The teaching is based on the work of a Covid-19 theological reflections group made up of clergy and lay people from across Devon.

Each week will focus on a different story and cover a different theme.

The course features drawings by cartoonist Si Smith.

Resources include: story videos to download, teaching notes, a study guide.

If you would like more details, please get in touch with the Mission and Ministry Department by email at: mandm@exeter.anglican.org



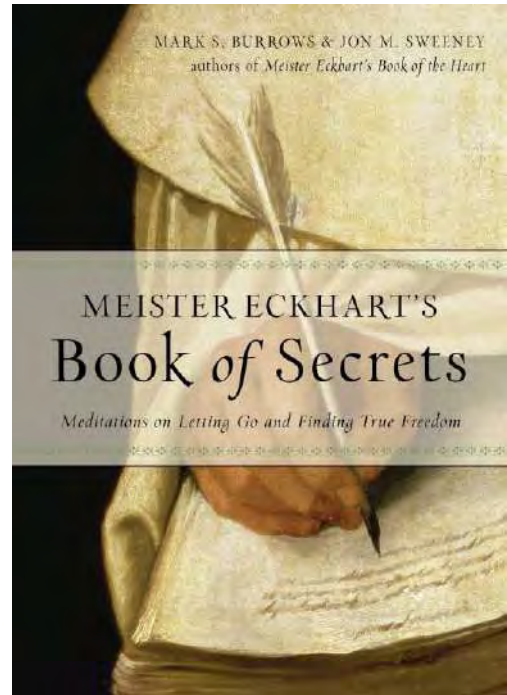
World Day of Prayer on Zoom

details to follow
in the
March
Parish Magazine.

A book worth reading

Meister Eckhart (1260-1328) was a Dominican priest, theologian, philosopher and mystic. He wrote and taught about discovering the secret to all things we desire; contentment, meaning, peace of mind and true freedom. He thought that the open secret of our true nature is that within us is the treasure, the pearl of great price and that what finally matters, the work before us is not that of accumulating, which is so much of our consumer culture, but rather that of letting go - of what we think we need to make sense of things.

In their book "Meister Eckhart's Book of Secrets", Mark Burrows and Jon Sweeney have collected some of Eckhart's writings and presented them in short passages – a sort of thought for the day - which I personally have found very inspirational as the source for a daily meditation. Each passage is simple to understand, beautiful and gives so much food for thought. I can thoroughly recommend it.



Tony Gregg (Reader in the Totnes Team)

Helen's Christmas Dolls

Ten of Helen's dolls as featured in the December magazine made ten children very happy this Christmas and as a consequence of their sale £80 was donated to Totnes Caring.

Helen is continuing with her sale of handmade dolls (£35 each of your chosen material) with £8 from each sale donated to Totnes Caring. So if you have a birthday coming up or just fancy having the company of one of these delightful characters for yourself, please contact Helen.

To order simply email Helen, at h.isitt@gmail.com and she will send you photos for you to choose from. She can deliver locally or post your doll for £6 each.



Ashprington News

A Challenge from one of our more alert readers. Can you find this unique abode?



HINT:
first
find this tree on
your walk to
Totnes.



“Toads on Roads” - Tuckenhay's recognised

Amphibian Migration Route

As part of the parish effort on supporting and improving Biodiversity, Ashprington has recently established an "Amphibian Migration Route" on the lanes near Tuckenhay Mill weir. This is registered nationally with Highways England through "Froglife UK". In recent years during the spring migration period (late-January to early April) a number of locals have been out helping toads and frogs across the lane as they head off to find a mate. The toads in particular need help! From now on these helpers are formal "Wardens", registered with "Froglife UK" and insured by them to patrol the migration area on wet spring evenings. The Parish would like to thank their District Councillor John McKay, himself a keen supporter of Climate and Biodiversity initiatives, for using his "Localities Fund" to buy the "Toad Warning signs.

On damp spring evenings please keep all eyes open for frogs and toads on the roads. Please slow down and be vigilant. Using front fog lights, because they are sited low down, help to illuminate these animals in the dark and wet, and thus avoid them. If you are interested in becoming a Warden please contact Mike on 732628, or google “Toads on Roads” and click on the “Find your nearest Toad Crossing” link. If you are interested in establishing your own Amphibian Migration Route google "Froglife UK" or "Toads on Roads" for more information."



New village signs: kneeling in foreground - Lydia Stocks (Parish Chair); top left - Laurence Green (construction); beside sign, middle - John McKay (District Councillor); at right - Shaun East (Warden) and partner Emily Reed (Warden & Devon Climate Emergency)

FROG vs TOAD: frogs and toads are actually the same animal from a scientific taxonomy standing. All toads are frogs, but not all frogs are toads. A frog's skin tends to be smooth, soft, and very moist. The skin of toads, on the other hand, is rough and dry. Frogs are usually jumping animals, fast swimmers and, in many cases, arboreal. Toads are running animals. Although they can jump, they prefer to move on foot with their four legs. They can also dig with their hind legs. Toads tend to be thick, stout-looking and muscular. In contrast, frogs are thinner and finer. This does not mean that they do not have strength and the power to move quickly. Frogs are more aquatic. Toads are more terrestrial.

A Challenge to all readers: During the next few months there is an opportunity in the magazine to share your thoughts and enthusiasm about why you believe in doing or joining those activities that are important to you. There are a huge number of village and nationwide groups and activities that we will soon be “getting back into” involving church, village halls, sport clubs, bridge groups, gardening, readingand this is your chance to reflect and go public. The first in this series is “Why I Go to Church”. The next will be ?????????? Please send to kcgreen67@gmail.com before the 20th of any month to be in the next month’s magazine. Go for it!

Why I Go to Church;

For the first few years of my life my parents took me to church at Christmas and Easter. They were not regular church people until they came to live in Ashprington sixty-five years ago. We used to go to Little Marlow church where there was a knight's helmet hanging on a hook in a side chapel before someone recently stole it. That's all I remember of my early church attendance.

