ELIZABETH WALTER

100 YEARS OLD ON THE 1st NOVEMBER 2016

Elizabeth was born on the 1st November 1916 at Hessaford Farm Kilkhampton to George and Clara Cleave.

In 1917 the family moved to Higher Asworthy the farm overlooking Lower Tamar Lake.

Elizabeth and her two sisters were founder members of Kilhampton Young Farmers Club and they also attended St James Church Kilkhampton. In 1940 Elizabeth married Jack Walter and they moved in to Tosbury Grove Hartland, which was an 8 acre smallholding.

On this smallholding Elizabeth and Jack kept all types of farm animals. Jack was a carpenter and wheelwright for the Hartland area, so the farm was left for Elizabeth to run. The main source of income from the smallholding was from the milk from the four cows that they had. From 1941 until 1990 (for 49 years) Elizabeth hand milked the four cows twice a day, whatever the weather. Elizabeth was a very strong lady to run the smallholding and to bring up two daughters. She also made time, to run a small Bed and Breakfast at the farm for many years.

Elizabeth and Jack had two children Shirley (1941) and Gillian (1947). Elizabeth also has four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. In 1999 Elizabeth’s beloved husband of 49 years died. In 2000 aged 84, Elizabeth sold Tosbury Grove and then moved into a bungalow in Hartland. Elizabeth had a fall in 2008 and spent a time in hospital and then moved into Trelana Nursing home in Poughill, where she has been well cared for by all the staff and carers.

Elizabeth has had a truly long and remarkable life seeing so many world changes in her 100 years. She has always been a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Happy Birthday Mother!

Shirley Pillman and family would like to thank everyone for the cards and flowers and the many good wishes that were sent to Elizabeth on this very special day.

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KENNETH DAVIES died on 5 October 2016
Janet Mann died on 19 October 2016
Violet Thorne died on 21 October 2016
Vanessa Sluggett died on 23rd October 2016

Ken, Emma and Sally Sluggett would like to thank everyone for the cards, messages and offers of help since Vanessa’s death, also to those who attended the service at Barnstaple crematorium and for the donations received in her memory for North Devon Hospice and Cancer Research UK.

Beatrice Abbes died on 7 November 2016

The family of David Webber wish to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and cards of sympathy, and also for the donations to the Hospice and Hartland Town Band.

Violet Mary Thorne

Ken and the family would like to thank everyone for their cards, messages of sympathy and kind donations. We would also like to thank the Doctors and Staff at Hartland Medical Centre as well as the Nurses at Wooda Surgery for their wonderful care for Violet.

Thank you also to everyone who attended the funeral service, held by the Rev. John Peake in such a thoughtful way, under the care of the funeral directors JL Fulford and Sons.

HARTLAND WEATHER

As recorded at Gawlish Cottages, Hartland by Airlie Needham

September 2016
Total rainfall 125.3 mm

A wet and windy month with four dry days from 14th to 17th. First two weeks the wind was southwest with southeasterly and northwesterly winds for eight days. In the third week it was southwesterly again with gales and heavy rain. The wettest day was the 24th with 1 1/4 inches.

October 2016
Total rainfall 33.4 mm

A very dry month but cold and windy. Frost on 20th. 18 dry days and six wet days 14th – 19th of rain showers and thunder and hail on the 16th.

November 2016
Total rainfall 132.4 mm (until 22 November)

Two dry days began the month and then the wind went from northeast to southwest and the rains started, ending with Storm Angus on 19th with northwesterly gales and over 2 inches of rain in four days.

The Hartland Post would like all those who have supported and contributed to the publication during this first year. Very special thanks also go to Clive Brocklehurst of the White Hare Gallery for providing our wonderful cover.

Keep sending us content!
If you have anything to submit for reader’s messages, obituaries or general interest articles, please submit to The Hartland Post by the next deadline of 20th of February 2017.

Our Email address has changed!
thehartlandpost@gmail.com
CHRISTMAS DAY in HARTLAND

Bring and share tea party for the gentlefolk of Hartland parish.
To be held in the Church Rooms from 3.00pm to 6.00pm.

We would love you to join us.
To give us an idea of numbers please ring Kay Petley on 441649

THE HARTLAND TOWN BAND CHRISTMAS CAROL TOUR

Thursday 15th
Band A  Rosedown, Mettaford Farm, The Milky Way, The Old Post Office
Band B  Harton Cross, Goaman Park, Nactcott, Pen Y Bryn

Saturday 17th
Hartland Quay 7.30pm & The Royal British Legion 9pm

Sunday 18th
Methodist Carol Service 6pm
Band A  Ford, Sutherland, Greenhill, Fosfelle, Philham
Band B  Greenlake, Galsham, Stoke

Tuesday 20th
Band A  Pattard, Mount Pleasant, Hescott, Highdown, The Retreat
Band B  The Mill, Downe, Cheristow, Pitt, Gawlish

Wednesday 21st
Hartland Town
(The band will not be collecting door to door.
We will be playing at designated stops to be advertised separately.
Please come and support us)

Friday 23rd
Band A  Wargery, Trelick, Lymbridge, Elmscott
Band B  Welsford, Tosberry, Summerswell, Wembworthy, Edistone

Thursday 24th
Carols in the Square at 7.30pm

HARTLAND TOWN BAND CHRISTMAS BINGO

Thursday 8th December Hartland Parish Hall.
Doors open 6.30pm. Good prizes.
Hartland Town Band invite you to join them for
‘Carols around the Christmas Tree’
The Square, Hartland on Christmas Eve at 7.30pm.
Collection for Over and Above
(Premature Baby Unit, North Devon District Hospital).
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Bill Slee wishes all his friends a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Grace Heywood wishes all her friends and neighbours a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Ivor & Sandra Rowe will not be sending cards this year and would like to wish all their relatives, friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas with every good wish for a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Eric and Michelle Heard, of Cheristow Lavender, would like to wish their friends, family and customers “Health and Happiness” in the coming year. As in previous years, we are donating money to the South Molton Kidney Unit rather than sending cards.

Jan and Graham Nichol send good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all their relatives, friends and neighbours in Hartland.

Ann and Alan Hobbs would like to wish their family, friends and all the people they know a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Colin, Helen + family from Stoke Barton would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and very best wishes for 2017. Once again we have decided to make a donation to the Hospice instead of sending Christmas cards this year.

Ken, Emma & Sally Sluggett send Christmas & New Year Greetings to their neighbours and friends.

Denis Cory would like to wish all his family and friends, a very Happy Christmas and A Happy and Healthy New Year 2017.

Ida Keens sends love and best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gwen Jeffrey would like to wish all her family and friends a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year and will be making a donation to charity instead of sending cards.

Fred and Lorna Poole would like to wish all their family, friends and neighbours a merry Christmas and a happy peaceful New Year.

Nick & Shirley Walter (J.L. Fulford) send their greetings for a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

NEWS from THE HARTLAND WI

The Hartland WI, with the permission of the Parish council has placed a trough of plants at the entrance to the village.

This is to commemorate the 100 years of the W I forming. Our own W I was started 90 years ago and is still going strong, adding 5 new members this year.

We hold our meetings at the church rooms in the square first Thursday in the month starting February. Come along and see if you like us.

The February meeting will be a talk on the history of lace making by Ann Mellor, visitors welcome to the church rooms the square Hartland. The new WI programme will be available from the Post Office in the New Year or from the secretary, Jane Leaper, on 441578.

CLOVELLY WI

Speakers welcomed to our meetings include Clive Brocklehurst from The White Hare Studio Gallery, Hartland, who told how legend and mystery inspired his story books about Assander the White Hare of Hartland, and treated us to a demonstration of his skills as an artist along with tips on technique.

Stephen Perham, Clovelly Harbour Master who came to tell us about the history of fishing from Clovelly.

Stirring memories for some of our members by recalling several of the original family names associated with the industry. Walters, Heads, Dunn, Jeffery, Parsons, Shackson among them. Now only 4 fishing boats operate out of Clovelly harbour, which is a sad reflection on the many changes since fishing began here in our village.

Stephen is determined to revive the tradition of herring fishing and encourage people to start eating them again using his boat The Neptune, built by the Walters family, and is the last herring boat working out of Clovelly. He has returned to making Withy pots using the skills he was taught as a young man, a pastime he thoroughly enjoys.

Nick Oliver from St Johns Garden Centre with tips on plants for winter too.

There is so much more to the WI than a monthly speaker and a cup of tea.

Good value holidays, educational outings, learning a new craft, information on serious subjects of the day, and most of all Friendship! Our 2016 programme will be packed with interesting speakers, fun competitions and much more.

We meet on 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in Clovelly Parish Hall. Make a New Year Resolution to come and see what we get up to. Whether alone or with a friend - You can be assured of a warm welcome!

For more info: call Rosemary on 01237 429388.

