

Parish Magazine

Ashprington Cornworthy Dittisham

October 2020

Harvest Festival

This year's harvest will be celebrated in all three of our churches on the same Sunday - 11th October.

Villagers from all three villages are invited to leave tinned goods and dried foods in their church porches during the week ending on the 11th for their local food banks.

Incredible Hulks 2: Dittisham Mill Creek.

Less than a mile from Dittisham the road passes the Mill and skirts the head of Dittisham Mill Creek before climbing the steep hill to the village. Here the remains of three hulks can be seen in the mud at low water.

The most complete and the farthest up the creek is the ghostly remains of the 'Fiery Cross', a trawler which rests on the Dittisham side of the Cornworthy parish boundary which is the main stream of the creek. The bow can just be seen and the outline of the hull in the mud. (right) The stern with rudder pintle sticks up sixty-two feet further down the creek. Stout planks are strewn about in the mud; the whole hulk leans towards the Cornworthy shore. Much of the timber, including the rudder, has been taken during the past seventy years.

The wide-beamed, round-sterned trawler was built by J Bowden in Porthleven in 1905 for the Ramsgate trawling fleet, owned by Mr Paynter, who named his fleet 'Rosy Cross', 'Crimson Cross', etc. As a result of increasing U-boat activity in the North Sea R 291 transferred to Brixham in 1915 and became BM 145 owned by skipper Harry Davie with Bob Soper as mate. In 1933 he transferred sails, capstan, and fishing gear to the trawler 'Girl Inez' and 'Fiery Cross' was sold as a houseboat. In 1937 the trawler/houseboat was dumped at the head of Dittisham Mill Creek to be broken up. The victim of dealers in simulated antique furniture, she sunk slowly into the mud, a shadow of her former self.

A little further up the creek could once be seen pieces of an unnamed coal hulk, a barge built of steel covered in teak. It was used at Dartmouth to unload coal and had no engine. All trace of this barge had now disappeared. The creek was used to break up small craft and now a large boiler can be seen in the mud. (lower left corner) Its origin is a mystery.

The third hulk is not a hulk at all. It is the rudder of the Plymouth ketch-rigged barge 'Shortest Day' propped against the retaining wall of one of the gardens in a bight of the creek. The 'Shortest Day' (c.75 tons) was owned by Ellis and Rickard of Plymouth, skippered by Captain Honkins, working chiefly from Plymouth to Falmouth with cargoes of stone and grain. When time expired she was burnt in the creek.



The post that holds up one end of the chain to stop vehicles churning up the grass on the road side of the creek is an old propeller shaft with the remains of a threaded end. It is not clear which hulk it came from.

These remains are a fascinating echo of the former glory of past times when sail was king. A lot of observation is needed but the results excite the imagination.

With thanks to Mr and Mrs Pilkington of Dittisham Mill and reference to 'Lost Ships of the West Country' by Martin Langley and Edwina Small, published by Stanford Maritime in 1988. The photographs reproduced here show how much many of the hulks have deteriorated in over thirty years.

Laurence Green



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November Magazine:

Please try to have all copy to the production editors by the 20th of October for the November magazine. Thank you.

This Month's Magazine....

During this month there has been great sadness in both Ashprington and Cornworthy at the loss of two of our long established and well-loved villagers. Not being able to show our usual support at their funerals we have had to find other ways to show support and give our tributes. So that the words spoken by members of both families may be shared as widely as possible, the eulogies are printed in the magazine.

Space and the multiple of 4 page number rule defeats me again. Some articles have been abbreviated, PC reports are in a small font and Wildlife in Your Garden has been saved for next month. However the online version available on the websites mid-month contains PC reports in larger font and the Wildlife article.

Clergy Letter

Food for Thought

Covid 19 restrictions hit at the things that matter most to us, especially sharing food together, singing, hugs and hand-shakes. It is clear that it spreads easily when people are gathered around a table together eating and drinking. Yet Jesus sitting and eating and drinking with his disciples is at the heart of our faith. The gospel this week is the 'Feeding of the Four Thousand', another wonderful example of the 'food fellowship' at the heart of Judaism, Christianity and other world faiths. I'm afraid everyone present would be liable to arrest under the new legislation (though actually the Romans didn't like large spontaneous outdoor gatherings either!)

The good news is that public worship is not affected by the recent announcement, provided we continue to maintain our social distancing and cleaning procedures, with restrictions on singing and communion in one kind only (for those fortunate enough to be able to attend in person). I am convinced that we have done everything we can to make our churches some of the safest places to be.

As the nation absorbs the latest setback I feel it is important we don't go back down the lockdown path as regards the churches. Let us do everything we can to keep them open and keep them safe, so people can have a place to come and pray. Obviously, events like Remembrance and Christmas are going to have a very different feel this year, and we need to start planning how to do them in a good way, which will require something creative and different.

Thinking about generosity, I always wonder how the young lad in the gospel story felt about being asked to hand over his small rations. What use could they possibly be in the face of so great a hunger? Yet there, precisely, is the miracle of the gospel. The boy gives what he has to hand - and it is more than enough. God doesn't offer us, in this life, great wealth and an abundant feast. Just a morsel of bread and (in more normal times) a sip of wine. Yet, as most of you know, it is more than enough. Whatever is given in love and simple trust, God can magnify a thousand fold. All this puts me in mind of the prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola.

Dearest Lord,
teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve You as You deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for reward
save that of knowing I am doing Your Will.

Fr. Jim

Message from Cliff Berdinner:

Talking to Cliff and Paula on the telephone today was a happy step back in time. Cliff was a faithful contributor to the magazine for years giving us “just a thought” - which was more than a thought - more like an enthralling seminar. Cliff sends greetings to those who remember him from their years in Ashprington (Hillside Cottage) and the Art Club. You might not know it but at some time Cliff was probably in your house when he used to do minor repairs and fix-it jobs when the Berdinner's first arrived in the village in the early '80s.

Cliff's thought this morning: “time carries you with it”.

Meet our new ordinand, Gill George.

By the time you read this, I will have been along to church services at Ashprington and Cornworthy, and will hopefully have begun to learn a few names. Living in Torquay, and having been absorbed with work in the Parish of Cockington and Chelston until very recently, I must confess to being a complete ‘newbie’ amongst you. I am currently training for ordination at Sarum College. The training is context-based, with a rural focus, so I will be based with the Totnes Team Ministry churches—primarily Ashprington and Cornworthy initially—for most of my training.

I grew up in rural Herefordshire (Bosbury, near Ledbury) and descend from tenant farmers on both sides. My parents are now retired, but my wider family continues to farm in Herefordshire. I am married to Dave, who is a vicar in Torquay. We have three children who, now they are adults, have been replaced by the dogs. You may see me with a fluffy herbert called Branston (because he is a little pickle!).

