

Great Job Thea! - Inspired by her brother, Thea decide to go out litter picking.





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20 IS PLENTY!

Hello Everyone,				
How is it May already?!				
Please admire another Front cover, designed and produced by Harry aged 10. See also page 2 for this months adventures with Detective Buddle), we look				
forward to seeing this regular feature each month.				
For anyone who went to Lily's charity event on Sunday 14th April will have				
seen a packed hall listening to the amazing Hummingbirds with a lovely spread of cream tea and cakes. For more see page 33				
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 7 'for what's on in May'. If you would like your				
event here do send me an email or send us a message via our Facebook				
page.				
Donna Lewis				
Editor				
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Find Wally???				
Can you find Wally in this months pump Last month he was on pg 17				
Deadline for June Pump				

Wednesday 15th May 2024

Please email all contributions to newhatherleighpump@gmail.com

Parish Church Services

Sunday 5th May The Fifth Sunday after Easter

9.30am	Family Service Michael Winter Exbourne				
9.30am	All Age Worship	Meeth			
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Sue Gibson Tania Haycock	Northlew		
11.00am	Holy Communion by Extension	Michael Winter	Hatherleigh		
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Sunday 12th May The Sunday after Ascension Day					
9.30am	Morning Prayer Michael Winter Jaco				
9.30am	Holy Communion Leigh Winsbury Nor				
11.00am	Morning Prayer Michael Winter Exbo				
11.00am	Morning Service Leigh Winsbury		Hatherleigh		
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Olive Bush	Meeth		
Sunday 19 th May Whit Sunday					
9.30am	Morning Praise	Gwyn Thatcher	Meeth		
9.30am	Holy Communion Leigh Winsbury		Exbourne		
11.00am			Hatherleigh		
5.00pm			Northlew		
7.00pm			Hatherleigh		
Wednesday 22 nd May					
7.00pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	Leigh Winsbury	Jacobstowe		
Sunday 26 th May Trinity Sunday					
9.30am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Jacobstowe		
9.30am	Morning Prayer Derek and Elvira Chivers Nor		Northlew		
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer Olive Bush Exbourn			
11.00am	Morning Service	orning Service Lay Team Hatherleig			
11.00am	Holy Communion Leigh Winsbury Meeth		Meeth		
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP) Leigh Winsbury Hathe		Hatherleigh		

Hello everyone,

I love living in Hatherleigh and I hope you feel content too, whether you live here or in the surrounding villages and locality. I love the warmth of the community. I love the willingness of so many people to make it a good place to be, whatever their



contribution. And I love the smiles and greetings from people when I'm out and about, even if we hadn't met before.

Vicar Leigh has invited me to write this month's contribution on behalf of St John's church so please allow me to introduce myself: I'm Frances Greenwood and, with my husband Dominic, I've lived here for the past ten years. You might know us if you have enquired about hiring Old Schools, as we are the contact number, so perhaps you've chatted with us about that.

My other role for the church is that I am the Parish Safeguarding Representative. As with all other local organisations and parishes that work with children, young people or vulnerable adults, the church needs to have the correct safeguarding in place. My role includes making sure that the leaders and helpers at church activities and also the church officers are all up to date with the required training and DBS checks, dealing with concerns, keeping the safeguarding information on the church noticeboards and website up to date, and working with the vicar and PCC to ensure that all the necessary policies and documents are in place and regularly reviewed. The Church of England takes

safeguarding very seriously and a great deal of advice and support is available to parishes, including for us locally the expertise of the Exeter diocese safeguarding team.

I guess you'd agree that May is a wonderful month to notice the signs of new life, scents, sounds, activity and growth in the natural world about us, even if we only have time for a snatched opportunity in a busy schedule. Every year I find myself saying that May is an amazing month for trees: I just love the way their leaves unfurl, and their freshness and their colour contrasts.

In the church's year the start of May is still in the Easter season, when we continue to celebrate that because of Jesus's freely-given death on the cross for our failures and then his resurrection which defeated death he has opened up the way for us to heaven to be with him for eternity. Fifty days after Easter, which this year is 19th May, the church celebrates Pentecost when we remember the arrival of the Holy Spirit which transformed

and empowered Jesus's followers and is still very much active today. If you want to know more, why not go along to any church service to find out?! I'm sure you'll find a warm welcome.

