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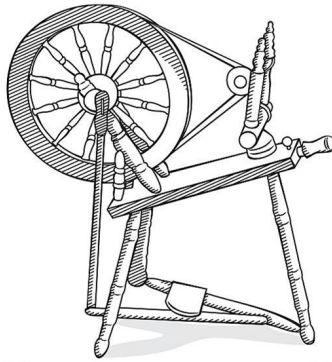


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Hatherleigh Players Presents

SLEEPING BEAUTY

15th February – 17th February 2024



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PARISH PUMP

Issue 498

HATHERLEIGH PLAYERS PRESENTS

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Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas. How is it February already, (Oh yes it is!) That can only mean one thing...its Panto Time! This year we have a fantastically funny traditional panto Sleeping Beauty. Get your tickets from the Community Centre weekdays 9-12noon

Please note the deadline will remain the same every month. It will always be on the 15th of the month, therefore avoids people missing the deadline.

Have a look on page 5 for what's on in February. If you would like your event here do send me an email or drop in to the visitors centre and leave information there.

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.

Donna Lewis

Editor

Find the Fairies???

To celebrate this years Hatherleigh Players Panto Sleeping Beauty, I have hidden 5 in this months pump (not including front cover or pg2)

Last month Wally was on pg 44

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Deadline for March Pump

Thursday 15th February 2024

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What's On in Hatherleigh February 2024!

3rd February 7.00 pm - Hatherleigh Primary Winter Ball - Community Centre

15th February 7.30pm - Sleeping Beauty Panto - Community Centre

13th February 7.00pm - Hatherleigh Town Council Meeting

16th February 7.30 pm - Sleeping Beauty Panto - Community Centre

17th February 2.30pm & 7.30pm - Sleeping Beauty Panto - Community Centre

24th February 2.00-4.30 - Hatherleigh Community Centre

24th February 3-4pm & 5.30 - 6.30pm - My Heart was a Tree Concert - Parish Church

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- follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available

Protect the environment

- take your litter home - leave no trace of your visit
- do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can
- always keep dogs under control and in sight
- dog poo - bag it and bin it - any public waste bin will do
- care for nature - do not cause damage or disturbance

Enjoy the outdoors

- check your route and local conditions
- plan your adventure - know what to expect and what you can do
- enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory



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The Countryside Code





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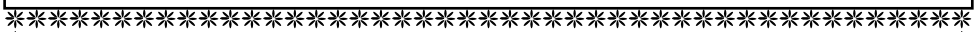
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Church 50:50 shop

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DON'T stay on-line for ever: there's a **REAL** world out here but it needs **YOUR** support **NOW!**
 This is more important than ever now that things are getting back to 'normal' & the Market development is still in progress so **PLEASE SHOP LOCAL!**

Parish Church Services February 2024

Sunday 4th February *Creation Sunday*

9.30am	Family Service	Leigh Winsbury	Exbourne
9.30am	All-Age Worship	Sue Gibson	Meeth
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Tania Haycock	Northlew
11.00am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh

Sunday 11th February *Next Before Lent*

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

Sunday 18th February *First Sunday of Lent*

9.30am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Exbourne
9.30am	Morning Praise	Gwyn Thatcher	Meeth
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Julian Sergeant	Northlew
11.00am	Family Service	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh
7.00pm	Prayer and Praise	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh

Sunday 25th February *Second Sunday of Lent*

9.30am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Jacobstowe
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Derek/Elvira Chivers	Northlew
11.00am	Pet Service	Michael Winter	Exbourne
11.00am	Morning Service	Lay Team	Hatherleigh
11.00am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Meeth
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh

Hi my name is Melanie Croom, usually known as Mel, (although I do have a Chinese name as well, ask me when you see me and I'll tell you how to say it!). I first came to Hatherleigh as a 19 year old student when my family moved to a farm just outside the town in 1972. I worked as



a Geography teacher and then in 1983 after training at Bible College I joined OMF International, formerly the China Inland Mission. The daughter of a former vicar of Hatherleigh was also a member of this mission back in the 1930s! I have worked in various countries but always in relation to the Chinese community and now, having retired but still officially attached to the mission, I have been staying in Mum's house for the last two years. I'm really enjoying getting to know more people in Hatherleigh and have been particularly struck by the sense of community.

