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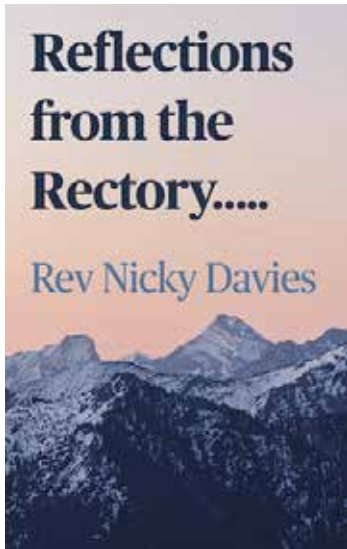
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and all articles up to and including things for early **August** should be with us by  
the **10th June**

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As I write this, we are all expectantly hoping to be able to hug each other again very soon! Later this month (June) we can even go to a nightclub. I've never been to one but might just have to go as a celebration and to mark the moment. Anyone want to join me...?

Touch is so important for us. In the Bible we read that people wanted to get near to Jesus to touch him. In one story a woman who does manage it, is immediately healed. This encounter highlights what faith can do.

I wonder if any of you has ever had a massage? I regularly do and find the whole experience very healing and fundamental to my well-being. We are encouraged as priests to follow a rule of life including prayer, study, worship and doing things for recreation or re-creation.

I wonder if you ever take the time to re-evaluate your life? This may be a perfect moment, as we begin again after lockdown, to reflect and re-prioritise? As we return to some sort of normality, I would recommend massage as part of your routine. I am sure we are all holding so much tension in our bodies, whether we recognise it or not.

Marking key moments is incredibly important too. Every Sunday we gather in worship in our churches and throughout the year we focus on key festivals. This gathering and marking helps me to live my life with direction and purpose and with a hope founded on my faith.

And so back to working out a 'rule of life.' Mine includes prayer, worship, study, massage, swimming and going to the cinema (can't wait for that!) I wonder what your rule of life may look like?

***Rev Nicky Davies***

# From the Editor

Welcome to the June edition of the magazine.

As this magazine is just being sent off to the printers, I have heard the sad news that Brian Manners passed away peacefully on 12th May.

Brian was a much revered Organist and Choirmaster at Uplyme Church. Amongst other things he helped me enormously when I undertook the singing of the responses while leading Morning Prayer. He insisted I attend singing practice twice a week and practiced again before the service on the Sunday. He put himself out to make sure I did the best I could for God and our church. *Thank you Brian.*

A tribute to Brian will appear in next months magazine.

As the lockdown unfolds we look forward to the new easing on 17th May, but we do ask you all to be careful and don't take any unnecessary risks. This month on 21st sees the proposed removal of all other restrictions, we hope the Indian variant of Covid does not cause too many delays in the process.

Many people I have spoken to feel that we are going to live with this for a quite some time to come, and the sight of hand sanitiser and masks is going to be with us for a long, long time.

It has been good to hear again from our contributors, and to read how they are beginning to come out of lockdown. Many groups and events are getting ready to start up again, and it's good to hear from Wendy at the Talbot that they are ready to start welcoming people back inside the pub! Can't wait!

**Ed**



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### Ask a Busy Person.....!

Help at Hand has many volunteers, most of whom lead extremely busy lives but none more so than one of our founder members, **Jenny Perham**. Many of you will know Jenny but perhaps not everything about her – I certainly didn't until I interviewed her!

As an 11-year-old, Jenny moved with her family to Chardstock, attending Chardstock Primary and then Colyton Grammar. On leaving school, she worked in a bank in London for 6 years, then a bank in Axminster and eventually in a Building Society in Lyme. From 1992 until 2014 she worked as a receptionist at the Axminster Surgery. All these occupations brought her in close contact with many local people.



1967 saw Jenny married to Terry and they moved to Uplyme – first Gore Lane then Yawl and they finally made it to the “top of the hill”, Raymonds Hill, in 2005

Voluntary work and community involvement has always been a feature of Jenny's life. Early on, when in Chardstock, she ran a cub group and joined the PCC. After the birth of her 2 daughters, she started up a toddler group with a friend. She became a Governor for Mrs. Ethelston's and then a Governor for Woodroffe, a post she held for 20 years serving as Chair for the last 6 years. Concurrently with these pretty demanding roles, Jenny served on Uplyme Church PCC several times, became Deputy Warden and now is the sole Church Warden (doing the work of the 2 previous incumbents!). To complete the picture of her commitment to the Uplyme, she is on the Village Hall Committee, is part of the church flower team and loves it when she is asked to do flowers for weddings. She is a very gifted flower arranger. All this in addition to what she does for Help at Hand! For several years she had shared responsibility for organising all transport needs.

