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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amazed and delighted to be able to celebrate her 100th birthday on 13th February, Mrs. Gwen Dennis of Pengilly Way, Hartland, would like to thank all those lovely neighbours and friends from a wide area who came and celebrated with her at a very memorable ‘open house’ so superbly organised by her family. Special thanks to them all and to everyone who helped to make it so special. Also, a very special thank you to everyone for all the lovely cards and good wishes, etc.

Ida Keens and Family would like to thank all those who attended her 100yr old birthday party on boxing day evening 2017, we hope you all had such a lovely evening as we did. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who spent time in preparing and supplying a lovely spread of food also, to thank those who gave generously to a very good cause. The Devon Air ambulance, a sum of £293.53 was collected.

Vernon Keens

I would like to express my profound gratitude for all the love and care that has been showered upon me following the sudden loss of my dear husband John. It has been such a wonderful help to me and my daughters so thank you to everyone.

Elaine Peak

Alan, Sandra, Patrick and family would like to thank all their family and friends (especially the Toase/Hall family) for all their help and support through Pearl’s illness. Thank you to Auntie Jean for the flowers and Nancy Johns and helpers for catering at the wake. Also a big thank you to Dr Tapsell and the North Devon Hospice Nurses who helped make Pearl’s final days comfortable and peaceful. An amount of £582.97 was collected in lieu of flowers which has been donated to The North Devon Hospice.

Emma Leach and Adriaan (Addy) Baston welcomed baby Edward Jesse Baston to the world at Royal Devon and Exeter (RD&E) Hospital on 4 December 2017 at 8h03 weighing 7lb4oz. A wonderful early Christmas present and first grandchild for Frannie and Philip Leach of the Springfield pottery and first nephew for proud uncle Jesse Leach. On Addy’s side of the family, Edward is the fourth grandchild for Derek and Maria Baston of Morwenstow and also a nephew and cousin for his sister’s family. Emma, Addy and Edward moved into their new home in Kilkhampton just in time for Christmas.

Emma, Addy and Edward
CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE HARTLAND POST
Very many thanks to all those who so kindly contribute to the editorial pages of the Hartland Post. Without your input, we would not have a magazine! It would be amazingly helpful if all contributions were submitted either as a Word file, or simply in the body of an email. I know that not everyone has a computer, but there is always someone nearby who can help!

FAREWELL TO

John Michael Mann 5th November
Judith Anne Weare 18th December
Pearl O’Donnell 31st December
June Rosemary Downie 4th January
Denis Newin 19th January
Joyce Colwill 26th January
John Peak 7th February

“FROM THE BEAT”
HARTLAND RURAL, WESTWARD HO!, NORTHAM & APPLEDORE

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Dr Austin Conner

As many of you will know, we shall have to say goodbye to Dr Austin Connor soon, as he retires from general practice at the end of April. Dr Connor has cared for many families in Hartland and the surrounding area since he moved to work here more than a decade ago, and he will be missed by so many. There are already lots of good wishes being passed on to us by the community, for us to share with Dr Connor as we mark his well-earned retirement - he will have much to enjoy in his spare time!

Dr Tapsell

As Dr Connor leaves us, we are absolutely delighted to announce that a new Partner will be joining Dr Tapsell at our Practice. He is someone she already knows quite well - her husband, Dr Sam Tapsell! Sam has worked at the Surgery from time to time in the recent past, helping us to care for you when we needed another pair of helping hands: he is very excited to be joining Ruth at Hartland and very much looking forward to meeting you all. Welcome, Sam!

Both Doctors and the Practice Nurse offer an extended hours service by appointment on a Wednesday evening; the door will be closed as usual from 6pm so please knock if you have been given an appointment after 6pm, as we shall be expecting you.

Patients who are registered at this practice can book an appointment to see a GP or nurse on weekday evenings. Appointments will take place at this Practice. Please talk to the Practice team to find out more or book an appointment. You can also book appointments online after signing up for the service. Please contact a member of the reception team for more information and an application form. Repeat prescriptions can also be requested online, via your computer, smart phone or tablet.

Hartland Surgery, 66 The Square, Hartland EX39 6BL.
Tel. 01237 441200
www.hartlandsurgery.co.uk

Blood Donations

If you are interested in giving blood, please contact the Hartland Post as there is a small group going regularly to Bude, Park House Centre, and transport can be arranged. You have to call the NHS blood donation unit first to make an appointment on the day of the donation session: 0300 123 23 23 and can search for eligibility criteria at www.blood.co.uk

Blood is not only needed to save the lives of those who have had serious accidents, it is also widely used for patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment for cancer and during emergency operations. Do something amazing by helping save lives.

Our Reception and Administration Team is now being looked after by Trudy Bowles, our newly-appointed Reception Manager. Trudy is now taking on and developing the support role that Kathie McGarry provided so ably for many years and we are thrilled that Kathie was persuaded not to retire but to remain such a vital part of our team, in a senior administrative role. We may never agree to let her go!

There is also lots of information available on our website.

Finally, just to confirm that our surgery opening hours are:

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THE WHITE HARE

White Hare Artist finds himself up to his ears in Angels!

Hartland artist Clive Brocklehurst was delighted and daunted upon receiving an order for 50 glass angels from the charity The Resurgence Trust. Clive individually hand makes the little angels that are ordered through his website www.randomangels.cloud

Clive explains “People order the little angels on line to be sent with a personalised message on the box to someone nominated by them. Like a random act of kindness the angel comes in the post as a surprise for someone - A Random Angel! People send them as a gesture of love and support to friends and family”

Normally made to order one at a time, the order for 50 came as a great surprise. Resurgence fund raiser Angie Burke was looking for different ways of raising funds and was inspired when Clive showed her the angels in his White Hare Studio in Hartland. Angie comments “I thought the angels were charming and agreed with Clive that we would use them as one of the items people could buy during our project to help raise funds”

Clive says “I was delighted to help but when Angie said she had offered 50 angels I never thought they would all be bought. It’s great to have contributed towards the Trust’s fundraising.”

Clive reports one funny incident after the Resurgence angels were sent out. Late one Saturday afternoon he had a concerned lady telephone him who had received an angel. Clive continues “Unlike the website angels where people send a message on the angel box the charity ones went out blank. Unbeknown to the recipient a friend had actually nominated her to receive the angel but as it had come with no message the lady had got the ‘heebie-jeebies’ when she opened the box to find the mysterious angel. Thankfully as my details are on the boxes I could set her mind to rest that it was a terrestrial gift and not a message from heaven!”

TAMAR VETS

Please note that Tamar Vets, who consult in Hartland on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays 5.30-6.30, now require that you make an appointment, call them on:
01288 354796

GUERNSEY

IN THE CINEMA FROM 20 APRIL!

“Guernsey” filmed in and around Hartland last summer, will be released in cinemas nationwide on 20 April. Adapted from the book, “The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society” by Annie Barrows and Mary Ann Shaffer, it is set in wartime Guernsey and recounts the story of a very unusual book club. Let’s hope we will soon be seeing it on the screen of our own Hartland Film Club!

THE HARTLAND HARTBREAKER www.hartlandhartbreaker.com

The Hartland Hartbreaker is a challenging, long distance off road run that starts and finishes at Hartland Abbey. It is organised by The North Devon Road Runners and is supported by Lord and Lady Stucley, raising money for the Children’s Hospice. This year the run will take place on Sunday 6th May.

The Hartbreaker has a fantastic atmosphere. In previous years participants have endured wind, rain and hail; this year we are really hoping we have earned enough bad weather tokens for a nice, dry, sunny day. The full Hartbreaker is about 18 miles, taking in much of our gruelling coast path as well as through private Abbey grounds; its catchline is ‘18 miles of Hartbreak!’

With a new course this year, there will be a long section of the run going through the Vale, so a fantastic opportunity for the village to get behind this great charitable event.

It would great to get some support for these brave souls. After running for several miles a cheer, word of encouragement (or maybe a jelly baby) can really help to keep them motivated. We are looking at setting up some ‘motivation stations’ along the course. A chance for you and the kids to bring some pots, pans, bells, whistles and smiles to support the runners and give them a cheery wave on. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with the marshals of the event. If you are keen to help out just a little bit more then speak to Marc Baker or Vicky Prouse who can be contacted through the Hartland Hillbillies Facebook page - a local group set up for anyone in the area who wants to get out and about in the area to run, walk or cycle. But more to follow on this group in the next issue.
HARTLAND WEATHER

Two words describe the weather over the past three months: wet and windy! Above average rainfall and wind speed tells the story of the weather since November.

