

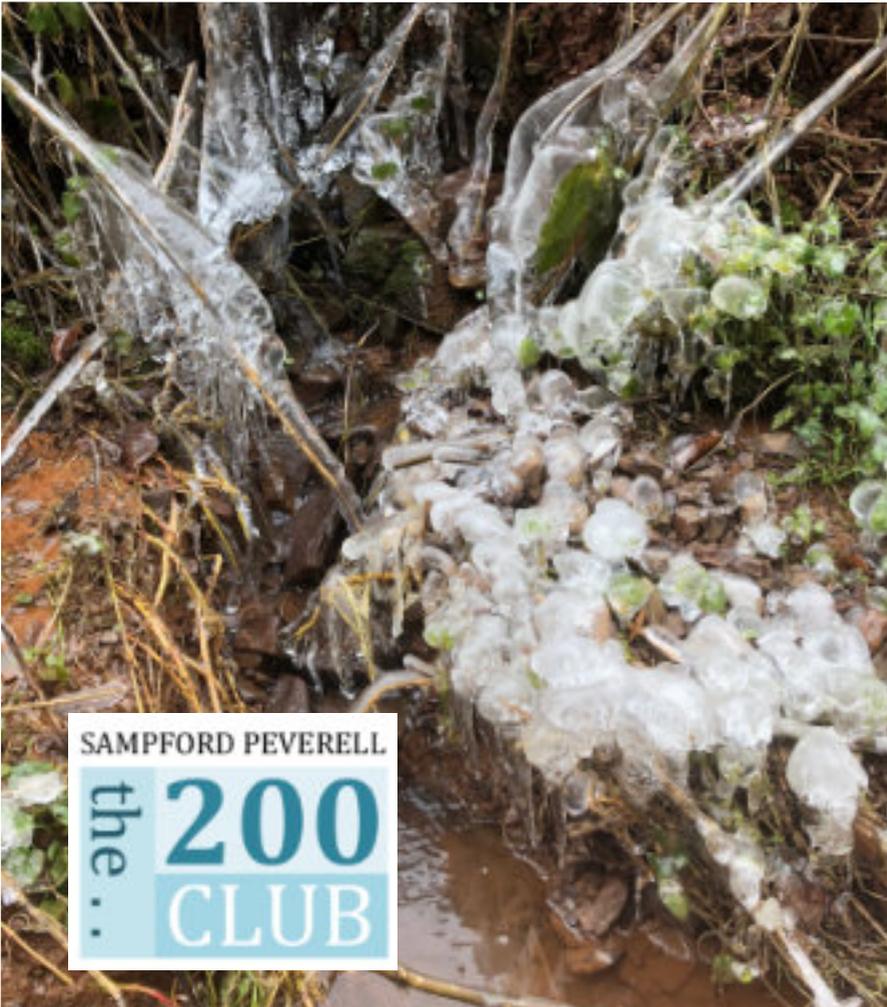
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- A free to download magazine archive.
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Sampford Community

Housing at Higher Town

The Inquiry is officially closed

On 1 February, we were notified by the Inspector, Mrs Heward, that her Inquiry into housing at Higher Town is now officially closed. This followed a most unusual extension period in which she had requested additional written submissions from the main parties. We now expect to learn within a few weeks whether or not she will uphold the decision of the MDDC Planning Committee and dismiss Place Land's appeal.

Four and a half years of effort

It was in September 2016 that Mid Devon District Council proposed that the fields at Higher Town should be allocated as a site in Mid Devon's Local Plan.

Then, in August 2017, villagers first received leaflets through their doors from a land promotion company named 'Place Land'. These informed us that it was seeking planning permission to build on land at Higher Town.

Those two events combined to cause four and a half years of struggle in which we have sought to ensure that any decisions made about whether houses are to be built at Higher Town are made in accordance with planning law, regulations and guidance.

Guess what ...

On 8 February, MDDC announced the start of its next Local Plan Review. Landowners are invited to identify sites that they believe could be allocated for housing in this new Local Plan. The Council has written to residents who have commented on planning issues asking them to inform MDDC if they wish to remain on its mailing list for this new local plan. It will be important to provide immediate, clear and reasoned responses when consultation is opened on any potential sites in the village.

Kingfisher



Sampford Peverell Primary School Sited on Higher Town Road.



Save a Life

Sampford Peverell Parish Council has recently commissioned a third Defibrillator to the village a "HeartSine Samaritan PAD 500P". The new defibrillator is sited on Higher Town Road fixed to the outside of Sampford Peverell Primary School.

This project wouldn't have been possible without the project management of Sampford Peverell Parish Council. Financial grants from Cllr Ray Radford (Devon County Councilor) and the Parish News and the assistance of Sarah and Helen at Sampford Peverell Primary School. Also a huge thank you to Simon of SOL Electrical Ltd, who provided the professional installation and test.

Just a reminder - If you are with someone having a heart attack you should immediately call 999 and start CPR. The person who answers the 999 call will tell you where the nearest defibrillator is and give you the code for it. But **do not leave the patient** - find someone else to fetch the defibrillator.

