

# Uplyme Parish News

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2022



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# Worship in Uplyme Church February & early March

## February

**Sun 6th**                      10am                      Holy Communion   
   6pm                      Evening Worship

**Sun 13th**                     10am                     Morning Worship  
   4pm                     Telephone Service

**Sun 20th**                    10am                    Together@10   
   6pm                    Evening Holy Communion

**Sun 27th**                    10am                    Morning Worship  
   4pm                    Telephone Service

## March

*Wed 2nd*                    *7pm*                    *Holy Communion & Imposition of  
Ashes at The Minster - Axminster*

**Sun 6th**                      10am                      Holy Communion   
   6pm                      Evening Worship

Zoom chats: a chance to reflect and meet together every Sunday at 11.30am -  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81020110380>

4pm Telephone Service – call 0333 011 0616, access code 723 9782#

All the above are subject to the Covid virus remaining 'stable' We recommend people **keep an eye on the websites for updates**. It is also recommended that you wear warm clothes and **wear a mask** with you as the **doors may well be open** to ensure fresh air is circulated. **Hand sanitizer is available and should be used**.



**Baptisms - None**  
**Weddings - None**  
**Funerals / Interment of Ashes / Service of Thanksgiving**

Jack Thomas  
Muriel Wiscombe

8th November 2021  
13th January 2022.

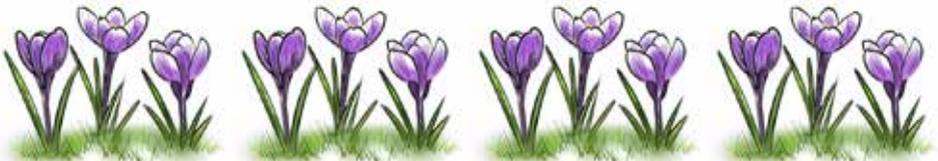


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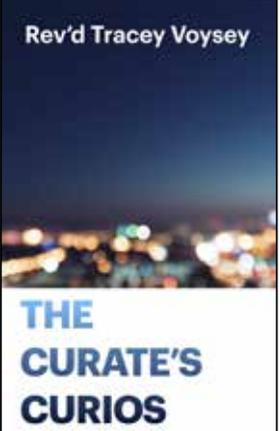
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Please remember the **NEXT** issue of the magazine is for **March** and all articles up to and including things for early **April** should be with us by the **10th February**

**Email to - [parishnews@uplymechurch.org.uk](mailto:parishnews@uplymechurch.org.uk)**



Rev'd Tracey Voysey

## February the only month of love, or as the shops would have us believe anyway!

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and soon the shops will be filled with hearts, roses and cards, tempting us to splash out for our loved ones, or for those we love who don't know it!

However, you celebrate it, it is day to give thanks for love. Love in the past, the present and that which is still to come. For Christians this day marks an acknowledgement of an all-loving God who blesses those who love one another, as Jesus told his disciples to do.

I wish love was as easy as saying though. Love requires work, constant work. Whether it's working out who is going to put the bins out, who used the last of the toothpaste, or just working out how you feel before you can respond to others in love. That said, sometimes the work of love is easy. When you spend time with those you love, just being in the presence of someone who loves you, neuro chemicals flood our brain areas to bring us joy and happiness.

In 'How do I love thee?' by Elizabeth Barrett Browning she speaks of her love for Robert Browning. You can sense the joy that her love brings her, and that deep, and intense love she feels. She loves with all that she is. The poem ends with the hope that God will grant her the ability to love even after she has died.

For me this poem speaks of how God loves each one of us. We are all his 'Beloved Children; and he loves each of us to the depth and breadth and height of our being, all the time.

Whatever gifts you get or don't get this Valentine's Day, the gift this poem brings, is to warm your heart and remind you, you are loved.

*How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.  
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height  
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight  
For the ends of being and ideal grace.  
I love thee to the level of every day's  
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.  
I love thee freely, as men strive for right;  
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.  
I love thee with the passion put to use  
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.  
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose  
With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,  
Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose,  
I shall but love thee better after death.*

**Rev'd Tracey**

# From the Editor

Hello and I hope you enjoy this new look edition of the Parish Magazine.

