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Issue 484

Oyez, Oyez, Oyez

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth II of blessed and glorious memory.

By whose decease the Crown of the United Kingdom, Great Britain and Northern Ireland is solely and rightfully come to the Prince Charles, Phillip, Arthur, George.

Hatherleigh town council begs leave to offer its condolences to his Royal Highness King Charles III and to the Royal family on the death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the II.

Queen Elizabeth's example of duty, service and devotion to the people of the United kingdom and the Commonwealth was unparalleled.

Her graciousness was unsurpassed.

We have lived in a truly golden Elizabethan age, the likes of which we may never see again.

Hatherleigh Town Council joins with people from around the World in mourning her loss. A book of condolences is available for residents to sign at the Community centre.

In addition if people wish to lay flowers as a mark of respect they may do so at the War Memorial in the grounds of St John the Baptist Church.

God save the King



We hope everyone is keeping safe and well.

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The Pump Team

Hello Everyone,

This last month has seen Hatherleigh come together to mourn the loss of Queen Elizabeth II.

A big Thank you to Garry Bater and Mark Reddaway, who took down all the bunting in town so quickly. Thank you to Hatherleigh Silver band for playing in the square on the eve of the Queens passing, it was a very beautiful tribute. Thank you to the Bell Ringers who have rung the bells on numerous occasions over the last few weeks, and finally to our Town Crier for doing the Kings proclamation both at the school and in the Square.

We can also announce that a total for the abseil event was **£10,924.33**. Amazing generosity all round, another big thank you to everyone for supporting the event and taking part. Work has now begun with the roofing now well under way.

Remember that Hatherleigh Market is on every Tuesday, and coffee mornings continue in Old Schools, and in the Methodist Church 10 till 12pm.

Please continue to support all our local shops and businesses.

Keep Safe and Well!

Where's Wally???

Donna Lewis

Can you find him hidden somewhere in the pump?

Editor

(Last month Wally was on pg. 20)

Deadline for November Pump

Friday 21st October 2022

Please email all contributions to newhatherleighpump@gmail.com

Parish Church Services October 2022

Sunday 2nd October - Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Exbourne
9.30am	All Age Worship	Sue Gibson	Meeth
11.00am	Harvest Service followed by Bring & Share Lunch in Old Schools -	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh
6.30pm	Harvest Thanksgiving	Leigh Winsbury	Northlew

Wednesday 5th October

7.00pm	Harvest Service, Supper & Auction	Leigh Winsbury	Jacobstowe
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Sunday 9th October - Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am	Morning Prayer	Michael Winter	Jacobstowe
9.30am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Northlew
11.00am	Morning Service	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Michael Winter	Meeth

Sunday 16th October - Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Northlew
11.00am	Harvest Community Service	Michael Winter	Exbourne
11.00am	Family Service	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh
7.00pm	Prayer and Praise	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh

Friday 21st October

7.00pm	Harvest Supper & Auction	Leigh Winsbury	Meeth
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Sunday 23rd October - Last Sunday After Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Jacobstowe
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Sheila White	Northlew
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Julian Sargeant	Exbourne
11.00am	Bible Sunday	Lay Team	Hatherleigh
11.00am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Meeth
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh

Sunday 30th October - Fourth Sunday Before Advent

11.00	Group Morning Service	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh
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Dear all,

I'm writing today, the day after the funeral of her majesty Elizabeth our Queen. Like many of you, no doubt, I'm still absorbing the sad news and pondering the changes it will mean for our nation, and the world. Our Prayers have very much been with our new King, Charles III as he takes up his new position as monarch. We are also praying for the whole Royal family as their various roles and responsibilities are rearranged whilst they deal with their own grief and loss.



After the period of confusion we have all been through, this last loss comes as a sore blow. There have of course been many losses to us in recent months, and every new loss recalls our own griefs to mind. I don't believe that grief ever really leaves; they say 'time heals' but I'm not so sure it does. Rather, over time, we grow the strength to carry our losses, they don't go away.

I wonder if you thought, as I did, that the Queen's funeral said very little about her; there were no long eulogies or tributes to her many achievements such as we might have expected. What we do know, is that her funeral was exactly what she wanted. No surprise then that the focus was on her faith in Jesus Christ as her Lord and King who has been the inspiration and strength behind her long reign of service. We have a new King, but Elizabeth, and now Charles, and indeed myself have been serving the King of Kings - Jesus all along. Turbulent though the times have been, our everlasting King has been constant and unchanging in his goodness and grace, and I for one am very happy to be standing on the rock-like security of knowing that he has all things in hand and every final outcome covered.