Links to Online information

HeartSine Samaritan PAD 500P training video
<https://youtu.be/1vrFD3aDAXA>

Why A Defibrillator is important

How not to die Video <https://youtu.be/L2z5bjrvYI8>

SAMPFORD PEVERELL SURGERY

29 Lower Town, Sampford Peverell, Tiverton, Devon EX16 7BJ
Surgery: 01884 820304

Dr John Kekwick, Dr Susan Tat, Dr Fiona Black

Surgery Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8.30am - 1pm and from 2 - 6pm

Wednesday
8.30am - 1pm The surgery is **closed Wednesday afternoon.**

If you need to contact the surgery urgently between 1 - 2pm then please phone College Surgery, Cullompton on 01884 831300.

Late appointments
Can be booked on Mondays-Thursdays at College Surgery, Cullompton from 6.30 -7.00pm. To make an appointment you can contact either Sampford Peverell or College Surgery.

Practice Nurse and Health Care Assistant (HCA)

If you need to see the Nurse or HCA please phone the surgery to check availability.

Repeat prescriptions

These can be ordered online from www.collegesurgery.org.uk. To use this service you will need to register first by calling in at the surgery.

For out of hours advice call 111 or 999 in an emergency.

Uplowman Community

News from Uplowman March

Almost one year of the pandemic! Who'd have thought we would still be in lockdown with PC meetings on line? Fortunately, zoom and email enable the work to continue and keep everyone informed of what's going on.

The broadband team, after herculean efforts, got together a list of all parishioners wishing to join the fibre to premises project and then learned that the current voucher scheme has ended. That will result in a delay until a new scheme is announced but, in the meantime, all the surveys will be made so that we are ready to go when funding is again available.

Thank you to all who have offered to contribute to the emergency night landing light for the Devon Air Ambulance. We had a wonderful response and it's now all systems go! The light needs planning permission, which has been applied for, and installation can be done once planning has been granted.

The PC has funded replacement of a signpost that had rotted away.



This sparked a debate about the name of this particular junction, known to DCC as East Mere Cross. However, local folk are adamant that its true name is 'Besley's spot'. Some say that the adjacent field belonged to a Mr Besley and was thus 'Besley's Plot', becoming in time the 'Besley Spot'; others maintain that Besley was the last person hanged at this place. A brief googling session revealed a family tree persisting from 1605 to 1903 for a dynasty of Besleys living in the Halberton, Uplowman and Tiverton areas. It also discovered that the name indicates a corn merchant, or

someone who deals in 'bushels' (one may imagine how that degenerated to a Besley). This conjures up a vision of one of those Besleys setting up a stall at this convenient spot and haggling with the farmers around. Google also told of a group of Besleys emigrating to Australia on a well-known transport, the 'Blundell', in 1851. Although the Blundell had been used as a convict transport, the 1851 voyage was voluntary, sponsored by the Family Colonisation Loan Society. There is no mention of any family member remaining dangling in Uplowman and no record yet found that would support the hanging version of the story.

We'd love to hear from anyone who has time to further research this fascinating glimpse of days gone by in our quiet village!

The next PC meeting will be via Zoom on Thursday March 18th, starting at 7.30pm. Links will be circulated and posted on our web pages nearer the time.

From the Clerk, Uplowman Parish Council
Lower Beer, Uplowman, Tiverton EX16 7PF
Tel 01884-821239
Web: middevonparish.co.uk/uplowman



Uplowman WI Well we are certainly getting into Zooming!

We now have a regular zoom coffee morning each Tuesday. It really is wonderful to be able to 'see' each other and catch up with news, but we don't just sit and chat! Last week Pam decided she would exercise our brains by giving us a quiz. That was really good fun, and this week we attempted to make paper flowers. I'm sure with practice they will get better?!!

For our monthly evening meeting we had a wonderful speaker called **Stewart Raine**. His talk was entitled '**A Brief History of English Gardening**', (from Roman times to the present day.) The talk was illustrated with beautiful slides, showing how gardens evolved and were influenced by ideas from continental Europe and plants from even further afield.

We saw formal gardens created in the 17th century, English landscape gardens of the 18th century, and the influence of William Robinson and others on the flower gardens of the late 19th and 20th centuries.

And all that on Zoom! Amazing! Seeing the pictures of the lovely gardens made us realise how much we are looking forward to being able to get out and start visiting them again. Still we must be patient, some of us have had our jabs now so things are moving in the right direction.

For our March meeting, we are having a Murder Mystery evening. If you feel you would like to join us, do contact Pam the President of Uplowman WI. On **07443452799** or email: **jeffreyholley1888@btinternet.com**

We really are a very friendly group and you would be made very welcome. And now here is a poem written by one of our lovely members'.

Uplowman WI GO ZOOMING

*To Zoom they said is the way
To hold meetings by night or by day
But we said we're antique
We'll need more than a tweak
And it all sounds a little risqué.*

*Well a few ladies decided to try
After all 'We' are WI
Out came our computers
We listened to tutors
O my goodness we heard a reply!*

*So now we are perfectly fine
We sit here and wait for a sign
The men have been fed
The dog's on his bed*

And we all have a mug full of wine!

