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From The Vicarage Steven writes

After a period of intense drought and heat, we hope and pray that September will bring some rain and recovery to the land and ease the worries of those who work it. September is traditionally a month of harvest, but with such little growth over the past months, the produce this year will be far from bountiful. It is at times like these when we appreciate how vital water is to life.

Water brings cleansing, refreshment and growth, which is why it is such an important symbol in the Christian faith. It is used at baptism, and as an agent of blessing and a sign of eternal life. It is also a symbol of transformation: Jesus famously took water and turned it into wine (John 2) and was also able to walk on it (Matthew 14). Once we have taken that transforming water—the love of God he seeks to pour upon us—growth and transformation can begin. The brown grass or withered branches soon revive.

Our physical need for water is clear, but the use of water as a symbol of the Christian faith reminds us of the things that are equally vital to our spiritual life. Our spiritual well-being is as equally important as our physical state. We each of us thirst for the knowledge of that unconditional love offered to us through God's grace. Some of us go to church to find it. It is always my hope and prayer that anyone who comes in to our church in Musbury will leave refreshed or revived in some way; cleansed or nourished, or even challenged by a sense of God's unconditional love for them, found through prayer, worship and contemplation.

Autumn is a busy time in our Mission Community. Do keep an eye on notices around the village and at church for forthcoming events.

If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in bell ringing, there will be a Bell Ringing open day on Saturday 3rd September from 10am to 4pm at St Winifred's, Branscombe. It is a great and absorbing hobby—come along to have a go, or simply to see the bells in action. We have a great team in Musbury, some of whom will be at the day at Branscombe. We are always keen to welcome new ringers or anyone interested in learning more.

At the end of September we will be holding a special celebration of St Michael's Day. St Michael is the patron saint of our church and wider parish of Musbury. There will be a Eucharist at Church on Thursday 29th September in the evening.

On Tuesday 27th September at 7.30pm in St Andrew's, Colyton, the Bishop of Exeter will be coming to baptise and confirm. If you, or someone you know has been thinking of Confirmation and wishes to be baptised and/or confirmed, please let me know as soon as possible and I can prepare them for the service.

The St Winifred's Autumn Arts Festival at Branscombe begins on Wednesday 28th September with a preview of all the exhibits at 6pm. This is going to be a fantastic local festival showcasing local artists. If you have any art to exhibit (and sell) please contact John Mason or me and book your place (email below).

Please tell all your family and friends about the Festival. The exhibition opens at 10am on Thursday 29th and there will be a talk by Barbara Farquharson 'Branscombe: The Art of Story Telling'. The exhibition will be in church and open each day until Sunday 2nd October from 10am to 5pm.

On Friday evening at 7pm the artist David Shrigley OBE will be giving a talk about art and his work, and then on Saturday evening at 7.30pm, there will be a concert. 'Classics to Jazz' performed by Andrew Daldorph, Chris Gradwell and Kate Walker. The programme will include a wide-range of music, from Bach, Brahms and Poulenc to Noel Coward, Gershwin and some original compositions by Andrew Daldorph. To book tickets, please contact branscombearts@gmail.com

On Saturday, during the day, there will be a Craft Fair in the Village Hall form 10am to 3pm. If you are a crafts person and would like to book a stall, it isn't too late. Contact John Mason: johnmason@gmail.com to book a slot.

On Sunday 2nd October there will be a service of Choral Evensong sung by Exeter Cathedral Choir. This will be a very special event and begins at 6.30pm—all are welcome. Refreshments will be available during the festival. My thanks to the amazing committee who have been working hard on the Festival

Lots of opportunities to find refreshment and sustenance across the six churches within our Mission Community—through art, music, crafts, fellowship and prayer. Do join us....and bring any friends or strangers! With every good wish and blessing,

Fr Steven.

Parochial Church Council

Weekly services have continued at St Michael's with Father Steven leading many but with six parishes to oversee, he relies on retired clergy living in the area and his few Readers to help out on occasions. We have welcomed several holiday makers at our services. We have met up with potential architects to help us with our planned toilet and kitchen facilities.

We held our Annual Church Meeting in May and most people stayed in post. Robin Collis did express a wish to resign and pass the responsibility of the treasurer's role to someone else.

We made \pounds 750 when Lt Col Drake opened his garden for two days and we served tea and cake.

We are going to have another Silent Auction on Friday September 16th in the Village Hall. This has always been a successful fund raiser for us and we are hoping for the same success this time. If anyone has something at home they would like to donate for us to auction on the night we would be most grateful to receive it any time now. It is not only material items we auction. If you could offer to promise to do something like make a Christmas cake, take someone out for the day, some gardening, some ironing etc that would be great too. The success of the evening depends heavily on the number of people who come to the auction of course so we look forward to your support. Nibbles and wine will be served and there will be a small entrance fee + a raffle.

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday October 2nd and will be a Village Praise Service.

We look forward to our usual Christmas Craft Fayre on Dec 3rd.

Looking forward even further, we look forward to Christmas and all the services provided for the Festive Season together with Advent windows and carol singing around the village. More details of these will be in the next Parish Magazine.

Kay Short PCC Secretary 552712 shortatbeacon@gmail.com

CHURCH FLOWERS AND CLEANING

The year is progressing and Harvest Festival will soon be upon us. Our service will be on Sunday 2 October, so consequently flower arrangements will need to be done on the Friday 30th or Saturday 1st.