I know I have said this many times in these letters, but I encourage you again, in the midst of whatever you are facing, good or bad, to look to the King who enabled our Queen. Ask Him for help as she did. If you don't know where to start with that, please get in touch and I'll gladly point you in the right direction.

Finally, I'd like to express my personal thanks to all those who made the effort to recognise the gravity of these events; our bell ringers, Jeff for taking care of the flag, the silver band for their spontaneous action, Rev. John Hall for so ably taking the services in my absence, and all the churchwardens around the parishes for ensuring there was a means for people to express their feelings and respond.

With my love and prayers for you all, Leigh Winsbury.



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Air Pollution in The Home

Most of us are concerned about air pollution when outdoors, however we also need to consider indoor air pollution. Levels of indoor air pollutants can be two to five times higher than outdoor air pollutants. Indoor air pollutants include:

- particulate matter (PM) (dust, soot, dirt, or dust mites);
- gases (carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, and sulphur dioxide);
- vapours of toxic chemicals (formaldehyde, benzene, nitrobenzene and methylene chloride).

Some of these harmful substances are from outdoor air pollution coming inside but the majority are from items already in our homes. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), around 3.8 million people a year die from exposure to household air pollution. Poor indoor air quality has been linked to a range of illnesses including asthma, pneumonia, lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and cardiovascular disease. To reduce indoor air pollutants, experts agree that both source removal and ventilation are key. It is also important to understand everyone's home is different and everyone's reaction to the indoor air pollutants can also differ.

Heating and cooking with gas releases tiny particles of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and carbon monoxide (CO) into the air you breathe. Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas with no smell or taste. It's recommended you have a carbon monoxide alarm in every room where fuel is burned and electric is seen as the cleanest form of heating and cooking. A study found that cooking a Sunday roast could produce higher levels of PMs than are found on the streets of Delhi, one of the most polluted cities in the world. These particles pose a particular risk to the respiratory system. Burning wood and coal in a stove or on an open fire also release PMs. Experts recommend using an extractor fan or opening a window when cooking.

Harmful airborne particles called volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are found in vapours from many commonly used household cleaning products. A study recently revealed that lung function was impacted similarly to the effects of having smoked 20 cigarettes a day for 10-20 years in people who were regularly exposed to cleaning products. Be cautious about using cleaning products and don't over use them. There are a number of eco-friendly green brands that contain far lower levels of VOCs. Protecting your hands with gloves and applying a moisturiser regularly can really help too.

A damp home encourages mould and other fungi to grow. Exposure to damp and mouldy environments may cause a variety of health problems including respiratory infections, allergies or asthma. Mould allergies can produce similar symptoms to hay fever. Regularly check and clean surfaces and keep humidity levels as low as you can—between 30% and 50%—all day long. An air conditioner or dehumidifier may help reduce dampness. Good ventilation can help and fix any leaks!

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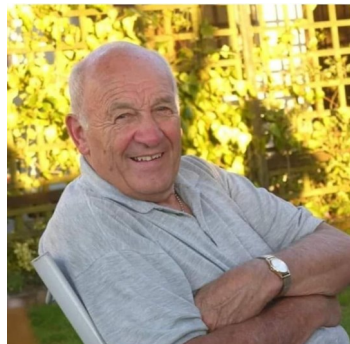
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Tuesdays

