

March 2024

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**PARISH PUMP**

Issue 499

Sleeping beauty was performed over Half Term, and what a wonderful performance from all The Hatherleigh Players. Below are a few pictures for those who missed out on seeing this fantastic Panto!



**Hello Everyone,**

Spring is now upon us.

**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.**

There's a lot on this month so do have a look on page 5 **'for what's on in March'**.

If you would like your event here do send me an email or send us a message via our Facebook page.

April edition is our 500th Issue. On that note an interesting fact... The original Parish magazine was renamed the Parish Pump in 1978 was A4 and 6 sides. These days we have anything from 42 to 62 A5 pages. In the 60s the magazine was only available to subscribers due to the cost of printing. We rely on our advertisers and donations to fund the printing these days and the costs are ever increasing. Meeth was added to the circulation in 1987 and in 1995 1000 copies were circulated to the local parishes. When Neil Price took over as editor in 1999 he changed the format from A4 to A5 and increased the news within it, therefore moving forward from a church magazine to a community booklet of events and news from around the parishes.

In 2001 the pump became available online, and in 2009 Monkokehampton joined the circulation, followed by Northlew in 2010, therefore increasing the print to 1400 copies produced 11 times a year. More in next months issue!

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 Wally???**

**Can you find Wally in this months pump**

**Last month the fairies were on pg 4, 18, 22, 26, 34**

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**\*Deadline for April Pump\***

**Thursday 15th March 2024**

**Please email all contributions to [newhatherleighpump@gmail.com](mailto:newhatherleighpump@gmail.com)**  
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## Parish Church Services

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** *Third Sunday of Lent*

9.30am	Family Service	Leigh Winsbury & Michael Winter	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 10<sup>th</sup> March** *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

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	Gwyn Thatcher & Olive Bush	Meeth

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March** *Passiontide*

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

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March** *Palm Sunday*

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

### **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** *Passover*

6.30pm	Passover Meal	Leigh Winsbury	Northlew
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### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** *Celtic Evening*

7.00pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	Leigh Winsbury	Jacobstowe
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### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** *Good Friday*

12.00pm	Open Air Service	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh Square
3.00pm	Hour at the Cross	Michael Winter	Exbourne
3.00pm	Hour at The Cross	Leigh Winsbury	Northlew

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March** *Easter Day*

9.30am	Holy Communion By extension	Michael Winter	Jacobstowe
9.30am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Northlew
11.00am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh
11.00am	Holy Communion	Gill George	Meeth
11.00am	Holy Communion By extension	Michael Winter	Exbourne

On Lent.

Dear friends,

I find myself writing on a rare sunny day today, a reminder that Spring really will come along eventually after Winter which seems to have been going on since June!



And with Spring comes Lent; traditionally a time(40 days) for giving up something you like; an unhelpful prod in the ribs suggesting that Christians and churchy things are all a bit of a killjoy, (which has not been my experience at all). So what is Lent really all about?

In the bible, numbers always have significance and the number 40 stands for a period of time in which God is preparing something or someone for a purpose. The first one was the days of rain after Noah had built the ark [40 days and 40 nights]. Next comes the time of the Israelites' desert wanderings with Moses [40 years] and latterly the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness before beginning his public ministry. Like so many things, a meaningful and purposeful opportunity often gets reduced to something we can make easy rules about. In the case of Lent, an invitation to reflect, review our lives and see where we're heading becomes reduced to giving up chocolate!

So what could you do during Lent? Our busy lives don't often leave space for reflection on where we've been, what we've done, what has happened to us and where we're headed. Pondering these things is a valuable exercise that can save us from just living life by accident and repeating old mistakes. Those of us who follow Jesus will include him in a dialogue about our trajectory and purpose as we prepare to celebrate the amazing events of Easter, but time in reflection can be helpful for anyone; I'd recommend it.