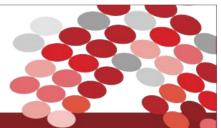
It's sad to leave our bright summer arrangements behind but Autumn colours beckon and equally have a charm of their own.

As ever a huge thank you to all the flower arrangers and cleaners, only the other day someone said to me that the Church always feels loved when you go inside. It's true - and it's all down to you !

Sue Irving 552440

Parish Records		
Baptism		
12th June	Sonny Charles Durrant	
Wedding		
12th August	Jason Terry Mair Abigail Jane Bevan	





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Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee

What a great time we had celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee at the beginning of June. The events started with a beacon on Musbury Castle. Thanks must go to Lt Col Tony Drake for letting his field be used and to Paul Smith for building the beacon. The Hind continued the festivities on Friday evening with a barbecue and a Quiz. Then on Saturday morning, many of us gathered up at the Churchyard for a Village Photograph kindly taken by Jolly Sargent. Copies can be made from the Village Website or you can order one for £3.50 from Jolly.

On Sunday, after a celebration Church Service, we held a Village Picnic down on the Village Hall car park and adjoining field. This proved to be a successful event with many families and people who live on their own having a picnic together with lots of fun and fellowship. We held a few competitions and prizes were awarded. We had disco music from many of the decades of the Queen's reign thanks to Nigel Say. Colin Corbett was Master of Ceremonies and Lt Col Tony Drake led us in a toast to the Queen. The rain thankfully stayed away until approx. 3.00pm when we were thinking of packing up anyway!

Events like this do not just happen and I would like to thank the small group of volunteers who helped in many ways - designing, printing and delivering flyers, decorating the picnic area, preparing risk assessments, arranging insurance, making everywhere safe and accessible, providing quizzes, transporting chairs and tables and lots more. Thank you to everyone.

Our thanks must go to the Stewards, the Village Hall Committee for allowing us to use the car park and to the Parish Council for providing money for such things as the insurance, the flag and some prizes. Musbury Garage and Spar also provided the hat competition prizes.

It is lovely when we have Village events like this and it makes me feel honoured and blessed to live in such a friendly welcoming village like Musbury surrounded by beautiful countryside.

Kay Short



Weather Watch

The long dry spell has continued, with only May having close-to-average rainfall. May Day was dull and wet but the next week or so was dry and largely sunny. Some rain on 11th and more around 15th helped gardens and fields get growing. The rest of the month was mainly cloudy. The total for the month was 58.5 mm (about 21/2"), close to the 18-year average of 64mm. June began changeable, albeit largely dry, and then became warm and sunny with a few light showers until 28th when 14 mm of rain fell – the last significant rain as I write on 14 August. The total for June was 35.5mm (about $1\frac{1}{2}$ ") against the average of 67 mm. The first few days of July were often cloudy but on 7th it became warm and sunny and this continued for most of the month, with some very hot days around 18th and 19th when my thermometer registered over 30°C (85°F). The rest of the month was more changeable but remained virtually dry. Rainfall for July was 4 mm; the 18-year average is 66 mm. August has continued hot and dry and gardens and crops are in a desperate state - although rain is forecast in the next day or two as I write. My well is now almost dry and it will take a wet winter to replenish groundwater supplies.

Mike Lock

Weather stats from the local Weather Station

Some readers may know of the local weather station run by Gerard which is accessible on line at https://weather.musburyvillage.co.uk

This Year is providing some interesting statistics— Since January 2009 (when records began):

All time High 33.7C on the 12th August compared with 33.6 C on the 18th July

Highest wind Speed (10 minute average) 32mph on the 18th February

It is interesting to note that the longest period without rain was 28 days ending on the 2nd June 2020 . This compares with 17 days ending on the 14th August this year.

For those that love statistics this web site provides a wealth of information , Thanks to Gerard Wood for providing and maintaining it.

Silent Auction

Friday September 16th 7.30 until 9 pm Musbury Village Hall

Tickets £3 to include a glass of wine and nibbles

Available from Musbury Spar and any PCC member or pay on the door.

Bargains galore

Proceeds to Musbury Church

Lots of items for auction and promises to bid for. Have you anything to donate? Please contact kay 552711 or Sue 552440 or Robin 551105

East Devon AONB Special Events

Let's Talk About Oak Trees - Guided Walk Saturday 17 September, 2pm – 3.30pm

Blackbury Camp, near Colyford

Explore Blackbury Camp Iron Age hillfort, one of East Devon AONB's hidden gems, with local tree enthusiast Graham Jones.

Discover the amazing collection of trees growing on the manmade ramparts of the hillfort, including an intriguing range of different types of oak tree, and find out more about the fascinating archaeology of this site.

Free event for all ages, with activities for children. Bring cameras. This site is owned by English Heritage.

Booking Essential – via Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-talk-about-oak-trees-guided-walk-registration-395247133817

Autumn Tree Safari in the Medieval Deer Park Saturday 29 October, 10.30 am – 1pm.

Woodend Deer Park, Shute

Join local tree enthusiast Tom Bush, Bicton College, for a chance to see amazing ancient trees in their resplendent autumn colour and a guided walk in this historic medieval deer park.

Little changed in centuries, and home to the 900-year-old King John's Oak, this woodland is an excellent place to learn about the importance of ancient and veteran trees, the diverse wildlife they support, and their value in our lives and on the planet.