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Wednesdays

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Thursdays

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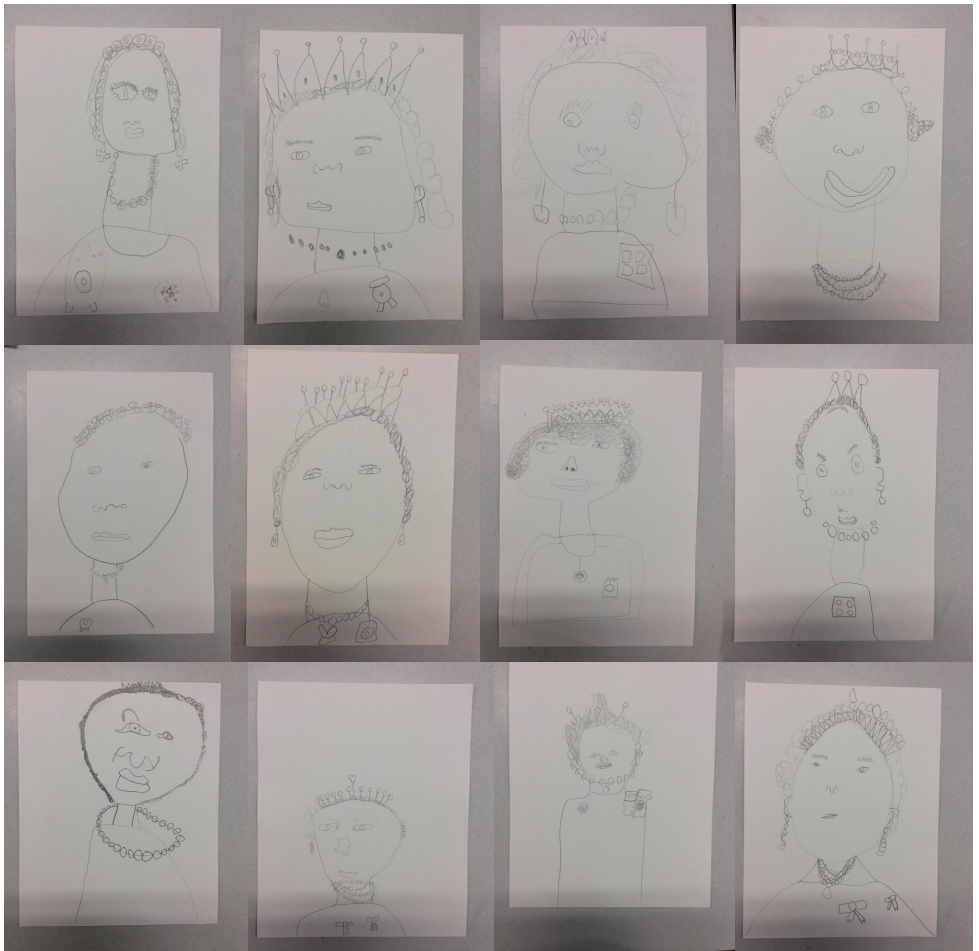
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Junior Pump Blog

Willows Class

After the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II we watched a video of her life and thought about what an amazing lady she was. We also thought back to the celebrations we held for The Queen's Jubilee. We then discussed what will change from a new King to new words to The National Anthem. We used our learning on 'The Colour Monster' to talk about how we felt. We then used our learning in Creative Thursday to draw and paint portraits of The Queen to go on the school fence as a mark of respect.





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The school team has worked incredibly hard preparing for the start of term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

Y5 have begun the term in style going on their outdoor and adventurous residential trip to Potheridge House. They enjoyed a great time kayaking at Meeth quarry, Coasteering at Hartland and taking part in abseiling and team problem solving challenges.

Harvest has been celebrated with a whole school visit to the Methodist church with classes presenting a variety of songs, poems and art work and items of food were donated to a local food bank. Thank you to Revd Chris and the Methodist church for making us very welcome.

The summer holidays already seem a distant memory but some days of late summer sunshine have been a real bonus and enjoyed by everyone at school.

A busy term lies in front of us and we are all ready for the challenge.

Alan Monger

Headteacher Hatherleigh Community Primary School

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Church 50:50 shop

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The Night Sky October 2022

Nights are noticeably darker now that we are in October. October is a good month for stargazing as nights are often clear. New Moon falls on October 25th whilst Full Moon is on October 9th. On the night of the 21st going into the early morning of the

22nd you'll be able too observe the Orionid meteor shower. The meteors appear to originate from a point in the sky located in Orion. The Moon will just be a thin crescent so many meteors should be visible. In fact at its peak you should see around 20 meteors per hour. The best time to observe the shower is between 11pm and 4am. This is because the night side of the Earth will be facing into the on coming meteor stream. The grains of dust burning up in the atmosphere were left behind by Halley's Comet.

Around the time of the New Moon is the best time of the month to observe fainter celestial objects such as galaxies and nebulae. This is because the absence of moonlight means fainter celestial objects will not be washed out.