*But we hope very soon
To be back in the room
It will be a scream and a hoot
Tho' I know Pam will miss
Through the joy and the bliss
The button to put us on mute!*

By Clare Norman



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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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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: Judy Bolton: 01884 821445

An 8am Communion service is planned for Easter Sunday, April 4th. This will be confirmed on the notice board outside the Chapel and in the Parish magazine.

St James RC Church, Old Street, Tiverton

Contact the Parish Priest

Fr Kristian Paver 01884 252292

Church Services - March

And EASTER 2021 for Sampford Peverell/Uplowman

Sunday 14th March - Mothering Sunday

9.30 All Age Holy Communion Sampford Peverell

Sunday 21st March - 5th Sunday of Lent

9.30 Holy Communion (CW) Sampford Peverell
11.00 Holy Communion (CW) Uplowman

Sunday 28th - Palm Sunday

10.00 Messy Church Online Via Zoom *
10.30 Online Team Service *Recorded* Uplowman

Thursday 1st April - Maundy Thursday

19.30 Online Team Service *Recorded* Sampford Peverell
20.30 - 22.00 - Sampford Peverell Church Open
for 'The Watch' and private prayer

Friday 2nd April - Good Friday

10.00 Short Service of Readings and hymns Sampford Peverell
10.00 Messy Church Online Via Zoom *

Sunday 4th April - Easter Day

7.00 Short Outdoor Service Sampford Peverell
8.00 Holy Communion SP Methodist Church
9.30 All Age Communion Sampford Peverell
11.00 Holy Communion (CW) Uplowman

Weekday/Sunday services

18.15 Every Wednesday Evening Prayer ^ Facebook live
9.00 Every Friday Morning Prayer Via Zoom - see website
9.00 Every Sunday Morning Prayer ^ SPTMC Facebook page

^ *Except Holy Week*

**Contact Robin Budgell for details*

For a full list of services in the Team please go the website www.sptmc.uk
For more Messy Church Activities see poster on page 12

LENT REFLECTIONS

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Every Tuesday in Lent

11am and 7.30pm by Zoom

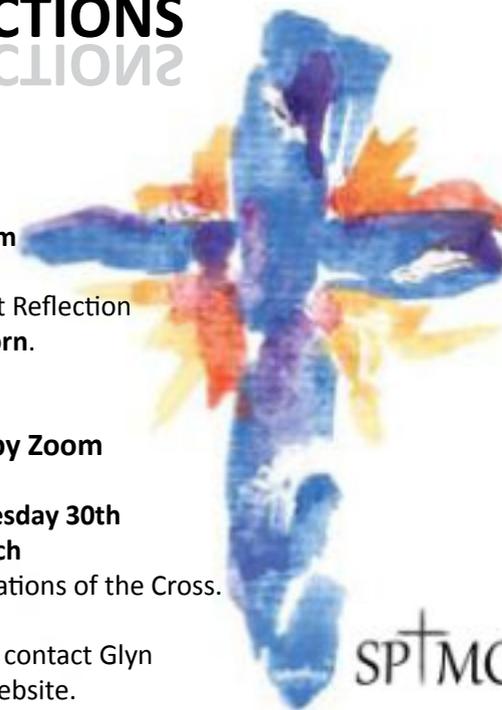
Glyn is hosting a short Lent Reflection
with a talk by **David Runcorn**.

Holy Week Reflections by Zoom

7.30pm Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st March

Short reflections on the Stations of the Cross.

To join either of the above contact Glyn
or follow the link on the website.



COVID VACCINATION TWINNING

Are you grateful for your COVID19 Vaccination?

Revd Scott Patterson, a vicar in Curry Rivel and his wife Rowan have launched 'Twin My Vaccine', a campaign to help raise funds for communities across the world who are struggling to vaccinate their population against Covid 19 and whose infrastructure in places may not even include basic refrigeration.

They've set up a Just Giving page to direct funds to UNICEF'S COVAX programme. The amount they raise will also be boosted by giftaid.

If you are interested in donating go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/RowanPatterson>

EASTER MESSY CHURCH



GOOD FRIDAY

Zoom Messy Church – with story & quiz
10am - 10.30 am

Contact Robin Budgell on 07902 774626

Adventure Trail for children & young people
Any time between 10.30am - 4pm

Start Sampford Peverell Methodist Church.

Collect Adventure Trail answer sheet from box inside gate.

Bring your own pen/pencil.

Look for 11 posters between the Methodist Church and bottom of Connegar Hill.



