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Friday 23 April

St George's Day

So what do you know about St George? *And don't worry, no baby or full grown dragons were hurt or involved in this article.*

The front cover for April is inspired by St George's Day and depicts a baby dragon in an egg that also represents the globe. The 23rd April is the anniversary of St George's death and is considered to be England's national day. According to legend, St George was a soldier in the Roman army who killed a ferocious, fire-breathing dragon and saved a princess. Today St George's story is one that many of us are familiar with, it's a story based upon the piecing together of historical research.



Watercolour owned by V Holgate

The painting above is by S Harrower and dated 1921, it is a watercolour copy of an original oil by Briton Riviere in Manchester City Galleries dating to 1879. It is titled 'In Manus Tuas Dominae' (Father into your hands I commit my spirit).

Well what have I learnt? So firstly, St George wasn't English, it is thought he was born in the 3rd century AD in Cappadocia (*modern day Turkey*) to a Greek family. It is also believed that he died in Lydda (*modern day Israel*) in the Roman province of Palestine in AD 303.

Secondly, that researchers say it is likely George moved from his country looking for work, probably emigrating from Cappadocia to Palestine to be employed as a palace guard for the emperor. He moved between the provinces of the Roman empire in the way a skilled manual worker might travel to Europe or further to find employment.

I also found out that King Edward III made St George the country's official saint just after he came to the throne in 1327. The Order of the Garter (founded by Edward III in 1348) is the highest order of chivalry in the country and Queen Elizabeth II is the current Sovereign of the Garter. To this day St George's cross still appears on the Garter badge and his image is the pendant of the Garter chain. In 1940 King George VI created a new award for acts of the greatest heroism or courage in circumstance of extreme danger. The George Cross, named after the king, bears the image of St George vanquishing the dragon. Additionally St George's image is on many memorials built to honour those killed during World War One.

Lastly, as well as England, St George is also the patron saint of Beirut, Ethiopia, Georgia, Lithuania, Malta, the Palestinian territories, Portugal, Serbia and Venice.

I like this quote summing up today's importance of St George by historian Ian Mortimer,
Clearly, it does not matter where a saint came from. It is what he stands for - the message of his life - which is important. In all the cases above, St George stands out as unique in one respect. His message has absolutely nothing to do with converting people to Christianity. St George stands for the courage to face adversity in order to defend the innocent. The triumph of good over evil, through courage.

<http://www.ianmortimer.com/essays/George.htm>

Editorial



Photo: Cherry blossom in the Churchyard by P Bowers

So much has happened in the twelve months since Covid changed our world. We have all been at home practising social distancing and thinking carefully about how we shop for food, it has changed some of our online buying habits, the high street will not look the same, and now it's even normal to wear a mask. We have a whole new vocabulary – distancing, lockdown, coronavirus, livestreaming, zooming. But a mile-stone was reached today, half of the adult population has been vaccinated - things are looking up.

We've discovered how amazing people are. Local shops have turned businesses upside down to take orders and deliver straight to our doorsteps. Many people have volunteered to make sure the more vulnerable are looked after.

There has been no shortage of pieces for the Parish News. Thank you Leigh, for the creative front cover illustration to highlight the celebration of St George's Day on 23rd April. Also there is an interesting article on the construction of Batten Bridge on pages 32/33. Please continue to send in your articles and good quality photographs and hopefully soon your events and coffee mornings.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter. FS

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- Information about the magazine and those who produce it.
- A free to download magazine archive.
- Do take a look.

Our Community

A message from Devon County Councillor Ray Radford

I have come to the end of another term as a County Councillor, it runs out in May. I have enjoyed working for this community and hope I have been able to help in various ways, working with Parish Councils and so on, I can't always please everybody, but I try to do what I can. I do thank everyone for your support. As I have said I have enjoyed what I have done, to the extent, that I will be standing for another four year term.

We have announced our budget for 2021/22 and there has been unavoidable increases, the increase will be 4.99%, 3% for the adult services which is agreed by Government and 1.99% which is the maximum increase level set by Government.

Over and above the figures stated below, there will be an additional £600k going into road maintenance. We will be putting £300k into Climate Change over the next two years, to help, together with District Councils to help bring about zero carbon by 2030.

There looks to be light at the end of the tunnel on COVID, this tremendous effort to fight coronavirus, support Devon's communities and keep the county operating has cost the authority significantly.

The increased number of people eligible for help with Council Tax, coupled with more firms being forced to go out of business and leaving properties empty, is contributing to a financial shortfall for authorities at a time when spending demands are increasing.

The increase in Government funding for the authority is £3.7 million or 2.2%. The Government has also announced that Devon's share of national Covid funding for 2021/22 is £14.823 million. In total, our spending in 2021/22 is due to rise by 6.6%, an overall increase of just under £35.7 million from 2020/21. We will continue to do all we can to support all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. In the knowledge that we will come out of this pandemic with new and innovative ways of working to ensure we continue on our journey as a learning organisation.