Having worked in tropical parts of the world where there is little change in seasons I really appreciate the changing year but what is there to look forward to in February? Christmas and New Year are over and Spring seems far away. It can be a wet month, earning the appellation "February fill dyke" in some parts of the country. Shakespeare names February just once, at the end of *Much Ado About Nothing*, where the character Benedick is described as having "such a February face, so full of frost, of storm and cloudiness."

But in *Hamlet* Shakespeare also mentions something else that occurs in February, St. Valentine's Day. Even in Shakespeare's time it was a day for celebrating romantic love, but how did this happen and who was Valentine? The original Valentine was a Christian in the Roman Empire when that could get you killed. So how did he become the patron saint of lovers, and isn't Valentine's Day just for the young and yet another commercial opportunity with overpriced cards, flowers and chocolate? A time when those with no "significant other" feel left out or left on the shelf? Maybe not.

St. Valentine was a Christian leader in what is now Italy in the 3rd Century. In AD 269 he was visiting Rome when he was imprisoned, tortured and martyred for his faith in Jesus. Over the years he has become the patron saint of love, especially of happy marriages and engaged couples, but also of beekeepers! While some of the romantic ideas surrounding Valentine come from medieval poets there is an important truth we can learn from him. Valentine knew the love of God through Jesus and was prepared to die for it. We can know that same real, lasting love. But like all gifts we have to make it ours, we have to "open" it. So I encourage you to "Open that Valentine!" and experience love beyond anything you can imagine not just for 14th February but the whole year!

Happy Valentine's Day!



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Poem by Martyn Prince

I first met Bob on the bowling green,
A giant of a man - just had to be seen.
His stride was long, his woods were vast;
they cut through turf and opponents fast.
Seven feet tall he must have been
His shadow longer than the green.
Yet in the shadow I gladly stood,
Along with others, if they could,
For a nicer man I've rarely met;
A kinder soul you could not get.

But to us all, life's changes come,
With age and sickness rarely done.
He fought with his for all his might;
He fought at length the accursed blight.
And though it cut him down in size,
A giant was he to smaller eyes.
And even though his shadow's gone,
That friendly giant will carry on.

Hatherleigh Sportsfield AGM

Hatherleigh Sportsfield Committee are holding their AGM on Monday 4th March 2024 at 7pm in the Multi-Use Room at Hatherleigh Community Centre.

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**

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Notes from the Council Special Market Meeting held on Tuesday 28th November 2023 and the Council Meeting held on 5th December 2023.

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at 7pm in the Community Centre.

For more information see our website www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/

Your 10 Councillors are Mark Reddaway (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Deb Laing-Trengove, Kay Walters, Donna Lewis, Graham Alford, Richard Burrow, Sadie Harrison, Angela Capon & Clare Kemp.

At the 5th December Full Meeting Councillors Capon and Kemp signed their Acceptance of Office forms and were welcomed onto the Council.

Hatherleigh Market: We have received positive feedback from Residents following the Public meeting and presentation. This is clearly demonstrated by the number of pledges received for the matched funding to enable us to apply for the grant to buy the market from the Community Ownership Fund. The responses have been overwhelming. To this end the initial expressions of interest in applying for this grant have been submitted with support from WDBC. HTC agreed to underwrite the costs of the extra fit out to the market and to take on the lease if necessary to give the Friends of Hatherleigh Market more time to get their grant and funding applications in. Further information and public meetings will be planned as the project moves forward. Please go to the HTC website for up to date information.

The Hatherleigh Practice Manager was unable to attend this meeting so will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss plans for the GP surgery.

We have discovered that Millennium Corner is owned by DCC so will contact them about the repairs needed.

Thank you to the Carnival Queen who turned on the Christmas lights yesterday and to the Silver Band who always make any event special. Thank

you to the Christmas lights team for the beautiful lights around the town and to Andrew Orchard who again provided the town with a beautiful tree.

It was lovely to see so many residents enjoying the Late night shopping and Craft fair at the George yesterday.