EASTER DAY



Easter Egg Hunt

Any time between 10.30am - 4pm

St John the Baptist Churchyard

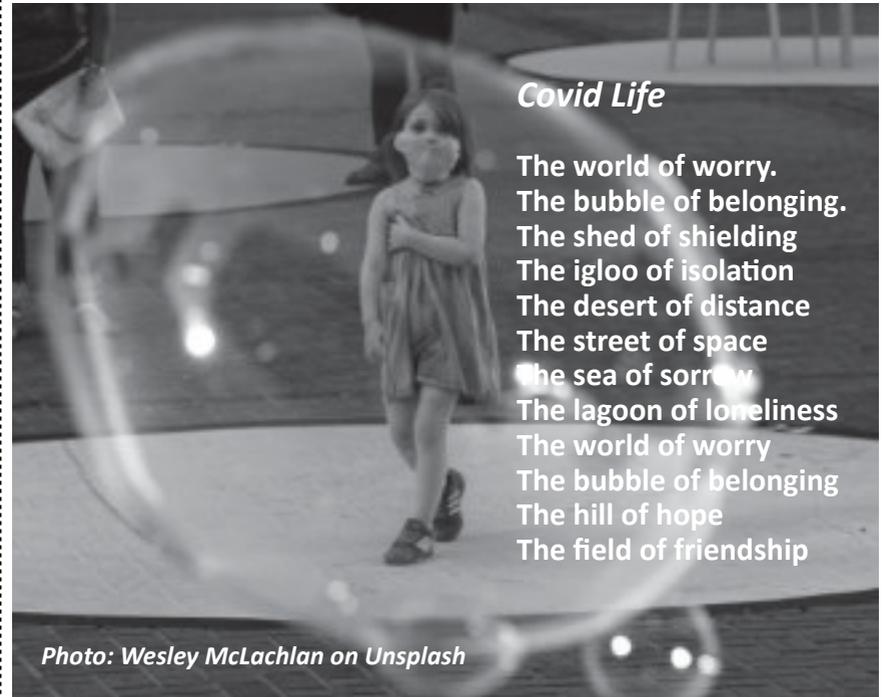
Pop in any time to find the 10 hidden Easter Eggs,
which lead to a small chocolate egg to take home.

Please supervise children at all times.



Quaker Meeting for Worship
Spiceland Quaker Meeting Uffculme EX15 3AZ

A poem by Flo Jubb, 11 years old
Published in The Friend Magazine 11th February 2021



Covid Life

The world of worry.
The bubble of belonging.
The shed of shielding
The igloo of isolation
The desert of distance
The street of space
The sea of sorrow
The lagoon of loneliness
The world of worry
The bubble of belonging
The hill of hope
The field of friendship

Photo: Wesley McLachlan on Unsplash

Sadly – due to the current situation with Covid 19 the Meeting House is closed - We would however be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to join a Zoom Meeting for Worship.

For more information phone Ali Dominy 07810768557 or use the 'contact us' form on our website:

<http://www.spicelanduffculmequakers.com/>

email: spicelandnotices@btinternet.com

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)



For those needing help in getting to medical appointments...

We are beginning to see the restart of hospital consultations after the long period of concentration on COVID-19 treatment. How rapidly this will be able to reduce the backlog of both essential and elective treatments remains unclear.

If you need transport to get to either surgery or hospital appointments we are able to help, but on a limited basis. Our driver numbers are depleted by the need to protect those of a vulnerable age or who are themselves shielding relatives. Currently we have only four drivers theoretically available out of a normal list of twenty.

To protect both passenger and driver, we will need to follow careful safety procedures including the use of face masks, sanitising vehicles etc. We will provide anything the passenger needs in that respect but we will need as much notice as possible in which to make arrangements.

Similarly, we are unable to provide physical assistance to passengers, getting into or out of the rear seat of a vehicle or making their way into the building. We will do everything we can to seek alternative help.

Contact us on 07954 081705

Please allow at least 48 hours notice if you need transport

Sampford Peverell Caring Friends

Hon Secretary: Rosalie Chamberlin 01823 672135

Hon Chairman: Neil Macdonald 01884 821096

We need to recruit drivers particularly in the age range 50-70 to reduce the average age of our drivers. Can you help Roughly one or two trips per month in normal times. Call any of the above numbers to discuss what is involved.

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Listening Ear
01392 248919
info@devoncommunities.org.uk

FREE 121 wellbeing support for Devon business owners

Devon County Council

Are you feeling the pressure of trying to run a business during a pandemic? Listening Ear is a new pilot programme that's here to help...

Running a business is stressful at the best of times, during a pandemic it's even harder. There's a lot to think about just to keep afloat at the moment. But don't forget that YOU are one of the most important parts of your business and you need to look after yourself as well as the paperwork.

Listening Ear is a new service that gives you the opportunity to chat informally to an experienced volunteer about whatever's making you feel stressed. We're not here to offer business advice; we're here to provide a friendly, impartial listening ear so you can talk about whatever you feel you need to.

Our experienced volunteers will provide a supportive ear and will also be able to signpost you to other services if you need them. Your wellbeing is important to both your health and the future of your business. Talking to one of our Listening Ear volunteers is a way for you to prioritise your own mental wellbeing, especially when you may not feel comfortable talking to your friends and family about things. It's ok to put yourself first. Call our team and book your first chat today.

