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Amelie's Blog



The well known Hatherleigh Carnival took place recently on 7th-9th November. It all starts on the Friday night when the unlit barrels come running up the road with 2 huge long ropes with 100s people holding to help pull up the barrels. This happens twice. Then at 5am on Saturday morning they do the barrels again but this time they are on fire!! Later in the day, Brownies, Hatherleigh School etc parade down though Town. Here comes the exciting bit, even later in the day trailers decorated in crepe get pulled around Hatherleigh by tractors! These are called floats!! I did a floa last year and this year. Last year I did Cave Kids and this year I did Barbie! Some of you may of saw me. It was amazing! One of my personal favourite floats was the beautiful queen Zoe Wonnacott! I hope you enjoyed reading my blog this month!

Amelie

x



Hello Everyone,
Happy New Year to everyone!

I cant believe we are on February issue already. This can mean only one thing...it's Panto Time (Oh yes it is)! Look on page 29 for more information on how to book. You are in for a real treat!

We are still in desperate need for an advertising officer. If you are interested please do message Peter Back (contact on the back), this is a vital position and keeps the printing costs of the pump covered by our advertisers.

Please can I remind people of the deadline, we have to work to a strict deadline for printing and distribution purposes. If regular submissions do not send me something with no prior warning it actually costs the Pump money because we cannot reduce the pump sufficiently enough to compensate. Many thanks!

Deadline as normal 15th of the month.

Donna Lewis Editor

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Deadline for February Pump

Sunday 15th February 2026

Please email all contributions to newhatherleighpump@gmail.com
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Parish Church Services

Sunday 1st February The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

9.00am	Breakfast followed by the Service	Michael Winter	Exbourne
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Tania Haycocks	Northlew
9.30am	All Age Worship	Sue Gibson	Meeth
11.00am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh

Sunday 8th February The Second Sunday before Lent

9.30am	Morning Prayer	Michael Winter	Jacobstowe
9.30am	Holy Communion	Jonathan Cook	Northlew
11.00am	Annual Animal Blessing Service	Michael Winter	Exbourne
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Jonathan Cook	Meeth
11.00am	Morning Service	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh

Sunday 15th February The next Sunday before Lent

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

Sunday 22nd February The First Sunday in Lent

9.30am	Morning Prayer	Leigh Winsbury	Northlew
9.30am	Holy Communion	Jonathan Cook	Jacobstowe
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Jill Hobbs	Exbourne
11.00am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Meeth
11.00am	Morning Service	Jonathan Cook/ Douglas Young	Hatherleigh
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Leigh Winsbury/Jonathan Cook	Hatherleigh

Wednesday 25th February

7.00pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	Leigh Winsbury	Jacobstowe
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St. John the Baptist Flower Rota - February 2026

Sunday 1st February Mrs P Vick
Sunday 8th February tbc
Sunday 15th February Mrs P Vick
No flowers during Lent.

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Hello again, and wishing you a belated happy new year.

I'm writing this on New Years Eve, to get ahead a bit before going away for a short break, so please forgive my lack of knowledge of anything that's happened in January! As we're still picking over the various edible luxuries that are left over from Christmas, I'm struck again by how much my dear wife Lynn does to make good things happen, and I'm sure she's not the only one.



One of the fun things I had the chance to do at college while in 'vicar-training' was to learn just enough Hebrew to look up words from the original Old Testament texts. Now, our English Bibles are perfectly good for reading and feeding our faith, but sometimes, a peek into the original language does provide an extra layer. For example, according to the book of Genesis, when God made Eve and presented her to Adam, the English describes her purpose as being for a 'helper'; pretty weak, and frankly condescending. The Hebrew 'Etzter K'negdo' is a much bigger concept; 'completer, finisher', 'purpose', and my favourite 'lifesaver'. Certainly a good description of what Lynn is to me, and probably what many an un-thanked wife and mother is all over the world. In my case, literally. Every so often I go down with one of my [thankfully rare] Addison's attacks, and Lynn is there to whack in the hypodermic while I'm stuck immobile on the floor. The latest of these was just a couple of weeks ago.