Plans for the Christmas Eve Carols in the square are in place and will have taken place by the time this issue goes to press so more to follow in next month's pump.

Work continues on Island Park and the Toddler Park and should be completed by the time this Pump issue goes to press.

The cracking and damage to the skate park has now been repaired.

There have been complaints again about safety issues at the School entrance. We will write to the Headmaster to try to understand why it's felt the 2nd exit isn't needed as this would seem to offer a solution to the congestion at the school gate.

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.
Clerk: Mrs. R.A.Lock, Cleave Farm, Dolton, Winkleigh EX19 8QT. Tel: 01805 804254
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**West Devon
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West Devon Borough Council is inviting residents to have their say when it comes to housing in Hatherleigh – after all, you know your parish better than anyone! Finding suitable housing is an issue for many residents across the Borough, so the Council is carrying out surveys across West Devon to get a better understanding of the housing issues residents face. This will help the Council to support the future needs of the communities who are struggling to find homes to live in. You can share your views on Hatherleigh’s housing needs through the Council’s online survey which is open until Friday 1 March - bit.ly/48loeMa

Paper copies are also available at the Hatherleigh Community Centre and Post Office for you to complete and leave there.

You can also bring your completed paper survey to a drop-in session this February where you can chat to the Council about local housing need and other issues within your parish.

Drop-in session:

· Tuesday 6 February 24
Hatherleigh Community
Centre
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Help us to understand the housing situation in

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Tuesday 6 February 2024

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**Please encourage your family and friends to also take part,
help us to help you!**



New school year at Hatherleigh Community Primary School

Everyone at Hatherleigh School would like to wish you a very happy New year and welcome to a new term; we are all looking forward to a busy and productive Spring term.

Y1 and Y2 are about to become very busy in the pool developing their skills as swimming lessons begin for them at Okehampton.

Once again some of our Y6 children will be working with several other schools on a theatre project with the MED theatre; it is lovely for the schools to come together and work on such an exciting event.

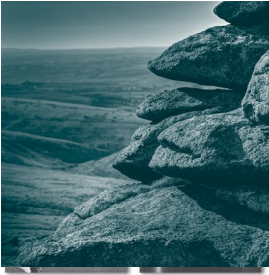
Following on from our success in his Christmas card competition; the Rt Hon Mel Stride MP visited school to present Ella Y6 with her prize and to speak to Y6 children about democracy and the work of parliament.

Spring term clubs have begun with children enjoying a good range from Dance to Creative upcycling.

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.

Alan Monger

Headteacher



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What's on at the Community Centre

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Mondays

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Badminton Club 7 pm – 10 pm. Drop in at any time throughout the time.

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Tuesdays

Hatherleigh Community Market

9 am – 1 pm Contact Debbie Kimber on 07538 547865

Table Tennis Club 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm Contact Toby 07958 270764

Yoga 5.30 – 7 pm Contact Paul Beard 01409 231304

Wednesdays

Brownies 5-7pm Contact Alison Woodhams 01837 810108

Thursdays

Pilates 10 – 11.am Please contact Shirley Edwards on 01837 659990 to book a place. Please do not just turn up as numbers are limited

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Sunday 17 December Christmas Flowers
Sunday 24 December Christmas Flowers
Sunday 31 December Christmas Flowers



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Thank you to all that supported the Xmas quiz from all at Hatherleigh Football Club. The log draw was won by Rosalind Hill, The winning team was the Flap Flops! A big thank you to Andy Bennet for organising the quiz, it was so much fun and everyone had a great time.

The Night Sky February 2024

Nights in February are still long and cold. The constellation of the month for this month is Taurus; the Bull. It contains many deep sky objects that can be seen with the naked eye. The most well known of which is the Pleiades. This is an open star cluster surrounded by gas and dust. However the nebulae surrounding the stars needs long exposure photography to reveal it. In Japan the star cluster is known as Subaru like the well known make of car. Taurus can be seen towards the southern part of the sky.

New Moon falls on February 9th and it is at this time that deep sky objects are best observed.

Full Moon falls on February 24th and deep sky objects will be difficult to see as the Moons bright light washes them out.

