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Parish News

April 2020

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Church Services

As per the directive from the Church of England, all Church Services have been cancelled until further notice.

For further information about & from Uplyme Church, please go to their social media pages and website.

The **BBC** will be broadcasting a service every Sunday and for further details please look at their schedules on their website.

For the time being, Uplyme Church will remain open for you to visit and pray if you wish. If you would like personal prayer from the church, please ring **444499** and leave a message on the answer phone. Someone will get back to you as soon as they can.

This information is correct at the time of going to press, but may be amended as circumstances change.





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Parish News Deadlines

Please remember the **NEXT** issue of the magazine is for **May** and all articles up to and including things for early **June** should be with us by the **10th April**

Email to - parishnews@uplymechurch.org.uk



“The Sedgewick Papers”

Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off.
Proverbs 23 : 18

How much can change in a short while ! Suddenly in just a few short weeks the world is fighting for its life – in so many ways.

As I write this piece we face daily changes in the advice and guidance for responding to the Covid-19 virus. We cannot predict how it will continue to affect individuals and our community.

What we do know is that the only way to build from our present position (whatever that may be - now and into the future) is to work together to make the future as positive as possible.

As Christians and as a community we can have a distinctive response to this situation and I would encourage us all to adopt five particular practices during this time.

1. Let's be responsible. In particular, we should all make decisions based on the interests of the most vulnerable in our community. The actions and decisions which are taken may, at times, feel like an over-reaction to those of us who are healthy and best able to withstand the impact of the virus, but following the advice and guidance of those who are best placed to lead us through the challenges to health and the stresses of the present crisis is sensible.

2. Let's not be selfish. There have been many reports of panic buying. It is a human instinct to want to protect and provide for our families, but this kind of behaviour is not the reaction of faith. This is a time for us to learn habits of contentment. Rather than building up stockpiles we could consider donating items or money to local foodbanks and to those in most need.

3. Let's demonstrate faith. Behind the panic that is gripping the world is the fear of death. As Christians who are united with the resurrected and ascended Lord Jesus, we can approach the situation with a very different attitude. At this time we should try to live as those who have been set free from slavery to the fear of death – not to be reckless or act inappropriately but to trust in God and our relationship with him.

4. Let's seize the opportunities presented by the virus. We have openings to care for our neighbours, build community, offer prayer and share faith. Let's keep in touch with people using telephones, media and computers to ensure that loneliness and isolation don't become accepted and normal. Let's offer to do those things which we safely can, to help each other – eg collect shopping for those who are isolated and to renew a spirit of neighbourliness.

5. Let's maintain our fellowship. We don't know how our church services and other gatherings are going to be affected in the coming days and weeks but again we have technology and opportunities to share in prayer and build each other up. There will potentially be many who need our care and thoughts and support ; they need to know that it is there in whatever form our fellowship and worship can take.

We must not minimise the challenges facing us all, but the Church (that is the people who are the Church) will do all we can to support each other and those around us during this difficult time.

With thoughts and prayers

Rev Clive Sedgewick - *Axe Valley Team Rector*

From the Editor

Welcome to the April edition of The Parish Magazine.

I do hope we manage to get this magazine out before it has to go into isolation! There are some important details for the community in here regarding those that may be isolated and need help. It's great to see areas of the community looking at ways to support those in most need.

As I write this (18th March) the government has just ramped up it's next set of measures including closing the schools, to help combat the virus and as we move into the next phase of this disease, we need everybody to pull together and support each other. Please look out for each other, and help a friend!

The items and reports in the magazine, are changing day by day as we go to print, so please do not assume that as events have appeared in this magazine that they are going ahead. You should contact the organiser of the event to see if it is taking place. In many ways you should assume that it has probably been cancelled.

STOP PRESS.....

As we do not know the restrictions that may be in place by the time the next magazine is due to come out it may be that free movement around the Uplyme Parish "Schengen" area is restricted! However, we will cross that bridge when we come to it.

"Keep Well, Keep Safe"

Ed

Uplyme - Uganda - United

Greetings from Kasana Children's Centre, where our 5 new students are doing well including those who have transitioned or joined the main primary school. We are very thankful for the provision of 6 new staff members and for the medical training our team has been receiving from an American Doctor who lives here with her family. In late January we were given the opportunity to provide some training for our mainstream teachers in the area of special educational needs. This was well received and very much needed as many of the children in our primary have additional needs which sadly often get labelled as laziness or naughtiness! We hope that this will now change.

