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Ministry Team Letter

Trinity is the green season now for church hangings, which seems very appropriate when we see the abundant leaves & grass growing all around us. As I write, the lanes are still full of bluebells & cow parsley, which will give way to pink campion & honeysuckle and other summer flowers. We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful area where people wish to holiday.

But the joy of summer returning and the apparent tranquillity of the English countryside can possibly lull us into paying less attention to the serious environmental challenges facing us with increasing urgency, not only in the near future, but actually now.

Several high profile events in the media came together over Easter to draw attention to the seriousness of the situation of global climate change. One was the broadcasting by the BBC of David Attenborough's hard hitting documentary spelling out climate change facts. No-one who saw it could remain unmoved by the sight of thousands of bats which had dropped dead to the ground from sheer heat exhaustion due to extreme temperatures in Australia.

It's a step forward that the BBC has accepted that climate change is a scientific fact, and not a political position that needs to be balanced by giving airtime to fossil fuel industry deniers. Not only the BBC but the Governor of the Bank of England is warning of this growing crisis. Of course climate change also means more storms and flooding, melting glaciers and rising sea levels, which are already having a catastrophic effect in some areas. This is the effect of greenhouse gases raising global temperatures by 1°C already, and we need to avert much greater rises.

We have also seen unprecedented mass nonviolent action from the group Extinction Rebellion who mobilised '000s of protesters demanding change & action from our politicians. Over a thousand were arrested, and whatever we think of mass civil disobedience as a tactic, it succeeded in raising the profile. At the same time we saw the schoolchildren's climate strikes around the world started by the Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg, who gave a hard-hitting speech to our parliament. According to the Environment Secretary she is the 'voice of our conscience'. She used a striking image to describe how we must respond now: "Avoiding climate breakdown will require cathedral thinking. We must lay the foundation while not knowing exactly how to build the ceiling."

We can each start doing something to reduce our carbon footprint; waste less food, buy from local producers, insulate our homes, walk or use public transport. Let's wake up to the need, and remember that the earth is the Lord's. We are merely caretakers, handing on to future generations.

Emma Laughton

Parochial Church Council

The Church looked lovely on Easter Day when we celebrated Christ's Resurrection and we are grateful to all those who decorated it.

Our Annual Church Meeting took place in April and Sue Irving & Michael Pritchard were re-elected as Church Wardens for the next year. Two new members joined the PCC, David Fisher & Sue McCullough; we welcome them both to the team. Sue gave the Church Warden's Report and thanked everyone who contributed in any way to the life of Church. Robin told us in his Treasurer's report that 2018 had been a fairly good year on the fundraising front thanks to the Scarecrow Festival and the Silent Auction. Sue & Michael were thanked by the meeting for carrying out their duties loyally and efficiently especially during the interregnum.

We are in discussion with the Diocese about a possible toilet and kitchen area for St Michael's.

Our Table Top Sale in March was successful and the teas at the Open Gardens in May brought in a good amount of money. We look forward to another at the end of June.

We are gradually getting used to managing without Hilary, and the Mission Community continues to thrive. We look forward to welcoming a new incumbent possibly before the next issue of this magazine. In the meantime the monthly pattern of services will change slightly due to the shortage of clergy to administer Communion: Village Praise from July will be on the first Sunday, Sung Eucharist on the third Sunday, and Evening Prayer on the fourth...with 8am continuing on the second Sunday.

Rev'd Anne Fatcher leaves us at the end of June to go to Cyprus. We wish her well and thank her for her ministry in the Mission Community.

The monthly Coffee & Chat mornings continue to be well attended, helping particularly those who live alone.

We look forward to the summer months & good weather when we can get out visiting and holidaying. And of course we hope to see you in Church for the varied forms of worship we provide at St Michael's which try to accomodate all the different tastes amongst our villagers.

Kay Short, Secretary

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Church Flowers and Cleaning

Many congratulations to the 'flower ladies' for their Easter flower arrangements. I received various compliments (including visitors) on how beautiful the Church looked for the Easter week. Thank you all for all your excellent efforts.

I must also thank the 'cleaning ladies' for their hard work at the Spring Clean - you also make the Church look beautiful (and smell nice!) and your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Keep up the good work and enjoy the summer !