The third week of November saw low pressure firmly anchored over southern England which brought in strong south westerly winds with gusts of up to 48mph and over 1½ inches of rain falling in 48 hours although temperatures held up into double figures. Further strong gusts from a NNW direction of over 50mph brought another 1½ inches of rain onto already saturated ground.

As the meteorological season changed to winter an icy blast from the north arrived, bringing daytime temperatures in single figures, down to 2 degrees overnight with hail showers on the Thursday into Friday. Storm Caroline was anything but sweet as a strong south westerly wind with gusts over 60mph with rainfall of over an inch of rain. This was followed by a week of daytime temperatures in single figures accompanied but a strong northerly wind.

Christmas day and Boxing day were both wet and windy but with a mild Christmas day of 10 degrees and a south westerly wind with gusts of up to 45 mph. Twixmas saw an unsettled period of weather with yet more strong winds and heavy rain with even a few bolts of lightening thrown in for good measure.

Only two days into the New Year saw an area of deep low pressure firmly anchored over Scotland, which brought us heavy westerly winds with gusts over 60 mph overnight into the third. The rain fell onto still saturated ground and combined with the high spring tides saw flood warnings issued along the North Devon coast. This trend continued for a few days before, finally, the wind dropped and we had a brief spell of dry and settled weather.

By the fourteenth of January it was all change again, back to N/NW winds and prolonged spells of heavy rain. This theme continued, wet and windy, until the end of the month, although the wind did ease slightly and became predominantly westerly.

The last quarter of the year, with the shorter days will obviously produce the least amount of solar power. However, 2017 was lower at 387 kilowatt hours compared to 511 in 2016.

Simon Phillips, Philham

NEWS from HARTLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

We can’t quite believe how fast time is going at school at the minute, we are already well into the spring term.

As a school we have just completed work with Kate Harvey from Appledore Arts Hub. She has spent a day with every class from Pre-School to Year 6 developing their sculpture and painting skills, all class work has been collated to make a whole school piece. 2 children from our school are also now attending weekly art sessions at the Arts Hub at Appledore Primary School.

Around the classes:
This term each class has been focussed on a geographical theme, the infant children have been learning about Clovelly and are soon to spend the day there. Years 3, 4 & 5 have been looking at Wild weather and its impact on both people and their environment. Year 6 are learning about farming and food miles, they are also busy preparing for their SATs tests in May.

In January we launched our Inter-House Sports competition, we started with a football tournament, and this was won by the children of Nectan house. We were joined by GB commonwealth high jumper Robert Mitchell, who challenged the children to take part in a series of physical education challenges. He also gave the children a talk about keeping healthy before showing us his high jumping skills. Also on the sporting theme, year 5 and 6 enjoyed a tennis festival held in the new buildings at Atlantic Racquet Centre in Bideford; they were very impressed with the new facilities.

As part of our work in the Atlantic Coast Cooperative Trust we have been sending children on Socrates Able and Talented pupil workshops, these sessions have been fully funded by the Atlantic Coast Cooperative Trust and provide children with a great opportunity to work with children of other local schools.

We have recently welcomed Linda Wright to the governing body; the governors have recently been busy carrying out learning walks and book scrutinies, focussed on developing phonics, reading and writing across the school. We currently have a vacancy for a co-opted governor, please contact Donna Weeks, Clerk to Governors if you are interested or know someone who may be. This cannot be a parent of a child in the school as we already have full representation for this group.

Once again parents and family members have supported the school through attending Inspire sessions, this term they have ranged from looking at the concept of Philosophy for children to Internet Safety. We really appreciated the support from our families, and know that the children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to share their learning.

There are currently vacancies within the Pre-School, please contact the school office 01237 441258 if you are interested in sending your child to Pre-School or increasing their current hours.

Don’t forget our Community Kitchen is open throughout term time. Menu is available from the school office or can be viewed in the school notice board. Please regularly check the school website for coming events.

Naomi Tottle, Headteacher

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Hedgehogs should be our best friends. They are generalist feeders (although strictly speaking part of the insectivora order) and are not fuss about what they eat. They have voracious appetites and can consume up to their bodyweight in food, including copious amounts of slugs and snails, every night. Given the wet winter we have had, gardeners are going to need all the help they can get as far as slugs and snails are concerned.

However, a press release from the Woodland Trust informs us that Britain has lost half of its hedgehogs in less than twenty years. The main causes being loss of habitat and the lack of connected landscapes; with tightly fenced fields and gardens hedgehogs are unable to roam in search of food and nesting sites. The use of pesticides on farmland and garden plots can also have detrimental impacts of hedgehogs and their food supply. In urban areas the use of impermeable fencing, loss of compost heaps and increasing development are other major issues. However, there are solutions and actions we can all take to help save our prickly friends. Three key aims have been identified: protect, restore and create trees, hedgerows and woods. Apart from planting trees and creating new woodland, the retention and management of existing hedgerows is being encouraged to allow species, like hedgehogs, to move freely through the landscape and forage for food.

Compost heaps are favourite homes for hedgehogs and providing holes or gaps in fences and hedges will allow them access to your land and the “right to roam”. Although it is never a particularly good idea to feed wild animals, hedgehogs do love dog food or cat biscuits! After a mild winter, some may have already woken from their winter hibernation slumber and be out in gardens looking for food; there should, however, be enough slugs and snails around to satisfy even the hungriest of hedgehogs.

TOO MUCH PLASTIC?

If, after watching Blue Planet 2, you are concerned by the growing amount of non-recyclable plastics in your bin you may need to re-think your shopping strategy! It’s very hard to buy fresh fruit and veg in the supermarket that is not wrapped in several layers of plastic. While we wait for them to adjust to the demands of the customer for less packaging, you could consider ordering a regular fruit/veg box from Patt’s of Lymebridge in glorious sunshine and blue skies; what a joy after all this rain! I was thinking about what to write for the latest Hartland Post and came upon the idea of a quiz, based on the plants I saw on the way. All were in leaf, only one in flower. I have limited it to ten plants, although there were many more; what are they?

1. Lawyers, looking a little skeletal in their winter clothes, (once they have a hold on you, they never let go!)
2. Greater ......................... delicately weaving over the banks; this plant could be helpful if you have a stitch.
3. Poor man’s oatmeal, with its early leaves, fern-like on the banks.
4. A Lilly unfolding its first leaves like a cigar paper; sometimes called ‘jack in the pulpit’.
5. Wordsworth’s favourite plant (no not daffodil).
6. A poisonous bulb, favourite in our woodlands, its shiny green leaves emerging in a whorl amongst the dead leaf-litter.
7. A hot pepper-flavoured annual with a wavy stem and white flowers
8. A highly poisonous umbellifer who likes to have wet feet.
9. A plant with edible white pointed roots, related to a popular vegetable and common on our cliffs in summer.
10. The kissing bush.

If you were struggling, then clearly you need to come on a Plantwalk with me! Set walks this season are on my website (plantwalk.co.uk) or you can book a bespoke walk with family and friends; just call or email me. Clare Gurton

STOP PRESS! There is now the very first-of-its-kind community recycling bin in Rosie’s carpark, Bude, where you can take your black trays, plastic wrap, cling film and Tetra packs. Collected by Coastal recycling. Check out A Greener Bude on facebook for more information.
Since the last issue of The Hartland Post our community has delighted in celebrating the birthdays of two senior citizens who have reached that wonderful landmark age of 100!

Both are amazingly active, seemingly completely ignoring the passage of time and still extremely capable car drivers, having started driving at the age of seventeen, some eighty-three years ago! In fact, both found it necessary to change their cars for more up-to-date models whilst both at the age of 99, their cars certainly not wearing as well as their owners!

First to reach that special birthday was Mrs. Ida Keens of Baxworthy, Hartland, Ida celebrating her birthday on Boxing Day, 26th December 2017.

Born at Horns Cross, Ida came to Baxworthy as a toddler of one year old when her parents, Arthur & Linda Headon moved there after his demob from the First World War and Baxworthy has been her home ever since, though Ida did move next door after her marriage to Nonus Keens after he was demobbed from service in the Second World War in 1946. A couple of years ago the Westward Housing Association featured Ida in their company newsletter as their longest standing tenant – an amazing record.

After serving with the RAF at the four-man VHF radio station at Baxworthy Nonus spent 3½ years in South Africa and the Middle East and Ida spent the war years in the Women’s Land Army working on farms, mainly tractor driving.

Nonus worked for the Devon Highways Department for nearly forty years and was a familiar sight in charge of the steam road roller, finishing his working life for the last couple of years as an inspector on the construction of the North Devon Link Road. They had two sons, Vernon and Trevor, and celebrated their Golden Wedding in December 1996. Nonus sadly passed away in April 2000.