If you would like to find out more about talking to our Listening Ear volunteers, please visit <https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/projects/listening-ear>, contact info@devoncommunities.org.uk or call 01392 248919.

Listening Ear is funded by Devon County Council and has been developed in partnership with Devon Communities Together. It is initially a pilot until March 2021, with the possibility of being extended and expanded in the future.

Sampford Groups and Clubs

The Sampford Peverell Society



Main picture: New Interpretation Board beside the towpath, near the canal bridge
Inset: The other is in Higher Town, opposite the School.



New Interpretation Boards

Two replacement interpretation panels have recently been installed in the village by the Sampford Peverell Society. One can be found beside the towpath, near the canal bridge and the other is in Higher Town, opposite the School.

The new panels provide some brief information about the history of both areas. They replace previous panels, within the same metal frames, that were installed over 15 years ago and had faded badly. The opportunity has been taken to completely review their content and design, and to include lots of new material.

We were able to do this thanks to a grant from the Devon County Council's Locality Budget. Special thanks go to Leigh Jackson, who has come up with the eye-catching new design. Those who provided photos and illustrations have been acknowledged on the boards.

Peter Bowers

The Romans in Devon

The Sampford Peverell Society's interest in local history usually covers the last couple of hundred years, but on **Friday 12th March** we will be getting an insight into life in Devon in Roman times. Bill Horner, the county archaeologist, will be giving us a talk, via Zoom, on 'The Romans in Devon', a popular topic and one very relevant to this part of Devon.



Members will be sent the zoom link details by email. This will be the first of several local history talks during the year, by Zoom until we are able to meet in the village hall again.

Membership only costs £5 a year, so if you would like to join just send us an email and we'll work out how you can pay. We will then send you the details of this meeting and all future meetings.

Sampford Peverell Society: sampevsoc@gmail.com



Sampford Peverell and District Garden Club

March garden tips

It is now the best time to order your summer flowering bulbs such as dahlias, allium, lilies, gladioli, begonias, agapanthus and freesia. This is because summer bulbs, should be planted in spring, when the soil is beginning to warm up. The ideal soil temperature is 13°C as in colder soil bulbs will not start to grow and may rot. Bulbs you have stored over winter should be planted at the end of their dormant season.

It would also be a good time to cut back hedges before birds start to nest and to consider planting any new trees, shrubs, hedges, climbers or roses.

Other tasks that could be done in March are:

- Start to prune roses removing dead, damaged or diseased stems.
- You could plant up growbags with seed potatoes, tomato plants, beetroot, carrots, peas or beans.
- Protect your young plants against slugs and snails, there are several methods that you could try.
 - Use organic slug pellets.
 - Water in biological control.
 - Use copper barriers.
 - Mulch with grit.
 - Use beer traps.
- Plant lilies in borders or pots.
- Order onion sets, shallots or main crop seed potatoes.
- At this time of year continue feeding wild birds prior to nesting.

- Prepare seed beds in fine dry weather and cover with fleece to improve soil temperatures.
- Dig over wintered green manure for planting within a couple of weeks.
- Plant snowdrops in the green once flowers have finished. The plants establish quicker this way.
- In a mild winter give your lawns a first cut, ensure mowers are on a high setting then rake and feed.
- Start sprouting dahlias in warm conditions.
- Pick off developing seed heads on daffodils and other spring bulbs but leave the foliage to die back naturally.
- Plant forced bulbs which have finished flowering into the garden.

To purchase mail order bulbs you could visit www.bostonbulbswholesale.co.uk



Sarah Chesters RIP

It was with great sadness we learnt of the death of Sarah Chesters last month.

We met Sarah in September 2018 when she came to give a talk to the Sampford Peverell Garden Club about Ten Wonderful Plants for your Garden, she managed eighteen, each one was accompanied by superb samples of the plant itself along with great details about each one, after the talk, during refreshments she answered many questions from all who attended.

We are certain that Sarah will be greatly missed by the many people she worked with and met, an extremely talented lady, and one I am sure you will agree, we had the honour of meeting.

Gina, Liz, Michael and Janet.

Sampford Peverell and District Garden Club.

Tree Wardens' update

For the tree wardens, winter is usually a busy time, where we have working parties addressing various tasks around the village. This year, of course, has been very different. In the interval between lockdowns in the autumn, we did manage some sessions of planting daffodil bulbs, which had been generously donated by several residents. Hopefully, the results of our endeavours will start to show this month, especially along Turnpike, where most of the bulbs were planted.

Apart from that, our activities have been confined to solitary working. Four new apple trees - all local varieties - have been planted in the Community Orchard (behind the tennis courts), bringing the total number of fruit trees there now to twenty-four. Apart from three pear trees, three crab apples and one plum, the remainder are all apples.

We have planted eleven new trees there in the last three years, which we would not expect to be bearing fruit for a few more years yet. Nevertheless, the mature trees are doing well and their fruits are freely available every year to members of the community.