Also find out more about the Ancient Tree Hunt, a national tree survey project. Activities for children. Bring cameras. Free event – all welcome.

Special thanks to the Bird Family for kindly giving us access.

Booking Essential – via Eventbrite: <u>www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autumn-tree-safari-in-the-medieval-deer-park-registration-395262208907</u>

More details on bother events from Ruth Worsley, East Devon AONB Engagement Officer, 01297 489741 or <u>savingspecialspecies@gmail.com</u>

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Allotment news

Well, how to write up allotment activity without dwelling too much upon the 'd' word....drought? It can't be done. There are well worn paths to and from the water tanks and early morning and late night sightings of people trying to tend what crops have managed to survive. Without that care, plants try to get through their life cycle as quickly as possible, resulting in stunted growth and little produce. Things that we label weeds are still appearing which shows how resilient they are.



Blackfly appear to enjoy this weather, or are making more forays on to crops that they wouldn't normally bother with, where they suck the sap from new growth. For the organic gardener, squishing early on and then spraying with dilute washing up liquid or a few drops of peppermint oil in water can rid the plant of enough bugs to give it the boost it needs to continue growing. The honey dew that the blackfly excrete is very attractive to ants who encourage the blackfly and farm them. Some gardeners plant sacrificial plants like nasturtiums near their crops in the hope that the blackfly will feed on them and ignore nearby food crops.

Butterflies, grasshoppers and crickets do seem to be enjoying the hot weather. We have come a long way from the days when children at the Whitford Show could win a prize for the highest number of cabbage whites collected in a jam jar! This year there have been many different butterfly species spotted, as well as plenty of cinnabar moth caterpillars with their striking stripes.

The allotment given over to producing food for a local foodbank is doing well, thanks to the care it's getting. There is a plastic bin placed at the end for anyone to add any excess crops on a Sunday, Monday or Tuesday when they will be collected for local distribution.

An Allotmenteer

Nature Watch

The dearth of summer migrant birds has continued. Swallows seem very scarce this year although a pair at Waterford Farm raised a brood and House Martins returned very late (end of May) to Whitford Road and have since raised young. Swifts are now lost to the village; if anyone wants to try and lure them back, or to try and attract House Martins to their house. let me know as Devon Birds may be able to help. The very dry weather has also made life difficult for Swallows and House Martins because they rely on a supply of wet mud for nest-building. A Hornet has been patrolling the patch of flowering mint outside the kitchen window recently. Hornets look like large wasps but are brown and yellow rather than black and vellow, and about twice as long as a wasp. They look formidable but are not aggressive unless provoked. They nest in hollow trees, and sometimes in roof spaces; I have twice seen them coming in and out of roofs in Doatshayne Lane. Unlike wasps they are not much interested in sweet things, as they are predators, feeding on caterpillars and the like although they do sometimes come to rotting pears beneath my tree and I have also seen them on ivv flowers in the autumn.

A Hummingbird Hawkmoth appeared at the flower troughs and pots outside the back of the Hind when I was enjoying a cool quiet pint recently. Unlike most moths, these fly during the day and hover in front of flowers as they sip the nectar through their long proboscis. Their wings move so fast as to be almost invisible; their rather thick body is brown and cream with an orange patch. Each year their habit of hovering in front of flowers leads to several reports to the RSPB of hummingbirds. Although some real hummingbirds do migrate long distances every year from North America to Central and South America, none has yet managed to cross the Atlantic. Hummingbird Hawkmoths are unable to survive the winter here and the ones we see have flown in from continental Europe. It seems to be a good year for them so keep an eye on any plants with tubular flowers that you may have – Buddleia, Nicotiana (tobacco plant) and Red Valerian are favoured.

Cinnabar Moths fly (rather weakly) by day. They are black and red with the hindwings largely red. They take their name from cinnabar, a bright red ore of mercury (mercuric sulphide). Their caterpillars are usually found on ragwort and are banded in orange and black. This coloration is a warning to predators that they are at least distasteful if not poisonous. Ragwort is itself poisonous and the caterpillars absorb the poison and accumulate it in their bodies. There is now a small colony in my vegetable patch where, instead of Ragwort, they eat Groundsel which belongs to the same plant genus and probably contains similar poisons.

Swifts have already left us for Africa, and some of our Cuckoos left in late June and tracking shows that some have already crossed the Sahara and are heading back towards their winter quarters in the Congo forests. Swallows and martins will begin to leave in September, although some will stay later and it now seems that a few Swallows try to winter here although probably few survive. By the time of the next Parish Newsletter we may be seeing the first of the winter thrushes –



Redwings and Fieldfares – arriving for the winter.

Seaton Wetlands

The Wetlands are now even more accessible with the opening of the tramway's Wetlands Halt; this is connected to the main part of the Wetlands by a boarded walkway.

The main feature of Black Hole Marsh recently has been large numbers of Black-headed Gulls. These will have bred in upland Britain and have chosen to moult at the Marsh, so that there are now feathers everywhere. Many birds have a post-breeding moult so that they can face the winter in new feathers. The discerning may spot one or two Mediterranean Gulls among them. A few waders have started to move through: Curlew, Greenshank, Redshank, Dunlin, Black-tailed Godwits and Little Ringed Plovers were on Black Hole Marsh or the Estuary yesterday. A few early Lapwings were also present; there should be many more soon.

August will see the return of wintering ducks, mainly Teal, Wigeon and Mallard, with occasional Gadwall, Pintail and Shoveler. Shelduck will start to trickle back from their moulting grounds in North Germany from October onwards.