Sadly for Jenny, her beloved husband died in 2015. She and Terry had a joint passion for orchids. Not only did they grow them, but they showed them, won prizes and travelled internationally including places like Rio de Janeiro.

Jenny loves her garden, which has been a great source of solace and fulfilment during lockdown, and of course her family. She adores her 4 grandchildren and her 2 great grandsons and takes enormous pleasure from taking the latter to toddler group and doing the school run. She is never too busy for that! Life has come full circle and she is still a faithful, willing and above all active volunteer!



## Company of St Boniface

I am delighted to be able to tell you that our very own **Roger Grose** is going to receive a St Boniface award from Bishop Robert, Bishop of Exeter, in a special service.

Bishop Robert set up the Company of St Boniface a few year's ago to honour people who have made a substantial contribution to the life of their church, local community or school. Winners come from all areas of lay ministry but they are awarded to people of any age who have gone 'above and beyond' to serve the people of Devon with joy.

Roger was nominated by a PCC member in Uplyme in recognition of all that he did in the interregnum and on through this time of Covid.

Roger has been hugely helpful, caring and supportive of me as I have taken up this new role at such a strange and difficult time. I couldn't be more pleased.

If you are interested in knowing more about the award, and seeing the medal that Roger will receive, have a look at: <https://exeter.anglican.org/who-we-are/company-of-st-boniface>

I am sure you all join me in congratulating Roger.

Best wishes, **Nicky**

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## Eco Corner

Jesus said to them, **“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation”**.

*What does good news for creation look like?*

If you're lucky enough to have a garden – give nature a break. Leave a patch to grow wild, increasing the amount of nectar for pollinating bees and insects. You could leave some old wood in a corner for bugs to find a home or put out another bird feeder.



St Francis, known for ministering to the natural world said, “Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary use words”.

Perhaps it's time to be the good news to the whole creation by doing some simple acts.

## PARISH NEWS WALKS – UPLYME NO.3 – HELE LANE, HOLE COMMON, HARCOMBE



Rectory

For this walk park either outside Uplyme church, or on the road nearby. From the Church head along Pound Lane in the opposite direction to the school. At the crossroads at Lane End Farm go straight over into Rhode Lane, past the Rectory on your right (see photo) and the Scout Hut on your left (see photo) and follow the road around a sharp left-hand bend until you see Hele Lane on your right (marked and see photo). Enter this track and follow it around to the left past Hele Lane Cottage on the right up to and through a gate into a small woodland. At the end go through another gate into a field and straight across to a stile at the far side. Go over this and turn right down to a yellow marker post at the bottom of the hill.

Cross the footbridge over the stream and follow the path uphill until you meet a track at the top.

Turn left here, marked Hole Common (see photo) and cross the stream into a path which you follow for about a half-mile with undulations and wet patches (from springs) until it widens out and leads down to a gate into field. Go straight ahead for about 40 yards and then turn left down to and over a foot bridge into a field. Go up the field following the left-hand hedge to and over a stile in the corner and up to a road. This is Harcombe Road.



Scout Hut



Hele Lane

This is the furthest point of the walk from Uplyme and there are several ways back to our starting place – I will give two. One is very straightforward and all on lanes and is downhill and will appeal to those who think another 20 minutes to half an hour will be enough. The other is longer and slightly more adventurous, although not difficult, across to and through the attractive hamlet of Rocombe on the way back. For both options turn left here and follow Harcombe Road mainly downhill past Rhode Hill Gardens on your left (marked) until you shortly come to a lane on your left, with the lane going straight ahead past a house with surrounding high wall and a track on the right.

For the more straightforward route follow the lane straight ahead and mainly downhill until you pass Hele Lane again on your left. Continue to follow the lane around the sharp right-hand bend past the Scout Hut and the Rectory again, straight over the Lane End Farm crossroads along Pound Lane back to the church.