Later this month, TIJOC will be having a visit from a British/Ugandan speech therapy team who are based in Northern Uganda. They will teach us about Communication and work with some of the children who have specific communication issues.

This month we would like to share the story of one of our students who has been with us since TIJOC began and who needs our prayers. Ian is now 17 years old and weighs only 14kg. He currently lives with his Grandparents who are caring for him and his Mother who is very unwell. Ian has Cerebral Palsy and is severely malnourished. He is



intellectually able but non-verbal. Although he is the size of a 6 or 7 year old and unable to use his arms or legs, he is very much aware that he is a young man and wants to be treated as such. Until recently he was cared for by his Mother and younger sister (15 years). Their Father abandoned them when Ian was a baby. Sadly, his mother became unwell in November 2019

with what seems to be a Psychiatric illness. Sadly, here in Uganda there is still much stigma surrounding mental illness and it is believed to be caused by witchcraft so people are taken to witch Doctors rather than to hospitals. Since November, Ian's sister became his sole carer and it wasn't until she ran away a few weeks ago that Ian, his Mum and younger brother were taken in by the Grandparents. We are currently looking into whether we should bring Ian in to stay at our home whilst we seek to help his Mother get the help she needs, increase Ian's weight and hopefully improve his health. Ian may not be able to communicate with words but he has an amazing smile and is also beginning to use a communication book to share with us what is going on in that mind of his! He is one of the children we hope will really benefit from the speech therapy input this month. Please join us in praying for healing for Ian and his Mum, for wisdom as we try to help them and for the safe return of his teenage sister.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us!

Kate Tolhurst

Uplyme - Uganda - United - Update

I contacted Kate to see if she wanted to add anything to her article, her reply is below. **Ed**

I don't think we should change anything other than perhaps adding a prayer request for Uganda - if Corona reaches here it will potentially be devastating as there is no NHS and many people in the villages can't afford transport to a hospital let alone a bed in ICU at £250 a night! Plus there are probably only about 20 ICU beds in the entire country, if that!

Although we are a young population in Uganda, there are many who are vulnerable due to HIV and other conditions, including our Treasures!
We are praying for the UK!

Many thanks and God bless each of you,

Kate



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we have fun and games and every term
we have a variety of outings.

Contact Margaret Trafford for more
information 01297 443252

Crusader Football

Saturday Mornings
September to May.

Uplyme playing fields beside the
Village Hall.

September - December

Jan - April on Axminster 3G pitch

A Church organised group which is
open to children in Reception to year
6, although all are welcome to join us.

9.00am to 10.15 on the field.

9am to 10am at Axminster

For further details please contact
Robin Hodges on 01297-445180.



Uplyme Help@Hand - Cares

General Enquiries:

Anne – 01297 444799 Marilyn – 07885 859946

Transport:

Sue – 01297 444289 David – 01297 444799

Temporary arrangements due to Corona Virus MORE HELP NEEDED

- **Under 60? We need your help now!**
- **Our wonderful band of some 40 volunteers are mostly 70 or above, many over 80!**
- **Most will become unavailable if they are requested to self-isolate**
- **If you feel you could help collect prescriptions, get bits of shopping etc please give us your name and contact details.**

PS.

We feel it would be sensible to postpone our group outings for a while until the current health crisis has passed. Most of any group are in the elderly and vulnerable category – including our volunteers! If we have sufficient additional help, we will continue to offer our support for transport, collecting prescriptions etc so do please still feel you can contact us if you are in need.

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JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY WALK

Please Speak to David regarding walks over the next couple of months.

David on 01297 444729



We have the return of the fabulous miniature railway with free rides for all. There will be a Ponies and with the and pet ,classic cars to peruse. Wonderful and appreciate plus our local professional .

Bouncy castle, slide and a food stalls and ice cream plus the fun cream Teas. With soothing music and a relaxing atmosphere .

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For a stall or promotion should email: uplymefete@gmail.com

Or call Pete on: 07770624879

CANCELLED

Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society action regarding coronavirus

To avoid putting our members at risk we have taken the immediate steps of cancelling our March and April talks (Matthew Wilson, Star Plants for Small Gardens and Chris Perring, British Owls). We have also cancelled both our April trips (to Minterne Gardens/Max Gate and RHS Cardiff Flower Show).

