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A BLESSED CHRISTMAS



For a child has been born for
us... and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

'Changing lives and building community through Jesus'

Parish News

Uplyme Church

December 2020



for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this is the sign unto you: You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. Luke 2:11-12

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Details of our Christmas services are not yet fully available due to the recent Lockdown. Please see Facebook, our website and the Church Notice board for updated details nearer the time - Thank you

The Uplyme Church Service is on YouTube at 10am (or any time later if you wish) followed by a live get together over DIY coffee on Zoom at 11am.

You can view the service on YouTube by clicking this link:
www.youtube.com/channel/UCclQWLSAS49TN4ACnJTeFIQ

This will take you to the Uplyme Church YouTube channel – you can click it now and will see recordings of previous week's services. Early on Sunday morning the service will become visible. There will be two versions – a **traditional version** and a more **contemporary version**. The main content is the same in each but some of the liturgy and the songs are different. You can watch on your computer, smart phone, tablet or Internet connected TV.

After the service, at 11.30am, there will be a time of fellowship on Zoom or dial in if you don't have a tablet, phone or computer with a camera. Details of how to access this are given below.

Join Zoom Catch up chat at 11.30 am –
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81020110380>

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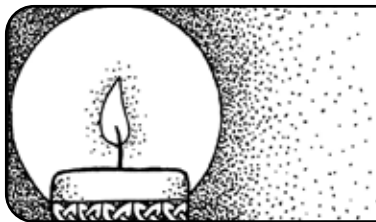
If you would like to join the post service chat by phone (audio only) you can do this by ringing 0203 481 5240 and entering the meeting id: 810 2011 0380 and Password: 335545 when asked to do so.

We look forward to worshipping with you

There are Services broadcast from Exeter Diocese each Sunday.
Go to - **www.exeter.anglican.org** and follow the links.

The BBC Radio 4 broadcast a service every Sunday at 8.10am and for further details and services please look at their schedules on their website **www.bbc.co.uk**

Join Uplyme Church every Sunday for an online service!



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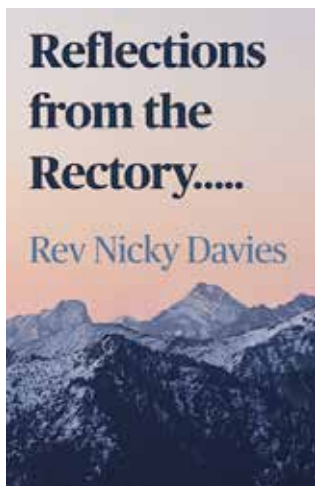
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Parish News Copy Deadlines

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

Email to - parishnews@uplymechurch.org.uk



As I write this, we have just started another lockdown. It is due to be finished in early December. Although it was vital to help bring the deadly virus back under control, that didn't stop it feeling very challenging.

The Bishop of Exeter, the Right Reverend Robert Atwell described it as a "body blow" but added, "This is the moment to draw together in mutual support and renew our trust in God who journeys with us."

There has been so much evidence of people supporting each other. It has been humbling to see it taking place. People shopping for older neighbours, phone calls and video calls made, people faithfully praying and much more...

This month we celebrate Christmas. And although it may not be as we would usually mark it, we can still make the most of smaller gatherings with our family. Perhaps it will mean it is a more relaxed and poignant period with more time to focus on the real 'reason for the season?' We also hope that church services will be able to take place? Do look out for details of these and for online services some pre-recorded, some via zoom and others that take place over the phone!

This is a chance to think beyond the food and presents and as Bishop Robert said 'to renew our trust in God,' the God who loves us so much he sent His son Jesus to be born as a baby in a stable in Bethlehem and who continues to journey with us, through all the challenges and joys of life.

I offer you this prayer written by Frank Colquoun to use throughout this festive season:

***Our heavenly Father, as once again we prepare for Christmas,
help us to find time in our busy lives for quiet thought and prayer;
that we may reflect upon the wonder of your love
and allow the story of the Saviour's birth to penetrate our hearts and minds.
So may our joy be deeper, our worship more real, and our lives worthier
of all that you have done for us, through the coming of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Rev Nicky Davies



From the Editor

Hello and welcome to our December magazine.