Sue Irving

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Church Records



Baptism

Eleanor Jean Jones

24 March 2019

Funeral

Brigadier Maurice Sutcliffe OBE

3 May 2019



Children's Church

Noah's Ark (Thursdays 1.15-2.45pm)		Messy Church (Sundays 4-6pm)	
6 June	CMH	9 June	RSC Colyton
20 June	CMH	14 July	RSC Colyton
4 July	CMH		
18 July	CMH		

CMH - Colyford Memorial Hall
RSC - Reece Strawbridge Centre

Linda Joy, Holyford Children & Families Worker
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Notices

This year's Axe Vale Show takes place on 22-23 June 10am to 5.30pm both days at Axminster Showground. Includes Dog Show (enter your dog for 'best in show!'). Remember...on-line tickets are cheaper than buying at the gate. See flyer and www.axevaleshow.com for further details.

Rob & Rosie Harris will be opening their garden at South Cross on the afternoon of 23 June from 1-5pm. Proceeds in aid of Hospiscare.

Tony Drake will be opening his gardens again at Musbury Barton over the weekend of 29-30 June from 1.30-5pm on both days. Teas & refreshments will also be available. Admission £5, children free. Proceeds will be shared between Musbury church and NGS, the UK's largest charitable funder of nursing care in the community.



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School Matters

News from Musbury Primary School

We have been very busy over the last few months at Musbury Primary School. Most recently we have created an Earthen Oven on site, with all the children involved in designing and making the oven using cobb construction techniques. The children have engaged in a variety of different activities in a week of workshops, which has been funded by PTFA contributions and a grant from Historic England. The children celebrated with a pizza making day at the end of the week.

At the end of April we hosted our Bio Blitz Day, which had been postponed from March, where children started work to gain their CREST Awards as part of British Science Week. We were incredibly impressed by the 16 volunteers, many of whom are from the local community, who were able to give up their time to help enhance the children's understanding of our local environment. We discovered an array of life and at least 98 different species of plants growing within the school grounds.

We continue to engage with a range of extra curricular events including Bikeability (cycling safety), Rounders competition, Dance, multi-skills, swimming galas, and visits to the Donkey Sanctuary. We also hosted a Spelling Bee with schools from across our academy... and Class 2 children all challenged themselves, faced their fears and had a thoroughly enjoyable time on a 2 night residential visit to Beam House near Torrington.

In conjunction with the PTFA, we have been working very hard to secure additional funding to develop our outdoor area, the library and resources for computing and IT. We have been fairly successful and currently have a blue coin box in Tesco's in Axminster. If you are able to offer your support in any way to support these projects or have expertise in any curriculum area e.g. art, woodwork, gardening, sports or simply want to help in class then we'd love to hear from you.

Finally, the school was visited by HM Inspector for Ofsted on two days in May. Although we still await his report, I can say that I was incredibly proud of children and staff throughout his visit.

Mr T Nield
Head of Teaching & Learning

Nature Watch

Weather

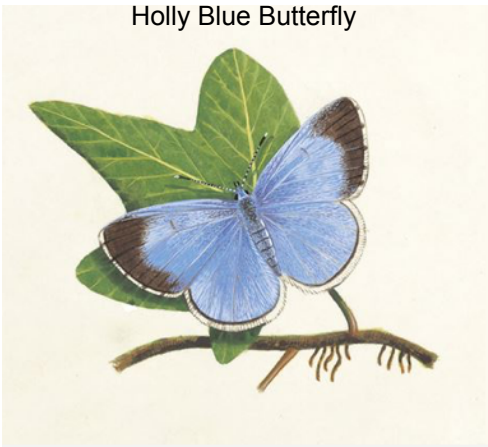
The weather so far this year has been changeable and, for the most part, relatively mild. Total rainfall for February was 75mm, very close to the 15 year average. Wet snow at the start of the month thawed very quickly but was followed by a cold wind & a hard frost on 3rd. Five dull days with rain were followed by frost & then milder, indeed warm, weather until the end of the month. With 82mm, March had slightly above average rain, with much of it falling early in the month (2.5mm on 5th). After more rain mid-month, the second half was mild & largely dry. April was slightly wetter than normal with 80mm, although two-thirds of it fell in the first week. A very sunny and warm spell over the Easter weekend brought visitors in droves to Seaton and Lyme Regis. Although much drier, May was more of a rollercoaster month, starting mild but soon giving way to significantly cooler weather & late overnight frosts...and remaining unsettled for the rest of the month.