Lynn and I recently went on a retreat at Lee Abbey in Lynton and gave some time to pondering the last year. It seemed to have flown by so fast that I couldn't think that much had been achieved. Then we took stock and realised why we were so whacked! We also had time to make some realistic targets, under God's direction for the coming days. Naturally, life has already thrown some spanners in the works, but we'll hold on to the general direction.

So why not take some time to ponder this Lent, you may find yourself taking up something new instead of giving something up.

**Have a great Spring, Leigh.**



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# What's On in Hatherleigh March 2024!

**1st March 5.00-6.30 & 7.00-8.30pm** - Roller Disco - Hatherleigh Community Centre

**6th March 7.30 pm** - Hatherleigh Carnival AGM - Community Centre

**8th March 3.00-6.00pm** - Community Wellbeing Fair - Hatherleigh Community Centre

**9th March 7.00pm** - Benny's Big Spring Quiz - Community Centre

**15th March 7.30pm** - Up Close Theatre - Community Centre

**16th March 7.00pm** - Take a Chance on Me—Abba - Hatherleigh Community Centre

**22nd March 7.30pm** - PTFA Bingo - Hatherleigh Primary School

**27th March 7.00pm** - Bells Bingo - Hatherleigh Community Centre

**30th March 3pm** - Easter Hunt - Hatherleigh Community Centre



HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE PRESENTS

# Let's Roll! Skate Party

Hatherleigh Community Centre  
Friday March 1st 2024

Up to Year 5:	5:00 PM - 6.30PM
Year 6 +	7.00PM - 8.30PM

Competent skaters are welcome to pay & do the second session too.

**£3.00**

## Hatherleigh Art Group

We meet on Wednesdays at 10.30am usually at 51 Market Street:

March meetings: 6th: sitter, 13th DIY landscape, 20th: visit an Exhibition (Friends' Annual Open Exhibition at the Burton), 27th: Easter Week - no meeting.

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# Hatherleigh News





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- do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- be nice, say hello, share the space
- 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



[www.gov.uk/countryside-code](http://www.gov.uk/countryside-code)



**The Countryside Code**





Follow advice and local signs

The arrows show the legal and recorded rights of way for different user groups

**Footpath**



**Bridleway**



**Restricted Byway**



**Byway open to all traffic**





**Permissive Path**

Follow advice on local signs as landowners voluntarily provide access to these paths and choose who can use them. Some open access areas are also made available in the same way.



**National Trail**

National Trails are created for walking, with horse-riding and cycling possible on some trails or trail sections.

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## Dog Fouling on Hatherleigh Moor

The law regarding land, open to the air to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access states that it is an offence to fail to carry sufficient means to clean up after your dog. And that it is an offence to fail to remove faeces from the land.

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 \* We hope everyone is keeping safe and well. \*  
 \* Thank you to all our advertisers who continue to support us. \*  
 \*  
**The Pump Team**  
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**Charity Corner**

This continues - upstairs at the Salar Gallery - including the Church 50:50 shop, items for Hatherleigh Primary School and Farms for City Children.

| **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!**



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## HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from the Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024. The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7pm in the Community Centre.

For more information see our website [www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/](http://www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/)

Your 9 Councillors

Mark Reddaway (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Deb Laing-Trengove, Kay Walters, Donna Lewis, Richard Burrow, Sadie Harrison, Angela Capon, Clare Kemp