I felt it was time for a change to the look of the magazine to reflect our Vicar Nicky Davies (bright & colourful) and our being part of the **Axe Valley Mission Community**.

The front cover is the new logo of the **AVMC** of which we are now a part. The churches and leaders of the mission community can be found on the inside back cover. Tracey Voysey the curate at AVMC has written this month, and we look forward to hearing from the other clergy throughout the year. Members of Uplyme Church are really looking forward to working with the other churches across the Axe Valley.

It was good to see that the meeting about the Village Shop was very informative and successful and I am grateful to Francesca Evans at Lyme-Online for allowing me to use her report. Lets hope that with a good couple of years before anything possibly happening with the new school, that the garage and shop remain open longer than the April deadline given by Mr Ostler. We wait to see!

If you have any events or meetings you want plugged, please do send them in to me and I'll see if I can get them into the magazine for you.



**Together @ Ten**

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You are invited to **Uplyme Church's**  
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on 3rd Sunday of the month (usually)  
- 20th Feb, 20th March & 10th April -



Children's activities      Creche corner

**All Welcome**

For info phone Rev Nicky 07931 413629

Keep well and keep safe,

**Ed**

**AVMC Saturday Football**

**Saturday Mornings 9am**  
**Uplyme Playing Field**  
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**Axminster 3G pitch**  
**January - March**

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

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## Uplyme Help at Hand - cares

### General Enquiries:

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Marilyn – 07885 859946

### Transport:

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Fred – 01297 445647

As we begin our seventh year, we are so pleased we have been able to make a difference to the community in Uplyme. We are, however, very frustrated that many of our usual activities have been curtailed by Covid. We are always looking for new ideas and a variety of ways in which we can support people, reduce loneliness and add some fun within the confines of social distance and mask wearing.

Please make us aware of people who are unable to leave their home, but keen to have a phone call, occasionally, for a chat.

If you feel this is something you'd like to do we'd love to hear from you. Please ring Anne or Marilyn on the numbers above.



**Mens Cookery Group**



**Garden Party**

We are able to offer transport again to those needing to get to an appointment. Please contact Dave or Fred on the numbers above. We are suggesting that both driver and passengers should be fully vaccinated and take a lateral flow test before the trip. This is to protect everyone so all concerned can feel confident of their safety, even the most vulnerable.

Here are some other possible services that should now be able to resume:

**A meal if you're unwell**

**A lift to the doctor**

**Prescriptions collected**

**Emergency items of shopping**

**Your dog to be walked if you're not up to it**



**Chris Onions - Chef @ Trill Farm**



**Lunch at the Black Dog**

**If you have a need you feel we might be able to help with, please contact us.**

## Uplyme Bell Ringing

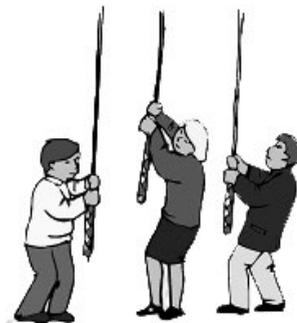
Practice & teaching for those who'd like to learn.

**Thursday evenings 7.30pm - 9pm  
in the Church**

If you've always wanted to have a go at ringing church bells, we'd love to meet you and let you have a go.

For further details please contact **Jo Clarke, on 443050** she'd love to hear from you

**Please do come along and join in.**



Back by popular demand:

## UPLYME CHURCH FILM NIGHTS.

These will now be on **FRIDAY** evenings, once a month.

**February 18th & March 18th.**

They are **FREE** events and you are encouraged to bring friends.  
Doors open at 7.00 pm, film starts at 7.30 sharp.

Refreshments will be available (if regulations allow) and/or **BYO**.

**All are welcome.**

For more details contact Mike or Jan on 442321 or see the poster in the Church / Porch.