Which brings me round to...C.P.R. training; yes the business of performing resuscitation in the event of finding someone not breathing. Logically, and statistically, the more people around who know how to do this, the safer everyone is.

As it happens, my son Matt who is an E.C.A. with south western ambulance service, has offered to do a training day here in Hatherleigh for anyone to attend. It is free of charge and will be;

In Old Schools, Saturday 28th February, with session start times of 10.00 a.m., 1.00 p.m. [and 4.00 p.m. if needed].

Please call or email to book a space; 01837 810680 or lwinsbury@googlemail.com

'What?' I hear you ask; 'no Jesus stuff this month?' Well yes, Jesus called us to be the salt and light in our communities; showing the way, bringing the flavour, preserving what is good and stopping the rot. I reckon doing things like this [and all the other things that our churches do] are a part of that call from Jesus to enhance the flavour of life in this world.

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See you around some time soon, Leigh.



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- care for nature - do not cause damage or disturbance

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Saturday 7th February Roller Disco HCC 2.30 4.30pm

Hatherleigh Players Panto—Half Term!

Thursday 19th February Alice in Wonderland HCC 7.30pm

Friday 20th February Alice in Wonderland HCC 7.30pm

Saturday 21st February Alice in Wonderland HCC 2.00pm

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Christmas Singers

Thank you to everyone who took part in any way in the 'Hatherleigh Christmas Singers'. It was a lot of fun, and it really made the carols sound better at all the events we joined in, having spent some time together working on them in advance. Mission accomplished!

A lot of people said we should do it again, whether next Christmas, or even for events before then, so feel free to let me know what you think about that, and maybe 'watch this space' around next October/November!

Thanks again, Judith
judithsawers@gmail.com

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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.

2026 is a very special year for Hatherleigh School as we will be celebrating our 150th Anniversary this summer. On Saturday 20th June we will be holding an Anniversary open day and everyone is welcome to join us for our annual Summer fayre and Anniversary celebrations between 2.00pm and 6.00pm.

When the school celebrated 100 years, a centenary book was produced and we are repeating this for 150 years, if you would like to contribute to the book with any old photographs or memories of school days please contact us.

Once again some of our Y6 children are joining with other local schools to take part in a theatre project with the MED theatre; it is lovely for the schools to come together and work on such an exciting event.

Later this half term we are looking forward to dance workshops for Y2-Y6, our next family reading session, Number day and children's mental health week.

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 Hatherleigh Community Primary School

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Ocean Conservation Trust – explore the **Blue Mind VR** stand, bringing calming ocean scenes into care homes for improved mental wellbeing.

AuthentiSci – discover how expert reviews of science news build trust and transparency in science.

“A Journey to Organoids” – hands-on exhibit: see how stem cells are powering a revolution in biomedical research.

Featured Attractions

- **ExplorerDome** – Planetarium-style shows (9+) including **“A Journey through the Brain”**, designed to be dementia-friendly and de-stigmatise brain health. 4 shows planned for Saturday. Booking advised - check hatherleighscience.org for more details
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Hatherleigh Silver Band

We had a very busy but wonderful build up to Christmas. Thank you to all those who came and supported us wherever we played and especially those who came to our Candlelight Christmas concert. There was a great turn out and the training band were, I'm sure you agree, superb.

We are turning our thoughts now to the March area qualifier contest in Torquay, to be held on March 14th - the test piece we will be playing is called '20,000 leagues under the sea' by Philip Harper - give it a listen...it is quite a challenge. The training band will also be competing - another chance to shine.

Our fundraising events will continue with our Easter Bingo in Hatherleigh Community Centre on Saturday 21st March...put the date in your diary. Then we will be holding our Spring concert, on Saturday 28th March in the parish Church. We have a host of other events planned but if you have any events or occasions that you would like us to play at, please do get in touch.

We always welcome new players and if you have played before or if you would like to take up learning an instrument, do get in touch. The training band is on a Monday evening - 6-7 in the primary school and the main band rehearses on Monday and Thursday evening from 7.30 to 9.30 in the bandroom at the back of the medical centre.

Best wishes

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Hatherleigh Bellringers

Please drop in to our Coffee Morning at Old Schools on Tuesday, February 17th It's half term, and we will have some crafts activities for children, as well as bakes, cakes and prizes.