By Kiran Chakravarti

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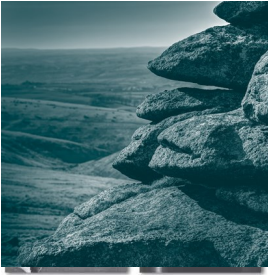
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Hatherleigh Silver Band News

It was an honour to play in the square on the evening of the death of Queen Elizabeth 2nd. As it was an impromptu performance it was amazing how many people turned out to pay their respects with us.

We are looking forward to the season of Autumn/Winter carnivals and are always looking for more people to swell our numbers. If you play an instrument, do get in touch and come to the band room on a Monday or Thursday evening at 7.30. If you would like to brush up your technique or learn - we have a wonderful training band for all ages on a Thursday evening at 6pm.

Some members of our training band took their first steps into the main band on 15th September and joined us for some hymns and marches. They did amazingly well and we look forward to them becoming fully fledged members.

Don't forget to put our Christmas Concert date in your diaries - **Saturday 17th December.**

Jane Fawcett



<http://www.hatherleighsilverband.co.uk> is our website where you can find lots of information .

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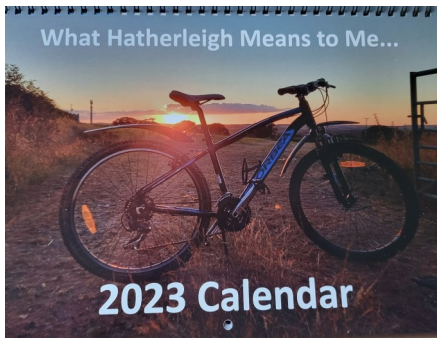
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Hatherleigh Calendars

We have had a really good response of entries for next years Calendars. A big thank you to Bryony Herrod-Taylor and Monica Jones for agreeing to judge all the entries received.

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Hatherleigh Art Group

October Meetings 5th to Burton Gallery, Bideford for Patrick Heron Exhibition, 12th still life at Salar Gallery, 19th Sitter (to be confirmed), 26th Applique at Salar Gallery. Please contact **Sally (01837 810377/940)** or **Alanqq1 (01837 810024)** for further information.

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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Species of the Month

October— Galls



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What is a gall?

Galls occur on plants (usually trees and shrubs), they are produced as a response by the plant to insects feeding or laying eggs inside the leaves or branches (these insects and the galls cause little damage to the host plant). Although this activity usually happens in spring, it is often not until autumn, when the leaves fall, that galls become apparent. Galls come in all sorts of shapes, colours and sizes.



Artichoke Gall



Oak Apple Gall



Knopper Gall



Robin's Pincushion

Did you know?

- There are around 70 different types of gall wasp for oak trees in the UK?
- Gall wasps have a complicated life cycle, often producing more than one type of gall on a tree.
- Adult gall wasps are rarely seen, but their galls are easily spotted,

More information can be found on The Wildlife Trusts "[Wildlife Explorer](#)" webpages.

Common galls that you may find on oak trees this autumn.

Oak marble gall

This is caused by the small wasp (just 2mm long), *Andricus kollari*.

Clusters of these oak marble galls can be found on twigs of oak trees. They mature to a brown colour. Inside the gall, larvae feed on the host tissue. The adults emerge, leaving small circular holes in the gall. The empty gall remains, and it is these that we see in the autumn.



Photo: Amy Lewis



Photo: Graham Calow



Photo: Brian Eversham

Spangle galls are caused by the common gall wasp, *Neuroterus quercusbaccarum*. After mating, fertilised eggs are laid on the underside of oak leaves. The galls (which look slightly flattened) are formed by autumn and the wasp larvae remain

inside the gall among the leaf litter, throughout winter, emerging in spring.



Photo: Graham Calow

Silk button galls are also found on the underside of oak leaves. These are caused by the wasp *Neuroterus numismalis*. The galls are raised, with a dent in the centre.

In each of these cases, these galls form only one part of the fascinating life cycle of these two species of gall wasps.