I hope that May brings you good things, including giving and receiving smiles from our great community! **Frances Greenwood**



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What's On in Hatherleigh May 2024!

3rd May	5.00pm 8	& 7.00pm - Roller Disco - Hatherleigh Community Centre
4th May	7.30pm	- 80s Night - Hatherleigh Community Centre
6th May	9.00am	- All Stars Cricket - Hatherleigh Cricket Club
6th May	All day	- Iddesleigh Club Day - Duke of York, Iddesleigh
11th May	7.00pm	- The Darkside of Pink Floyd - Hatherleigh Community Centre
15th May	7.00pm	- Parish Pump AGM - The Tally Ho
17th May	7.00pm	- Quiz & Fizz - Hatherleigh Primary School
18th May	7.30pm	- HSB Spring Concert - Hatherleigh Community Centre
19th May	11.00am	- Sunday Club Anniversary - Hatherleigh Methodist Chapel
19th May	6.30pm	- Concert with Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir

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In Memory of Pat Hawkins (Nee Hampshaw)

We were very sorry to hear of the sad passing of Pat Hawkins on Easter Sunday. She was a valued member of the Parish Pump team for over 10 years. She gave me a lot of support when I took over as editor and will be missed very much. Our thoughts and condolences are with her husband Tim and their family and friends. **Donna Lewis**



"Pat Hawkins

Pat was for over 10 years the treasurer of the Hatherleigh Parish Pump during which time we managed to support many local organisations. She always kept a tight rein on the accounts, but still joined the crowd down at the Tally before she moved to Exbourne when sadly we didn't see so much of each other. I will always remember her little speech on our wedding day, we had bribed her earlier with a meal, but I like to think she meant all those wonderful things she said about us.

I will miss Pat. Neil Price"

HATHERLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

As we reach the merry, merry month of May, we will venture out from Old Schools. Quite early in the month, on Friday, May 3rd, the club is hoping to put on an outing to Forde Abbey, The group price for this is £13 for the house and garden, with a minimum requirement of ten people. We will either drive ourselves on a car share basis (if we have enough volunteer drivers) or may organise a mini bus, depending on numbers. If anyone is interested, please let me know as soon as possible.

And also, <u>THE PLANT SALE</u> is on <u>Saturday, May 25th</u>, from 9-11.30am with lots of lovely plants at VERY reasonable prices - let's hope the weather plays its part as it did last year, it does make all the difference. This will be in the Square with light refreshments, and maybe more plants, in Old Schools.

For more information contact me at **47gills@gmail.com** or message/phone on **07879 204453** or **01837 810893**. Alternatively, contact the chairman, Mike, on **01837 851675**.

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Hatherleigh News



Dog Fouling on Hatherleigh Moor

The law regarding land, open to the air to which the public are entitles 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.

Church Shop/Charity Corner continues...

upstairs at the Salar Gallery with items to be sold for Hatherleigh Church, Hatherleigh Primary School, Farms for City Children and Farm Community Network including paintings, prints, china, books, movie cabinet, ornaments..

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!**



Hatherleigh Community Primary School Willows enjoy a trip to Rosemoor

Just before breaking up for the Easter holidays, Willows class (Year 2) visited Rosemoor Gardens as part of their Science topic 'Living Things and their Habitats'. During the day they took part in a workshop entitled 'Who Lives in our Garden' where they thought about how plants need animals and animals need plants. They considered the animals they may live in the gardens and what clues there were to tell them this. They learnt about what invertebrates were before taking to the woods to search, and identify, invertebrate living there. During the day the children also had chance to explore the gardens, plant some peas to take home and grow and, of course, no visit to Rosemoor would be complete without a chance to play in the play areas!





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Notes from the Council Meeting held on 9th April 2024. The next meeting on Tuesday 14th May 2024 will be the Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm followed by the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Community Centre.