We moved down to Devon at the end of 2015, and have since found that my great, great, grandfather William Cole owned the mill at Totnes (recently the Tourist Information Centre) and was a JP. I seem to have had quite a few ancestors locally, but have only recently begun to find out about them.

I enjoy swimming in the Dart, playing the piano and organ a little (although I have been playing the organ for several years and still get confused as soon as I have to juggle my hands and feet—largely due to lack of practice!), and generally being outdoors. In terms of church background, I am quite open and have lived in a lot of places with various styles of worship. Workwise, I've most recently been a building surveyor specialising in fire risk assessments, but my first degree was sociology so I frequently link that with theology. What is most important to me is that we are not an exclusive community. I like to think of church as a Dutch barn—a shelter without walls—but, of course, it is so much more.

My training includes running a monthly discussion group. It will be a small group to look at a bit of theology and also how that works in the real world. It would be good to have a cross-section of churchgoers and also those who perhaps have no interest in attending church services but who would like the chance to discuss theology and spirituality in an open, safe context. It's a rare opportunity to find out what they teach people at theological college and also to give feedback on that. The primary purpose is that I can learn from the views and experiences of those in the group—hence my calling it Build A Vicar!

Please do get in touch as soon as possible if it's something you are interested in—I hope to run the first session at the end of September/beginning of October.

Love in Christ, Gill
07947604160

Local ordinand, Gill George, is looking for a small group of people willing to



BUILD A VICAR

- ⇒ As part of her vicar training, Gill is hosting a series of informal discussion groups.
- ⇒ It's a rare opportunity to find out what goes on at theological college and influence that.
- ⇒ For healthy growth a range of views from across the community (not just churchy people!) is needed.
- ⇒ Monthly meetings (possibly online) for two years.
- ⇒ Strictly non-proselytising—this is a safe space.

Contact Gill for more information on 07947 604160, or email her at sarumordinand@gmail.com

Ashprington News

Family Memories of Joan Geall

John - Joan's brother:

Joan was the first born of four. Joan, Dorothy and John were brought up in the thirties with summer holidays by the sea at Westward Ho! and happy times with grandparents.

It was brought to a halt in September 1939. Schooling was disrupted as Joan was due to start secondary school and John to start primary school. We stayed living in Wembley throughout the war - we were not evacuated.

There followed years of 'eat all that is on your plate' and nights huddled in the air raid shelter at home or at other times in the school shelter.

If the siren went when we were in bed at night we followed a routine of dressing and gathered together by the garden door in the kitchen. One at a time, as ordered by our father, we dashed down to and into the semi-sunk concrete shelter in the garden. There was always a tin of kit-kats for a treat in the shelter.

Peter, the fourth, was born in 1943 and would have no memories like those of the other three. He lived his later years in South Africa and died in 2015.

Joan as the eldest, perhaps understood more of what war meant - to this day if she heard the noise of a siren she would flinch. I was fascinated by the need for sticky brown tape on the house windows - and helped - a fun job!

Joan and Ted did not have children of their own but gave enjoyment and love to those of her brother and sister - they were a fun Aunt and Uncle.

As Joan's health deteriorated the wonderful thing is that Joan's nieces and nephews then worked together and took charge of tending to her through her last weeks of life.

I will be forever thankful that it became possible for me to visit and spend time with my sister as the pandemic restrictions eased.

We spoke quietly together about something and nothing, then sat and looked at each other. Can somebody look at you and you realize that their eyes are saying goodbye? Joan waved goodbye to me as I left her bungalow, something that I cannot recall her doing before.

Emily, Joan's great niece:

Holidays in Devon with my parents at Aunt Joan and Uncle Ted's. I have many great memories of the holidays we had over years, when they had Blue (the dog). I loved walks with Ted and the dog, in later years as a teenager, they were always kind enough to let me take a friend to stay as well. Many happy memories of teenage chatter in what is now Joan's study. I remember many a summer fete in the village, walking down to the post office to pick up supplies, and some fantastic meals cooked by Joan over the years.

As a child of the '80s I had many a homemade Christmas present knitted by AJ. There must be photographic evidence, but perhaps this is best left in the '80s.

In more recent years when Ellie was born AJ sent some beautiful knitted hats, scarves, and a bright pink baby blanket, which I still treasure. Some of her creations were amazing, considering how her eyesight failed her as she aged. I have one of her later painting creations, a grass field with butterfly stickers in a blue frame, which she drew for Ellie. This still takes pride of place in our house.

Back in 2017 Matt and I took Ellie to Devon to meet Joan. It amazed me then how active she was and able to do pretty much all the things that she loved to do. We shared a love of Pilates, however I can guarantee that AJ was definitely more flexible than me. I can only hope that if I reach the same age, that I can be half the person she was. Joan was a true lady who was kind and generous and Ashprington will not be the same without her. *(Hear, hear!)*

JOAN AND THE VILLAGE HALL.

We are all very sad that due to Joan's rapid decline and with Covid we never had an opportunity to celebrate and thank Joan for all her hard work and commitment to the Village Hall over many years.

Joan was a force to be reckoned with, as I'm sure all the hirers will testify after they had been 'interviewed' by her in order to reassure herself that they were suitable customers and would toe the line! All done with her particular charm.

Joan's ability to get us all organised for the Winter and Summer lunch was second to none, and the mysteries of her system with the list of attendees was never unpicked by any of us.

Those of us living in the village will have witnessed Joan and her determined passage to and from the Hall to place the key under the mat or leave an invoice or note in the kitchen.

She will be much missed and she will be remembered with our love and thanks.

Ali Carlyon, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee.

Message of thanks from Ann (Joan's niece)

The whole family were very pleased with the funeral service and the way in which The Church, WI and villagers got together to make it a memorable day.

Donations left at the church on Thursday and Friday totalled £530. Totnes Caring £370 and Macular Society £160. People also donated directly through the charities websites. Phil and I look forward to seeing you again when we come down later in the season.

Thank you all for your kindness and help.

Kind regards, Ann Burnish

News from Ash Meadow Village Picnic and Fun Day

This was on August Bank Holiday Monday this year and after some rather wet weather in August we had the good fortune of pleasant, fine weather for the day. There was an excellent turnout and the relaxed and cheerful atmosphere was noted by many. We followed the guidelines for a COVID-safe outdoor event (as they applied on the day). Even so the day provided welcome respite from months of lockdown and virus watching, and many people commented on how enjoyable it was to be able to enjoy the outdoors, get a bit of exercise, meet up with old friends, and feel part of an active community again. So thanks to all who made the effort to come along, and to the many volunteers who have been looking after Ash Meadow in recent months (it was in great form) and whose formidable team effort on the day made it all run smoothly.