Our pre-Christmas Bingo on December 6th was extremely well-attended and we were delighted to donate £588.00 to Community Centre funds, representing half of the proceeds. The remainder went to our ongoing bells maintenance fund. Thanks to everyone who came and supported the event. It went so well that on April 1st (it's no joke..) we will be holding an Easter Bells Bingo, and this time we will be splitting the proceeds with the Hatherleigh Town Christmas Lights fund. Come and join us for an evening of fun. The bar will be open and there will be the usual high quality meat prizes and raffle.

The doors will open at 7.15 pm with 'eyes down' at 8.00 pm. Remember that you can always book a table to save queuing by contacting any one of us in person, or sending a message via Facebook Messenger.

We have recently been joined by a few new ringers - but can always do with more. Please contact us if you would like to find out about learning or ringing. Use Facebook Messenger or phone Mark Wonnacott, Tower Captain, on 07870 307441.

Isabella Whitworth (Hatherleigh Bellringers)



Christmas Bells Bingo, 2025



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HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December 2025. The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th January 2026 at 7pm in the Community Centre. For more information see our website www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/

Your 9 Councillors are – Mark Reddaway (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Deb Laing- Trengove, Kay Walters, Donna Lewis, Richard Burrow, Sadie Harrison, Will Turner & Charlotte Gbbs.

- We have 1 Councillor vacancy if you are interested please contact the Clerk to express an interest. Details to be found below.
- School Entrance: Another meeting was held on Thursday 27th November. We are still waiting for news from DCC. The Walking Streets scheme has started with pupils enjoying receiving badges for their efforts on walking to school. The School newsletter will ask if any volunteers are able to train for the role as a Crossing Warden. Another meeting is planned for 17th February 2026.
- There has been a delay to the work on the South Street wall. Hopefully more news in the New Year.
- Several cars have been damaged around the square recently. Please take care in narrow spaces.
- There has also been quite a lot of dog fouling around Town. We ask all owners to please be responsible for your animals and pick up after them.
- We await news from WDBC as to when they are able to remove the tree stump and level the ground before the new bench is installed at the Co-op bus stop.
- We purchased and commissioned a Contractor to replace the bulbs at the football pitch to allow the Air Ambulance to land.
- Hatherleigh Market: Parking fees started on the 1st December with most visitors accepting that this is a necessary cost for the Market to be sustainable. The Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday & Saturday this week. Please go to the Friends of Hatherleigh Market website for more information www.fhm-cbs.org.
- The Late Night Shopping Event and Craft Fayre on Monday 1st December was a great success. Thank you to Hatherleigh Silver Band who were magnificent as always. Thank you to The George for hosting the Craft Fayre and to the other businesses around Town.
- Ash Gill supplied the Christmas Tree for the square at short notice. We would like to thank him for his generosity, it was perfect.
- Thank you to the Christmas lights team for the wonderful festive lights display. Perfect as always.
- Thank you to the Carnival Queen Zoe Wonnacott for switching on the Christmas lights.
- We would again like to thank the magnificent Hatherleigh Silver band, Hatherleigh Choir, and not least the Reverend Leigh Winsbury for the Christmas Eve Carols in the Square.
- Grateful thanks to Iain Crockett for the Cider, Richard Tidball with his secret recipe for the very tasty mulled cider and to the Co-op for the mince pies that helped to make the event such a success
- And last but not least to the masterful Hatherleigh bell ringers, who are the perfect start to any Hatherleigh event.
- Wishing all our residents **A Very Happy New Year** from all of your Councillors. We are very lucky to live in such a community spirited Town.

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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Hatherleigh Open Art Show: Showcase your artistic creations! Painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, artist's books, sculpture, ceramics. All work to measure under 30 cm framed or at its diameter/widest/longest point. *Please see notes on the website.

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It was lovely to have all our extra Special Christmas Services in December and to welcome so many of you, thank you for your support and we are so grateful for Dr. Winter for giving us so much of his time.

Exbourne School's Carol Service was an absolute delight with the Children using Sign Language for some of the Carols as well as singing beautifully, I urge people to attend the Schools Services if they have time, they are truly uplifting.