As you may recall, this orchard was underplanted with wildflower seeds by the Canal Rangers last autumn. Some areas are showing lots of signs of growth, whilst others didn't do so well. The Rangers are intending to sow some more seeds on the bare patches in the spring, so that it should all get established this year. In order not to disturb the young seedlings, tree pruning in the orchard has been kept to a minimum this winter.

We are very grateful for a donation from the Parish Magazine. This will set us up well for whatever work lies ahead, later in the year.

Peter Bowers



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A warm welcome to . .

Sarah and Matt Steggle and their two boys Charlie aged 9 and William who is 3 years old they moved into 32 Fairfield on 7th January.

Sarah and Nick and their two girls, Emily aged 3 and Eloise who is 3 months old, who recently moved into No 24 Turnpike.



NEWS FROM COLDHARBOUR MILL

Since our last update, we have had to stop many of the projects at the Mill which involve volunteers being on site due to the most recent lockdown. However, there are still plenty of plans we are still working on and some very important projects coming up as we have now moved into the Museum's 40th Anniversary Year!

Firstly, we are having the Grade 2* listed Grist Mill building repaired. These works are to conserve the estate for future generations to enjoy. They include replacing guttering and fascia boards, replacing the old skirting boards (installed many years ago!), repairs and redecoration of the windows and repointing stonework alongside major roof structure repair on the west elevation annexe. All is to be completed by the end of March, so that there will be no disturbance to the colony of swifts who return to us every April. In addition our builders are being very careful not to disturb any of the nests which can be found under the eaves of the building.

Our Grist Mill is the oldest building on our site, having been here long before the main factory and other buildings and is an important part of the history of Uffculme and Coldharbour Mill. Did you know that there is a record of mills at Uffculme in the Domesday Book, written in 1086? One of them may have been on the present-day Coldharbour Mill site!

We are also excited to continue our plans to create a **Rural Skills Training Programme** with the aim to encourage unemployed or inactive persons to get involved, learn new skills and increase their employment prospects. The programme is fully funded by the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Education and Skills Funding Agency, who are working with Petroc College in Devon and Somerset to deliver the funding.

The goal of the programme is to aid unemployed or inactive people to gain new skills and move into work, but trainees will also be helping Coldharbour Mill improve and manage our community space at the Millpond as part of our Project Splash!

Though the launch has been held back due to the current lockdown, we are still registering interest and we will confirm new dates for the course as soon as we are able to do so. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please email or phone us - see below - to find out more or register interest.

Best Wishes,
Peter Holdway-Bradley, General Manager

To contact Coldharbour Mill

please phone: **01884 840960**
or email: info@coldharbourmill.org.uk
or visit the Mill website: www.coldharbourmill.org.uk

or write to Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme, Cullompton EX15 3EE.

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Air Bridges and Oceans

As a follow up to my last article on RAF operations on Ascension Island, I hope readers might be interested in how we amused ourselves on duty.



Lyneham Engineering detachment Ascension

We operated from a scruffy old tent at the side of the only taxiway. Work as an aircraft technician can be very intense particularly if a defect shows itself shortly before departure time. The one we all dreaded was crew in snag, its turning and burning. Meaning a defect and all engines running and propellers spinning. On the flip side there could be long periods of relative inactivity. If all our kites as we called them were either airborne or on the ground and serviceable, and no flights pending, we could sit about.

We would get visiting aircraft either an American C141 transport plane or a Hercules from Lyneham or a VC10 from Brize Norton. We once had a Canberra photo reconnaissance PR9, and he impressed us by holding the nose wheel off the ground right to the last possible minute. We had a good view of approach and touch down. Like every back seat driver we would critique arrivals. Was it a text book landing, or did the aircraft land heavily and with a puff of tyre smoke bouncing back into the air? There were extra points if the pilot could select reverse thrust and slow down enough to execute a sharp right turn into the taxiway, rather than passing the taxiway at some speed and then proceeding to the end of the runway before turning round and trundling slowly back again. Points would be deducted for an overly long drift and a late touchdown.

We adapted marshalling wands, these were like giant table tennis bats with scores 1-10. We had a team of 4 each scoring 1-10, and another with

a range of messages. After judging all aspects and just before the aircraft turned into the taxi way, we would grab the appropriate score board then run across to the side of the tarmac. Forming a neat line of 5 men, then at the point where the visiting crew were looking and wondering what was going on up would come our score boards. Judges 1-4 would appear in a Mexican wave and giving marks out of 10, the fifth then raised his message board. For a good landing we had "Top Pilot," if very poor "Co-Pilot Landing." *Just to explain the co-pilot is the apprentice, under the watchful eye of the captain.*

We would be close enough to see right into the cockpit and they often waved and grinned back at us sometimes giving the thumbs up. Some crews came over to see us and have a chat and a laugh.

The night shifts could be tense if we had defects to clear and the clock was ticking towards 06.00 hours and another air bridge. Unlike the Victor tanker crews, who had a standby aircraft in the event of a last minute technical hitch we would not have time to swap cargo loads over. Nights often started busy, recovering and preparing our kites for the next sortie. If all went according to plan there would be a quiet period of perhaps two-



A green Turtle ashore to lay eggs

three hours. We had some old canvas stretchers to snatch a bit of shut eye. It never lasted long as the nocturnal land crabs would start scuttling about and some bright spark would switch on a flash light and try and catch them. They moved like grease lightening and were not often caught. If we could get round the shift leader we might borrow the land-rover and go turtle spotting on the beach.