**Shining Stars Playgroup is open  
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£1 per child

Please bring an adult

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For more details e-mail Jan at [shiningstars@uplymechurch.org.uk](mailto:shiningstars@uplymechurch.org.uk),  
phone 01297 441986 or visit [www.uplymechurch.org.uk/worship-3-2/shining-stars/](http://www.uplymechurch.org.uk/worship-3-2/shining-stars/)

## Eco Corner

It has been said that the basics of reducing our environmental footprint are the three Rs: **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**. But is this enough? To just cut down a bit, try to reuse the occasional plastic bag or bottle, and recycle when we remember to? The threats to our planet which scientists have been predicting for decades can now be seen with our own eyes: the plastic in the oceans, the loss of our garden insects and birds and extreme weather events which are increasing in number and ferocity. As Christians, we know we should protect God's creation and we commit to living lives of loving service. And yet, we are continually bombarded with advertising and with images on social media, which encourage us to buy more or to travel to more exciting places. The pressure this can put on us can be a cause of emotional and mental strain as we often find ourselves busier than ever. Almost everything we buy has a carbon footprint and much of it is packaged in un-recyclable plastic. Put simply – by buying less we can reduce the rate at which natural resources are used up and the earth is polluted. This is why **Green Christian** invites us to explore a few more Rs which may help us reduce our consumption and find joy in the free gifts God gives us. Keep this list to hand as a reminder to live more simply and enjoy pleasures which cost us, and the Earth, nothing.

**Rejoice** -Let's take delight in Creation – God's free gift to us. This is all that we need for our own fulfilment!

**Refuse**-Refuse to believe what the adverts say. You are no less a person because you don't have this gadget or haven't been to that exotic place.

**Reduce**-By reducing our impact on the planet can we also reduce our levels of stress and anxiety? We can buy less, travel less, and put less pressure on ourselves to have that perfect home and ever-active life.

**Reuse**-Replace the convenience of single use and disposable items with the love of something which can be reused for months or years.

**Repair**-Let's look after our stuff and keep hold of the old skills of sewing and repairing. Visit the Axminster Repair Café in the Guild Hall where you can get a whole range of things repaired.

**Rent, borrow and share**-Let's look after our stuff and keep hold of the old skills of sewing and repairing. Find out if there are workshops near you where you can get your electronic items fixed, and donate old furniture to charities which teach young people refurbishing skills.

**Recycle**-Recycling comes last on the list because it should be a last resort. Recycling does reduce the rate in which we use natural resources but it still uses a lot of energy for transporting and processing the items.

**Axminster Repair Café** is open monthly 10am-1pm. A warm welcome is found as well as skilled fixers and menders, whether it is electrical, haberdashery, they will repair it to give new life. We had a great experience last month calling on their services to repair our garden shredder. Not the smallest of items but after a visit to the café all repaired and ready to shred again and whilst that was happening tea and cake on hand to enjoy. The dates for the year are.

**5<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 3<sup>rd</sup> December.**



## UPLYME SHORT MAT BOWLS

**MONDAY EVENINGS 7.30pm - 10.00pm**

AT

**UPLYME VILLAGE HALL**

Short Mat Bowls is not a resident in the village but an established club run by a group of people who enjoy socialising whilst playing indoor bowls.

We have now returned to the Mats after lockdown and would like to welcome new members.

Why not come along and try your hand and join us for a cuppa. No experience is required and it's an opportunity to make new friends.

Please contact: Pauline McCarter.  
Tel No: 01297 442682



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May 19, Jun 16, Jul 14, Aug 11,  
Sep 8, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1

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We have great events booked in for 2022.

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**Phone - 07512 279663**

**Please do let us know if you are hoping to join. us at a session above via email/call/text.**



"The knitting circle are playing their part in our heating efficiency programme."



# FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

## 21 February to 6 March 2022

For two weeks each year at the end of February and start of March, thousands of individuals, companies, and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes - people who are often exploited and underpaid. They are the people who are on the front line of climate change.

Fairtrade farmers in co-operatives are not only getting a guaranteed fair price they are also able to benefit from support to protect their crops from the affects of climate change. For example, Fairtrade coffee farmers in Uganda are using agroforestry; planting their coffee plants under trees to protect them from the hail storms and the roots from the trees are stabilising the soil preventing the coffee plants being washed away in landslides from the floods in the area. It is the Fairtrade premium that gives the funds to enable this to happen.

How can you get involved this year.