What made us regular church people at St David's? It was probably the welcome from the rector, Rev'd. Bernard George, and the congregation that made my parents decide to commit us to church. I ended up misbehaving in the robed choir and in Sunday School. I now blush to think of some of the awful things I did! Perhaps that's how I discovered that God has a sense of humour. Fortunately the various rectors also (mostly) had a sense of humour too.

I sort of grew up and went away to university in the north of England where I continued to go to church in the Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre. I even inadvertently had my photograph in The Times on the day it opened. In my second year I lived in a monastery five miles across the fells from the university and often went to compline and other services there.

During my early twenties I somewhat fell away from church until coming back to live in Ashprington in 1976. Church became important again for many reasons: a sense of community, friendship groups, and, most of all, developing a relationship with God.

It hasn't always been easy. Doubts and questionings are natural and necessary. They mostly apply to humankind's interpretation of God's truth. The lessons of history must be learned and not repeated. The origins of the Church of England are dodgy to say the least! But,

today, they really don't matter. I was brought up to believe that High Church Anglicanism was the only true way to God. Eventually I learned to think for myself and to appreciate the strengths of every form of Christianity as well as those of other faiths. In my opinion no one group has all the answers. We all need to work together to do God's will.

I love the fact that Jesus wasn't a political figure, that he had friends who were criminals and prostitutes, ordinary people who sometimes let him down. I can feel the love of God working through his churches, reaching out to all people. He teaches us to love each other. Often the people we meet in church are not the people we would choose to spend time with. But it doesn't matter; God gives us the grace to get to know and love one another.

I am fascinated by ancient church buildings and the thought that the people of Ashprington have been worshipping God in the present St David's Church for the best part of seven hundred and fifty years. The first rector is recorded as arriving in 1260. The late Norman font dates from nearly one hundred years earlier. There was undoubtedly a smaller and older church on the same site around fourteen hundred years ago, possibly founded by St David himself. Ashprington congregations spoke a version of Cornish, Early English, Middle English and Early Modern English as time went on but worshipped in Latin until the short reign of Edward VI.

History is important but what happens from now on is the most important thing. We are in a time of change where the opportunities are unprecedented. The life of the Church is becoming more democratic as we begin to be encouraged to think more for ourselves. This is what Jesus would have wanted; it is how he operated. Today is an exciting time to be a Christian.

Laurence Green



We look forward to the coming of Spring and to St David's Day on 1st March, always a turning point in the year. We invite everyone in the village to bring daffodils in pots to put beside the church path and along both sides of the rewilding path among the graves at the back of the church. Our idea is to plant the bulbs on both sides of the church path later on in the year to increase our number of flowering daffodils, the symbol of our parson saint, Saint David, Dewi Sant in Welsh. The Welsh Dragon will fly from the tower, weather permitting. Perhaps one day we will have St David's own flag as well, a yellow cross on a black background.

Although the church building is closed at the moment the prayer board in the porch is available for prayer requests. The church porch is a peaceful place with a fine view over the village from which to contemplate and reflect. Also as the spring advances the newly mown path at the back of the church is beginning to "come alive".

We are publishing the lectionary in the magazine so that the Bible readings for each Sunday may be followed at home. Do join the Zoom service on Sunday morning. To do so

you will first need to email a request for the link to diana.walters2@gmail.com by Friday of each week.

We hope and pray that our church will be open again soon for prayer, refectation and services. In the meantime please stay safe, Laurence

Saint
David's
Flag



Lectionary in February

- 31 January Presentation of Christ - Candlemas
First reading: Malachi 3.1-5
Second reading: Hebrews 2.14 - end
Gospel: Luke 21:22 - 40
- 7 February Second Sunday before Lent
First reading: Proverbs 8.1 22-31
Second reading: Colossians 1.15-20
Gospel: John 1.1-14
- 14 February Sunday before Lent
First reading: 2 Kings 2.1-12
Second reading: 2 Corinthians 4.3-6
Gospel: Mark 9.2 -9
- 21 February First Sunday of Lent
First reading: Genesis 9.8 -17
Second reading: 1 Peter 3.18 - end
Gospel: Mark 1.9-15
- 28 February Second Sunday of Lent
First reading: Genesis 17.1 - 7, 15-16
Second reading: Romans 4.13 - end
Gospel: Mark 8.31 - end

ASH MEADOW

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 3 February,
7.30 pm on Zoom**

- This Special General Meeting is being called to discuss a proposal from the Ash Meadow Committee to replace the existing association and constitution under which Ash Meadow is managed with a new Community Interest Company (CIC).
- This will update a 1993 constitution that is now out of date, enable Ash Meadow to benefit from a large government financial incentive to move its bank account, and should help widen access to grant funding for future projects.
- The Parish Council will still have ultimate responsibility for Ash Meadow under the lease from Sharpham Estate. None of this will change.
- Day to day management will still be carried out by the Ash Meadow Committee.
- The current constitution will be replaced by the Articles of Association of the CIC, which have been framed to reflect current arrangements as far as possible.
- Involvement in the Ash Meadow Committee will remain open to all in the parish.
- The constitution requires any changes to be approved by a General Meeting and this is the purpose of the Special General Meeting on 3 February.
- The proposal has already been approved unanimously by the Parish Council and by the Ash Meadow Committee, subject only to approval by this General Meeting.

If you want to be involved in this decision please join the meeting. For more details or to get the Zoom link, phone Barry Lunt on 07808 782088 or 01803 732722, or email barry.lunt@outlook.com.

He will then send you an email with the link to join the meeting, the agenda and any supporting papers for the meeting.

Dittisham News

St George's Church News

Then suddenly January was over !!!

The days are just that bit longer, the snowdrops are braving the wind and endless rain and my Iris Reticulata are starting to bloom - heartwarming reminders of my late sister.

It is sometimes quite hard to remain positive with such ghastly daily news filling our screens, but these little signs that spring is on its way give us a glimpse of better days ahead.

The best news of all must be that so many local residents have now received their first vaccination - a huge leap forward on the road to better times.