By Kiran Chakravarti

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Halsdon & Dolton local group (formed 1983) organises talks, walks and other events. An Autumn Bounty day, a fungus foray & a bat talk were notable successes of 2023. We are very keen to get some fresh faces involved. Please come to our Annual Meeting on February 21st at 7.15 pm in Dolton Village Hall with suggestions, questions etc. Or join us afterwards at 8 pm to hear about the project to return Pine Martens to Devon

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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?

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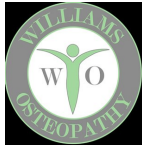
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Hatherleigh Bellringers

An update on fundraising

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There are only a handful of specialist companies (bellhangers) that handle bells, and build or restore bells fittings. Towers like Hatherleigh must book months, if not years, in advance because bellhangers' lead times are so long. Payment of a deposit secures a place in a bellhanger's queue. Towers will raise this deposit as quickly as possible, because costs and prices increase with every month that passes. Our deposit was paid in May 2023 and fundraising has continued ever since. Our grants (a substantial proportion of the money raised) are only payable at the end of a project, when it has been satisfactorily completed. We have raised around three quarters of the funds but urgently need to raise the remainder by autumn 2024. Without it we cannot complete the job of rehanging the bells. The community has been very generous, but please continue to support us!

Fundraiser 'My Heart Was a Tree' with Sir Michael Morpurgo and friends

Our first 2024 fundraiser will be on February 24th in Hatherleigh Church. The two (identical) one-hour concerts of poetry and classical music are being donated to us by Sir Michael and Lady Clare Morpurgo, Carol Hughes and the Iddesleigh String Quartet. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity in donating time and talent to our fund. Sir Michael, Lady Clare and Carol Hughes need little introduction, but here are a few details about the musicians:

Kerenza Peacock (violin) is originally from Cornwall. She studied at the Royal Academy of Music and lives in Los Angeles. Her album as soloist with the London Symphony Orchestra (LSO) reached the top of the classical charts. Kerenza's career is fascinating: look her up!
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Josh Michaels (violin) met Joe and Steve playing music in Birmingham and plays solo, chamber and orchestral repertoire. He has held a principal position with the National Youth Orchestra. Steve Doman (viola) is originally from Bath, attended Wells Cathedral School and studied at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, the Royal Academy of Music - and abroad. He is a prizewinning musician and currently in the viola section of the LSO. He also serves on the Board of Directors.

Joe Roberts ('cello) was born and raised in Somerset. He read languages at university and is a secondary school teacher in Birmingham where music plays a big part in his life. Joe plays in musicals, string quartets and orchestras, including the Sinfonia of Birmingham. Performances at 3.00 pm and 5.30 pm. Tickets (£15 adults, £8 for children aged 15 and under). Refreshments available afterwards in Old Schools; donations welcome. Tickets available through Eventbrite, and at Hatherleigh Post Office.

Easter Bells Bingo March 27th

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Hatherleigh History Society

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By the time this post goes out the History Society will have had the first meeting of the year showing the photographs of George Tucker. As there were at least 300 lovely black and white photographs it may be we will have to have another session a little later in the year to make sure we have shown them all, or continue posting them on our Hatherleigh History Facebook page. Many thanks to George for allowing us to use such a great collection and keep a record of many characters, places and events in our archive.

Our next meeting is on the 12th February in Old Schools at 7.30pm and we will be telling the stories of children growing up in Hatherleigh from periods dated 1848, 1893, 1920's and 1939 as written by four people who later wrote their life stories. There will also be a showing of photographs of these people and their families and school photographs and things mentioned in their stories. Guests or visitors welcome £3.

The History Society are taking part in the Science Week in March as has been advertised. We are pleased to have Dr Janet Few speaking at our meeting on Monday 11th March in Old Schools at 7.30. Janet will assume the persona of Mistress Agnes who has a herbal garden and who uses plants from hedgerows and like many wise women through the ages could mix and make all sorts of remedies. Once again there is a charge of £3 for non-members, guests and visitors.