For the alternative route take the track to the right and follow it ignoring a track to the right. Continue ahead with excellent views down to Lyme Regis and the sea on the left to the end of the track where it meets a road. I have heard this track described as “King Johns Ride” but have no evidence to support this. Cross the road to a footpath over a stile (marked) and cross the field diagonally right to another footpath (marked) down between gorse bushes to a road. This is Rocombe. Turn left here and follow the road through the hamlet to a T junction. Turn right here to the crossroads at Lane End Farm and turn right along Pound Lane back to the church.



Hole Common

**David Jones**





## News From The Pub

### *Just a few words:*

As I write this little article, we are looking forward to reopening inside our Village Pub. It has been 150 days since anyone has been able to sit inside and enjoy the company of family, friends and neighbours. It seems there is still some nervousness from The Government about the promise of complete easing of restrictions, but we will be pleased to re open and will be taking things slowly and safely at The Pub.

We are so grateful to everyone who has supported our takeaways, and want to say a massive thank you to each and every one of you lovely Villagers who has braved the cold, wind and rain to sit outside over the past 5 weeks to support the pub. We really do appreciate your bravery, enthusiasm and custom'. xxxxx

We have said Goodbye to Sian and Fin who have been dedicated and loyal members of Team Talbot for over 7 years. We wish them well and all the best in their new endeavours. We are excited to have some lovely new young people about to join Team Talbot and I will introduce them in next month's edition.

During lockdown, we have made some changes to the top bar, we hope you will like our efforts when we welcome you back.

Sundays will see the return of our Carvery...albeit 'Family Service' at your table just for the next few weeks , please do give us a ring if you would like us to reserve you a table.

After many months I have been pleased to make a few day trips to Wales, driving up my beautiful Valley and seeing my 'teulu'....family never fails to cheer me up.

It will be wonderful to welcome you back into The Pub, please come in even if it's just for a coffee and a piece of cake or just to say hello we really will be happy to see you.

Keep safe and well and look after each other.

Warmest Wishes **Wendy** xx

## 1<sup>st</sup> Lym Valley Scout Group (Uplyme and Lyme Regis)

We spent May across the group being outside – with Hiking, Shooting, Archery, Pioneering, and Cycling to name just a few activities we've been up to. We're so delighted to be back now properly, with over 80 young people across the group and growing interest throughout the community, it's going to be a great summer for 1<sup>st</sup> Lym Valley.

The programme for this month is even more exciting with lots of activities outside with the Beavers doing their Navigator badge, fire lighting, den building and for the first time Rafting with help from the Scouts and Explorers. The Cubs will be doing Backwoods cooking, a scavenger hunt and fitness. The Scouts will be doing more Shooting, Archery, Rafting, and having a visit to Treetops at the Tunnel.

We welcome on board our new Cub Leader Giles and Scout Leader Angie and thank them for joining us and hope they have as much fun as the Cubs and Scouts do. If you think you would like to be a leader, help out or work behind the scenes at the Group please get in touch (no previous experience necessary, just enthusiasm)

The Scout Hut is open to other groups now as things start to open up and we welcome back our regulars – Taekwondo, Painting Classes and Shining Stars – we hope they enjoy being back.

And, as always, an update on the waiting list situation: there remains one for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts – with no waiting list for Explorers (the more the merrier). My best advice is to put your children on the waiting list as early as possible, before they are 6. You can either drop me an email, or use our website to get in touch.

Have a wonderful June!

Yours in Scouting

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### Beware Japanese knotweed this summer

This month (June) could see a sudden bumper appearance of the notorious garden pest, Japanese knotweed.

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) experts have warned that the April frosts either delayed or killed other plants who would have helped keep it in check. Unfortunately, the pest is very hardy, and will not have been killed off.

The plant grows up to 2.1 metres (7ft) tall and can destroy the foundations of houses and run riot in gardens. It can even devalue property, and lead to the refusal of mortgages on the land.

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## **Zoom talk – 'Murder Most Florid'**

**June 25th (Friday) – join at 7pm for a 7.15pm start**

Start your weekend with a murder mystery by joining Dr Mark Spencer, forensic botanist. Mark works as a specialist crime scene investigator with various police forces to interpret crime scenes and analyse trace evidence that can link a suspect to a crime. He's advised on all sorts of serious crimes against the person, the environment and plant trafficking. As he says "Plants hold secrets."