There has been much activity in St. George's this month. Following the appearance of a large crack at the back of the church in 2019, further investigations revealed the presence of asbestos around an ancient boiler, a frightening scenario for a churchwarden! This clearly had to be removed before repairs could continue. The men from Gilpin Environmental did an excellent job amidst stringent safety measures and we now have a clean bill of health, and a massive asbestos free hole awaiting the return of Vitruvius to complete the restoration work. I would like to thank the very efficient Project Manager, who stepped into the breach - a man to whom I have been married for some time.

Services at St. George's have been shorter than usual this month. The wind whistles through the church as all the doors are left open, the congregation advised to wrap up well. There are no Tuesday services until lockdown restrictions are lifted and the church is closed on Fridays and Saturdays to allow 48 hours clear prior to the Sunday Service at 09:15. The church is open for private prayer from Monday to Thursday from 10am to 3pm and on Sundays (post service). The last Sunday of the month celebrates the Presentation of Christ in the Temple and we are so fortunate that The Bishop of Plymouth, The Rt. Rev'd. Nick McKinnel will preside - more about this next month.

Sadly we are all missing standing around after the service for a coffee and a natter, but we are still seeing many of the regular congregation each week which is lovely.

On a personal note, we have just finished a Zoom call with a daughter who lives in Tokyo, and we were joined by her partner, who lives in Melbourne. They have not been able to be with each other for a year and we had still not met him - it was joyous to be able to chat and laugh with them both through the wonders of technology. Something else to make us smile and for which to be eternally grateful. Take care and see you next month. Charlotte



Dittisham Village Hall

Treasurer required: experience of Excel spreadsheets desirable, but not necessary to be an accountant. Support and training available. If you are interested please contact: Gill Hayward, Chair 01803 722 274 email gilbert.hayward@btinternet.com OR Jane Milton, Secretary 01803 722395 email jane.e.milton@gmail.com

Cornworthy News

Richard Evans

Richard Evans' funeral took place on Tuesday, 12 January on a wet and grey day. Jim Barlow officiated and, after a short and meaningful service with family present, he was buried at Church View overlooking Cornworthy. At the moment of commitment a rainbow appeared in a patch of blue sky and the weather cleared. Military music accompanied the beginning and end of the service and we were all very much reminded of the Richard we had known and loved for many years.

He was born on 3 August 1928 in Plymouth. His Dad was a bootmaker in the Marines. Oliver and Edith went on to have four more sons and a daughter. Peter is the last remaining of that family and was able to attend the service. Richard joined the Royal Marines at 17 and served for 23 years. Richard and Enid met at a dance at the Village Hall at Bow Bridge, situated next to where the pub is now. Because of overseas postings they had to postpone their wedding in Cornworthy Church until 16 April 1955. They had been married for 65 years.

When Richard's military service ended he trained as a teacher, living in Exwick. He taught in Thornton, Exminster and then worked at the Torbay Education Office until retirement at 62. They both then moved to look after Enid's parents at their home in one of the papermaker's cottages in Tuckenhay. Enid's father had worked at the Mill.

Richard was an avid gardener and loved working in his garden alongside the house. He became President of the Ashprington and Cornworthy Garden Association and was much involved with Indoor Bowling at Ashprington Village Hall. He also had a strong interest in history and read poetry with his granddaughter Lucy. He liked to take an active part in the Remembrance Sunday services at St David's.

Richard leaves Enid, his wife of 65 years, his daughter Denise and son Andrew, 5 grandchildren and four great grandchildren and all his many friends who will miss him greatly.

Caroline



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What is Valentine's Day and How did it Start? ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

It is a celebrated every year on 14th February. It's the day when people show their affection for another person or people by sending cards flowers or chocolates with a messages of love♥

Who was St Valentine ?

The day gets it name from a famous saint, but there are several stories of who he was. The popular belief about St.Valentine is that he was a priest from Rome in the third century AD. Emperor Claudius II had banned marriage because he though married men were bad soldiers. Valentine felt this was unfair , ♥ so he broke the rules and arranged marriages ♥ in secret.

When Claudius found out, Valentine was thrown in jail and sentenced to death .

There he fell in love ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ with the jailer's daughter and when he was taken to be killed on 14th February he sent her a love ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥letter signedFrom your Valentine♥.

Love is patient
Love is kind
It does not envy
It does not boast
It is not proud
It does not dishonour others
It is not self - seeking
It is not easily angered
It keeps no record of wrongs
Love does not delight in evil
But rejoices with the truth
It always protects
Always trusts
Always hopes
Always perseveres
Love never fails.

Sadly St Peter's is only open for private prayer.
All of you out there take care of each other.
Love Tanya.

Shining Lights in Lockdown

With the Christmas season over, and 2021 bringing with it a new national lockdown, humankind is in need of some light in their lives. Rev'd Preb. James Grier, the Exeter Diocesan Mission Enabler, has shared a simple way we can bring light to those in our communities.

Place a light in your window to share some light this lockdown.

The idea is to simply put a light in your window for others to see as a reminder of Christmas and of Christ's love. James says he was inspired by Swedish homes which often display light in their windows as a way of connecting with other homes that were physically distant, just as we are during the lockdown.

A light to offer hope, to say we're still here.

James hopes the light will "brighten someone's day as they walk down the street, and remind people of the light of the world, God himself who is with us, however alone we may feel."

We would encourage you to help share some light during this lockdown by joining in displaying a light in your window, to bring some hope to our communities.



Notice Board

Hoping to Buy....

My wife and I live near Oxford and we have recently sold our house to a cash buyer, who has no chain. We are searching for a non-estate, mature, detached house within a 10-mile radius of Totnes that has an established large garden, plenty of parking and, if possible, a large garage or workshop – this last requirement could be an old barn or a structure that could be converted to a workshop. We have a flexible price range, from £650,000 to £900,000, depending on the situation and character of the property.

If you are thinking of selling your house, please contact me:

Peter Sissons on 07813 777539 or email peter@sissonsdesign.com.
I look forward to hearing from you.

