

March 2022

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PARISH PUMP

Issue 477

Junior Pump Blog

Hi, my name is Dee and I am 10. I love to be outside playing with my friends, Harry, Gracie and Lottie and getting fresh air. I live on a small farm just outside of Monkokehampston with all the animals and my mum, my dad and my little brother, Louie. I love going on long walks, bike rides and I love horse riding. I am lucky enough to have a pony of my own called Teddy Bear. I don't watch very much TV and lots of people say that it is too bad that I don't have a play station or an Xbox. But I think that going outside and getting fresh air is way better. I also enjoy ballet and street dance.



If you are aged 16 or under and would like to be next months blogger, then please submit your entry to the editor at

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Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well.

A big thank you to everyone involved with Hatherleigh Players for putting on a very funny, traditional panto for us all to enjoy. We look forward to seeing what you all do next year.

As I sit here, it is very windy outside and the schools have all been closed for the day. It looks like we may have a week of unsettled weather so do keep safe.

Remember that Hatherleigh Market is on every Tuesday.

Please continue to support all our local shops and businesses.

Keep Safe and Well!

Donna Lewis

Editor

Where's Wally???

Can you find him hidden somewhere in the pump?

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Deadline for April Pump

Sunday 20th March 2022

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Wednesday 2nd March -Ash Wednesday

7.00pm	Service of Ashing	(Leigh Winsbury)	Exbourne
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Sunday 6th March - *The First Sunday of Lent*

9.30am	Holy Communion	(Leigh Winsbury)	Exbourne
9.30am	All Age Worship	(Sue Gibson)	Meeth
9.30am	Morning Prayer	(Tania Haycocks)	Northlew
11.00am	Holy Communion	(Leigh Winsbury)	Hatherleigh

Sunday 13th March - *The Second Sunday of Lent*

9.30am	Morning Prayer	(Julian Sergeant)	Jacobstowe
9.30am	Holy Communion	(Leigh Winsbury)	Northlew
11.00am	Morning Prayer	(Leigh Winsbury)	Hatherleigh
11.00am	Morning Prayer	(Julian Sergeant)	Meeth

Sunday 20th March - *The Third Sunday of Lent*

9.30am	Holy Communion	(Leigh Winsbury)	Northlew
11.00am	Morning Prayer	(Michael Winter)	Exbourne
11.00am	Family Service	(Leigh Winsbury)	Hatherleigh

Sunday 27th March - *Mothering Sunday*

9.30am	Holy Communion	(Leigh Winsbury)	Jacobstowe
9.30am	Morning Prayer	(Sheila White)	Northlew
11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	(Michael Winter)	Exbourne
11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	(Lay Team)	Hatherleigh
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	(Leigh Winsbury)	Hatherleigh

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Hello!

My hens are up a little later each evening now and the eggs are starting to flow. That can only mean one thing; we've turned the corner [if a globe can do such a thing] and Spring is on the way. Sometime soon we'll have forgotten the mud and be moaning about how hot and dry it is and praying for rain! [Well, we can hope]



Our capacity to focus on the negative is enormous, and frankly, is one big nasty trick to rob us of the joy of the moment. I used to demonstrate this with kids by drawing one tiny dot on a piece of paper and asking them what they saw; 'a dot' they would reply. But what about all the white paper round the edges? It's so easy to stop noticing the good things that make up our lives and give all our focus to the problems and challenges, even when they're pretty small stuff compared to the blessings.

The art of training our minds to be positive starts with thankfulness; it's very difficult to be thankful and grumpy at the same time. And really, is that so hard when there is so much to be thankful for? This is easier for us who know God of course, because we have someone real to thank and someone to go to with our difficulties and challenges. Thankfulness opens our eyes to the 'good that is', right here in the moment. There will always be problems to solve, which by their very nature are things of the future; things that aren't solved yet. The trouble is our minds really do get 'set' in a particular way [I could bore you with science here but I'll spare you that] so once we train ourselves to be moaners it's really hard to change, but what a tragic loss of joy!