There have been possible cases of bird 'flu at the Wetlands. Please do not feed the birds, and do not touch any dead or sick birds you may come across.

Mike Lock

2022 Musbury Show report for Parish News

The Musbury Show was all set to return on August 13th after a 3 year gap. The judges and Village Hall were booked, the Schedules printed, posters up around the village and all was under control and ready to go. Exhibitors were eagerly awaiting the Show with high hopes for a First for their entries.

But suddenly the weather had other ideas. No rain and very high temperatures for weeks, with gardeners in despair. However, this is Musbury and we are here to fill the hall with all the usual array of vegetables, flowers, crafts, home produce and photographs. Despite the recent lack of rain we had the largest Agapanthus in a pot we had ever seen, a watering can full of petunias and a small pineapple plant. The usual tables were full of competing vegetables and flowers. The home produce table was laden with homemade jams and cakes, and there were beautiful crafts and photographs. Despite the fact that entries were down, all the judges agreed that we had put on a very good Show.

So a huge THANK YOU to all those who helped with the running of the Show, the setting up and taking down, the baking cakes and selling the refreshments, those who donated raffle prizes including The Hind and Groves Nurseries, also to The Hind for providing sandwiches for the judges, and to everybody else who made the day a success. We're also very grateful for all those people who supported and visited the Show.

In Praise of the village show

It could be said that the health and vitality of the village community can be seen in the village show. The quality of the baked goods, the ability to produce fresh produce from the garden in the face of climate change.

There is an artistic and literary heritage attached to the village show. From Agatha Christie, PG Woodhouse and not to mention Midsomer Murders where people get killed over the size of their marrows.

In the Archers the show is talked about, for months and the rivalry between the jams and the cakes can lead to family rifts .

Below is a picture of all this year's cup winners:



From left to right:

Shane Smitham (Flower Arrangement Cup), Lindsay Smitham (Novice Cup – 1st time exhibitor), Caroline Doulton (Vegetable Plot Cup), Anthony Futers (Vegetable Cup, Onion Cup, Newcomers Cup and Overall Show Cup), Mike Lock (Home Produce Cup), Michael Nicholls (Fun Vegetable Trophy), Stuart Heal (Flower Cup), Louise Fowler (Photography Cup and tied Craft Cup).

We look forward to seeing you all in 2023, at the Plant Sale in May and the Musbury Show next August.

Valerie Nicholls on behalf of the Musbury Show Committee

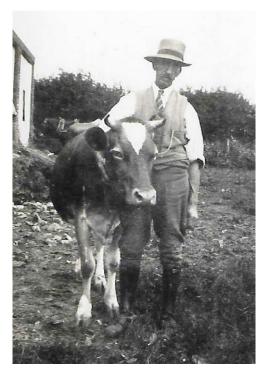
Musbury Heritage

The Salter Family of Yew Tree House

This is not a history of the Salter family, but a brief introduction to the newspaper cutting that follows. We know a lot about this family, but would like find out more about their time in Musbury during the period from WW2 to more recent times.

I should also mention that, as far as we know, there is no connection between this family and the Salter family who ran Maidenhayne Farm from the 1880s until the mid-1900s.

William and Sarah Salter are first recorded as being in Musbury on the 1861 census. William was born in Membury (1837) and his wife was a Goldsworthy, from Musbury. By 1871 it is only known that they were making a living as poulterers somewhere in the "village", but by the late 1890s, they had taken on the Post Office at the "Old



Smithy" (Yew Tree House) from the Rockett family. William was succeeded as sub-Postmaster in 1910 by his son Hedley Herbert Henley Salter, but Augustus and Albina Hall took this over in 1918. The Salters continued to operate their poultry business, but seemed to have developed it into a small farm. They were quite an entrepreneurial family, as they also provided cream teas to visiting groups who were picked up from Combpyne Station and conveyed to their stable yard by charabanc.

Hedley was a village character, father of 6 children and who bought a couple of cows, called himself a dairyman and provided the village with milk by way of a doorto-door service. Only recently his granddaughter Daphne* "Mollie" Farrant sadly passed away. Mollie had lots of stories about Musbury, including how she used to deliver milk around the village. Hedley's youngest son was Clifford and the following is an interesting newspaper article about him

First published: Pulman's Weekly News in 1969

BACK IN MUSBURY AFTER 20 YEARS

Father and son meet again after 20 years. Mr Clifford Salter, who emigrated to Canada after the last war, has been back to visit his parents, Mr & Mrs Hedley Salter, of Musbury. Mr Salter snr. will be 90 later this year.Sitting in the centuries-old cottage where he was born at Musbury and looking out upon the Roman road which used to be the main route to Seaton, Mr. Clifford Salter chuckled: 'The only things I have seen during the past 20 years as old as this house are fir trees.' It was at the age of 24 that Mr. Salter emigrated to Canada shortly after the Second World War, and during the past couple of weeks he



has been staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hedley Salter, at Yew Tree House, Musbury. He has also been reunited with his three brothers and two sisters.

When Clifford left for Canada I was very ill, and I never expected to see him again,' said Mr. Salter senior, who will be 90 later this year. 'It is a great thrill to have him here again, and he looks as well as ever I saw him.'

Impressed

During the war Mr. Salter spent about six months in Vancouver, and was tremendously impressed with what he saw. 'When I came home, I guess I just could not settle down,' he explained to a *Pulman's Weekly News* reporter.