It was hard to imagine that a return to normal would happen quickly. The rapidly changing circumstances led to a review of the Targets. Some savings previously identified did not seem feasible and the other areas needed bolstering to increase the resilience of the authority. The detailed budget targets were set by Cabinet on 13th January which total £578.5 million. The total includes funding for budget pressures of £47.3 million that mainly relates to additional expenditure to allow for service growth to cater for demographic changes such as increased children and adult service users and unavoidable cost pressures. Savings and income initiatives of £11.6 million are required to set a balanced budget. The targets set for each service area have been subject to different pressures and influences. This budget does not dip into reserves.

The list below shows the 2021/22 Budget Targets by service area (*this is just heading figures and departments*).

Adult Care & Health

20/21 year, £260,757m, Inflation £26,235m (£4,557m)
21/22 year, Budget £282,435m, Net change £21,678m +8.3%

Children's Services

20/21 year, £146,869m, Inflation £13,787m (£2,389m)
21/22 year Budget £158,267m, Net change £11,398m + 7.8%

Community Health,

20/21 year £39,792m, Inflation £1,039m (£958k)
21/22 year Budget £39,873 81m Net change + 0.2%

Corporate Services

20/21 year £37,566m, Inflation £4,436m (£1,615m)
21/22 year Budget £40,387m Net Change £2,821m + 7.5%

Highways, Infrastructure, Development & Waste,

20/21 year, £57,827m. Inflation £1,804m (£2,111)
21/22 year Budget £57,520m Net change £307k -0.5%

Totals

20/21 year **£542,811m Inflation £47,301m (£11,630)**
21/22 year **£578,482m Net change £35,671 + 6.6%**

A few statistics you might be interested in of the infrastructure we operate;

Service/Activity Unit of Measurement 20/21

Estimate Size of Network Km 12,978.
Bridges No. 3,340 (23) 3,317.
Street lights total No. 80,244.
Street lights to have been converted to part night lighting No.53,886.
Rights of way Km 5,012.
Length of road salted Km 2,664.
Illuminated road markings and signs 10,694.
Gullies emptied No. 165,000.
Total grass area cut m2 7.6 million.
Surface dressed Km 0 443 443.
Resurfacing / reconstruction Km 126.

We have 65 farms, it was 100 but some have been amalgamated and others made bigger, totalling 9,965 acres, we have not sold any farms to raise revenue we are financially stable, and we have ample reserves.

North Devon Healthcare Trust is the Primary Provider for personal care in Bideford, Torrington, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Tiverton and Cullompton. A decision has been made which means that Devon County Council will take back the day to day direct management of those care arrangements.

If you need me to do anything, just let me know. Once again, thank you all for your support over the last 4 years.
Regards, Ray

Ray Radford - Devon County Councillor
Willand & Uffculme Division
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Housing at Higher Town

No news from the Inspector

It is now almost two months since the Inquiry officially closed on 1 February. Since then, there has been no communication from the Planning Inspectorate.

Once the official decision is made known, we will send a message out to the 250 residents who signed up to support the 'Save Our Sampford' group's attempts to have the appeal dismissed. This will be sent as soon as possible by email and by Facebook to all those who have provided us with contact details. Some of you may receive a notification directly, either from the Planning Inspectorate or from Mid Devon District Council, depending on whether or not you wrote in to make representations about the appeal.

Next month there will be a further 'Kingfisher' article to summarise the key points of the Inspector's report once it has been published.

Kingfisher

Sampford Peverell Parish Council News

Free Tree Scheme to store carbon

We have decided to postpone the scheme until the autumn. It was already getting a bit late for planting trees this spring and waiting until the autumn should make collection, distribution and planting much easier than under current COVID restrictions. People who have already expressed a wish will remain on the list.

We should apologise that the text of last month's article did not make it completely clear that this scheme is only available to residents of Sampford Peverell parish. Uplowman Parish Council also received a grant from the Parish Magazine, but that money is being used for other purposes.

Watch this space for an update at the end of the summer.

Charlie Port

We were sorry to hear that Charlie, a retired member of Sampford Peverell PC, passed away in mid March. He served on the council from 2009 - 2015 and for some of that time was vice-chairman, our thoughts are with his family.



Phone Box Book Swap

The Parish Council is very grateful to the volunteers who occasionally tidy up the box book swap. This is a well used resource for the village and we are pleased to see it looking better and so popular.