We had a number of deadly serious competitive events, so a final thanks to the intrepid participants, whose months of training led to a high standard from all. And the winners were.....

Paper Dart Throwing

Adult - Joe Todd

Child - Ewan Whitchurch-Bennett

"Egg" & Spoon Race

Senior Child - Ava Moor

Junior Child - Leo Edwards-Whaller

3-Legged Race

Adult Joint Winners - A. Edwards-Whaller & A. Edwards

Hannah & Kevan Throgmorton

Children Joint Winners - Ava & Jacob Moor

Jake Throgmorton & Hugo Moor

Feed The Brute (PPE style)

Adult - Annie Edwards-Whaller

Child - Megan Reddish

Tug Of War

Men - Barry's Team beat Jim's Team

Women - Angels beat The Arc Angels

Children - The Girls beat The Boys

Egg Throwing Competition (Cup Donated & Presented By The Edwards Family)

Joint Winners - Isla Buchanan & Madeleine Buchanan

Jake Throgmorton & Hugo Moor

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THE NOTICE BOARD Pg 9.**

QUIZ NIGHT

A start on the questions has been made and 3 tables have been booked prior any publicity! But sadly, quiz night is postponed - the virus wins again.

In the meantime keep the little grey cells oiled. You never know what the quiz master has in store! *Simon*



YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION AT



**ST. DAVID'S
11th OCTOBER
AT 11.15AM**

VILLAGE WORSHIP

**A special collection of
tinned and dried food
(nothing fresh please)
can be left in the church
porch from the 5th to the
10th of October.
This will be taken to the
Totnes Food Bank after
the service.**



St David's Church News:

At the recent Parochial Church Council meeting Simon Boyes stood down after twelve years as Churchwarden. We thank him for his tireless service and help in the smooth running of the church. He will remain, thank heavens, as Churchwarden Emeritus.

Laurence Green was asked to become churchwarden to help Richard Soans. His role will be not only to keep an eye of the fabric of the church building but also to concentrate on continuing the mission of the church and its place in the community. It will be a challenging job with much advice and consultation involved. Laurence's father and great-grandfather were churchwardens; his grandfather took a theology degree at Cambridge and became an agnostic! The role of a churchwarden has changed over the years. It has expanded from working directly under the Rector to a post of greater responsibility and leadership.

There is much at stake here. With God's help I shall endeavour to do my best in this important job.

Laurence Green.

Cornworthy News



Richard Porritt

On behalf of myself and Sam, Kitty, Betsy and Tom, I would like to say a huge thank you for all the love and support we have received over the last few weeks. It has been an immeasurable comfort and makes us so grateful to be part of such a caring community.

God bless you all,
Jane

We have lived in Cornworthy for nearly 25 years. My dad loved the village and we loved him. Here are some of the words we, his children, spoke at his funeral.

Betsy

Words spoken by Sam:

On behalf of the family I would like to thank you all for being here today, and all those who have sent their love and support but sadly cannot be here due to the current circumstances.

My Father, Richard William Porritt was born in Worthing on the 11th of October 1945 to Ann Elizabeth Porritt and Oliver William Porritt - known as Bill. He was then joined by his sister Jane and some years later by his

brother Nicholas. He would remember his early years fondly, his parents were a young and glamorous couple who had both contributed to Britain's war effort.

Following the war, as an officer in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Bill was stationed in Hong Kong and so went the family. This upheaval was more than compensated for by the sights, smells and sounds of this thriving city - as well as the mischief he would get up to with his beloved sister Jane. All of which left a lasting impression.

On their return to England Bill (Gramps) went to work for the family firm Porritt and Spencer in Lancashire. They would go on to move house many times over these years, the one constant being the disruption this caused to Daddy's schooling. In fact Daddy found it impossible to remember all the names of the schools he had attended.

However these formative experiences at boarding school go some way to explain his deep revulsion of bullies and bullying of any kind and his lifelong aversion to being in cold water. His memories of the mandatory year-round cold baths intended to turn seven year olds into men meant that years later he couldn't fathom why his family took such pleasure in stripping off and jumping into the sea at any given opportunity.

It was at his school Brick Wall that he formed his first life-lasting friendships beyond his family's circle. Its expansive grounds and more enlightened brand of education made for happier times.

It was around this time that his parents' faltering marriage ended, Gramps finding happiness in his marriage to Jean and the arrival of their son James, half brother to Daddy, Jane and Nicholas. Daddy always loved his maternal grandmother, known affectionately as Gana and it was through his teenage years that she became a constant source of love and support, her home on Jersey something of a refuge from a complicated and occasionally turbulent home and school life.

Early adulthood and career were stilted by a lack of direction and qualifications partly the result of his patchy education. He dipped his toe in the city but found it to be not for him. Although not living entirely fecklessly he enjoyed being young in 1960s London. It was only after his father, slightly exasperated, arranged a careers test for him did he find his footing. After an afternoon ticking boxes on a form, the answer came back - Lawyer.

The next part was not smooth sailing; there were exams, interviews and a perfectly timed encounter with someone who gave him a chance. Being a bit older than his cohort and after some false starts he was called to the Bar.

Friendships blossomed and it is a tribute to just how great those friends are that they recognised he was on to a good thing when he met our mother, Jane. Then came an intense period of study. For Daddy this was very much to keep up with, in order to keep Mummy.

Love and life's landmarks rushed towards them. Daddy's memorable first encounters with his future parents in

law, the proposal, the wedding, their first joint address, where they awoke one morning to find that they'd narrowly avoided death by faulty boiler - this story could quite easily have ended there.

First house, first child then second child, second house. Happy but not fulfilled. Young barristers with a young family living in Balham, gateway to the west and so it proved.

For Mummy and Daddy it was a leap, one of life's great recalibrations. Swapping from being a barrister to a solicitor not unlike switching from being a surgeon to a general practitioner where contact with one's client/patient is more rounded. His instincts proved correct as it was after joining the Paignton firm of solicitors; Gowmans that he was to find his true vocation.

And with him we moved to Totnes; schools were found and we settled into our new life. Mummy being from a large family and Daddy having grown up around large families meant that Kitty and I were never going to be enough for them, besides there were bedrooms to fill. In time Mummy became pregnant and a beautiful baby girl was born, Emily. Sadly, in her first year her little heart stopped beating while she slept.

It was the first time I saw Daddy cry. Bereft, there was no recrimination, just the deep and unsettling awareness of the fragility of things and the utter disbelief that attends premature loss. Looking back at this time as a father and a husband I marvel at their strength and their love for one another. That the relationship they built could weather such an emotional storm – the two of them together, come what may.