Nature

Last summer was a relatively good one for butterflies, and the mild spring weather brought out quite a few this year. Some butterflies pass the winter as adults, hiding in dark damp places and becoming completely inactive. Small Tortoiseshells - which I have seen hibernating on the walls of the stairs leading to the bell chamber in the Church - do this, and a few have appeared this spring, along with Peacocks and Commas which also hibernate as adults. I have seen several yellow Brimstones which usually hide among ivy to hibernate. It may be that the rather mild winter has prevented all these from hibernating successfully, as many will have woken early and been snapped up by birds or caught by later frosts. Red Admirals sometimes hibernate successfully here but most of those we see during

the summer will have flown here from France. I have yet to see one this year. Holly Blues have been quite common this spring; this butterfly overwinters as a chrysalis and the females will lay eggs on the flower buds of holly. These give rise to a second generation that flies later in the year, and these females will lay eggs mainly on ivy in August; the caterpillars from this generation pupate and survive the winter.

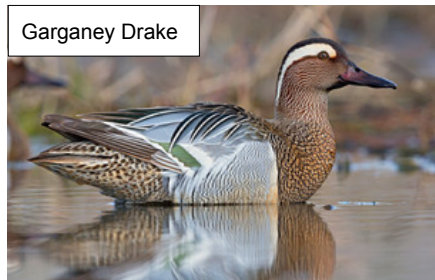
Holly Blue Butterfly



Speckled Woods can overwinter either as a caterpillar or a chrysalis; they are already emerging in numbers and will have several generations during the summer so that they can be seen for an extended period. They are woodland or woodland edge butterflies and the males seek out patches of sunlight in which they bask; they will fight with other males to retain their sun patch. Orange Tips have also been quite common this year and will continue to fly until June. Only the males have the orange tips to the forewings; the females are easily confused with Small Whites of which a few are already around although most will fly in from France later. Orange Tips overwinter as a chrysalis. The earliest 'white' is the Green-veined White. This species does not attack cabbages but feeds on various wild members of the same family, like Cuckoo Flower and Hedge Mustard.

Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps are here in plenty; Holyford Woods resounds to the song of many Blackcaps. Swallows and Martins, however, are few and late. Some were seen elsewhere in Devon in the mild spell towards the end of February, but Swallows did not appear on the wires in Whitford Road until mid-April and they are still scarce and are not yet showing any signs of getting down to nesting. They may have been delayed by bad weather in Spain & Portugal. Likewise, the House Martins are late and I have not yet seen one in the village. Sand Martins have arrived in considerable numbers but are always scarce in this area. Swifts were reported in Devon in April, but most were not expected until mid-May.

Seaton Wetlands has had a pretty quiet winter with not many unusual sightings. Teal have been common on Black Hole Marsh and there were still 30 there by late April. These may have been birds that breed on Dartmoor rather than migrating to Eastern Europe & Russia. Shelduck are abundant on Black Hole Marsh & the Estuary and should be expected to be moving upriver soon to breed in rabbit holes in the hedges. As soon as the young hatch, the mother will lead them to water and they will swim down the river to feed on the estuary. Waders have been scarce but a few Black-tailed Godwits have remained, a single Avocet appeared briefly in April, & there were sightings of Ringed Plovers & Common Sandpipers. Recently there has been a drake Garganey on the pools in the Colyford Common reed-bed. This is a small duck, the size of a Teal, that winters in Africa and is a summer visitor to England. It is a very rare breeder in Devon; perhaps this one will attract a mate and stay!



Mike Lock

Heaven's Above

This is the time of year when astronomers either become like night watchmen, rarely surfacing during daylight hours, or surviving on little sleep when the skies are clear.

Astronomical night time (when the stars are clear) is now from around 11pm, although with official sunset about two hours earlier there is still a glow in the night skies. So we can see the Moon, Venus, & some of the brighter stars, but the galaxies & nebulae we see in winter are hidden.

Starting with the moon, the five day old moon, on 8 June will be near the star Regulus in the constellation of Leo. If the sky is dark enough when you're out there are three nice galaxies you can see with a telescope. Between 15 & 18 June at around 11.50pm you can see Saturn in the constellation of Sagittarius, Jupiter near the constellation of Ophiuchus, the red star Antares in the constellation of Scorpius with the moon travelling over the four evenings from near Jupiter over to near Saturn. Either Binoculars or a small telescope should pick these out.