Sadly the Heating system at St Mary's seems to have come to the end of its life, (a great pity as it was super efficient and kept a warm Church) , - over the Christmas period we were very kindly loaned a Space Heater that has helped us through all our Services, we are extremely grateful for this, and hope to continue to use it for the time being, but obviously the time has come for us to evaluate all the alternatives for a new system. The Diocese have advised us on what is now 'accepted' for use in Churches and we are now pursuing our options; grants etc, obviously this a huge expense for our Church so we shall be Fund Raising and praying for donations in order to install something suitable. Donations, and prayers would be hugely appreciated.

We shall continue all our Services in Church, and keep it as warm as possible, we look forward to seeing everyone as the year goes on, and do please help support us in our Fund Raising efforts during the year.

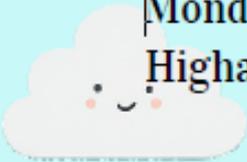
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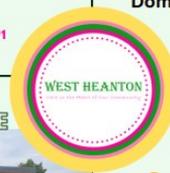
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Friday 20th February 7.30 pm

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News from around the Parishes

St Michael and All Angels, Meeth.

We hope you've had an enjoyable Christmas and are now looking forward to a new year filled with hope and possibilities. The primroses are starting to flower in the churchyard, signs of new life and a promise that Spring is just around the corner. Gods work at the start of a new year.

Our Samuel Jerman Service and also the Carol Service were well attended and most enjoyable. Grateful thanks to all who came along and joined us on these very special occasions and to all who took part – the organist Maurice, readers, bell-ringers and those who provided delicious refreshments. It is so special to get together in love and fellowship and enjoy each others company.

A time now for quiet reflection and to make plans for the coming year.

CHURCH BOOKSTALL. There is still a small selection of books on the shelves behind the font. Please feel free to pause at your leisure the church is open daily between 10am - 4pm.

BELL RINGING:- Margaret Fitzgerald is keen to set up a team of bell ringers for our church . If you are a regular ringer or are keen to learn contact Margaret - Email mafitz@hotmail.co.uk

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News has come of the unexpected death of Bill Pringle on 9th December at home at the age of 78. Bill, who was born in Torrington and went to school in Plymouth, was the youngest of five children. His father and mother were originally from the North West of England and moved to Devon in 1943 when his father, a retail pharmacist, bought the chemist's business in the town.

Like many, Bill moved away in pursuit of a career, going first to London before spending many years in the international printing ink industry. Bill travelled a lot and had postings in Nairobi and Paris, returning to Todmorden, a market town in the Upper Calder Valley, West Yorkshire. Undaunted by new challenges, his enthusiasm for hospitality resulted in him running first the Lochnell Arms, Oban and then The Duke of York, Iddesleigh. When the urge to travel called again, he established his 'Man with Van' business ferrying personal possessions for owners with properties in Italy, Spain, Portugal and France. When he eventually settled to a more home-based life, he immersed himself in the copywriting and editing he had become skilled at many years earlier. At this time Bill started his association with The Cinnamon Trust, adopting Tara, then Gelert and finally Tess. He will be remembered by many locally for his work as a driver for the Okehampton District, Community Transport Group.

Bill's funeral will take place at Barnstaple Crematorium on Friday 6th February at 12:15. Family flowers only; donations may be made in aid of The Cinnamon Trust.

Hatherleigh Art Group

We usually meet at 51 Market Street at 10.30am on Wednesdays by kind invitation of Alan & Barbara Beaman. For meetings in February: 4th Sitter; 11th Lino Printing; 18th Lino Printing; 25th Mosaic & Applique. Please get in touch with **Sally (01837 810377/940) or Alan (01837 810024)** For further information on Art Group events or to confirm the above. **New members welcome to join us—regularly or occasionally.**

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Homemade Liver Pate

If you have never tried making liver pate then it's really worth giving it a go. I first made this recipe when I was "gifted" a beef liver (strange present you may think!). It seems people never want beef liver, only pig, lamb or chicken so it was going to be thrown away or given to the dogs. Never one to look a gift horse in the mouth and having never tried beef liver myself, I snapped it up. I did not quite realise, though I should have, that the liver would be huge but it certainly made a lovely load of pate. I gave some to other people but I froze a good few slices and that kept and defrosted really well so if you don't want to be having pate on toast every day for a week then wrap some slices for freezing as soon as it is cooled and set.