Everyone is welcome to use it but could we please ask that

- you do not put magazines in the phone box as they tend to fall on the floor or cause books to fall over.
- you do not put bags or boxes full of books in the phone box, just bring one or two books if you can fit them on the shelves and take a book away with you.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

The return of the

Sampford Peverell Jumble Trail and Table Top Sale



Photo by Alexander-Shustov on Unsplash

Saturday 17th April - 10am to 2pm

- Have you been decluttering again during the latest lockdown?
- Do you know how difficult it may be to find a charity shop who can accept all your donations?
- Would you like to reduce landfill?
- Then take part by setting up your own stall outside your house with bric-a-brac or home-made goods.
- Provide signage on the main circuit of Lower Town, Higher Town, Boobery and Whitnage Road if you live off this loop.
- Sell for yourself or for your chosen charity.
- Come and grab a bargain at all the other stalls.

Covid statement - The sale will only be possible if the Government roadmap allows. Please read up to date Government guidelines.

Please remember to maintain social distancing keeping 2 metres from others. Bring hand sanitiser with you. Use common sense. ie don't touch every item unless you intend to buy it. It is also helpful to have the right change to reduce money handling. Thank you.

Uplowman Community

Uplowman Post Office News



In a time when many smaller post offices are closing, Uplowman is lucky to continue to have our little post office, located opposite the Redwoods Inn. Previous owners Lynne and John, and Lynne's family before, ran the post office for 46 years. We are sad to say goodbye to them, but are very pleased that they will continue to live locally and be closely involved in village life.

Accompanied by their lovely dogs Henry and George, new owners Lorne and Zara have moved to Devon having spent more than 20 years in London. After exploring the south west for places to live (and missing out on three houses) they

bought Crossways House and the post office in late February and are settling in well.

After receiving their training, Lorne and Zara will be extending the post office opening hours to 9am-7pm, 6 days per week. Alongside the usual post office facilities, an off-licence will allow locals to pick up alcoholic drinks, non-alcoholic equivalents, mixers, pre-mixed cocktails, spirits and garnishes (subject to their licensing application being successful). They will also provide a list of drinks that can be pre-ordered. The off-licence will be open from 11am until 10pm.

Exciting news for local children is the small tuck shop and take-away café that will sell sweets to those in need of an energy boost, hot and cold drinks, milkshakes and ice cream from 9am-5pm. Given the number of cyclists and walkers who pass through Uplowman, cold drinks and ice cream in the summer or a hot drink in the winter will make a very welcoming pit-stop.

Lorne and Zara are hoping to work with local small brand drinks makers and vineyards to promote less well known products. They will

be extending their offer to tasting events for small groups from June (or when Coronavirus rules allow). Their tasting room will provide an opportunity to learn about a wide variety of drinks, what mixers work well with them, what garnishes add extra flavour, and how to be confident in inventing your own signature drinks! Classes will include introductions to wine, fizz, cocktails, vodka, gin, tequila and mezcal, and non-alcoholic alternatives.



Zara previously has worked in the soft drinks business, and Lorne worked in bars and restaurants, so their experience in the drinks and hospitality industry is well placed for their new enterprise. If all goes to plan, their garage will be converted to the 'Sip Shed', and they will extend their offer to drinks catering for local events too. Zara and Lorne would be happy to hear from you if you would like them to stock your favourite sweets

in the tuck shop, or your favourite tippie in the off-license. They are also interested in finding new brand owners to supply them with cider, beers and soft drinks. You can contact them directly by emailing team@sipshed.co.uk or calling Lorne on 07788 727969.



I for one am looking forward to being able to spend warm summer evenings drinking cocktails and chatting with friends. I suspect the new canine residents George and Henry will be close by for a pat and a cuddle, with Henry letting everyone know when it is time to go home!

We all wish them well in their new business. Look out for their advert in future copies of the parish magazine.

Catherine Marlow

Uplowman WI

We are hoping to hold our Flower and Produce Show this year on Saturday 17th July.

This will be Uplowman's 55th Show, and we are keeping everything crossed that this will be able to take place.

All of the **categories** are the same as they would have been last year. So if you had got any crafts or anything underway you will be able to enter them this year. Below are listed some of the classes that you may like to get ready.

For more details contact Pam on 07443452799
email: jeffreyholley1888@btinternet.com

HANDICRAFT

60. An item of knitting
61. A woodland scene using all natural materials
62. An item of crochet
63. An item of cross stitch
64. An item of quilting
65. A necklace any medium, handmade
66. A felted item
67. An item made from wood - (seasoned or green)
68. One metre of bunting
69. A cushion any medium
70. A handmade card any medium
71. Art work any medium - A3 max
72. An exhibit using recycled plastic
73. Early for Christmas - your choice
74. Craft not in any other class

PHOTOGRAPHY

75. Devon coast
76. Postbox/letterbox?
77. Roses
78. Floods
79. Sandcastles
80. Tree canopy
81. Reflection

82. A line of
83. My animal friend
84. Insect/insects
85. Farming implement
86. Signpost
87. Stained glass window

PRESERVES

88. Mint sauce
89. Flavoured oil. 1 bottle
90. Flavoured vinegar 1 bottle
91. Mayonnaise
92. Jam (any variety)
93. Jelly (any variety)
94. Marmalade
95. Honey - runny or clear
96. Any chutney
97. Pickled onions

WINE

98. Red wine - in a clear bottle
99. Any white wine - in a clear bottle
100. Flavoured gin
101. Fruit juice
102. A bottle of cider
103. A bottle of homebrew
104. A bottle of fruit liqueur
105. Smoothie

Church Contact Information

For service times, see listings on the following pages.