Alan Saxon

The green turtles drag themselves up under cover of

darkness, dig huge holes in the sand and bury their clutch of eggs before returning to the ocean. How these beautiful creatures navigate from the coast of Brazil returning to the place of their birth a tiny speck of land in the vast South Atlantic is one of nature's wonders for sure.

Written In March by *William Wordsworth*

The cock is crowing,
The stream is flowing,
The small birds twitter,
The lake doth glitter
The green field sleeps in the sun;
The oldest and youngest
Are at work with the strongest;
The cattle are grazing,
Their heads never raising;
There are forty feeding like one!

Like an army defeated
The snow hath retreated,
And now doth fare ill
On the top of the bare hill;
The plowboy is whooping—anon-anon:
There's joy in the mountains;
There's life in the fountains;
Small clouds are sailing,
Blue sky prevailing;
The rain is over and gone!

The Mid Devon Singers

The MiDS are planning to start singing again as soon as possible, and we hope by or before September. We are asking all members to let us know when they have been vaccinated to help determine the start date.

Our friendly musical bunch continues to maintain contact checking that everyone is safe. We are all aware of how Covid-19 is spread, including speaking and singing. 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, when it is often impractical to have open windows. This would be a good use of the £10, 000 Government grant provided to the halls to alleviate the effects of the current pandemic. The MiDS is making a proposal to Halberton Village Hall in this respect, as we think it's a really good idea to consider for the benefit all hall users.

If you'd like to sing for fun, please contact us now; call for a chat or visit our Facebook. it will be a good



time to join to sing a little of everything, when many singers are new too. Please tell friends, colleagues and neighbours, especially new ones. We have been meeting some of our new members at our virtual social evenings, including a recent *Raise a Glass Evening*.

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 (all still with us) and helpers who have come from across the district to enjoy singing with us.

There are no auditions, there's no charge for trying us out and it's free for youngsters. We do have a vitally important coffee break. We'll continue to meet at Halberton Village Hall, on Fridays as soon as it's safe to do so.

Contact: singers@halberton.org

Tel: 01884 820081 or 252910.

Terry Payne (Chairman)

Halberton Music Fair looking forward to something new

The Mid Devon Singers, in collaboration with other organisations, are proposing to organise a **Music Fair** in Halberton in the autumn of 2021 where there will be lots of **free** items, a range of stalls, food and drink, entertainment and organisations showcasing themselves. Admission will be free to this novel fun event.

This will take place at Halberton Village Hall, probably on a Saturday or Sunday. This will include people bringing musical items such as sheet music, vocal scores, books, vinyl records or CDs that they want

to offload, sell or exchange. Anyone who wants to sell anything musical will be able to hire a stall. There will be an auction for the more valuable items, such as instruments or equipment. We hope that unwanted items, such as music, will be of use to new owners, and given a new lease of life.

Local schools/choirs/ensembles will be invited along to perform (on the stage) probably in half hour slots. There will be a bar, food, stalls for music shops and other organisations wishing to advertise/sell items; private music teachers will be able to advertise themselves. Devon Music Library Service will be invited. The event will be advertised widely across the South West region.

If you have items that you no longer need you may wish to donate them to the Fair so that others may make good use of them **or** you may have things you wish to sell or have auctioned. We'll keep you informed about this but meanwhile **don't throw anything musical away** as someone will love to have and use it.

If you are interested in helping to organise the event in any way please contact me ASAP at either terry@halberton.org singers@halberton.org
Tel: 01884 820081
or 07973 890947.

Old Halberton Newsletters. Last chance to help.

We are trying to complete the historical sets of Halberton Newsletters issued over the years so that the History Group, the Tiverton Museum and the Devon Heritage Centre have full sets. If you have any old copies that you no longer need, these will be gratefully received with or without its Advertising Directory.

Education Matters! printed the Newsletter in Halberton up to 2012 and has a complete set; this will be housed by the Devon Heritage Centre, but we are short of copies with the following numbers to complete other sets: **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 50, 55, 79, 86, 90, 93, 95, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111.**

If you can help, please have a search and pass any of these copies through to me at Star Cottage, 29 High Street, (opposite the Village Hall) in early March or they can be collected from you.

Many Thanks, Terry Payne 820081

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Bernie O'Connell 07773 560123**

Plant a *FREE* Tree to store carbon

The Parish Magazine has once again made a generous grant to the Parish Council.

Sampford Peverell declared a climate emergency last February. Given COVID restrictions, we have been unable to achieve anything together as a community since then, although no doubt many individuals have been doing their bit. To allow us to start responding across the village, the Parish Council has decided to plant some trees.