Since emigrating he has married. His wife, Barbara, runs a private rest home for elderly people in Victoria, and Mr. Salter drives a bus. The couple have one daughter, Daphne.

The days when he drove a milk truck for Express Dairies are a long way off for Mr. Salter and now, he only thinks of Victoria as his home.

'When I got to London Airport I phoned my sister Connie at Colyton. I thought: "Jeepers, did she always sound like that?".' He had never realized just how Canadian his accent was until he set foot in his native country.

'Then when I got to Musbury I just could not believe that the streets were always this narrow. I find it very difficult to explain to people here how big Canada is.'

'Hardly changed'

Asked about the changes in Musbury over 20 years, Mr. Salter thought the village looked pretty much the same. 'Of course the kids I knew have grown up, but some of the old stagers have hardly changed at all.'

In his huge car and on wide straight roads. Mr Salter thinks nothing of popping 600 miles to see a friend. 'I find all this very hard to grasp.' said his father who has vivid memories of donkey cart trips to Lyme Regis to deliver milk.

During his stay (he flew back on Sunday), Mr. Salter met his sisters. Mrs. Connie Loader (Colyton) and Mrs. Hilda Turl (Axminster), and his brothers Henry (Musbury), Herbert (Maidstone) and Leslie (Horley, Surrey).

In Canada, Mr. Salter receives *Pullman's Weekly News* each week. 'It is a present from us,' said his mother.

Notes

Clifford died in 1973, aged just 48 and only one year before his father, who reached the grand age of 95 years.

*Not to be confused with the Daphne in the newspaper article, who was actually named "Daphane". They would have been half-cousins.

I would love to hear more personal stories about the Salter family and their time in the village, as I would for many Musbury families. Once these memories are gone, they are forever lost.

Martin Minter / Musbury Heritage / martin@musburyheritage.co.uk / 553325

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The Musbury Community Club (MCC)*

You may remember in the last Parish News that the idea was mooted of regular evening meetings on a variety of subjects and in a variety of formats. These would give anyone who lives in Musbury an opportunity to get together with other villagers. There is now a date for the first meeting

Monday 26th September

to start at 7.30 p.m.

in the Village Hall

There will be a short talk on Village History by Martin Minter

followed by questions and refreshments

A small entrance fee will be charged

This will be followed by a seasonal meeting on Monday 28th November.

Please come and support us!

*Stripy ties are not compulsory!

MUSBURY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS ROUND UP

New Parish Councillor Required

One of our long-standing Councillors, Caroline Ellis, stepped down from Council duties at the Parish Annual Meeting after many years of service to our community and we therefore have a vacancy for a new councillor.

Becoming a local Councillor

As a local councillor, you can become a voice for your community and make real change. Local councillors are the champions of their community who invest time in local projects and issues to the benefit of residents and the neighbourhood. Local councillor responsibilities fall into three main categories:

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• At least 18 years old

• An elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary.

Please contact the clerk if you would like to know more.

Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Site

As many of you will be aware, the site at Musbury Primary School has been deemed unsafe to use as a landing site for the helicopters of Devon Air Ambulance. A further search for alternative sites has proved unfruitful and so we are waiting to hear from the charity for the next steps to re-imburse the generous local donors to this project.

The Playing Field

The maintenance of the existing play equipment at the field has been moving on at pace – the metal work has been sanded down, treated for rust and repainted beautifully and hopefully looks like new to you all. Bolts and shackles have also been replaced, the slide has been repaired and the woodwork has been treated and cleaned. This is all down to a few hard-working individuals – Steve Hearne, Annie and Graham Stark and Pete Sweetland. We cannot express our gratitude enough to these local heroes. Please see the separate piece for more details and photographs.

If you have any skills, knowledge or indeed materials that we could use to expand the appeal of the area, please do get in touch. Also, if you are a dab hand at writing grant applications or fundraising, we would love to hear from you.

Planning

We live in a beautiful part of the country and as such, many of our homes and residences are situated in conservation areas, areas of outstanding natural beauty or are listed. EDDC offer a quick and easy way to determine if your property or land are in a conservation area or are listed. Go to eastdevon.gov.uk/planning and click on 'Is my property in a Conservation Area or an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty', then it is simply a matter of entering your postcode. For listed building information, go to eastdevon.gov.uk/planning and click on Conservation and listed buildings. There is a wealth of information on the website to guide you through what you need to do in terms of permissions.

Footpaths

The Council very much hopes that many parishioners are using and enjoying the footpaths in and around the village. Our two councillors with responsibility for the footpaths, Janet Albano and Paul Smith work hard to keep them in super condition and to maintain, repair and replace where necessary. As anyone who walks in other parishes and counties will know, not all footpaths are as well looked after as those in Musbury. Please do let either councillor or the clerk know if you notice anything that needs attention on the village paths.

We look forward to seeing you at the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 19th September 2022 at 7:30pm. Please keep your eye on the noticeboard and website for more details.

Jo Boyce (Clerk to Musbury Parish Council) Tel: 553898

Ralphie's Bit

Do any other Musbury originals remember the treasures of the old Musbury Post Office penny box? As a young boy or girl, and if you were the lucky recipient of a penny you could merrily hot foot it down to the shop, present your penny and brace yourself for the treasures that lay ahead. Once you had handed the large coin over to Mr or Mrs Claypole (the owners at the time), they would disappear under the counter and pop up holding a huge cardboard box. To us children this was the Holy Grail of all discoveries for it held a cornucopia of coloured sweets, and for your penny you were allowed a choice of four treats. The box was placed down



with great care and reverence and we were left to study the sought after contents with great consideration. You had to choose wisely, for a penny didn't come along very often.