For the purposes of this recipe I am using pig's liver and making a smooth pate but once you have got the hang of it then you can experiment with different livers, flavours and textures.

You will need:

500g liver

(A few slices of smoked streaky bacon for the top)

2 tbsp butter

1 large onion finely chopped

2 cloves of minced garlic

2 medium eggs beaten

1 tbsp of whisky or dry sherry

1 tbsp lemon juice

1 tsp good mustard

A sprinkle of fresh thyme and salt and pepper



Gently fry off your liver, onion and garlic in the butter. You want the liver to be just cooked through; too much and your pate will be grainy. When cooled a little, put all the ingredients (not the bacon) in your food processor and pulse until smooth. Taste the mix at this stage and adjust the seasoning to your liking. Put all the pate in a lightly greased long loaf tin, press well down and cover with the strips of bacon. Wrap in greaseproof paper and then wrap tightly in foil. Sit in a tray of boiling water but not so it comes over your wrapped tin and put in the middle of the oven, pre-heated to 160 degrees and bake for 1 hour. Leave to cool, refrigerate overnight, turn out the next day, slice and serve with toast or crusty bread.

Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay & Jacobstowe WI

Our President praised everyone for a good turnout, on a very cold afternoon in February, but with the heating on full and plenty of enthusiasm members enjoyed an afternoon workshop of making a glass spoon rest, under the instruction of Anne Stuart. There were plenty of ideas on how the spoons were going to match our own kitchen décor, with different versions using precut glass, coloured glass frit and glass stringers. We must now wait until our March meeting, to see the outcome of our designs, after they have been fired twice.

Our birthday celebration is to take place at the Railway Inn in March

Deven County WI are organising a Dartmoor historical walk at Meldon Quarry, and a cruise travelling down the canal and river from Exeter to Exmouth.

We are making plans to visit the Exeter underground passages in May, Devonshire Heavy Horse farm in July, with a cream tea, and a garden visit to Goyle at Whidden Down in August.

Our group is now part of the Red Earth Group of WIs, and we have been invited to join Morchard Bishop WI in April with a talk by Stephen Powles.

Our next meeting will be our AGM at Exbourne Hall on 11th March, at 2.30pm, when we will have a show and tell with ideas on how to make Easter decorations.

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If you’ve ever wanted to be part of something a bit different, this is it. Stand Sure isn’t about politely sitting in rows and doing “nice little concerts”. We create a proper night out: dramatic music, big moments, character, atmosphere – and a warm, friendly community at the heart of it all.

No previous orchestra or choir experience is required — just a desire to make awesome music with other people. For the orchestra, it’s essential that you can read music or TAB (even if you’re a bit rusty). For the choir, we do provide sheet music, but you don’t need to be able to read it — we teach parts clearly in rehearsal and you’ll learn as you go.

There are no auditions to join. The only time we audition is if singers would like to be considered for one of the solo spots in the concert.

New members joining after half-term can do so at half price for the remainder of the term.

Joining after half-term means you’ll be stepping in at exactly the point where the excitement ramps up: the music is taking shape, the theme comes alive, and rehearsals start to feel like a group preparing for something special.

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Hatherleigh Methodist Church



So here we are starting a new year – 2026! We trust you all had a peaceful Christmas and are now planning for a brand new year!

Very sadly, our first report of the year must start with some very sad news. Another wonderful Hatherleigh gentleman, Mr Leslie Richard Smale Gilbert, died at the age of 99, just before Christmas. On Friday 9th January, Rev. Chris Jackson led a full chapel in a wonderful service of thanksgiving. Our prayers and thoughts are with Lucy and the family at this difficult time.

Don't forget the Tuesday coffee mornings are from 10.00 am – 12.00 midday and held every Tuesday in the back room. A Soup and Sweet Lunch is planned for Tuesday 12th Takeaways are available!