A Message from Cornworthy Parish Council

If anyone spots evidence of Ash Dieback, this can be reported using the following link and the problem will be assessed and action taken as necessary

https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/reportaproblem/map/map_src/hzt/

Books for sale:

*I am Christ's Boy: Religion versus Faith in Charles Causley's Poetry - £12.
An examination of the unorthodox beliefs of Cornwall's greatest poet*

*A Hollow Sea: Thomas Procter Ching and the Wreck of the Charles Eaton-£8.
A strange and rollicking novel based on true events in Cornwall and on a cannibal island in the Torres Strait in 1834. Not for the faint hearted!*

*No Admittance after Dark - £8.
The second collection of local ghost stories which should be read with the lights on.*

£2 from the sale of each book will be given to St David's Church. Laurence Green 01803 732 437.



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The census is coming!

On March 21st, households across the South Hams will be asked to take part in the Census 2021 nationwide questionnaire. The survey has been carried out every ten years since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

The census provides a snapshot in time of people and households across England and Wales. This information is then used to plan and make decisions on funding and local services such as: health and social care provisions, transport, waste collection, libraries and education.

Census Trivia

- When the first UK census took place in 1801, the population was recorded as 9 million. At the last census in 2011 the population was 63.2 million

- The census shows how people's occupations have changed over the years. In 1841 some of the professions with the lowest counts included one bee dealer, 19 peg makers and eight artificial eye-makers. In the same year there were only 734 female midwives, whereas in 2011 there were 30,925 female midwives recorded.

It's a digital first! Meaning it will be the first census run predominantly online. Households will receive a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets. Of course, there will still be paper copies available for those who need them.

The statistical results are made available within 12 months, however your personal records are locked away for 100 years and kept safe for future generations to explore.

In the next couple of months you will see television campaigns and purple poster reminders. Let's make Census 2021 count in your community.

For more information, visit www.census.gov.uk.

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your community.

Our Countryside Correspondent:

With lockdown rules still very much in place it is even more a pleasure to walk around the lanes and fully appreciate the outdoor space that we have across our three parishes. Snowdrops, those incredible heralds of good things to come, peep out from the foot of the hedgerows and then suddenly they are everywhere spreading their joy. Primroses are also making their mark in our gardens and the promise of carpets of yellow and brighter days is always a milestone in the year. In the meantime if we take a drive we still have those pesky potholes to deal with – take care with the innocent looking puddles – they may be harbouring a nasty pothole.

January has been and gone and some farmers have been accepted into the new Stewardship Scheme which will make a few changes to the look of some of the arable fields around the area. It will be very interesting to see how this develops and how much it will change the look of the land farmed. Sometimes changes are a good thing and there is always hope that this will be one of those good things.

Cattle are indoors still to keep warm and safe during the worst of the winter weather and those spring calving cows will be having a rest now before their baby calves arrive in the next few weeks making them big and strong enough to go out to their spring grazing when the grass begins to grow again.

Walking around the lanes this column sees that a number of landowners/smallholders have been hedge laying. It is wonderful to see that this old skill is being kept very much alive in so many places around our walk. So to round up the month – lots of maintenance to gardens/farms and smallholdings. Fencing, gates, hedging being paid a meticulous amount of attention whilst the necessary machinery also gets an oil change or a sharpen here and there. Seed catalogues lay open on the dining table and plans for veg and flower beds are being made.

Home schooling also includes getting the children out for walks/bikes etc.. This will hopefully instill a lifelong appreciation of the garden or the farm or just the landscape as a whole – spotting landmarks such as Haytor or those communication masts and who cannot feel a sense of wonder standing at the high spots and seeing the light across Lyme Bay at Chesil Beach? Never take it for granted. So we all press on in this strange world which Covid has engendered. Thomas Tusser, a sixteenth century poet and farmer, who wrote a lot about good husbandry also offered this “The greatest preferment that childe we can give, is learning and nurture, to traine him to live” During Hitler's war no one had much time for children; the countryside was our lesson book and it enriched us for all our lives. Look out for daffodils, snowdrops, crocuses, primroses and hopefully those sweet smelling purple violets tucked in amongst their leaves. If you are tempted by St. Valentine make sure you get the right one who was a martyr, the other a mere bishop!



nice bit of 'edging - can hardly see the joins!

Beginnings

May I live this day
Compassionate of heart,
Clear in word,
Gracious in awareness,
Courageous in thought,
Generous in love.



Our Motoring Correspondent - Paul Jolly

SHOULD I GO ELECTRIC NOW?

The New Year often brings thoughts about getting a new car. I am increasingly being asked by some clients whether they should take the plunge and go electric.

This Government has brought forward the date for all new cars to be electric from 2040 to 2030, an ambitious goal but nonetheless one that has the backing of the manufacturers, if for no other reason than for them not to miss the boat and also to be able to claim green credentials. For now, hybrids will be permitted from 2030 provided a decent amount of mileage can be covered by electric only power. Hybrid means a mix of electric (EV) and internal combustion engine (ICE), be that petrol or diesel.

Hybrids can be charged overnight, but also use a petrol or diesel engine as back up and are more suited to out of city usage due to 'Range Anxiety'. This is what currently puts consumers off electric power along with the price. At present, you can refill your car with a fresh tank of fossil fuel energy in a matter of minutes, pay at the pump and be on your way with an extended 500-600 miles capability. That stored energy will still be there even after a two-week holiday when you return to Bristol airport at midnight.

However, if you consider your actual usage, and you really only ever go to Dartmouth, Totnes or The Willows for your shopping, then the electric (EV) car will do it provided you can charge up at home every night. Even a day trip to Exeter should be in range but Taunton and back, probably not without stopping for a re-charge. A quoted 180 mile range is optimistic for some mid-range EVs and realistically, you should take into account driving conditions such as hills, stop/start commuter journeys, use of lights, wipers and heater, all of which draw power. Halve it to be safe.

But do not think about this exercise on the grounds of saving money. Electric vehicles will cost you dearly starting with a purchase price of at least 20% over the equivalent non electric car even after Government subsidies.

Then the real unknown. Depreciation. This is uncertain and will to a degree, depend on the recycling costs of your old battery pack in years to come. Inevitably, new electric car prices will drop and therefore so will the residual value of old ones. A full overnight charge may not cost as much as a tank of fossil fuel but you will be charging more frequently, probably daily, and woe betide should you get distracted on arrival home in the rain and forget to plug the charger in when you have an early train to catch next morning.