Greatly enjoying her new car and the independence it gives her, Ida does not venture too far nowadays but drives into Hartland several times a week, though you must be early if you want to catch her as she really is an early bird, even at 100! Up at five and seeing to her solid fuel Rayburn by six and tidying through before a trip into Hartland when the shops open. Mornings are always busy with neighbour Jean Weeks dropping in for a coffee and for the postman there is always a welcome cuppa!

Not surprising from her background, Ida has been a lifelong supporter of the Royal British Legion and remains a stalwart member of the Hartland Women’s Section of which she is the long serving President. Also, a member of the Hartland Over Sixties Club, Ida is a very keen ‘scrabble’ player and most of all loves the company, and she is a familiar sight at many community events, such as the Parish Hall Lunches.

So, it was very fitting that to celebrate her 100th birthday her family organised a special birthday party at the Hartland RBL Club when so many family, including her sons and daughter-in-law, two grandsons, two step-grandsons and one great-grandson and the many friends, some of whom had travelled from far and wide came to celebrate with Ida at ’100 not out!’ Sadly, the weather was extremely unkind – as it has been for so much of this very long winter - and made it very difficult, especially for those travelling a long distance. But without doubt the highlight of the evening for Ida was when her sons, Vernon and Trevor, presented her with a ‘Big Red Book’ in which they had prepared a superb record of her life spanning 100 years, a task which had taken months of collating and photo & document copying. A very much treasured memento, it has plenty of room for Ida’s further exploits in the coming years!

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Back in 2005, marking the 70th anniversary of the introduction of the driving test, the ‘Hartland Times’ featured Gwen’s driving experiences as she had been one of the first to face the new compulsory driving test. But in truth, Gwen has been driving even longer, for being a farmer’s daughter, her father had bought his first car when she was only seven and she had learned the basics of driving on the farm long before she was seventeen and could drive on the roads!

Devonshire born and bred of farming stock, Gwen (nee Down) was brought up at Stoke Canon and, very keen on horse riding, it was when her father bought her a hunter that she first met her future husband, Cyril Dennis, the son of a farmer and horse and cattle dealer. They were married in 1938 and Gwen made her home at Tedburn St. Mary, where they had their two children, Russell and Valerie. Later the family moved to Ebford, Topsham, which was her home for thirty-five years. Sadly, Cyril was diagnosed with leukaemia in 1979 and passed away in 1980 and Gwen moved to a bungalow in the village, continuing to be very much involved in many of the village and chapel organisations.

It was in 1996 that Gwen first moved to Hartland, her daughter Valerie then living here at ‘Greehhills’ and for the past twenty-two years Gwen has greatly enjoyed being part of this very local community, and very much a part of the Hartland Methodist Church. Though Valerie now lives at Clyst St. Mary with her husband, Roy Down, Gwen has two of her grandchildren close by with Karen and husband Graham at Copp’s Castle, Hartland and Steven Goaman and his wife, Helen, at East Dyke Farm, Clovelly.

For more than 55 years Gwen has been a member of the Women’s Institute, joining with them wherever she lived, serving several times as President and in recent years has been a member of the Hartland WI and it was lovely that at their February meeting members organised a little celebration tea in honour of her 100th birthday.

To mark her actual birthday on Tuesday, 13th February Gwen’s family prepared a day-long open house when friends and neighbours from far and wide were invited to drop in and celebrate with her – as long as they were ready to help devour the huge spread that had been prepared! Fortunately, despite an unfavourable forecast and sandwiched between two awful days, it proved to be sunny and not too windy, even if rather cold and, needless to say, a very large number enjoyed spending time to celebrate with her.

Returning to Clyst St. Mary with daughter Valerie and her husband, Roy Down, the next day, Gwen then celebrated her birthday in grand style with a truly memorable Luncheon Party at The Waie Inn, Zeal Monachorum on Sunday, 18th February, with her extended family, including her son, Russell and his wife Anne, who live at Totnes, her five grandchildren and partners and eight great-grandchildren, and a few close life-long friends, many travelling from all corners of the country. A very special way to mark a very special birthday!

Warmest congratulations to two very special ladies, and here is to many more ‘Happy Birthdays’!

Tony Manley

News from HARTLAND METHODIST CHURCH

THE SUDDEN DEATH OF THE REV. JOHN PEAK

As these notes are prepared for the deadline of this issue of the ‘Hartland Post’ everyone connected with the chapel as well as the village and the much wider community are reeling at the sudden death of our minister, the Rev. John Peak. Attending Holsworthy Market on 7th February, where he was so much involved in pastoral help to the farming community, John collapsed and despite extensive efforts of the paramedics and being airlifted to Derriford Hospital, he passed away. With the funeral arranged for Monday, 26th February, it is with such deep shock and sadness that we now must come to terms with what has happened. What we hope will be a fitting tribute will be prepared in time for the next issue. In the meantime, all our love and deepest sympathy to his wife Elaine and all the family. Who can forget the outstanding performance of both John and Elaine in the latest ‘Hartland Players’ production which had only ended its four-night run the previous Saturday.

Looking back, we must mention the wonderful ‘Nativity Festival’ organised at the beginning of December, when the Chapel was decorated with over fifty nativity sets. Built around a fifty nativity sets remained in place for a three-day period and the nativity sets. Refreshments were served each of the three days of the Festival and the nativity sets remained in place for a further week so that everyone attending our annual Carol Service with Hartland Town Band on the 17th December could also enjoy them as well. As always Hartland Town Band were a highlight of the Christmas celebrations, the carol service, led by Rev. John Peak, very well attended.

No. 10 Spring 2018
Dear Friends,

As I write this, I look out to see the snowdrops in bloom, the daffodils beginning to open and the days lengthening.

Spring is in the air.

In the Christian calendar we have entered the season of Lent – a time of self-examination and preparation as we approach the festival of Easter.

Whatever religious beliefs you hold, or none, there is no denying that as we come through the dark of winter and into this season of new life, opportunities open up for new beginnings.

We all benefit from a time to examine our lives and our thoughts and attitudes and consider how it is best to move forward – how we can improve our own lives, the lives of others and of course how we can improve the community in which we live.

Hartland is a diverse community. It embraces families who have always lived here, families like mine who fell in love with the village on holidays and eventually moved here; those who choose to retire here…

There are many societies and groups, talented artists; those concerned with environmental issues; walkers and ramblers – all bringing something special and individual to the community, but united by a common cause. The cause being that Hartland should be a good place to live.

As a minister in the church, my responsibility is of course to the worshipping community, but the role of a minister is so much more. At Ordination we are charged with ‘the cure of souls’. This doesn’t mean going around performing healing miracles (although that would be great), it means having a care for everybody, whether that be through the occasional offices such as baptisms, weddings and funerals, or being a listening ear in times of grief and trouble (and sharing the joys too).

As we move forward into spring my hope for this year is that we will all listen to each other and help each other to make sure Hartland continues to be a unique village, welcoming new initiatives whilst continuing to hold onto traditions that make it such a special place. Every Blessing, Revd. Jane

Hartland Ministry Team are considering some changes to the Wednesday morning regime after Easter!

Currently, we meet in the Church Rooms to celebrate Holy Communion at 10.00am. There is then a coffee break and a Bible Study begins at 11.00am (Look out for details of a Lent Study Course- posters will appear when we have finalised our choice). Community Lunch then follows at 12 noon.

We are aware that numbers attending the Bible Study have fallen. This could be for a variety of reasons, one of which could be that it’s a long morning for people to attend if they want to come to all three things…

We are thinking of:

- Celebrating Communion at 11.00am, then coffee and into lunch
- Having a Bible Study on a different day.
- Having a prayer group instead of a Bible study (different/same day)
- Any other option that you would like to suggest!

As our Wednesday morning activities are Ecumenical, we would welcome feedback from as many people as possible across the Hartland churches, and also from anybody who hasn’t attended before but might be interested.

We would also welcome ideas for any areas that people are particularly interested in; be it Bible study, prayer groups, Christian meditation or anything related!

If any of this has struck a chord with you, please would you email me at: hartlandcoastparishes@gmail.com

Or contact the parish office on 441142

Many thanks, Revd. Jane Hayes

DIARY

Sundays at 11am at St Nectan’s unless otherwise indicated.
Please check notice boards in case of last minute changes.