This all happens again on 13-16 July, and finishes with a lunar eclipse. From Britain, we'll see the Full Moon rising around 9pm already partly obscured by the Earth's shadow; maximum eclipse occurs at 10:32pm when the Moon is 65% obscured and it emerges from the eclipse at midnight.

The Moon again appears near Antares, Jupiter & Saturn 8-12 August around 11pm. By this time it may be just dark enough for you to see this low in the south. This also co-incides with the annual Perseids Meteor Shower with its peak between the 12-13 August. The meteor shower occurs as the Earth runs into debris from the comet Swift-Tuttle, but with the moon almost full, many of the meteors will be washed out. On 23 August the crescent moon rises at around 1am; you'll find it well below the Pleiades and right on the edge of the Hyades star cluster. Over the following few hours, using binoculars or a small telescope you will see the moon occult the stars in the Hyades.

We have our Astro Fair at Norman Lockyer on 10 August 9.30-5pm. For further information on this, other special events and our opening times during the summer months go to www.normanlockyer.com.

Kate Kay, Chief Astronomer NLO

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It's lovely to see new faces in the village; don't forget, if there's anything we don't already sell, feel free to have a chat with us and we will do our best to get it for you. Obviously, space is limited but remember that our shop is YOUR shop.

We hope you were not inconvenienced by the recent early closure times of our Post Office. This was due to essential planned maintenance and was beyond our control but thank you for your patience.

You may have seen Julian's classic Volkswagen Golf GTI on the forecourt with its race numbers fitted. He competed in his first Speed Hillclimb event at Wiscombe Park at the end of April, with another in mid-May and the next one will be at Manor Farm in Charmouth on the weekend of 8-9 June. More details can be found at www.woolbridge.co.uk

Thank you all for your support and we look forward to welcoming you to Musbury Garage very soon.

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Parish Council

2019 Election Results

Our Congratulations go to Cllr Iain Chubb who was re-appointed as our EDDC representative.

At the recent AGM Colin Corbett & Caroline Ellis were re-elected Chair & Vice Chair respectively and the following responsibilities were confirmed:

Allotments	- Colin Corbett
DALC**	- Colin Corbett
Planning & Development	- Colin Corbett & Janet Albano
Internal Audit	- Caroline Ellis
P3 Footpaths	- Paul Smith & Janet Albano
Village Hall	- Pete Perryman
Playing Fields	- Barry Maher**

(* Devon Association of Local Councils)

(**duly co-opted back onto the Parish Council at the AGM)

Our sincere thanks go to Mark Perry for his loyal service to the Parish Council and parishioners of Musbury village. After serving for over 12 years Mark did not wish to stand as Parish Councillor for a further term, which means there is a now a vacancy....

Vacancy for Musbury Parish Councillor Could you make a difference?

Parish Councillors are voluntary members who represent the local community, help deliver services to meet local needs and who work to improve the quality of life in the parish.

They decide which activities to support, where money is spent, what services are delivered and what policies are implemented. They also try to ensure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.

...the Parish Council meets 10 times a year in the Village Hall Committee Room. If you are interested and would like to find out how you can make a difference, please contact Colin Corbett on 552068.

Marlborough Road Trees ('Churchill Avenue')

Some of you may have noticed that some of our loved & magnificent trees along Marlborough Road are in need of some tender loving care. Tree

warden Mike Lock has done a splendid job in producing a plan of the position & species of each one and has made suggestions as which ones need attention. We are now in contact with tree specialists to obtain quotes with a view to getting them restored to health.

Axminster Hospiscare@Home

Resident Ann Veit attended our May meeting to inform residents about the Hospiscare scheme, which is responding to the needs of the local communities in and around Axe Valley. The service is provided by Hospiscare at Home which is manned by specialist palliative care nurses, who offer hands-on nursing care in your own home when required at any time of the day or night, supporting adults with life-limiting illnesses and their families who wish to remain at home at the end of their lives.

This service is currently being funded by the League of Friends at Axminster Hospital at a cost of £180,000 per year. It is a big financial commitment which has only been achieved through the support of the community. All contributions large or small are much appreciated.