On top of the cost of the car, it is clear that a home charger is essential. These will cost around £900, less any available grants which may reduce this to about £600. A standard 13-amp plug can only charge the battery to about 80% and even then, will take well over 24 hours. The high- capacity home charger has the ability to fully charge in a few hours, but it needs you to be able to park off the road at home. Residential roads strewn with a mesh of cables is not the way forward!

Look around at your usual stopping points. Sainsbury's, Morrison's, Tesco's and M&S. Do you see electric charging points? No, nor do I. Indeed, if you travel on the motorway network, there are scant few charging points there, and what if they are all taken? Is there a queuing system in place? What if the Rep leaves his car for a lunch break while blocking the slot? Should you risk the long journey only to find the chargers out of order that day?

There is also no need to rush into this. You will still be able to buy a new petrol/diesel car with no EV capability for another nine years and then keep that for another nine or so years.

However, a compromise might be a Hybrid if you really do need to get a new car and is at least a move in the inevitable direction. These can achieve 30 miles pure electric power for local use, get you home from anywhere at any time, and show your green credentials.

My best advice is to watch and wait.

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Cornworthy Parish Council



held by Videoconferencing (Zoom) on Monday 11th January 2021 Present: Cllr Kirkland (Chairman); Cllr Bradley (Vice Chairman); Cllr Fry In Attendance: County Cllr Hawkins ; District Cllr McKay ; Mrs L Maby (Clerk); Mrs J Ronson (Member of Public) Matters Arising From November Minutes Cllr Kirkland confirmed that a winner had been chosen from the entrants for the Children's Decoration Competition. He also advised the meeting that Mr Gitsham who had offered his services to provide an outside socket to light the tree had come across installation problems which required further work . The cost of this extra work would be circa £240 An amount of £30 was agreed to be paid to the Village Hall for use of electricity. Cllr Kirkland confirmed that the damage to the fingerposts at Kerswell and Millpond have been reported to the police. Cllr Hunt has re-erected the Kerswell sign with a surround of heavy boulders offering protection from further damage. Cllr Hunt will be asked if he can attend to The Millpond sign in due course. Local Issues Traffic incidents in lane between TQ9 7UF and Washbourne involving white vans speeding and local residents. Several incidents have now occurred in this spot causing damage to vehicles. Councillors discussed erecting signs to encourage traffic to slow down. Clerk to check with DCC Highways that this will be possible if Cornworthy Parish Council purchase the signs. Persons living off grid in huts on Ridge Lane and fouling of neighbouring fields. Clerk has already reported this to Enforcement. Cllr McKay will liaise with Enforcement Officers to ascertain the situation. Poor road drainage affecting land at Higher Tideford Farm. Residents have described the issues with surface water from the highway flooding their land despite their own attempts to improve the drainage on their property. Clerk to relay the information to DCC Highways for their comments.. Various issues regarding the upkeep of Cornworthy Village. Several issues were discussed. The main areas being the BT Phone Box and the Oak Posts around the Village Green area. The missing pane of glass will be replaced and the phone box given a wash. Repairing the posts around the Oak Tree is in hand. Locality Grant of £325: Cllr Hawkins suggested that a good use of this money could be to provide extra gritting bins for the village and the road signs for the Washbourne area. Cllrs were in agreement . Notice of Casual Vacancy: Cllr Kirkland informed the meeting that Cllr Matthews has resigned. Clerk has issued the notices of the Casual Vacancy on notice boards, website and parish magazine. As no requests for an election have been received by SHDC, Cornworthy Parish Council may now co-opt a new councillor. There is an interested person and this will be confirmed before the next meeting. Parking in Priory View: Delivery vehicles and larger trucks such as the refuse lorry are finding it difficult to access Priory View because of parking on either side of the road. There is one particular vehicle mainly causing the issue and it was decided that Cllr Kirkland would speak to the owner as a first stage. Gritting in the Village: Cllrs discussed the need for an action plan to address the problem of icy roads now there is no Gritter service . This will be on the agenda for the February meeting. Covid 19 response: Cllr Kirkland confirmed that information regarding help available to residents had been posted on the parish council Facebook page Highways Three potholes to be reported at Broadridge Lane and one at Tideford bend. Clerk to progress. Planning Applications: Sheilings Ridge Lane Blackawton TQ9 7HJ 3526/20/CLE Certificate of lawfulness for existing use in breach of occupancy condition COMMENT Cllrs believe there is an agricultural tie on this property Lane End Stables Cornworthy TQ97ES 3568/20/TCA Work to trees. SUPPORT Decisions 7.3 The Linhay, Allaleigh Lane, Allaleigh, Totnes 3078/20/PDM Application to determine whether prior approval is required

for proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house (Class C) and for associated building operations (Class Q a&b) PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED & GIVEN Sheilings Ridge Lane Blackawton TQ9 7HJ 3526/20/CLE Certificate of lawfulness for existing use in breach of occupancy condition REFUSAL Finance and Records Bank Balance at 10/12/2020 Total : £23,406.99 Current Account :£15,343.37 Savings Account £8,063.62 Budget & Precept approval for 2021/22 : following the Extraordinary meeting of 23rd December 2020 to discuss the draft budget and precept, approval was proposed by Cllr Kirkland and seconded by Cllr Bradley Reports Clerk advised that the latest register of electors has been published with 305 on the electoral roll for the parish. Clerk advised that there is a link for reporting Ash Dieback which she will publish on Facebook and our website for this to be reported so that this can be attended to. Cllr Kirkland asked that this be put in the parish magazine. (https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/reportaproblem/map/map_src/hzt/). She thanked Cllrs Hunt and Kirkland for their work in erecting the new notice board at Allaleigh. This will be welcomed by residents there as regular notices can now be posted. She also thanked councillors for their efforts in practising Zoom and adopting videoconferencing for meetings until further notice. Climate Change Emergency : Cllr Fry agreed to complete a consultation questionnaire on behalf of Cornworthy Parish Council for the Devon Climate Emergency Group. She advised that the South Hams Sustainability Group have produced a map of the area showing those parishes which have prepared a Plan. Cllr Fry which she will access for advice and collaboration in preparing the Climate Emergency Plan for Cornworthy Parish. District Councillor : Cllr McKay advised that new funding for Businesses was being made available with grants from £4K to £9K. He advised that there is now a consultation on Local Housing Strategy. He reported that an action plan has been approved at a meeting on the 17th December on Climate Change. County Councillor: Cllr Hawkins advised that there may be up to £4K available for Village Halls. He advised that Dartmouth Caring and Dartmouth Food Banks are working hard at present and to let him know if anyone needs help. He is particularly concerned that any residents who are suffering hardship as a consequence of the pandemic know that they can contact himself or Cllr McKay for help and advice. The head of Dartmouth Academy (Emily) is aiming to make over 200 laptops available for learning to those in need and is asking residents if they have any redundant machines they can contribute. He advised that recycling centres are still open but Leisure Centres in Totnes and Dartmouth have had to close due to restrictions. Dartmouth LC are still offering online virtual classes through Fusion. He advised that the diggers are now in for the first stage of constructing the new Dartmouth Health and Wellbeing Centre.. He announced that there is to be a new policy regarding 20mph speed limit areas after the end of a trial in Newton Abbot, but only on roads that are not deregulated. The bureaucratic process regarding the installation of interactive road signs has now been lifted albeit local councils will have to buy their own. 100 Club January Draw 1st : Mr & Mrs Howell; 2nd: Mr Rowe; 3rd: Mrs P Kirkland Meeting Closed at 9.15pm The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 1st February 2021 at 8.00 pm

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Ashprington Parish Council



Thursday January 7th, 2020 at 7.30 pm held virtually on ZOOM. Present; Cllr Stocks {Chair} Cllr Thompson {Vice Chair}, Cllr B. Lunt, Cllr R. Rogers, Cllr K. Throgmorton, Cllr N. Paterson. Also present Michael Read, Clerk, District Cllr. J. McKay, County Cllr Hawkins, Apologies - M. Pearey, Tree Warden, P Macey, P3 Co Ordinator. Cllr T. Green.. Emily Reed, Devon Climate Emergency Project Manager, who lives in the Parish, gave a short presentation on the Interim Devon Carbon Plan. Emily stated that a Citizens Assembly

is being set up of 70 Devon residents which will work on the County's plans to reduce carbon emissions to Net Zero by 2050 and answered questions from Councillors around the part the Parish can play in achieving this. The Chair welcomed newly appointed councillor Nigel Paterson to his first meeting. Covid19 The Village Hall is now closed and will remain so until probably at least Easter 2021. Parishioners should be aware of many opportunistic scams capitalising on Covid insecurity. Concerns were expressed about plans for a limited opening of the Totnes markets. Cllr Hawkins stated that Covid Compliance Officers would be present and will give advice to traders and customers about Covid safety. Ash Meadow Governance Structure, banking and associated management arrangements Cllr Lunt has been looking into the status of Ash Meadow in relation to its Constitution which was written in 1993. At the same time, the Committee is considering changing its bank account from National Westminster to the Co Op Bank. Whilst looking into the Constitution it is clearly out of date and needs rewriting to bring it up to date. Cllr Lunt also looked into the possibility of Ash Meadow becoming a Community Interest Company. To complete the change to Co Op Bank, *Ash Meadow can change bank accounts and be rewarded for the switch. *Ash Meadow would have a much clearer structure of governance than at present. *They can demonstrate to potential grant awarding bodies that Ash Meadow is properly regulated. It is proposed that the Chair and Clerk of the council be appointed directors of the company but the Chair and Clerk suggested that a third director be appointed, namely the Vice Chair. The officers of Ash Meadow have been consulted and are supportive of the proposal. All parishioners will in effect become stakeholders of the project. However before going any further a special general meeting will be required to ratify the proposals on January 20th. The Chair stated that Ash Meadow must continue to administer all the day to day operations of the Meadow by delegation from the Directors and that further administrative duties should not fall on the shoulders of the Chair or Clerk. On that basis, a vote was taken and approved unanimously. Parish Snow Warden – Highways Equipment and allocation of grant funding. As indicated at the December Meeting, the parish successfully applied for funding towards the cost of purchasing equipment to deal with issues caused by snow and ice and other highways related issues. A total of £1318 was awarded and it was agreed that these funds be used to purchase equipment as specified by the Snow Warden, Cllr Throgmorton, at a cost £1185. The balance will be used to offset part of the cost of employing the lengthsman. Devon County Council/Parish, Highways Responsibilities The parish, via our Highways Councillor Cllr Rogers, continue to lobby for remedial work to the parish's road to be undertaken. Numerous requests have been for support and some assistance provided notably to Bow Hill. The Council continues to lobby for more support such as road sweeping and Cllr Hawkins continues to give vocal assistance. Discussions continue to take place with DCC – funding continues to be a problem. The Chair expressed heartfelt thanks to both Cllr Rogers and Cllr Throgmorton. Grass Verge near Crownley Wood The Council is anxious to ensure that vehicles do not park on the grass verge near the wood so as to prevent vehicles churning up the grass or campervans parking overnight. The Council has decided to erect a picket fence at the site with a hawthorn hedge planted behind the fence which will in time merge in with the existing fence bordering an adjacent field. Cllr Stocks, reported that a Woodland Trust Grant has been applied for successfully and 200 trees plus spiral guards will be made available in March. The Chair checked out the situation regarding the existing hedge bordering the field with the Land Agent and DCC appear to have no objection. Planning Permission it seems will not be needed, although the trees must not be too large so as to minimise future maintenance cost. The preliminary cost suggests a budget of least £140 for the fencing will be required. Cllr McKay offered to contribute £140 via SHDC funding. Speeding and Parking in Ashprington. Cllr Throgmorton has been monitoring parking in the village and trying to deter parishioners and others from parking in pinch points in Ashprington, so that the Gritting Lorry and fire engines can pass safely through the village. Parishioners are reminded that at least 3 metres are needed. P3 Report Pam Macey could not be present but reported that the annual P3 survey was underway and will be completed by February. Water erosion on the Sharpham Cycle track has been reported to Paul McFadden of DCC. Mr McFadden has also closed a footpath at Yetson due to flood damage. Investigations are underway at Tuckenhay at the bottom of Corkscrew Hill. There is a leaning tree at Lime Lane. Tree Warden Report The ash tree near Bow Bridge which had Ash Dieback and has been felled. Holly trees