March
11th 11am Sung Eucharist
18th 10am Breakfast Church at Methodist Chapel
25th 11am Palm Sunday; Family Communion

HOLY WEEK
29th Good Friday
1st 6.30am EASTER SUNDAY Sonrise service at Warren Cliffs
11am Sung Eucharist
8th 11am Sung Eucharist
15th 10am Breakfast Church at Methodist Chapel
22nd 11am Family Communion
29th 11am Morning Worship

May
6th 11am United Worship
13th 11am Sung Eucharist
20th 10am Breakfast Church at Methodist Chapel
27th 11am Family Communion

June
3rd 11am United Worship
10th 11am Sung Eucharist

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT - IN CHURCH ROOMS
Tuesdays: 12.15 -1pm, Lent Lunch; March 13th, 20th, 27th
Wednesdays: 10am, Holy Communion; March 14th, 21st, 28th. 10.45am, Lent Study Group; March 14th, 21st, 12.15pm, Community Lunch; March 14th, 21st, 28th

Regular Activities in Church Rooms
Tuesday and Friday: 10am - 12noon, Coffee Shop
Wednesdays: 11am, Holy Communion; April 11th, 18th, 25th, May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, June 6th, 13th, 12.15pm, Community Lunch; April 11th, 18th, 25th, May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, June 6th, 13th,

MESSY CHURCH
Thursdays: 3.30pm, March 15th, April 19th, May 17th

VACANCY

Revd Brenda Jacobs left her post here on January 31st.

The Church of England process to fill a Vacancy is never quick. There are a series of meetings set to a specific timetable. Our Archdeacon hopes that, if we get a suitable applicant, the post will be filled in October. We will keep you updated.

Kay Greenish and Thirza Goaman; Church Wardens
We held our Awards Presentation and Open Evening on the 23rd November 2017. CI Ray Wade was asked to present the Awards in recognition of his long association with Hartland ATC. Ray has been with the Squadron for over 36 years and has the unenviable job of dealing with the Health and Safety; a thankless task! It was a real honour for the Squadron to have Ray ‘up front’ presenting the Awards. The Commanding Officer’s Award was presented to Miss Doreen Wilkinson for her continued support to our Squadron.

AWARDS WINNERS:


On the 3rd December 2017 twelve cadets, along with Flt Lt Symons and Parents attended Morrisons’s Supermarket, Bude to assist customers with bag packing. Due to the amazing efforts of our fantastic cadets we raised over £400. We are very grateful to Morrisons, Bude for allowing our cadets to fundraise at the store. We also really appreciate the help from Parents. The cadets who attended were: Billy and Sammy Heard, Harriet and George Allin, Victoria Pengilly, Tom Souch, Thomas Dart, Liam O’Sullivan, Max and Sam Gale, Lilian Threkheld and Matthew Morgan. Thank you all!

Also in December a sponsored silence was held at the Squadron. This was held to raise funds for new radios. Due to the amazing generosity of our cadet’s families we raised £241.60. The Squadron was eerily quiet and not a sound was heard for the whole evening. In fact it was quite enjoyable!

Sgt Arthur Souch joined the South West Region Rugby team for the Regional competition at RAF Cranwell in December. His team were placed third. Well done Arthur!

The Xmas party held on the last parade night before the Xmas break is always a great evening with games, quizzes and lots of unhealthy food and drink! We were really pleased that Rev. Jayne joined us for the fun and was a real sport in joining in with the games. Needless to say she got very wet!

The Squadron attended the Service at St. Nectan’s on Sunday 4th February, celebrating 100 years of the RAF. We had a good turnout of cadets accompanied by staff member, Adult Sgt Zoe Hill. Rtd Wing Commander Jeremy Dickson read the RAF Prayer and Cadet Lexie Clark read the Air Cadet Prayer. F/Sgt James Burns assisted with the Reading. The Banner Party was Sgt Arthur Souch, Cpl Charlie Johns and Cadet Tom Souch. According to our Cadets it was a very entertaining Service!

ATC NEWS

The Squadron is currently looking for anybody in the community who may have time or skills to aid our Civilian Committee in their supporting role of the Squadron. If you are interested please email the Squadron at hartlandatc@btinternet.com for the attention of our Chairperson, Mr Mark Brumham. Alternatively you could contact us at the Squadron on Monday and Thursday evenings on 01237 440233.

Email hartlandatc@btinternet.com or 01237 440233 on Mon/Thurs evenings. CI Angela Carey
Pearl was born on 6th September 1937, the daughter of Curly and May Pengilly. She lived at 133 Dyke Green, Clovelly along with her sister Jean. Pearl went to Clovelly School then on to Bideford School. After leaving school she worked in Chopes, High Street, Bideford.

Alan believes he and Pearl met at a dance in the old school at Clovelly. On 4th March 1960, Alan and Pearl married at All Saints Church, Clovelly. Pearl then went on to work in the family business at Shamrock, becoming the oil that kept the wheels rolling in the O’Donnell empire - which ranged from collecting milk churns, delivering oil, making and selling ice cream, as well as working in the shop and café and selling fish and chips. The café provided lunch for a number of regulars both in the café and as a meals-on-wheels service for many years. In July 1960, Sandra was born and Patrick in 1965. Pearl still found time to help and support many local organisations. She must have made up countless boxes of fruit for raffle prizes.

In the days before pagers, the Fire engine crew was summoned by a siren on the top of St John’s. Pearl would run across the Square with a key to activate the siren. The doors on Fore Street would all open and someone would shout out “Where’s it to Pearl?” The firemen would come running down the street and all the doors would close again.

Pearl enjoyed playing whist, euchre, darts and skittles and was a past president of Hartland WI. She loved knitting, especially knitting for her three great grandchildren.

Pearl loved having all her family living close to her and saw them all on a daily basis. Although Pearl suffered from ill health in recent years she worked in the shop right up to her and Alan’s reluctant retirement in December 2016.

Joyce Colwill
28th March 1926 - 25th January 2018

Joyce passed away peacefully aged 91 on January 25st at Barn Park Care Home Beaworthy where she had been living for the last two years. She had been a long term resident of Hartland. Joyce was born in London in Hampstead, but her father came from Hartland, and the family moved back in 1936. She grew up in Hartland with her parents and her brother Philip and during this time would explore the surrounding countryside, the dramatic coastline; she loved the wild primroses and the bluebells in The Vale. Even though she moved away after studying at Bideford School of Art, Science and Commerce, she visited Hartland throughout her life and returned on her retirement having already bought the house in Wesley Terrace where her mother had lived for many years.

She was a very private person but one who led both a quiet and also varied life. As a young woman in London in the 1940’s she joined the Questors and performed in numerous plays. She was a determined and with her first rate qualifications in shorthand typing joined Film Centre in the 1950’s and 60’s and became an assistant to the producers and directors who made documentary films. In this period she met and worked with some of the great documentary film makers of the time.

In 1959 she moved to Beirut, in the Lebanon, when Film Centre was making films both about and sponsored by the oil industry. She loved the Middle East and travelled widely in Syria and Jordan. On her return to London she worked for an independent documentary film company and this work took her to film festivals in Venice and Milan where the company won awards.

When the TV impacted on the role of documentary films Joyce moved to the BBC where she worked in the newsroom. Her work here saw her attending and recording the annual party political and the Trades Union conferences. She was very good at her job and sought after by journalists because of her accuracy and speed. She also did freelance work for some famous names including the ballerina Ninette de Valois and, in Hartland, the children’s author of The Borrowers, Mary Norton.

She was an avid learner and was very well read from the classic 19th century literature to modern writers. World history and art books lined her library with especial attention to the Middle East from where she had returned with many memories, treasures, and mementos.

When she retired and returned to live in Hartland in the 1980’s she renewed old friendships and made many new ones. She then became very interested in Opera attending many classic operas not only at the Royal Opera House, London but...
June Downie passed away 4 January 2018. She was born in Hartland in 1933 and spent her whole life here.

In 1950 she met her husband, Jimmy, they married in 1954 and spent their whole married life at number 111 West Street. June was a great supporter of Hartland and was an active member of the garden show Society and the Friends of Hartland Medical Practice association for over 28 years. She was also immensely fond of dogs and horses. She acquired a reputation as “the West Street Wag” having written a number of short stories in the former Hartland Times in Devon dialect.

One of which is printed below for those of you would like to try and read it!

June leaves her son Alan and his wife Jayne and their two children, Joanne and her partner Steve, Alex and his wife Samantha and great granddaughter Elsa; daughter Lindy and her husband Steve. Who all miss her greatly.

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**THE ‘WEST STREET WAG’**

**RECALLS**

**NEARLY ZOLD AT OCTION !**

Ouren West Street Wag, Mrs June Doconnic, then a very young June Dayman.