Please do remember you are always welcome to come to any event. Refreshments are served after all services and children's activities on offer.

February Dates

Sunday 1st at 11.00 am. Covenant Service with Rev. Chris Jackson

Thursday 4th – Busy Bees 9.30 – 11.30 am.

Sunday 8th at 11.00 am. Service with Mrs Barbara Dalton

Tuesday 10th at 12.00 – Soup and Sweet!

Thursday 12th – Busy Bees 9.30 – 11.30 am.

Sunday 15th at 11.00 am. Service with Rev. Melvin Cooke

Sunday 22nd at 4.00 pm. Family Service including Pancakes!

Thursday 26th – Busy Bees 9.30 – 11.30 am.

Tuesday Coffee Mornings from 10.00 am. – 12.00 midday.

Cindy-Jane Squire



Les Gilbert. 99years Rest in Peace

On behalf of myself and the Gilbert family, I would like to thank you all for the love and support shown to, us at this sad time.

The cards and donations have been over whelming and much appreciated.

The Chapel was full, and as good Methodists we had a good sing, which Les would have loved.

Love Lucy

Phyllis Cobbledick

Peter, Janet & families would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral service and sent thoughtful cards and messages following Phyllis's sudden passing in November.

Thank you to Vicar Leigh, and Undertakers Noman Lock & Son for their time and kindness shown throughout, also to Maurice the organist.

Generous donations amounting to £1,400 will be split equally between Cancer Research & Meeth Parish Church.

EXBOURNE CLOCK

It is wonderful to see and hear Our Village Clock sited on the Church working and Chiming again, we have had to wait sometime for spares and then the final repair, so a huge THANK YOU to the Parish Council for arranging and paying out to get it fixed, Parishioners are extremely grateful - although the Clock is sited on the Church it is actually a Parish Council asset, so for those who have queried why the Church have not fixed it this is the explanation.

Looking for farmers and gardeners who save their own grain or veg seeds:

I'm recording stories of people who save their own seed as part of a longer term project about seeds, food and farming in West Devon. If you save seeds and are willing to talk to me please contact me:

jenannehowarth@yahoo.co.uk or 07870 123562

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

It seems a long time since our display of nativity sets in the church during Advent. A steady stream of visitors over the two days enjoyed a huge variety of **Nativity scenes**, explored the Manger Grotto and found out a little more about the church. The weekend celebrations ended with a packed candlelit Carol Service led by the Rev Leigh Winsbury and ably accompanied by the Northlew Silver Band. Over £600 was raised during the weekend for the Children's Hospice South West.

More recently we enjoyed our **Burns Supper**, complete with kilted Leigh addressing the haggis, stabbing it with great gusto and proposing the toast.

*His knife see rustic Labour wipe,
An' cut you up wi' ready slight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,
Like ony ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight,
Warm-reekin', rich!*

It certainly was.

Our traditional **Plough Service** to bless and celebrate farming and farmers at the start of the agricultural year was a much quieter affair – this time the refreshments were bacon butties!

Ringin' the changes

The bells at St Thomas' are due for a facelift. All six ropes are now badly worn so it's time for a new set. At the same time, one of the bells has cracked and needs specialist welding off site. Once permission for the repair is granted by the Diocese the project can begin - hopefully 2026 will help us return to the days when Northlew bell ringers were the "champions of all Devon".

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Hatherleigh Church Volunteers

After all the Christmas events, it occurred to me that there are a tremendous amount of people who help regularly behind the scenes who aren't always acknowledged or thanked. There are those who give their time and in many cases money, to pay for and arrange the flowers you see in the Church; every week and at intervals throughout the year, Easter, Festival, Harvest and Christmas. They create beautiful arrangements in windows, on the font and around the altar. Also at Christmas a tree appears, courtesy this year of Ashley Gill and put up and decorated by some of the bellringing team. The bellringers turn up week after week and keep the bells and the bell tower in order. The church brass is regularly kept shiny by a dedicated group. A team of people came and planted a new hedge of trees and sowed some wildflower seed in the Churchyard. A huge thank you to you all, it really is appreciated. If you have any time or have special skills and would like to volunteer, please do get in touch. **Jane Fawcett**

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