For more information see our website 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

- · There is 1 vacancy, if you are interested in becoming a Councillor please contact the HTC Clerk.
- 20 is Plenty Campaign: The '20 is Plenty' signs have been put up around Town and have gone down
 very well. So much so that more will be purchased.
- We still need volunteers to join a speed watch group to prove that this speed reduction would benefit the Town and to take it forward to Devon Highways Department.
- The Medical Practice staff were unable to attend again so will be contacted to see when and where
 it might be possible to meet.
- We have not heard back from DCC about possible repairs to Millennium Corner. A further letter will be sent.
- As Royal British Legion have no specific plans to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the D Day Landings it has been decided to incorporate this into the Hatherleigh Colour Run on Saturday 8th June. The start and finish will be decorated with poppies and red will feature strongly in the powders.
- Hatherleigh Market: Work continues on this Project. The Community Benefit Society is now in
 effect and registered. Work continues on the application to the Community Ownership Fund.
- Mel Stride MP visited the site and has written a letter of support.
- Letters of support have been gratefully received from many traders and businesses.
- The amount of pledges to the Community Benefit Society had reached £66,200 at which point the Moor Management Committee extremely generously voted to pledge £25,000!
- Space is short here so please go to the Friends of Hatherleigh Market website for up to date information <u>www.fohm-cbs.org</u>
- There continue to be reports of blocked drains around town. These include Red Lane, Sanctuary
 Lane and Church Lane. If you know of others, please report on the Devon County Council website.
- WDBC are increasing the parking fees in the Town Car Park. These will increase to 40p for 30
 minutes and £2.60 all day.
- It has been requested that space be provided in Island Park for BMX bike riding. This was thought to be a good idea and will be considered.

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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- -Affiliation to the FA and League at the start of the season
- -Organise new kit/balls etc
- -Fill out team sheets after each game (online)
- -Collecting signing on fee's
- -Record and process Yellow & Red cards
- -Inform league of fixture changes and postponements
- -Liaise with treasurer for payment of fines, etc

-Confirm with opponent and Referee before each home game, kit colour, KO time, food etc.

-Attend monthly meetings If anyone is interested and would like more information please get in touch on **janerice7@hotmail.co.uk**

Our final home fixture of the season is Saturday 4th May. The bar will be open and food will be available. **Anyone is welcome to come along!**



Festival Updates!

Events, workshops, acts and new entertainment are constantly being added to the programme behind the scenes - keep an eye out on the Hatherleigh Festival Facebook page for updates - or visit our website www.hatherleighfestival.co.uk for the latest information on Hatherleigh Festival 2024







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Friday 3rd May Roller Disco 6pm (see poster for more details) Saturday 11th May The Darkside of Pink Floyd (Pink Floyd Tribute Band) 7pm

Up-Coming Events

Friday 21st June Roller Disco 6pm (see poster for more details) Friday 14th June & Saturday 15th June Hatherleigh Players Victoria Wood's evening

Mondays

<u>Adult Dance Fit</u> 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

<u>Yoga</u> 5.30 – 7 pm Contact Paul Beard 01409 231304

Wednesdays

Brownies 5-7pm Contact Alison Woodhams 01837 810108

Thursdays

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

<u>Thursday Club</u> 2-4pm For older residents. Tea & Coffee, activities, Games, sing alongs, quizzes and more. £2.00 each <u>Aerobics</u> 6:30pm - 7:30pm Everyone welcome over the age of 12 Contact Emma Jefferies 07817 954498

Fridays

<u>Tai Chi</u> 10.15 am - 12:30 pm Contact Brian McDonald 07864 646 789

Saturdays Korean Martial Arts ages 8 to 12 11.00am - noon contact nial.grange@yahoo.co.uk

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Bookings and Enquiries

The office is manned on Mondays -Fridays 9 am – 12 noon but there is a 24 hour answer phone so please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. **01837 810239 or** email centre@hatherleigh.org

Mobile Library see Centre's internal and external notice board for time information.

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Bookings for this years Colour Run are coming in thick and fast. Places are limited so if you would like to take part in the colourful event of the year Please book via the Carnival website **www.hatherleighcarnival.co.uk**

We are also looking for sponsors to sponsor our colour stations, please contact us on **hatherleighcolourrun2020@gmail.com** or message us via **Facebook** if you would like to sponsor a colour. We also have the starting cannons and the finale cannons which will also be available to be sponsored.

