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# Hatherleigh

A NOTE FROM  
YOUR

Editor



Donna Lewis



Welcome to the first issue of our brand new A4 Pump, which we are trialling for a couple months.

The pump has evolved over the last 5 years that I've been editor, and I'm always looking to see how I can improve it for everyone. I have listened to the feedback over the last 12 months from our advertisers and our readers, and tried to incorporate this all into this new version. I hope you like it and I would welcome your feedback. Is there anything else you would like to see?

I would like to say a massive thank you to all our advertisers who have supported the new format too!

Our Committee is actively looking for someone to take on the advertising side of things and also someone who will take on the role of treasure. Please get in contact if you feel one of these roles would suit you.

Also back by popular demand... 'Where's Wally' he will be joining us on our adventure in discovering the new look and content of the Pump! Can you find him??

February saw Hatherleigh Players put on another production, a panto, Alice in Wonderland! What a wonderful show, enjoyed by all. Well done to director Cindy Squire, all the cast and crew.

Our new Pump mascot (see above and front cover) needs a name! If you have any ideas please email them to me, drop them in my door or message me on Facebook.

Along with the new additions to the pump we welcome back a lot of our usual contributors.

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### GLORIOUS GARDENS EVENT 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH

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Saturday 18th April 2026 7.30 p.m.

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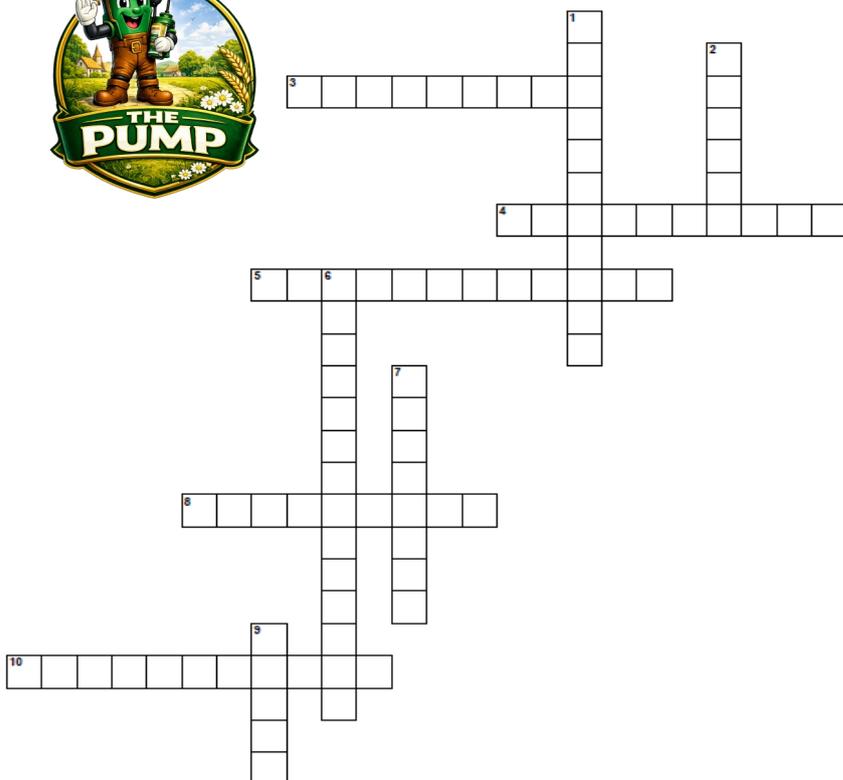


Hello people of Hatherleigh ,yes i am back with my news for march 2026! I know it's a bit late to talk about this but this month i am going to tell you about the 1st tractor run of Hatherleigh!! So some of you may know or may have watched Hatherleigh's 1st tractor run! Basically over 90 tractors queued up at the industrial estate near Moor View. They waited there honking there horns loudly, then loads of

tractors came driving down the road with Christmas trees, tinsel and loads of awesome objects. I am so grateful too be able too watch the amazing talents that people put there own time into! See you next month!



## The Pump Crossword



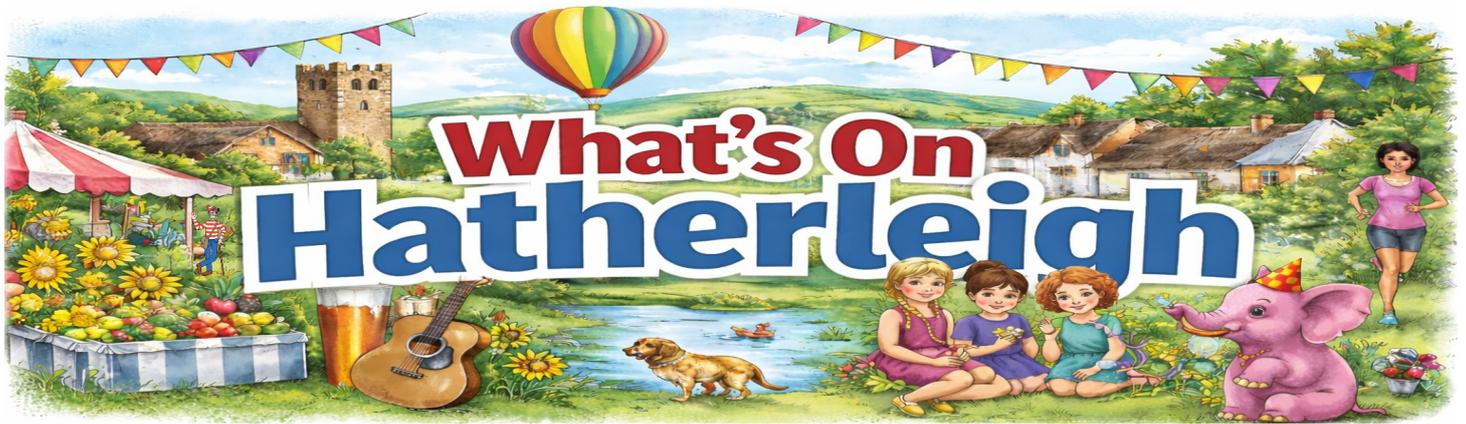
## Location, Location, Location

### Across

- [3] What vessel sailed from Plymouth to the new world in America in 1620?
- [4] What place UK with an exclamation mark in its name.
- [5] Who sailed around the world on the The Golden Hind?
- [8] Which 630-mile walking route ends in Dorset?
- [10] This lead singer of Coldplay hails from Exeter?