Mark originally studied horticulture at Kew, was botany curator at the Natural History Museum and currently is responsible for Linnaeus' herbarium for the Linnaeus Society, as well as his work as a forensic and consultant botanist.

## **Summer Flower and Produce Fair 10<sup>th</sup> July – schedule available, volunteers needed**

The 2021 Summer Show Schedule is now available from Uplyme Stores, Raymonds Hill Post Office and Ginger Beer in Lyme Regis. The Show, which celebrates lavender, will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July at Uplyme Village Hall and King George V Playing Fields.

All exhibits, across 115 classes, will be in the (well-ventilated) marquee, reserving the Village Hall for the popular cream teas and cakes. We expect to have a good range of stalls, well spaced around the playing fields to ensure plenty of room for visitors. Entertainments are currently being arranged and we hope to have a dog show. We shall be having a plant stall at this year's show as a replacement for our May plant sale, which was cancelled because of Covid so please keep the odd plant aside from your plant divisions and surplus from seeds to help us present a full and attractive stall.

We shall be needing volunteers to help with the Show and spread the workload. We welcome any local residents as well as members of the society to help out at this village event. Those who volunteer as stewards will gain free entry to the show. If you haven't volunteered before, a full briefing will be provided and you may be asked to shadow someone with experience to help you settle into the role.

If you could spare an hour at 5pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July or an hour or two at any time between 8am and 6pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July please contact Alan Vian [vianfamily@gmail.com](mailto:vianfamily@gmail.com) (07905 034778).

We also have plenty of A4 printed posters about the show that we ask people to display in their windows, on fences, in cars etc. If you would be willing to display a poster from mid June, please contact Monica Mellor ([monmellor@gmail.com](mailto:monmellor@gmail.com) 01297 442193) who will arrange to get one to you.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the Show.

**Tricia Boyd**

# Mrs Ethelston's - New School Project

Since we obtained detailed planning permission towards the end of last year we have completed numerous tasks to put the Trust in the best possible position to embark on the next phase of the project which should see us move towards making a meaningful start on site to secure that planning permission in perpetuity.



We have been particularly busy behind the scenes preparing for the business of raising the monies necessary to build the new school. Even though we had produced an exceptional amount of detail to achieve the consent we still had to continue design development up to a point where we could be

confident that the full scope of the project is sufficiently well defined, to develop costings to inform the scale of the fundraising objective.

The timing of this issue of the Parish Magazine has arrived at a moment where our fundraising plans are advanced but not quite ready to publish, so this article is a preface to the launch scheduled for June.

This next step warrants a change of emphasis so we are refreshing the Bestic Trust branding, website and social media offering to coincide with the launch to ensure we provide much more information about the new school development, the initiatives that will be taken to raise funds and how you can help.

We have also produced a promotional video that includes a walk through of the new school building and grounds that really brings the project to life and shows how exciting the new school will be. The commentary for the video is voiced by Sue Wells who delivers the story of the village school and the reasons for building the new one in a most compelling way.



People from the Church community are also contributing in many other areas, some by serving as Trustees and being actively involved in the day to day business of the Bestic Trust or Acorn MAT, some as governors of the school, and now Rev Nicky Davies who is applying her journalistic experience to help us to produce a high quality press release for the launch.

Alongside this other work, we have developed a fundraising plan that breaks the total cost down into more manageable elements that could be funded by members of the community, corporate donations, or organisations that make grants available in specific areas. Examples of this are the Multi Use Games Area that will be available for community use and may be funded by Sport England, the Teaching Kitchen, the stage, sound and lighting in the hall, landscaping and adventure play areas.

The school community and PTFA will be heavily involved with fundraising and we will be holding regular events to involve the wider community whose support we depend upon to bring this fantastic village opportunity to fruition.

In our fundraising drive we believe the imaginative design of the school and its excellence in terms of educational provision, supported by its zero carbon, environmental and sustainability credentials will create a strong campaign.



We realise that funding will be a challenge. Capital funding for small multi academy trusts such as Acorn is in short supply currently but we have the support of Neil Parish our MP who will promote our case in Westminster.