The Hartland Post would like to wish all its readers a very merry Christmas and a peaceful happy New Year. Many birthday wishes to Ida Keens who is 99 years old on Boxing Day!

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The whole team would like to thank all those Friends of the Medical Centre who supported our Flu Clinics with their warm welcome and refreshments. It made all the difference for those of our patients who attended the sessions, which were held in the Parish Hall this year.

IF YOU HAVE HAD A FLU VACCINATION IN PREVIOUS YEARS BUT HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ONE IN 2016 THEN PLEASE CONTACT OUR RECEPTION TEAM, TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT. It is not too late!

Christmas & New Year opening hours: the Medical Centre will be closed on Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th December, and again on Tuesday 2nd January. As in previous years, there will be emergency cover provided by the Urgent Care/Out of Hours services and their contact details will be displayed at the Practice premises, on our website and on our telephone answerphone messages in case you should need them.

IF YOU HAVE REPEAT PRESCRIPTION NEEDS OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THEN PLEASE DO BRING THEM ALONG IN PLENTY OF TIME SO THAT OUR DISPENSARY TEAM CAN PROCESS THEM FOR YOU.

You may have noticed that we have had some new carpet and other floor covering laid at the surgery. We do want to take the best care of our new floor covering so all help in avoiding muddy boot footprints in the surgery would be hugely appreciated!

Again, we take this opportunity to thank The Friends of Hartland Medical Practice for supporting this hygienic improvement and all those members of our community who have donated precious funds to support the Friends in looking after so many important equipment and medical refurbishment needs for us throughout this year. It is incredibly kind of you all and supports the whole team in their care of all our patients.

Dr Connor, Dr Tapsell and all of their team should like to wish all our patients, their friends, families and carers a very peaceful Christmas and happy and healthy 2017.

Dr. Claire Lynch: 9am – 12 noon and 3 – 5pm
Dr. Austin Connor: 9am – 12 noon and 3 - 5pm
Nurse and HCA: 9am – 1pm and 2 – 6pm

Dr. Ruth Tapsell: 9am – 12 noon
Dr. Austin Connor: 9am – 12 noon
HCA (only): 9am – 12.30pm
Surgery after 12 noon please ring Bradworthy in emergency 01409 241215 until 6pm

Dr. Ruth Tapsell: 9am – 12 noon and 4 – 7pm
Dr. Austin Connor: 9am – 12 noon and 4 – 7pm
Nurse and HCA: 9am to 1pm
Nurse: 2 – 7pm HCA: 2 – 5pm

Dr. Ruth Tapsell: 9 – 10.50am and 2.30 – 5pm
Dr. Austin Connor: 9 – 10.50am and 3.30 - 5pm
HCA (only): 9am – 12.30pm and 2 – 5.10pm

Dr. Ruth Tapsell: 9am – 12 noon and 3.30 – 5.30pm
Nurse and HCA: 9am – 12.40pm
Nurse (only): 2 – 6pm

For online appointments etc. contact the surgery for your log-on details:

www.hartlandsurgery.co.uk
**FILMING AGAIN AT BLACKPOOL COTTAGE**

The film, ‘Between a Rock and a Hard Place’ is written and directed by Alastair Gourlay. He has written it to be produced as a short film for people, for instance commuters, who want to watch something on their tablets or telephones. It is a brilliant plot, rather mysterious with underlying connotations...... It won’t be on the television or cinema but sold to individuals when it comes out. The plot is highly recommended! The main actor is Clive Russell, known for the Game of Thrones etc.

The production team has been very supportive of Hartland with crew, production and actors all staying locally in The Bear, Hartland Quay, Downe Cottages and Cheristow. Hartland Quay have been producing all the food for them and Liam Reynolds has been employed to do everything from collecting Clive Russell from the airport to heaving equipment around. Anyone who has seen the “new state” of the cottage will know that the clean up job is likely to be arduous!

**HARTLAND ABBEY WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD**

At the award ceremony at the Barnstaple Hotel in October, Hartland Abbey was announced the winner of The North Devon Journal Gold Award for Best Country House and/or Garden 2016. The judges mentioned in particular the warm welcome they had received on arrival by Nancy Johns who was, at the time, standing in for Theresa Seligmann who was unwell. They loved the house, the gardens and the Tea Room and mentioned the House Stewards who they found interesting and informative.

For us it was both a tremendous honour and a huge surprise! It was a fabulous evening hosted by the Journal. We are hugely grateful to our team at the Abbey who do so much to keep the visitors happy.

Hartland Abbey to appear on BBC’s Escape to the Country in the spring

Also in October the production team from BBC’s ‘Escape to the Country’ arrived at the Abbey to film a couple who were looking at houses in the area. We are so grateful to Peter Senior who so kindly showed off the Abbey at its best to the cameras, including the workings of the Dining Room Table. At this time we do not know when it will appear on the television. Many thanks to Peter and Kieren for all their kindness and support to the Abbey.
Since the last RBL article in The Hartland Post, several events have taken place.

The commencement of the Battle of the Somme on 1st July 1916 was remembered at 07.30 on 1st July 2016 when a small band of Hartland citizens met at the War Memorial. After a brief word about why we were there, the Exhortation was recited followed by two minutes of silence. Then three blasts on a whistle signalled “Over the top!” and this was echoed on the radio playing in a nearby house making it a very moving moment. “We will remember them”.

An evening at the Legion Club was held in October to mark the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme, which ended in November 1916. The Clubhouse was suitably decorated with flags and a lively band ensured a splendid occasion.

In what seemed no time at all the annual Poppy Appeal was underway. The Poppies were distributed to the Poppy-sellers and the shops and businesses along with the door-to-door supporters were soon doing their good work. As always, it will be some while before the money raised has all been counted and a final figure arrived at but the people of Hartland can be relied on to be so generous that it is bound to be a pleasing amount. This will enable the Royal British Legion to continue its good work.

November 11th is Armistice Day when the Great War officially ended and as is usual was marked with a short ceremony at the Playing Fields, where two minutes of silence was observed marked by the firing of two maroon rockets. The Last Post was played before this and Reveille followed. A sizable group assembled to witness the event, including children from both the Small School and Hartland Primary School. Many then went back to the Clubhouse for refreshments. The schoolchildren were then given a talk on the meaning of Armistice Day and this was followed by a lively question and answer session. They also had the opportunity to handle a real Lee Enfield rifle of the type used by British and Empire soldiers during the Great War and subsequent conflicts.

At the 13th November Morning Service at St. Nectan’s Church, Stoke the names of the Hartland fallen from two World Wars were remembered. In the afternoon the Parade marched from the Legion and the Service of Remembrance was held in The Square where the local clergy contributed to a moving and reverent occasion.

As we race towards the end of the year we are now thinking of a coming event in February 2017: The loss of HMHS Glenart Castle and most of her passengers and crew. The Hospital ship sunk by enemy torpedo off Hartland Point on February 26th 1918 is commemorated by a monument near Hartland Point and an annual Service of Remembrance. This is attended by family descendants of some of those on board along with a growing number of other interested people.

John Hawkins
Chairman Hartland Branch Royal British Legion

A multi agency response was needed for a major cliff fall rescue at Westward Ho!.

An RNLI spokesman said: "So many accidents that occur around the coast which involve coastguard and lifeboat rescues happen to those who never meant to get wet, indeed around half of the 190 people who drown each year at the UK and Irish coasts slip, trip or fall into the water. This was so nearly the case at Westward Ho!.”

At 1.47pm on Saturday, November 12, Falmouth Coastguards requested the assistance of Appledore Inshore Lifeboat to an incident at the cliffs by the Pier House at Westward Ho!.

The Bideford and Hartland coastguard rescue teams, together with the Devon air ambulance and paramedics were already attending an injured person who had fallen over the cliffs.

With the tide rising rapidly the coastguard also requested the help of Appledore’s inshore lifeboat and the Coastguard air-sea rescue helicopter from St. Athan in South Wales.

The inshore lifeboat was launched immediately and stood by off the cliffs waiting in case their help was needed.

With the tide rising to within eight metres of the casualty, and knowing there were now as many as five people including the casualty who may need to be rescued rapidly before the water reached them, the lifeboat crew requested the assistance of the larger all-weather boat with its highly manoeuvrable inflatable “Y boat”. This was launched at around 2.30pm.

The Coastguard rescue helicopter 187 successfully winched the casualty to safety before returning to winch two paramedics clear of the fast rising tide. The two Coastguard technicians were able to scale the cliffs using their ropes, enabling both Lifeboats to stand down and return to station.

The Coastguard helicopter then flew the casualty to Derriford Hospital in Plymouth and the Bideford Coastguard team and air ambulance returned to their bases.