Sampford Peverell Team Mission Community

Including the Parishes of Burlescombe, Halberton, Hockworthy, Holcombe Rogus, Sampford Peverell and Uplowman



www.sptmc.uk



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churchoffice2@btconnect.com

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St John the Baptist Church

Sampford Peverell

Warden:

Vivienne Heeley: 01884 822936

St Peter's Church

Uplowman **Wardens:**

Pam Holley: 01884 820868

Steph Packham: 07914 246808

Sampford Peverell Methodist Church

Minister: Revd Paul Booth 01884 32679

Steward: Valerie Bloxham: 01884 820022

REOPENING (again!)

Our Church will reopen for Easter Day for a Communion Service at 8am. Thereafter, our former pattern of services will resume on the first and fourth Sundays at 11am. All Covid regulations will be strictly observed to ensure the safety of the congregation. *It will be wonderful to be back together for Worship and everyone is most welcome.*

St James RC Church, Old Street, Tiverton

Contact the Parish Priest

Fr Kristian Paver 01884 252292

"Thought for the Month"

I enjoy taking our dog for a walk first thing, especially now that the mornings are lighter. On one recent walk it was a beautiful clear morning which bode well for the day ahead. The sun had not quite risen above the horizon and the sky was bathed in a golden light, as if in anticipation of the sunrise. When the sun did appear over the horizon a brilliant light filled the sky and in a short space of time shadows formed and I could feel the warmth of the sun. The bird song seemed to exalt in this new light as their chorus filled the air, it was an uplifting moment giving hope that, after a long winter, spring was around the corner.

Twelve months ago, we were facing a strict lockdown. There was an anticipation that once we got through that difficult period things would begin to return to normal. Yet here we are, twelve months later, just beginning to take a 'roadmap' out of the third lockdown. This journey has been costly for so many people - the isolation, loneliness, fear, and grief will have a lasting effect for a long time to come. Can there be any reason for hope?

I write this at the time when all children have just returned to school, I can hear their happy play and it brings a sense of optimism and hope that maybe we are coming out of this pandemic, but, as with

any journey, there will be twists and turns.

The period of Lent is a journey of anticipation. It is a season that gives us opportunity to pause and reflect that something wonderful is about to happen. There is a sense of optimism and hope as we are encouraged to look forward in preparation for Easter.

That first Easter, the followers of Jesus struggled to comprehend the magnitude of what had happened, but they believed that Jesus Christ had risen from the dead, that death had 'lost its sting', that all people could be reconciled to God. They began to share the story, their experiences, their hope. Since then, the resurrection accounts have been depicted in art, music and the written word capturing the wonder and hope it brings.

Trying to explain the sunrise and what it meant to me does not really capture the experience I felt. It was when I stopped and allowed myself to experience its light and warmth that my spirits were lifted. So too with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Putting aside the trappings of Easter, we just need to pause to take the time to reflect and simply allow the wonder of what happened that first Easter day to fill our lives and to think of what it can mean for us.

Glyn Lewry, Rector

Church Services - April

Thursday 1st April - Maundy Thursday

19.30 Online Team Service *Recorded* Sampford Peverell

Friday 2nd April - Good Friday

10.00 Service of hymns and readings Sampford Peverell

Sunday 4th April - Easter Day

7.00 Short Outdoor Service Sampford Peverell Churchyard
 9.30 Holy Communion (CW) Halberton
 9.30 Holy Communion (BCP) Hockworthy
 9.30 All Age Communion Sampford Peverell
 11.00 Holy Communion (CW) Burlescombe
 11.00 Holy Communion (CW) Holcombe Rogus
 11.00 Holy Communion (CW) Uplowman

Sunday 11th April - 2nd Sunday of Easter

9.30 Holy Communion (CW) - said Sampford Peverell

Sunday 18th April - 3rd Sunday of Easter

9.30 Holy Communion (CW) Sampford Peverell
 11.00 Holy Communion (CW) Uplowman
 18.30 Evensong Holcombe Rogus

Sunday 25th April - 4th Sunday of Easter

9.30 Holy Communion (CW) Burlescombe
 10.00 Online Messy Church Via Zoom *
 11.00 Matins Hockworthy

Every Sunday

9.00 Morning Prayer SPTMC Facebook page

Weekday Services

18.15 Evening Prayer Wednesdays SPTMC Facebook live
 9.00 Morning Prayer Fridays Via Zoom ^

*Contact Robin Budgell for details

^ Contact Glyn for details

READINGS FOR APRIL 2021

From the Common Worship Lectionary Year B

At Holy Communion: Epistle and Gospel;