Further details about the scheme can be found on the village website, the Parish Notice board sited at the bottom of Church Hill, or by contacting Anne on AnnVmus@aol.com.

Amanda Hill, Clerk
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Next Parish Council Meetings

Monday 17 June

Monday 29 July

Monday 2 September

(all at 7.30pm at the village hall)

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Axminster Hospital

League of Friends

A Busy Time Coming up for the LoF

First, may I thank you all for your support of the League in getting our Hospiscare@Home (H@H) up & running. Referrals from GPs & Nurses during the first two months have been much higher than anticipated but every one has been followed up by our wonderful team of nurses led by Mary Ashby. This has confirmed more than anything that the service is desperately needed and that the League is spending your money wisely on the things the community needs. *Please note...this service is not just for cancer patients; it is for anyone over 18 who is registered with an Axminster GP and who has a terminal illness of any description & is approaching end of life.*

The League continues to support our Hospital and has agreed to a funding request from the Ophthalmology department to purchase a Visual Field Analyser at a cost of £12,500. This is a state-of-the-art machine which will give patients, especially Glaucoma patients, the opportunity to have their vision scanned at Axminster. The Analyser then links the results online with the main department in Exeter almost immediately. Axminster will be the first Community Hospital in the district to have this equipment.

We depend on your help & goodwill to allow us to support the H@H service and other hospital & health care needs of our community.

Coming Up

- A lot of work is currently being put into developing our new website (www.axminsterlof.co.uk) which will enable anyone to keep up to date with our news, contact us or make donations. We hope this will be launched at the AGM later this month.
- On 22/23 June please visit our stand in the mall at the Axe Valley Festival.
- Our AGM is on Friday 28 June at 6.30pm in Axminster Guildhall. Unlike other years, wine & light refreshments will be available after the meeting to help us celebrate the launch of H@H. The meeting is open to all and we do hope as many of you as possible will come along and stay for a chat afterwards. Hospiscare nurses & representatives will be there if you have any questions.
- On Bank Holiday Monday 26 August I hope you will be able to join us at Hawkchurch Village Fete where I will be running a Bottle Tombola (donations of bottles in advance would be very welcome!). Thank you Hawkchurch for all the support you give us.

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Friends of St Michael's

Thank you to everyone who renewed their annual subscription to the Friends of St Michael's Musbury following the email reminder we sent out in January announcing the Guest Speaker event & AGM, reported in the last MPN. For those Friends who have not yet renewed their annual sub and would like to do so, please contact me for bank details. The individual membership now stands at 68, and the balance in the bank is approaching £3,900.

There has been little activity or news to report from the Friends during these past few months. We have not as yet been approached by the PCC to support any specific major maintenance or repair job to the fabric of the building, which is good news considering it has been standing here in Musbury with very little structural alteration for over 800 years!

However we do know there's a desire to install lavatory facilities for the Church in the not too distant future, and to provide a kitchenette where we can easily boil a kettle and do washing up, with an area to store basic things such as cups and saucers. Today many people who come along to worship or attend a wedding or funeral expect to have toilets & kitchen facilities, and apparently Church of England statistics show that only about half of its 16,000 churches have functioning conveniences. This means that people visiting our most beautiful and historic places of worship have to find other places to go when nature calls! (See Huw Edwards' piece 'Loos and Pews' on this subject on the National Churches Trust website.)

The politics and decisions relating to this do not concern the Friends, but we are here to support with fundraising where there is a need and are approached by the Church council for help. Other churches in our group, (such as Branscombe) have been doing this for years and found it has worked very well for them.

One of our next fundraising events will be a film screening and talk from an independent Oxfordshire documentary film maker about the conservation of swifts, called 'Keeping The Skies Alive!' which shows the work being done to try and get swifts back where they have been lost as a result of roof renovations and modern building design, etc....including our own church belfries.

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Village Hall

The village hall continues to be well used and we would like to thank you all for your support. There is a new booking form which will be sent to all hall users, which sets out terms & conditions together with details regarding how to pay hall fees. If you haven't returned your signed form yet to Sarah English, please do so as soon as possible.

The committee is planning some events to take place in the autumn & winter, so watch this space. New trestle tables are being purchased to be used for functions in the hall, sales & fairs...and fencing is being planned for the front of the hall.