- 1) Join the online festival with great speakers and events for the two weeks at <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/choose-the-world-you-want/>
- 2) Come to the Uplyme Church Service at **10am on 28<sup>th</sup> February**
- 3) Join us for a cup of Fairtrade tea and a slice of Fairtrade cake at the Big Brew event on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March** (time to be confirmed – watch out on the village notice boards)



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## PARISH NEWS WALKS – VIADUCT, SHAPWICK, HOLCOMBE AND PRESCOT PINETUM

I am starting this walk from the Uplyme Village Hall Car Park and suggest that you use the overflow car park at the rear. On leaving the car park turn right along the pavement and at the tennis court cross the road and turn right past The Talbot Arms and continue to the turning for Barnes Meadow on the right, shortly after the War Memorial. Enter Barnes Meadow and immediately go up through the Millennium Copse on the left. The path here is steep but short and can be slippery at times so care should be taken. You will emerge on to a road which you should cross diagonally to the right to some steps. These lead into a narrow footpath which emerges into Whalley Lane. Turn right here and follow the lane to a T junction and turn left here. You will soon see a road to your right. This is Cuckoo Lane and you should follow it past some cottages on the right and a semi-detached on your left and continue on along now Happy Valley, with a steep hill on the left and views to the right.



At the end of this road take the footpath to the right of the right-hand house alongside a fence to a gate and into a field. You will now see to your right the iconic Uplyme Viaduct on your right which formerly carried the railway line between Axminster and Lyme Regis. It is a remarkable example of engineering in the early 20th century. Access on to the viaduct is not allowed. Cross the field straight ahead down to and through a metal gate and turn left along a road for a short distance passing Shapwick House (white) on the left. Soon take first turn right along a lane until you see ahead a metal barrier across the road.. This is the vehicle access to Shapwick Quarry, which provided hundreds of lorry loads of stone for the foundations of Barnes Meadow, which was built on Greensand.. Turn right here and join another road which goes right and then left, parallel to the original one. Follow this past two semi-detached cottages on the right and later on past Shapwick Grange Farm, also on the right.. As you continue gently uphill beyond the farm you will soon see a public bridleway

sign on the right. Go through the gate into the field and follow it slightly to the right over the field and to a gate. Go through this and follow the right hand hedge towards and past a large barn visible ahead to another gate. Go through this and follow the right-hand hedge and then cross the field ahead diagonally right to a pedestrian gate in the corner.

Follow the path to the left through a pleasant glade down to a ford which cross with care and which leads out on to a road. You are now in the hamlet of Holcombe whose great claim to fame is a Roman villa with mosaics (now covered up) and where a rare Celtic mirror was found which is now exhibited in the British Museum. I suggest that you now turn left along the road through this small hamlet, following the road round to the right and uphill to a T junction with Newcastle Cottage on the left. Turn right here and follow the road until a road appears on the left. This is Woodhouse Fields. Before entering this road look over the gate on the right and you will see a good view of the viaduct in the valley. As soon as you enter Woodhouse fields you will see on the left the entrance to the Prescott Pinetum.



This is a delightful small wood, managed by the Woodland Trust which is full of bluebells and rhododendrons in spring and early summer and has specimen pine trees including, I believe, the largest wellingtonia in the UK. A roughly circular path will take you round the wood in a few minutes and then you should leave Woodhouse Fields and resume your walk along the road on the left. Going downhill look out for a shepherd's hut on the left and when you come to a crossroads turn left past a bungalow on your right and then turn right through a pedestrian gate and into a field. As you walk ahead down the field you will be able to see the village football field on the right and the George V Playing and cricket field straight ahead. Go through the gate at the bottom, across the footbridge over the River Lim and following the left-hand hedge, behind which is the Croquet Club lawn, passing the new cricket pavilion on your left you will arrive back again at Uplyme Village Hall. I would allow at least 2 hours for the walk, possibly a bit less if you decide not to visit the pinetum, which would be a pity.

Happy Walking – **David Jones**

# Uplyme garage to remain open until at least April

**UPLYME residents have been told that the village's filling station, shop and post office will now remain open until at least April, while a solution is sought for its long-term future.**

Owner Dave Ostler had previously announced that the facility would close down on January 14, but said he would reconsider if action was taken to amend the proposed access for a new school opposite, which he feels will have a detrimental impact on his business.



Proposed changes to Uplyme Road to provide a single entrance and exit point for a new primary school on land behind the village is an ongoing concern for Mr Ostler.

He believes it could pose a health and safety hazard for his petrol filling station due to increased traffic queueing outside, making the entire business – which also includes the village shop and post office – unviable in the long-term.