Through the website and media we will keep everyone informed and involved as we move forward and our hope is that fundraising will not only be a success financially but will also provide numerous enjoyable events for the whole community.

## Poetry Corner from Nigel Ball

### *The Lanes I Walked*

Blue ladies standing tall and proud  
Ferns unfurl, green Catherine wheels  
Green shepherds crooks stand shouting loud.  
Lambs roam those lonely hills.

Garlic carpet so pure divine  
Crows on high in constant sound  
This favourite walk of mine  
When rabbits hop and squirrels bound.

So what of early summer you do ask  
God is giving us the people to remember  
So put on your boots and coat to task  
Round the corner September, October, and November.

Trees with green of lime ,dark crimson the best  
Light shimmering ,hitting bark so hard piercing.  
Time to sit, a coffee ,sandwich, rest.  
Countryside free for all so appealing.

On the upward path to top height looking out to sea.  
Say a prayer for people lost this year, a faded look.  
How lucky are you and me.  
We have the chance, walk lanes, write poetry into a book.

*May I reassure the blue ladies are of course are Bluebells.*

God Bless

***Nigel Ball***





## Mrs Ethelston's Primary School

It has been wonderful this term to welcome all our children back to school. It is hard to believe that another school year is going so fast!

Our Core Value for this half term has been Love. The children have been exploring examples of love in the Bible, how we can share and show love and learning about acts of kindness that help us to spread love around the world.

Since being back at school we have all enjoyed participating in a speed bounce activity, TT Rockstars day and we have had a visit from BugFest to help us with our learning. The children are all enjoying their new topics and it has been brilliant to see their fantastic learning.

As we approach the second half of the summer term, we are all working very hard in school to plan some exciting events and trips for our children to enjoy.

**Miss Lyons**

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### University of 3rd Age

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June:** Lyme Regis u3a presents a talk on Antibiotics: Action, Resistance and Superbugs by Keith Jones, on line via zoom at 11am. Please see the web site [www.lymeregisu3a.org](http://www.lymeregisu3a.org) for details of how to join this event and all the others of this learning co-operative for people no longer in full time work.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June:** Lyme Regis u3a SciTec Group has a talk on Dorset Reptiles by David Croman, on line via zoom at 10am. Please see the web site [www.lymeregisu3a.org](http://www.lymeregisu3a.org) for details of how to join this event and all the other activities of this learning co-operative.

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### Home alone, wanting a gnome

Do you yearn for a garden gnome? You are not the only one. Since last year's lockdown, garden centres have been reporting a 'massive upswing' in ornament sales, due to people being forced to spend more time in their gardens. Gnomes top the list of most-wanted ornaments, with a near 100 per cent increase in sales over the past two years. There was even a gnome crisis a while back, when the Suez Canal got jammed, and thousands of gnomes on their way to UK gardens could not get through



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## Your Parish Council

Uplyme Parish Council consists of 10 Members who volunteer their time for the benefit of the Community. Members attend and make decisions at our monthly Full Council meetings, Committee meetings and various Working Groups which all together assists in the efficient smooth running of the Council. Members are Representatives on Outside Bodies and are also Supervisors to oversee Health and Safety in the village.

The Clerk to the Council provides full administration for the day to day running of the Parish Council, including financial matters and makes sure the Council is working legally and within their remit. Parish Councillors and the Clerk provide a service to the Community delivering information to residents and answering an array of queries.

The Parish Council owns and manages the Millennium Copse, Cemetery, village play area and Stafford Mount Garden. The Parish Council represents you the residents of Uplyme.

### Annual Report by the Chairman of Uplyme Parish Council

The last 12 months have been a difficult time for the Parish Council due to the restrictions placed upon us by the pandemic and the need to hold meetings online. There was no formal election for Council officers last year because we were advised

that the same personnel should continue in office for the following 12 months.

Some events may not have been fully reported previously and I would like to formally report the following events from 2019-2020:

- a. The night-time air ambulance landing site has now been fully operational for 18 months.
- b. After a campaign which included Cllr Andy Turner being interviewed on BBC Spotlight, Gigaclear contractors removed all the debris left in situ from the installation of fibre-optic cables and repaired the trenches which remained. Sadly, despite writing to Mr. Neil Parish MP and receiving assurances via him from Gigaclear that matters would be progressed, no further work has been undertaken and information on further progress has not been forthcoming from "Connecting Devon and Somerset". We need to make further representations on behalf of the community during the coming year.
- a. I have heard nothing since 2020 concerning the establishment of a Dorset National Park, which we formally opposed.