### Down

- [1] Which Devon island is accessible at high tide by sea tractor?
- [2] The capital of Devon?
- [6] Author of Poirot and Miss Marple?
- [7] Car-free fishing village, is located on a 400 foot cliff?
- [9] The Devon flag is black, white and what other colour?



- Sunday 1st March:** The Big Lunch. HCC - 12.30
- Saturday 7th March:** Garden tools sharpening. The Market - 10-11am
- Monday 9th - 14th March:** Science Week
- Monday 9th March:** Sportsfield AGM. HCC - 7.30pm
- Wednesday 11th March:** Carnival AGM. HCC - 7.30pm
- Saturday 14th March:** Farmers Market. Hatherleigh Market - 10am-1pm
- Monday 16th March:** Gardening Club Talk. Old Schools - 7.30pm
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Repair Café. Community Centre, 2-4pm
- Saturday 21st March:** Band Easter Bingo. HCC - 7.30pm
- Sunday 22nd March:** Dr. Compost workshop, Community Centre, 2-3.30pm
- Monday 23rd March:** Pump AGM. Tally Ho - 6pm
- Tuesday 24th March:** History Society Display. Hatherleigh Market - 8.30am-12.30
- Saturday 28th March:** Coffee morning. Old Schools - 10am
- Saturday 28th March:** HSB Concert. Parish Church - 7.30pm
- Saturday 28th March:** Stand Sure Concert. HCC - 7.30pm

### 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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**Welcome** to the revamped Community Centre for 2026. We have recently had a new carpet laid in the hall and new flooring in the Foyer. The Community Centre is coming up to its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we would like to celebrate this in style.

As well as all our regular clubs here again this year we have some other exciting events as well. Rehearsals are well under way for the Players Pantomime Alice in Wonderland running from Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – one not to be missed. We have Easter bingos booked in, Band concerts, Up Close Theatre are visiting us in April, Johnny Cowling will be here on 10<sup>th</sup> May and Donna will be showing more amazing films, hosting roller discos, and Stand Sure Orchestra and Choir will be presenting Undercover Melodies on 28<sup>th</sup> March, Electric Summer on 18<sup>th</sup> July, Halloween Spooktacular on 24<sup>th</sup> October and Christmas Crackers on 19<sup>th</sup> December. We are so lucky to have such talented musicians in Hatherleigh.

All our evening slots at the Centre are fully booked during the week but if anyone wants to hire during the day we can definitely fit you in. Please book your parties and events in early to guarantee your dates. We have a fully stocked bar and a large car park and our location is conveniently situated within the town.

The whole community benefits from having an amazing building on their doorstep so they don't need to travel to take part in clubs and socialize with people. We as a Community Centre are an important hub of this rural community and need to keep on providing services for people of all ages to enjoy. Please support your local Community Centre whenever you can so we can continue to keep this fantastic venue thriving and moving from strength to strength for future generations to come. Please check out our website and Facebook page for updated details on activities and events.

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### Mondays

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### Tuesdays

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### Wednesdays

**Yoga** | 10-11.30am. Angela Blezard

01837 847680/07809427991

**Brownies** | 5:00 – 7:00pm

Alison Woodhams | 01837 810108

**Stand Sure Orchestra** | 7:30 – 9:30pm

Chris Anderson | 07752 542453

### Thursdays

**Thursday Club** | 2:00 – 4:00pm

For older local residents

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**Pilates** | 10:00 – 11:00am

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## Hatherleigh Parish Church

Well here we are halfway through Lent. Did you give something up? If so, did you stick to your decision? In recent years there have been a number of initiatives suggesting that we take something up rather than giving something up. Trying to fit in a daily random act of kindness was one suggestion that has been very popular in some places. Perhaps that would be good to continue as a habit rather than restricting it to 40 days in preparation for Easter.

This month sees several saint's days celebrated in Britain. 1<sup>st</sup> March is St. David's day and 17th is St. Patrick's day. These two are quite well known. Less well known is St. Chad who is celebrated on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Not being from a tradition that puts much emphasis on historical saints I didn't know much about any of them so I thought I would look them up and see what I could learn.

St. David, patron saint of Wales (who died in 601 A.D.) was bishop of Menevia which was later renamed St. David's in his honour and now boasts the smallest cathedral in the UK. (Having been there when our boys were young, as I remember it is smaller than Hatherleigh Parish church.) There are lots of legends about David but very few facts are known. He was responsible for founding a number of monasteries which were highly influential and followed Egyptian tradition.

He is said to have devoted himself to mercy and acts of charity, taken cold baths and lived on only bread and water.

St. Chad (died 672 A.D.) was a pupil of St Aidan at Lindisfarne along with his brother Cedd and also spent time in Ireland. He became bishop to Oswy the king of Northumbria then later was made bishop of Mercia. He was a travelling missionary and established a monastery at Barrow in Lincolnshire before dying of the plague.

It's likely that he travelled to Essex as there are several place names which reference

him where Leigh used to live – Chadwell Heath.

St. Patrick is known to have devoted himself to evangelism, reconciliation among amongst local chieftains and the training of monks and nuns. His influence was very significant in Ireland and his writings are still worth reading today.

These saints are remembered because they changed things for the better. The earliest schools and hospitals were in monasteries and they Christianised national leaders who then brought the teachings of Jesus to bear in the way government happened.

We may not be able to influence government but we can have an effect on those we rub shoulders with every day. Will we be remembered as those who treated others with kindness and made this a better place to live? Does it matter? Even if no-one else notices, God sees and will reward every good deed.

The standard Welsh greeting for St. David's Day is "**Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus**" (pronounced *Deeth goyl Dew-ee happ-iss*). This phrase translates directly to "Happy David's Day". Another common variation is "Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Sant Hapus," which adds "Saint".

**So Dydd Gwyl Dewi hapus to you all from Lynn (at The Rectory).**

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You will need: A greased 8 1/2 " - 9" springform cake tin and some greaseproof paper to line the bottom and sides of the tin. Make sure the side paper comes up above the top of the tin. Lining the sides is particularly important to stop the cheesecake cracking while it's cooling.

### For the base

85g salted butter melted

1 tbsp granulated sugar

About 140g - 160g of Hobnobs or other similar biscuit crushed

Mix the base ingredients together, press very firmly into the base of your tin, bake for 10 mins on the middle shelf at 160 degrees, allow to cool completely and chill.