At Matins and Evensong: Old Testament and Gospel

Sunday 4th April - Easter Day

GOLD OR WHITE

Epistle Acts 10.34-43
 Gospel John 20.1-18 or Mark 16.1-8

Sunday 11th April - 2nd Sunday of Easter

WHITE

Epistle Acts 4.32-35
 Gospel John 20.19-31

Sunday 18th April - 3rd Sunday of Easter

WHITE

Epistle Acts 3.12-19
 Gospel Luke 24.36b-48

Sunday 25th April - 4th Sunday of Easter

WHITE

Epistle Acts 4.5-12
 Gospel John 10.11-18



Wanted - flowerpots

Any old, unwanted flowerpots, any shape, material or size. Doesn't matter if they're muddy!

Please drop off at Chains Farmhouse, Chains Road, there will be a bag on the gate for people to pop them in.

Or call me and I'll gladly collect. Maggie (m) 0785 248 1985

Photo by Laura Adai on Unsplash

**HAPPY
Easter**

Why not take a wander down to Uplowman Church on Saturday 3rd April between 10.30am and 12.30pm for....

**Spring
PLANT
sale**

... a covid safe plant sale

Pop along and see what we have on offer. A range of plants available.
(Honesty box for payment)

**EASTER
EGG
HUNT**

... a socially distanced outdoor

Follow the trail to find the chocolate eggs

... a look at the results of the recent Uplowman Church questionnaire.

Thank you so much to all who completed the form. The results were very encouraging.

They will be displayed in the church porch throughout the morning. Please do stop by if you can.



The MiDS are planning to start singing again, hopefully before September, as we have been asked to sing at the Uffculme Show.

We know how Covid-19 is spread, including through speaking, singing and other physical activities. We hope that our village halls will consider installing ventilation systems extracting air directly to the outside, following COVID advice, to help make the halls more COVID secure. This would increase safety and make the halls less stuffy and more comfortable in the warmer weather. This would be a good use of the £10,000 Government grant provided to the halls to alleviate the effects of the pandemic. MiDS have made a proposal to Halberton Village Hall in this respect.

If you'd like to sing for fun, please contact us **now** as we are recruiting for our restart; call for a chat or visit our Facebook page. It will be a good time to join when other singers are new too. Please tell your friends, colleagues and neighbours, especially new ones.

When we start, we shall be including songs from this list: *The Long and Winding Road, Imagine, Nowhere Man, And I Love Her, Yesterday (Beatles); Some Enchanted Evening, You'll Never Walk Alone (Rodgers and Hammerstein); Sound of Silence (Simon and Garfunkel); I Feel; the Earth Move, Will You (Still) Love me Tomorrow? (Carole King); Secret Love (Doris Day Tribute); Mr Guder, Sing a Song (Carpenters); Look at the World (John Rutter); Lay all your Love on Me, Like an Angel (Abba); California Dreamin' (Mamas and the Papas); Over the Rainbow (Wizard of Oz); Whistle Down the Wind (Andrew Lloyd Webber); Pavane (16th century); Kama Chameleon (Boy George); Your Song (Elton John).*

We thank our loyal singers who come from across the district (and further) to enjoy singing with us. There are no auditions, no charge for trying us out and it's free for under 18s. We'll continue to meet at Halberton Village Hall, on Fridays as soon as it's safe.

Contact: singers@halberton.org
Tel 01884 820081 (Terry) or 252910 (Bernard).
Terry Payne (Chairman)

Sampford Groups and Clubs

The Sampford Peverell Society

The Sampford Peverell Fair

April in Sampford Peverell used to be known for the Sampford Peverell Fair. The photo of it here is from the early 1900s. Some years ago we interviewed Ruth Sharland and she remembered that when she was young, in the late 1920s and early 1930s, it was the most exciting event in the village. It was a cattle fair, and people would walk their cattle to the village from miles around. She could remember the sound of the feet coming down Higher Town.

The cattle used to be auctioned off in Lower Town, but in the 1930s the auction was moved to the field at the corner of Whitnage Road which was therefore called the Fair Field - a name preserved in the current road there - where the auctioneer would stand on a cart to conduct the auction.

Cattle and people filled Lower Town from the Merriemeade to Whitnage Road. Children were given the day off school, and they used to challenge each other to walk, or push their way, from one end to the other - quite a dangerous feat, especially for small children! Boys would help the farmers keep the groups of cattle separated and under control using fair sticks. These were sticks which they cut out of hedges and then they cut away strips of bark to make an alternate bark and white pattern all the way down the stick.