Just as we start printing again, dear old Boris puts us in another lockdown and once again I'm put into a dilemma as to what I may have to do with 800 copies of the magazine (*I still have all the July copies we never got to distribute!*) However, we have delivered as many of the November issue as we can and we will do so with this one. You can always get a copy from the box in the Church Porch or at the Village Shop.

We hope you enjoy the Christmas card that wraps this issue, it's something a little different this year, and you can either remove it and hang it with your other cards or hang the whole mag up! Do try and join us for a Christmas service this year.

Just as the church was starting to stream live services, we headed back into a time of recording and posting on YouTube. If you've not yet seen a service, they are all available on the YouTube channel, just search for 'Uplyme Church'. The weekly service is available from 10am on a Sunday and we have a live Zoom coffee and chat at 11.30am. Details of how and where to join in are else where in the magazine.

Christmas will be very different this year, and on my own part I know we will not be together much as a family.

I do wish you all a healthy and safe Christmas, and if you are worried, pull out your bible and read **Phillipians 4: 6-7** one of my favourite bible passages when life is tough!

Ed

New Uplyme Church Treasurer needed. Can you help?

We'd love to hear from you if you have:

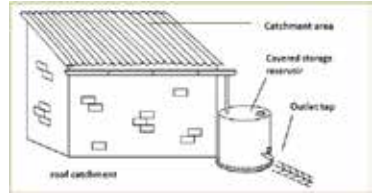
- Skills in accountancy and/or book-keeping?
- Good organisational skills?
- A desire to serve your local church and community?
- Some time to offer?

This crucial voluntary role supports our vicar and leadership team, youth worker, church charities and other aspects of church life, including maintenance of our beautiful building and future plans. You will join a friendly, welcoming and supportive team and there will be a full hand-over from the out-going treasurer.

For details please call Rev Nicky Davies on 07931 413629.

Uplyme– Uganda– United Update

At a time when we can be absorbed by Covid/Brexit/surviving lockdown, understanding others' perspectives can be helpful:



Over one third of the Ugandan population live below the international poverty line of roughly £1.45 a day

6.5% of the adult population have HIV

¼ of all households have no toilet facilities.

The median population age is 15.7years

Uganda's current population is nearing 38 million and is one of the fastest-growing in the world. This is causing increasing pressure on natural resources, including food, water and wood, as well as basic services such as education and healthcare. Unemployment is high, particularly among young men who have completed secondary (and sometimes college/university) education but cannot find work.

Politically, Uganda has been stable in recent years, but there is evidence that levels of corruption are on the rise. Political opposition is being dealt with in an increasingly aggressive manner and peaceful opposition to the government is under threat. There has been no large-scale disasters recently, until Covid. Since the brutal Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) moved out of northern Uganda to the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Central African Republic, there have been no significant conflicts within the country. However small-scale, climate-related emergencies, including flooding, drought and landslides are becoming more common. The country is also hosting many hundreds of thousands of South Sudanese refugees. After becoming a success story in HIV prevention, HIV rates are now rising again.

To mark World Toilet Day (19th November), as I write this, here is a story of how life is shaped by access to (or lack of) a simple latrine. Over two billion people around the world lack access to a safe, clean toilet of their own. That's bad news for every one of these people. However, it has the greatest impact on the 1.25 billion women and girls....



Dreaming of different

In Bridget's village in Rukungiri, Uganda, education is highly prized. 'When I finish school, I want to become a nurse,' says Bridget aged 14. 'I need to stay healthy.' Until recently, teenage girls watched their ambitions wither when they started their period. Old toilets at the local primary school were virtually unusable, so teenage girls missed class for a week each month – many left school altogether. Early marriage was a more realistic prospect than a medical career. 'If we felt sick, we'd miss class and that would affect our performance in exams,' says Bridget. Bridget's prospects were transformed by a new toilet block with girls' changing

rooms built by a Tearfund partner. Within three months, 65 girls re-enrolled in class.