A meeting was held recently, when campaign leader Will Thomson said the petition had been very well supported and the facility would now remain open until at least April, with Mr Ostler then considering it on a month-by-month basis, as long as he could see that action was being taken to change to access point.

Mr Thomson said: "There's nothing he wants more than to keep the business open for years to come."

Mr Ostler did not attend the public meeting at Uplyme Village Hall, but he met with campaign leaders beforehand to update them on the issue.

The meeting was led by Mr Thomson and the Reverend Nicky Davies, who said she did not want to name scapegoats or assign blame, but find a positive way to move forward.

Martin Whitehead, chair of trustees for The Bestic Trust, then gave a comprehensive background to the school planning application and the issues surrounding the access point.

The Bestic Trust is an independent charity dedicated to making provision for Mrs Ethelston's Primary School and promoting education and wellbeing in the parish of Uplyme.

An outline planning application for the new school building was submitted in 2012, with a preferred option for access to be off the mini roundabout on Uplyme Road. However, Devon Highways objected to this so the application went forward with a new single access and exit point off Uplyme Road.

At this stage, Mr Whitehead said Uplyme Parish Council and Mr Ostler did not object to the plans.

A renewed outline planning application was then submitted in 2015, at which point the parish council and Mr Ostler did object to the access point, but this had already been approved by Devon Highways.

A detailed planning application to finalise reserved matters was then submitted, at which point the Bestic Trust's consultants drew up a new plan to use new cul-de-sac Masters Close, off the mini roundabout, for the access point.

This was also rejected by Devon Highways as it was felt the queuing traffic trying to get in and out of the school site would block Masters Close completely. The trust were also told that access was not a reserved matter and had already been approved in the earlier outline planning applications.

Mr Whitehead said that, following the announcement of the closure of the garage facility, the Bestic Trust contacted its consultants and had been discussing the best way to move forward.

This has included looking into a new plan for an access point off Masters Close, but Mr Whitehead said this was a time-consuming and costly process that could produce other safety issues for the school.

"It's not without its difficulties but it is progressing," he said.

"If they are able to engineer an access point there I think they will have done a wonderful job. It's very tricky."

Mr Whitehead said the consultants were also working on a traffic submission paper to open discussions with the Highway and Traffic Orders Committee, which would bring together all parties concerned.

He said this would look constructively at all of the village's traffic and safety issues, rather than focussing on the access point alone, and could include slowing down traffic in general, reducing on-street parking or creating a zebra crossing.

Mr Whitehead said this could benefit Uplyme long before the new school is actually built, which is not expected to be until September 2024 at the earliest.

"We totally understand the feeling in the village concerning the shop," he said.

"We are very much part of the community and will do everything we can to find a resolution but we do need other parties to be part of finding that resolution."

The trustees also clarified some frequently asked questions regarding the new school building.

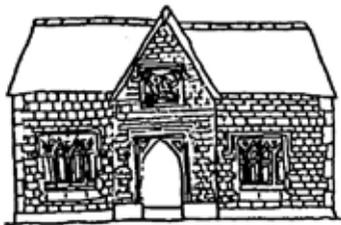
The plans include a large car park for more than 50 vehicles, which will include a section of the village hall's existing overflow car park. Permission for this has been granted by the village hall in return for the school car park being open for general community use and events.

There are currently just under 200 students at Mrs Ethelston's Primary School – far more than its actual capacity – and the new school would take a maximum of 210 children, so there would not be a large intake of new pupils.

The trustees said they were committed to retaining the existing school building and making it available for some kind of community use. They do not plan to sell it for development.

*Many Thanks to Lyme-online for permission to use their article.*

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## Welcome back to the Spring term at Mrs Ethelston's Primary.

Despite the covid restrictions in school, we were able to enjoy lots of wonderful festive events last term, such as the KS1 Nativity, Christmas lunch day and our Christmas art and craft days.

It is now a brand new term and Jacob and Ingrid have been finding out what the children will be learning about over the next few weeks.