- Councillor Alford has resigned so there is 1 vacancy
- Hatherleigh Market: The Friends of Hatherleigh Market have received a positive result to their expression of interest for the Community Ownership Fund. Therefore they are able to submit a formal application.
- The amount of pledges have reached over £58,000, please consider a pledge if you haven't already done so.
- Further public meetings are planned to move the project forward. The next one is planned for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2-4pm in the Community Centre.
- The Market is so important to the Town please come along or support this initiative in other ways if you value keeping our Market. Space is short here so 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.
- Millennium Corner: DCC have asked if we wish to lease this area and be responsible for the repairs needed. Councillors felt that DCC as owners should be responsible for the repairs in the first instance and then would be open to leasing the area.
- Further works have been completed to Island Park and the Play Park. The Zip wire is installed and fully functional. Tension will need to be tightened again once it has had some usage. Thank you to Donna Lewis & Adam Hill for all their efforts.
- Further cracking and damage to the skate park is due for repair shortly but this is weather dependant.
- There have been complaints again about safety issues at the School entrance. The Headmaster and the Chair of Governors have been invited to the next meeting so that we can understand their position and how to resolve the issues around the school entrance.
- 20 is Plenty Campaign: A competition was suggested for Primary School Age children to enter to produce a '20 is Plenty' poster to be displayed around Town to help with the campaign to make our roads safer.
- There has been an increase in the amount of dog fouling around Town. PLEASE can all dog owners be responsible and pick up after their animals and place it in the bins provided. WDDB will be asked to place notices around Town to highlight this fouling issue.
- There is very little lighting on the road between the Co op and the Market Quarter. WDDB who own this road will be asked to assess this.

**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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## **Brian Bottoms**

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Beautiful memories he left behind.

### **“Hatherleigh Community Wellbeing Fair, 3-6 pm Friday 8 March 2024**

Everyone is warmly invited to come along to our free Community Wellbeing Fair in Hatherleigh on Friday 8 March.

#### **Why a Community Wellbeing Event and what exactly is the Transitions Project?**

Knowing what services and help are available locally is not as easy as you think. It makes life much easier and much more enjoyable if you can talk to representatives of the groups and services face to face.

This is why the Transitions Project has been organising free Community Wellbeing events across Torridge and West Devon to help and encourage local people to find out about their local community groups and services for the last 6 years. (This one will be the 17<sup>th</sup> event we have held in a rural area; the last time we held one in Hatherleigh was January 2019). These events are designed to help residents gather useful information, find what support is available locally, provide inspiration for them to take up new activities, to make new friends and also to offer an opportunity to have their voices heard. By bringing community groups and services together under one roof, our aim is that we might also reduce social isolation, strengthen local connections and encourage networking.

Transitions is a partnership between West Devon CVS (see [www.westdevoncvcs.org.uk](http://www.westdevoncvcs.org.uk)) and Wis£rmoney (see [www.navigatecharity.org.uk](http://www.navigatecharity.org.uk)). Navigate is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund to provide free, confidential money and debt advice across the rural areas of West Devon and Torridge for those unable to access mainstream support. We work together with community partners to improve rural communities' financial wellbeing and reduce social isolation.

At the event, we will produce a directory for everyone to take home; this will include contact details of all the services represented at the event, which we hope will cover a wide range of both statutory agencies and voluntary organisations relating to many issues and interests, including up to date advice on energy costs and digital inclusion, as well as promoting local leisure interests appealing to all ages. We will also provide free refreshments to everyone, stallholders and members of the public alike.

**It's free, fun, friendly and inclusive - so please join us!”**

# Hatherleigh Repair Café



**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**2 - 4.30pm**

**Community Centre**



Volunteers will be offering help with:

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## Hatherleigh Community Primary School

It is hard to believe we have already reached the Spring half term and we are halfway through the academic year. It has been a very busy and productive first Spring half term with many events taking place in school. Some have been mentioned previously such as the visit from the Rt Hon Mel Stride MP and the MED theatre project, along with other more recent events such as a Y4 tag rugby festival, Safer Internet day and family dining.

At the beginning of February the school supported the NSPCC Numbers day. The children looked amazing dressed in different costumes to represent numbers and calculations and each class had an opportunity to parade and show off their outfits to the rest of the school. The children enjoyed a wide range of activities and learnt more about the important work of the NSPCC.

Childrens Mental Health Week took place at the end of the half term and the theme this year was My Voice Matters. My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves - when we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Classes were involved in different activities around this theme including wearing a scarf to school on the final day as part of our SCARF PSHE programme.