The committee will review further action in early April as government advice evolves and will be in contact with members again after that review.

Ticket holders for the March talk have already been contacted. The April talk will be rescheduled in due course.

If you have already paid for trips to Minterne Gardens/Max Gate and RHS Cardiff, one of the organisers will be in touch with you to arrange a refund.

We are sorry that this is necessary but I am sure everyone appreciates that these are unprecedented times.

Bethany Chapel

"All events at Bethany Chapel, Lyme Regis are cancelled until further notice because of Covid-19."

St. Patrick's Cathedrals, Armagh.

I really enjoyed the article "St Patrick: beloved apostle to Ireland" and wanted to share some missed information. Armagh was my home town before I crossed the "pond" to England. You correctly mentioned Armagh as the location for St. Patrick's see. However, in your final sentence, you say: "the principle cathedral in New York is dedicated to him, as, of course, is the Anglian cathedral of Dublin."

The City of Armagh, known as The Cathedral City, is the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland and has 2 cathedrals, dedicated to St. Patrick. St. Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral and St. Patrick's Catholic Cathedral. Armagh is the seat of both Catholic and Anglican Archbishops and the seat of the Primate of All Ireland. St. Patrick (and rugby) have always been unifying for all religions in Ireland amidst all the conflict.

Jacqueline Hughes

The City of Armagh



*You say Armagh, and I see the hill
With the two tall spires or the square low tower;
The faith of Patrick is with us still;
His blessing falls in a moonlit hour.*

Ulster poet, John Hewitt

How may I enjoy peace of heart and mind in these traumatic times?

Pray for help to trust in God's promise in John chapter three verse sixteen that says:-
"He loves us so much that He gave his only Son our Lord Jesus Christ. As we believe in him we shall not perish but have eternal life"

David Dare



News From The Pub

Dear Villagers

During these most concerning of times I hope this finds you all safe and well.

Steve and I will be listening carefully to, and acting on, advice given regarding the allowed opening of The Pub. However, with our own health in mind, it may also be that we make our own decision to close The Pub for a certain amount of time. We will of course make sure that our intentions and decisions are well publicised.

Last month I said that I was going to do something a little different this month so I asked some of our customers and staff to write a little bit themselves for the magazine, I was so happy to read what was written and to learn what the Pub meant to you all. Thank you all so much..... more contributors next month.

Hello I'm Alex and I've worked at the Talbot for nearly 8 years. From washing pots, serving drinks, painting fences to even being a temporary landlord, I love every part of working at the pub, even turning the telly up for City Jack! Over this time, I have become a more confident person and learned a lot, but the most valuable lesson Steve has taught me is that "at the end of the day .. it gets dark"!

There is always a great welcome and fantastic food on offer at a brilliant village pub. What would life be like without the Wednesdays specials and the Sunday Roast. Thanks so much Steve and Wendy

From the Barnes Meadow Dining Group

I like working at the Talbot arms because everyone is so friendly and cheerful which makes the day very fun and exciting. Thank you for an amazing time to my co workers. **From Rhianne x**

Hi I'm Sian. I have worked at The Pub for about 7 years. I started off cleaning the rooms as a Saturday job while I was still in school. I then went on to do an Apprenticeship in Hospitality at Exeter College supported by Steve and Wendy, now I basically run the place!! I like working at The Pub because it has helped my confidence grow 'lots', and now I really enjoy chatting to and meeting new and local customers. I have learned so much about running a business during my time here but the most important lesson I have learned is that..... you cannot beat Steve's Steak and Ale Pie. X

We have always lived in a village and enjoyed the village lifestyle. An essential therefore when moving was a good local pub with good food and atmosphere, a place to make new friends and to be part of the community. How lucky were we that we ended up in Uplyme with The Talbot Arms as our local run by Steve & Wendy who welcomed us with open arms. We have so enjoyed the various events they have organised including wine tasting, quizzes, pie, curry & fish nights. Their enthusiasm and hardwork never fails to astound us. Steve & Wendy you are the glue of our village and long may you stick with us!

Di and Mike Ebdon

Please do let us know if there is anything we can do to help anyone during the coming weeks and months. If you run out of anything give us a ring we might well have what you need!

Warmest wishes, big hugs and love to you all.