Somebody once wrote; 'the past is history, the future is a mystery but the present is a gift' [or something like that]. We can't change the past although there are things we can do to heal it. Neither do we have any idea what's coming up next [although we can and should prepare for possibilities]. How differently would we live if we could see just an hour into the future? But we do have 'now', and the capacity to make it the best 'now' it could be, by celebrating the good and the gifts that are in it.

So until the spring comes, enjoy whatever the weather! (It might have arrived by the time you are reading this.)

With my love and blessings for 2022, Revd. Leigh Winsbury.



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Wednesdays

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Thursdays

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Hatherleigh Community Primary School

Hatherleigh School has had a very challenging first Spring half term with over half the school population becoming unwell with the COVID virus during a two week period. Thankfully, everyone is now recovered and back in school.

As I write, the school has unfortunately been forced to close again due to a severe weather warning for gale force winds. Hopefully, by the time you read this article the weather has settled down and we can look forward to a warm and sunny Spring.

As well as challenging, we have also had a very busy and enjoyable half term with lots of events happening in school including Bikeability for our Y5 children, Wear your scarf to school for wellbeing and mental health, Safer internet day and a National football week. Highlights for the next half term will be World book day, more Bikeability for Y5 and Red nose day.

As always, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Hatherleigh school community; children, parents/carers, school staff and the governing board for all of their hard work and support for the school during these challenging times.

Stay safe and well.

Alan Monger

Headteacher



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Folly Gate, Crossways Inn (N-bound)	0634	0709	0906	1111	1311	1511	1721
Hatherleigh, Market Car Park (S-bound)	0643	0718	0915	1120	1320	1520	1730
Hatherleigh, Market Car Park (S-bound)	arr	0645	0720	0917	1122	1322	1522
Jacobstowe, Church (NE-bound)	0653	0728	0925	1130	1330	1530	1740
Exbourne, Exbourne Cross Garage (E-bound)	0656	0731	0928	1133	1333	1533	1743
Sampford Courtenay, opp New Inn	0701	0735	0932	1137	1337	1537	1747
Exbourne, Exbourne Cross Garage (SE-bound)	0704	0738	0935	1140	1340	1540	1750
Bow, The Square (SE-bound)	0718	0751	0952	1153	1353	1553	1803
Coplestone, Stone (E-bound)	0727	0800	1000	1201	1401	1601	1811
Crediton, opp Tesco Metro (E-bound)	0731	0811	1011	1211	1411	1611	1821
Fordton, Railway Station (SE-bound)	0815	1017	1214	1414	1614	1824	
Newton St Cyres, Crown and Sceptre (E-bound)	0747	0822	1024	1223	1423	1623	1833
Duryard, West Garth Road top (S-bound)	0759	0836	1032	1233	1433	1633	1842
St Davids, St Davids Station (Stop A)	0805	0845	1039	1239	1439	1639	1848
Exeter City Centre, Paris Street (Stop 16)	0820	0856	1049	1249	1449	1649	1857

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Duryard, West Garth Road top (N-bound)	0704	0929	1129	1329	1529	1816	1912
Newton St Cyres, opp Crown and Sceptre	0712	0938	1138	1338	1538	1825	1920
Fordton, Railway Station (NW-bound)	0718	0944	1144	1344	1544	1831	1926
Crediton, Lloyds Bank (W-bound)	0723	0949	1149	1349	1552	1836	1930
Coplestone, Stone (W-bound)	0731	0957	1157	1357	1602	1844	1938
Bow, The Square (NW-bound)	0736	1004	1204	1404	1608	1851	1945
Exbourne, Exbourne Cross Garage (W-bound)	0741	1009	1209	1409	1613	1896	1950
Sampford Courtenay, opp New Inn	0754	1020	1220	1420	1625	1907	2001
Exbourne, opp Exbourne Cross Garage	0757	1023	1223	1423	1629	1910	2004
Jacobstowe, opp Church	0800	1026	1226	1426	1631	1913	2008
Hatherleigh, Market Car Park (S-bound)	0808	1034	1234	1434	1639	1921	2015
Hatherleigh, Market Car Park (S-bound)	arr	0810	1036	1236	1436	1641	1922
Folly Gate, opp Crossways Inn	0819	1045	1245	1445	1651	1931	2026
Okehampton, Mill Road (W-bound)	0825	1051	1251	1451	1656	1936	2031
Okehampton, Mill Road (W-bound)	0827	1053	1253	1453	1658	1938	2033
Okehampton, Market Street (Stop E)	0832	1058	1258	1458	1658	1942	2037

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National Nest Box Week 2022

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Around our Parish we have a variety of wildlife nest boxes for bats, small mammals and birds. Not only do these help a variety of animals they also help us to survey and study which species live and breed here. Local volunteers monitor a series of nest boxes placed around Hatherleigh Moor and this year showed that we have a very healthy population of blue tits using the nest boxes in the wooded areas.