Y5 children were also very busy just before the half term break developing their cycling skills and confidence with the Bikeability programme.

The PTFA continues to work very hard for the school organising fundraising events which has recently included a very successful Winter ball. They continue to work with the school to fund a long term development of our outdoor provision.

Next half term we are looking forward to class assemblies, a cricket day, World book day, the Spring concert and then Easter.

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**

UPDATE  
MEETING



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DATE OF MEETING

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## **Community Centre - Charity No 300851**

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### **What's on at the Community Centre**

**Friday 8th March Community Wellbeing Fair 3 pm – 6 pm**

**Saturday 9th March Benny's Big Spring Quiz 7 pm**

**Friday 15th March Up Close Theatre – Art 7.30 pm**

**Saturday 16th March Take A Chance On Us (Abba Tribute Band) 7 pm**

#### **Mondays**

**Adult Dance Fit** 5.30 pm – 6.15 pm  
Contact Jess Bailey 07746 892660

**Badminton Club** 7 pm – 10 pm. Drop in at any time throughout the time. Hall is also available to hire for individual badminton games. Contact Ruth Penberthy 01837 810967

#### **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

**Thursday Club** 2-4pm For older residents. Tea & Coffee, activities, Games, sing alongs, quizzes and more. £2.00 each

**Aerobics** 6:30pm - 7:30pm Everyone welcome over the age of 12 Contact Emma Jefferies 07817 954498

#### **Fridays**

**Tai Chi** 10.15 am - 12:30 pm Contact Brian McDonald 07864 646 789

#### **Saturdays**

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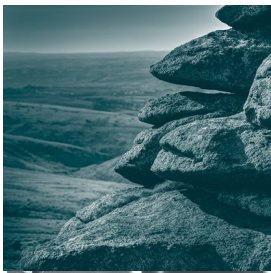
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This year's event is on the 13th July at Madewell. There will be live music from AI and the Wils Strawberries, and a disco. If you would like to join us for what we know will be a fun night, please get in touch. Tickets are £35.00 a head, which includes canapes and bubbles on arrival, a main meal, dessert and cheese and biscuits, as well as some wine. There will also be a bar.

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The vernal or Spring Equinox is on March 20th at 3:01am. It marks the start of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere. It is interesting to note that at an equinox both northern and southern hemispheres are illuminated equally. If you were on the equator then the sun would be directly overhead.

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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?

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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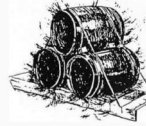
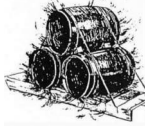
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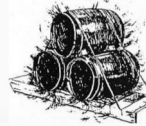
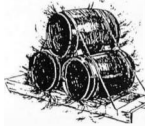
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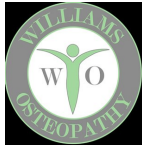
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Our next fundraising event will be our Coffee Morning on Tuesday 26th March at Old Schools swiftly followed by our Easter Bingo, to take place at the Community Centre on March 27th. Our Christmas Bingo was packed to the gills, so please book in advance if you want to be sure of a table. Message us through Hatherleigh Bellringers Facebook page.

### **Work in the tower**

In the tower, work to remove the remaining metal joists from below the old wooden bell frame is nearly complete. Our bellhanger will soon return to check final measurements before commencing work on the new steel frame. The work on dismantling the bell fittings and frame has been well-documented with photographs and notes. These are being recorded as part of the Heritage Lottery funded project to restore, preserve and record the heritage of St John’s Church. Updates can be seen on the News section of the St John’s Church website:

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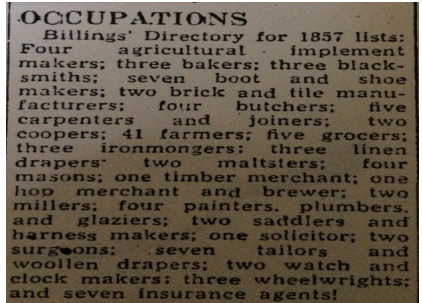
Our February meeting contained three very different stories of growing up in Hatherleigh, this is a brief outline of two of the stories. The first was written by Thomas Abell who was born in 1848 in Buddle Lane, he was one of ten children, their father was a boot and shoe maker and they lived in two rooms over the pentis and blacksmith's shop and then moved two doors down, again two bedrooms, a kitchen, a small room and their father's workshop. They were very poor as Thomas's father took to gaming and drink. The older boys were sent out to work on local farms at very early ages and expected to work long hours, all for very little money.

The second story told by Violet Mallet Fulford William in her book 'Underneath My Patchwork Quilt' was of a very different life. Born in 1888 in Cape Provence Violet's father was a sheep and Ostrich farmer, her grandfather was Henry Mallet Veale of Passaford House. Henry paid a visit to the farm with his second wife and arranged to bring Violet aged 5 and her younger brother Ralph 3 back to England with him. Violet and Ralph were looked after by a nursery maid and had a fairly formal upbringing but enjoyed the freedom of the gardens and the farm and had a good relationship with many of the people who worked for the Veale's. Food was plentiful with fruit and vegetables, milk, eggs and meat from the estate, this was also given regularly to many of the families of the workmen and women.

Both of these children went on to carve very full-filling lives for themselves. Thomas had his own building company in Exmouth and at the age of ninety was presented with an MBE. Violet later married the Reverend Henry Fulford Williams and supported him in his work in India during WW1 and then in Portugal before returning to England. We will be sharing their full stories on our Facebook page soon.

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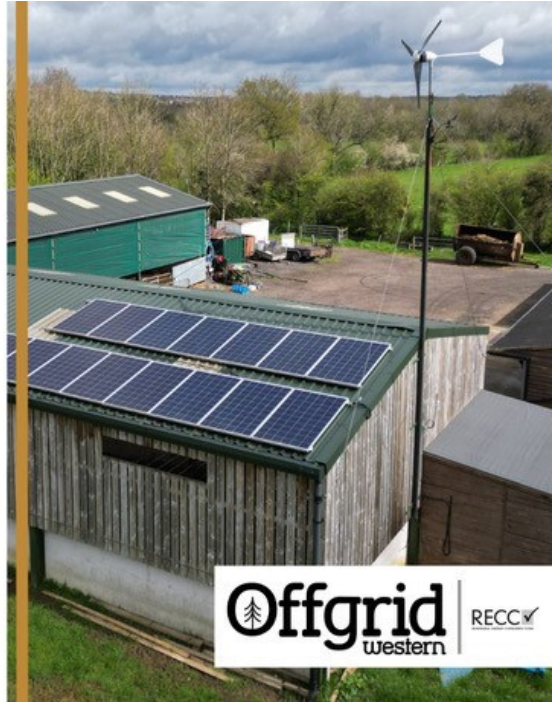
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We will be playing on another Dartmoor Tor in the summer, raising money for Dartmoor Rescue...that was probably one of our most unusual gigs last year but so enjoyable.

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## Hatherleigh Methodist Church



### **Hello!**

So, March is here, and it promises to be a very busy month as we are now well into the period of lent that is leading towards Easter. The third Sunday in lent is traditionally Mothering Sunday and so we are holding a special family service on Sunday March 10th when we will be honouring 'mothering' with Mrs Deirdre Madders.

Easter Day will be celebrated on Sunday 31st with Vicky Penfound and I know she's already planning some Easter surprises! The Sunday Club are holding an Easter craft and coffee morning on Saturday 30th March from 9.30 a.m.– 12.00 midday in the main chapel.