Wendy



BEAVERS

CUBS

SCOUTS

EXPLORERS

1st Lym Valley Scout Group (Uplyme and Lyme Regis)

April is an important month for Scouting as we celebrate St Georges Day, who is also the Patron Saint of Scouting. Lord Baden Powell chose St George to be our Patron Saint as he had all the attributes required of a scout, courageousness against adversity, facing our fears and perseverance. We endeavour to encourage all the children through Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers to show these things and I definitely think, through all the years I have been in scouting it shows.



ST. GEORGE'S DAY

This year is different, the situation we have experienced over the past months is unprecedented – we certainly live in mysterious times with COVID-19. The lessons of St. George seem to be needed more than ever, especially for the children.

Whilst regrettably, in the short term, we will be impacted by COVID-19 – all camps, meetings and other activities have had to be cancelled – we will carry on none the less. We believe we owe it to the kids to give them a sense of normality, that life does carry on. To that end we're keeping in touch with the kids using a wave of modern technology, we're encouraging badge work at home and, more importantly at a time when schools are closed, continuing to develop skills for life, albeit from afar.

If we can learn anything about Scouting through this crisis, that we, both as an organisation and a movement, are resilient!

As ever, if you or your children want to get involved in the adventure, please do get in touch. There are waiting lists for all sections, except Explorers, at the moment due to the popularity of the group – please do not let this put you or your children off however, as once they get involved, it's a brilliant opportunity to do something different. We will be back soon!

Yours in Scouting

Karen Yelland

Beaver and Scout Leader

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Uplyme Gospel Singers

Uplyme Gospel Singers are a friendly bunch of singers who have a lot of fun, energy and drive under our leader Chloe Stratta. Apart from lots of laughter, Chloe ensures we work towards a high standard for our concerts, when we often raise money for charity. In June we raised £410 for Weldmar Hospice at a summer concert in Uplyme Church. We held our Christmas concert at Axmouth Church Christmas Tree Festival, when we raised £395 for the Uplyme Community Syrian Appeal, towards support for the Syrian family who will be rehomed within Uplyme. At the moment we are working towards a summer concert. Keep your eyes open for further information.

We meet in Uplyme Church on a Tuesday evening during term time , starting at 7 30. If you like singing, companionship and laughter, you would be extremely welcome to join us. Just come along and try us out.

**DUE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION
THERE WILL BE NO GOSPEL CHOIR
MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Jo Cursley



UPLYME VILLAGE NETWORK – CORONAVIRUS

URGENT REQUEST AND INFORMATION

In consideration of the escalating public health crisis across the UK, arising from the spread of Covid-19, the Uplyme Village Network voluntary group are working with individuals and the Parish Council, members of churches and community groups from Uplyme and its environment to co-ordinate volunteer efforts to provide support for those who need it whilst the emergency exists. As such, we are urgently seeking local volunteers who are willing to help those members of the community who are vulnerable and self-isolating, or likely to be self-isolating imminently, by:

- sharing this request and information to recruit volunteers to assist the vulnerable
- collecting groceries and other essential supplies
- collecting new prescriptions
- checking on the elderly and vulnerable by telephone
- dog walking (it's not always possible to help with this but we are willing to do what we can)
- posting mail
- assisting in any other ways required, whilst always taking every precaution to protect themselves

If you are able to assist in any way, please post a comment to our Facebook page with your postcode and we will reply by private message with further instructions or contact us as below:

Email: clerk@uplymeparishcouncil.org

NOTE: by supplying this information, you consent to it being shared with other volunteers, co-ordinators of this initiative and those requiring help.

PTO - for a form to fill in and return. Other forms are available from the Village Post ~Office & store.

Uplyme Village Network - Coronavirus

Dear Neighbour

In the light of the latest health advice to self isolate for seven days, if you have symptoms of a cough or fever, we are setting up a Uplyme Village Network of people to look out for others.

If you think you might need help with any of the following, please tick:

Food / Essential goods shopping (where items are available)

Collection of new prescriptions

I have a dog that needs walking

(It's not always possible to help with this but we will when we can)

Name:

Contact Phone Number:

Email:

I am on Facebook (please tick if applicable, you can register on Facebook)

Volunteers Needed

If you can spare some of your time to help your neighbour/s in your area at this time of crisis please complete and register this form below or go to the Uplyme Village Network Facebook page.

My Name is:

My Postcode is:

My contact phone number is:

My email is:

I am on Facebook:

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every effort to ensure you are not spreading it. Avoid physical contact (2 metres distance) and wash your hands with soap regularly.