Pinch of salt

### For the filling

900g full fat soft cheese similar to Philadelphia

250g caster sugar

200ml sour cream

3 tbsp plain flour

1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

zest of 1 lemon plus 1 1/2 tsp of lemon juice

3 very large whole eggs plus 1 yolk beaten

Preheat your oven to 190 degrees or equivalent.

Beat your soft cheese and sour cream together then gradually add the sugar, flour and salt. Add the vanilla, lemon zest and juice then whisk in your eggs little by little. Fill your tin, place in the middle of the oven and bake for 10 mins at 190 degrees then reduce to 90 degrees and bake for a further 25 mins. Turn off the oven and leave for a further 2 hours. Don't open the oven at any point as the sudden loss of temperature may make the cheesecake crack. Remove from the oven and refrigerate (uncovered) to complete the set.

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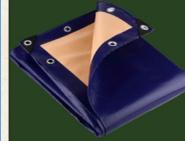
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Hatherleigh Science Week is back for 2026, bringing an exciting programme of talks, hands on exhibits, family activities and a bigger-than-ever Science Fair at the Hatherleigh Community Centre.

Events run **from Monday 9th March through to Saturday 14th March**, culminating in a full day of interactive science for all ages.

### Why Science Week?

In rural areas like central Devon, opportunities for science engagement can be limited. Our aim is to change that by bringing world class science, inspiring exhibits and accessible activities right to the heart of our community.

### What's On:

This year's programme is made possible thanks to generous support from **NC3Rs (£2,000)** and the **Biochemical Society (£1,500)**.

### Evening Lectures:

We are proud to welcome Prof Alex Thornton, Professor of Cognitive Evolution and Professor Lorna Harries, Professor of Molecular Genetics. They will be speaking on Monday 9th March and Wednesday 11th March, respectively. Lectures take place in Old School, Market Square. 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Details are available on our website. Book is essential and available at [hatherleighscience.org](http://hatherleighscience.org) for £5. All proceeds support the running of science week.

### Saturday Science Fair (FREE) Journey to Organoids:

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### ExplorerDome: Voyage Into the Brain:

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### Exeter Science Centre – Demystifying AI:

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Roger Cleverdon and Richard Edwards have presented previously three concerts combining choral and orchestral music at St. Andrew's Church, Sampford Courtenay. The proceeds from each concert were given to local charities.

The same will apply to a fourth concert at St. Andrew's on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at 7.30 p.m. when the proceeds will go to the Devon Air

Ambulance. Musical highlights will be Handel's Organ Concerto Opus 4 No. 5 (Roger playing the solo part) and the famous lament from Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas" sung by local mezzo-soprano, Louise Mott. The programme will also include items by Tallis, Boyce and Haydn.

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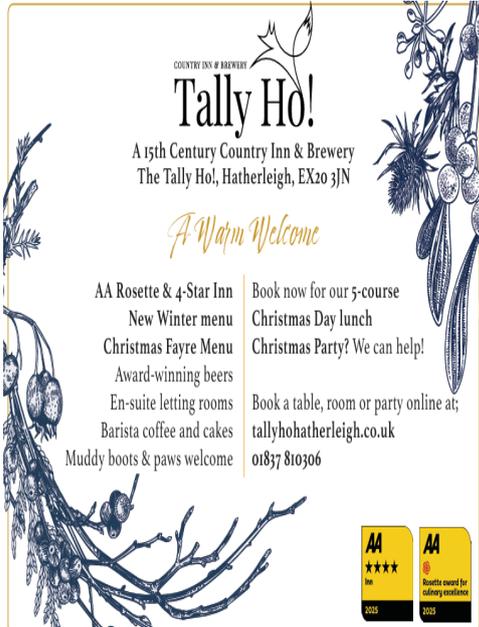
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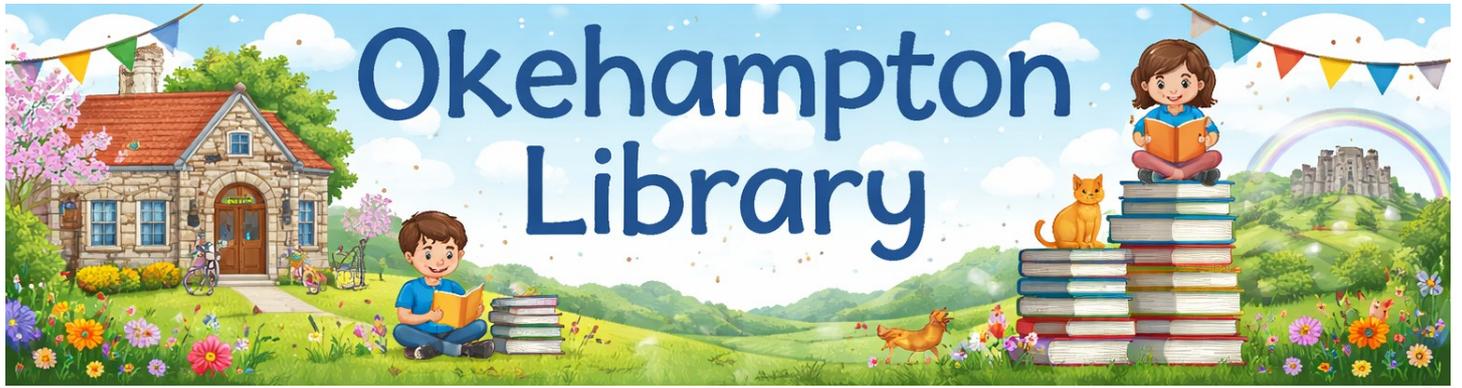
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#### **Stay & Play: Mondays, 10:00-11:00 (term-time only)**

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## Borrow A Bag

After a successful and enjoyable morning we now have another 27 bags ready to be distributed in outlets in Hatherleigh. Thank you to all the makers who helped, it was wonderful to see some new faces and such a range of generations. Another bag making session will take place towards the end of March so watch this space for further details.

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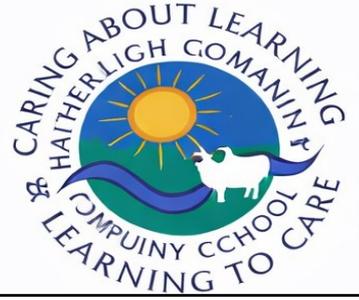
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As I write it is only a couple of days until the Spring half term break and I can't quite believe we will have reached the half way point of another academic year.