There will be another delicious soup and sweet lunch on Tuesday 26th March starting at 12.00 midday so do join us for that! A huge thank you to everyone who supported Lily Bater's charity coffee morning in aid of 'play action international.' The money will go towards helping children through supporting play in Uganda. An amazing £600 was raised during the morning, and with some very generous donations of a further £200, Lily raised an amazing £800! (Lily would like to say a special thank you to her family for helping) Lily visit's Uganda in June and has agreed to show photos of her experience at one of our Sunday afternoon meetings when she returns.

### **March Dates for Your Diary**

Sunday 3rd at 11.00 a.m. with Mrs. Angela Banfield

Sunday 10th at 11.00 am. MOTHERING SUNDAY with Mrs. Deirdre Madders

Sunday 17th at 11.00 a.m. with Mr. Martin Goord

Sunday 24th at 4.00 p.m. All age, Palm Sunday worship and fun with the Sunday Club

Tuesday 26th from midday until 1.30p.m. SOUP AND SWEET LUNCH

Saturday 30th – Easter Craft and Coffee morning. 9.30 am. – 12.00 midday.

Sunday 31st at 11.00 a.m. EASTER JOY with Mrs. Vicky Penfound

Please remember, you are all very welcome to join us at any event!

Don't forget - Tuesday coffee mornings are held every week from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 midday Home-made cakes and pies for sale each week!

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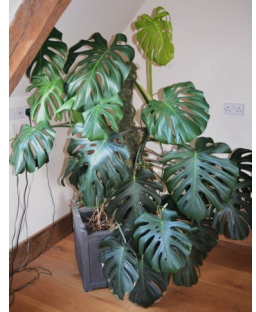
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## Tuckers Plot



### Happy Birthday Arthur

We don't have a huge amount of house plants but the ones we do have are really part of the family. House plants are normally given as gifts or bought for special occasions and because of that they can become really quite special. My husband says they're like pets but without the vet bills! Admittedly they won't fetch a ball or sit on your lap and purr but they need care and attention just the same.



Perhaps the best loved plant in our house is Arthur. When my husband was a teenager he bought a "cute" 2 leaf Swiss Cheese Plant (Monstera) and for some reason he named it Arthur. Arthur has been with him in 4 different houses and we worked out that this year he will be 40 years old so I thought I'd say happy birthday by giving him a mention in The Pump.

We have a 20 year old Weeping Fig (Ficus Benjamina) and an Umbrella Plant (Schefflera) which must be nearly as old. We have 2 Orchids that were bought as house-warming presents when we moved in here and a Christmas Cactus and a Spider Plant that were gifts for Christmas 2022.

Apart from being beautiful plants, all of them help cleanse the air in the home and all of the ones I've mentioned, apart from the Weeping Fig and Umbrella Plant are great for homes that suffer from condensation. The Monstera and the Spider Plant are particularly good for sapping condensation out of the air.

If you want plants for the bathroom particularly then a Boston Fern (Nephrolepis Exaltata) or a Money Tree (Pachira Acquatica) are good and for low light conditions the Victorian favourites such as Snake Plant, commonly called Mother-in-law's Tongue and Cast Iron Plant or Aspidistera are the best.

I would love to know if anyone in the town has a houseplant older than Arthur!

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## Hatherleigh Churchyard Volunteers

Thank you for your patience while the essential repair work to the tower is being carried out.

I have noticed Spring's arrival around the churchyard and that the grass has started to grow again. We are holding a 'Churchyard tidy up' on Tuesday 5th March at 10 o'clock and if you feel like coming along to help us with a few essential jobs, you would be most welcome. Wear suitable clothing for gardening and bring gloves and tools if you have them.

If you feel you can give some time regularly to help us keep the churchyard looking well cared for – bearing in mind we are part of the Living Churchyard scheme – then please get in touch, there are always jobs to do.

**Many thanks, Jane Fawcett**



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## Hatherleigh Carnival Colour Run 2024

**Saturday 8th June**

### Save The Dates

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29th June - Summer Fete

1st December - Christmas Fayre

12th & 13th December - Wreath  
Making

Lots more events to come, watch  
this space.