Items should be left on your doorstep.

If you have symptoms and they get worse, **ring the National Health Service on 111.**

Please visit our Facebook page to register or return this completed form to the **Uplyme Garage Post Office, Lyme Rd, Uplyme, Lyme Regis DT7 3UY.**

17/03/2020

Why Easter will never go away

How do you make sense of the Resurrection? Dead men don't rise, so why believe that this particular dead man did rise?

At the end of St Luke's Gospel we read that: "they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement" (Luke 24.4). This is highly significant. The Gospels do not show us a group of disciples who were in a receptive frame of mind. After the crucifixion, they were in hiding, frightened and scattered. Then suddenly, they came out of hiding and were totally different; excited, joyful. By Pentecost they were confident, with one firm message:

"You crucified Jesus, but God raised him up!"

How did they know this? Because of direct personal experience. Some of them had visited the tomb of Jesus: it was empty. Others claimed to have seen and touched the risen Lord. Were they hallucinating? People can hallucinate in groups – when taking drugs, for example. But, of course each one will see a different hallucination. But the disciples all saw the same thing. Or rather, the same person. Jesus.

Were they lying? Jesus had died a humiliating death as a criminal. Perhaps they wanted to rescue His good name. So did they pretend they had seen Him? This theory has a big problem. Their preaching led them into trouble with the authorities. They were beaten and imprisoned and some of them killed. People will die for ideas and causes which they believe in passionately. But not for things they have made up. We might suffer for our convictions, we will not suffer for our inventions.

What about the 'swoon' theory? That Jesus didn't die on the cross, despite terrible wounds. He recovered in the tomb, and then escaped. The disciples nursed Him back to health. But Roman soldiers knew when a man was dead; and there was the guard on the tomb. Also, the events which followed simply don't fit. If the disciples had been hiding Jesus, they would have kept very low-key, and out of the way, so that the authorities did not come after Him again.

Besides, to preach that God had raised Jesus from the dead – which is exactly what they did preach – would have been a lie. Beatings and threat of death would soon have loosened their tongues. Inventions crumble under pressure; convictions hold fast. Another reason for believing in the Resurrection is this: Jesus' continuing impact. Thousands and soon millions of people in every generation since have shared an inescapable sense of being 'accompanied' through life. Though unseen, they identify this presence as the Risen Lord.

Sometimes this experience of meeting Jesus is gentle and fitful. Sometimes it is dramatic and life-changing. This reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus is not just an interesting historical puzzle. It is a vital, present day reality. It brings wonderful comfort, assuring us of the central Christian truths: death is dead; Jesus is alive; God is love.

This central notion was captured, most movingly, by the great Albert Schweitzer: 'He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word: "Follow thou me", and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfil for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the suffering which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.' Have a joyful – and a challenging – Easter.

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Uplyme Parish Council Notes - March 2020

UPLYME COMMUNITY LAND TRUST - BUILDING AFFORDABLE RENTED HOUSING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE WITH LOCAL NEEDS

Following the public consultation meeting held on 20th November 2019 to discuss whether there was a need for affordable rented housing for local people in Uplyme, it was decided to move forward with this initiative to set up a Community Land Trust to identify land and local needs to provide a number of housing units that will meet the needs of people who are local to Uplyme.

A number of emails have been circulated in the village asking for volunteers to help manage the CLT but the response to date has been unenthusiastic. The land trust and housing partners that the CLT would need to work with require a minimum of five volunteers due to the volume of work involved. To date, there have been only two volunteers and unless we can reach to **five** required the project cannot go ahead.



If you would like to become a member of the Community Land Trust steering group, please contact Councillor Bill Trundle on: **w.trundle@btinternet.com** or **07881 502098**. There will be a fair amount of commitment and input required for this initiative and any volunteers are asked to bear this in mind.

If you would like the opportunity to try something new, gain experience, develop skills, enhance your career, build confidence and meet new people, we are looking for people from all walks of life.

Please share and pass on to colleagues, neighbours, staff, friends and family if you believe they may be interested.

Residents Advice and Queries

If you have a query or need advice on Parish Council matters and you feel you are unaware of what the Parish Council/lors do and would like to make suggestions and how we can reach out to the people in Uplyme, especially those based in the rural hamlets. Please contact **Councillor Andy Turner on 07779 030011** or the Clerk.