Though never totally dissipated, the sadness was at least alleviated by the birth of Betsy and then Tom a few years later.

I suspect they imagined staying in Totnes for many years to come but like many people in their position they found themselves overextended when the financial crises of the 1980s hit. Moving out of Totnes they looked to move to somewhere more manageable, further down the Dart in the direction of their friends, with whose families, their family would grow intertwined.

Difficult decisions were made manageable by being able to depend on one another totally. Taking their lead we children bumped along quite happily though the house we moved into was simply too small to accommodate long simmering resentments. Explosive arguments (quickly settled) were not unheard of.

Work continued. There were Christmases spent at the police station with his clients, holidays reluctantly taken. He truly loved his work; over the years gravitating to those aspects of the job he enjoyed the most; Crime and Mental Health Law. Loving what he did meant that he became good at it. Of course as children we had little idea of this but occasionally we saw it reflected in others. With him on trips to the supermarket he would often have people come up to him and discreetly thank him for something he had done for them or their family. The warm and often swearsy conversations he would have with colleagues; councillors or off duty policemen he bumped into on the street. Sometimes he would say things that sounded rude or wildly inappropriate. What we couldn't know was that

his professionalism, his goodness and directness gave him special dispensation.

Further markers in his life followed. We all grew up, each allowed to take whichever direction we chose, although sometimes we had to make the case for our decisions. Fundamentally, he understood that these decisions were ours to make.

As we left to make our lives, more time was afforded to nurture old friendships. The friends who had joined them in their journey, drawing closer for this next phase of their lives.

Grandchildren came and were deeply loved, read to and played with; my Balthazar followed by Kitty's Finn then our Arthur, Kitty's Pip and Theo – all boys, what a noise.

In his last decade of work Mummy joined him at Gowmans, part-time at first then making herself indispensable as both colleague and counsel. Daddy was particularly happy about this; sharing both his home and work life with the woman he loved – perfect. It was Mummy and a friend who together helped guide the firm through a merger that would secure the future livelihoods of his staff - he was so loved by them because of the interest he took in them as people, his capacity to care was astounding.

He planned to work until the end of his life. The pleasure he took and the seriousness he gave to his work both as an advocate and Mental Health Tribunal Judge were unbounded. It saddened him when his failing memory hastened his retirement.

This is only the partial account of a life lived, one that fed into the lives of countless others. In one sense it was a requirement of the profession he chose, but rarely has a man been so well fitted to his work or taken more private pleasure in helping others. He would blush to hear this, his gifts were many and his empathy great.

His is the voice I hear when I do not know
which way to turn.

I will miss him for ever.

Taken from Betsy's address:

There are millions of stories, anecdotes or details I could tell but really there are three things I think it is important for you to know, things I wish I could tell him about himself that have shaped us, though in different or unexpected ways.

1. Richard was a really good father to girls
2. He gave us all a hatred of injustice
3. Whether he meant to or not, he let us really know him.

I know exactly the expression Dad would have on his face if he were sitting there – imagining for a moment I was talking about someone else. Later, he would come up to me, as he would to Sam, Kitty and Tom and say 'I'm so proud of you, you silly child.' Well, today, and for the rest of our lives, we get to be proud of him.

Cornworthy News

St. Peter's Harvest Thanksgiving

On 11th October. All households are invited to either make a picture or take a photo of their garden/allotment or favourite farming theme and there will be a board to display them in the porch from the 8th October.

We are also asking people to sign up or book their place at the Harvest service so that we have an idea of how many people would like to join us and make sure we do not exceed our agreed number of 30.

We are also making a dried/tinned food collection for the Food Bank and that also will be in the porch from the 8th October.

Please let me know if you need your offerings collected. - my contact is on the back page of this magazine.

Many thanks and very good wishes to all.

Marilyn Fry PCC sec.

St Peter's Church - from Tania:

Harvest is a wonderful time to connect in people's minds the growing focus in our society on the environment, health and food. With God it is a wonderful opportunity to think about the production and consumption of local food. It is a wonderful time to give thanks for all the gifts of creation and to reconnect with our place as stewards of that creation. It is also an opportunity to pray for and with the farming community, many of whom are struggling to make a living in today's global economic climate.

St Peter's is running along nicely with services. Thanks to Caroline, Keith and Father Jim, plus now we have our own two singers: Marilyn and Paula - Marvellous!

October

October is the month

*when the smallest breeze gives us a shower
of Autumn leaves.*

*Bonfires and pumpkins
leaves sailing down,*

October is red and golden brown.

*October leaves are lovely,
they rustle when I run.*

Sometimes I make a head and jump on them for fun.

*Autumn leaves float quietly down
and form a carpet on the ground.*

*But when those leaves are stepped upon
listen for the crackling sound.*

Tania

Dittisham News

St George's Church

On Sunday 29th September, 2019, the parishioners of the United Benefice of Dartmouth and Dittisham gathered at St. Petrox on the joyful occasion of Andrew Langley's ordination. What a year Andrew and his family have had! We are all so grateful to him and to Fr. Bob for the way that they have helped us all through these challenging times, and continue to do so. Andrew is starting to do some home visits in the village for those who do not feel that they can venture out yet.

Several parishioners from the Benefice travelled to Chichester on September 13th to witness Bishop Will's formal installation as Bishop of Lewes. The service was live streamed, so that we could all enjoy the wonderful celebrations. For those

who missed it, the service can still be viewed on the website for chichestercathedral.org.uk It was so uplifting to hear the choir singing John Rutter's, The Lord Bless You and Keep You - although apparently they were behind a screen, so could not be seen by the congregation - something one would not realise when watching the service online.

On September 20th, the service in St. George's, led by Andrew, was Morning Prayer (Matins) from The Book of Common Prayer. Although we all miss singing, the service was well received and we were delighted to welcome James Francis, the new chaplain at Britannia Royal Naval College - we do hope that he will visit us again.

The village is still busy with visitors, but as the evenings are distinctly cooler and the trees take on their Autumn hue, it certainly seems to be a little quieter.

Gail has started collecting for Dartmouth Food Bank again. Donations of food are all gratefully received and should be left in the usual place at Gail's.

Charlotte

Dittisham 100 Club
winners of the September Draw:-

1st Prize	£50	Simon & Barry Daffern-Jones
2nd Prize	£30	Robert & Anna Perry
3rd Prize	£20	Clive Roberts



Notice Board

Annual General Meeting Ash Meadow Committee, Ashprington

The Ash Meadow AGM is usually held in the Spring, but this year was postponed due to lockdown. Given the current "rule of six" it has been decided to hold the AGM as a virtual meeting, on Zoom, on

28 October at 7.30.

to get into the meeting will be to email me (see below) and about a week before the meeting I will send you an invitation to the AGM with the agenda and any written reports attached. The invitation email will include a link and all you will have to do is click on that link to join the meeting.