Russell and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the 9 years that we've been involved in the Connected Church programmes with Tearfund at Uplyme Church. Your support enabled us to send over £87,000 to our partnership with BICC in Zambia and since late 2018 to support the Kigezi Diocese Water and Sanitation project in South West Uganda. Due to Russell's continued lack of immunity and the necessity of shielding, we cannot be involved in the project's fund-raising, and so we feel that the time has come to pass this on to someone else. Rev Nicky and the PCC will appoint someone and we look forward to hearing more about the project from our successor.

Russell and Morag Kingsbury

Uplyme Help at Hand - cares

General Enquiries:

Anne – 01297 444799 Marilyn – 07885 859946

Transport:

Dave – 01297 444799 Sue – 01297 444289

H@H Cookery Group

- Started in Bethany Chapel – so grateful for the free use of their lovely facilities
- Initially very basic skills, simple meals for those who found themselves on their own following bereavement and for whom the kitchen was outside their comfort zone!
- Confidence grew gradually and Fred no longer had to measure everything with his micrometre but was prepared to experiment with a “slug” of an item “to taste”
- Progression meant we needed more varied kitchen equipment so moved into our home kitchens



The format changed:

- Instead of just the leaders running the sessions, each member of the group found a recipe to teach the others.
- Part of the joy of the of occasion was the shared meal afterwards!
- We sometimes created 3 course meals which then lasted well into the afternoon!
- The other real bonus was that the original members became a firm friendship group which has helped them all to enjoy life more fully and even survive lockdown!

Their newly acquired skills were put to great use:

- Under the guidance of the chef, Chris Onions, from the Old Dairy Kitchen at Trill Farm, the whole group cooked at least 4 community lunches for around 30 members of the village each time – a memorable and happy time for all
- Chris also worked with the group to cater for 70 plus people at a Lyme Forward event at Woodmead Halls – exotic beyond our imagination and so exciting to be part of it.
- The crowning glory came last year when, under the guidance of Deborah and Dave, we kicked off the Syrian Refugee Fundraising Project with a genuine Syrian meal for 60 guests in the Village Hall raising over £ 1,500. It was the best part of a week in preparation and far more than that in research and planning for Deborah and Dave
- Who would have thought that learning how to boil and poach an egg could have ended up with this outcome and level of expertise in a matter of 5 years!
- Next month I will give you Fred’s most recent recipe which he sent us during lockdown – very tasty!

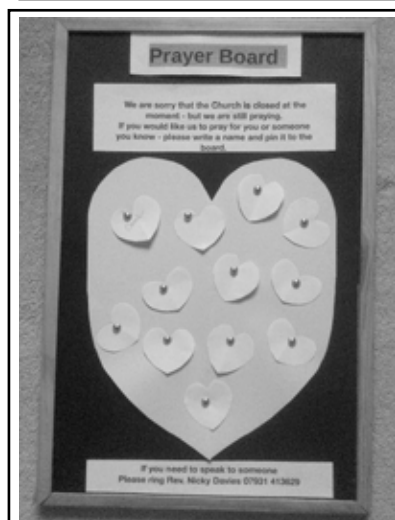
DRIVE-IN NATIVITY

NEW SCHOOL FIELD
UPLYME

CHRISTMAS EVE 2020
At 3 pm. Gates open 2.30 pm.

(Subject to further lockdown rules or water logged ground)

Prize for BEST decorated car



Prayer Board

Uplyme Church is now closed to public worship but we have placed a Prayer board in the porch. If you would like prayer for yourself or somebody else, please write on one of the pieces of paper and pin it to the board. Requests will be gathered and prayer will be said.





Lots of Shining Stars **Craft Packs** still available - we have sheep, fishes, peacocks, turtles, pigs and Christmas baubles!

They are aimed at under 5's but if you have older children who would enjoy a simple craft just let us know.



To get your **Craft Pack(s)** just email shiningstars@uplymechurch.org.uk with your address for delivery during December.

For more information please see :-

Facebook page - Shining Stars Playgroup

web page - www.uplymechurch.org.uk/congregations/shining-stars/

or phone - 01297 441986.