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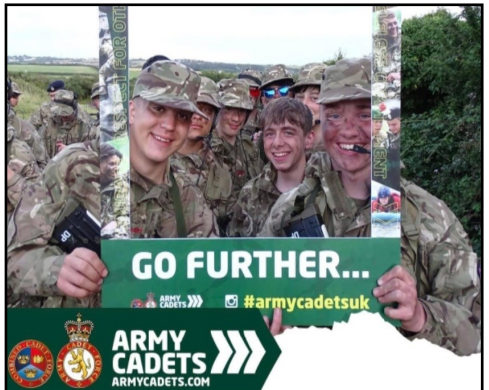


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Bookings essential please contact Sue Tidball suetid61@live.co.uk 01837 811188

The cricket club will be holding a Bonfire and Fireworks evening on Friday 4th November – further details will be in next months Pump, on Facebook and posters in the town.

HATHERLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

Having been out and about for most of the summer, we return to Old Schools on Wednesday, October 19th for a talk by one of our favourites, Julian Sutton. Always knowledgeable and entertaining, Julian will tell us all there is to know about: '12 Excellent Perennials: Provenance, Position and Propagation'.

We welcome members and visitors alike to join us at 7.30pm on 19th in Old Schools; visitors are £2 for the evening which includes a cup of tea and ticket for the chance to win the raffle.

We look forward to seeing you there and, if you have any questions, my contact details are below.

Susan Gill

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Hatherleigh Bellringers Practice Nights

Our Tower Captain, Mark Wonnacott, has been accepted for firefighting training (well done, Mark) and will no longer be available on Thursday evenings. So there will be a change to our practice night beginning October 5th. We will ring on Wednesdays thereafter. If you'd like to visit the tower or ask about learning to ring please call Mark on **07870 307441**, contact us through our **Hatherleigh Bellringers Facebook page** or via Instagram **@eightbells 8**

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HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2022. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th October 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.

At the start of the meeting a 2 minutes silence was held to Honour our Late Sovereign Queen Elizabeth II.

We wish to thank the Towns folk who have all come together to mark the occasion appropriately. With special thanks to the Silver Band, The Bell Ringers, our Town Crier Ros Chard and the volunteers who removed the Jubilee Bunting at short notice.

Remembrance Sunday plans for the rolling road closure for the parade have been authorised. Mr Paul Wilkinson will be contacted to provide the wreath again this year.

The Royal British Legion have had delivery of the Bench to be placed outside the school entrance. There will be an unveiling ceremony at a time organised by Mr Wilkinson.

The old bench metal work has now been repaired, thanks to Right Angle for this. Mr Mark Wonnacott has kindly offered to replace the woodwork. A suggested place for the restored bench is the Jubilee Footpath.

We have received no expressions of interest for the Street Caretaker role following the resignation of Mr Peters. This will be re-advertised. Please contact the clerk.

Please could we ask all residents to continue to tidy and weed the frontage to their own property to keep our Town looking cared for.

Rhino Play have installed the new pieces of equipment in Island Park which reopened on the 23rd July. It has proved very popular. The climber safety bark has been topped up but some work is required to the edgings. Most of the framework for the broken zip wire has now been removed. Thanks go to Ben Bailey.

It was agreed to get a quote for a metal gate for the toddler park as the wooden gate is subject to vandalism.

Following our meeting with a Devon County Council Highways officer to discuss traffic issues, we were asked to come up with a list of priorities for our Town. This has now been done and includes a request for a 20mph speed limit through Town and Moor View. This will now be passed to DCC Highways for further discussion.

We have obtained a quote for necessary tree pruning works at the bottom of South Street and Millennium Corner. We do not have a date for this work as yet

It was agreed to give a grant to Okehampton Community Transport Group to help them continue essential support to our residents.

District Cllr Kimber put forward to Town Councillors the idea of a community response which could set up a support group to help residents during this Cost of Living Crisis. It could provide a warm space, a hot drink, a meal and advice. He has spoken with various people who may offer support. This will be an agenda item next month for ideas to be formulated.

Reports of issues around Town can be made in person or by email and to the Visitor Centre where an HTC reporting book is held.

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.

Correspondence to the Council should be addressed to the Clerk and for inclusion at a meeting be received 4 days prior to the meeting date. Correspondence received after that date will be considered at the following meeting.

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Well, what a shock that was for us all! Our wonderful Queen Elizabeth suddenly was poorly and passed away. What an amazing inspiration she has been for us, and she will be so deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family, especially King Charles at this very sad and difficult time. During the 10 days of mourning, we endeavored to keep the chapel open for quiet reflection and prayer. Many people found this helpful and comforting.