Who lives in a house like this?

House swap!

Wildlife is often full of surprises, alongside the expected residence of these bird boxes, there can sometimes be animals residing in them that they were not intended for. This year our recorders found shrews in the dormice boxes, evidence of owls (both tawny and barn) in the kestrel box, a stock dove in the owl box and a bat in a small bird nest box!

So, if you put up a small box, a large box, a purpose built box or a creative box you've made at home, you can pretty much guarantee some type of wildlife will enjoy the little home you have provided for them.

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The Night Sky March 2022

The March Equinox, which marks the first day of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere will occur on the 20th of the month. On this day there will be nearly equal amounts of day and night across the globe. New Moon falls on March the 2nd. It is at this time that fainter celestial objects like galaxies and nebulae are best observed. The light of the Moon would otherwise wash out these fainter

deep sky objects. Full Moon falls on March 18th.

During the spring our view of the night sky turns outwards, beyond the Milky Way. However all the stars that we see with the naked eye on a clear dark night are located within our own galaxy. It is, at this time of year possible, to spot a number of galaxies with just a pair of binoculars. One of the most well known of these galaxies is M51 also called the Whirlpool Galaxy. It can be found in the constellation of Ursa Major, The Great Bear. It is not far from an asterism (a pattern of stars that is not a constellation) called the Plough. The galaxy will look like a tiny smudge of light.

M51 is 23 million light years from Earth. The light that left this galaxy started its journey around 23 million years ago. This means that your seeing the galaxy as it was 23 million years ago. The further out into space we look the further back in time we are looking. This is known as look back time.

A star map or planisphere can help with locating M51. Ursa Major is quite high in the northern part of the sky at this time of year. The most important thing when it comes to observing galaxies is clear, dark skies free of light pollution.

By Kiran Chakravarti



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New Trustees Needed if the future of the Hatherleigh Sportsfield is to be secured

Hatherleigh Sportsfield Committee are holding their **AGM on Monday 14th March** at 7pm in the Meeting Room at Hatherleigh Community Centre. We are still desperately looking for some new members. The Current members have sat on the committee for many years and are now looking to pursue other interests.

Hatherleigh Sportsfield is the small area next to the football field, it contains the tennis courts, shelter and seating. Are you a current user of the facilities, a tennis player, a dog walker, or do you just enjoy walking through the field? Would you consider becoming a trustee and helping to look after it?

If you feel you may be interested in joining the committee and would like to know more about it before the AGM, then please contact me on **07929244125**

Trish Wonnacott (Secretary)

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Hatherleigh Silver Band News

We have a date for your diary: on **Saturday 23rd April**, we are putting on a fabulous Spring Concert in the Community Centre starting at 7.30. Our conductor is Mr G Davies from The Band of HM's Royal Marines Plymouth. He has been travelling from Newton Abbot regularly to conduct us this year and we know that if you enjoy live music you will love the programme he has chosen.

We are hoping to play for you all on the Saturday of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee long weekend, so look out for further details. If you would like the Band to play at your event, please contact me **Jane Fawcett 01837 819791** and we will try to make it work.

Our wonderful training band continues to flourish on Monday evenings from 6-7 in the bandroom under the leadership of Mr Ed Keeley. If you have an interest in learning a brass instrument or wonder at all about returning to play having 'rested' for a few years, do please get in touch with me you would be most welcome.

Advance notice of our AGM on Monday 4th April at 7.30. All are welcome to attend.

Jane Fawcett

Hatherleigh Market Update

As the market development is progressing and with the Tuesday market temporarily operating at Hatherleigh Community Centre this brief update is to explain the situation particularly for people who do not have internet access.