THE TOWN MILL
LYME REGIS

Unfortunately just after decorating the Town Mill with Poppies we were back into lock down forcing most artisans to close their doors at the mill and work from home.

Many are selling online - Please visit our website for their details

The mill has once again been forced to shut its doors and both art galleries are closed. We await the decision by the government and hope we will reopen on the 3rd December as we have a wonderful program still to deliver.

Town Mill has been offering tours of a different kind as there is no public access to the mill. Millers have been milling and interacting from the stone and meal floor of the building so visitors can ask questions and see the water wheel from a safe distance.

The mill shop has been open selling flour and unique christmas kits for adults, children and pets. We are hoping to resume all of this on the 3rd.

We are planning a visit from Father Christmas, this will be a ticketed event.

We also will have a large Christmas tree donated decorated with hand finished decorations from local schools.

Both art galleries have a fantastic Christmas program this year.

Full details of all events are on the website updated daily. www.townmill.org.uk

Petrina Muscroft - Visitor Experience, Volunteer Leader and Gallery Manager
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Town Mill Website: www.townmill.org.uk

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NO SATURDAY MORNING FOOTBALL!

We planned to re-start football on Saturday 31st October but the weather was dreadful. Then we went into Lockdown which put paid to any plans for the next month.

So we have decided that we will not be running football for the rest of this year, and will re-look at starting again in mid January

Please look out for further information in the mag and on our Facebook page
Please email Robin - **robinvhodges@gmail.com** for further details.

Robin, Simon, Dave, Fletch, Gavin & Darren

Twas the sort of day I could have given away - Nigel Ball

As the night fell and darkness was upon me, I reflected on the day that had passed so quickly. The pinkness of the sky at sunrise was so beautiful you could have put it on top of an ice-cream and licked it. To see the the cloud ribbons of grey and white stripes fading into dust, What a day this was going to be. But somehow the light faded and its overcast curtain of drizzle was upon me. I walk on and noticed the shape of the trees, towering monuments of nature which grasp you and draw you up to the sky. The rooks perched high up on the look out to see what weather is on the horizon. The ground very slippery with fading leaves now showing their fine veins of life, that have come to an end for another year.

Turning the corner the mist is coming down and light is being sucked out. Back to my home I go, heading up the road. Lack of cars moving, everyone is home for lock down. Taking off my boots I wander into the kitchen and make myself a cup of coffee and sit down to write. Looking out at the garden, the magical shapes and colour amaze me. We are so lucky that God gave us eyes to see, a nose to smell the day, and a vision to put pencil to paper. If I could I'd have wrapped this day up and given it as present for someone.

Twass the sort of day I could have given away.

Nigel Ball

WALKS AROUND THE AXE VALLEY PARISHES – NO. 5 AXMOUTH

This walk of almost six miles is somewhat more challenging than those to date and includes two hills, one long and fairly steep and the other shorter and more gradual. There are, however no stiles and good views can be had of the Axe estuary, the countryside and the sea. Travelling from Uplyme or Lyme Regis take the Sidmouth Road and turn left at Boshill Cross, signposted Axmouth. Go through the village and along the estuary almost to the end and park in the large lay-by on the left. If no room in the lay-by (popular with walkers and canoeists), there are parking places alongside the estuary on the left going back towards the village.



St Michael's Church

Take the footpath back to the village and pass the parish church of St. Michael on the right and the Harbour Inn on the left (see photos). Continue along the footpath and soon pass Axmouth's second pub, the Ship Inn on the left (see photo). We now take the next turn on the right into Chapel Lane. This is a pleasant village street with the fast flowing narrow stream alongside the road visible and audible for a good deal of its length. You may also note the former chapel which gives the lane its name and a terrace of attractive stone cottages celebrating their

centenary in 2020, both on the left. We continue along the lane and turn left into a bridleway at the Gatehouse, opposite the main entrance to Bindon Hall on the right.