Some people set up two or three covered stalls outside the Globe (as in the photo), where they sold fairings, or sweets. Ruth said the children loved those stalls! She remembered gingerbread, a type of rock (caramel brown, not like modern rock), little sweets with hard white icing on, cinnamon sticks, brandy snaps and toffee apples. The fair continued to take place throughout World War Two, but finally came to an end in 1948.

Sampford Peverell during WW2

We are currently trying to find out more about Sampford Peverell during World War Two and would love to hear from anyone with any photographs of people in or from the village, during this time.

We are also trying to find out more about the men listed on the church plaque, and have drawn a blank on one name: **Herbert Hawkins**. Does anyone know what his connection was with Sampford Peverell, how he served in the war, or how and when he died?

If you can help please email us at sampevsoc@gmail.com or contact Heather Culpin, Peter Bowers, Clive Cotton, or Allan Weller.

Sampford Peverell Tennis Club

The tennis courts are open from Monday 29 March. Please book your time slot through our website:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/sampfordpeverelltennisclub>

Non-members can hire courts for £5.00 through the Spar shop.

Any queries, please contact Rachel on 07741 417801.

Robin Furlonger

Long-time members of the Tennis Club will be sad to learn of the death of Robin Furlonger. Although he never lived in the village, he was a regular, reliable and popular member on court in both singles and doubles, playing social tennis, competitive matches and winning the Club Men's Veteran singles title many times. He always cut a colourful figure, arriving by sports car, wearing his signature cycling shorts, and invariably radiated kindness and positivity to partners and opposition alike.

Before retiring he was for many years responsible for providing all the floral displays at the Wimbledon Championships and one year he organised a wonderful trip for our juniors to get a glimpse behind the scenes there.

In essence he was a true gentleman who will be greatly missed by both family and those of us who were lucky to call him friend.

Di and Simon Lewis.



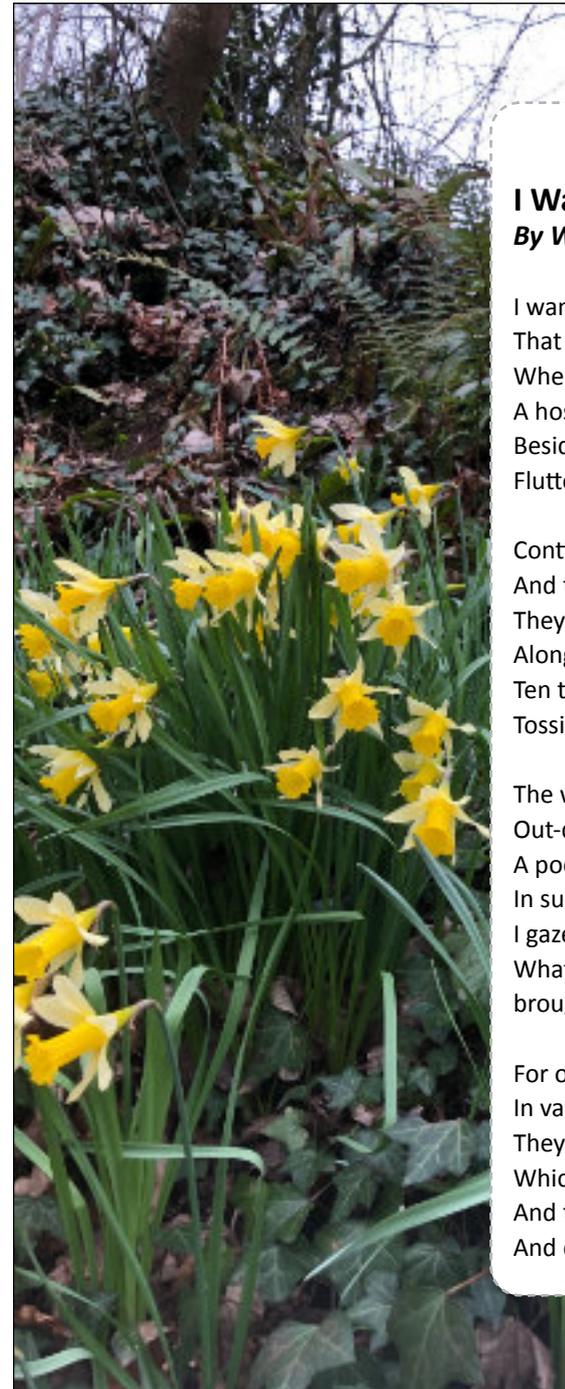
Sampford Peverell and District Garden Club

April garden tips

Now it's a little warmer, we hope that you are enjoying being out in your garden, here are some suggestions of things you could be doing at this time of year. Additionally just sit out in your garden and enjoy the sun on your face and think about the words of William Wordsworth.