We held our harvest festival on Sunday 18th with Deidre Madders. During the service we had special



prayers for the Royal family and we praised the Queen for everything she has done for our country. After the service, Harry Lewis (our junior town crier) read his proclamation for the Queen and the new King. This was then followed by a very tasty Harvest lunch!



October Dates for your Diary

Sunday 2nd at 11.00 a.m. with Rev. Doreen Sparey-Delacassa.

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Tuckers Plot

Queen Elizabeth's Favourite Flower

There is a little flower that has long been one of my favourites as it smells like heaven and the little blooms can be chanced upon in the most unexpected places. I have some in my garden now and it always gives me joy to see the leaves of the little plants forcing their way through the undergrowth under the trees in spring before the flowers appear at the beginning of May. I used to live in Ascot, near the racecourse and there was (and I presume still is) a long chain fence with scrubby trees along The New Mile and in the undergrowth is an absolute sea of Lily of the Valley in early May and as you walk by the smell is quite overpowering.



My grandmother had Lily of the Valley in her wedding bouquet and always grew it in her garden. This tiny little flower, that isn't even a real lily; it is actually a member of the asparagus family, has long been associated with wedding bouquets as a symbol of luck in love, constancy and to ward off evil spirits. Queen Victoria, Princess Astrid of Sweden, Grace Kelly, Kate Middleton, Meghan Markle and Princess Eugenie, all had this little scented flower in their wedding bouquet. After it was used by Queen Victoria, every young girl wanted it in their bouquet and as it was so easily found in the hedgerows it was not beyond the pocket of the average bride and had probably been put in the bouquet or hair of many brides before Queen Victoria.

The Queen Mother also had Lily of the Valley in her bouquet but it was not featured in any of the photos as when she walked into Westminster Abbey she laid her bouquet on The Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier in honour of her brother who was killed during World War I. This tiny plant is a native to many continents and has been used to make dyes, perfumes and also to combat sickness, particularly gas poisoning during World War I and also in medicines to combat heart disease, epilepsy and burns.

This little gem is also mentioned in the bible as springing from the tears that dropped on the ground when Eve was expelled from the garden of Eden and many poems have been written about it. Even Queen wrote a song about it. The little bell-shaped flowers were also thought to be fairy's drinking cups in medieval times.

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Hatherleigh Bellringers

Part of History: Hatherleigh's Bells, September 8th – 19th 2022

Mourners and well-wishers from all over the nation have queued to pay their respects to the late Queen this last month. Queen Elizabeth reigned so long that only the elderly remember the death of her father in 1952. The significance of this loved and respected Queen's death has been deeply felt by countless people. From those enormous crowds and queues many of them told interviewers, 'I wanted to feel part of history.'

Ceremonies after a monarch's death, leading to a state funeral, follow some ancient historical procedures and protocols. Processions, proclamations, prayers and church services, flags, uniforms, and the 'Lying in State' are part of a vast programme of what happens when a king or queen dies. The ringing of church bells is no exception.

At times of national importance Hatherleigh's bellringers (along with other towers) receive advice and instructions through the Central Council of Church Bellringers, which takes advice from the Church of England. The Church of England has liaised with the Royal Household about dates and times of events.

It is traditional at solemn times of remembrance and mourning for a bell tower to half-muffle the bells. Covers are placed on the bell clappers so that only one side strikes loudly. The other side is muffled, and makes a softer, echoing sound. Hatherleigh residents will have heard the bells ring half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday and, occasionally, at funerals.

On the death of a monarch, however, all except the tenor (the heaviest bell and the lowest note) are fully-muffled and the entire clapper is covered so it cannot strike loudly. The tenor remains half-muffled. The effect is beautiful, but sombre.

A fully-muffled 'ring' is the traditional way to mark a monarch's passing and will have been heard throughout the country. Many who listened in Hatherleigh's Square or churchyard on September 9th told us how moving it was to hear the haunting, ethereal sound of fully-muffled bells. Following the proclamation of King Charles III on 10th September, muffles were removed so that the bells rang 'open' for Sunday Service on 11th. The bells were later re-muffled until after the state funeral on 19th September. They were rung for an hour before the funeral.