*This half term we have new topics with new topic days. Herons and Owls have been working on Space and have had a wonderful topic day looking at the moon. In Swallows and Kingfishers they have had the topic of chocolate including a fun taste test identifying different types of chocolate!*

*In Swifts and Wrens they have the topic Castle and Dragons and have been looking at the different castle parts and why they are important. Our Robins have been learning about different jobs such as being a vet or a teacher.*

Our new core value for this half term is 'Perseverance' and the children have already been showing an excellent commitment to their work and really making the most of every learning opportunity. We are looking forward to another fun term at school.

## **Miss Lyons**

### **Uplyme Pre-school News**

Well, what a busy Christmas we had, we held our usual Christmas nativity which was filmed for all the parents and relatives to see. We had a Christmas jumper day and a Christmas party where the children received a visit from Father Christmas himself which was a great end to a busy term!

We sold tickets for our Christmas hamper raffle and we raised an amazing £182 for the Pre-school, and a little earlier in the year we wore our pyjama's for Children in Need Day and raised a great total of £68.40. Thank you to all of our parents for your kind donations.

We all had a fabulous time and were thoroughly ready for a well deserved Christmas break!



We have just started back for the spring term and we are welcoming in our new children and parents for the start of a fun filled term, this term the theme for our learning and activities is "Our Favourite Stories".

# Uplyme Village



**Saturday 11th June 2022**

**watch this space for further details to come!**

## **What a tree can do for you**

Trees can help prevent you getting depressed. At least, you are less likely to be on antidepressants if you live on a tree-lined street.

That is the finding of a survey by the Forestry Commission, which looked for the first time at the mental health value of our forests and woodlands. Apparently, they save the NHS something like £185million in antidepressants each year.

A spokesman at Mind, the mental health charity, said: "Although many of us feel like hibernating in winter, getting outside in green spaces and making the most of the little daylight we get can really benefit both your physical and mental health."

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## **Friends of Lyme Regis Philpot Museum**

We have arranged the following lectures in Woodmead Hall, Lyme Regis. Lectures start at 2.30 pm. All welcome! Members £2.00; Visitors £3.00.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: 'Lyme Regis: a Changing Seafront'** by James Thomas. The talk looks at the evolution of Lyme's seafront over the last 200 years and includes a short film, narrated by James, a retired geography and geology teacher.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: 'Tomorrow's Museum for Dorset Project'** by Roger Maughan. Dorchester Museum re-opened in May 2021 following a 2 year extension project. This has provided exciting new and refurbished state-of-the-art displays.

Enquiries to **David Cox** - 443156

## As ‘PM’ squirms in the Commons, Omicron threat looks to be receding and days start to lengthen, its Council budget time again....

### Setting the Council Tax base...

The Council Tax base used for 2022/23 Council Tax bills must be set between 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 is based on the position at 30<sup>th</sup> November. This base defines the number of dwellings on which Council Tax is chargeable in East Devon, and each individual Parish. It is then used to calculate the Band D council tax rate.

The relevant figure for 2022/23 is 60,805 eligible properties across the district, an increase of 721 over 2021/22. This includes 1,316 in ‘Trinity’, made up of 250 in Axmouth, 191 in Combyne-Rousdon and 875 in Uplyme, which will in turn be used in calculating individual parish precepts.

### Cabinet recommends draft budget...

In its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> January, Cabinet recommended draft revenue and capital budgets for 2022/23 to be referred to a joint meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Committees in mid-January. Recommendations from this joint committee will return to Cabinet on 2<sup>nd</sup> February and from there ultimately to Full Council for final agreement.

### The overall financial picture...

East Devon District Council receives no Revenue Support Grant from Central Government. Our budgets reflect income from Business Rates, New Homes Bonus and Council Tax, but mainly from the ‘fees and charges’ for services the council provides to residents and businesses.

Whilst the council has a large amount of latitude in setting ‘fees and changes’, all other income elements are set by Government in the Local Government Financial Settlement. Provisional sums were announced on 16<sup>th</sup> December, but only in a one-year settlement, which greatly hinders a local authority’s ability to set future plans. It is quite likely that all elements may be reformed for the budget year 2023/24.

Our previously adopted Medium Term Financial Plan estimated a worrying budget gap for 2022/23 of just over £3million with £2.3m from reduced income from Business Rates and New Homes Bonus, and £0.7m from a deteriorating balance between the costs incurred, and revenue generated by Council services.