It is understood that most of the houses built and yet to be built by Kingswood Homes (KH) have now been purchased. There is currently a planning application that is 'live' where KH are seeking an amendment to the shop unit flats – to increase the number of flats by 3, and reconfigure the parking spaces behind these shops.

KW are soon to start building the new market area and they have stated they hope this area to be finished by summer.

The area includes a pannier building split into two (market/community space and auction room), open plaza space for outside stalls, and a rear 115 spaces carpark.

At present the majority of the building is open on 3 sides and Hatherleigh Town Council (HTC) has been seeking ways to source grant funding for additional walls/doors. This has so far proved unsuccessful.

Following demolition of the sheep shed the Tuesday market was operating on the site with a temporary marquee, however with Storm Arwen causing it significant damage and the unsuitable surface underfoot, the market operator took the decision to use the Community Centre in the interim. This will also benefit KH as they will have more space to shift plant around the site and speed things up.

The ownership of the area will continue to be under KH for the foreseeable future. HTC requested investigative talks towards a long term lease but KH wish to continue leasing the market operations to the current market operator when the new site is available for use.

HTC will continue in a supportive role and will continue to monitor the situation. We are currently waiting on news on another grant for ancillary items in preparation to support our much valued and much needed local market's re-opening.

HTC will continue to subsidise the town carpark for visitors to Hatherleigh on market day. Please use and encourage others to use this car park as parking at the Community Centre is very limited..... and pavements are for people!

Please see attached a couple of images of the new market area. If you can view the plans online simply type 'Hatherleigh Market' into the planning search bar on West Devon Borough Councils website.

Hatherleigh Town Council



Front View 1



Front View 2



Rear View 1



Rear View 2



Species of the Month

March — Brown Hare



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They live in grassland and woodland edges, eating vegetation, the bark of young trees and arable crops.

Seen at dawn or dusk, out in the open fields. Hares are most easily spotted in spring when it's the breeding season and males seek out females. During this time they can be seen "boxing". If a male is chasing a female too much, in his attempt to mate, she might turn around and try to fend him off.

Why DBRC are asking for reports of hare sightings:

DBRC has very few records of hares in the Conservation Communities area, especially over the last 10 years—is this because they are no longer here?

It is thought that nationally their numbers are declining. We know that hares are quite rare in Devon as it is a county that favours pasture over arable crops.

Hares have little legal protection and are classed as game animals. They are listed as a species of principal conservation importance, under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act (2006).





Hares and Rabbits

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Golden brow fur• Average 50cm in length and 4kg• Long ears with black tips• Runs at high speed, when frightened they lower their tails• Solitary or live in small groups• Lives out in the open, hiding in vegetation or shallow depressions (forms)• Babies (leverets) are born above ground, fully furred, eyes open, ready to run! | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grey fur• Average 40cm in length and 2.5kg• Ears proportionally shorter than hares• When frightened, they expose a white underside of their tail• Live in large social groups• Live in warrens, a network of tunnels or burrows they dig into the soil• Young (kittens) are born underground, blind and naked |
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Did you know?

- Hares can reach speeds of 45mph
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Hatherleigh Players would like to personally thank everyone who came and supported this year's Panto Puss in Boots. We hope you all enjoyed the show, we look forward to seeing you again next year.



By Donna Lewis

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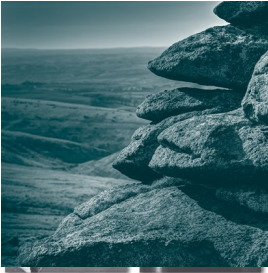
Hatherleigh Art Group

The Art Group meets on Wednesday mornings at 10.30am at No 51 Market Street unless otherwise shown. February dates: 2nd: Tutorial, 9th: Marcus Vergette, speaker followed by pub lunch, 16th: Tutorial, 23rd: Still life or applique.

Please contact **Sally** (01837 810377/940) or **Alan** (01837 810024) for further information.