Hope to see you there!

**Barry Lunt, Chair, Ash
Meadow Committee**

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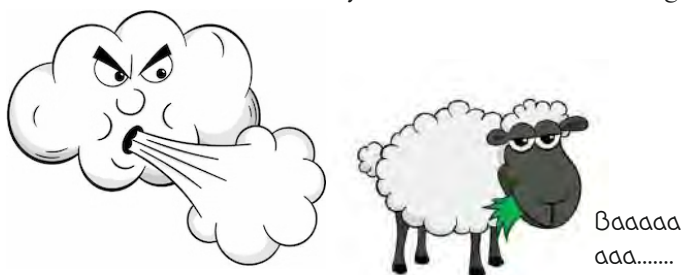
Our Countryside Correspondent

It is October, the so-called 'golden month' and by the time you, dear reader, see this we shall have passed the Autumn Equinox! In the words of the old song the days grow short when we reach September so having bade farewell to September and after the equinox to summer it must be autumn in the countryside; already it is noticeable that plants are beginning to die back. It is indeed 'the back end' for allotment holders. When your correspondent 'were a nipper' the back end was indisputably the end of the year, autumn in fact, and a very busy time in the garden securing the foundations for next year's crops. Being of an enquiring cast of mind and keen to keep you well informed I discover that now the 'back end' only has meanings in computing.

Something has happened to the squirrels which used to haunt my yurt to steal the birds' nuts. Neither hide nor hair has been seen of a squirrel for some time. Squirrels do not hibernate – they sleep a lot and have stashes of food but only hedgehogs, dormice and bats truly hibernate in the UK. Even the fat rat - I watched him grow from a very small rat to a big one until the bird food was discontinued – has disappeared. All attempts to interest that dog in that rat were a dismal failure although mention of rabbits has to be spelt out to stop her yelling to be let out to get at them.

This wonderful Indian Summer we have had has ensured that the harvest was finished and the straw dry enough to bale it and barn it. There are blackberries, plums and, of course, sloes to be gathered. Sadly, for many of us the necessary gin entails a mask on and a trip to the supermarket. Anytime soon the forage harvesters will be out harvesting the late crop maize for silage which is a fantastic winter feed for those animals we see out on the hill.

I am led to believe that late bookings have meant a surge of business in the countryside for those of us in what is called 'hospitality'. Let us hope that none of those visitors come to harm in the unofficial swimming pools known as potholes. We long for a beneficent council to send its cohorts of repairers down our lanes but when they do it is only a short term fix. Nobody has yet been able to hitch in the fact that if you drop a mass of tarmac into a hole with no means to retain it, it will very soon come out. It all depends on the shape of the hole! So now we have the mists of autumn, the mist which rise like smoke out of the valleys below my garden and very often lies like a gentle grey cloud over everything. It is weather which does not bother the sheep but do not forget that 'if old sheep turn their backs towards the wind and remain so for some time, wet and windy weather is coming'.



Our Motoring Correspondent

Lewis the record breaker

Lewis Hamilton, MBE, is emerging as Britain's greatest F1 driver of all time and is breaking records left right and centre. He is also F1's first black driver.

He holds six World Championship titles, one short of all-time great Michael Schumacher and whose seven titles he is sure to match this season. Some may remember the rather monotonous way Schumacher dominated race after race twenty years ago with Ferrari and also his somewhat dubious methods of thwarting his rivals but this is different. Hamilton just master crafts his car to limits not seen by others. His technique is flawless and his racing craft a sheer joy to watch. He finds grip in impossible places and just never gives up. Stirling Moss once said, 'a good driver will often crash. That's how they find the car's limits'

If it was just that he has the best car, then why is his team mate so far behind in identical machinery? All F1 drivers are brilliant and are at the pinnacle of their sport but even they hold Hamilton in awe. Despite this, he always thanks the team for their input and recognises others for his success. Make no mistake, this is history in the making and you ought to watch some of it. I recommend seeing a qualifying session on Channel 4 one Saturday afternoon. This has excellent coverage with knowledgeable and informative input from David Coulthard and Mark Webber. There is perhaps more to see on this than the race itself since the programme delves into the detail around each driver, like Sebastian Vettel's fall from grace with Ferrari and who are the new kids on the block, plus you get to witness the very fastest of laps under qualifying conditions. The on-board camera footage is just unbelievable and must be seen. Such is the aerodynamic downforce, it is reputedly possible to drive one of these cars upside down on a tunnel ceiling provided the speed is above 150mph, but unsurprisingly, this has never been tried!

F1 still has its dangers although it is far safer than the early days before Sir Jackie Stewart forced through safety measures. My first Grand Prix at Monza in 1969 was as a guest of the Tyrrell Team and I was at the team hotel where all the drivers stayed. On arrival I was met at the bar by Piers Courage and Bruce McLaren who bought me a beer. They were complete gentlemen and were both dead within a year. At the same event were Jo Siffert and Austrian legend Jochen Rindt, both of whom also perished within a year. Rindt was the only driver to be awarded the F1 championship posthumously. Indeed, the average fatality tally was around 4-6 most years at that time but this was utter carnage from a starting line-up of just 16 or so drivers on the grid.

Today's drivers are complete athletes in the true sense of the word. They endure 175 bpm heartrate for up to two hours and lose 1000 calories per race plus a further 3 litres of water and also handle up to 5g forces multiple times per lap. All this and still trying to beat the other guy!

Many a great name has won a single championship, such as Graham Hill, Mike Hawthorn, Nigel Mansell, and some have won three including Jackie Stewart, Niki Lauda and Ayrton Senna but to reach seven titles by the age of 35 will be remarkable. Arise Sir Lewis? I expect so one day.

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Gardening for Wildlife

As we cling on to the last of the summer, especially when we have had such amazing weather in September, it can be difficult to think about spring next year. However, the pleasure you get when the first bulbs appear, quite often through frozen earth, helps the descent into Winter a little less daunting.



.Spring bulbs are often a lifesaver for many insects, particularly bumblebees and honeybees. Snowdrops, winter aconite, muscari (grape hyacinth), bluebells and crocus are all good sources of food. When buying crocus try and include some of the paler colours or those with Latin names as they will attract more insects and allow greater access to the nectar rich pollen. You could plant bulbs in your borders and lawn where they can naturalise and come up year after year. Pots or tubs can be planted with layers of bulbs to give a display for several months eg. snowdrops, crocus, tete-a-tete daffs and tulips. If you top off the pot with some winter flowering pansies or cyclamen you'll have a pretty display whilst waiting for the bulb flowers to emerge!