It is a legal requirement that each council set a balanced General Fund budget, where money paid out during the year should equate to money received. Current proposals suggest that £323k will need to be taken from General Fund reserve. Should this be

supported, it will reduce the reserve to very close to the bottom of the accepted range. The only other alternatives would be to make savings toward that shortfall within the budget year or increase revenue.

Cabinet was asked to consider a revised increase in the charges for prime East Devon car parks. This would see a charge increase in April 2022 to £1.50/hour, rather than the £1.20/hr already agreed. This further increase would be expected to generate an additional estimated £339k in 2022/23, thereby balancing the budget. It was therefore recommended by cabinet at its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> January, together with the proposal for an additional annual increase of a further 10p/hour, in each of the next three budget years.

### **Draft Budget Highlights...**

- Recycling and Refuse contract negotiations are ongoing, to reflect additional crew and vehicles to meet demand increases – Currently envisaged £400k to £600k additional funds required in 2022/23.
- Payment to Leisure East Devon (LED) currently in budget at £944k. To maintain the current level of services may require additional £50k to £100k in 2022/23.
- A pay review for staff across the authority is expected to require an additional budget sum of between £300k and £500k in 2022/23.

### **Our Council Tax**

The draft budget assumes we will be expected to pay a Council Tax increase of £5 per Band D property per annum in 2022/23, toward the east Devon District Council element of Council Tax collected for a Band D property.

This is in line with Government expectations and the maximum allowable under current regulations which would not trigger the need for a referendum.

East Devon District Council collects the overall council tax through our individual Council Tax demands on behalf of Devon County Council (73%), Police & Crime commissioner for Devon and Cornwall (12%), Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue (4%) and Town & Parish Councils (4%).

East Devon District Council itself receives just 7% of the council it collects from us each year.

Final capital and revenue budgets are expected to be agreed and council tax rates in a meeting of the Full Council on 25<sup>th</sup> February.

**Cllr Ian Thomas**

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## Coffee morning, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 10am – 12 noon

With the end of winter in sight (we hope), we thought a daytime opportunity to meet up socially with fellow members might be appreciated. Please join us for tea/coffee and a relaxed chat at Uplyme Village Hall.

Potato tubers for the Potato in a Bucket competition for the Summer Flower and Produce Fair will be on sale at £3, so please come along and get your spud!

Copies of our 2022 programme will be available, we'll have posters to show you all our trips for the year, and Committee members will be on hand to answer any questions.

You may also pick up your 2022 membership card (if you don't already have it), renew your subscription, or join the Society at the coffee morning. The cost remains at £6 for the year which is excellent value for the programme of events laid on for members.

## Glorious Trees, talk, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 7.30pm

In 2022 the Society is celebrating trees in all their forms. We kick off our theme with a talk by Sir Ghillelan Prance FRS, VHM. Sir Ghillelan is a Lyme resident and a celebrated botanist, plant collector and author. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> he will share with us his lifelong enthusiasm for trees, with an emphasis on Amazonia. Doors open at 7pm for refreshments and the talk starts at 7.30pm. Members free; guests £3.

## Hestercombe House and Gardens, coach trip, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Enjoy the opportunity to explore 50 acres of parkland with beautiful, arts and crafts influenced gardens, designed by Gertrude Jekyll and Edwin Lutyens. The house holds a contemporary art gallery, tea rooms and gift shop. Members £20; guests £23. Coach departs Uplyme Village Hall at 9.15am; an Axminster pick up is available by prior arrangement. To book please contact Jenny Harding [jennyhlyme@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jennyhlyme@hotmail.co.uk) 07773 604137.

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

We have started back with great enthusiasm and vigour after the Christmas Break. Some people have had to isolate due to having Covid, but we have all taken it in our stride and continue to be as vigilant as possible by maintain distancing, wearing masks and hand sanitising.



In the last months news article, I said about a group of Explorers and older Scouts going for selection for the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023 well the good news is we have two going. Josh Dean and Thea Hodges both Explorers with the Powder Monkeys have been selected and are both looking forward to the experience. Watch this space to see what they are doing to raise the money to go and give them support.



The rest of the group are carrying on with their programmes, most of which we are trying to do outside. The Beavers are doing the Space Badge and celebrating Chinese New Year as part of their International badge. This year it is the year of the Tiger, Tigers are born leaders, assertive and inspire respect. They are courageous and energetic – does anyone spring to mind?