At the end of January Y4 & Y5 took part in a Beach foundation workshop to raise awareness and provide guidance to understand the impact of plastic pollution on our seas and beaches.

At the beginning of February the school participated in the annual NSPCC Number day. The children looked great 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 during a special Number day assembly. They also enjoyed a wide range of Maths activities and learnt more about the important work of the NSPCC.

Children's Mental Health Week took place with the theme this year being "This is My Place", focusing on helping children and young people feel a sense of belonging in their homes, schools, communities, and friendship groups. The week encourages creating inclusive environments where children feel safe, valued, and connected, which is essential for their mental health. Classes were involved in different activities around this theme including wearing a scarf to school to celebrate individuality and personal expression.

Family reading saw parents, carers and extended family invited into school to share a book together as a family. It was lovely to see so many families enjoying reading together.

Safer Internet Day was another event this half term break with the focus being children's safety and wellbeing online and included exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.

Just before the half term break our House captains organised some very enjoyable Rugby themed House competitions. YR-Y2 participated in multiskills activities and Y3-Y6 a tournament. All children participated well and enjoyed competing for their house.

The PTFA continues to work very hard for the school organising fundraising events which is currently funding updates to our outdoor provision and general school upkeep and maintenance. A well attended valentine disco was enjoyed by all.

Next half term we are looking forward to class assemblies, World book day, the Spring concert, Science week and then Easter. I would like to remind you on Saturday 20th June we will be holding our 150th Anniversary open day and everyone is welcome to join us for our annual Summer fayre and Anniversary celebrations between 2.00pm and 6.00pm.

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 their hard work and support for the school.

**Alan Monger**

## Hatherleigh PTFA



**Working Together** with the Community to Make a Difference Our PTFA works incredibly hard behind the scenes to organise and run school and community events that raise vital funds. Every fundraiser we hold gives us the opportunity to provide more enriching experiences and opportunities for our children, helping to make their time at school even more memorable. The wide range of activities supported in the past year included scooter / skateboarding workshops, a Year 6 first aid course and a much-loved Christmas craft afternoon. We even put on a whole-school pantomime trip in December, which was a huge highlight for everyone! The PTFA are also proud to also support the school's academic offering via the funding of resources such as computer program called Times Table Rock Stars and the hugely popular Science Dome experience. Last academic year alone, we raised an amazing £10,437. This incredible total is a real testament to the hard work of the PTFA committee, the volunteers who give up their time and the continued support of our school community. Our next big event will be the Spring Ball on Saturday 9th May and we are already busy planning what promises to be another brilliant occasion. Thank you to everyone who supports the PTFA—every event attended, ticket bought and helping hand truly makes a difference.

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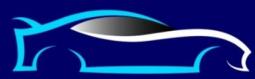
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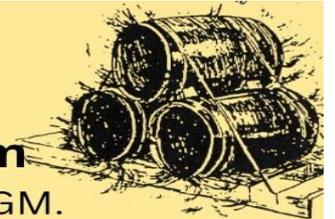
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# Carnival AGM

## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

### The community centre - 7:30pm



Please come and join us for the Carnival AGM.

Join the committee and be a part of creating a memorable weekend of fun, fire and history.

The 2025 main committee consisted of only a handful of dedicated people (8). Over the last couple of years it has been touch and go on whether there would be enough people to form a committee.

We need your help Hatherleigh, we know that within this town there are amazing & talented people who could support, bring knowledge and skills to the table.

Join the team, keep the carnival alive.

**If you feel you are unable to commit to being a committee member, any support is greatly received. We would like to again thank those of you who continue to support & help the carnival committee.**

**Every year we struggle for marshals, if you're able to help please let us know.**

**[info.hatherleighcarnival@gmail.com](mailto:info.hatherleighcarnival@gmail.com)**

**Thank you**



Our first 'in-house' meeting of the year will be on Wednesday, March 16th when Stella Exley will give a talk entitled 'Camassia, Chris, Chelsea & Chaos'. Stella is the owner of Harespring Cottage Plants which has national collections of Camassia, Sidalcea and Uvularia and this is the story of helping Chris Beardshaw (renowned TV gardener) with his Chelsea show garden - should be interesting and Stella is a very good speaker.

The talk starts at 7.30 but Old Schools will be open beforehand for coffee. All are welcome; visitors' fee is £3 which includes refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you there for the first of a varied programme of events that the gardening club will be running this year.

**Susan Gill**

07879 204453 or email [47gills@gmail.com](mailto:47gills@gmail.com) if you have any questions

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Please share those favourite old postcards - whether it has a poignant message or is hilarious we'd love to exhibit it.

**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.

**Artist Sketchbooks:** Back by popular demand! For everyone who wished they'd taken part, please join us this year and for those who showed their wonderful books, please fill another! Provide your own sketchbook of any size, fill it with whatever you fancy and then show it during the Festival. Let's fill the tables with Hatherleigh's creativity and imaginative thinking.

**Artists Trading Cards (ATC's):** Make a card, then trade it for another one. A brilliant but simple idea ATC's are made to be traded. There will be tables for making and trading throughout the weekend. The made cards will be hung from strips to exhibit them. You add your card to the strip and take one away in return. All materials provided as a drop in during opening times. If you wish to make some in advance use a playing card or paper strictly 2.5 x 3.5 ins (64 x 89mm). Any medium or subject.

Please see The Festival Website for the full details

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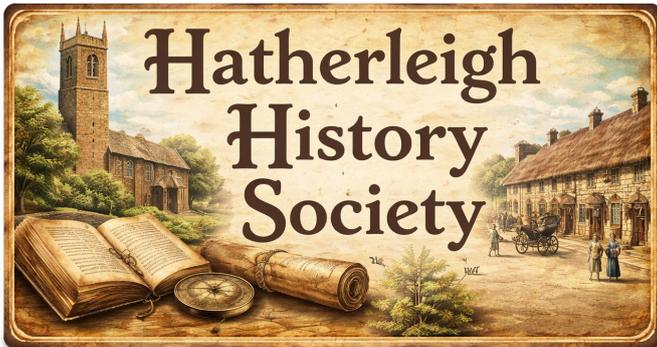
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## Hatherleigh History Archives.

So, you haven't heard from us for some time but we have been very busy sorting out and digitalising many of the records that the History Society have collected in our archive. We have also been given some photographic collections from Hatherleigh families and answering queries regarding ancestry or places of burial.