Call out to back up Bideford team. Cliff faller to the west of the haunted house at Westward Ho! Tense race against the tide to extract two casualties then two paramedics and finally the Coastguard cliff technicians. All done using the Air ambulance crew, the coastguard helicopter and its winch, land ambulances and two Coastguard teams (Bideford and Hartland). Also the Appledore all weather lifeboat and inshore lifeboat on hand in case extraction by sea was needed. Good job all.
The Air Cadets of Hartland 326 Squadron were again active in the town on Thursday 3rd November, raising money for Hartland Air Cadets by collecting “Penny for the Guy”.

As always, the Cadets were made very welcome by all the residence of Hartland, who enjoyed seeing the Cadets out and about, which made for an enjoyable and fun evening.

The Cadets, staff and ATC committee would like to thank everyone who did not hesitate to make a donation and we would like to tell you that we raised £249 as a result of your kind generosity.

18 November 2016 - Hartland ATC Cadets were invited to attend RAF Boscombe Down for an adventure weekend and 9 cadets took advantage of this, enjoying activities such as canoeing, archery, outdoor climbing wall, mountain bike riding and walking. Joanna Heard and Vicky Pengilly also managed to go flying. This proved to be a great weekend and we have been invited back again next year for lots more fun.

The squadron continues to devote time to train cadets for the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, with six cadets (3 from Bideford squadron) achieving the bronze final expedition in Torrington area and six cadets achieving their Silver expedition on Exmoor. Well done to all. This is only a part of the award so not quite there yet!

The cadets have enjoyed a BBQ down at Hartland Quay, compliments of the parents committee. More recently enjoyed a film at headquarters on the night of Halloween.

COMMUNITY

Hartland paraded at the Battle of Britain Parade at Kilhampton which was well attended. Thank you to all those who attended and to Sgt Hill for leading the parade.

Remembrance Sunday saw two parades led by Fl Lt Symons, one at Clovelly and then Hartland in the afternoon. This was well attended and Victoria Weeks did us proud by reading for the service at Clovelly. Well done to all and thank you for showing your support for your community.

We also had a Tree Planting Ceremony celebrating 75yrs of the Air Training Corps. A Cherry Tree was planted at North Gate Hartland which was blessed by reverend Jayne Haynes and the plaque was officially placed by Mr Poole the Chairman of Hartland Parish Council.

SPORTS

Sports activities continue to be supported at Chivenor where Hartland ATC join up with the other squadrons in our sector. Two cadets are to represent the South West Region - Ben Brumham to play Rugby and Olivia Pengilly to play Netball. Well done and good luck.

326 (Hartland) Sqn held its annual awards evening on Friday 25th November, celebrating a year of cadet achievements. Reverend Jayne Haynes is now officially the squadrons Padre and will be conducting the cadet inductions on the night. The squadron is delighted to have you on board.

The staff have had a busy year this year, in more ways than one, starting with a wedding in summer between Christopher and Stephanie Bragg and more recently Grace and Sam Olde had a baby boy, Oliver who has already been introduced to the squadron! Another baby is also on the way to Tara and Ben Edwards. More cadets in the making! Congratulations to all and a big thank you to all staff for their dedication and enthusiasm and for giving up their time.

Hartland squadron would like to thank the parents committee for their continued support of the squadron, for all their hard work and efforts in raising funds.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Cadets for all their dedication, commitment and enthusiasm. We have a very good Squadron with dedicated Staff and Cadets however we are short of qualified people to take cadets kayaking, climbing plus qualified supervisors and assessors for Dof E expeditions. Can you help?

If you would like to join as a cadet and are aged 12 years or over or if you have something to offer and would like to join our volunteers, please contact us. Thank you again to everyone.

Email hartlandatc@btinternet.com or 01237 440233 on Monday / Thursday evenings.
OUT & ABOUT IN HARTLAND

HARTLAND SOCIETY
This local history society meets on the third Thursdays of winter months at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall. Membership is open to all at a cost of £5 for the whole season, or £2 for individual meetings. Tea and coffee are served at the end of each meeting.

December 15th  Engineering on the Farm – from mattock and rake to tractor and satnav.
Committee member David Harris will be entertaining us with another of his own unique presentations as he looks at the history of farming and its impact here in Hartland.

January 19th  The Shops of Hartland
An updated look at the fascinating history of the shops of Hartland, first researched and presented to the Hartland Society in January 1998 by Christine Higgins. With Christine’s permission, we will be again sharing her text and the presentation which was so popular.

February 16th  ‘From Ploughboy to Priest’
Stephen Hobbs looks at the life and times of the late Revd Fred Pennington, who was a former president of the society and shared so many presentations on the history of Hartland with us.

Thursday, 16th March
at 7.30 in the Methodist Hall - The meeting will commence with the Annual General Meeting followed by ‘More Memorable Hartland Characters.’ Tony Manley recalls more of the memorable local characters he had the pleasure of talking to whilst preparing articles over thirty-three years for the ‘Hartland Times.’

For more information please contact the Hon Secretary, Kay Greenish, 18 Pengilly Way, Hartland. 01237  441091 or email: kaygreenish@gmail.com

COMMUNITY LUNCHES
The Primary School cooks sell meals during term time to anyone in the community who wishes to buy one. From the beginning, we have invited people to the roast dinner on a Wednesday in the church rooms. It is a good opportunity for those on their own to come together and eat a meal in company.
We shall be meeting on December 7th and 14th, then January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and February 1st. 8th. 22nd.
We have to order these meals, so please get in touch with Kay Greenish on 441091, by the previous Monday evening, if you wish to come and join us, or to ask for further details. Meals cost £4 for pensioners, (a bit more if not).

THE HARTLAND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
Those present at the Last Night at the Proms concert given by the Hartland Chamber Orchestra at St Nectan’s at the end of September will know just what a sensational evening it was. They began with the overture Plymouth Hoe, then the introduction to Elgar’s first Symphony followed by William Walton’s Crown Imperial March. Kath Morrison sang Handel’s O had I Jubals’s lyre and they finisnished with Prom favourites such as Jerusalem. About half those playing also play with the North Devon Sinfonia, who, of course, won the recent BBC competition-so they can bask in a little reflected glory! This includes the brass who kindly support them as programmes require. The full orchestra as we saw it then will be playing in a concert with the Military Wives Choir from Chivenor on Tuesday, December 6th at the Methodist Church, Bideford beginning at 7.30. They are always glad to welcome new players (generally Grade 8 and above) and anyone interested may like to contact by email: malcolm.woodcock@me.com. They will also be playing, mostly the string section, at St.Nectan’s the following evening, December 7th at 7.30pm for the Light up a Life service.

THE HARTLAND PLAYERS
From 2 FEBRUARY four performances
A HARTLAND PLAYERS PRODUCTION
“DON’T GET YOUR VICARS IN A TWIST”
written by Anne Gawthorpe & Lesley Bown
Forget the winter and join the players at the Parish Hall for a fun packed traditional farce! Set in a vicarage in 1993. Look out for usual posters for times and prices. Tickets will be on sale from the Pop-In in the village from January or enquiries Richard Macdonald. Tel. 01237 441824.

ANNIE PURCELL’S CREAM TEA
Following my Cream Tea on the 1st of October 16, and further donations, the amount raised as of the 6th October, is £1,000.00.
This has been split equally and sent to, Prostate and Bowel Cancer research.
I would like to thank Thirza Goaman and her splendid team, the ladies who baked delicious cakes, Rob Cole, Sarah Johns, all who sent in donations and the tremendous support I received on the day.

METHODOIST’S BIG BOOK SHOP
Big Book Shop Coffee Morning  to be held in the Methodist Hall on Saturday 25th February 2017. Starting at 10.00am - 11.30am. There will be the usual cake/savoury stall and a draw. We look forward to seeing all our old friends and supporters once again.

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PINE FERODA

St John’s Music and Arts Centre Christmas card making day on 12 November.

Rod Nelson, of Pine Feroda printmaking collaborative and Merlyn Chesterman working with a group of people living in Hartland to produce some very lovely cards.

ILFRACOMBE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

If you are feeling a little isolated, having trouble doing your shopping or don’t have a car this is your solution! Bus driver Karl, is there not only to drive you safely to your destination but is also very happy to help you on and off the bus with heavy shopping.

Minibus ring & ride services in the Torridge area

The R & R service runs all year except for Bank Holidays:

Wednesdays: Hartland pick-ups from about 9.10 at the Northgate bus stop. Destination alternates between Barnstaple and Bideford. Fares £5 return. For more information please call 01271 863630.

Torridge Out & About Community Minibus Club

(wheelchair accessible)

On Fridays once a month for whole day trips. Please call Karl on 01271 549680 and leave a message on the 24h answering machine with your name and number if he is absent. He will call you back. Most trips are suitable for people with reduced mobility.

Call Karl if you are interested in lunch out, visiting a local beauty spot or just going somewhere different. Spread the word and tell your friends – trips will only go if enough people book! Fares £7.50 half day.