We welcome anyone who would like to come along to our meetings to see what it is all about. We particularly need a new Secretary and training can be given for the role. If you are interested, please call Debbie on 35898.

100 Club

The 100 Club relaunch set for Friday 31 May at 7pm in the Village Hall will probably have taken place by the time this edition is distributed. However, it is not too late to renew your subscription should you have missed the evening. Letters have been distributed to all current members, and forms are available from Debbie Ellis and Jackie Gooding should you wish to join. The cost remains the same at £12 per year.

The March & April draws for the 2018-19 year took place on 1 April and the May draw took place on 1 May...all at Musbury Stores.

March Prize Winners

First Prize	£30	Kay Short
Second Prize	£20	Ian Doulton
Third Prize	£10	Rob Harris

April Prize Winners

First Prize	£15	Robert Moulding
Second Prize	£10	Ian Doulton
Third Prize	£5	David Mitchell

May Prize Winners

First Prize	£15	Sue Leach
Second Prize	£10	Jill Bowles
Third Prize	£5	Paul Benham

Gillian Hall, Treasurer
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Musbury & Whitford WI

The year started with "It's US Again!", the 'us' being those two intrepid travellers Lesley & Mike... otherwise known as the Locks. They gave us an account of their delayed trip to Svalbard. Mike waxed lyrical about the flora while Lesley recounted tales of the fauna. Hopefully it will be them again at some stage next year giving us travellers' tales of their current expedition. It also saves them having to repeat it to every one of us individually!

February was a new venture for us, a Games Evening. Various card and board games were scattered round the hall tables. This not only gave us a chance to play long forgotten childhood games but also move around and talk to different people.

Nigel Sadler from Axminster Heritage Centre came in March. From all reports he was an excellent speaker, although unfortunately I was unable to attend that meeting.

We shall never know what 'Money is the Route of all....' as our April speaker was unable to attend. Instead, Ray Helm came to our rescue and gave a fascinating account of his first charity trip to help a third world community. The cloud forest of San Salvador might sound idyllic but few of us would fancy jumping out of a rickety moving bus on a narrow mountain side dirt road and encountering snakes before we had even reached our destination!

Of course you could hear all this first hand should you join us on the second Tuesday of the month for our monthly get together. I am sure that either Lesley or Valerie would only be too delighted to give you details.

Jean Fullerton

Translation of poster found in a church in France

'When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear 'the call of God'. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving'

Musbury Plant & Craft Sale

I am pleased to report that our ever popular Plant & Craft Sale held on Saturday 4 May lived up to all expectations with horticultural bargains and interesting craft items for sale. Plant hunters and shoppers from a wide area visited the Sale, which always seems to welcome summer, despite me writing in the middle of a hail storm!

Tremendous thanks must go to all the helpers, selling the wonderful bacon butties, teas & coffees and raffle tickets, all those who helped on the various stalls, and those who grew and donated plants & garden items. And of course the Show Committee members.

A great time was had by all, and profits made will help our annual Musbury Show in August. This year the Show will be on Saturday 10 August in the Village Hall. The schedule will be available in the Musbury Spar Shop in July. Tea & cakes will again be served in the Committee Room. Entries are open to all parishioners and those with links to Musbury through the School, Clubs, Allotments & Church. It would be especially good to have more entries in the children's categories.

We are again holding the Vegetable Plot/Allotment Competition (open to Musbury residents only). Does your vegetable plot or allotment receive compliments?...then why not enter?



Entry is free & entry forms will be available from the Spar Shop from mid-June, for early July judging.

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Short Mat Bowls

Our teams have had moderate success in both the evening and afternoon matches in the East Devon League. They both ended up in the middle of the tables.

Our AGM took place in April where all officers were re-elected. Christine Pomeroy was thanked for leading the evening team since Barbie's death and the afternoon team when Roy was ill. Many members at the AGM expressed their satisfaction with belonging to such a friendly club.

The Ted's Trophy was won by Dennis Pomeroy with Anna Rollins as runner-up. We made £160 for the British Heart Foundation on that evening.

The Club is 25 years old this year and as part of the celebrations we go to Manor House Hotel near Okehampton in November for four days.

We are always looking for new members so you might think about giving Short Mat Bowling a go. Tuition is given and the first three sessions are free. Woods can be borrowed. Why not come and try it out?