We are now helping with the upcoming 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the Hatherleigh Primary School, which will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June, with photographs dating back from 1890's through to the James Ravilious collections of the 1970's, many of which will be on show. Our latest project is in conjunction with Beaford Arts trying to rediscover and restore the missing years, "The Lost Decades", which are the years 1940's from the end of their Old Archive through to the celebrated work of James Ravilious and Roger Deakins which took place in the 1970's. We are looking for images that reflect similar subjects-landscapes, local life and familiar faces etc that could be linked to the past and show how local life has evolved over time. There is also the opportunity to add names, memories, places or stories to the images of the Old Archive which now have a reference number. On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March we will be in the Market Hall from 8.30am to 12.30pm with many old photographs to look at, as well as answering questions regarding any images you may have which fit into the 40's-70's "Lost Decades" and would be happy to share.



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The Hatherleigh History Facebook Page will be posting many images from the Beaford Old Archive (**copyright Beaford Arts**) in the following months, if you think you can add any information there is an online form you can fill in; [beaford.org/aicf](http://beaford.org/aicf) or explore the full collection; [beaford.org/tld-hatherleigh](http://beaford.org/tld-hatherleigh) Beaford have received funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

**Monica Jones and Martin Hartnett.**

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# Hatherleigh Silver Band

Secretary Jane Fawcett  
07794 793003

Since the hubbub of all the Christmas events we have continued to hold our twice weekly rehearsals. Now we are preparing for the South West Brass Bands contest in Torquay on 14th March. We are playing an interesting piece called 20,000 leagues Under the Sea by Phillip Harper which is very challenging. We are competing in the 2nd section. Alongside that we are rehearsing for a **Spring Concert which is to be held in the Parish Church on Saturday 28th March** under the baton of Mr Ed Keeley. Mrs Christine Cleverdon will be accompanying us on the Church organ for some special pieces. There will be plenty of surprises!

We are delighted to say that we have recruited some new additions to the senior band, 2 members of the training band and a wonderful percussionist, Naomi. 2 ex cornet players have rejoined us, Julian and Kelly, welcome to them all.

We are holding a fundraising Spring Bingo evening on **Saturday 21st March in the Community Centre, eyes down 7.30.** Thanks to Dunbia, we have some wonderful meat prizes to make up the Sunday dinners. Do come along and join us for a fun time. As always do get in touch if you're interested in joining the band.

### Hatherleigh Silver Band Dates

- Easter Bingo 21st March
- Spring Concert 28th March
- Iddesleigh Club Day 4th May
- Cider & Pasty Evening 6th June
- Hatherleigh Colour Run 13th June
- Country Fair 27th June
- Hatherleigh Festival 10th July



## Parish Church Services



- Sunday 1st March** The Second Sunday in Lent
- 9.00am Breakfast then Service Jonathan Cook Exbourne
- 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) Tania Haycocks Northlew
- 9.30am All Age Worship Sue Gibson Meeth
- 11.00am Holy Communion Jonathan Cook Hatherleigh
- Sunday 8th March** The Third Sunday in Lent
- 9.30am Morning Prayer Jonathan Cook Jacobstowe
- 9.30am Holy Communion Leigh Winsbury Northlew
- 11.00am Morning Prayer Michael Winter Exbourne
- 11.00am Holy Communion Jonathan Cook Meeth
- 11.00am Morning Service Leigh Winsbury Hatherleigh
- Sunday 15th March** Fourth Sunday in Lent/Mothering Sunday
- 9.30am Morning Prayer Douglas Young Northlew
- 9.30am Holy Communion Leigh Winsbury Exbourne

- 11.00am Family Service Leigh Winsbury Hatherleigh
- 7.00pm Prayer & Praise Leigh Winsbury Hatherleigh
- Sunday 22nd March** The Fifth Sunday in Lent
- 9.30am Morning Prayer Douglas Young Northlew
- 9.30am Holy Communion Leigh Winsbury Jacobstowe
- 11.00am Morning Prayer Michael Winter Exbourne
- 11.00am Family Worship Leigh Winsbury Meeth
- 11.00am Morning Service followed by APCM & Bring & Share Lunch Will & Judith Sawers Hatherleigh
- 6.00pm Evensong (BCP) Leigh Winsbury Hatherleigh
- Wednesday 25th March**
- 7.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer Leigh Winsbury Jacobstowe
- Sunday 29th March** Palm Sunday
- 11.00am Five Parish Service Leigh Winsbury

Please look out for events and services that will be held during Holy Week



**Hello!** My name is Emma Heard and I have recently taken over as MD of Hatherleigh Silver Training Band- a position of which I am honoured and very happy and excited to take on. My background is in brass bands, having played the flugelhorn for many years in different bands, and I am currently the flugelhorn player in the senior band. I have lots of experience conducting training bands (children and adults) and doing concerts and entering contests- this will be my fourth training band. I'm also a recently retired primary school teacher/peripatetic brass tutor. We are incredibly fortunate in the Training Band to have a fantastic team of brass tutors who give their time freely to help in rehearsals. They are all very experienced players who specialise in helping all band members, especially our beginners. Tuition and instruments are free to anyone wanting to join the Training Band. To start the New Year, we have started learning new music for our concert with the senior band in the Spring, and I am very much looking forward to doing more concerts and contests throughout the year. We are hoping to run another 'Brassed Up' Summer school in August for new beginners- look out for our posters! The future is looking very bright indeed for the band! We would like to say a huge thankyou to Ed Keeley for previously taking the band and making it what it is today- his input has been phenomenal and the band is thriving due to his hard work. He has relinquished his role to take over as MD of the senior band. If you are interested in joining the training band please contact our band secretary **Jane Fawcett on 07794793003**. Check out our Facebook pages - **Hatherleigh Training Band and Hatherleigh Silver Band**.

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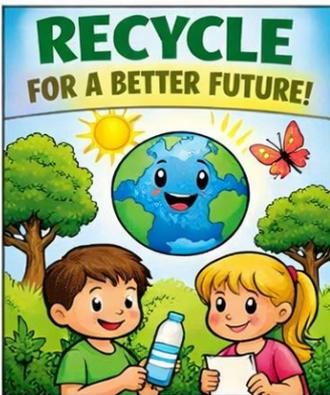
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Although our 'pool' of ringers is growing, we very occasionally have to cancel a practice or a service ring at the last minute, because a number of ringers have had to drop out due to illness, or for family or work commitments.