WARTIME MEMORIES

Starts New Winter Session

The Hartland Society, the local history group, commenced its 2016-17 Winter Session in the Methodist Hall on Thursday, 20th October with a packed-house for a repeat showing of the film made by Small School student, Dylan Billson, entitled “Bombs, Barns & Books.”

The film, which featured the wartime reminiscences of four of our senior citizens was given a first showing in the Church Rooms earlier in the summer and such was the demand to see it that many were unable to find room to get in!

As part of a project for his GCSE exam studies, Dylan Billson had filmed interviews with Gwen Dennis, Grace Heywood, Gwen Jeffery and Avril Pengilly in which they recalled their own memories of the Second World War. It was great that the four interviewees were present on the evening. Directed and edited by Dylan, the film captured the evocative memories of the four ladies, which fascinated the large audience, who following the film had the opportunity the share their own wartime memories.

Copies of the DVD are available from the Post Office for which a donation of £4.00 is suggested – a very interesting Christmas present!

For the second meeting of the Hartland Society on 17th November committee member Roger Chapple, (also the treasurer of the Lundy Field Society, and a former chairman) introduced another informative and interesting presentation on our island neighbour. This time Roger gave a PowerPoint presentation and a short film on Lundy’s Maritime Conservation Zone, marking 40 years Marine Conservation. Again a very good attendance on what was a wet and windy night, it was superb to see the abundance of marine life that exists below the waves around the island – many of the photos reminding one of such exotic locations as Australia’s Great Barrier Reef.
We have had a fantastic start to the new school year; we welcomed Mrs Cloke as our new infant teacher, 15 new reception pupils and a few other new pupils into different year groups.

Following our stand at Woolser Show in July, we also welcomed two new Governors; Chris Mason and Loye Medd. They have already made a great start in getting to know our school and helping our school to further improve. In November Charlie Vanstone also joined our team as a new parent Governor.

This term the children and staff have been encouraging parents and relatives to join us in their learning in the curriculum through our Inspire mornings. Over the course of the term each class held an Inspire morning ranging from model making to supporting children with reading and maths. We really appreciated the support from our families, and know that the children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to share their learning.

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’Thank you for having us at your lovely school for the beginning of anti-bullying week. We were really impressed by the level of engagement, behaviour and respect that your pupils demonstrated.’ Bigfoot Arts Education SW

We are still welcoming volunteers to help us develop reading if you have an hour or two to spare on a regular basis and would like to volunteer to hear readers, please pop into the school to collect a volunteer information pack.

Don’t forget our Community Kitchen is open throughout term time. Menu is available from the school office or can be viewed on the school notice board.

Events coming up:
Thursday 1st Dec: 6:30pm Christmas Bingo in the Parish Hall
Friday 9th Dec: 3:30pm Christmas Bazaar in the School Hall.
Please do come and join us, your support is much appreciated.

Naomi Tottle, Headteacher

SHIRLEY & NICK WALTER enjoy an away game at Old Trafford

On 24 September Shirley and Nick Walter travelled to the Old Trafford Stadium in Manchester to watch Manchester United play Leicester City; an early birthday present and special treat for Shirley. Settled into their seats in the Alex Ferguson Stand, they had an excellent view of Manchester United winning 4:1. During the after-match “tea” (canapés and champagne) at the stadium Shirley was asked if she would like to present the champagne to the player of the match, Daly Blind. This certainly made Shirley’s birthday weekend extra-special!

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ROUTE 39 ACADEMY PRESS DAY

At the end of September Route 39 Academy organised a press day to visit their current premises in Higher Clovelly as well as the site for the new school build at Bucks Cross.

Principal Jordan Kelly, from Bideford, welcomed the press group to the school in its present location at the former Clovelly primary school and Clovelly Parish Hall. Visits were charmingly guided by year 9 students. Although the present site is not ideal, owing to the sprawl of the buildings, involving quite a bit of walking in the rain and wind, the school has certainly made the most of these premises which were kindly rented to them by John Rous and Clovelly Parish Hall. The visit started off at the sports field (which undoubtedly has the most fabulous view of any football pitch in the country), followed by a Maths class involved in a lively game of “Farmer Llama”, then the Science room and finally the language department where Spanish was enthusiastically in progress with the teacher who had found a very innovative way to conjugate verbs!

Jordan Kelly gave a presentation of the new school building which will be ready for the 2018/19 school year with the new build starting in the new year. The position of the new school offers a fabulous view over the sea and building will be sensitive to the environment and the needs of the local wildlife. Additional hedging and the preservation of established woodlands will accommodate the slow worm population, and building works will be mindful of the needs of the various species of bat present. Sports facilities will include a full-sized Sports Hall for gymnastics, badminton, volley ball, cricket and basketball. An outside pitch will provide for football and hockey training. The 14 acre site also offers many opportunities for environmental and horticultural studies.

The new Route 39 Academy will strongly focus on a project based learning approach and building strong teacher-pupil relationships. Instead of classical classrooms the interior space will be split into “learning villages” to encourage a bigger picture of learning which allows some subjects to be taught together (for instance English and Humanities). There will be a learning café and canteen available to teachers and students, a recording studio, an Einstein space super lab, a food technology suite, science labs, a printing room and art space. With all this skill and technology at their fingertips, Route 39 is intent on stretching, challenging and extending the potential of its students – and most probably the teachers too! From 145 students at present, the new build will be able to take up to 700. Class sizes will be kept to a maximum of 25, with a better student-teacher ratio than the national average.

Community feeling and relationships with other schools are improving and there is local support for the Academy. Jordan Kelly feels strongly that Route 39 is providing for young people in the area, some of whom will hopefully go on to set up small local businesses. The curriculum is varied and not only purely academic, providing openings into careers such as horticulture in collaboration with Duchy College, and food technology.
NEWS from the AONB

Extreme Beach Cleans

Reaching the parts that are hard to reach, the North Devon Coast AONB team, Skern Lodge and local volunteers are planning several events to remove marine litter washed up on the more remote parts of our coast.

“We are delighted to have funding from Tesco Bags of Help to involve the local community in protecting our wildlife and beaches by removing litter washed in from the sea,” said AONB Education Officer Cat Oliver. “Reaching the more remote beaches presents a number of challenges so we hope that combining the offer of a bracing walk or a chance to scramble down a cliff will inspire more people to help us clean up the beaches.”

The first ‘walk and beach clean’ is on Saturday 3rd December at Cockington Mouth from 10.00am to 3.30pm. This stretch of beach is a 45 minute walk south of Greencliff and north of Peppercombe, where the South West Coast Path dips down onto the beach (west of Abbotsham). Due to the remote location there is a phenomenal amount of marine litter stranded there that rarely gets taken away as there is no vehicle access. This is where Skern Lodge Outdoor Activity Centre comes in to provide the staff and a boat to remove the litter by sea. The National Trust, Keep Britain Tidy and Surfers Against Sewage are also supporting this event.

“We’re delighted to be able to work with the AONB team to share our skills, knowledge and equipment in looking after our outstanding coastline,” said John Watson, Skern Lodge General Manager. “We rely on the exceptional quality of the coast to bring people to North Devon.”

Plans for next year include a general beach clean, plus rock scrambling with Skern Lodge staff, at Hartland Quay on Saturday 25th February 2017. Further information is on the AONB website calendar - www.northdevon-aonb.org.uk or contact catherine.oliver@devon.gov.uk

New Project to help road verge wildlife and communities

A new project has just started which will help communities look after local road verges to benefit wildlife. The Life on the Verge Project- Biosphere has appointed local conservationist Clare Manning to work with communities on road verge management.

Clare Manning says, “there are some wonderfully rich and diverse road verges in this area and it is great to have this chance to help communities look after them for wildlife and for the benefit of local people and visitors. Life on the Verge - Biosphere has been supported by a £49,300 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). Thanks to National Lottery players, we have been able to help communities to manage roadside verges for wildlife”.

Road verges are an important wildlife resource and an integral part of Devon’s heritage. They provide a range of habitats and are increasingly important wildlife corridors for threatened species and pollinators. They also provide one of the only opportunities for us to see wildflowers on a daily basis, in towns and villages, as well as in a largely intensively managed countryside.

Managing verges to deliver all these benefits is ever-more difficult as local authority management increasingly focuses on road safety needs, and that’s where Life on the Verge-Biosphere comes in.

Through the project, funds, equipment and expertise will be available to help communities manage their chosen verges and promote their achievements. Case studies and best-practice guidance will help recruit more communities and sustain the volunteer network once the project ends.

Councillor Stuart Hughes, portfolio holder for highways at Devon County Council says “as well as receiving training to identify wildflowers and associated habitats, it is important that volunteers can work safely by the roadside. Devon County Council Highways is proud therefore to be able to offer free highways safety training for verges volunteers through its existing Community Road Warden and Self Help schemes”

Richard Prowse , chair of the Tarka Country Trust, explains that, “to get the project started, Clare will spend a lot of time promoting the project, visiting communities and helping them to get involved. I would urge anyone who is interested to contact Clare by e-mail at ‘verges@tarkacountrytrust.org.uk’ or 07796 334222

As well as the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), this project has been supported by the North Devon Coast AONB’s Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) which is funded by Defra. The SDF supports projects such as Life on the Verge - Biosphere which bring environmental, social or economic benefit to the North Devon Coast AONB. Marsdens Devon Cottages, whose customers have been raising money for the North Devon Biosphere for several years are also providing funds.