Another great food and nesting source is ivy, which ideally should be left uncut until March. Apart from providing berries and nectar in the winter, it is a great foraging habitat for tits. Also, leaving hedges with berries uncut until the end of winter will provide birds with food to sustain them through the winter.

So, now that the insects are catered for next spring; the bird feeders and baths are all full; habitats for hibernating wildlife have been created; areas have been left undisturbed you can just sit back and relax, knowing that your garden is taking care of all the unseen but essential wildlife that we take for granted, but who need our help over the coming winter months.

The Capton phone box is now looking very smart thanks to the skill and hard work of Capton resident Jean Luc and the notice board has been spruced up by David. It'll be great when we can put up notices advertising for the coming events! Many thanks to you both from all of us!



Cornworthy Parish Council



Minutes of Cornworthy Parish Council Meeting held in Cornworthy Village Hall on Monday 7th September 2020 at 8.00 pm *NB. Strict social distancing guidelines observed throughout. Present: Cllrs: Kirkland (Chairman), Bradley, Carver, Hunt, Matthews, Worthington
Attendance: Linda Maby (Clerk), District Councillor McKay (until 8.25pm), County Councillor Hawkins, Matters Arising from Minutes
Cllr Kirkland informed the meeting that the work to the Devon Air Ambulance (DAA) Lighting Mast is complete and we now have a formal installation certificate. DAA will perform a trial run shortly. Cllr Kirkland asked that the parish council extended thanks to all involved particularly, the Cornworthy Sports Club, the Holly Ball for their donation and Cllr Hunt. Local Issues: Parish Council Website & Accessibility Statement: Mrs Penny Kirkland had provided details of the cost for the new gov.uk domain name required for Cornworthy Parish Council (£145 for 2 years and £87 yearly thereafter). Hosting for the new website would be £5.75 per month payable quarterly or yearly. This would cover one website and up to 100 email addresses. All councillors will be issued with gov.uk addresses in due course. This was proposed by Cllr Matthews and seconded by Cllr Carver. Mrs Penny Kirkland had prepared a statement to go on our current website to comply with the Accessibility Standards deadline of the 22nd September whilst the new fully compliant website is being prepared. Replacement Parish Council Laptop : Cllr McKay had investigated whether a refurbished laptop could be available for Cornworthy Parish Council from SHDCC to replace the current dysfunctional one. Unfortunately, because of security issues, this was not permissible. Cllr McKay offered up to £300 to assist with the cost of a new laptop. Parishioners E mails : There were three in total. The parish council was asked to reconsider placing some boulders/ bollards along a short length of a parishioners boundary which is being constantly eroded by drivers parking here. Problems arise especially with visitors to the village parking here. Cllrs commented that they could not sanction bollards to be put onto the highway and suggested that the parishioner consider a more solid structure other than a hedge which would better protect the boundary. In the meantime, the hedge could be kept clipped so the advisory 'No Parking' notices can be clearly seen. The parish council was asked to comment on the cutting down of the Sycamore hedge on the small paddock behind the Hunters Lodge Inn. There was concern that the contractor seems to have taken little notice of the Tree Protection Plan included in recent planning applications (Mr A. Agar 21st Feb 2017 0334/17/FW) in that the hedge will need to undergo pollarding in time and that any gaps should be replanted. Some privacy issues were now being experienced. Cllrs commented that this is a conservation area and that the Tree Officer at South West Devon should be contacted. The parish council were asked to address the problems of Ash Dieback and Himalayan Balsam. Cllrs would like the Tree Officer's comments on this. Parking In The Village: There had been recent problems with refuse collection in Priory View due to poorly parked vehicles blocking access for the lorry. The situation has been rectified at the moment but will be monitored. Fire Hydrants check: Cllrs Kirkland and Hunt agreed to carry out this annual requirement. Electrical sockets for Sports Club at DAA lighting Mast : Kelvin Gitsham has provided a quote for installing electrical sockets at the lighting Mast which the Sports Club can use as originally agreed. The amount of £239.07 was agreed by all highways as there were several issues which have previously been reported to DCC Highways but not actioned, County Councillor Hawkins felt that a meeting in Cornworthy with Lisa Edmonds from DCC Highways and representatives from Cornworthy Parish Council now be arranged Planning (7.1 to 7.6 discussed / commented on during August) Court Prior Farm, Cornworthy TQ97ES : Householder application for replacement of existing rear blockwork lean-to extension and creation of new garden room extension with conversion of single ground floor window into a new doorway and enlargement of first floor window 1636/20/HHO SUPPORT Court Prior Farm, Cornworthy TQ97ES : Listed Building Consent for replacement of existing rear

blockwork lean-to extension and creation of new garden extension with conversion of single ground floor window into a new doorway and enlargement of first floor window 1637/20/LBC SUPPORT Capton Mill Cottage, Capton, Dittisham TQ6 OJE : Householder application for the erection of timber framed studio/workshop with wash room and replacement septic tank: 1669/20/HHO SUPPORT Court Prior Farm, Cornworthy TQ97ES: Change of use and conversion of redundant pool house to single dwelling house 1427/20/FUL COMMENT Cornworthy Parish Council believe there may have been a condition placed on this development when the swimming pool was originally built which prevented a change of use in the future into a dwelling. Higher Venice Barn, Allaleigh, Blackawton, Totnes TQ9 7DL Conversion of barn to dwelling and associated landscaping : 0704/20/FUL READVERTISEMENT (revised plans received) OBJECT Parish Council expressed concern about the access to this property which is down an unmetalled road seemingly unfit for most general vehicles. The road is in poor condition and suffers from flooding during the winter period. This is more of a pathway for walkers and possibly cyclists and does not constitute a good means of access to the property. Cornworthy Parish Council remain concerned about the use of the DCC lane as access to Venice Barn. We would like to see the county road preserved in its present state. This road/lane is unsuitable for larger vehicles, especially wide construction vehicles which are liable to cause damage to the ancient walls here. The lane also regularly holds water