Meeth Community Committee

### Save The Date

Samford Courtenay Open  
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**30th June 11-4pm**

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# News from around the Parishes

## **Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay & Jacobstowe WI**

The latest meeting took place in Exbourne village hall on Tuesday February 13. The president, Margaret Cleveland) welcomed everyone and Jerusalem was sung. The speaker was Stuart Luxton of Farmer Luxton's Farm Shop in Okehampton. He spoke about the history of how it started, after some planning difficulties, up to the present day when there is a staff of 40 people. He was thanked by Margaret Cleveland. There was another speaker, David Botting Page, who came to speak about the celebrations to be held in Sampford Courtenay about the Anniversary of the Prayer Book Rebellion in June of this year. The WI were asked to be involved in the events planned. To be discussed at a future meeting. The business followed. The Walking Group are meeting in Simmons Park, Okehampton on Friday February 23 for a walk around FATHERERFORD. The Coffee Morning to be held in the village hall on Saturday April 13 is to run from 10 am to 12 noon and was discussed. Members being asked what they were willing to do - provide cakes or raffle prizes or help generally. Cherry Chdiwick has arranged a visit to Old Glebe Garden, Chagford on August 13. The winner of the competition was Vera Collins and the FOM was won by Ethel Nanckivell. The next meeting is the AGM in Exbourne village hall on Tuesday March 12. The speaker will be Rachel Stevens talking about Curworthy Cheese.

## **ST MARYS CHURCH, EXBOURNE.**

Please read the Pump carefully for St. Mary's Church Exbourne Services; they have been moved around slightly to include a Family Service on the 1st Sunday of each Month, this is a relaxed Service suitable for all and we would love to see you.

On Sunday 10th March at 11 am we look forward to welcoming everyone to our Mothering Day Sunday Service, a time to give thanks to all the wonderful ladies who have brought and bring so much to our lives, do pop along if you can.

And of course we look forward to the Church being full of Joy and Celebration on

Sunday 31st March at 11am for our Easter Day Service, truly a time of joy and hopefully heralding the beginning of Spring.

**Many thanks, kindest regards,  
Lorraine**

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We're blessed today with lovely sunshine after the dark dank days we've experienced lately.

It lifts our spirits in a very special way, with the promise of spring just around the corner.

The lovely snowdrops and primroses are already awakening in the churchyard, so delicate and yet so hardy.

**THE MEET & GREET** evening held in the village hall in January was a very happy evening with many from the village coming together to get to know one another more fully in a very relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

Many thanks to all who came along and supported this event and grateful thanks to all who decorated the hall and provided the wine etc. and delicious refreshments.

**PLOUGH SUNDAY SERVICE** was very well attended with a good number in the congregation.

This very special service was led by Rev. Leigh with grateful thanks to our farmers, who work so hard in all weathers to keep us fed and watered.

The service was well supported with many enjoying a special afternoon tea afterwards. Grateful thanks to all who provided the refreshments and to those who came along.

### **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.

### **FLOWER ROTA:**

No flowers during Lent

All decorate for Easter if possible please.

31st MARCH - Hazel.

### **BELL RINGING:-**

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**Beryl.**

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Wednesday 24th April: Village Hall AGM, 7pm. All welcome.

Sunday 19th May: Table-top sale. Sellers £5 per table, buyers 50p. Refreshments available. For more information or to book a table email [ianstjohn100@gmail.com](mailto:ianstjohn100@gmail.com)

Micro-Library will be on Wednesday 6th & 20th March 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.

## **Table-top Sale**

Is your loft or garage groaning at the seams? Here is your opportunity to make some money from all those unwanted items.

Exbourne Village Hall is hosting a table-top sale on Sunday 19th May. Space is limited so book your table early by emailing [ianstjohn100@gmail.com](mailto:ianstjohn100@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Tables cost £5 each.

Alternatively, just come along to pick up a bargain - entry for buyers is 50p per head. Refreshments will be available.

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