I usually cast aside the gobstoppers and aniseed balls, for in my eyes the Trebor chews were the most tempting. Pineapple chews, Fruit Salads, King Kongs and Phantoms come to mind, but my favourite were the Black Jacks! I can still see the wrapper now, but sadly I cannot describe it to you as these days it would lead to an arrest or even worse, being cancelled by the woke brigade!

Once the sifting and choosing had been completed the box was returned to its hallowed resting place and we felt like kings because we were rich with sweet treats.

Such a simple little idea, but one I will never forget. Happy and innocent days and we learnt the value of a penny in the process. What a shame we may never witness the likes of this again. Halvcon days!!

Ralph

The Gardener's Blacksmith

The Gardener's Blacksmith, based at Musbury Farm, is an artisan blacksmithing business offering a diverse range of garden products, fine art sculpture and commissions.

Inspired by the need for good quality, functional, long lasting and aesthetically pleasing plant supports, towers and arches in the garden, Jonne Ceserani set about designing and making his own range.

Garden art quickly joined the product range, with designs focused on creating movement and interest in the garden. These include umbellifers, boxing hares, dragonflies, butterflies, ferns and flights of swallows as well as a range of good value animal stakes. Everything is made by hand on site at Musbury so that each item is individual. The garden art and garden products make excellent birthday and Christmas presents – ideal for those relatives who have everything!

Alongside the garden range Jonne has created a stunning range of figurative sculptures. For each figure there is a steel original and a limited edition of 15 bronzes. Each sculpture captures the essence of flow and movement of the human form.

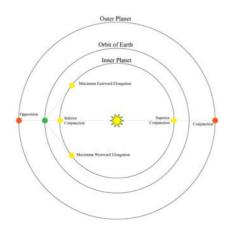
Individual commissions are also welcome, and have included special size plant supports, towers and arches, garden sculpture, well covers and bird feeders. If you have something in mind Jonne will help you translate it into a workable design. Please contact him at jonne@jonne.co.uk



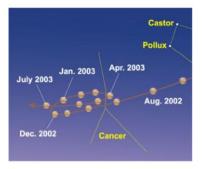
The Sky at Night

We are now passing from summer into autumn and as we move forward the summer constellations will move closer and closer to the setting sun and the nights will become darker earlier.

As we reach September Mercury is close to the Sun and comes to inferior conjunction on September 29th. Venus also is close to the sun, but for the early risers may be glimpsed just before the sun later in the month. Saturn is in the constellation of Capricornus, with Uranus in Aries and Neptune in Aquarius. Jupiter, and Neptune both come into Opposition during September (see diagram below). In October, Mars is in Taurus and is brightening from -.6 to mag -.2 over the month.



Saturn is in retrograde motion and resumes direct motion on October 23rd. This may sound a little weird, but all the planets from Mars onwards are seen to be either in direct motion, or retrograde motion. This is because their orbits are larger than ours and so at different times they look like they are going backwards from earth. I hope the diagram explains it.



By October the Great Square of Pegasus is dominating the southern view with Perseus, The Pleiades and Taurus high in the east. Later in the evening Orion also rises, a sign to say that winter is approaching soon. By November Taurus, the Pleiades and Aldebaran are easy to see in the night's sky and many will be looking forward to the return of the rest of the wellknown winter constellations.

The Observatory is again open on Thursday evening for visitor, so check out <u>www.normanlockyer.com</u> and come up and visit us.

Children's toys

Do you have children or look after them? Are you looking for a source for good cheap children's toys and books? If so, then hopefully you will have discovered 'No toy left behind' at Pippins Community Centre, Lyme Road in Axminster. This is a community project that aims to recycle donated toys to give them a new life, and then sell them on at very reasonable prices. It's not just toys either, but books and games too.

Interested? Then drop in to Pippins (parking is available for customers), and visit their upstairs base. They are open Monday to Saturday 1pm to 4om, but closed on Tuesdays.

Their website is https://www.notoyleftbehind.com/

Musbury Playground and Community Field Update

Our playground and community field located on the North side of the village, just above the allotments, is set in the most beautiful spot overlooking the Axe Valley. It has been several years since any refurbishment has taken place and a small group of local residents have come together to take the regeneration project forward working alongside the Parish Council.

The maintenance work was started in early July by volunteers and within a few short weeks a difference was already being seen. The original metal play equipment areas have been cleaned and repainted. The timber equipment has also had a clean and all areas have had tidy up.

If you haven't been to the community field lately please take a stroll and come and have a look, you'll see the difference!

This is an ongoing project and we are now looking for more help and support to achieve our next goals. If maintenance is not your thing, don't worry, we need more enthusiastic people with other skills to enable this project to succeed. Fundraising is one such activity that is now needed, so you might be able to help with this.

If you think you can help in anyway please contact Annie Stark (annie1PT@btinternet.com or 07412 571466 or Jo Boyce on musburyparishclerk@gmail.com.