especially during the winter and the water run off from the main highway is likely to undermine the new surfacing as proposed Parks Barn, Abbey Road, Cornworthy TQ9 7ET Removal and or variation of conditions 2, 3, 4, 5 and following planning consent 13/1028/14/F 2284/20/VAR OBJECT The development (particularly windows) are still being reviewed under an enforcement case which has not yet been decided The suggested lintels in this application do not appear to meet building regulations Land Adjacent to Dartmouth Park & Ride Site, Wessex Way, Dartmouth, TQ6 0JL 1585/20/FUL READVERTISEMENT (Revised Plans Received) Construction of new 2 storey Health & Well Being Centre and associated external works (comment by 24/9/2020) SUPPORT Decisions: Court Prior Farm, Cornworthy TQ97ES : Householder application for replacement of existing rear blockwork lean-to extension and creation of new garden room extension with conversion of single ground floor window into a new doorway and enlargement of first floor window 1636/20/HHO CONDITIONAL APPROVAL Court Prior Farm, Cornworthy TQ97ES : Listed Building Consent for replacement of existing rear blockwork lean-to extension and creation of new garden extension with conversion of single ground floor window into a new doorway and enlargement of first floor window 1637/20/LBC CONDITIONAL APPROVAL Lavender Mead, Cornworthy TQ97HF : Approval of details reserved by conditions (discharge) ie. Condition 6 of the planning consent 4238/17/FUL: 3939/19/ARC DISCHARGE OF CONDITION APPROVED Erection of detached ancillary Total: £19,374.13 Current account: £13,511.38 Savings account: £5,862.75 Locality grant of £525 available from County Cllr Hawkins: it was agreed that funds should go towards the new laptop and any associated software needed as well as commissioning the new website. Reports Village Hall : risk assessments continue to be re-visited and the situation regarding activities within the hall reviewed on a regular basis alongside government advice regarding Covid 19. District Councillor: (report given from 8.05 to 8.25pm when Cllr McKay left the meeting)-SHDCC experiencing budget deficit and an uncertain future but the council are well equipped at present to deal with this. / There will be a White Paper at the end of September which sets out plans for a Unitary Authority. This will mean more devolution at a local/parish council level. / Council looking at how to engage with local communities going forward learning lessons from the marvellous work undertaken by local groups/communities during the crisis. / An action plan on biodiversity is expected soon Any Other Business Village Oak Tree: the Tree Officer to be contacted regarding pruning the tree 11.0 100 Club September Draw 1st: Mrs R Fry; 2nd: Ms H King 3rd: Mr P O'Brien August 100 Club draw took place with witnesses at The Hunters Lodge 1st: Ms C Hannah; 2nd: Mrs J Kerslake 3rd Ms H King The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 5th October 2020 at 8.00 pm

Dittisham Parish Council



Dittisham Parish Council has a vacancy for one new Parish Councillor. For more information contact the Clerk or your Councillors, or see <https://dittishamparish.co.uk/join-the-team-2/> Notes from the Monthly Meeting of Dittisham Parish Council held using public videoconferencing on Wednesday 2 September 2020 at 7:00 p.m. South Hams District Council Councillor McKay reported that SHDC is reconsidering its Budget. Although the Council was not in a bad position, there is the prospect of a big budget gap – with the prospect of a COVID second wave plus the effect of Brexit - so SHDC will have to be careful. The climate change and biodiversity fund has not been used yet. Cllr McKay has acquired a traffic speed radar, to accrue data about how fast the traffic in Harbertonford travels, with a view to achieving action on that issue. It is available if needed in other locations. Devon County Council Councillor Hawkins said that he had nothing to report. Cllr Tucker asked Cllr Hawkins to raise with his colleague, the badly potholed state of the bypass to Dittisham from Totnes. A Task and Finish Group was formed to consider the Parish's preventive response to the very heavy rain we have been experiencing. Hemlock Water Dropwort was identified on The Ham, by Sustainable Dittisham. It has been cut and left Planning Decisions from SHDC 1106/20/LBC Dartside Manor Street Dittisham TQ6 0EX. Listed Building Consent for construction of ancillary garden building (summerhouse) within rear curtilage. Withdrawn. 1130/20/HHO & 1131/20/LBC Dartside Manor Street Dittisham TQ6 0EX. Householder & listed building consent for replacement of two low-quality extensions and general refurbishment. Conditional Approval. 1649/20/HHO & 1650/20/LBC Chipton Barton Dittisham TQ6 0HW. Retrospective householder and listed building consent application for conversion of swimming pool barn and proposed refurbishment works. Conditional Approval. 1833/20/VAR Barberry Farm Dittisham TQ6 0JA. Removal of condition (e) of planning consent 18/1285/75/1 (agricultural occupancy condition). Conditional Approval. 2041/20/ARC Kiln Lyon Lower Street Dittisham TQ6 0HY. Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 and 4 of planning consent 0277/20/FUL. Discharge of condition Approved. Planning Inspectorate regarding appeals for Seymour Drive Application numbers 0319/20/CLE and 2583/19/FUL. The PI will make its decision on both applications at the same time. Serve a TPO - Ref: 1403309 South Hams District Council No. 1014 Tree Preservation Order 2020. Capton Wood, Capton, centred at SX836540 Confirmed as Served. New Planning Applications 1585/20/FUL Land adjacent to Dartmouth Park and Ride site Wessex Way Dartmouth. READVERTISEMENT (Revised Plans Received) Construction of new two storey Health and Well-being Centre and associated external works. No further comments. 2626/20/ARC Bruckton Shippon Dittisham TQ6 0HW. Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4 & 5 of listed building consent 0204/20/LBC. Support. 2516/20/LBC & 2515/20/HHO 1 Glendale Manor Street Dittisham TQ6 0EY. Listed building and householder consent for internal alterations, general refurbishment and installation of 2no. rooflights. Support with DPC's comment about addressing the cumulative effect of light pollution on nocturnal species and on residential amenity. 2123/20/LBC The Linhay Barn, Chipton Barton Dittisham TQ6 0HW. Listed building consent for refurbishment works. Support. Planning application responded to during the

Clerk's leave - 2132/20/VAR Greenbank Riverside Road Dittisham TQ6 0HS Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) following grant of planning consent 3578/19/FUL to install 12no. solar pv panels and 2no. velux roof lights on south east roof elevation, alterations to 1no. living room window from flat to shallow bay window. Support. Consultation - DCC 2021-2027 Updated Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Devon. Closes 15 October 2020. The Financial Report, which showed a balance of £61,444.50 and unearmarked reserves of £10,725.94, was adopted. Approved Payments

Play Inspection Company, Annual and post-installation inspection, £300.00 Wicksteed, Purchase and installation birds nest swing, £8,093.59. 10% withheld until the height of the swing has been rectified. Clerk's claim for payment for 20 hours overtime worked, mainly prior to taking annual leave. The next ordinary meeting of Dittisham Parish Council will be held on 7 October 2020 at 7:00 pm using Zoom. Full Minutes, Agendas, and Parish Council contact details are available at <http://www.dittishamparish.co.uk> and on [The Level Parish Council noticeboard](#). Contact details are also on the [Capton noticeboard](#).

Ashprington Parish Council



Thursday September 3rd, 2020 at 7.30 pm held virtually on ZOOM.