During the last year we have again kept within our precept but have had limited success in progressing any major issue, mostly due to the pandemic.

We have sadly had 2 resignations from the Council with Mr. John Duffin resigning for personal reasons a couple of months ago and

due to pressure of work Ms Becky Turner resigning only last week. I have already thanked them both for their service and I would now wish to place on record our thanks for all that they have done for the Parish. John will be remaining on the Millennium Copse committee and Becky will be remaining as Chair of the village hall committee, so they are not totally lost to the Parish. I would also like to record my appreciation to Mr. David Sole who has resigned as "tree warden" and given much time to the Parish for many years in various roles. We now have an excellent relationship with Mr. Ian Hall, our County Councillor and hold a formal quarterly meeting, which includes the Area Highways Officer. Ian has been working hard on our behalf and I am hopeful that we will be able to progress road safety in the area of Crogg Lane. I have had some very positive emails from Devon Highways.

Sadly, our District Councillor, Mr. Ian Thomas has stated that he will not have any formal dealings with the Parish Council, following a strongly worded statement from a Councillor at an online Council meeting. He was unable to accept an apology for any offence caused, which was written by me and supported by the Clerk. Mr. Thomas has however confirmed that he will continue to support individual Uplyme constituents.

We recently lost our Clerk, Mr. Ricky Neave, who had done a sterling job from a standing start for more than 5 years and we have been





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very lucky to be able to recruit Mrs. Anne-Marie Bates, who is very experienced in the role.

Cllr Bill Trundle investigated the interest in setting up a Community Land Trust for Uplyme, which was unfortunately met with almost zero interest. Nevertheless, we have commissioned a new Housing Needs Survey from Devon Rural Housing Partnership, which should report in the next couple of months. I would like to thank all Committee members for their work during the year, particularly the members of the Planning Committee, whose workload borders on the onerous at times. I would also wish to express my thanks to other parishioners such as James Booth and John Fowler who undertake so many tasks around the Parish that would otherwise not be done or would result in large expenditure. Particular thanks are due to Cllr Dave Ostler for clearing the flood prevention watercourses, Cllr Andy Turner and his team for salt spreading and for snow clearing and Cllr Colin Pratt who is always the first to offer to repair or repaint Council property. Chairman Cllr Chris James

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## **Your Parish Precept**

2021/22

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## Finance

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Our budget for 2020/2021 was £40,664.49 and this was spent on a number of responsibilities, looking after and maintaining our assets and general maintenance of the village, but also providing grants to a number of groups in the village.

## Income & Expenditure

Our Income & Expenditure Accounts for 2019/20 are ratified and the breakdown can be found on our website.

Electors have an opportunity to view the accounts for 2020/21 around July; dates will be on our website and notice board.

## Litter / Dog Fouling

Please help keep "Uplyme Tidy" and use litter bins and dog bins which are throughout the village. Please note that doggy bags can be put in **normal** rubbish bins.

## Parish Defibrillator

The Parish Council has provided funding for a Defibrillator located at the village hall.

## Affordable Housing Survey

The Parish Council wished to establish the need of housing in Uplyme and commissioned Devon Communities Together (DCT) to carry out a Housing Needs Survey the **closing date is 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021**. Please can you spare a few minutes to return the questionnaire, we will publish the results in due course.

## Parish Full Council Meetings

These are usually held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month (excluding August) at 7.30pm.

## Parish Planning Meetings

These are usually held on the last Wednesday in the month. Other adhoc planning meetings might be called depending on volume of applications.

## Virtual / Physical Meetings

During the COVID pandemic all meetings have been conducted virtually, but the recent High Court Judgment in relation to the virtual meeting provision has been dismissed, resulting with face to face physical meetings resuming. Government COVID restrictions must still be adhered too.

We will notify residents of any changes as this situation is fluid and being updated regularly.





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**Residents are welcome to attend our Parish Council meetings which are held at the Village Hall.**

## Agenda / Minutes

Our agenda and minutes for all our meetings can be found on our website, this includes the Parish Council Planning Committees decisions.