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Sunday 05 May Ms. Ford Sunday 12 May Mrs. Brussel Sunday 19 May Mrs. Brussel Sunday 26 May Mrs. Brussel Sunday 02 June Mrs. Brussel



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The Night Sky May 2024

We are fast heading towards the June solstice. Nights are now much shorter. New Moon falls on May 8th. It is at this time that we can best observe deep sky objects like galaxies as the moons light won't wash them out.

Full Moon falls on May 23rd. The celestial object of the month is . Mercury. Mercury is the inner most planet of the solar system and goes around the sun in just 88 days. Few people have seen Mercury as it is hard to spot. However on May 9th it reaches what is known as it's greatest western elongation. Basically it means that it will be visible before sunrise in the eastern sky.

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The May celebrations probably started with the Celtic astronomical holiday called Beltane, Bel was the Celtic god of fire and bonfires were lit all around the country. This celebration to welcome the new season had Pagan traditions including gathering wildflowers and green branches, weaving floral garlands and crowning a May Queen (sometimes with a male companion) and setting up a Maypole, May tree or bush that people could dance around. May day was associated with fun, revelry and perhaps most important of all fertility. The villagers would process around after choosing the May Queen led by the dancing figure of the `Jack-in-the-Green`.

There will be many readers of this who can remember dancing around the Maypole in the School as seen in the photographs of James Ravilious.



The next meeting of the History Society will be on the 13^{th} May in Old Schools at 7.30pm when popular speaker Simon Dell will be telling us about `Mutiny on the Moor`, the riot in Dartmoor Prison on the 24^{th} January 1932. Visitors and guest welcome £3.

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Hatherleigh Bellringers

Our late March Bingo session was so successful that the skies produced their biggest offering of snow this winter to celebrate - just as everyone was about to stagger home with their prizes. Thanks to all who donated prizes and to those who came to support us, and we hope you had safe journeys home.

On 16th March we invited volunteers to help us clear the tower of wood, metal and debris after dismantling the bell frame. We are extremely grateful to everyone that turned up to carry massive loads down to the Square. Some of the oak from the 1883 frame has had to be discarded due to serious pest damage or rot, but we are planning to use the remaining wood and metalwork to make unique Hatherleigh keepsakes for our final fundraiser. We already have several designs on the drawing board and we will be offering items to sell and to commission. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for news. We are expecting the bells to be back in place for the autumn. Catch up with all the bells news at our next Coffee Morning on Tuesday May 28th at Old Schools.

Isabella Whitworth



Due to the Hatherleigh Festival happening in July, we have decided to change the date of our Ball this year. It's now happening on **SEPTEMBER 14th.** There will be live music from 'Fireblockers', as well as 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 a head, which includes canapés 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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Lily would like to thank everyone who supported the Charity Concert and Cream Tea event on Sunday 14th April. Huge thanks to the Hummingbirds, who sounded, and looked, beautiful. Thank you to family and friends for providing the amazing cream tea and selection of cakes – and all their help on the day. Thank you to everyone who provided the wonderful draw prizes – and those that bought tickets. Finally, special thanks to everyone who kindly came along and made such a wonderful atmosphere.

Lily was overwhelmed with all the kindness and was delighted to discover that she has reached her fundraising target. Everyone felt it would be a lovely gesture to send the extra £200 to Great Ormond Street Hospital, a cause close to the family's heart.

So, with the fundraising completed, Lily just needs to get herself organised (jabs, tablets and bug spray!) ready to leave on June 2nd for her big adventure. We're sure she'll have an amazing time; it'll be a wonderful experience...but I will definitely look forward to having her safely home again, to hear all about it!

Thank you all, once again for supporting her online draw, coffee morning and concert/cream tea fundraisers – it's so kind, you've been fantastic.

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Hatherleigh Silver Band

We have just held our AGM and are all set for another year of exciting concerts and projects. We are kicking off this year playing at Iddesleigh Club Day on Monday 6th May in the morning for the parade and in the afternoon outside the Duke of York.