We always welcome visitors to our ringing practices on Wednesday nights but ask you to ring us first, so that we can let you know if we've had to cancel for any reason. We don't like people to turn up on a Wednesday and find the tower door locked and not a ringer in sight! Please contact Mark Wonnacott (Tower Captain) on 07870 307441 if you'd like to come to a practice, or learn to ring. You can also contact us through our Facebook pages.

## Easter Bells Bingo

Join us on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Community Centre for our annual Easter Bells Bingo with Easter-themed raffle, the usual fabulous meat prizes and our distinguished caller. 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 by sending a message via Facebook Messenger.

## Competition Alert!

We are very proud to announce that we'll be hosting the Devon Association of Ringers 8 Bell Competition on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Timings of the competition ringing and further details will be announced nearer the date.

Isabella Whitworth

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**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 Gibbs.**

## Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January Meeting

- We have 1 Councillor vacancy if you are interested please contact the Clerk to express an interest.
- We have had no response to our appeals for Volunteers to help with the 20 is Plenty Scheme. Unfortunately without Volunteers this scheme cannot go forward and will have to be shelved. It will be raised at the next school entrance meeting to see if there is any support.
- There has been no more news on the South Street closure. Work is continuing and we are continuing to contact DCC Highways for updates.
- The School flashing lights have now been changed to ones that include a flashing 20. Although this is not possible to be included on signs on the A road.
- The street lights that were recently changed have now been upgraded to those that are suitable in a conservation area and look much better.
- New standards have been introduced for Council websites and communications and it is advised that we use a Gov.uk domain server so we will look into this and put it forward as an agenda item for next month.
- DCC Highways have resurfaced and changed the road markings on the junction into the Market Quarter from the A386. This makes the turning into the estate or Dunbia safer.
- The broken lighting has been replaced so it is again safe for the Air Ambulance to land at the football pitch.
- Hatherleigh Market: Revenue has been good this month. The parking fees have been accepted by visitors. The cost of installing the meters was covered by a donation and we would like to thank those responsible for their extreme generosity. The 2-day Christmas Fayre was very well attended in spite of appalling weather. The magnificent team of Volunteers who organised and ran the various Food outlets were a complete joy to behold and raised over £1300 profit for the Market between them. Our other stalwart Sandra who runs the tombola has reached the amazing feat of having raised £10,000 over the years for the Market. What an amazing achievement. The share scheme has been paused until later in the year when there will be an official launch. At that time people will be asked to kindly honour their pledges. The Market team would like to thank the whole Town for coming together and supporting the Market. It has been an amazing 1<sup>st</sup> Year. [For more information please visit www.fhm-cbs.org.](http://www.fhm-cbs.org)
- No further work has been done to remove the tree stump and level the ground to enable a new bench to be installed at the Co-op bus stop. We will contact WDBC again.
- A Uk Town of Culture Competition has been launched and we think Hatherleigh should apply. Councillor Gibbs will look into this and it has been put forward as an agenda item for next month.

## Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February Meeting

- Lesley Source the Practice Manager from Ruby Country Medical Group attended to talk to Councillors about the problems Residents have been experiencing when trying to access health care at the Hatherleigh branch. Hatherleigh patients make up 1/5 of the total patients registered with the practice. She assured us that there is now a Doctor at the Hatherleigh practice every weekday between 8.00 – 18.30 hrs. They have conducted a patient survey at Holsworthy practice and we asked if this could be extended to Hatherleigh. She was also keen to set up public meetings for residents so we will endeavour to work together to facilitate this. More news to follow.
- The School entrance meeting has had to be rescheduled as many people couldn't attend the meeting planned for this week due to other commitments. A further meeting will be arranged for the end of March.
- New signs for the Allotments are being designed. So more news next month.
- A new lock for the Bridge Street Telephone box is still needed before this can be used for notices as planned.
- New website: Cllr Burrow has produced a working brief so this can be put out to tender. We would like the new website to be in place for June this year.
- We have not heard from WDBC who had planned to install a pavement at Vicks Meadow. We will contact them again.
- Hatherleigh Market: The steps from the back carpark to the Market building have failed a recent safety inspection. As they were installed by Kingswood Homes they are putting this right and meeting the costs. Work has started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Toilet cubicle. The whole section has been painted thanks to the amazing Volunteers and the kitchen has had an upgrade. A new Dog poo bin is being installed. Thank you to North Park Vets for sponsoring this. As the market isn't open daily (yet!) we are not allowed to put up Brown tourist signs to the Market, but DCC will put up white direction signs to the Market shortly. There have been enquiries for other uses of the Market facilities which all add to the revenue stream to maintain the Market as a going concern. For more information please visit [www.fhm-cbs.org](http://www.fhm-cbs.org).
- It was agreed to support the Pump this year with a grant of £3000. This will help it's transition to a change of Volunteers and to a trial of change of format to A4 to make it easier to read for Residents.
- Uk Town of Culture Competition: Under the lead of Councillor Gibbs a working group has been set up to include Councillors, Festival & Carnival Officials to work on a Proposal. We wish them luck.
- We would like to say a huge thank you to Jo Pullin, Rev Leigh Winsbury and the Church Yard Volunteers who built a brilliant Devon Bank in the HTC Cemetery and to Devon Wildlife Trust for supplying the trees. Thank you for all your brilliant work.
- Last but not least – We have had a huge number of complaints about dog fouling around Town. The bottom of Town around the School area seems to be bad at the moment. At a recent Funeral the Mourners had to walk through deposits of faeces in the Church yard and the HTC Cemetery. THIS IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. It would be such a shame if dogs were banned from the churchyard and Cemetery. If you own a dog be responsible and clear up after your animal. If you are not prepared to do this then you should not have a dog. **PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE**



# Hatherleigh Methodist Church

**Welcome to our March news.** I'd like to start with news of a new group that began in February – **'Brew and You'**. This is a group being set up for all ages who would like a warm place to meet for a relaxed chat to meet with friends, or to meet new friends, over a nice cup of tea or coffee. Do pop in on our next 'Brew and You' on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00. This is open to everyone.

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, Sandra organised one of our **'Soup and Sweet'** lunches. Lots of people came to enjoy very yummy homemade soups, including leak and potato, carrot and coriander and a vegetable soup! This was followed by Lucy's tasty lemon cheesecake, Ruth's – now famous - fruit pavlova, Sandra's infamous sticky toffee pudding (complete with toffee sauce) and Janets amazing lemon tart! If you missed it – don't panic because on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**, we are running another Soup and Sweet! 12.00 – 1.00 pm.