We go through an ornate rusty iron gate along the bridleway (ignoring a footpath on the right), through or round another gate and continue to follow the grassy bridleway until we meet Higher Lane. Turn right here and commence the climb uphill which is fairly steep for a couple of hundred yards and then flattens out a bit and gradually begins to go downhill gently. You may well need to take a breather or two going up the hill (I did) and at certain points if you look back the way you come you can see Seaton spread out on the far side of the valley. We soon meet a



Harbour Inn

junction with another lane and turn right, more steeply downhill with trees on both sides and turn left at the bottom, signposted Rousdon. We follow this country lane and soon begin to climb gradually to a high point where the road turns sharply right and we follow this round to a "T" junction (Dowlands). We turn right here, and from now on you will be

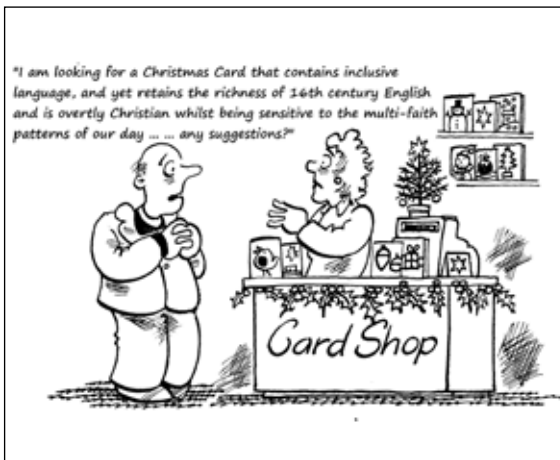


pleased to learn that the rest of the walk is more or less level and then downhill. We are now on Stepps Road and after passing the Bindon Dower House, an impressive modern stone building on the right we come to a right bend in the road with room for several cars to park on the left from which a track leads off to the left. This track is a public bridleway, although the sign seems to have disappeared into the hedge and leads across the Axe Cliff Golf Course back to the start of our walk. This track is about 400 yards

long and can get waterlogged after a period of very heavy prolonged rain. *If it is in this condition or if you are nervous about crossing the golf course you can continue along Stepps Road downhill and past Stepps House (an ancient stone thatched house) and left back into Chapel Lane and retrace your steps back your parking place.*

We follow the track ignoring any alternatives and emerge on to the golf course. The way is clearly marked straight ahead downhill to the clubhouse and just before we reach it we get our first great view of the sea and the cliffs beyond. We pass the clubhouse on the left and across the car park, with more impressive sea views, into the drive straight ahead and steeply down to the estuary again. Please take care on this very steep descent and by the time you reach the bottom your toes will probably be complaining. At the estuary you may wish to turn left to have a look at Axmouth harbour or right to the lay-by which is very near. This walk took me two hours and five minutes with only a couple of short stops and I would certainly allow two and a half hours. It is rewarding, however, especially if you take the route through the golf course. On Stepps Road, soon after the Dowlands turn, I was able to hear skylarks for the first time in many years, having been tipped off by a gentleman from Axmouth that I met earlier in the walk

David Jones



Hello from everyone at Mrs Ethelston's Primary Academy.



At Mrs Ethelston's all the children are part of a house: Raleigh, Hardy, Austen and Anning. The houses all have a House and Vice-Captain. In addition to these roles, we also have ambassadors.

These roles of responsibility involve supporting the running of the school day, representing our school and being exceptional role models for all our students. Our newly-elected team has produced our contribution to the Parish News.

Miss Lyons

'This half term our school core value is peace. We have learnt about the different symbols for peace. Peace means calm and quiet or a period of time without war or fighting.'

Ella, Isla B and Aggie.

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a topic day to launch their new theme of Extreme Earth. 'Our topic day started with a scavenger hunt in a classroom simulated to look like an earthquake had struck. We also completed a news report about earthquakes, how they work and learnt about previous earthquakes.'

JP and Jessie.

'In Reception and Year One the children had an exciting bonfire night by lighting sparklers (under the supervision of adults) and had lots of fun in the process'.

Georgia, Annabelle, Poppy and Enzo.

'On Remembrance Day, the House and Vice captains and ambassadors, went to lay a wreath and plant crosses at Uplyme memorial. We also made wreaths and crosses out of willow with our forest school teacher, Miss Blackwood, for the memorial in Axminster.