Our website: <https://www.uplymeparishcouncil.org/>

## How to contact the Parish Council.

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## Parish Council Website

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## Would you like to represent your Community?

Have you thought about becoming a Parish Councillor, discussing and making decisions for the good of the village and its residents? If yes please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

The Parish Council is also looking for a **Tree Warden** due to the current holder retiring.

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Mrs. Paulene. Frost (Vice Chair),  
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Dave Ostler,  
Colin. Pratt,  
Neil Pullinger,  
Bill Trundley,  
Rebecca Turner (resigned May 21)  
Andy Turner (Planning Chairman).  
John Duffin (resigned January 21)

## District Councillor

Cllr. Ian Thomas

## County Councillor

Cllr. Ian Hall

## Member of Parliament

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***Hire times for regular users may vary as restrictions are lifted on the 21<sup>st</sup>***

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9<sup>TH</sup> June**

**Yoga returns – 24<sup>th</sup> June - 6.15pm – 8.15pm**

**Private hire 26<sup>th</sup> June - 12pm – 12am**

**A full opening as of the 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2021 will hopefully happen if all restrictions are lifted.**

**Booking will resume as normal but may have certain measures still in place.**

***Please contact your group/event organiser for further details for 2021 bookings  
We will continue to review the situation, making booking as safe as possible for everyone.***

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### **A brief note:**

As the hall will soon be opening back up

A gentle reminder in regards to the carpark.

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10 spaces are allocated for The King George Field.

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## Local Government sets new standards in waste and bizarre practice?

From 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020, legislation under the Coronavirus Act 2020 allowed Local Authorities in England and Wales (including County, District, Town and Parish Councils), to hold meetings lawfully online.

It is clear local authorities recognise enormous benefits of virtual meetings, over more 'traditional' in the room, face to face meetings. Engagement numbers rocketed, with some Parish Council antics becoming screen sensations, through the likes of Jackie Weaver, clerk to Handforth Parish Council.

However, from May 7<sup>th</sup>, the provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 and specifically the ability of councils to hold remote meetings, cease to apply.

This means a return to the Local Government Act 1972, where meetings must be held in person to be considered legal and probably the most bizarre and wasteful situation imaginable...

### High Court action fails.

Hertfordshire County Council and partners had sought judgement in the High Court on 17<sup>th</sup> March that the Local Government Act 1972 definition of a 'meeting', whilst clearly not contemplated back in 1972, could be considered to refer to 'virtual' meetings as well as those in person.

Despite their claim being directed against the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), Robert Jenrick said that the government would support the action, recognising the clear and apparent conflict with provisions of the government 'road map' and related health concerns of council members and officers.

Sadly, but not surprisingly, on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April, judges dismissed the claim, further ruling that 'Primary Legislation' would be needed to extend the use of Virtual Meetings.

Government has confirmed it will not extend these powers and councils must arrange in person meetings, in the same room.

But the pandemic goes on, with a new Indian variant and preventative Social Distancing...

### What did the Minister say?

Luke Hall MP, Minister of State for Regional Growth and Local Government in Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government wrote to Council Leaders on the 25<sup>th</sup> March.

He cited the Government roadmap for lifting Covid, the vaccination programme and effectively dumped the problem on local government, with the classic line....

*"...I recognise there may be concerns about holding face-to-face meetings. Ultimately it is for local authorities to apply the Covid-19 guidance to ensure meetings take place safely..."*

### How does this affect East Devon District Council?

East Devon District Council holds meetings for up to 60 councillors, plus Officers and members of the public, in Blackdown House. A risk assessment has concluded that the largest room at Blackdown House, under Covid guidelines is suitable for just ...16.

The Council also must hold its AGM by the end of May. This means the hire of a larger venue, in our case Westpoint Exeter, to accommodate members in person.

I expect that perceived risk to members will lead to several taking the decision not to attend, on grounds of personal vaccination status, or other relevant and sensible aspects of individual circumstances. Others may not find it possible to get to and from Westpoint on public transport. Members will not be able to share private cars. This compromises the democratic process, by effectively excluding some colleagues from representing their constituents.