Don't forget, we hold an all age, more relaxed style of worship, every month at 4.00 pm. This is normally led by the Sunday club team and followed by craft and refreshments. In February, the refreshments were pancakes! Do join us this month on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

As Easter approaches, our first significant service is **Mothering Sunday**. This year this falls on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. During this service, the children will offer every lady a posy of flowers. The lovely Angela Banfield will be leading us on this special day. We like to call it Mothering Sunday as we like to celebrate ALL who mother. At the end of the month, on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Melvyn will celebrate **Palm Sunday**. Melvyn is a truly inspiring speaker so do come.

### March Dates

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> at 11.00 am. Mr Gary Yates  
 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – Busy Bees 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.  
 Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 am. Service with our minister – Rev. Chris so guaranteed a good sing!  
 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – Brew and You! 10.00 am. – 12.00  
 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 am. MOTHERING SERVICE with Angela Banfield  
 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Busy Bees 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.  
 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4.00 pm. Family/All Age worship with the Sunday Club Team.  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – SOUP AND SWEET 12.00 – 1.00 pm.  
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The concert takes place at **Hatherleigh Community Centre on Saturday 28 March 2026 at 7:30pm**, promising a big-show atmosphere with plenty of “Oh wow - I know this!” moments.

The programme is split into two missions: **First Half – “License to Thrill”** dives into the world of cinematic suspense with iconic spy-style themes, including music from James Bond -with showstoppers such as **Skyfall** and **No Time To Die**. After the interval, **Second Half – “Mission Accepted”** turns up the pace with a punchy mix of action, groove and TV nostalgia - including **Mission: Impossible, Shaft, and The Bourne Identity / Extreme Ways**, plus a few “how does this fit?” surprises along the way.

SSOCs are a welcoming local ensemble bringing singers and instrumentalists together to create high-quality, entertaining concerts with a friendly community spirit - and full light and sound. Their motto says it all: **“Don’t stop believing.”**

**Tickets are £15 (or £10 under-16s)**. Book online at [standsureorchestra.co.uk/tickets](http://standsureorchestra.co.uk/tickets), buy in person from **CJ Music Lessons (cash only)**, or pay on the door (cash or card; **50p card transaction fee**).

And yes - it’s worth staying right to the very end... but that information is classified.

**Event details Undercover Melodies**

**Stand Sure Orchestra & Choirs (SSOCs)**

**Date:** Saturday 28 March 2026

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Venue:** Hatherleigh Community Centre

**Tickets:** £15 / £10 (U16)

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**COFFEE MORNING: TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 8.30 – 12 noon.**  
Do come and join us and catch up with old friends over tea and cake. There will be the usual raffle and sales table plus delicious cakes and savouries. All proceeds to Meeth Church.  
**ON SUNDAY 22ND MARCH at 11am.**

There will be a new style FAMILY SERVICE here, led by Rev. Leigh Winsbury playing his guitar. This will be a more relaxed

less formal service and we look forward to welcoming people of all ages to come and join us.

**ON THURSDAY 9TH APRIL 7-9pm in the VILLAGE HALL:**

We are having a get-together for all parishioners old and new, to meet up with old friends and make new acquaintances over wine and nibbles. It will be good to catch up with each other, do come and join us we'll love to see you. Wine will be provided along with cheese and nibbles. (or bring or own.)

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**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: mafitzi@hotmail.co.uk**

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**STOP PRESS :- CHURCH CLEANING: EVERY LAST FRIDAY MORNING IN THE MONTH STARTING AT 10.30.**

We would be most grateful to anyone who could possibly spare an hour of their time to help with this task, it doesn't have to be on a regular basis, but any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank-you.

Take care and God Bless. Beryl.

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# Exbourne News

## Exbourne Village Hall

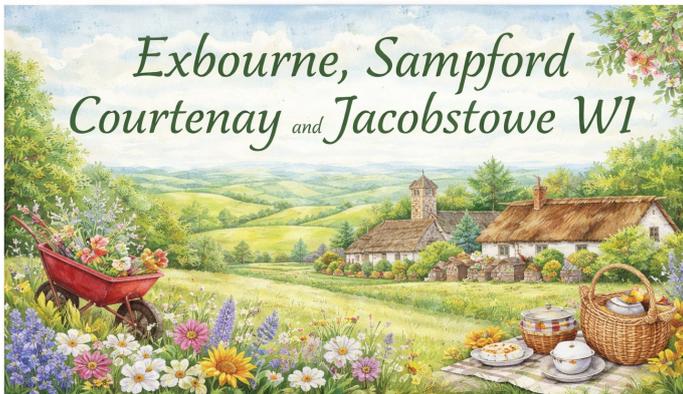
We will be marking Village Halls Week with a Coffee Morning on Saturday 21st March from 10am. Everyone welcome.

The Village Hall AGM will be held on Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30pm in the Hall. This is open to all Exbourne residents and is your opportunity to hear about what's been happening during the last 12 months. There will also be vacancies on the committee for Chair and Secretary. If you would like to know more please contact a committee member or email

**exbournevillagehall@gmail.com**. There will be a Bingo Night on Saturday 25th April, 7.30 for 8pm. £6 per person for 6 games.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Coffee Morning in Hatherleigh on **Tuesday 10th March at Old Schools**, we shall be raising funds for **Emergency Ambulances for Ukraine**, a desperate need at present, along with essential medical supplies, we hope you can join us to help with this vital Charity. Donations will be greatly appreciated.

**Mothering Sunday is 15th March**, - as ever we welcome everyone to our 9.30 am Communion Service at St. Mary's, Exbourne to incorporate prayers and thanks for all the wonderful ladies in our lives, both present and past, please do come along and help celebrate a special day.



Our January lunch held at The Tors pub at Belstone, didn't go to plan as expected, just as we arrived a tree had come down and cut the electric, we decided to stay, and were looked after by the exceptional staff, who were able to put together a lovely ploughman's lunch for everyone.

Luckily the power was on just down the road when we later arrived at the Belstone Pottery, where we were able to warm up during a lovely informative talk by the potter, David Gundry. We were able to admire and make some purchases from the wide range of beautiful pieces on display in the studio. Our meeting for February was a floral demonstration titled "Love is in the Air" by Tracy Johnson. What a fantastic

florist she is, we watched in awe as she chatted and completed six beautiful arrangements for Valentines Day in an hour. These were raffled at the end of the meeting for some very lucky ladies to enjoy.