Kay Short, Club Secretary
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Musbury Garden Club

Season nine of the Garden Club draws to an end with the summer party at the Axe Yacht Club in June. We are grateful to all the volunteers who have given up their time to help in many different ways on Monday evenings, and to Judith for her green-fingered skills in supplying and organising the stall at the recent Plant Sale. The stall raised £250 and a contribution from that will be made to the 2019 Village Show.

The programme for the next season, starting in October is now confirmed. You do not have to be a gardener, or even have a garden to attend the talks. Some are practical, some are about the history of gardens, but all are illustrated and preceded by refreshments.

Sessions start at 7pm at the Village Hall. Membership is still only £5 per season, & then entry is £1.50, or just come on the evening and pay £2.50.

Sue, Val & Karen

From Holyford to Cyprus

I'm writing this following a flying visit to Cyprus back in April. I was there for a forum, convened by the Anglican Church, which focussed on refugees and people who are trafficked. The day was an introduction to my ministry there from September, which will include responsibility for co-ordinating the Diocese's response to refugees on the island.

At the forum, there were representatives from various secular and religious organisations, both from the north and the south of the divided island. As each stood to speak, I was struck by their shared energy, passion and commitment. And this was in the light of a refugee situation that must have felt overwhelming. For in 2018, Cyprus exceeded every other EU member state in asylum claims, mainly from people fleeing Syria. Stories were told from different perspectives, and many were very moving. They spoke of large numbers of people dislocated and traumatised; of the daily challenges faced by strangers in a strange land.

As the day went on, it seemed to me that the work of every group, whether secular or religious, was underpinned by pretty much the same three messages: 'We stand with you.' 'You have worth.' 'Things can be different'. Messages of solidarity and of hope and dignity; messages we would all want to hear in times of very real need, wherever, and whoever, we are. These three messages resonate absolutely with the Christian faith. Throughout his life on earth Jesus bestowed time and attentiveness on those whom his society deemed insignificant; women, foreigners, the poor, the maimed, and those who were unwell, either mentally or physically. His very presence signified to each of them: 'I am with you'; 'you have worth'; 'things *can* be different'. Through an encounter with him, their lives were transformed. And those who later met the risen Christ - the disciples, the soldiers, the two Marys - experienced profound change too. Their confusion, shame and fear dissipated. And Jesus bestowed on them, through his attentive love, a sense of worth and hope and dignity.

Our world today is every bit as wounded and wounding as it was in Jesus' time. And it's every bit as wonderful, too. For within each of us lies the potential to bring new life and possibility to another. Every act of compassion, every good deed, every fair and honest act of business, every kind word, really matters. Each act says to another person: 'you are cherished', 'you have worth'; 'things *can* change'. Each of us, wherever and whoever we are, can make a much greater difference to someone else than we might ever have imagined.

Over the past few years, I have been so touched by the care & warmth in this community. It's been a privilege being here. Thank you. I look forward to my work in Cyprus hugely and I take with me precious memories.

God bless you. *Anne*

Brigadier Maurice Sutcliffe

OBE, soldier & army aviation pioneer

Dies aged 96



Since he came to Musbury in 2002, many of us will have known Maurice for his bonhomie and his entertaining yarns about two of his great passions, flying & sailing. In truth, however, these hardly scratched the surface of what was a quite remarkable life. The following summary appeared in full in the Times & Telegraph.

At the age of 18, Maurice's attempts to join the Fleet Air Arm were thwarted by being too young, so he joined the army. But in 1943 he was evacuated back to the UK after being severely wounded in North Africa.

During his recovery his interests in aviation were re-ignited and he became involved with bomber command. He soon participated in raids over occupied northern Europe, before being recruited to Special Operations where he actively assisted partisan groups in Croatia & elsewhere in what was then Yugoslavia. He qualified as a parachutist and narrowly survived a German murder attempt. After the war his continuing interest in aviation led to him volunteering to join the anti-communist forces in Malaya before himself qualifying to fly helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft. By the time he was 50 Maurice had become a strong advocate of combat helicopters (specifically championing both the Lynx & Gazelle and early trials of armed helicopters), become commander of aviation at Army Strategic Command, and been awarded the OBE.

When he left the army in 1977 he was quickly recruited by British Aerospace as its representative at the King Faisal Air Academy in Saudi Arabia, where he spent the next 10 years. Popular with the local and expatriate communities alike, when he left, a Bedouin family presented him with a camel as a sign of admiration and friendship.