Then we are hoping to hold our Spring Concert in the community centre at 7.30 on Saturday 18th May. Please keep an eye out for this and do come along and support us. At this point I would like to say a massive thank you to Geoffrey and Marjorie Cleverdon who have been our joint Presidents for many years. They have always been so supportive and we understand that due to health matters they feel they are unable to commit to continuing in that position. We hope that they will soon be back to full health and in the meantime wish them all the very best.

As ever we are always looking for people to join our band. We meet twice a week, Monday and Thursday evenings in the bandroom which is behind the medical centre.

We also have a training band which meets between 6 and 7pm on Mondays and if you have ever thought you might be interested in learning a brass instrument or have played in the past and want to brush up, this is the chance for you!

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May promises to be a busy, fun month. Our Anniversary weekend is on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th . The Sunday club

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Hopefully, the warmer weather will arrive soon and because of this, our next lunch will be on May 28th and won't be soup but a light lunch including homemade quiche and yummy puddings!

May Dates for Your Diary:

Sunday 5th at 11.00 a.m. with Revd. Jerry Cook Sunday 12th at 11.00 am. with Mrs. Maggie Whitehouse (Christian Aid Week) Sunday 19th at 11.00 a.m. SUNDAY CLUB ANNIVERSARY along with Revd. Chris Jackson. (followed by an optional bring and share lunch) 6.30 pm CONCERT WITH THE TAMAR VALLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR Tuesday 28th 12.00 – 1.00 pm LIGHT LUNCH Sunday 26th at 11.00 am Mr. Gary Yates (Trinity Sunday)



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Hatherleigh Churchyard Volunteers

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I aim to get to the churchyard on a Tuesday morning around 9.30, if anyone would like to meet to discuss jobs that need doing I would love to meet you.

Jane Fawcett 07794793003

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Let Battle Commence!

It's that time of year to start thinking about when to plant things out and how to protect your cherished little plants from the dreaded slugs and snails. Given that slugs can eat 40 times their body weight in a single day and there can be up to 200 slugs and snails (at various stages of their lifecycle) in and on 1 square metre of soil it can seem like an impossible task to grow anything without it being munched. Once I planted out a whole row of beautiful Basil only to find every plant was a slimy stump by morning and last year I had kept my eye on which Savoy cabbage would be at its peak for Sunday roast but going out with my knife in hand my beautiful cabbage looked like it had been shredded by a strimmer and there was a big fat black slug sleeping off his huge meal on what remained of the plant; needless to say, he got squished and I popped him down by the rockery for my resident toads to have some benefit from him!

Despatch as many as you can, every time you see them, is always a must but given that slugs can travel up to 5km in a day in search of food your succulent plants can be attracting them in from all over for their hundreds of micro-teeth to rasp their way through your produce while you're in bed.

Slugs and snails have an acute sense of smell and they know what they like. They perceive the smell of most young plants to have all the gourmet properties of succulent mulching vegetation unfortunately so whilst older plants do not attract them so much, baby plants do not stand a chance unless you protect them. Slugs and snails also thrive in damp conditions and they like smooth moist earth to travel on and damp places to hide in the heat of the day as slugs in particular are prone to desiccation.

So.... what to do?

1. For pots of very vulnerable plants such as Hosta, mix salt and Vaseline together and using a piping bag, pipe it round the outside edge of the pot. Don't spread salt willy-nilly as it will kill your plants. You could also top the soil with grit, egg shells or chopped sheep wool as slugs do not like travelling across things that will get stuck to them.

2. You can also mix up a spray of garlic boiled in water and spray any plants. This will not harm the plant but you will need to re-apply after rain.

3. In the allotment keep any grass short and edges trimmed to not give slugs places to hide. If possible, create a barrier of grit, wood ash and eggshells around the edges of your plot and evict any slugs already in the plot. Dried out coffee grounds are said to be particularly effective because of the small as well as the feel. If your patch is surrounded by paving then, weather permitting, you can use a line of sand on the paving to deter the little devils.