“Git yersel spruced up t’morra” said Granfer. “I’ve got a purty little ‘effor out een th’ shed that I’m gawn take t’ vat stock shaw, an I want you t’ laid er round the ring yer me, but just us must go out ‘n tidy er up a bit.” Quick az a flash wuz wot there wi a brish and me Granfer brished er till you could see yer face een er coat! Next mornin I wuz up wi the lark an us did all the vinal jobs on this ‘ffer... trimmed er vat, washed an combed er tail an put a bit o polish on er ‘orns an shined um. Then on wi er blanco-ed alter an us was off up th’ rawd, een t’ town an down oction yeld.

Caw, twas a long wait till our turn come to go een ring t’ be judged. Well, t’ cut a long story short our ‘effor won the cup an us wuz so proud I teln ’ee. Iy ow, bi now all tother farmers wuz drivin Granfer mazed t’ zill er. They all wanted t’ buy er, it zeeded. Zo off I went een t’ the ring again—round an round I waalked—the octioneer wuz gittin proper excited az the bids wuz gawn up ‘n up. Ee keet zaying “ow much be I bid ver this yer ‘effor” an eed git another pound or two. Then ee said “Let’s ave the vinal bid ver this yer purty little maiden ‘effor!” Thet din it... I dropped th’ alter an rinsed scrichtin t’ Granfer, “Granfer, Granfer, theym gawn zill me too!”

“Don’t be za daft,” ee zaid, patting me on the ‘aid, “They be, they be,” I owled. “They want ow much yer this purty little maid an ‘effor,” My dear zaul, ow evrybody laughed. Granfer zaid “you need n’ worry maid, I baint gawn let you go to iny new owner. Us’ll git away ome an I’ll tell ee what ee mained.” Which ee did, ... but twas a long time avor ee could git it eent’ ny’ aid thet I wazn gawn t’ be zold along wi’ thet purty little maiden ‘effor! (Ver they ofee tht don’t kow—a ‘maiden ‘effor’ is one thot ebn ad a visit vrum the ’ol bull!)

June Downie
1933 – 2018
OUT & ABOUT

HARTLAND FILM CLUB

The Hartland Film Club formed just 6 months ago has been a great success. It now has a significant number of registered members benefiting from monthly event information via email. This in addition to ever increasing activity / followers on social media. If you haven’t experienced one of the Friday nights you don’t know what you are missing.

You can always buy tickets in advance to guarantee a seat, but many come and pay on the night.

Those attending the Club’s February event spent generously with profits going to The British Heart Foundation, raising £400 in memory of John Peak (Scribbin’s) who will be sadly missed but not forgotten.

Social evening with entertainment and refreshments

Please note the next dates
• Friday 9 March
• Friday 13 April
• Friday 11 May.
• Friday 8 June

Doors open 7pm starts 7.30pm

HARTLAND PARISH HALL

Please take the opportunity to register to receive details of the Forthcoming meetings / events, book in advance.

Tickets each month available at Pop In store Hartland

Facebook: Hartland Film Club
Contact Email: hartlandfilmclub@gmail.com

THE HARTLAND SOCIETY

The final meeting of the season will be on March 15th, at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall. The AGM, usually a fairly short meeting, will be followed by Joy Cooper and Kay Greenish giving yet another of their talks on St Nectan’s graveyard. This time they are concentrating on those who do not have a headstone, which has proved to be quite a challenge. Any visitors are welcome - cost £2, which includes a cup of tea or coffee afterwards.

The season so far has seen the usual mixture of interesting topics. Grace Heywood presented a study that she made while at teacher training college, of Hartland in 1950. Stephen Hobbs updated us on his research for the digital archive, concentrating on the Sheila Ellis archive for Clovelly. The Christmas meeting was given as usual by David Harris, who said this would be his last one. He took a humorous look at alcohol in Hartland through the ages. Dave Edgecombe from the North Devon Coast AONB gave the first talk of 2018 – a fascinating study of the coastline between here and Ilfracombe.

Most recently, Vera Tooke and Mary Billson spoke about the history of the Small School and their own experiences of having had children attending there.

THE HARTLAND PLAYERS DELIVER AGAIN

Hartland Players performed to large audiences “Holiday at Home” a play by Colin Barrow who joined the throng and celebrations on the final night. Mirroring last year, the first night was a charity performance in support of the North Devon Hospice Long House Outreach Centre Holsworthy.

A cheque for £600 was presented on stage to Jess from the NDH by play director Stella Draycott. In addition to the 11 actors on stage, this year needed a team of some 25 behind the scenes making it a real Hartland community production.

Scene from Play (left to right): Elaine Peak, Tricia Oakley, Jane Lock, (Monty, our canine actor), John Peak and Paula Chapple

Finale (left to right): Rob Cole (PC Atkins), Gordon Mills (The Burglar), Paula Chapple (Miss Alice Derbyshire), Elaine Peak (Lady Daphne Boucher), John Peak (Scribbins), Jane Lock (Miss Felicity Reynolds), Tony Goss (Inspector Warwick), Deirdre Conniss (Lizzie Crawford), Nigel Alford (Reverend Phillpotts) and Tricia Oakley (Ruby Pentecost)

With the sudden loss of “Scribbins” John Peak only a few days after last night, the Players thoughts are with Elaine and family.
HARTLAND TOWN BAND

Hartland Town Band would like to thank everyone who supported our many and varied events throughout the year and especially over the Christmas period.

The two Christmas concerts early in December got the holiday period off to a flying start, with the band playing to a full house on both nights. Our fancy dress theme this year started as Harry Potter but then widened to include all things magical and mystical. There were many colourful costumes on stage, and some photos can be seen on our Facebook page.

Annual awards were presented as follows:

Chairman’s Cup: Mary Hobbs - Junior bandsman of the year: Natasha Poole - Bandsman of the year: Trudy Bowles - Most improved junior: Bo Bennett - Most improved player: Hazel Bisett - Section award: Basses: Chris West, Gordon Redclift, Colin Hodgetts and Malcolm Price - Frayne cup: Peter Tomlinson

The concerts were followed by a hectic schedule of carol playing at many widely scattered locations in the Hartland area. As always, we were warmly welcomed and amply fed and watered by our hosts who, with their guests, contributed very generously to band funds. Many thanks to you all for your hospitality and support.

The final gathering of the year was “Carols around the Tree” in The Square on Christmas Eve. This was, as usual, very well attended, and raised £419.16 for North Devon Hospice at Deer Park, Barnstable.

Throughout the year, the band has been ably supported by committee members and band supporters at all events, including non-playing ones such as the ever-popular Ploughman’s and Pudding and Pasty and Pudding evenings, and the Easter and Christmas bingos. We couldn’t manage without this generous giving of time and effort to the band. Our thanks to you all.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

6 MARCH AGM in St John’s at 8pm
23 MARCH Easter bingo in Hartland Parish Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, Eyes down 7.30pm
5 APRIL Spring concert in St Brannock’s Church, Braunton at 7.30pm
8 APRIL Spring concert in Hartland Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Admission by ticket only £6.00 available from Ann Pillman 441434 or Sheila Jeffery 441543
27 MAY Clovelly visitors’ centre at 12.30pm
2 JUNE Ploughman’s and Pudding in the parish hall from 6 to 8pm
17 JUNE Hartland Quay at 7pm
23 JUNE Chapel fete at the Methodist church 2.30pm

HARTLAND METHODIST CHURCH

THE BIG BOOK SHOP COFFEE MORNING

to be held on Saturday May 26th at the Methodist Hall from 10.00am - 11.30am. Together with the usual cake and savoury stall. Everyone welcome, any enquiries to Ralph James on 01237 441 587.

CHRISTIAN AID SPONSORED WALK

is taking place on Monday May 7th starting from the Methodist Chapel at 10.00a.m. Please bring a packed lunch as our lunchtime stop will be at Blegberry Farm Hartland, by kind invitation of Margaret and Terence Olde. Please wear sturdy shoes/boots as it may be muddy in places.

If anyone feels they would like to do the walk but may find the whole 8 miles too much then it is fine to do just half. Maybe walk to the lunchtime stop or meet there and walk back.

For any further enquiries tel. Ralph James on 01237 441 587.

NORTH DEVON SEED SWAP 2018

The North Devon seed swap took place on Sunday 11th Feb in the Parish Hall. We welcomed plenty of regulars and several new people, who came to share a common interest of gardening and swapping seeds. It is a wonderful way of meeting with like minded people in an informal setting. People enjoyed swapping seeds, ideas and stories over tea and refreshments provided by Michelle Heard and Betty Rana, who raised £104 for the South Molton Kidney Unit, in memory of Betty’s niece Lorraine. Thanks also to volunteers Adrian and Angela for sorting and collating the seeds, and greeting everyone at the door.