As bellringers, we felt privileged to be 'part of history' this September, bringing a community together to remember and to mourn.

Ringers over this historic period were Mark Wonnacott (Tower Captain), Richard Harrison (Ringing Captain), Garry Bater, Lily Bater, Ian Grantham, Alex Harrison, Sadie Harrison, Jess Lewis, Mark Reddaway, Simon Squire, Isabella Whitworth, and Natalie Wonnacott.

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The last month was a month full of history as we mourned the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II on the 8th September and then of history in the making with the proclamation announcing the reign of King Charles III.

Hatherleigh like villages, towns and cities and the world were in shock as the news filtered through of the Queen's deteriorating health, this was just days after receiving the new Prime Minister Liz Truss at Balmoral. When the announcement came that the Queen had died many felt the need to do something, the Hatherleigh Silver Band went to the Square and played the National Anthem and some appropriate hymns and were soon joined by townsfolk.

At a time like this ancient tradition declares that the church bells are rung fully muffled which means fitting leather pads to both sides of the bell's clapper, this reduces the volume. Only the tenor bell is fitted with a half muffle so that one side of the clapper strikes normally. And so, our bell ringers rang the bells on Friday 9th September at 12 noon, many people braved the rain showers to listen for 45 minutes to the solemn, haunting and very moving sound that the muffled bells made to mark the passing of our Queen. We are so lucky to have this wonderful group of bell ringers. The muffles were removed for the normal ringing of bells calling people to the Sunday Service and official Proclamation but were returned once again to be rung on the 19th September, the day of the State Funeral.

Monday the 12th September and the Town Crier Ros Chard first went to the Primary School and read the Proclamation of King Charles III and then came to the Square and read the Proclamation once again, she was joined by the people listening with a shout of "God Save the King"! This still sounds strange as most of us have only ever heard "God Save the Queen" called.

The Town Council provided a 'Book of Condolence' in the Community Centre where people could write their thoughts or a short message and the churches were left open for private prayer or the lighting of a candle as well as special services.

Whether you watched all that unfolded at home or managed to actually make a trip to London, over the 12 days since the Queen's death and up until the State Funeral Hatherleigh came together in different ways to show its love and regard for a Queen that served us all so well for 70 years.



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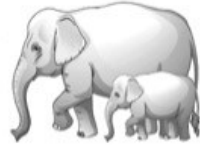
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Hatherleigh History Society

Will be holding a Coffee Morning and Bric-a-Brac sale on the 4th October in Old Schools from 9am-12 noon. Lots of lovely cakes and savouries to enjoy and a raffle which will be drawn at 11.45am. Please come along and have a chat and support us.

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Hatherleigh Church Volunteers

I'm sure many of you will have noticed that the whole of the churchyard has been cut and hopefully raked up - (I am writing this before the work party on the 24th). There are mixed feelings about whether to leave some areas to grow wild, encouraging flowers, insects and birds to flourish or whether to keep it all cut and trimmed. Now that the wildflowers have seeded, it can be cut in readiness for the winter. I was wondering if there is an artist/illustrator out there who might be able to create some pictures of the flowers and wildlife which could be displayed in the porch. This might help to show the amazing variety of living things that use the churchyard as their home.

Throughout the year there are always areas that need attention and brambles, nettles and ivy to be taken away from some of the tombstones and walls. The paths, gutters and drains need to be cleared of plants and there is always general tidying up. If you are able to volunteer for an hour or two in the week, please do get in touch. I try to be in the churchyard on a Tuesday morning at 10am (although I am away on the 4th Oct) and if you are able to bring gloves, secateurs etc it would be lovely to see you...there is usually a chance for tea, cake and a chat in the Old Schools afterwards.

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The small ugly witch and all the dead climbing out of the graves in the cemetery will welcome you in between 4pm to 8pm. Children are especially welcome.

Some who ventured too far into the enchanted forest may fear the hobgoblins. They have given their word that they will not attack you and you will not be expected to pay a forfeit. The secret password for one night only Halloween, Monday, October 31 is "let the screaming begin".

The demons who guard the path (try to avoid the bottomless pit) to the underworld will ask for a donation to help our friends in Ukraine recover from the real and ghastly experience in their life.