Six of us competed in the third round of the Devon WI skittles competition against Halwill, who were just too good for us on the night. Everyone enjoyed the match at Okehampton Conservative Club, and good luck to Halwill in the next round.

## Exbourne Chapel Services

8th March 2.30pm C. Jackson  
 22nd March 11.00am J. Cook  
 5th April 11.00am H. Haywood

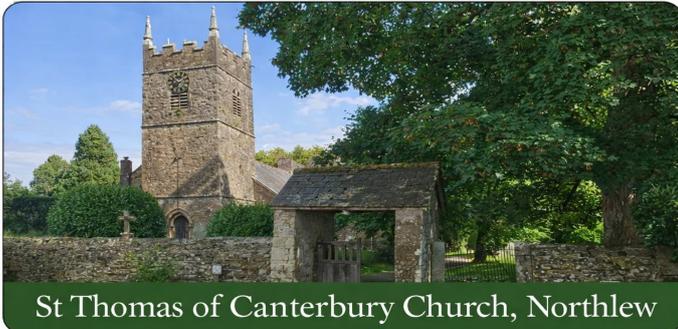
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St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Northlew

### **Beatrice Jean Hannaford (Trixie)**

We have said a sad farewell to Trixie Hannaford of Durdon Cross Farm, Northlew, who died on Friday 9th January 2026, aged 82 years. She was an active supporter of Northlew and Ashbury Churches and cared for both with love and energy over many years.

But Trixie’s legacy lives on. We’ll be reminded of her each Spring as we drive towards Northlew and delight in the swathes of daffodils and snowdrops she planted in the

verges. We’ll think of her on Easter Sunday and at Christmas when she used to decorate the church in her own unique way. And we’ll be reminded of her at Ashbury as the driving force behind the Services of Light on dark November evenings and at the mid-summer Barbecue services.

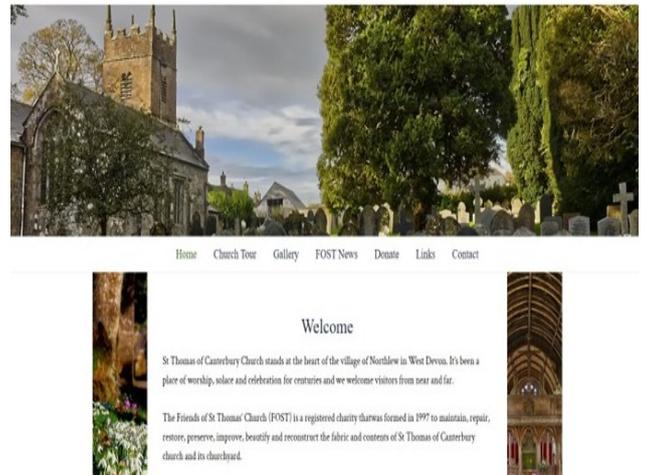
**Thank you, Trixie, and God bless.**

### **A new website**

The Friends of St Thomas’ Church Northlew has a new website [www.fostnorthlew.org](http://www.fostnorthlew.org) to publicise the charity’s aims and activities.

The site includes a history of the church with a tour and photographic gallery and has past and current copies of FOST news. And you can become a Member or make a donation to FOST via a secure link to help raise funds to care for the church building – particularly for upcoming repairs to the tower and roof.

The Friends of St Thomas' Church Northlew



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### **Easter Detectives – Who Framed the Easter Bunny?**

**Fri 3 - Sun 18 April**

*Become an Easter Detective - find the clues, solve the crime and rescue the Easter bunny, chocolate reward offered!*

All the chocolate has been stolen and everyone thinks the Easter Bunny is to blame - can you help solve the mystery?

This interactive experience invites families to uncover the truth by following the clues hidden throughout the beautiful spring garden. Purchase a £3 activity pack for each detective and embark on a puzzle solving adventure designed to spark imagination and teamwork as you work together to save Easter. The Detective packs include colouring pencils and multiple levels of activities, including colouring in and cyphers, so that there is something for all ages. There is also a simpler secondary trail for younger investigators to enjoy – and naturally every detective gets a chocolate prize! This brand new intergenerational experience promises an engaging and entertaining day out for the whole family, combining storytelling, problem solving and plenty of Easter charm.

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**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**10-11 am Tools Sharpening.** Drop in to learn how to sharpen shears & secateurs with expert guidance.

**11-1 pm Replacing Spade or Fork Handles.** Work with an expert to learn this skill. Places are limited, for details and booking email: [info@sustainablehatherleigh.org.uk](mailto:info@sustainablehatherleigh.org.uk)

**Sunday 22nd March 2-3.30 pm**, Community Centre

**Do you want to learn to make great compost?**

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**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2-4pm**

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🔍 Explore weird gadgets on the vintage *Curiosity Table*.

🌱 Seed & book swap.

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Hatherleigh Primary School PTFA will be collecting stories, photos and memories from the community as part of the 150th anniversary Join us to share your memories of the school.

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## Easter

### COFFEE MORNING

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### Win A Luxury Easter Hamper - In Aid of St Johns Ambulance - London Marathon Fundraiser

Many of you so kindly supported our family raise money last year when our daughters partner - James Close - ran the London Marathon in aid of CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young - James raised in excesses of £6,000) some of you will know, but some wont, James collapsed after 21 miles, he received life-saving care from St Johns at the roadside and to them we are all indebted. James was given his medal by the marathon last year but he wants to return to earn it by completing the Marathon this year, not only to complete his Marathon Journey but also to raise funds for St Johns Ambulance, without whom he wouldn't be here. We know money is tight for many people so we aren't holding a big fundraiser but I have put together a Luxury Easter Hamper - lots of lovely Easter Eggs, Wine, Prosecco and a Jellycat Bunny and this could be yours for £2 per lucky square or 3 for £5. If you would like to enter the raffle you can pop some money to me at **3 Victoria Road, Hatherleigh** or drop into **Richard Tidball Insurance Services**. Thank you so much for your support. **Lynn Strawbridge**

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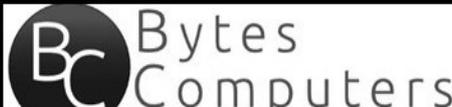
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