Jamie and Niamh.

Living in Love and Faith

The Church of England's Living in Love and Faith teaching resources have been recently published. They explore questions of human identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

The resources, commissioned by the House of Bishops, include a book, a series of films and podcasts and a course. They will initiate a process of whole Church learning, that will contribute to the Bishops' discernment of a way forward in relation to questions of human identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

Children's Christmas Carols & Songs

- Deck the Halls with Buddy Holly
- We three kings of porridge and tar
- On the first day of Christmas my tulip gave to me
- Later on we'll perspire, as we dream by the fire.
- He's makin a list, chicken and rice.
- Noel, Noel, Barney's the king of Israel.
- With the jelly toast proclaim
- Olive, the other reindeer
- Frosty the Snowman is a ferret elf, I say
- Sleep in heavenly peas.
- O come, froggy faithful.



Parishes serving their communities

Recently published Mission Statistics for 2019 show that parishes were already running or supporting 35,000 social action projects before the pandemic, serving communities across the country from lunch clubs for older people to parent and toddler groups and food banks.

More than 4,000 parent/carers toddler groups are run or supported by Church of England churches, while more than 5,000 churches run or support lunch clubs, coffee mornings or similar hospitality for older people.

The figures also show the extent of church support for people living in food poverty, with nearly 8,000 food banks run or supported by Church of England churches.

Nearly 60% of churches are involved in food bank provision, while nearly one in three reported either running, hosting or supporting a parent/toddler group. Other figures showed 2,700 churches involved in community cafes, 2,400 in night shelters and 2,300 in holiday or breakfast clubs.

The findings show Church of England churches were involved in 35,000 social action projects, compared to 33,000 recorded in 2017.

These figures for social action have been released alongside statistics showing that the number of regular worshippers attending church once a month or more decreased by 1% in 2019 to 1.11 million.

On average, 854,000 people attended Church of England services and acts of worship each week in October 2019, a decline of 2.1% compared to the year before. The additional number of people attending services for schools in Church of England churches rose by 3% to 182,000. Usual Sunday attendance fell by 2% to 690,000 in 2019.

In 2019 there were nearly eight million attendances at Christmas and Advent services, and more than a million people attended Church of England church services at Easter.

Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society

www.ulrhs.wordpress.com



We're hoping to get back to a more normal mode of operation in 2021. However, as it's difficult to predict the situation, we have at this stage compiled a provisional schedule of events for the year which we expect to expand. All events are subject to change or cancellation depending upon prevailing circumstances so please keep reading the Society emails and newsletter for the latest information.

To sign up to our newsletter please visit our website www.ulrhs.wordpress.com and scroll down the Welcome page to the link 'Sign up for our monthly email newsletter'

Provisional schedule of events 2021

Date and time	Event
January 27th 2021 (Wednesday) 7 for 7.15pm	Zoom online 60-minute workshop 'Grow your own happiness' with Alan Heeks. A workshop to show how gardening methods can be adapted to improve your wellbeing and resilience, including a chance to try out some techniques. Just what we need in difficult times.
April 28th 2021 (Wednesday) 7 for 7.15pm	Zoom online talk 'British Owls, their Natural History and Practical Conservation' by Chris Sperring.
May 15th 2021 (Saturday)	Plant Sale, Uplyme Village Hall Further details about how this will be run will follow in due course but please note the date in your diary.
June 11th 2021 (Friday)	Own cars trip to Corscombe House/Harvard Farm. Details to be confirmed
June 23rd 2021 (Wednesday)	'The Scented Garden' by Jeremy Wilson. Details to be confirmed
June 30th (Wednesday)	Evening visit in own cars to Musbury Barton. Details to be confirmed.
July 10th 2021 (Saturday) 1-5pm	Summer Flower and Produce Fair, Uplyme Village Hall We hope to stage our delayed summer show with its theme of Lavender. Details to be confirmed
July 23rd (Friday)	Own cars trip to Corscombe House/Harvard Farm. The interest in this trip, had it run in 2020, was so high that we've arranged a second date. Details to be confirmed
September 15th (Wednesday)	'Revive your garden' by Nick Bailey, Gardeners' World presenter and former head gardener at the Chelsea Physic Garden. How to breathe life, style and good health back into tired gardens. This will be a ticketed event. Details to be confirmed.