in Tuckenhay will either be felled {one} and pruned {two}. A small thorn tree near the bottle bank in Tuckenhay has recently blown down. Planning 3069/20/LBC W/A Carlyon. Brooking. Replace front door. Support. 3905/20/PDM Skevington. Lower Washbourne Farm. Change of use agricultural building to dwelling House. Not in the parish but support 3961/20/TCA C. Peters. Tanglewood. Fell x3 Leylandii due to close proximity to buildings. Support but suggest 3 new trees be planted. 3181/20/TCA Jasmine Cottage. Various tree works. Support but qualified tree specialist should carry out the work. District Cllr Report Cllr McKay reported that he continued to receive many complaints about the current waste collection and recycling service. Collections are now outsourced to a company named FCC Environment. County Councillor Report. Councillor Hawkins also reported awareness of issues regarding waste collection. A new system is due to be in operation from March starting with Ivybridge. Covid Compliance Officers are now in situ – their aim is to provide advice to businesses. Concerns remain about safeguarding and depression due to the pandemic. Grants of between £4000 and £9000 should be available soon to support small businesses. Ash Meadow Report Annual General Meeting – the virtual AGM took place on October 28th and a new committee was elected. Finances – We ended 2020 with just over £3,000 in the bank. The overall position is similar to a year ago. We expect 2021 again to show income exceeding outgoings by a moderate margin. We are retaining a minimum of £1,500 as reserves and £500 as a sinking fund for future maintenance of the Devon Air Ambulance lighting installation, leaving a surplus of around £1,000 for possible further development projects. We are running a competition for young people in the parish to generate ideas for what new initiatives should be pursued at Ash Meadow, before deciding how the current surplus can best be used. We are looking at what arrangements for work parties are appropriate under the current lockdown rules, to ensure essential work can continue. Work parties have been very well supported recently. Proposals for a new structure and constitution are being considered, discussed as a separate item at the parish council meeting. Other Business 2021/2022 Precept Proposal The Finance Sub Committee reported back from its meeting to make a recommendation for next year's precept which needs to be forwarded to SHDC by the end of January. Of the Council tax paid by parishioners, only 2% is paid to the parish with the bulk of the tax going to DCC {approx. 67%} and a smaller percentage to Police, Fire and Ambulance services and SHDC {circa 9%} – these figures accompanied Council Tax Bills. The proposal was to increase the tax for the parish by £891 to a total of £10,186 or the equivalent of £40.58 pence per annum {78 pence per week} for a Band D taxpayer. The Parish Council voted unanimously to agree the recommendation. The Clerks Salary A sub-committee of the Chair, Vice Chair and Cllr Lunt met to submit a proposal to the Council with regard to a review of the Clerks salary. The Council agreed unanimously with the proposal that would take immediate effect from January 2021 and backdated to April 1st 2020. Councillors Areas of Responsibility Snow Warden Cllr Throgmorton has been proactive in placing cones to deter parking in those pinch points in the parish which have caused problems in the past. Additional grit bags have been left in key locations. Yetson grit bin dewatered. Final Draft of the Emergency Plan to be issued for review. Speeding in Ashprington Checks will commence when the speed gun is received. Project work for the cemetery prepared. Highways A report has been prepared by Cllr Rogers. Its been a very busy period in part due to the inclement weather. In mid- December, water and silt poured down through Ashprington from a field on the western side of the village. Cllr Rogers discussed the options with the landowner and as a result the gateway has been blocked up. Numerous drains and buddle holes have been cleared either by Cllr Rogers or the Lengthsman under his direction. Mud, leaves and debris has been cleared in numerous locations in the parish. Cllr Rogers is now in contact with DCC, local landowners and the Footpaths Warden to remedy issues as they arise. Despite numerous requests the Council has been unable to enlist the help of the SHDC road sweeper. The Chair thanked Cllr Rogers both on behalf of the Council and a number of parishioners all of whom were so grateful. The meeting closed at 10.30pm Next Meeting will be on Thursday February 4th, 2020 at 7.30pm remotely on ZOOM. Request access code from the Clerk {email address or telephone below} M.J. Read, Parish Clerk – spooks49@michaelread.plus.com. Tel 01803 732047.



Information, updates and practical resources about COVID-19 are posted on www.dittishamparish.co.uk, www.facebook.com/dittishamparishcouncil, and emailed to the Information email group (please email the Clerk at parishclerk@dittishamparish.co.uk to be added). Notes from the Monthly Meeting of Dittisham Parish Council held using public videoconferencing on Wednesday 6 January 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Devon County Councillor Jonathan Hawkins said that the Dartmouth Community Chest can still provide free meals to Dittisham residents and the Dartmouth Foodbank is open to help. COVID-19 Business Grants will be available. Please email Cllr McKay and Cllr Hawkins who will do all they can to help. The Recycling Centres remain open. South Hams District Council Councillor John McKay asked to let him know if there are Dittisham waste collection problems. SHDC has three COVID Compliance Officers who will go and help businesses improve their compliance. The Parish of Dittisham Charity has funds available for Parish projects. The planting of a rowan memorial tree on the border between The Ham Car Park and The Ham was agreed. DPC is investigating the functioning of the drains in the Level Car Park. Cllrs Anderson & Lloyd reported on a meeting with Anthony Mangnall MP, initiated by the private members bill relating to a new way of trading electricity at local level, and that there will be a follow-up meeting. Issues around managing risk to members of the public visiting graves in the Old Chapel Burial Ground were agreed. DPC decided not to install a willow dome on The Ham. A tree survey contractor was chosen. SHDC Planning Decisions 3188/20/TCA Dittisham Court Dittisham TQ6 0HS. T10: Cedar - Fell due to honey fungus. T15: Eucalyptus - Crown reduction by 3-4m due to signs of decay at base. T19: Weeping Willow - Repollard to original cuts due to decay within tree. T28: Maple - Fell to improve airflow and light to waste treatment plant. No objections raised. 3213/20/PDM Barn at SX 838 532 Capton Dittisham TQ6 0JE. Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1no. dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for associated operational development (Class Q(a+b)). Prior Approval Required and Given. 3075/20/PDM Barns at Capton Dittisham Dartmouth TQ6 0JE. Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed change of use of agricultural building to 4no. dwellinghouses and associated operational development (Class Q(a+b)). Withdrawn.