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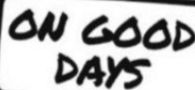
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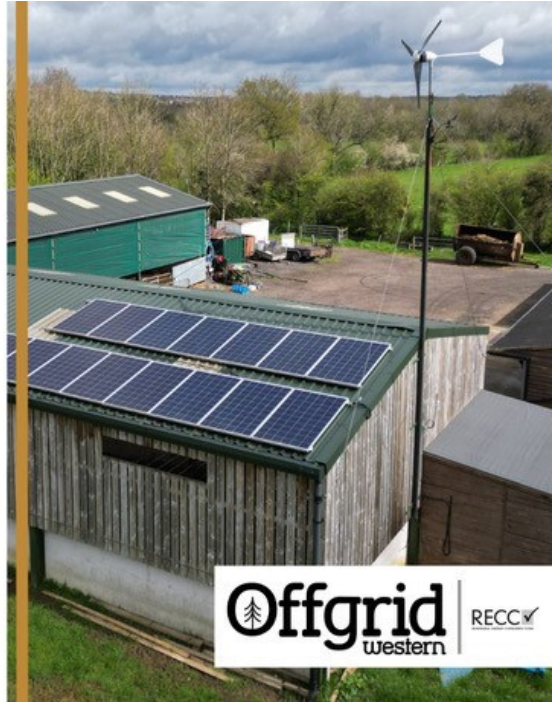
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in Torquay on the 9th March. We are in the first section and the piece is called High Peak by Eric Ball. It is technically quite tricky but Matt Green is ably taking us through our paces and we hope that just before the contest we will be able to hold an open rehearsal. Look out for details.

Once we have competed we will turn our thoughts to a Spring concert and look forward to a programme in the summer of our regular Cider and pasty evenings.

We always welcome new players and please remember that the training is up and running on Monday evenings from 6-7 in the band room. Please get in touch if you are a returning player or wish to learn, you would be very welcome.

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If you'd like to be involved in playing the concert but don't want to become a core member get in touch as they'd love to have you guest for them (and they can provide the music ahead of time). The orchestra meet every Sunday morning at Hatherleigh Community Centre starting at 11:00.

The two youth singing groups have got off to a steady start and they would love to welcome primary school children aged 7 and up for the first group (17:00 - 18:30), secondary school children in the second group (18:30 - 20:00). The adult singers have got off to a flying start already, but anyone aged 16 or over is welcome to join them from 20:00 - 22:00. All the singing groups meet on a Thursday at the Hatherleigh Community Centre.

The first concert is a feast of musical theatre hits and will be taking place on 23rd March. Featuring songs from We Will Rock You, Jesus Christ Superstar, Beauty And The Beast, The Wiz, Rock Of Ages, Joseph...and lots more, it's going to be great fun to be involved performing as much as it will be to watch the concert!

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Apart from Shrove Tuesday, 13th February and of course St. Valentine's Day, February tends to be a fairly quiet month.

Please note that the All-age afternoon service is on Sunday 25th. This will be run and organised by members of the Sunday Club. We will be planning our next window display too, so do look out for that!

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Sunday 11th at 11.00 am. All Age Worship with J. Hill

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1 large leek and 1 large onion

A few mushrooms

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1/4 pack of spaghetti broken up into bits

A drained tin of cannellini beans or similar

2 tins or chopped tomatoes

3 tbsps of tomato ketchup, homemade or bought

Some frozen peas and sweetcorn

Some dried Italian herbs and a little paprika

Salt and black pepper

(Optional) Chilli sauce or paste to taste

(Optional) The whole rind of some parmesan for flavour but scoop it out at the end of cooking

All the veg and herbs should be chopped very small. Put all the ingredients except the spaghetti in a pan or ideally a slow cooker and add roughly a litre of boiling water. Cook all until pieces are very tender and then add your broken spaghetti and cook until that's tender too.

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The History Society are putting on a very special evening with Dr Janet Few- delving into a historical apothecary's garden.

Rev Leigh will be presenting "Science and faith, conflict or complement"

On Saturday 16th there will be a "Science of the Everyday," Market in Old Schools.