Don’t forget to save your seeds this year, and bring them to next year’s event in Feb 2019!

Rob Meredith and Diana Lee

DOG OWNERS TAKE CARE!

We sadly report that two Hartland residents have recently lost their dogs in similar circumstances and the vets who treated them suspect that anti-freeze was to blame. One dog’s kidney had a full analysis carried out and it was revealed that, “beyond reasonable doubt”, death was due to the ingestion of anti-freeze. The other dog had a crystal accumulation in the kidney which is an indication that anti-freeze was the most likely cause of death.

Most people with newer cars will probably never have anything to do with anti-freeze. Their coolant systems rarely leak and are automatically topped up during annual services when the strength of anti-freeze/water is checked. The main reason that dogs could be exposed to anti-freeze is leakage of cooling systems from older vehicles, typically when the engine is hot. They then need to be topped up periodically with anti-freeze, which could also result in small spillages. It only takes a small amount of anti-freeze to poison a dog and if you do suspect that your dog has lapped up some unknown fluid, speed is of the essence. You should go straight to the vet. Symptoms include lethargy, not eating or drinking and vomiting.

Anti-freeze has a sweet taste which is appealing to dogs. Anyone flushing out their vehicle radiator should dispose of the old coolant liquid in the recommended manner: storing in a sealed container and taking it to a recycling centre for disposal.

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HUNGRY HARTLAND : Where to eat this Spring

Hartland Quay
St Patricks Day
Saturday 17th March

England V Ireland 2.45pm
Live music 5pm to 7pm with Chris and Will
Guinness £3 a pint
Food served throughout the day from 12pm
Come along for the craic!

Hartland Quay will be relaunching their menus at the start of April for the new season. The lunch menu will be expanded with new dishes while the dinner specials board will feature new and additional dishes this year. Plenty of freshly cooked fish will be available along with returning favourites Exmouth Mussels and Fresh Crab Sandwiches and Salads.

During the Summer months, we are always quite booked up inside with hotel residents tables however it is not essential to book in advance. We will always have some tables available inside for walk in guests and we will always try and accommodate everyone who comes down to see us with perhaps a small wait necessary.

The Point
The outdoor café at Hartland Point will be open from Easter at the end of March. In the meantime they have a stall at the Bude Artisan Market selling homemade cakes and pastries every Friday 10.30-1.30 at the Methodist Church. Don’t miss them at Hartland’s Farmers’ Market (first Sunday of the month) where they will be serving up hearty breakfasts and yummy cakes!

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The restaurant is also available for private functions and dining for up to 30 covers. Cookery courses can also be arranged. Bjorn is now rearing his own pigs and will soon be planting up for the summer. Come and enjoy home-grown seasonal specialities!

For all information and reservations: 01237 441444
Reservations strongly recommended.

Pattard Kitchen, Pattard Farm, Hartland EX39 6BY

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Simnel cake is a light fruit cake with two layers of marzipan— one in the middle and one, toasted, on the top. It was originally made for the middle Sunday of Lent, or Easter Sunday, when the 40-day fast would be relaxed. The word “simnel” probably comes from the Latin word simila, which means fine, wheaten flour.

**Ingredients**

- 6 oz butter
- 6 oz castor sugar
- 4 eggs
- ¾ lb sultanas
- ¼ mixed peel
- ½ lb self-raising flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

For the marzipan:

- ½ lb ground almonds
- ½ lb castor sugar
- 2 beaten eggs

**Instructions**

Cream the butter and sugar together and add eggs, one by one. Stir in sultanas and peel. Fold in flour and baking powder. Mix together the ingredients together for the marzipan and split into two balls. Roll out the marzipan (between two sheets of greaseproof paper) or press out, using your hands, to the size of your cake tin. Pour half the cake mixture into the well-greased cake tin, then put a layer of marzipan before pouring in the rest of the cake mixture. Cook for 2 ¼ hours gas mark 3 or electricity 130 °. Remove from oven and when cool, press the second piece of marzipan onto the top of the cake and toast lightly under the grill.

In addition to her sodabread loaves in white brown and spiced fruit and her range of cookies Mrs Bs now produces sodabread rolls in white brown and cheddar cheese flavour. Always innovating she is also working on a range of breads for vegans so keep an eye on the blackboards outside the White Hare Studio-Gallery on Fridays to see what’s on the menu!

Caroline is looking forward to the holiday season. Many accommodation providers are keen to offer truly locally sourced goods and are looking to include her products in their welcome packs for visitors. For regular orders Mrs Bs is happy to discuss delivery.

Order by calling 01237 441539
HARTLAND GARDEN SOCIETY

Amanda and her Daughter Natasha Poole have both taken over as the new secretaries for the Hartland Garden Society, following on from her fathers’ long association and dedication with the garden society.

Colin would be very proud!

Amanda and Natasha Poole – joint secretaries,
Contact Telephone Number: 01237 441 277

GWEN’S COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 19th May 2018
Gwen’s bring and buy coffee morning for the Hartland Garden Society is being held at the pavilion on Saturday 19th May.
10am-11:30am
Come along and see us for a coffee!

SUMMER GARDEN SHOW

Saturday 28th July 2018
Summer Show - class 69 - African Marigolds – 3 Blooms

CLOVELLY WI

We ended 2017 singing carols around the Christmas tree at the end of a tour of Cothelstone Manor. A magical Grade II listed Historic House situated at the foot of the Quantock hills. The very next day we wore red, proudly admired each others’ earrings previously made at our craft group, entered the Christmas Cracker competition and were entertained by The Littleham Howlers at our Christmas Party in the Parish Hall.

We returned in January with a talk on Diabetes, learning about the causes, signs and symptoms and the difference between types 1 and 2 and ended the month with our annual lunch at the ND Golf Club. In February we welcomed Revd Shirley Henderson for her talk entitled ‘Off the Cuff’.

Shirley brought a ray of sunshine into our meeting with anecdotes and humorous recollections of life before and since joining the Clergy.

By the time you read this some of us will have learned or helped others to crochet, and met together to knit chicks, bunnies and muffs for the Hospice Knit In. At our March meeting we will be shown how to make greeting cards and those attending the craft group, have the opportunity to make a stained glass lightcatcher. We are looking forward to a special trip – travelling by horse-drawn barge on the Tiverton Canal as well as our annual outing/garden visit in July. Forthcoming monthly craft evenings will include Mobile Phone Photography, Dry Point Etching [printing paper onto cloth] and Wet Felting.

Our Federation invite us to attend the WI College at Denman where we can Sing Abba, Thai Cookery, Goldwork Embroidery for beginners and much more. Holidays offered to members, their families and friends include The Delights of Liverpool and The Terracotta Warriors, a visit to Beaulieu and The Hampton Court Flower Show or 5 days touring Historic Houses of Shropshire.

Our 2018 programme is packed with interesting speakers on subjects ranging from Bats to Prostitutes!? We are so lucky to have so much to choose from – something for everyone.

If any of the above interests you – come along and see for yourself. Bring a friend! We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month – 7.30pm in Clovelly Parish Hall.

You will receive a warm welcome!

Sylvia West

NEWS from THE HARTLAND WI

We finished the year with our Christmas shopping trip to Exeter, then lunch before we attended the carol service in the cathedral. The Cathedral was full with WI members from around the local area which put us in the Christmas spirit.

At our December meeting we had a very interesting presentation on felting with Sue Proctor. Sue used different types of wool with soapy water and gave it a good beating; in no time she produced a wonderful picture of a landscape in felt. I think we were all very impressed.

Our next outing was our Christmas lunch at the Merry Harriers. Almost all our members attended and we had a very good meal, being well looked after by the restaurant staff. Many thanks to them.

The February meeting was a surprise afternoon tea party for Gwen Dennis who was 100 years old on the 13th of February. We spent the afternoon reminiscing and looking at old photographs of Hartland WI. We all brought photos of ourselves when we were very young and tried to recognise our more mature selves, which was not as hard as we thought it would be. We had a lovely afternoon eating some delicious sandwiches and a huge variety of cakes, all made by members.

OUR NEW DIARY WILL BE ON DISPLAY at the post office in the next few weeks. If you would like to come along to the meetings, they are on the first Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in the church rooms, in the car park, look for the red door.

Valerie Sheppard

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OUTWARD LOOKING

Route 39 Academy has always tried to be a school for and from the communities which it serves and we are continuing to reach out and get stuck in! Recent fundraising for Bude & Clovelly RNLI and Bideford Foodbank, as well as national charities including Macmillan Cancer Support and Children In Need have been well supported.