2916/20/HHO & 2917/20/LBC Chipton Barton Dittisham TQ6 0HW. Retrospective householder application and Listed Building consent for landscaping works. Conditional Approval. 3079/20/FUL River Farm Rectory Lane Dittisham TQ6 0HE. Extension to existing boathouse (including extension to existing first floor studio). Conditional Approval. 2123/20/LBC & 2134/20/FUL The Linhay Barn, Chipton Barton Dittisham TQ6 0HW. Listed building consent for refurbishment works & Refurbishment and change of use from holiday let to full residential. Withdrawn.

New planning applications. 3749/20/HHO & 3750/20/LBC Dunedin House The Quay Dittisham TQ6 0EZ. Householder application & Listed building consent

for roof over courtyard and lantern light with internal alterations to rear first and second floors. Support. 3927/20/LBC Lapwing Cottage Manor Street Dittisham TQ6 0EX. Listed building consent for replacement of 3no casement windows on South elevation (retrospective). Support. 4126/20/ARC Capton Mill Cottage Capton Devon TQ6 0JE. Application for approval of details in part reserved by conditions 4 & 5 of planning application 1669/20/HHO. Support. 4003/20/ARC 2 Watermans Cottage Manor Street Dittisham TQ6 0EX. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 7 of planning consent 1048/19/HHO. Supporting document not available. The Clerk will advise SHDC and request an extension. 4101/20/VAR Sunbeams Riverside Road Dittisham Devon TQ6 0HS. Application for variation of conditions 2 and 3 of planning consent 3745/19/HHO regarding drawings and a privacy screen. Support.

4/2/21 4088/20/FUL & 4089/20/LBC The Linhay Barn Chipton Barton Dittisham TQ6 0HW. Refurbishment works, internal alterations and associated landscaping & continued use as ancillary accommodation/holiday use (resubmission of 2134/20/FUL & 2123/20/LBC). Support 4/2/21 4180/20/PDM Dittisham Landfill Dittisham TQ6 0HP. Prior approval for change of use of Agricultural building to Dwellinghouse (Class C3) an associated building operations. SHDC's decision will be based on evidence provided to it. 3793/20/TCA 20 Dittisham Court Dittisham TQ6 0HS T6: Horse Chestnut - Lateral reduction by 1m on all sides to allow clearance from property wall and ensure balance and shape of tree is maintained. Not received in time to be on the Agenda. Discussed. No issues raised. Consultations Draft Housing Strategy 2021-2026 "Better Homes, Better Lives.", SHDC, Closes 1/2/21. Clerk to respond in consultation with Cllr Anderson. The Finance Report showed a balance of £61,867.78 and unearmarked reserves of £12,386.96.

Approved payments:

- DALC, Being a Good Councillor 3&4, £36.00
- DALC, Being a Good Councillor 1, £18.00
- R Bastin, Ham Noticeboard Installation, £58.00
- Metric, Two ticket rolls, £116.09
- Tucker Fencing Ltd, Ham Triangle - Ham Lane barrier posts, £463.20
- Clerk Expenses reimbursement CE37, £130.71
- Grant, £1,000, St Georges Church to support grounds maintenance DPC approved the Clerk's claim for ten hours overtime and that identified public footpath repair works will be paid from DCC P3 reserves held by DPC. No objections raised to the proposed approval of the following invoices by the Clerk and Chair: Parish Lengthsman, mid October to mid December, £200.00, and Parish Lengthsman, DCC Grant, £250.00. The Village Hall Management Committee's request for a £3,000 grant was deferred to September because of difficulty balancing the budget due to very reduced car park income. It was agreed to make applications to DCC for grants for installation of ham triangle protection posts and two permanent A2 size playground signs on metal posts. Payments made since the last meeting: Cllr Bond, High Vis Jacket £27.95 The 2021/22 budget was approved. The precept demand will be £12,000. The meeting was closed to members of the public because of commercial sensitivity while the choice of 2021-2022 Dittisham Maintenance Contractor was made. The next ordinary meeting of Dittisham Parish Council: 3 February 2021 at 7:00 pm using Zoom. Full Minutes, Agendas, Parish Council contact details, and COVID-19 information are available at <http://www.dittishamparish.co.uk> Contact details also on The Level and Capton noticeboards.

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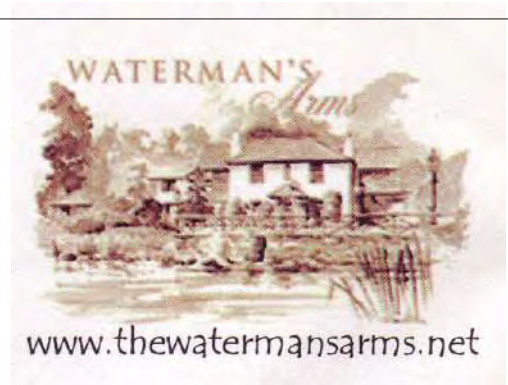


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Calendar for February

St David's Ashprington

website: <https://ashpringtonchurch.org/>
 Church closed during most recent lockdown until further notice. Prayer board available in the church porch and seating in the porch and churchyard for private prayer.
1 March St David's Day pots of daffodils will decorate the churchyard nature path. Everyone welcome to place pots.

St Peter's Cornworthy

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