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News from around the Parishes

Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay & Jacobstowe WI

The latest meeting was held on Tuesday January 9. Everyone was welcomed and Jerusalem was sung. The speaker was Bill Murray, son of Edmund Murray, Winston Churchill's last bodyguard. He was bodyguard from 1950 to Winston's death in 1965. Bill had photos of his father with Winston. He travelled wherever Winston went, which included Monaco and on the Onassis yacht. He looked after the painting materials for when Winston wanted to paint and his cigars. A lot of time was spent at Chartwell and Bill met Winston there. Bill was thanked by Cherry Chidwick. After tea the business of the afternoon was dealt with. The Christmas party in December had been very enjoyable. There followed a discussion about the proposed resolutions to go to the Annual Meeting. A show of hands resulted in Dental Health Matters being put forward. The next Walk is on Friday January 26 and to be from Bridestowe Station to Lydford on the Granite Way and those who would like to, lunch will be available at the Fox and Hounds. David Botting Page is to be invited to address members at the next meeting with details of the Sampford Courtenay Prayer Book Revolution this year. The competition winner of a Churchill Momento was won by Gillian Townsend Green and the Flower of the Month by Margaret Cleveland. The next meeting is on Tuesday February 13 at 2.30pm in Exbourne village hall when the speaker will be Stuart Luxton talking on the History of Farmer Luxton's.

Exbourne Village Hall

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the Skittles Night in December and made it such a fun evening.

Our next major event is the return of Quiz and Puds Night on Friday 23rd February, 7pm for 7.30 start. Entry is £4 per team of up to 4 people. Selection of puddings at £4 per person. Space is limited so please contact Sue Rose on **01837 851232** or ser@care4free.net to book a table. Donations of puddings and raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Bring your own drink and glasses.

Micro-Library will be on Wednesday 7th & 21st February at 3pm. A selection of books from the Devon Library Service is available to borrow or just come along for tea and a chat.

Information about our events is also posted on the Exbourne Village Hall Facebook group.



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Northlew St Thomas of Canterbury Church and Friends of St Thomas'

Happy New Year from Northlew.

The parish tree has gone to the goats, and - ever faithful - the snowdrops were up in the churchyard at the beginning of the year. I know I say this every year - us old biddies tend to repeat ourselves - but the snowdrops always battle from the frozen ground and into daylight. They remind me of the human spirit, never give in! (Winston Churchill used a less polite phrase in the Commons, but the message was the same).

The World news is worrying. We must all pray for peace. The following by Louisa Haskins always seems apt, especially at this time of the year. "I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shalt be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

Pat Durston

Meeth

Phyllis and her family would like to thank everyone for making her special birthday such a wonderful occasion for her. From the lovely ladies who thought up the idea, to everyone who baked, decorated and came to the hall on the day to see her. For the amazing cake, beautiful flowers and all the wonderful cards gifts and well wishes.

She is truly humbled and extremely grateful for this week and always. It is very appreciated.

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St Michael and All Angels, Meeth.



We hope you've all had a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful Christmas and all best wishes for 2024. After all the wet and windy weather we had at the end of last year it's lovely to enjoy more seasonal weather with the bright frosty mornings – making us feel refreshed and renewed, yet another of Gods wonderful gifts.

Our SAMUEL JERMAN CONCERT in December WAS A GREAT SUCCESS when we were entertained by Barbara Griggs playing the harp and telling us some interesting folk stories. Hot mulled cider and refreshments were served after the concert. All donations raised were given to S. W. HOSPICE.

CAROL SERVICE:

This year was led by the Exbourne Choir who did a marvellous job in encouraging us to sing out. Grateful thanks to all who read the lessons for us and contributed to making the evening so special.

Hot mulled wine and refreshments were served after the service.

CHURCH BOOKSTALL.

We now have a large selection of books on all subjects – from football to snooker, from gardening to cookery etc. all available in the Church to borrow or swap – please feel free to pause at your leisure – the church is open daily between 10am and 4pm during the winter months.

BELL RINGING:-

A NEW LADY HAS MOVED INTO THE AREA & IS KEEN TO SET UP A TEAM OF BELL RINGERS FOR OUR CHURCH. If you are a regular ringer or are keen to learn PLEASE CONTACT MARGARET – **Email mafitz@hotmail.co.uk**

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Keep safe and God Bless.

Beryl.

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