We have also been using our Extra Curricular sessions on Friday afternoons to look beyond our boundaries and students have been taking part in beach cleaning, knitting for charity, and visiting a local care home to spend some time entertaining and chatting to the elderly residents.

Even when it comes to sport there's an opportunity to get involved and this term we are working closely with Clovelly Gig Club at Tamar Lakes. Physical Education is a popular GCSE choice at Route 39 and our students are enjoying the amazing opportunity to learn how to row a pilot gig. As well as trying something new they are developing team work and communication skills along with a new physical challenge. Many thanks to John Keeble and Paul Smale of Clovelly Gig Club as well as Phil and Matt from Tamar Lakes for helping to make this happen. Gig rowing is popular in our communities and it’s great to see the next generation taking an interest.

It’s not all just sport though and every Wednesday afternoon it is time for Create. Students are offered a variety of sessions to get their creativity flowing, from drama to computing and music. Sewing and textile art is enjoying a resurgence in popularity at the moment on a national level; according to research by the Craft & Hobby Trade Association over 1 million people have taken up sewing as a hobby over the last three years, and it seems like Route 39 is no exception. This term the sewing sessions have been especially popular with many students, particularly the younger ones.

Create and Extra Curriculum sessions also offer a great way for school and community to come together and skill share. It's always special when volunteers come into school to share their knowledge across communities and sometimes across generations.

THE NEW BUILDING

The main building is still coming along brilliantly with the wooden cladding and light brick of the exterior of the long low building blending into the landscape well. Inside the floors are being screed and the walls boarded, and the double height sports hall has got the metal frame work for the basketball hoops and netting in place. Have a look on our website (www.route39.org.uk) and Facebook page for plenty of photos of the building evolving ready for September!

The progression has been of particular interest to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) students as they have been looking at construction and recycling 'junk' to design and construct their own schools. Two construction managers from Willmott Dixon very kindly came to judge the models and were impressed with the students' ability to link what they have learnt in class, regarding reactivity series and extraction of metals, to their real world applications in the building which the students had individually designed. One group even made their school to scale and considered the heights of rooms, ensuring that the sports hall, like our own, is double height. Other groups included state of the art foundations, renewable energy resources, cladding and different methods of insulation.

Each group received a write up from Willmott Dixon and Post-Its were placed on their models, to highlight positive features and possible improvements, which some students even had time to act on, for the second visit.

Michael from Willmott Dixon said, "You have some talented engineers in the making here. I am impressed with how some of them linked their junk model to real world ideas".

Next term as part of our "Diversity in the Local Area" project STEM students will be making a few site visits, which will enable them to feel to be more of a part of their new school and give them yet more insight into what happens in a real building project.

CHRISTMAS FUN!

Thank you so much to all those of you who supported, baked, donated and came to the Christmas Bazaar on Wednesday 13th December. It was a huge success and it was lovely to see so many friends and supporters of the school enjoying the food, crafts and shopping.

Our choir has also been very busy visiting local events to support primary schools, local markets and businesses. The choir practice very hard at lunchtimes and give up their weekends and evenings to entertain others. It is lovely to see some of the more shy students find their courage and have a go so very well done to them and thank you for supporting them so generously.

If you are interested in your child attending our school please call 01237 431969 or email michelle.carter@route39.org.uk to book a tour of the current site to see our learning in action and meet the staff and students. Keep an eye on our website www.route39.org.uk and Facebook page for upcoming events and news.
PINE FERODA

Northern Light is a recent woodblock print made by Pine Feroda at St John’s Music and Arts Centre in Hartland. It is their submission to this year’s Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, curated by Grayson Perry. They will find out at the end of May if they have been selected and hung.

Pine Feroda are also working on a print of Clovelly woods.

Northern Light

Next wood block printing workshop is on 17 March 10 – 1pm at St. John’s Music & Arts Centre in the Square, Hartland. No charge but donations to St John’s welcome. Minimum age 10 years (very sharp instruments). Merlyn can take a maximum of 10 people. If you want to be sure of a place, please phone 01237 441670 or preferably email merlyn@twohartonmnor.co.uk to reserve a place.

This is a photo taken by Merlyn in February in Uttersberg, a village of 50 people, with a printmaking workshop in its centre, in the middle of Sweden, where she went to make prints about winter. Luckily, it snowed every day, and everything became whiter and whiter as the week went on. The print studio is run by Lars Nyberg and his wife Lina Nordenstrom. Lars makes exquisite small etchings, portraits of plants he has met, and landscapes. Lina works with prints, drawings and artists’ books. Guest printmakers from all over the world, including China, are welcomed to the Graphic Workshop. In the little village there is also the lovely Gallery Astley, with Café Golden Mistletoe and exhibitions including a permanent collection of the work of the famous Russian sculptor Ernst Neizvestny.

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Friday 10th August 5pm: Illyria -
‘Dr. Dolittle’ by Hugh Lofting (5 yrs +) £13/£10;
plus Drama Workshop 6 – 11 years (3 - 4.30pm, £5)

Wednesday 15th August 5pm: Heartbreak Productions -
‘The Midnight Gang’ by David Walliams £13/£10;
plus Drama Workshop 6 – 11 years (3 - 4.30pm, £5)

Thursday 23rd August 7.30pm: Illyria –
‘The Hound of the Baskervilles’
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Local carpenter Simon Cook has been working hard to replace the six traditional wooden finger posts in the Parish. Funding has been allocated by North Devon AONB to help pay for the work and keep these locally distinctive sign posts looking good as well as being practical. So don’t worry if you have noticed some gaps by the road side – the new signs will be in place soon.

Council Vacancy
Following the resignation of Councillor James Morley there is a vacancy on the Parish Council. Please talk to one of the Councillors or contact the Clerk if you are interested in being co-opted onto the Council, would like to know more about the work of the Council or know someone you think would be ideal for the job.

Hartland Clock
The Parish Council is very pleased to announce that Kerry Davey and Claire Toase have kindly volunteered to take over the regular winding of the Hartland Clock.

Consideat Parking
It has been noticed that cars are being parked near the School Lane junction causing problems for buses, coaches and other large vehicles. There has also been an increase in vehicles parked or partially parked on the pavement in Fore Street. Please park considerately and make life easier for all.

Reporting to Police
Councillor Anna Dart has asked that all crimes, however small, are reported to the Police as low crime figures could result in a further reduction in Police presence in the Parish.

Apologies
Many apologies to Dennis Jeffery for the getting his name wrong in the last issue of the Hartland Post – it was he who made the War Memorial wreath stands! Parish Council contact details, dates of meetings, agendas and minutes are on the website: www.hartlandpc.org.uk; agendas, minutes and contact details are also posted on the notice boards in Hartland, Meddon and Stoke. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings and speak at the beginning of the meetings if there are issues they would like to bring to the attention of the Parish Council. If you can’t attend a meeting but would like something to be considered by the Council please contact the Clerk at harlandpc@googlemail.com

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MARINE MATTERS for the North Devon Pioneer

On the 6th February the North Devon Marine Pioneer held its second stakeholder workshop at Alverdiscott Community Hall in North Devon. A wide range of people from across Devon, Cornwall and Somerset braved the snow to participate in this event. With over 40 attendees, it was a lively day with input from a range of different marine sectors, including the fishing industry, local government, tourism and recreation, maritime industry and conservation.

The beginning of the day was led by the Marine Pioneer partners, they presented some demonstration projects commencing as part of the North Devon Marine Pioneer. Later, participants were asked for their advice and expertise - focussing on four subjects: marine governance and management; the local fishing industry; the Taw Torridge estuary; and how we can sustainably fund the management of North Devon’s Marine Protected Areas. “This workshop showed just how engaged North Devon people and our neighbours are with their sea, estuaries and rivers. This was a successful day and the information from the day will be used to guide our next steps, in the pioneer” says Chrissie Ingle, the Marine Pioneer Coordinator.

What is the Marine Pioneer?
The Government has committed to ensure that our natural environment that provides our prosperity and health is protected and improved for us and future generations. The 25 Year Environment Plan was launched on 11th January by Theresa May and sets out how this would be achieved. To help accomplish this there are four ‘Pioneer’ areas – where new approaches from the plan will be trialled. The four pioneers are: the landscape of North Devon; the marine environment in North Devon and Suffolk; a river catchment in Cumbria and the urban area of Greater Manchester.