- Dead head naturalised bulbs to keep them vigorous and healthy.
- Prick out and pot on seedlings before they become overcrowded.
- Re-pot container plants which are pot bound. Gently loosen the root ball before placing in to a larger container.
- Weed the borders and protect any young shooting plants with fleece.
- Rake moss from lawns with a spring rake towards the end of April
- Continue with slug and snail control.
- Ventilate greenhouses in good weather to help prevent a build-up of pest and disease.
- Feed and water plants in your greenhouse and cold frames.
- Start sowing your salad vegetables.
- Maintain a high setting on your lawn mower to protect against late frosts and weed invasion.
- Feed wild birds during the nesting period and keep a good supply of water available by topping up bird baths and ponds.
- Stake tall growing perennials.
- Give roses and shrubs a feed of slow-release fertiliser.
- Plant trees, climbers and shrubs before the weather warms up.
- Add aquatic plants such as water lilies to your garden pond.
- Sow new lawn areas with grass seed.

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I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud *By William Wordsworth*

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

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NEWS FROM COLDHARBOUR MILL



Take & Share our Questionnaire

In order for Coldharbour Mill to thrive and achieve a sustainable future, we need to diversify and find new ways of widening participation and generating income. We want to develop the Mill with the support and involvement of our local community, our supporters, our visitors and anyone who already has or could have a connection to the Mill.

Whether you are a long-standing supporter, or someone who has not yet visited, whether you are a neighbour, live many miles away, or an organisation, we value your opinion on what we should and shouldn't do to make Coldharbour Mill thrive in the long term.

To give your feedback you can go to www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/coldharbour-mills-strategic-review/

Building Works

Building works on site are progressing well (at least when the weather has been on our side). We are working to replace guttering and re-point the Grist Mill - with some additional internal decorating and security installation.

The path leading along the front of the Mill building has now been dug out and widened, and will soon be re-laid with a new self-binding surface. This is to make the entrance more accessible and allow for wheelchairs and buggies to cross paths with no problem. It will also allow for distanced outside queuing as required for social distancing when the Mill reopens to the public. We are also taking the opportunity to redo the pathway leading from the shop up to the chimney, which we hope will give a great first impression to our visitors entering this area.

Media Guides

I would like to say a huge thank you to the volunteers and trustees who have been involved with helping to produce the Media Guides which we are having commissioned for use by visitors in the Museum in the future.

Visitor Route Signage & Interpretation

We are currently working on additional signage for visitors to point out all of the outbuildings and additional interpretation for the outside areas so that visitors are made aware of the history of the whole site rather than just the collections inside the factory. The additional interpretation will highlight the buildings in the Mill yard.

We have also had the Economiser House re-floored which means this will be a new space for visitors to view when we re-open.

Peter Holdway-Bradley, General Manager

To contact Coldharbour Mill

Phone: **01884 840960** (*calls are monitored even when the Mill is closed*)
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Journey to COP26

An invitation for people of all faith communities and none to join remotely and share our belief in the sacredness of all life, ahead of the UN climate talks.



we are the world and the world is us: as within, so without,
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In November 2021, governments of all nations will converge on Glasgow for the UN climate talks - COP26. This is a crucial time for building the movement for climate justice. People in Britain and beyond want radical action to prevent climate breakdown - we must make sure that the UK government knows that.

We are a group of Quakers calling on all concerned communities in the UK, to join us on our journey of awareness, understanding and action ahead of the climate talks.

On Saturday 10 April and Sunday 11 April we invite you to participate in a celebration of our environment by making a short journey to any place that is sacred to you. This action is a way for us to strengthen our collective sense of purpose in protecting the Earth and all its inhabitants. Your journey could be to your garden or local park, or a day long hike! (Covid guidelines dependent) If your sacred place is your own living room it could even be a spiritual or virtual journey. It could be taken as a group, perhaps with others from your meeting, or individually.

Many people in the UK share a deep concern for the damage being done to the Earth, our home. In our concern, we recognise that every place is sacred and that we all have a responsibility to protect the Earth and all its inhabitants.

If you want advice, support or ideas for what to do for your Journey to COP26, please get in touch!

Oonagh Ryder, Activism Support Coordinator
Email: oonaghr@quaker.org.uk

Join our mailing list. We will share information about preparing an action in the run-up to 10 April, and share news of who else will be participating.
<https://www.quaker.org.uk/.../journey-to-cop26-un-climate>.

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Garden renovation at Sampford Primary School



At Sampford Peverell C of E Primary School, we have been busy renovating our school garden.

We have been digging, weeding and have started to sow some seeds. Seacole Class have started the project but it will be a whole school venture and one that we would like to involve the community in. We have been very kindly donated lots of seeds and plants, some of which we have already planted, but we would be very grateful for anymore donations to help improve our school garden.



The children have started to learn how to saw wood and we are planning on making bird feeders and bug boxes to try and encourage wildlife. Looking forward, when things are starting to get back to normal, we would love to invite the community to enjoy our garden with us.

We are very keen to strengthen our links with the local community and if you would be keen to volunteer to help with the garden or hear children read (*once lockdown is lifted and we can have visitors back in school*), then contact the school office on **01884 820284**.