Thank you in anticipation! **Annie**



Axminster Food Bank

Just to remind you that we very much still need food, cleaning products and toiletries at this very challenging time for many people. We are seeing an increase in family referrals including those with parents and carers in work, and it's rewarding to know that often we can signpost them to other organisations who can help as well.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of you who support us with donations in the basket in the Spar shop – it really does make a difference. We are very grateful, too, to those in the community who have given us fresh vegetables from their gardens and allotments. Also, special thanks must go to the Garden Club, which sadly has had to close, as the members have given us a very generous cheque for nearly £600! We will use some of this to support those who are struggling with energy payments.

As summer draws to a close please don't forget us over the coming months.

Sheila (Food Bank Manager)

Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings are resuming in the annexe of Crossways House (opposite the old post office) on Tuesday 20th September 10.30am -12 noon

Hosted by Caddie and Ian Doulton

Musbury Garage and Spar

During the usual busy summer spell, our new shop staff members have all settled in well. Despite experiencing some delays with deliveries into our Spar store, new manager Morag and her assistant Mell have done a fantastic job with orders to keep our shelves well stocked. After 'retiring' in June, Theresa has been making several guest appearances, doing a sterling job covering for other team members' holidays and sickness. At the time of writing, it's good to see the price of petrol and diesel falling; let us all hope that it continues to go down and ease the financial burden on us all.

From the small 5-door Rio, medium-sized Ceed and Sportage SUV, an exciting variety of new Kias have joined our rental fleet and are proving very popular. A new Mercedes 17-seater has also been added; if you have a large amount of people to move and passed your driving test before January 1997, this is the vehicle for you. Just pop in or give us a call if you need to rent a minibus, car or van. Although there have been challenges in obtaining new vehicles, July saw a record month for the Practical Car & Van Rental arm of the business.

As we move into the Autumn, I am only too aware of our reliance on your support. Thanks again for continuing to use our services; we are all really pleased to be an essential part of the community.

Keep safe Julian Rinaldi Owner of Musbury Garage

Just a big Thank you to everyone for the cards, flowers and best wishes on my recent retirement.

I am thoroughly enjoying the leisurely starts to the day and not having to clock watch.

I do miss seeing people, so it is nice to pop up in the shop occasionally and catch up with everyone. It also makes one appreciate time off even more. I'm especially enjoying the lovely weather we've been having. I couldn't have chosen a nicer, more caring place to spend my retirement in.

Theresa Stockman

Guide Dogs appeal for volunteers in East Devon

The local branch of charity Guide Dogs is urgently looking for new volunteers around Seaton, Sidmouth, Axminster and Honiton to sign up as fundraisers and join up with other local volunteers in East Devon.

Guide Dogs relies heavily on volunteers to help improve the lives of people with sight loss and has local groups across the country. This means that people can volunteer in their local communities and make a difference, while getting involved with a fun and positive group.

In East Devon, the charity is keen to grow its fundraising group and find a volunteer merchandise coordinator, a group coordinator, and a collection box coordinator to be able to participate in even more events and collections.

It costs around £55,000 to train and support a guide dog partnership throughout the dog and owner's life so fundraisers are needed to promote and take part in a variety of activities to raise these much needed funds for Guide Dogs.

Stephie Millin, Volunteering Coordinator for Guide Dogs says:

"Fundraisers have a crucial role in supporting guide dog partnerships. Not only are they raising awareness of our services, but they raise the vital funds needed to deliver this support. Joining a fundraising group gives you the chance to connect with your local community, gain new friends and really make a difference to people living with sight loss."

There are around 2 million people currently living with sight loss in the UK. In Devon alone, there are 35,000 people who are partially sighted or blind according to the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB). By 2030 there are expected to be 42,600 people in Devon living with sight loss, an increase of 22% from 2021.

Whether you have lots of spare time or just a few hours a month, the group has room for anyone interested in getting involved. Full training and support is provided. To apply go to <u>www.guidedogs.org.uk/volunteer</u> or call the volunteering team on 0345 143 0191.

St Winifred's Autumn Arts Festival Branscombe 28th September to 2nd October

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The Corner of Controversy (or something to ponder)

The Peace Pledge Union has described the term 'defence spending' as a euphemism, as it does not cover defence against many of the most serious threats that we face, including poverty, pandemics and climate chaos. Symon Hill, Campaigns Manager of the Peace Pledge Union (PPU), said:

"After telling British workers to exercise pay restraint, Boris Johnson has barely paused for breath before announcing a whopping increase in the billions spent on weapons and war".

A hypothetical future invasion is a long way down the list of threats faced by people in the UK. If you are queueing at a food bank, anxious about heating bills or unable to buy toys for your children, then your life will not be made safer or better by an increased budget for long-range rocket artillery. The only thing this policy will defend is the profits of arms dealers.

The militarist lobby and the arms industry have cynically used the horrific war in Ukraine to push for higher military spending. This is a massive insult to people suffering in Ukraine. The UK government and other NATO members have poured billions of pounds into military spending in recent years, but this failed to stop Putin's vile invasion. Boris Johnson has not explained why a policy that failed to stop war in Ukraine will somehow be effective in stopping future wars. There can be no military solution to the Ukraine crisis, which can be ended only by meaningful peace negotiations.

While British military bosses like to talk about Ukraine, they are a lot quieter about the repeated use of British troops to train the forces of some of the world's most vicious regimes, including the Saudi forces attacking civilians in Yemen."