Other project supporters are Devon County Council Highways, The Devon Biodiversity Records Centre and The North Devon Biosphere Service and Biosphere Foundation.

For more on this story, including images, or to arrange an interview with Clare call Tom Hynes on 07968 079431 or email tom.hynes@devon.gov.uk
One Earth, One Humanity, One Future

It has been a busy year for the Resurgence offices situated in Ford House, Hartland. Not only did their Editor of 43 years, Satish Kumar, celebrate his 80th birthday but Resurgence celebrated its 50th. Resurgence magazine has now merged with The Ecologist and both are watched over by Satish, a long-term Hartland resident since settling in the UK in 1973. He is also the originator and cofounder of Schumacher College, a passionate peace and environment activist, writer and speaker who provides spiritual inspiration to many. Satish celebrated his birthday at Ford House in August around a bring and share lunch with family and friends from near and far.

To celebrate their 50th anniversary, the Resurgence Trust staged a three day spectacular event at Worcester College, Oxford at the end of September. Leading global speakers shared their latest ideas and groundbreaking solutions relating to climate change, ecology, social justice, spirituality, the arts etc. Over 50 speakers included Green MP Caroline Lucas, campaigner and celebrity chef Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, filmmaker Lord Puttnam, Jonathan Porritt and former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams. The unifying vision of the event’s title of one earth, one humanity, one future has now turned out to be even more appropriate given the turmoil of this past year.

Plantlife is running a campaign at the moment called ‘making the small things count’; it urges people to look at smaller plants, mosses and lichen, as well as the bigger and more obvious flowers. The campaign is an attempt to help save the habitats in which these often overlooked, but important plants, flourish. In science, there is a gathering interest in even smaller things; microscopic things.

We have gradually begun to become aware of an unseen world of tiny microscopic life-forms that are not dangerous to our health as our age-old beliefs had us think, more, they are essential if not crucial to our health. The adverts for ‘friendly bacteria’ in probiotic products have become familiar, as we learn about the human microbiome and its huge importance to our health. Less talked about is the soil microbiome; a vast community of micro-organisms found in the soil, indeed, one quarter of all known species live within soil. Just one teaspoon can hold more organisms than there are people on the planet.

Yet, just as we have unwittingly destroyed vital micro-organisms in our digestive tract, through the overuse of antibiotics and highly processed foods, we have also killed the micro-organisms of the soil through overuse of chemical fertilizers, fungicides, herbicides, pesticides, failure to add sufficient organic matter to the soil and the over-use of antibiotics in animal feed. Soil micro-organisms, particularly bacteria and fungi, cycle nutrients and water to plants; our crops, the source of our food, and ultimately our health. Some researchers now believe that the alarming increase in autoimmune diseases, like Crohn’s disease and rheumatoid arthritis, may be the result of a disruption in the ancient relationship between ourselves and our microbial systems with whom we co-evolved.

Reintroducing the right micro-organisms to depleted and sterile soils is analogous to eating natural yogurt or taking probiotics and, agroecology - a system of agriculture and land management that looks at natural ecosystems to inform its agricultural practice - may be the answer. Organic farmers who use agroecological practices, build and maintain healthy soil in various ways. One is the use of green manures, crops that are grown solely for soil fertility. The humble clover, is the most common of the green manure plants valued because it can fix nitrogen from the air through beneficial bacteria that live in the nodules on its roots.

Clover is a plant that we all know from childhood – who hasn’t tried to find a four leaf-clover and in the USA, there are clover farms that specialise in growing four-leaved clovers. In Hartland there are still grazing pastures that have an abundance of white clover, Trifolium repens, and red clover Trifolium pratense, and these two species are also used as fodder plants, sown alone or in mixture with ryegrass, where they form a staple crop for silaging. So, next time you see a clover, think of it as a medicine for the soil and treasure its presence.

We can all help increase the health of our soil by looking after the soil in our gardens, council green spaces and on our farms; techniques such as green manures and composting will work just as well in the garden or on the allotment as they will on farmland. Clovers are favourite plants of bumble bees and honey bees and by allowing clover to flourish we will also be helping these important pollinators. Additionally, we can all support the work of the Soil Association who put soil health and care for the environment at the core of their business.

Clare Gurton
It has now been nearly eight months since Sarah and Donal Stafford took over at the Quay. Being one of the most iconic of venues in Hartland, making a success of their first summer was very important. And successful it was! They were very busy throughout the summer months and are grateful for all the local support that they have received and also extend their thanks to their hardworking staff. Anyone who visits the Quay regularly will know that a warm welcome is always waiting from the dynamic team.

Sarah and Donal had always wanted to work together in hospitality and had been looking locally for other options when the opportunity to take over the Quay came up. As can easily be imagined it is very much a full-time and hands-on job; living on site has made getting the work/life balance right. But with the summer season successfully behind them, they have learnt to organise work so that they can both spend more time with their son, Daniel. Although living right on the beach must be every child’s dream come true, Daniel actually prefers to roll down the grassy bank at the back of their cottage. As he grows up, he will no doubt become an expert swimmer and surfer!

Changes to the Quay have been numerous, but subtle in nature. More food is prepared in-house, the menu slimmed down and most desserts are homemade. With a mixed target audience, of seaside visitors in the summer and locals in the winter, it is important that the menu appeals to both groups. On offer are still the pub staples with changing evening specials. During the week in the winter they are proposing a special lunchtime menu for £6, or two meals for £10. Homemade scones are available at the weekends, teas and coffees are always available, breakfasts by prior arrangement. Group bookings for special events are welcomed, so don’t forget to book up for those special Christmas or New Year celebrations. Dates are flexible and there are menus to suit all budgets. Vegetarians, vegans and gluten free are all catered for.

On the hotel side, Sarah and Donal have installed a new booking system, Wifi throughout the hotel and replaced beds and mattresses. Their winter projects include replacing the soft furnishings and carpets in the bar as well as renovating the toilets, further work in the bedrooms and outside work on the drains etc.

From the hotel being closed in the winter to Chris and Jill Johns deciding to keep open all year round, the Quay clientele has gone through many changes. Although some winter evenings during the week are quieter, many more people are visiting Hartland for short breaks or long weekends, regardless of the season – and the weather. Weekends in the winter are busy with special interest groups, photographers, painters, hunters, hikers, film crews and those visiting Lundy.

This year for the first time the Quay will be open on New Year’s Eve! There will be food until 6pm and then drinks until late. And by the way, in case you are wondering what is their best selling dish? It’s fish and chips, of course!

There has been rejoicing in Hartland following the much-awaited opening of Pattard Kitchen by talented chef Bjorn Moen, formerly of the Hart, serving contemporary dishes with local produce. Opening night on Thursday 17 November was packed with happy diners who, by all accounts, had fabulous meals with starters such as textures of root vegetables, mains including slow cooked ruby red rump, mushroom ketchup, winter greens, jus and rosti potatoes, finished off with a delicious dessert such as tonka bean panacotta with macerated strawberries and yoghurt sorbet.

Bjorn is bursting with innovative ideas; he frequently changes the menu, is extending his range of homemade breads and will start making his own flavoured butters. The Hartland Post hopes to publish a full interview with him in the next issue. Pattard Kitchen is open Tuesday-Saturday (closed Sunday and Monday) evenings only from 6pm. Private bookings for lunch on request. Functions and parties catered for. Opening times might vary seasonally.

STOP PRESS / Pattard Kitchen will be open on New Year’s Eve with a set menu. Booking essential. All enquiries and bookings by phone only: 01237 441 444
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The Old Bakery Coffee Shop
Many congratulations to Jacqui and her wonderful team in the Old Bakery Coffee Shop on the Square in Hartland. From elderly ladies enjoying lunch or a cup of tea, to young mums and babies getting together over coffee and cake and all those ladies who lunch, we love the Old Bakery and don’t know how we managed without it! It has filled a huge gap in Hartland and is truly appreciated by so many.

During the winter months the Old Bakery will be doing special lunches on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Their talented chef, Carol, will be making her homemade specials, such as stew and dumplings served with mashed potatoes and vegetables, or a vegetarian option, for £6.95 Their full menu and delicious cakes and biscuits, all homemade on the premises, will also be available.

The Coffee Cabin, Appledore
If you are going to Appledore, or anywhere nearby, a visit to the Coffee Cabin is an absolute must! Richard, Martin and team will give you a very warm welcome and have the most sublime selection of scrumptious cakes on offer, as well as a variety of lunch dishes and excellent teas and coffees. Inspired by Mary Berry, Richard makes all the cakes and the other dishes on the premises.