4. Use the slug's good sense of smell against it and plant companion plants to deter them. Lavender, Rosemary, Rue, Chamomile, Feverfew and Tansy are all good barrier plants.

5. If you have an area in the garden or the allotment that's particularly troubled by slugs and snails then grow things slugs hate. Anything hairy, prickly or fuzzy is usually unattractive to them such as Borage, Rosa Rugosa, Comfrey and Oregano. Lady's Mantle is also a winner as are white Osteospermum which have a particularly acrid smell. You can protect your normal lettuce by planting Endive, Radicchio and Rocket around them.

When you have done all the above and subdued your slugs then the only things you have to worry about are caterpillars, leather jackets, woodlice, ants, carrot fly, flea beetles, cabbage root fly, blackfly, whitefly, spider mites, voles, rabbits, deer, late frosts and drought! Anyway dear gardeners, don't have nightmares, do sleep tight.





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The winner of something from Devon was Vera Collins and the flower of the month winner was Gillian Townsend Green. The next meeting will be at Exbourne Village Hall on the 14th of May at 7pm, with music and dancing from The Winkleigh Morris Dancers. New members are always welcome, please come along, learn something new, and enjoy some time with a lovely group of ladies.

Cybercrime Awareness Presentation

Wednesday 22nd May, 7.30pm Exbourne Village Hall

A one hour talk, supported by several short videos, during which you will learn some practical strategies that will help safeguard you, your family and/or your business or charity from many of today's cyber threats. Mick Harrison, a retired Police Officer now employed as a Cyber Protect Officer by Devon and Cornwall Police, will share his knowledge and provide you with actionable tips on how to defend yourselves against cybercrime. You will learn some easy-to-implement measures to fortify your on-line presence and mitigate many potential risks. You will also be informed of some of the latest tricks to look out for. These will include some recent Telephone and SMS scams. The session will also be the perfect opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have regarding your own cyber security and how to keep your personal information and / or your business / charities data safe and secure. This event is free but donations to Village Hall funds would be welcome.





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

I was wondering what cheerful topic to write about for May's Parish Pumpwith little success - then suddenly there was a beam of sunshine across the window. Of course - the sun still shines on Northlew, seeds are being shoved into pots and the mowers are coming out (well, one or two!). So, all is well and God is in his Heaven. But, all is not well and almost everyday we seem to hear of some man made dreadful deed in some part of the world. Why is it happening? Is mankind getting a bit too clever and overreaching itself? Society in some ways has become self centred. Back to Sunday School and a simple life for the first few years, at least, would help? As you will have gathered, I am at a loss and haven't a clue, but <u>something</u> has to bring youngsters back to simple and innocent things like kicking a ball and saying a prayer.

I found the following in a pile of old papers from more than 50 years ago. Written by a pupil at Northlew School, Sir had proudly kept it:

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O War, you hated beast, Will you not leave the world in peace? You make the innocent weep in pain, Can you not keep war for the guilty ones?

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celandines carpeting the churchyard. What a picture they make. Gods wonderful gift for us all to enjoy. MANY THANKS to all the ladies who decorated the church so beautifully for EASTER SUNDAY and provided Easter Eggs. It was good to welcome so many to this SPECIAL SERVICE and the youngsters and parents enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt that followed. We feel so blessed to see an increase in numbers in our congregation in recent weeks. Long may this continue. Thank you Lord – our prayers are being answered.

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When the flowers have faded and its time to mow the grass, we will follow the same pattern as in the past couple of years. Namely leaving certain areas uncut to encourage butterflies and wildlife.

CHURCH BOOKSTALL

We now have a large selection of books on all subjects – from football to snooker, from gardening to cookery and fiction 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.

FLOWER ROTA:

5th May Jane.

12th- 19th May Rose.

26th May Susan.

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 mafitzi@hotmail.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY. - COFFEE MORNINGS OLD SCHOOLS.

Tuesday 30th April 8.30 – 12 noon.

Tuesday 4th June 8.30 – 12 noon.

Tuesday 2nd July 8.30 – 12 noon.

Do please come along and join us – and meet up with old friends for a natter while enjoying a cuppa and cake. There will be be the usual sales table, cake stall and draw.

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