There are cost implications for our already pressured budgets, beyond the hire costs for Westpoint, to include its preparation for a large meeting which needs to demonstrate public access.

Travel to Westpoint and other public meetings will have a significant impact on our personal and collective carbon footprint. (except Licensing which, as it is covered by the Licensing Act 2003 and CAN take place legally in virtual format.)

A valuable by-product of virtual meetings is that public interest has massively increased. We have discovered more about how our councils work, with massively more residents and businesses watching meetings on either Zoom or concurrent YouTube broadcasts.

### **And the most bizarre, killer punch of them all?**

You really could not make it up.... Our meetings will take place using the Zoom system, by members forced to be sitting in the same room together to be able to hold a quorate meeting and cast a valid vote. You could not make this bizarre, nonsensical situation up!

### **For the longer term?**

Local Government is rooted in the past, largely dominated by the Local Government Act 1972, a reforming act passed by the government of Edward Heath. In any other environment, 1972 would be unrecognisable in 2021. DCI Gene Hunt in the 80's TV series 'Life on Mars' and 'Ashes to Ashes' would be unrecognisable in 2021 Policing, as would his iconic Audi Quattro on our streets.

I believe that the benefits in openness and transparency of local authorities, through wider engagement and accountability offered by Virtual Meetings by default, are crystal clear. Add costs savings to reduced carbon footprint, plus potential access to council membership by a more diverse range of potential members, then the case is hard to counter.

I would also like to see third tier authorities encouraged not only to consider virtual meetings as an appropriate choice, but also to embrace simultaneous public transmission of meetings via YouTube broadcast. The door is open, this change would demonstrate enhanced openness, transparency and offer potential for wider scrutiny of Town and Parish Council processes and activities. It could be delivered for at a modest cost, perhaps even yielding an overall cost saving to the public purse?

### **In Conclusion...**

Probably one of the worst cases of illogical nonsense I have ever come across. My personal instinct is to 'just-say-no' and continue to hold our meetings via Zoom, but all attempts at 'lateral thinking' have fallen on deaf Monitoring Officer ears... so it looks like Westpoint it is on the 25<sup>th</sup>...

**Cllr Ian Thomas**

**Independent Ward Member for Trinity**

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## **Archbishop of York's Presidential Address to General Synod**

It was "sobering and shameful" for the Church of England to be "confronted by the recent Panorama documentary", which looked at "a number of shockingly specific instances where sisters and brothers in Christ have experienced racism in the Church of England."

So said the Archbishop of York in his recent Presidential Address to the General Synod.

He went on to say that the Anti-Racism Task Force set up by the Church last autumn had now published its "inspiring, challenging, and – God willing – far reaching report" to deal with the "institutional racism" found in the church.

"It identifies five areas where urgent action is needed, namely: participation, including appointments and shortlists for appointments; education; training and mentoring; work with young people; and governance and structures."

The Archbishop looked forward to the discussion of all this at a future Synod. "However, we couldn't let this group of sessions pass without acknowledging the scale of the challenge and the call to action."

The Archbishop went on: "I'm not standing here to defend our record. Nor am I saying everything will be ok. ...I'm saying that there is racism in the Church, and it must be confronted."

The Archbishop agreed with a statement by the Revd Arun Arora which said: 'Apologies and lament must now be accompanied by swift actions leading to real change.'

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### ***Bishop tells General Synod to speak against persecution of religious believers and atheists***

The Bishop of Leeds, Nick Baines, recently told General Synod that "human dignity and flourishing is diminished" when religious believers and atheists are persecuted.

He also warned the Church of England's decision-making body that it would be an "act of self-harm" only to speak up for persecuted Christians.

Speaking in a debate on Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB), Bishop Nick addressed many abuses including against Uighur Muslims in Xinjiang, China, atheists in Saudi Arabia, and Christians in Pakistan.

"If human rights mean anything, then the freedom to choose our religion or belief, the freedom to change our religion or belief and the freedom to have no religion or stated belief at all is a right we all have by virtue of being human," Bishop Nick said.

He continued: "Violations are increasing and intensifying involving not just intolerance and exclusion but active discrimination.

"In its ultimate form this can culminate in genocide, a phenomenon that has sadly been seen with increasing frequency, whether that of Christians and Yazidis at the hands of Isis in Iraq, Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar or Uighurs in China."

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