Tricia Boyd

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

This term has been a rollercoaster for the group – with the group being able to run five weeks of face to face activities before being plunged back into lockdown with the fun resuming on Zoom. At the time of writing (and probably of print), I don't know if we'll be back doing face to face activities or carrying on with our festivities virtually; such is the uncertainty we have faced this term.

However, wherever we meet or however we meet doesn't matter, what matters is that Scouting continues to deliver the skills for life that matter and that our young people need in these difficult times. Our young people have shown remarkable resilience during the pandemic, though I know this has come at an incredible cost to their mental health, and whilst Scouting helps improve mental health, there is a lot of ground work needed to help build this back up.

There is a lot of good things that have happened this term: we were pleased to elect Roger Hussey as our new Chairman, following John Wyon-Brown finishing an incredible 20-year stint as our Chairman. I'm pleased to say that both John Wyon-Brown and his wife, Paula, who has served many years as our treasurer until Anna Fenn took on the role recently, have been made Presidents of the Scout Group. The role is honorary and it was a great pleasure to thank them for their years of services in this way.

The Explorer Unit has continued to grow and now decided to call themselves the "Powder Monkeys". Sarah and Callum have done a fantastic job at really building the ethos of the unit and making it a place of fun and humour in what can be quite a dark time to be here. There are spaces in the Explorer Unit, and if your child is aged between 13 ½ and 17 I would really urge them to get involved.

The Group now has bought archery equipment that we're hoping to start using as soon as is possible. I know this is a very popular activity with young people and adults alike, and it's great that finally we can offer this in-house which helps massively reducing the costs of doing Archery and increasing access to it. We also hope to resume our air rifle sessions as soon as possible as well; giving our young people a range of activities to sort out.

With all these positives, we as a group look forward to the future. May I wish our young people, our volunteers, and you and your family, a very special Christmas, and I hope that regardless of the circumstances, you make the most of it.

Yours in Scouting

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Happy New Year

"The inventor of the bagpipes was inspired when he saw a man carrying an indignant asthmatic pig under his arm. Unfortunately, the man-made sound never equalled the purity of the sound achieved by the pig." - *Alfred Hitchcock*.

Carolina - A Sister Remembered

In 1960 Jack and I went with my brother and sister on holiday to Greece. It was before the time of mass tourism. We hired a car and laid our sleeping bags where we liked. I remember one splendid night among the ruins of the royal palace at Mycenae, another beside the sacred spring at Delphi. My sister, Carolina, especially loved the country and its people. She returned and lived the rest of her life there. At first she taught in a school in Athens and roamed the islands during the holidays, searching for that special place. She found it in a mountain village on Amorgos, where she bought a ruin and rebuilt it in traditional style. It is a place of whitewashed houses and flowers. When the annual whitewashing is done the villagers paint flowers and birds on the little lanes between the houses.

When we visited with our four small children, we told them it was just as Jesus would have lived. There was no running water, gas electricity and no roads. The wheel had not reached Amorgos. Carolina taught the village children English, published three books of memories and by renting out her houses brought foreign visitors to boost the local economy. The Greek government gave her an award for services to the island. We and our family have returned many times. One time it was at Easter, a very moving and dramatic time. It starts on Good Friday when the village priest marks the lintel of each front door with a cross in candle smoke. And finishes after all the drama of the day itself, on the Monday when a scarecrow figure of Judas is set up and the young men shoot it to pieces.

When my mother was alive, she came to Uplyme for two months each year to help look after her. Now she has died.

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East Devon Local Plan Review...

The existing East Devon Local plan covers the 18-year period from 2013 to 2032. Along with the National Planning Policy Framework and in Uplyme the Neighbourhood Plan, it forms the policy framework for both Strategic Planning and determination of individual planning applications. Government policy advises the review of plans within five years of adoption to decide whether they need full or partial review.