The Cubs are being youth led and planning what they want to do which is part of skills for life. The Scouts will also be choosing what to do to enable themselves to achieve what they need to do for their challenge and activity badges. We have over 27 Scouts so keeping them occupied and interested is no mean feat when we have to put them into smaller groups inside and outside.

At the beginning of the Easter holidays, we are planning a group camp for the Cubs, Scouts and Explorers (the Beavers will have a separate Nights away). This will give them a chance to be with the other sections, do activities together and to integrate better. It should be interesting.

And finally, well done to the Powder Monkey Sea Explorer Scout Unit for raising over £275 towards their funds by collecting and disposing of peoples Christmas trees for a donation. It was a wet soggy day, but they enjoyed themselves and thank you to Roger Smart from Fowlers Tool Hire for the loan of the tree mulcher, it was a monster and did the job.

Yours in Scouting

**Karen Yelland**

Beaver and Scout Leader

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## **Parish News – February 2022**

Despite the surge in Coronavirus cases in East Devon, the Parish Council has been meeting as normal whilst ensuring these meetings are as COVID safe as possible.

### **Councillor Vacancy**

Do you want to get more involved in village life? Then becoming a Parish Councillor could be for you. If you are passionate about the community, and want to make a lasting impact on village life then please express your interest in writing to the Clerk using the details above.

### **Post Office Closure**

A community meeting took place on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in the village hall. The meeting was open to all the residents of the parish and its purpose was to update the village on progress to keeping the community amenities of the post office, shop and garage running by exploring all the options. The issue remains a rolling item on the Parish Council agenda, and the next Council meeting will place take on 9<sup>th</sup> February, so please join us for an update on progress.

### **East Devon Sustainability Month**

This June we will see the first district wide sustainability month being held across East Devon. If you are a community group, resident or business and would like to find out more including how you can take part, then please contact Catherine Causley at East Devon District Council at [environment@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:environment@eastdevon.gov.uk)

Already there has been interest from repair cafes, sustainability groups and local businesses. So let's make June a month for really making a difference and showing off the great work and projects that are underway in East Devon. You can run a talk or a demo, host a litter pick or nature walk, maybe you have an EV or solar panels and would want to share your experience of these technologies. Maybe you are a business that has made great strides at improving your environmental performance and would like to conduct a tour of your business to let new customers know. Whatever your idea, Catherine Causley would love to hear from you, so please get in touch.

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# VILLAGE HALL BOOKING DATES FEBRUARY 2022

## **REGULAR HIRERS**

*TIMES MAY VARY*

*Please check with the group/organisation*

### **Uplyme Pre School/ Term time only**

Mondays 9am-3.30pm

Wednesdays 9am-1pm

Tuesdays/Fridays 9am- 1.30pm

### **Toddlers**

Tuesdays – 1.45pm -3.30pm

### **School – Mrs Ethelstons/Term time only**

Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm (4.30 if club)

Thursdays 9am- 3.30pm (4.30 if club)

Fridays 1.45pm-3.30pm (4.30 if club)

### **YOGA**

Thursdays 6.30pm-8.00pm

### **Short Mat Bowls**

Mondays 6.30pm-9.30pm

Returns 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

### **Parish Council**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

7.15pm-9.30pm

### **Horticultural Society**

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month

7pm-9pm

### **Mainly Ballroom**

Saturdays 8pm-11pm (check dates)

January 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **Quakers**

Sundays 9.30am – midday

### **Village hall committee meeting**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month 7.30pm onwards

(winter only)

## **Other bookings for February 2022**

Fridays

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Xplosion (check dates)

Hort Society coffee

morning 10-12

Private hire 1pm -6pm

Dance

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## **HALF TERM**

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**Check with the individual organisations for event times.**

***Our next meeting – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2022  
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## **Those who want to get married**

A minister was preparing to marry a local couple within a couple of weeks. At the close of the morning service, he saw them both in the congregation, and wanted to ask them to come forward, but he couldn't think of their names. So he said: "Will those wanting to get married please come to the front?"

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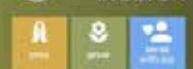
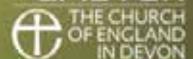
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