Individual householders are invited to plant a FREE fruit tree in their garden. The first 30 people to get in touch with me will hopefully receive a tree in March (If not, these will be planted in the autumn). If you need help with planting, our fantastic tree wardens will come and do this for you, subject to COVID restrictions (if accessing your garden means going through the house, then they cannot do that at the moment).

You can choose from apple (cooker or eater), plum or pear. We suggest you look at the *Adam's Apples* website, to see what is in stock. Note that M106 rootstock trees (which is most of the apple trees) will grow to 4 or 5 metres, so you need to have the space for it. www.adamsappletrees.co.uk We are expecting to spend up to £20 for each tree.

For landowners with more space available, we can offer to plant tree whips (in the autumn). These would be especially welcome alongside water courses as we strive to protect streams from the impact of agricultural runoff. **Please get in touch if you would like to hear more, and we will arrange a visit.**



If we can plant trees every year for a decade, this would add up to a significant impact on our carbon footprint. Once we are able to hold a public meeting, we can get together to decide what else can be done to address the climate emergency. Meanwhile, linking our actions to the biodiversity crisis makes good sense!
Tim Burt
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Main image: Plecotus auritus - Brown long-eared bat, a common bat species throughout Europe

Insert: Rhinolophus ferrumequinum - Greater Horseshoe bat

Are you going to go batty this year? |||

There are 18 species of bat in Britain and they all have different needs, so some are more likely to be found in dark, rural areas such as the Greater Horseshoe bat, and others are happy in more built-up areas, like the Common Pipistrelle. All the bats in the UK eat insects and so they are great natural pest controllers. Bats find their prey through echolocation, which is where the bat calls at a very high frequency and listens for the return call as it bounces off an object. As well as finding their prey, this helps them to build up a map of their surroundings. Most humans cannot hear these calls, although children are sometimes able to, and so a bat detector is used to record bat calls, which are distinctive to a particular bat, or a group of bats.

At this time of year bats are in hibernation but from April onward they emerge. The towpath on the Grand Western Canal provides an opportunity to see them, particularly at dawn and dusk when it is warm and dry. Devon Wildlife Trust has provided a bat detector to enable local volunteers to monitor bat activity along this stretch of the canal over the last two years. So what bats can be seen along this stretch of the canal?

There have been two monitoring points in Sampford Peverell. The first is in a garden next to the church. In 2020, the total numbers recorded at this location were up a bit on 2019 with many more Myotis species, including Alcahoë, Bechstein's, Brandt's, Daubenton's, Natterer's and Whiskered bats, but fewer Noctules. One of the highlights of the survey at this location in 2020 was that a Long-Eared bat was recorded.



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The second monitoring point has been in a garden off Turnpike. In 2019 the most common species recorded at this location were Noctules, which is one of the largest British species, followed by Common Pipistrelles and then Soprano Pipistrelles. However in 2020 by far the most common species recorded at this location were the Myotis species; over 3 days in August almost 8,000 bat passes were recorded!

This survey evidence shows that, even if we are unaware of them, these small and fascinating creatures live in close proximity to us. At night they use our gardens as an important source of food, water and shelter. As their natural habitats become more scarce our gardens are playing a more important role in securing a future for bats. With this in mind the Bat Conservation Trust sets out the following ways to help bats:

- plant night-scented flowers, such as evening primrose;
- build a pond;
- let your garden go a little wild;
- put up a bat box;
- create linear features, such as hedgerows;
- reduce or remove artificial lighting; and
- keep cats indoors at night.

For more information about how to build a bat box and help bats in your garden please see the following link:

<https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/actions/how-build-bat-box>



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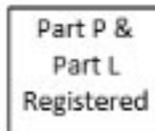
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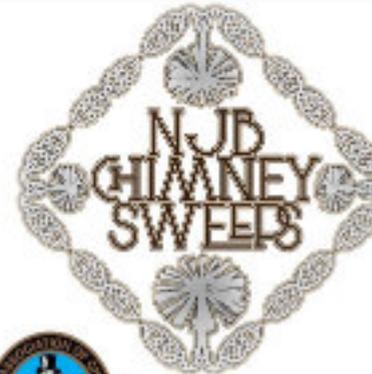
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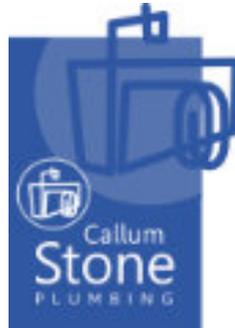
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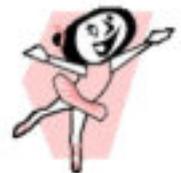
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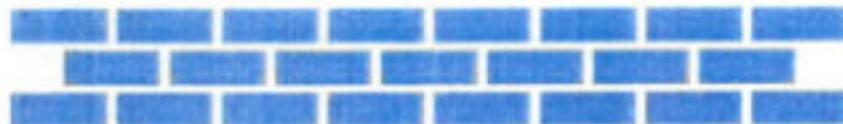


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Uplowman	www.uplowman.org.uk
Grand Western Canal	www.friendsgrandwesterncanal.org.uk

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