The Coffee Cabin, 22 The Quay, Appledore. Tel. 01237 475843 open 7 days a week 9-4.30

Cheristow Lavender Tearoom
to open again in 2017
Due to the overwhelming response which Michelle Heard received following her announcement to close Cheristow Lavender Tearoom at the end of the 2016 season, she has decided to re-open again in the Spring albeit with a limited menu.

So if you want a fantastic cream tea made with organic ingredients, wander up to Cheristow Lavender Tearoom. They also serve ethical organic teas and coffees, homemade cakes and savoury scones. They will no longer be serving any light lunches or hot meals.

Hartland Farmer’s Market
Christmas Farmer’s Market on Sunday 18 December in the Parish Hall 10-1pm. The next Market will be on Sunday 5 February 2017 and then monthly on the first Sunday of the month throughout the year. All enquiries to Paul by email on: becklandgame@btinternet.com

Fish & Chips
After sadly losing The Square Chip, we now once again have fish & chips available locally from:

The Kings Arms
Friday evenings at The Kings Arms, The Square, Hartland

The Whiddon Wagon
Wednesday 5pm - 7pm from the van outside the Fire Station

Woolsery Fish & Chips
Wednesday & Thursday 4.30pm - 8.30pm
Friday & Saturday 12noon - 2pm & 4.30pm - 8.30pm
Specials menu changes weekly, bringing a selection of favourites as well as some creative new dishes.
Messy Church and Nativity

Messy Christmas

On Thursday 22nd December from 2.30 - 4.30pm, the Thursday before Christmas, there will be Messy Christmas in the Church Rooms in Hartland. (the red door in the car park). There will be lots of Christmas fun, games, stories, singing and crafts, followed by a Christmas party tea.

All welcome, but it would really help if you let us know that you’re intending to be there.

Revd Brenda Jacobs, tel 01237 441271
Revd Jane Hayes tel 01237 440161
Vera Tooke tel 01237 441057

Crib service, Nativity

Come and help us tell the nativity story.

If you want to - come dressed up as a nativity character, shepherds, angels, sheep, wise men etc.

We will act the story out together, sing carols and taste the Christmas cake we made on Stir Up Sunday on Christmas Eve at 3pm, in St Nectan’s Church Stoke.

Cook’s Corner

Apple Tart

Pastry (shortcrust or flaky; homemade or frozen) to fit 26-30 cm flan dish

5/6 large cooking apples

90g sugar

2 eggs (whisked)

60g butter (melted)

Line a flan dish with pastry. Peel, quarter and core apples, then slice thinly.

Mix together the sugar, whisked eggs and melted butter. Spread over the pastry and then arrange the sliced apples on top. Bake in the oven at 200°C for 35 minutes.

Serve warm with clotted cream.

Hartland

Farmers’ Market & Café

Christmas Market

Sunday, 18th Dec.

10 – 1 pm

Parish Hall
The Parish Council meets on the last Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall; the meetings usually begin at 7.45pm. All are welcome to attend and there is a public comment session at the start of each meeting if anyone wishes to bring an issue to the attention of the Council.

Parish Council contact details, dates of meetings, agendas and minutes are on the website: www.hartlandpc.org.uk; agendas and contact details are also posted on the notice boards in Hartland, Meddon and Stoke.

**Car Parking in Hartland**

Thanks to those of you who sent comments and suggestions about parking in Hartland. The Parish Council will continue to look at this issue and hope to have some ideas to present to the Parish at our Open Day next May.

**Hartland Emergency Plan**

The Parish Council is developing an Emergency Plan to provide community resilience in the early stages of an emergency. A Home Emergency Plan will be produced as part of the Parish Plan and will be available to all households. The aim is to provide everyone with a self-help guide of what to do in an emergency and also a central place to keep all your important numbers such as insurance details, key contacts and emergency services. It encourages you to think about what you would do in an emergency and asks questions like, do you know where the water stop valve is? and how would you turn off your electricity supply?

The Emergency Plan will be launched at the Parish Council Open Day next May and the councilors hope that many Hartland residents will take the opportunity to find out what the Emergency Plan involves, how it could help you and your family and what you can do to help yourselves.

**ST. NECTAN’S CHURCH DIARY**

**DECEMBER**

4th 11am Christingle – United Service at St Nectan’s
7th 7.30pm Light up a Life at St Nectan’s
11th 11am Sung Eucharist at St Nectan’s
15th 3.30 – 5.30pm Messy Church for Primary age children with their parents in the church rooms
18th 11am Carols and Readings at St Nectan’s
6pm Carols and Readings with the band; at Methodist Chapel
24th 3pm Crib Service at St Nectan’s
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist at St Nectan’s
25th 10am Holy Communion at St Nectan’s
10.30am Christmas Service at Methodist Chapel

**JANUARY**

1st 11am United Service at Methodist Chapel
8th 11am Sung Eucharist at St Nectan’s
15th 11am Hart Service – All Age Worship at St Nectan’s
22nd 11am Sung Eucharist at St Nectan’s
29th 11am United Service – Covenant at Methodist Chapel
4pm Team Service for Candlemas at Alwington

**February services not yet confirmed**

**Wednesday services in the church rooms**

Holy Communion at 10am
Study Groups at 11am
December 7th & 14th
January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
February 1st, 8th, 22nd

Please check hartlandcoastchurches.org.uk for more details.

Parish Office open weekdays 10am-midday 441142

Carol Suppers 10th and 11th December. 7 for 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets £12.00. Please book with Nancy (441303) or Mary (441264)

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**Snow Warden Volunteers**

Winter is approaching and I am hoping you will all still volunteer: if any of you need more supplies of sand and grit please contact me on 441500 Thank you, Councillor Joy Cooper.

**Public Phone Boxes**

Torridge District Council is consulting with the Parish about BT’s request to remove more public phone boxes. As you may know the boxes at Elmscott and in Springfield are no longer active and were adopted by the Parish as street furniture and for community use as required. BT propose to remove the boxes in Fore Street, Meddon and Stoke; there would no longer be any public phone boxes in Hartland Parish (unless I’ve missed one?CH).

Please let the Parish Council know if you would like to add your opinion to the consultation; there are three options offered by TDC:

- Agree to BTs request for removal of the phone boxes
- Disagree
- Agree to ‘adopt’ the non-live box for community use

**Meddon Nature Reserve**

Meddon Nature Reserve urgently needs some tlc following the departure from the area of a number of Meddon residents who were part of the team that looked after the Reserve. The land is owned by the Parish and in the past residents have worked with Mr Tom Hynes of the Biosphere Reserve to keep the Reserve in good condition. Mr Hynes is happy to organise a meeting if enough volunteers can be found; please contact the Parish Council if you can help.

**Your Parish Council:**

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**Vice-Chair:** James Morley 01237 441890
**Councillors:** Joy Cooper 01237 441500; Viv Gale 01237 441272; John George 01237 441320; Victor Goaman 01237 431265; Grahame Mather 01237 431027; Sarah Stafford 01237 441987; Terry Winchcombe, 01237 441959
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SUMMER GARDEN SHOW RESULTS 2016

Cup Winners

1. Members Cup (Lettuce) Mrs Elizabeth Hodges
2. Best Horticultural Exhibit Mr Brian Holis
3. Best Exhibit in Floral Art Mrs Jean Heard
4. Most points in Fruit classes Mrs Heather Scott
5. Best Children's Exhibit Isaac Richards
6. Most points in Cookery Classes Mrs Tina Morgan
7. Most points in Children's Classes James Leonard
8. Best Exhibit in Needlework & Craft Mrs Rachel Threlkeld
8* Best Exhibit in Art/Photography Mr Ian Threlkeld
9. Best plate of potatoes Classes 1-6 Mr Trevor Dawkins
10. Best Exhibit in Rose/Carnations Mr John Hodges
11. Most points in Floral Art Mrs Jean Heard
12. Most points in Needlework/Craft Mrs Deirdre Connis
13. Best Exhibit in Flower Classes Mrs Maria Breemridge
14. New exhibitor – best in flowers/veg Mrs Tricia Oakley
15. Most points in Vegetable Classes Mr Trevor Dawkins
16. Best Exhibit in Cookery Classes Mrs Margaret Wood
16* Best Exhibit in Runner Beans Mr Brian Hollis
17. Most points combined Veg. & Flowers Mr Trevor Dawkins
18. Best potatoes Class 7 Mr Trevor Dawkins
19. Best Dahlia Exhibit Mr Graham Tape
20. Best Exhibit in Class 15 (Leeks) Mr Geoff Shearing
21. Best Reserve in Children's Classes Henry Olde
22. Best in Children's Classes Mr Graham Tape
23. Best Exhibit of cut flowers Mrs Margaret Wood
24. Best pot plant Mrs Margaret Wood
24*. Most potatoes grown in a bucket Lewis Thorne