Applications considered by the Planning Committee (see minutes for full details):

- 20/0252/FUL, White Wings, Woodhouse Hill, Uplyme, Lyme Regis, DT7 3SL, Construction of a glazed link from workshop to house on north elevation, Supported
- 19/2806/FUL (Amendment), Chace Haven, Rhode Lane, Uplyme, Lyme Regis, DT7 3TX, Construction of new 5 bedroom detached dwelling with integral garage in replacement of the existing dwelling and garage, Supported



Planning application decisions made by EDDC/DCC since last meeting:

- 19/2806/FUL, Chace Haven, Rhode Lane, Uplyme, Lyme Regis, DT7 3TX, Construction of new 5 bedroom detached dwelling with integral garage in replacement of the existing dwelling and garage, Approved
- 19/2838/TRE, The Firs, Pound Lane, Uplyme, Lyme Regis, DT7 3TT, T1 and T2, Ash - Fell; T3, Ash - Fell; T4, unidentified tree on boundary - Fell, Approved
- 20/0067/FUL, Mow Barton, Haye Lane, Uplyme, Lyme Regis, DT7 3TP, Construction of balcony, Approved
- 19/2796/FUL, Knoll Cottage, Rocombe, Lyme Regis, DT7 3RR, Construction of replacement conservatory, Approved
- 20/0070/FUL, Glebefields, Whalley Lane, Uplyme, Lyme Regis, DT7 3UP, Construction of porch, timber outbuilding and provision of cladding to front elevation, Approved
- 20/0252/FUL, White Wings, Woodhouse Hill, Uplyme, Lyme Regis, DT7 3SL, Construction of a glazed link from workshop to house on north elevation, Approved
- 19/2806/FUL (Amendment), Chace Haven, Rhode Lane, Uplyme, Lyme Regis, DT7 3TX, Construction of new 5 bedroom detached dwelling with integral garage in replacement of the existing dwelling and garage, Approved

Volunteers Needed

Uplyme Parish Council are seeking volunteers to help improve the safety of the village by clearing obstructive trees at the narrow between Crogg Lane and the Millennium Copse (Lyme Road) on **Saturday, 21st March 2020 at 8.30am**. Whatever your skills or background, however much time you can give, you can make a difference. If you can offer some time, please come along to the Millennium Copse on the above date at 8.20am or contact the Clerk.

Uplyme Christmas Light Working Group/Sponsors

Uplyme Parish Council are hoping to find volunteers, to help make Christmas special by helping and to raise money for lighting and decorations by forming a working group/committee. Also, any local businesses/companies that would be prepared to sponsor and fund lighting in return for advertising and acknowledgement would be much appreciated. If you believe you can help in any way, please contact Councillor Rebecca Turner on 07590 495909 or email: **becky@southernfilters.com**



Next Council Meeting

Please come and have your say and/or support us at our next meeting on the

Wednesday, 8th April 2020 at 7.15pm at the Uplyme Village Hall.

All are welcome.

*Ricky Neave, Parish Clerk
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Just a moment

It starts with a change
So outwardly insignificant
That no one would notice
Except the person
Behind you in the aisle.
Just a moment
When instead of seeing
Rows of labels
On a supermarket shelf
You imagine the people
Behind them,
Tilling the earth,
Sowing the seed,
Gathering the crops.
And you pause,
Wondering,
What their names are,
Where they live
What difference it will make
If your hand picks up
This box instead of that,
Wondering: how do I
Love these neighbours?
Can I help change
This child's long journey for water,
Her mother's lack of healthcare,
The prospect her father faces
Of another year unable
To feed his family well?
Just a moment.
And the person behind you,
Her impatient baby
Squirming in the trolley,
May never realise
That in that brief hesitation
A life hung in the balance.



Getting Ready

Oh the time of year we all look ahead.
Get prepared ,tools out of the shed.
Put on the boots and busy we get.
With sun a shining but will we get wet?

As I speak plum blossom a popping,
On the the internet for seeds and shopping.
Weeds are growing at a pace.
Celandines showing their face.

Greenhouse glass dirty from grime.
We must clean this just in time.
The light must come through to grow the
crops.
Let's clean with cleaner and wet mops.

Time to dig Leeks and parsnips from the
ground.
Pulling that makes a squelching sound
The last of those winter gems appear
A bonus for this time of year.

We must now look ahead
with great spirit upon shoulders and head
God is within us in all we do
Bless us all, from me, to you.