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Hatherleigh Carnival



Hatherleigh Carnival will be holding our next AGM on Wednesday 9th March at 7:30pm at Hatherleigh Community Centre. Members of the public are welcome to attend from 7:30pm onwards. This will be immediately followed by our first committee meeting of the new year- anyone who wishes to join the committee is then invited to stay for the first committee meeting.

A reminder that the proposed date for this year's carnival will be Saturday 12th November, with additional events on the Friday night.

We are aiming to hold a very special event to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee in the early summer, more details and dates will be shared shortly so make sure to keep your eyes peeled.

Oggy oggy oggy!

Meg Hansen

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Hatherleigh Methodist Church



Hello everyone, we hope you have survived the crazy late winter weather! On Thursday 10th February, the church council held a committee meeting. Reverend Chis Jackson chaired the evening. During this Important meeting, the members discussed at length whether to adopt the conference's policy to allow same sex marriage at our Chapel. The motion was passed 7 votes to 1.

On Sunday 20th February, little Ben Lewis was dedicated at a special service led by Mrs Bridget Down. About 50 people attended and afterwards



most of the congregation enjoyed a celebration lunch at the community centre. March dates are as follows, Sunday March 6th, 11.00 am. with Revd. Chris Jackson Sunday March 13th, at 4.00 pm. All Age worship Sunday March 20th, 11.00 am. With Barry Searle Sunday March 27th special United Service to celebrate Mothering day at 11.00 am at the Church of England. We are hoping to restart serving tea and coffee during March. A warm welcome to all.

Cindy-Jane Squire

World Day of Prayer

Friday, 4th March

7.30 p.m.

Hatherleigh Methodist Church

'I know the plans I have for you' prepared by the Christian women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

(I have organised this event for over twenty years and have decided it's time to pass on the baton. So this will be the last annual service for the World Day of Prayer in Hatherleigh unless someone would like to take this on in future).

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Including the most recent donations, we have so far raised around **£30,000** of the £75,000 we need to complete our project: this sum includes pledged funding only due on project completion, and cash donations. It's a truly fantastic start, but we still have a long way to go. Please pass leaflets to friends who have lived in Hatherleigh or who love the area: these can be found in the church itself as well as around the town. Or please contact **Rebecca Harrison** rebecca@harrisonsonthenet.co.uk or **Mark Wonnacott** on **07870 307441** so we can arrange to post leaflets or mail a pdf.

The Bellringers are hosting a coffee morning at Old Schools on 1st March. With the Market being held in the Community Centre at the moment, the coffee mornings have been quieter. So, if you can, please take time to walk up to join us for coffee and cake. On 14th March Isabella Whitworth will be presenting a talk on Hatherleigh's bells to the History Society. Proceeds from both events will go to the fundraising appeal. Join us at either event to learn more about the restoration project and help us save our beautiful 'ring of eight'.

You can keep up to date on our progress through Facebook and Instagram.

Isabella Whitworth

Hatherleigh Bellringers

Hatherleigh Parish Church Volunteers

A big thank you to all are helping to keep the inside and the outside of the Church neat and tidy. We could still do with some more volunteers to assist to keep on top of all those little jobs. I will be back in the Church on Tuesday 8th March at 10 am if anyone thinks they are able to lend a hand regularly or occasionally. This is followed by coffee and cake in the Old Schools!

The Church has 2 upright pianos that are looking for a home. They are not in the best condition but if anyone is able to home or dispose of them, we would be most grateful.

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- 2 tbsp cooking brandy
- 1 small onion chopped
- 1 medium carrot chopped
- 2 celery sticks chopped
- 1 heaped tsp on mixed herbs
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 cloves
- 2 allspice berries
- 6 large cloves of garlic bruised but left whole
- Salt and Black Pepper
- 15 or so shallots peeled (leave whole)
- 2 punnets of young chestnut mushrooms (leave whole)
- 1kg of chicken thighs / legs bone in but skin off
- 150g of smoked bacon lardons
- Lots of chopped parsley
- A little plain flour
- A little olive oil



Make your marinade the day before from the first 10 ingredients. Put all those ingredients in a pan, bring to the boil and reduce by 1/3. Leave to simmer with lid on for 15 mins after reduction and then cool. Drain through a sieve into a large plastic or glass bowl to remove all the "bits" Put all your chicken into the marinade, cover and leave in the fridge overnight.