What has happened so far?
There have already been two North Devon Marine Pioneer workshops. One in March 2017, produced long term aims and ambitions for North Devon’s Marine area, with agreed goals such as ‘improved local fisheries management’, ‘robust protection of biodiversity’ and ‘increased local decision-making’. The second in November 2017, was a focussed workshop with licensors and planners to consider how our natural marine environment can be better incorporated into local decision making – both reports from these workshops can be found online at www.northdevonbiosphere.org.uk/marinepioneer.html

From this second workshop local information and experiences can define how we proceed with the Pioneer. There will be a report from the day, which will be made available on the North Devon Biosphere’s Marine Pioneer webpage www.northdevonbiosphere.org.uk/marinepioneer.html
Small Grants for Big Results

The AONB’s Sustainable Development Fund has provided 13 grants in 2017/18 to projects large and small across the area. These have benefitted people, wildlife, visitors, heritage and wellbeing including four projects in the Hartland area.

We have contributed to restoration of the locally distinctive, black and white, wooden signposts being carried out by Hartland Parish Council. The National Trust received a small grant to make improvements to Brownsham car park to increase space and accessibility for all to enjoy this fantastic site and nearby coastline. Working with the RSPB through our Coastal Creatures project, the coastline was surveyed from the sea to identify potential nesting sites for choughs – a species we want to encourage to return to the area. Having found several suitable locations, a bid was made to produce suitable nesting boxes for installations on land owned by the National Trust and Hartland Abbey estate along the length of the AONB. Finally, the North Devon Archaeological Society commissioned a second survey of the Clovelly Dykes Hill Fort to reveal more of its history.

AONB Forum 2018

Over 60 people attended the revived AONB Forum on 22 February to hear thought provoking presentations from Professor Michael Winter from the Centre for Rural Policy Research at the University of Exeter and Nick White, Chairman of the North Devon Marketing Bureau. Both farming and tourism have considerable influence on the AONB’s landscape and are an essential part of the rural economy that keeps the North Devon coast as a living and working landscape.

The talks provided a detailed context to what is happening in the two sectors and the likely impact of changes related to Brexit and changing behaviours, which could affect the AONB landscape. Professor Winter raised concerns about the future of smaller livestock farms if there are significant reductions in support payments to farmers, whilst welcoming the focus on payment for public goods from the environment and the government’s ambitions in the 25 Year Environment Plan. Nick White explained the gradual changes in visitor expectations both for higher quality accommodation than their home environment and for ‘experiences’. This is reflected in the shift from camping fields to glamping and lodges, and the demand for organised experiences whether water sports, themed trails or locally distinctive food and drink.

AONB Manager Jenny Carey-Wood presented highlights from 2017 describing the work being done across the AONB. This included the impressive beach cleaning and citizen science work supported by the Coastal Creatures project, with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Tesco Bags of Help. Engagement with schools, Petroc College, community groups and adult volunteers had increased considerably over the year through the work of AONB staff Cat Oliver and Dave Edgcombe. Community engagement work and wildlife surveys were also being delivered through the Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat project, focussed on Braunton and Combe Martin. Looking forward, Jenny reported on bids to support work on coastal heritage, the forthcoming community consultations on the five yearly Review of the AONB Management Plan and an invitation for new members to join the AONB Partnership (see downloadable copy of the 2017 Review booklet on www.northdevon-aonb.org.uk ).

The evening was rounded off with a celebration of volunteers who have done an enormous amount to benefit the AONB over the last year in particular areas of work. These went to John Breeds (beach cleans and bats), Paula Ferris (Coastal Creatures project support), Mark Fellows (beach cleaning on the Hartland Peninsula), Nicola Mello and family (supporting Bioblitzes), Jan Whittington (citizen science), Jack Wiggins (student volunteer) and Richard Dyer (farming and wildlife). Thanks were expressed to the speakers and the Pier House at Westward Ho! who generously hosted the event in their beautifully re-decorated Bay Suite.

This project has been supported by the North Devon AONB Sustainable Development Fund
**MEDDON VILLAGE HALL**

**PROGRAMME OF HALL EVENTS**

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**CLOVELLY VILLAGE DIARY**

All Saints Church. On Palm Sunday - 25th March - the Clovelly Donkeys will be blessed at the 11-00am service and we will process with them through the Court Gardens and Long Walks down the street to the harbour - All Welcome.

Clovelly Parish Hall. We now have the defibrillator fitted by the front entrance and are expecting the planning approval for the Air Ambulance mast any day.

Clovelly Parish Council. There are now 2 vacancies for councillors to be co-opted and applicants can apply to the Parish Clerk, Mrs Chris Hannington, Greensward, East Ball Hill, Hartland. EX39 6BU. Email to: clovellypc@googlemail.com

Our next Clovelly Lecture is being held on the 19th May at the Clovelly visitors centre as a celebration of 100 years of the Royal Air Force. The Speaker is Air Chief Marshall Sir Richard Johns speaking on ‘British Air Power’.

Please apply for tickets to Telephone: 01237 431200 clovellylectures11@gmail.com www.clovellylectures.com

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**WELCOMBE VILLAGE**

**DIARY & NEWS**

Welcombe film club continues approximately monthly and is well attended.

Recent showings have been Ruthless People, starring Danny De Vito, a children’s Christmas showing of cartoons and The Muppets Christmas Carol, Dunkirk and most recently, A United Kingdom, which was very well received.

It is the intention to continue showing a mix of classic films as well as recent films that have had good reviews, but not necessarily blockbusters.

All shows start at 7.30pm, with film shorts, currently Look at Life from the 1960s, which are great fun.

The next proposed date is March 20th. Our licence terms prevent advertising outside the venue, but the organiser can be contacted on 01288 331568 or rickwillows@gmail.com.

Film suggestions are always welcome. Richard Willows

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

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The HM Coastguard search and rescue helicopter based at Newquay was sent to the scene alongside Bude Coastguard Search and Rescue Team and Hartland Coastguard Search and Rescue Team. The helicopter arrived on scene quickly and was skilfully manoeuvred in the strong off-shore wind and heavy turbulence to the base of the cliff in order to drop the winchman and stretcher down to the scene.

After being made stable, the casualty and his climbing partner were winched onboard and taken to Derriford Hospital in Plymouth. We wish him a speedy recovery.

February 15th

Dramatic footage shows the incredible moment a Coastguard winchman was battered by 6ft waves as he rescued two young men off Hartland Point.

The HM Coastguard search and rescue helicopter, based at St Athan, was alerted to the incident just after 3pm after a 999 call was made to HM Coastguard reporting two young men clinging to rocks off Hartland Point. With 6ft waves crashing over the men they were at immediate risk of being washed out to sea. Racing to the scene, the HM Coastguard helicopter was kept fully briefed by the Hartland Coastguard Rescue Team who were unable to reach the pair due to the rough seas but were watching closely from the shore in case the worst should happen.

The rough seas also made it impossible for a lifeboat to reach the scene so their only hope was the Coastguard helicopter. Once on scene it took the precision and skill of the helicopter crew which saw the two men rescued in under two minutes.

HM Coastguard helicopter Chief Pilot Olly Padbury said: “This was a challenging rescue where we only had seconds to spare. As we manoeuvred our Winchman towards the two casualties on the rock, he was hit by a large unsighted wave. Recovering quickly he was able to place the strop over the first casualty and he was winched onboard. Once he was safely inside we dropped the winch down again and we were able to pull the Winchman and the second casualty up in seconds. This dramatic footage clearly shows what can happen when people are cut off by the tide but also the sterling job our Winchman did in a few minutes. This rescue is about teamwork and we would like to say a big thank you to Hartland Coastguard Rescue Team for their spot on briefing - which saw these two young men rescued successfully.”

Both men were airlifted to safety and despite their ordeal required no medical attention.

February 22nd

As this issue of The Hartland Post was being assembled at Jamaica Press, Jack Coleman received a Coastguard pager alert and had to rush to the scene!

The team were paged to reports of a person having fallen from the cliffs near Abbotsham Beach. On arrival the team found a man had lost his footing and fallen to the bottom of a 60ft cliff while trying to rescue his dog. He was being treated by Police and Paramedics who had arrived before us.

The Bideford team worked with the helicopter crew to stabilise and evacuate the casualty as well as rigging the rope rescue gear with Hartland Coastguard team to pick off the dog from the cliff face.

Incredibly the man sustained relatively minor injuries and the dog was recovered unharmed. We wish them a speedy recovery.

When walking near cliffs please keep your dog on a lead and if they do fall do not put yourself in danger by attempting to rescue them but call the Coastguard on 999.

Many grateful thanks go out to our amazing Coastguards for keeping us safe. Please remember that before venturing out onto the beach or the rocks CHECK THE TIDE TIMES and make sure you retreat before the tide catches you!