Happy times in your Garden.

Nigel Ball



Council Tax bills hit the doorstep...

In line with many other councils across the country, East Devon District Council has agreed a Council Tax increase equating to £5 per annum for a Band D property in 2020/21, to ensure we can continue to deliver crucial front-line services for local residents and businesses. With cross-party support, this increase as part of our balanced budget was approved by Full Council on 26 February 2020. The increase equates to less than 10p extra per week.

Whilst the name East Devon District Council appears at the top of our Council Tax bills as residents, the council receives just 7p in every pound collected on behalf of public services. I am pleased to be able to confirm that our District Council still has the lowest council tax in Devon and remains among the lowest charges by comparable authorities in the country.

The increase means the East Devon District Council portion of the annual Council Tax bill for a Band D property will be £146.78 a year or just £2.82 a week for all services offered.

I believe our council continues to offer excellent value, delivering services efficiently and effectively. East Devon's outstanding waste and recycling service benefits all of us, through weekly collection from over 70,000 properties. In addition to mandatory services, we will continue to offer the discretionary services most valued by East Devon residents and businesses.

Council Tax income generates only a third of district council income. This means we need other sources of funding to replace the continued reduction in contribution from central government.

We expect these cuts will continue. As a result, combined with other budgetary pressures, our Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) currently projects a budget deficit of £1.6m for the next financial year, 2021/22.

Further efficiencies, alternative income streams and priority of spending will therefore be needed to help us fill this funding gap in setting a balanced budget.

What else does our District Council collect taxes for?**1. Town & Parish Councils...**

The Town & Parish Council Precepts for 2020/21 total £4,258,412.59. The increase in the average Band D Council Tax for Town and Parish councils across the District is 3.86%, giving an average Band D Council Tax figure of £70.81

2. Devon County Council...

Set its precept at £86,570,563.86. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £1,439.46, an increase of 3.99%. The overall figure includes a charge for adult social care services of 2% of the increase.

3. Police & Crime Commissioner for Devon & Cornwall...

Has set its precept at £13,329,651.24 equating to a Band D Council Tax of £221.64, and a 4.41% increase on the previous year.

4. Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority

Set a precept at £5,306,841.84, producing a Band D Council Tax of £88.24, with a 1.99% increase on the previous year.

The resulting schedule of Council Tax Charges for a Band D Property in our three Trinity Ward Parishes is detailed below. From left to right, columns show the Parish, Precept sought, Number of properties in the Parish, Parish Tax per property, addition of EDDC element and finally the full amount of council tax payable after the addition of charges from Devon County Council, Fire Authority and Devon & Cornwall Police & Crime Commissioner.

Trinity Ward Parishes – Schedule of Council Tax Charges for a Band D Property 2020-21

Parish	Parish Precept	Properties	Parish Tax	Parish Tax, + EDDC	Parish Tax, EDDC, DCC, Fire Authority & Police
Axmouth	£12,582	253	£49.73	£196.51	£1,945.85
Combpyne- Rousdon	£5,120	196	£26.12	£172.90	£1,922.24
Uplyme	£40,664.49	872	£46.63	£193.41	£1,942.75

COVID-19 and Council Services?

At the time of writing, Council Offices have just reopened after a possible case of Coronavirus was suspected in a member of staff returning from Northern Italy. By this time this article is read, the extent to which the situation may have developed in East Devon is unknown.

However, we can be assured that the council has a Business Continuity Plan for each service area and is working with Government, NHS, Public Health England and Devon County Council Public Health Team, in supporting communities in this rapidly developing challenge of global significance.

The council is also involved with regional emergency planning groups and following emerging advice to help control infection spread.

Cllr Ian Thomas

Cabinet Member for Finance and Independent Ward Member for Trinity

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All at Uplyme Church including myself at the magazine hope you are keeping well and safe. Please make use of all the contacts we have tried to publish in the magazine this month. There are groups out there who are trying to help and support those at most risk and vulnerable. What a village we are!

Most of the groups that meet in and around the parish are **not** meeting, and some we have marked as cancelled, this does not mean they have stopped completely. You should contact the groups themselves to keep up to date about their progress and what they are planning.

If you have access to social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) you can get the most up to date information around the village and find out what's happening. Now may be a good time to join!

I hope we will be able to get a magazine out to you in the future months, and please remember to support your local business, many who advertise in the magazine.

#KeepWell KeepSafe

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