Peel your shallots, wipe your mushrooms and then fry them off (in the pan you already used) with the bacon so they all get some colour and that pan can go in the fridge ready for the next day.

On Sunday drain your chicken over yesterday's pan for a while so all the liquid drains off into the shallots etc. and then start gently heating that sauce. Dredge the dried chicken with flour and fry in a non-stick frying pan to get some good colour on it. Pop the chicken in the saucepan with the sauce, pop the lid on and put in oven 180 degrees for about 60 mins. (stir half way) Salt and Black pepper to taste. Serve with lovely new potatoes or mash and loads of fresh parsley over the top.

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HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Notes from the Council Meetings held on Tuesday 8th February 2022. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March 2022 in the Community Centre. For

more information see our website

www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/

Your 10 Councillors are Clare Tyson (Chair/ Mayor), Rachel Laycock (deputy), Deb Laing-Trengove, Kay Walters, Donna Lewis, Paul Bolland, Callum Entwistle, Ellie Holland, Mark Reddaway and Helen Orbidans.

It was decided that no increase would be requested for this years Council Tax Precept. Cllrs signed fresh copies of Register of interests and agreed to continue using the WDBC Code of Conduct.

The Royal British Legion group are awaiting further funds before their new bench can be situated outside school. In the meantime we will repair the old bench which could then be moved to another site once the RBL bench is in situ.

Moor View: Concerns have been raised again about parking issues at Moor View. We are now looking into options raised by residents - Devon County Council's Resident Parking Schemes; and West Devon Borough Council's grass areas being changed into car park spaces. Devon CC have stated a scheme would need majority support from residents and councillors. Please read information about the scheme on the Moor View noticeboard. Or search www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/factsheet/residents-parking-permits/ Initial conversations show there is little support for a such a Scheme so if you are in support of this please let us know after reading the information.

Town Parking: West Devon Borough Council will shortly be repainting the Yellow lines on their section of road next to the Co op, they will then increase enforcement patrols to try to stop the illegal and hazardous parking there. Elsewhere in Town bad parking continues to be reported. Particularly parking on junctions, dropped kerbs and at pinch points.

If you see hazards or blocked pavements please continue to take photographs and report to the Police or DCC at www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/.

Hatherleigh Market: We have compiled a brief update and copy of the plans as the situation currently stands. Viewable in this Pump, on our noticeboard and Moor View noticeboard. Negotiations are still continuing on the design of the new building, hopefully we can provide a fuller update next month. Our bid to the WDBC Community Recovery Grant was unsuccessful. This was to support the market and new community building with ancillary items when the re-development is complete.

Island Park's Play Area fundraising campaign has begun in earnest with a donation received from Okehampton Rotary Club for £500. A National Lottery grant has also been submitted.

Other items: Clumps of grass covering pavements at Moor View has been reported to WDBC for clearance. And the condition of the phone boxes in town will be reported to BT.

The Town Council would like to give all Primary school children a Jubilee commemorative gift. Discussion was held over what this should be. Ideas will be sought and discussed again next meeting.

Space is short here. A full account of meetings is available in the minutes on the Town Council website and notice board in Millennium Corner.