Barbara and Alan Beaman



News from around the Parishes

Yoga in Exbourne

Yoga classes suitable for all ages and abilities are run by Kathy in Exbourne Village Hall on Friday mornings from 9.30am. For more information please contact **Kathy on 01837 851264**.

Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay & Jacobstowe WI

The WI have had quite a busy time during August. On Tuesday August 9 they celebrated a belated Birthday Party for Kath Neno who was 100 years old in July. There was a lovely tea with a beautiful cake. It was a very happy time as scrap books and photo albums from the archive were brought out, looking back to when Kath joined the WI when she was young.

On Tuesday August 23, a visit was made to the War Horse Museum at Parsonage Farm, Iddesleigh. A very enjoyable time was had looking at all the animals and the actual museum. After a Cream Tea a tractor and trailer ride was had across some of the fields of the farm. The latest meeting was held at Sampford Courtenay Village Hall on Tuesday 13. The meeting started with a minutes' silence to mark the passing of fellow WI member, Queen Elizabeth 11. Jerusalem was sung and the speaker was welcomed. It was John Christian, who is a well known Watercolour Artist. He quite quickly painted a beautiful Dartmoor scene. He showed some other paintings that he had done and had cards for sale. He was thanked by Cherry Chidwick. After tea the business was dealt with. Names were put down to visit a Dartmoor Photographic Exhibition at Providence Chapel Throwleigh on Saturday October 8. The next walk is on Friday September 30 at Abbeyford Woods. Arrangements were made for the Soup and Puds Lunch to be held on Saturday October 15 from 12noon to 2pm in Exbourne Village Hall. The price to be £6 per person.

FOM winner was Irene Harrison and the Competition winner for a landscape scene was Bonnie Stenning. The meeting ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

The next meeting is on Tuesday October 11 in Exbourne Village Hall at 7.00pm, when the speaker will be Rupert Kirkwood - 'All at Sea Watching Wildlife from a Kayak'.

A Soup and Puds Lunch will be held in Exbourne Village hall on Saturday October 15. It will run from 12noon to 2pm with admission £6 and there will be a raffle. Everyone welcome.

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The latest meeting of the **Exbourne Local History Group** took place on Tuesday September 22. The speaker was Todd Gray from Exeter, who gave a very interesting and sometimes amusing talk on the Art of Devon Gardens. The talk traced how the art of gardening developed from earliest times to the present day. He showed many slides which illustrated a wealth of images, some created on glass, pottery, wood and stone. He also showed a look at current and vanished gardens and how fruit and vegetables had evolved during the centuries. It was surprising how many vegetables were around several centuries ago. He was thanked by Sue Rose. The next meeting will be in Exbourne Village Hall on Tuesday October 18 at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Simon Dell. His subject will be Lydford and the Stannary Towns. The talk will centre around the Dartmoor Tinnars. Non members very welcome - £3 entry to include tea and biscuits.

St. Thomas of Canterbury, Northlew

As the country mourns our well-loved Elizabeth II so many thoughts and memories, long since forgotten, come to mind. King George VI had been at the airport to see his daughter and Prince Phillip off at the start of their official visit to Kenya. No one can forget how dreadfully ill and sad he looked. He carried on with his duties and died during their visit. Elizabeth, the new Queen, flew straight back to England and for the following seventy years has served this country and the Commonwealth with complete devotion. She was a lovely, gracious and humble lady and will be so much missed. May she rest in peace, reunited with her dear Prince Phillip.

God Bless Elizabeth II.

Harvest. As I'm not certain of the Harvest times, please see notices.

We are fortunate to live in a fertile land, farmed by excellent farmers (and not always helped by the weather!). So this is the season to thank God (and those who work on the land) for our Daily Bread. This country has a huge population and the more we produce here, the more likely we are to survive as a nation. Let us thank our farmers and try to understand why they do what they do when they do it - there is always a reason!

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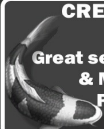
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Our thought and prayers are with King Charles III at these changing times in his life.

It was good that so many came into the Church to pray and light a candle on the Churches' Ride and Stride Saturday. Many thanks to Jane for providing refreshments.

HARVEST FESTIVAL, SUPPER AND AUCTION this year will be held on Friday 21st October at 7 p.m. all are very welcome, we'd love to see you. This will be a time of thanksgiving for all the many blessings we receive from Our Lord. Numbers will be restricted to keep people safe.

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