Sports

25. Men's mile race Ryan Tape
26. Ladies mile race Lucy Cuvnow

Autumn Show Cup Winners 2016

1 A Mr. T. Dawkins – Best horticultural exhibit
2 B Mr. G. Tape – Most points in show
3 C Carly Inch – Most points in children's
4 D Mr. G. Tape – Most points in flowers
5 E Mrs. T Oakley – Most points in cookery
6 EE Mrs. T. Oakley – Best cookery exhibit
7 F Mr. H. Stone – Best onion in show
8 G Callum Inch – 2nd most points in children's
9 H Mr. D Hollis – Best exhibit in vegetables (no other cup)
10 I Mr. G. Tape – Best chrysanthemums exhibit
11 J Mr. G. Tape – Best dahlia exhibit
12 K Mrs. N. Scattergood – Best in Art/craft/n/work/photo.
13 L Mrs. S. MacDiarmid – Best floral art exhibit
14 M Carly Inch – Best exhibit in Children's
15 N Mr T. Dawkins – Most points in vegetables

Monday talks for 2017

After a brilliant start for the season 2016-2017, here is a reminder of what's in store for the second half starting on the 23rd January, Howard Wills will be our guide to “Exhibiting succulents at the RHS Garden shows”.

On the 27th February, our popular Garden Quiz is back, put together by some very clever members with prizes to be won! We shall end the evening with a shared supper.

On the 27th March, our Nigel will close the season with his talk about Daffodils

During the summer, we organise a visit to a garden or small holding, we shall let you know closer to the date. These evenings are open to all, for £2 and that includes refreshments with Joy’s delicious and inventive baking, she always surprise us!

Meetings at the Church rooms 19h30.

HARTLAND ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB

The Hartland Arts and Crafts club, meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the Methodist Hall from 10 to 12.30.

The club celebrated its 10th anniversary this year and our numbers are growing steadily.

Here is the provisional program for the beginning of 2017:

Each month we have a tutorial, followed by an open session the second meeting of the month; we try to alternate art one month, craft the other, but sometimes it can vary according to the availability of the tutors. The tutorials are only a possibility, everybody can bring whatever they fancy doing... we also try to call on the local abilities and they abound!

• 12th January, we start the year with an art session, with Roy Collins
• 9th February Patchwork with Donna
• 9th March Portrait with a live model, monitored by Françoise

For the rest of the year, pottery, textiles, driftwood, ceramics will be on the agenda and much more. We will keep you informed.

Everybody is welcome to come, have a look, just watch or participate. Contacts: Kay Greenish 441 091 or Danielle Mcbride 441 603
Yes I know, I’m beginning to sound older than my years but this year has sped by in whirl of celebration. The 90th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, World cup football, the Olympic and Paralympic games. Then of course came all the political change, the referendum and all that came with it. I look forward to the usual review of the year programmes and articles over Christmas time, how will they fit it all in?

So we find ourselves once more entering the season of Advent, preparing to celebrate Christmas – Immanuel, God with us. For our family, it will be our first taste of Christmas in Devon, adapting to new ways of doing things.

Each of us will have our traditions, things we do each year, Christmas would not feel the same without them. Our thoughts will be with those who have lost loved ones and who will be facing the first Christmas without someone dear to them. We pray that they will find comfort in the true meaning of Christmas. As we begin our familiar celebrations we pray too, that our churches will offer the opportunity for us all to pause in the busyess, to focus on what Christmas is really all about and ensure that Christ is firmly at the heart of our celebrations.

Often as I go about during advent people say to me, “Well, Christmas is really all about family isn’t it?” Others say, “It’s only really special if you have young children.” I believe Christmas is about love. For many of us the nearest thing we get to experiencing love is through our families and close friends but, wonderful though that can be, it is just a pale reflection of the love God has for each and everyone of us whether we have families, friends, small children or none of those things. A love so strong that Christians believe he wrapped himself in flesh and blood and came to live among us, to share our joys and our sorrows and to save us from our own self interest and greed. And we believe that is something really worth celebrating.

Our churches are ready to welcome you this Christmas, At St Nectan’s Stoke alone we have 7 services this December. From a traditional carol service, and quiet communions to informal crib Nectan’s Stoke alone we have 7 services this December. From a traditional carol service, and quiet communions to informal crib services. I hope that you will come and join with us and it will be a blessing to you as we celebrate the greatest gift.

On behalf of the Hartland Coast Mission Community, I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Brenda

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**WELCOMBE VILLAGE NEWS**

**Welcombe Bells Come Home Again**

The bells of Welcombe Church received a warm welcome when they were returned from Nicholson’s Engineering in Bridport following their refurbishment, which was made possible by funding from the Landfill Communities Fund.

Regular worshippers and visitors to St Nectan’s Church in Welcombe have not heard their bells since last summer due to extensive damage to the frame supporting them by the action of the south-westerly winds and rain. The keen team of ringers have been ringing at nearby Clovelly whilst the bells are away, but cannot wait to get their own bells back. Many letters of support have been received from residents, regular visitors to the village and local businesses, who were aware of the difference that the bells made, because the absence of weddings at the Church had a follow-on effect on village hall bookings, trade in the pub, and B&B and Holiday let bookings.

The project included having the tower repointed to avoid a recurrence of the problem, and the replacement of the main beams supporting the bells by new galvanised steels. Following months of fundraising, including an amazing £13,000 donated locally, the project was finally given the go ahead when the good news was received that Viridor Credits Environmental Company had awarded £20,000 through the Landfill Communities Fund. Further grants were generously given by the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund, Garfield Weston Foundation, Devon Historic Churches Trust, John S Cohen Foundation and the All Churches Trust.

Gareth Williams, Funded Projects Manager at Viridor Credits, said “the level of local donations impressed the local steering group when this application was made, and the importance of the church in the village was underlined by the huge amount of support the project has received.”

It is so amazing to find out the fantastic level of support we have got in a tiny village of less than 200 people, who are willing to pull together to protect a significant landmark in the village, and very heartening to receive grant aid to the extent we have when we are so small a community. Once the bells are installed in the tower again, we should be back to normal in the next few weeks.”

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**WELCOMBE VILLAGE DIARY**

9th  Organ Extravaganza, Greg Hookway plays at 7.30pm!
Welcombe Church

11th  Christingle Service 9.30am Welcombe Church

18th  Christmas Children’s Party Village Hall 2.30-4.30pm
(NB Please see details in Parish Magazine)

18th  Nine Lessons and Carols 6.30 pm Welcombe Church

19th  Welcombe Lunch Club, Village Hall

24th  ‘Midnight Mass’ 10pm Welcombe Church

25th  Morning Worship 9.30 am St Nectan’s Welcombe
Cinema in the Welcombe Village Hall
continues on Tuesdays at 7.30 once a month.

For more info and programme please call 01288 331568
or email: rickwillows@gmail.com

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CLOVELLY VILLAGE NEWS

ALLSAINTS CHURCH

REPAIRS. The works are virtually finished now and you will find the church a lot warmer from the new heating system and more comfortable on the cushioned pews.

For those using a hearing aid we now have a loop with the new sound system. The organ will be at its best after being refurbished. A wheelchair access is available via the west door of the tower.

We wish to THANK STELLA COOPER for remembering All Saints in her will, as her bequest has enabled us to make all these improvements to keep the church in good repair for the 21st Century.

HARVEST. Our Harvest thanksgiving service and the auction of produce raised over £400 which has been sent to the DEVON FREEWHEELERS BLOOD BIKES. Our grateful thanks to all who came and all the workers along with our auctioneer Andrew Millman.

The Devon Freewheelers are a team of 50 volunteer Emergency Vehicle drivers who are dedicated to providing a weekday out of hours service (17.00 – 06.00) and 24/7 weekend service supporting the NHS in delivering essential Blood, Samples, Medication and Donor Breast Milk to hospitals throughout Devon. This team is ably supported by a network of 30 volunteers providing call centre and essential fundraising support. Our annual budget is £150,000 which is essential in maintaining the fleet of 11 bikes and two Emergency All Terrain vehicles to the highest possible standards together with our modest HQ costs.

Consequently, the Fundraising Volunteers are an essential part of the team. To help with this essential service please contact:

Devon Freewheelers, Unit 15, Durham Way, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton. Devon.
EX14 1SQ. Tel: 0300 800 0105. Email: info@bloodbikes.org
Web Site: https://bloodbikesdevon.org.uk

On 6th October we welcomed Revd Kevin Beer, at his licencing to serve The Hartland Coast Mission Community for a year, with special responsibility for All Saints to ‘learn the ropes of running a parish’. Our thanks to all who enjoyed the event - with Bishop Sarah Mullally presiding - and for the ladies who provided the lovely tea and cakes afterwards.