On return to the UK, being a lifelong sailing enthusiast, he and his wife Pamela cruised extensively around Europe from their base in Southampton before his own disabilities caused by wounds incurred during the war forced him to abandon the sea and come to Musbury. In retirement Maurice was president of the Glider Pilot Regiment Society for many years and vice-president of the British-Yugoslav Society.

Our thoughts are with Pamela and the rest of his family.
Rest in peace Maurice.

And finally...

So...it didn't happen after all. Despite the collective decision by the great British public all that time ago, those elected to represent us failed to deliver. Any chance we might have had has been swept away on a tide of arcane procedures and factional prejudice leaving our once great country the laughing stock of Europe. The time has surely come when we should call a halt to this ritual humiliation and simply walk away. We must withdraw completely from the Eurovision Song Contest.

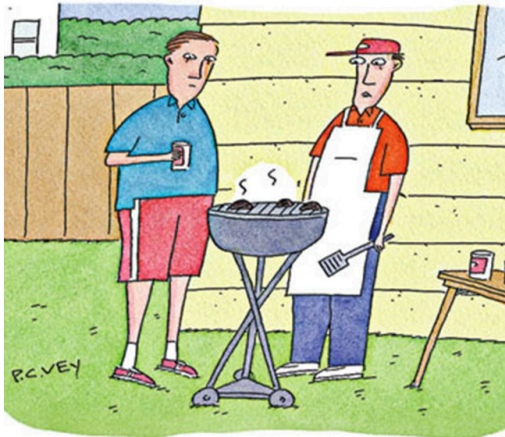
(Any similarities to other ongoing events whether implied or otherwise are of course entirely intended)

On a brighter note, we hope the recent warm spell really is the harbinger of another great summer and that your barbeques are all dusted down ready for action. Have good one.

All that remains is for me to hope you've had a good read, to thank our contributors and to remind you that our next copy deadline is....

Friday 16 August.

Nick Raison
Editor



"And now I just step back and let the grilling process destroy any nutritional value it might have had."

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CH - Church; VH - Village Hall; VHCR - VH Committee Room; Sch - Southleigh Church
 SVH - Southleigh Village Hall; BB - Branscombe Beach; TWS - Trafalgar Way Showground
 SC - South Cross; MB - Musbury Barton; AG - Axminster Guildhall
 NLO - Norman Lockyer Observatory

June

Sunday 2	Evening Prayer	CH	6.30pm
Sunday 9	Holy Communion BCP	CH	8.00am
	Revd Anne Fitcher's Farewell	Sch	11.15am
	Bring & Share Lunch	SVH	12.30pm
	Songs of Praise	BB	6.00pm
Wednesday 12	Coffee & Chat	VH	10.30am -12
Friday 14	The Skalatans	Hind	9.00pm
Sunday 16	Village Praise	CH	10.00am
Monday 17	PC Meeting	VHCR	7.30pm
Sat/Sun 22/23	Axe Vale Show	TWS	10am-5.30
Sunday 23	Holy Communion	CH	11.15am
	Open Garden	SC	1.00-5.00pm
Friday 28	Axminster Hospital LoF AGM	AG	6.30pm
Sat/Sun 29/30	Open Garden	MB	1.30-5.00pm
Sunday 30	Holy Communion (Mission Community Service)	CH	10.00am

July

Sunday 7	Village Praise	CH	10.00am
Wednesday 10	Coffee & Chat	VH	10.30am -12
Sunday 14	Holy Communion BCP	CH	8.00am
Sunday 21	Holy Communion	CH	11.15am
Sunday 28	Evening Prayer	CH	6.30pm
Monday 29	PC Meeting	VHCR	7.30pm

August

Sunday 4	Songs of Praise	CH	10.00am
Saturday 10	Musbury Show	VH	2.00-4pm
	Open Day	NLO	9.30am-5pm
Sunday 11	Holy Communion BCP	CH	8.00am
Sunday 18	Holy Communion	CH	11.15am
	Songs of Praise	BB	6.00pm
Sunday 25	Evening Prayer	CH	6.30pm
Monday 26	Hawkchurch Fete	HPF	2.00pm
Sunday 1 Sep	Village Praise	CH	10.00am