It was intended that the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan (GESP), developed jointly with Exeter City Council, Teignbridge and Mid Devon District Council, would include plan reviews for each authority. Significant public money had been committed on a proposed consultation draft published and still available at <https://www.gesp.org.uk/consultation-phases/stage-two-policy-and-options/>

Recklessly, in my personal view, the 'new' EDDC administration took the decision to withdraw from the GESP process in August 2020. This effectively brought down the GESP process, leaving EDDC with a policy void. It also removed the possibility of a joint statutory plan, to demonstrate the ability of individual authorities to work together in ensuring provision of appropriate scale infrastructure (road, rail etc.) to support development, beyond the immediate area defined by their own borders.

I believe the ability to demonstrate close co-operation on a statutory basis is a key justification for the continued existence of a second level of local government (District and City Councils).

In the wake of the COVID pandemic 'active consideration' of cost reduction opportunities in local government is inevitable. The move to a unitary based governance structure would be an obvious option, with Unitary authorities already in place in Cornwall/Dorset and likely to follow in Somerset...

Plan making and nationally 'imposed' housing numbers...

Work on a new Local Plan has now started. Following the withdrawal of EDDC from the GESP process, this is likely to take years rather than months, in an environment of enormous and potentially radical Central Government policy and legislation.

Uncertainty is typified by the possible level of housing growth to be imposed on East Devon, using another 'infamous' government algorithms. Central Government imposes housing requirements on East Devon. Under the current calculation, East Devon is required to accommodate an annual average of **918** homes. Under the new proposals, the national formula for calculating housing numbers would mean an East Devon requirement increased by a massive **76%** to **1,614** homes/ annum.

Should this figure become a requirement, perhaps as soon as next year, there will be clear pressure to find a significant number of sites which could, theoretically at least, deliver new homes of this scale, in a district where a large proportion of the authority area is protected, as part of the East Devon and Blackdown Hills AONB's.

COVID – Economic Effect on East Devon...

The UK economy shrank by a record 19.8% in April and is likely to contract by around 10% during 2020. Our local economy has sadly not been immune.

Government's Local Economies Advisory Panel assigned a "red rating" to the economies of Devon, Plymouth and Torbay, in recognition of the relative vulnerability of our area. Devon is predicted to be the fourth-worst impacted county in England, and the South West to host 7 of the 20 worse affected districts in the UK.

It was estimated that the pandemic could put 123,000 jobs at risk in Devon and that the cost to the local economy could be £1.98 billion – 12% of the value of goods and services produced.

Devon County Council has modelled the potential impact of the pandemic. The most optimistic of anticipates a return to 2019 employment and productivity in 2022, more pessimistic scenarios indicate a return to preCovid-19 levels is unlikely until 2027, with employment rates not recovering until 2030, without significant investment from local partners and Government.

East Devon unemployment rate has increased from below 2% to nearly 5% and forecast to near 10% within six months, with a third of our workforce furloughed. Hospitality and leisure have been particularly hard hit.

Exeter Airport has been at the core of over 1,000 job losses, following the collapse of Flybe, the largest private sector employer in the District.

EDDC Response to COVID Pandemic...

As the pandemic and government response continues, our Council publishes comprehensive, regularly updated guidance on its website at <https://eastdevon.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

The section includes links to the latest sections for;

Business, employers and employees, Wellbeing, Community Support, Benefits and Council Tax, Test and Trace Support Payment & information for Holiday makers.

Together with other useful details on Council Services and links to other useful resources for school closures, critical workers, domestic abuse victims and disabled people.

A Merry Christmas to all Trinity Businesses and residents.
Let's hope we can all look forward to a much improved 2021!

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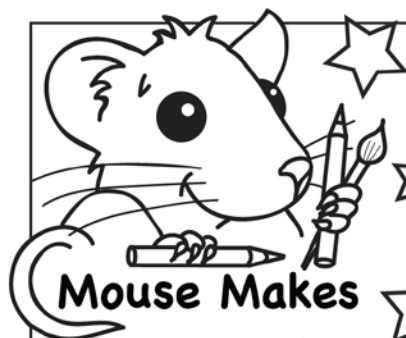
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