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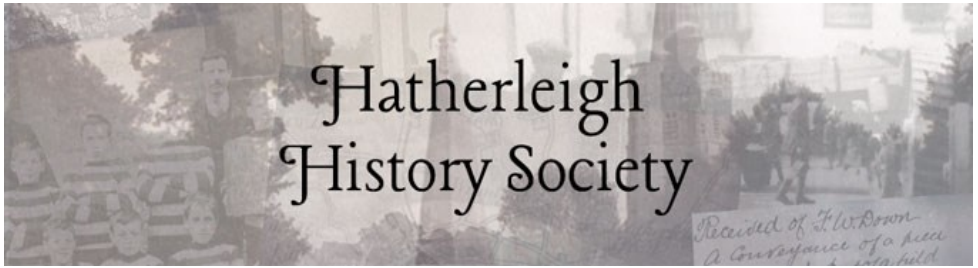
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It was great to be able to once again hold a meeting in Old Schools in February and to invite a guest speaker along too. Ciaran Stoker spoke to us about the Belgian refugees of WW1 who had fled their country ahead of the German invasion, many of which found themselves distributed from London to towns and villages in Devon and Cornwall. Earl Hugh Fortescue 4th a former Captain and later Colonel of the North Devon Hussars Yeoman Cavalry, was in charge of finding placements and work for these people, many of whom were in family groups. Some 250,000 refugees escaped to England and money was raised for the Belgian Relief Fund as well as receiving Government money. After a clash of personalities between Earl Fortescue and the then Mayor of Exeter Councillor J Owen, the Earl was given sole charge of the Belgian refugees sent to Exeter and then relocated to Devon and Cornwall. Miss Clara Andrews from Sidwell Street in Exeter was secretary to the Relief League in the early stages but then went on to greater service in London and was later decorated by Belgium for her services to their refugees. Many of the Belgian people who were placed here married into local families, some returned to their homes at the end of the war, but it must have been a very different country from the one they had left.

Members of the History Society will be pleased to hear that Sunday April 3rd has been booked at the Countryman Inn at Sampford Courtney for our Annual Luncheon after a two year Covid gap! Partners or guests are welcome to join us for a Carvery lunch at 12.30pm, prices are adult large £12.50 or adult small £7.50. Please contact me with any special dietary requirements or to book your place and choice of size of meal.

The speaker for our next meeting on Monday 14th March at 7.30pm in Old Schools will be Isabella Whitworth, who will talk about "The Ups and Downs of Bells and Wool". Visitors and guests welcome £3.

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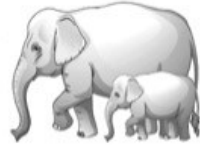
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News from around the Parishes

Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay & Jacobstowe WI

The latest meeting was held in Exbourne village hall on Tuesday 8 February. Jerusalem was sung and new correspondence was read out. The speaker was Paul Crisp on the topic of Operation Dynamo (Dunkirk). He went into great detail about the subject and finished by talking about the last re-union of veterans that he attended in France. Many of these veterans were either in their 90's or over 100. He was thanked by Sally Kenealy. After refreshments, the business of the afternoon was dealt with. It was announced that the subscriptions would be £44 for the next year. Exbourne Jubilee Celebrations were discussed and the WI are organising a Cream Tea on Saturday June 4 for the village people. Several members put their names down for the next walk, which is to be at Heywood Woods, Wembworthy on Friday 25 February.

The winner of the Flower of the Month was Gwyneth Leonard and there was an impressive display of WW11 Memorabilia.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 8 March at 2.30pm when the speaker will be Nancy Passmore, giving a demonstration on Easter Flowers.

Sampford Courtenay Flower Club Demonstration on Monday 14th March at 2.30pm in the Hall, two lovely demonstrators; Pauline Mills and Maureen Body, Visitors welcome, refreshments and Draw.

There is a Community Library in the village hall. which has books supplied by Okehampton Library. The books are changed at regular intervals. The hall is open once a fortnight on Wednesday afternoons from 3pm to 4pm. Tea and biscuits served with donations for the village hall. The library will be open next on Wednesday 9 March.

The latest meeting was held in the village hall on Tuesday 15 February. It was a well attended meeting, including 4 new members bringing the total membership for the present financial year to 41. The speaker was MIke Brett from Sandford, near Crediton, who spoke on the 'Sandford Heritage'. This was the importance of serge to the village of Sandford during the 17 and 18 centuries. The Sandford Heritage Group commissioned the weaving of a type of serge called Sandford Perpetuana. For a while it was rated the best in the area if not the country. Mike gave an insight into the work of the Group. He was thanked by Robin Gant, The next meeting is the AGM on Tuesday 15 March. Following the meeting Margaret Weeks will give a few more thoughts about life in Exbourne which she forgot to put in her book 'Thoughts of an Exbourne



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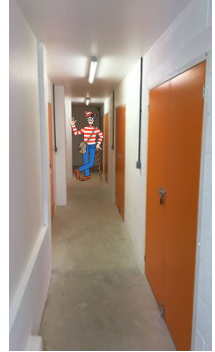
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