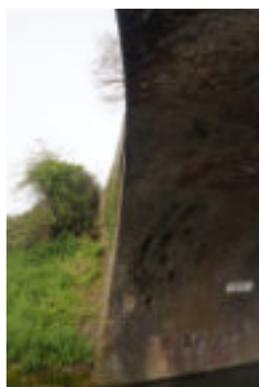
For safeguarding reasons, all volunteers must complete a DBS check and read all relevant safeguarding documents before working with children.

Batten Bridge

On our walks over the last year, most of us will have travelled along some part of the canal towpath. It has good views, interesting wildlife and the great advantage of being level! Along those walks, you are bound to have encountered one or other of our local bridges. But have you taken the time to look at them closely? Each of them is a tribute to the skills of the master bricklayers who built them some 200 years ago, each of them individual, adapted to the particular site and the road it carries. Although they look similar, they are all the same in only one respect and along one line, the archway beneath them along the line of the canal.



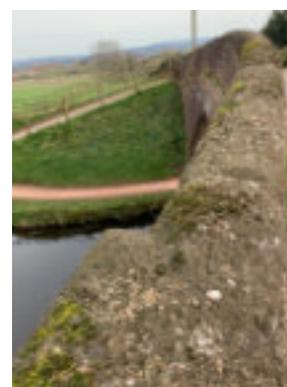
Left: The West face of Batten Bridge
Middle: Batten Bridge, looking East
Right: Looking up at curves in two planes



Those under-arches provide the only straight line in their entire construction. They would have been built over a substantial wooden frame, or forme, semi-elliptical in outline and constructed to the standard dimensions laid down by the canal's engineer-designer. The rest was up to the bricklayers. When you put up a building with bricks, it is all about straight lines, the courses level, the walls climbing vertically, but there is none of that about these bridges.

My favourite is Batten Bridge, below Batten Cross and just above Battens Farm. From the main road at Battens Cross, the road turns sharply to the right and runs alongside the canal, up to the bridge. But before the coming of the canal, it ran straight from that corner to the farm entrance below the canal. It was diverted along the line of the canal so that the bridge could cross nearly at a right-angle. When you look back at Sampford Peverell Bridge, that wasn't possible for several reasons, so that bridge has to cross at an acute angle, making a bigger and more expensive structure.

Back at Batten, if you stand close to the abutment wall on the tow path and look across the canal, you can see that the face of the bridge follows a gentle curve horizontally. Look upwards to the parapet and again, it is not a straight-line but a vertical curve which even includes the parapet. The parapets themselves are not vertical, but lean in towards the road, while also following curves in both horizontal and vertical planes and finishing at different lengths. Now move under the bridge, look across, look up - all curves. And not a symmetrical geometric curve, but a graceful random curve, all set out by eye. The total structure is not at a right angle to the canal, but nearly and it also has to cope with a gradient down to the farm, so that the



Left: Parapet walls lean in - curve out
Middle: Stone bollards protect the parapets from cart-wheel hubs
Right: Scars from the tow ropes at curves in two planes



abutments and the parapets all have different dimensions. The effect of these vertical curves is to splay the feet of the arch, giving it additional strength. It was all built 'by eye', so that it 'looked right'. *And it still does.*

These structures carry their age well. The signs of repairs seem largely to be the result of patching to replace a few failed bricks and despite what must have been the passage of thousands of horse drawn carts, even the parapets at Batten seem unscathed, protected only by the stone bollards let into the road surface. There are no obvious signs of settlement cracks and the only scars are those left by the tow ropes above the towpath.

Most are built of brick, but one or two, such as Rock, used the stone dug out in creating the channel nearby. The resulting structures not only remain in everyday use, although nowadays by very different traffic, they provide those intriguing and attractive views along the canal and through the arches, which add so much to the enjoyment of our walks. The same can't quite be said for the modern equivalent under the Link Road at Boehill. NM



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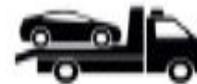
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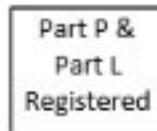
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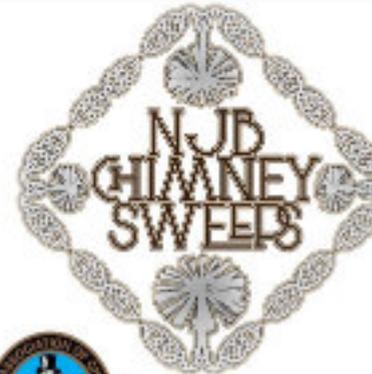
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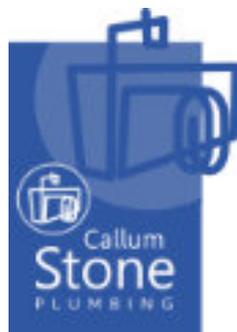
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