CHRISTMAS Our CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE will be on Christmas Eve at 6-30pm as usual with mulled wine and savoury & sweet nibbles afterwards.

We wish all your readers a BLESSED AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a PEACEFUL HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Chris West, Churchwarden.

CLOVELLY WAR MEMORIAL PARISH HALL

The whole of the parking area around the hall has been tarmacked and will soon have parking bays. New lighting has been fitted in the hall and the external lighting will be improved.

Quotes are being sort to improve that drainage of the football field and new fencing has been erected.

A group of teenagers are progressing the installation of a Skate Board Park with pump priming finance of £10,000 from the Parish Hall Committee.

All this, the new roof and other works has been made possible by renting the hall to Route 39 Academy.

We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused but the hall will now be able to continue serving the community for many years without financial worries about maintenance.

CLOVELLY PARISH COUNCIL.

Affordable Housing A grant has been awarded to enable a planning application to be made by early in the New Year.

Defibrillator: This will be ordered once the funding has been received from Cllr Julian and the Friends of Hartland Practice in Memory of Peter Skinner. It will be fitted by the front entrance of the Parish Hall.

Highways: They have been reminded that the back road to Clovelly Harbour is in a dangerous state of disrepair. Also the road from Clovelly Cross to Woolserly needs urgent repairs.

The RED LINE: The Council supports the March on 22nd October for retaining services at North Devon Hospital.

CLOVELLY PILOT GIG CLUB

AT THE GREAT RIVER RACE

For Clovelly Pilot Gig Club, one of the highlights of the end of the season is the Great River Race in London. The 22 mile row is a festival of traditional rowing boats, and the largest event of its kind in the world. Over 330 crews took part in everything from gigs to dragon boats, curraghs to Celtic longboats. The only things they have in common is that they must have at least four oars, and fixed seats – no slidy seats here!

Each boat class is given a handicap, meaning that if they are all rowed to the same standard all 330 boats should arrive at the finish at the same time. Luckily that’s never happened, at least not yet.

The course runs right through the heart of London, starting at Milwall dock on the Isle of Dogs and finishing at Ham House in Richmond. It’s a fascinating journey (if you can look up from rowing) past Canary Wharf, Tower Bridge, the London
Eye and the Houses of Parliament before heading further upriver and leaving the city behind to arrive in the less built-up surroundings of Richmond.

Clovelly’s crew in the gig Christine H was officially mixed, though in fact five of the rowers and the cox were women, with only one man rowing and the other enjoying the ride as the official passenger. With the tide flooding the start is always tricky, and in trying to avoid smaller boats ahead Clovelly got tangled up with the starting barge. Once free of that they set of chasing down those in front of them.

Overtaking in such a crowded race takes a lot of coxing skill and bursts of energy from the crew, as does passing under each of the twenty-eight bridges on the course where the current increases and threatens to push boats against the piers. Crowds lined the bridges and riverbanks, cheering the boats on as they passed.

22 miles is a long way, and the initial exuberance soon settled down into steady rowing, with a stiff breeze and choppy water making it particularly hard work. Crowds on the bridges provided a welcome boost to morale, especially as the team’s shirts spelt out Clovelly, telling the spectators what to shout!

The last mile or so was very hard work, enlivened when an approaching dragon boat captain promised his crew free beer if they could overtake Christine H. This just provided an extra incentive to the Clovelly crew, who held the challenger off all the way to the line.

After 3 hours and two minutes of hard rowing, the crew were very tired, with stiff limbs and blisters galore. But they were also delighted to have finished in the top half of the field with an almost all-female crew. As the celebrations warmed up, the effort was almost forgotten and plans were already being laid for next year.

Cornish Pilot Gigs were the biggest class at the GRR, and gig rowing is the fastest growing watersport in the country. Clovelly welcome newcomers of all abilities, so if you’d like to give it a go, contact Fiona Farley on 07917 672 267

LITTERMOUTH

The debut album from Littermouth, Winners of the Indi Rock Challenge 2015 Los Angeles. This is the innovative first album from South West based band Littermouth.

Described by band members as modern art rock with added groove, this album sweeps from heavy rock into funky grooves. Drummer Andy Lloyd combines a heavy drive with distinctive rhythms, whilst bassist Geezer Young adds his own brand of dirty power mixed with subtle, well placed riffs and runs. Backing vocalist Julie Meikle brings depth and colour with haunting harmonies. Lead guitarist Steve Shelton, with his innovative chord patterns and eccentric lead lines, teamed up with singer and lyricist Jon Price, to produce thought provoking, contemporary songs, with a narrative thread of injustice and conflict, tempered by songs of friendship. This is not an album for the lovesick teenager!

Littermouth blend styles and genres, flowing from the Arabic overtones in Bullets In Bed, to the epic majesty of Price I Pay and the tight vocal harmonies in Breathe and Killing Me.

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THE GAIA TRUST
The Gaia Trust will sell properties at Welcombe, North Devon

Following an exhaustive options appraisal, the Board of the Gaia Trust has decided to dispose of all the land and buildings that it owns at Welcombe in North Devon. These were transferred from the Yarner Trust when it was wound up in January 2015. The disposal will be carried out in accordance with the rules by which a Registered Charity must operate.

In 2015 the Gaia Trust, an environmental charity with agricultural holdings in Devon and Cornwall, accepted responsibility for the Yarner Trust estate. The Gaia Trust was aware that Yarner had for many years generated insufficient income either to sufficiently cover the operational costs of the charity or to maintain the historic fabric of its buildings.

Concerned to establish a realistic plan for the future of the properties at Welcombe, the Gaia Trust has explored a number of options for the buildings in pursuance of its charitable objectives. The research was undertaken with support and advice from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Architectural Heritage Fund and Charity Commission, together with legal, accountancy and estate management advice.

Gaia Director Matt Edworthy commented, “Professional surveys and other estimates put the total cost of restoring and renovating the Barton alone – the old manor farm at the centre of Welcombe estate - in the region of £0.75 million. There are also other buildings, some in a very dilapidated state. Indications from potential grant-giving agencies are that a project of this kind would be unlikely to meet their funding criteria. Gaia would also have to find substantial match-funding. In any case, a cost benefit analysis throws doubt on whether an investment of this scale could be justified.”

Gaia Trust has consulted the community at Welcombe on two occasions, In May and July this year. The realities and implications of the decisions facing the Trust were explained and discussed. The community expressed strong views and were invited to make alternative suggestions that would allow Gaia to meet its objectives. The Parish Council was unable to find a way for the community to raise the funds necessary to take part of the estate into community ownership. Charity law would not permit the Trust to gift any of the estate.

Matt concluded, “Tough though this decision has been, it is unavoidable. Throughout the land small charities are either struggling to survive or are being wound up as public sector support dwindles and competition for grants increases. Shedding a lossmaking part of Gaia’s estate strengthens our financial independence and capacity to take on the challenges of post-Brexit Britain. By taking this decision now, the Trust will be in a better position to do what we were set up to do, that is, bringing people and nature together through the sustainable, productive and ethical stewardship of agricultural land.”

SEE HEAR WHEELS
WELCOME HOME MARK!

North Devon man Mark Saunders, 54, who cycled across the USA, from the East to the West coast, over the summer for a local charity, came home to Barnstaple on Sunday 23rd October.

Mark undertook this challenge to raise vital funds for the See Hear Centre, Barnstaple, which provides equipment and support services for people who have hearing and/or sight loss, enabling them to continue to live independent lives. The See Hear Centre is part of the disability charity Living Options Devon.

The journey has taken Mark through the historic eastern states to Niagara Falls, around and across the Great Lakes, through Minnesota and North Dakota, across Yellowstone National Park, through the stunningly beautiful Grand Tetons, Wyoming, to Salt Lake City, Utah, and finally to Santa Cruz, California. An epic journey of over 3500 miles, raising more than £1,800 for the See Hear Centre.

Mark, who is keen to increase awareness of the impacts of sensory loss, said: “I have had a serious hearing loss since I was 5 years old due to measles and an important part of this challenge is to raise much needed funds to help the See Hear Centre in Barnstaple - a valuable resource for anyone with hearing or sight loss and one which has supported me for a number of years.”

There was an opportunity to meet Mark and hear more about his adventures at Mark’s Welcome Home Charity Fundraiser, in aid of the See Hear Centre, on Friday 11th November at the Wrey Arms, Sticklepath, Barnstaple.

Anne Clayton, See Hear Centre Manager, said: “We really looked forward to welcoming Mark home. We are so proud of him and incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported him in this challenge. The See Hear Centre relies entirely on donations and grants. Many people came along on Friday 11th November to welcome him home, hear more about his adventures and support Mark’s fundraising for the See Hear Centre.”

If you would like to support Mark you can donate online: https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/marksaunders

Or via the See Hear Centre Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/seehearden/

You can follow Mark’s journey on his blog: https://wheremarkblog.wordpress.com

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