Present; Cllrs Stocks {Chair} Thompson {Vice Chair}, B. Lunt, R. Rogers L. Green, K. Throgmorton. Also present Michael Read, Clerk, District Cllr. J. McKay, County Cllr Hawkins, no members of the public. Apologies - Cllr T. Green. P Macey, P3 Co Ordinator. M. Pearey, Tree Warden. Cllr Stocks welcomed the three new parish councillors to the post. The Parish now has a full complement of seven cllrs.

Covid19: The Chair suggested that the Zoom contract remains in place as it is almost certain that the October meeting will be held virtually. The partial reopening of the Village Hall was discussed. Some events may be held but others are likely to be postponed or cancelled.

Devon Air Ambulance Cllr Lunt will be contacting Toby Russell of DAAT as the account for the installation of the mast has not been received. Cllr Lunt is awaiting the written agreement to ascertain the ongoing responsibilities for the installation. Highways Enhancement Fund. The Chair outlined a council application for grant support from this fund, which should be heard by the end of September. The Council is hoping to fund 20 hours for lengthsman's work and £1631 for a mobile trailer useable for de-icing the minor roads in the parish.

P3 Report Pam Macey is out of the country but her report indicates nothing to report. Strimming is still needed in Crownley Woods and will be arranged on her return. Tree Warden Report Bob Bowles has decided to stand down as Tree Warden. The Tree Office have been informed and a letter of thanks for many years service to the parish sent to Bob. A report was received from Mike Pearey in which he thanked landowners for taking their Ash Dieback responsibilities seriously. Recent work has substantially reduced the risk of fallen branches along the road between the Watermans and Perchwood. Mike urged parishioners to contact him on 732628 or Jaye Green on 732425 if they have any questions or concerns or for electronic copies of the Ash Dieback "Advice for Owners" booklet.

Planning 1509/20/CLP I. Bentlett, 1 Brooking Barn. Certificate of Lawfulness for Extension/ parking space - Certified SHDC.2254/20/TCA Land at SX 817559. Tree works at Coronation Cross. No Objection by SHDC.

2987/19/TCA 3 Brooking Barn. Crown height reduction T1 Acer. No Objection SHDC. District Cllr Report The main concern for SHDC is a likely shortfall in funding although it could be far worse. The main concerns are the onset of Brexit, a second wave of Covid 19 and whilst still dealing with the effects of the first wave. There is a plan in place to deal with these problems. The £400,000 reserved to counteract the Climate Emergency is still available.

County Councillor Report. Both DCC and SHDC will meet only virtually for the remainder of 2020. Cllr Hawkins has agreed to grant £725.00 towards the cost of a new WAG 2 compliant website for the parish {Total Cost circa £800.00} This will enable parishioners with physical disabilities such as poor sight, better access to the site. By law, the site is mandatory by September 2020. Cllr Hawkins reminded the parish of the necessity to report potholes to DCC via the DCC Highways web pages which is quick and simple to use.

Ashprington Village Hall Report There will be a partial re opening of the Hall shortly particularly for historical block bookings where cleaning is less onerous. Strict guidelines will be followed and no access to the kitchen which will be locked. Plastic chairs {easier to clean} will be used and events must be "Covid Secure". The Ash Meadow AGM already postponed may be held in the Hall or possibly the church. Minor repairs and some repainting has been commissioned.

Other Business Climate Emergency. Mike Pearey will continue to liaise with the Parish Council providing information only, on at least a quarterly basis.

Covid has caused a delay to the parish education plan. A doctor from Exeter University specialising in Climate Data is happy to present to an open WI meeting at the Village Hall once meetings re-commence. Emily Reed of the DCC Net Zero Task Force has agreed to present on the developing Devon mitigation plans. The Communities Grant for planting new hedges is not intended for private land. Mike has spoken to the Tree Council's London Office to see if an exception for children to take part in hedge planting at Hillside can be made but no firm reply received. Hedge planting at Hillside may proceed in any event.

Ecological Initiatives The "toad Signs" for the Amphibians Crossing at Fishpond Cross are currently being manufactured. Thanks go to Cllr McKay for agreeing to fund this project via an SHDC grant. More volunteer "wardens" are still needed to assist on the road during the spring migration period. Upkeep of the Cemetery Cllr Rogers reported that he had been advised of concerns by a parishioner of trees which need cutting back in the Cemetery. A small apple tree is also planted too close to a grave. A small work party was quickly convened for September 5th to tidy up the area.

Zoom Contract The contract has been reviewed and will continue on a month by month basis for the foreseeable future. Damage to Verge in Ashprington. The verge north of the South West Water Works, has been badly chewed up. The land is owned by DCC who will not give permission to plant trees or shrubs. However, it might be possible to create an earthen bank to deter cars. This tactic was attempted by the Chair but vehicles simply ignored it and drove over the deposited earth. Other solutions will be considered.

Parking in Ashprington Complaints are still being received

concerning the on-going problem of irresponsible parking in both Ashprington and Tuckenhay. Better signage, yellow lines and other options have been considered but no permanent solution has been found. Discussions will be had with DCC Highways and photographs taken. Councillors were warned that if the Gritting Lorry cannot get through the village in the winter then the parish may lose this service, as has happened in Cornworthy.

Village Funday The Chair thanked both Cllr Lunt and Jill Davies for an excellent afternoon out despite the {necessary} restrictions of Covid 19.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.16pm.

Next Meeting on Thursday October 1st, 2020 at 7.30pm remotely on ZOOM. Request access code from the Clerk {email address or telephone below}

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Childrens Hospice SW Halloween Fayre

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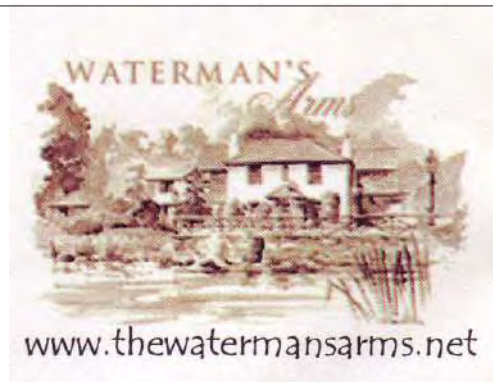
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Calendar for October

St David's Ashprington

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4 October	Eucharist	11:15
11 October	Harvest Village Worship	11:15
18 October	Eucharist	11:15
25 October	Village worship at Cornworthy	9:15

St Peter's Cornworthy

4 October	Eucharist	9:15
11 October	Harvest Village Worship	9:15
18 October	Eucharist at Ashprington	11:15
25 October	Village Worship	9:15

St George's Dittisham

4 October	Eucharist	9:15
11 October	Village Worship harvest thanksgiving	9:15
18 October	Matins	9:15
25 October	Eucharist	9:15

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