So should we prepare for World War 3? This time global deaths would not stop at the 70 million who died during the Second World War with or without the almost inevitable use of nuclear weapons. The war in the Ukraine is a test ground for modern artillery, laser guided missiles and warfare by proxy using drones.

We are already well on our way to extinction through terminal climate disaster and this is not helped by the colossal ecological costs of war in the Ukraine. The resulting energy shortages have led to many of the climate pledges recently agreed to be sidelined. Parts of the world face famine on an unprecedented scale.

There is a grain of hope. The war will end one day so why not sooner rather than later? Why do we, The EU and the Americans not insist on negotiations rather than supplying more and more terrifying weapons?

Jolly

Garden Club

Firstly, thanks to everyone who came to the garden club tea party in July. We were lucky with the weather – it was hot, but hazy, and comfortable enough to allow for a wander around Rosie and Rob's garden. Our thanks go to them for letting us use their lovely garden for our final event.

Thank you also to those who sent us suggestions as to how we should distribute the remaining club funds. Two of the suggestions stood out as front runners. Both we are delighted to say are local projects – Axminster Food Bank and the Musbury Community Playing Field Project. Each will be receiving £593 from the Garden Club.

Last but not least, we should like to give a big thank you to everyone who has supported and helped out at the club over the years. We could not have done it without you,

Karen, Val and Sue

Musbury Short Mat Bowls

The club is still thriving with near capacity numbers attending each Friday afternoon. In fact, we are unable to take new members at present. We are lucky because several neighbouring clubs are having to close through lack of numbers.

We are looking forward to our three day residential at Manor House Hotel near Okehampton where we will enjoy each other's company while playing bowls and taking part in many crafts and other sports.

We have made a decision not to enter the league this next season and are going to wait to see how the league is organised with changes to the competition formats.

Some of our members who have been off with health problems are now back and we are pleased they are now well enough to join us again.

Thank you to all members who get out the equipment week by week and put it away and to those who help with refreshments and the raffle.

Kay Short

shortatbeacon@gmail.com

Some local events

- 6th September (and then the first Tuesday of the month). Good Grief tea and chat 3.00pm to 4.30pm in the Sunday School Building, Colyton. A sociable event talking about life after being bereaved.
- 8th September Resumption of the monthly "Questions of Life and Faith" sessions with Canon Karen Curnock in Seaton at St Gregory's Church Centre at 2pm. Karen Curnock 07460 244475
- 17th September. Hind Festival the 6th birthday bash!
- 18th SeptemberBig Church Picnic at Pecorama Beer 11.00 4.30More details from shuna.art@gmail.com
- 29th September St Winifred's Art Festival (details on page 32)
- 7th October An Evening with Henry Blofeld The MarineTheatre Lyme 7.30pm Henry needs no introduction to fans of Test Match Special
- 15th October Live music from Wholly Funk at The Hind The much anticipated live music event that Musbury has been waiting for . Having been postponed due to Covid, the much awaited return of this lively funk band promises a truly memorable evening View on you tube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H17vPyk4Zzw
- 22nd October Lau Scottish Folk Trio The Marine Theatre Lyme 8.00pm
- 5th November Quiz and Sausage night at The Hind
- 26th November Live music from The Vinyl Monkeys at The Hind

Drought

Like a flood, tornado, or earthquake, a drought is in that class of events called "acts of God." If we were "primitives," we might say that the drought is a punishment from the water god, who is angry with us for some lack of respect. The medicine man or woman would arrange a ceremony in which we would make sacrifices and say prayers in hopes of appeasing the god

Previous to this drought , I had given little thought to water as a potentially limited resource and little thought to my own daily need for it as a commodity. In other words, I was in an unconscious state in regard to this aspect of nature. It was easy to assume that water was a limitless resource poured down on earth (by "Mother" nature) each year. Water was abundant, just as there seems to be an abundance of material goods in our modern society: the markets are full of food, the stores are full of clothes and household items, the car lots are full of cars. Our modern way of life lets us maintain a deceptive buffer between ourselves and nature.

An extract of an article by Meredith Sabini, published in 2008

Position Vacant

Advertising

Rod Powell has looked after the advertising of the Parish News, since taking over from retiring Editor Nick Raison. Under his care he has increased the number of Advertisers and brought several newcomers on board. Rod is moving away from the village now to live nearer his family in the frozen north , and we wish him well.

The Musbury Parish News depends on its advertisers, and it is the income from advertising that allows it to be distributed free to every house hold in the village.

I am looking for some one to take over from Rod . The main job involves ringing or e mailing current advertisers once a year, (usually in December or January) and persuading them to carry on advertising with us. It also provides a point of contact for new advertisers who may wish to have a presence in the News .

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Bedroom to Business

You've discovered something you love to do, and it has the potential to grow and support you financially. But what is your next move? How can you take your passion from the kitchen table or bedroom and turn it into a business? The Business & Intellectual Property Centre (BIPC Devon) is staging a free 10 week 'Bedroom to Business' course (from 8th September) designed to help you make sense of the entrepreneurial journey ahead. You can attend in person or online every week.

Step by step, week by week, we'll cover the key business skills you'll need to launch a successful small business. At the end of the course, you'll have all the tools you need to move your business forward.

The free 10 week 'Business to Bedroom' course will be led by Award Winning Coach and founder of Clarity Coaching, Clare Palmer.

At the end of the 10-week program, five lucky participants will receive an additional three months of one-to-one business support from Clare herself, ensuring that we at BIPC can continue to build ongoing relationships with and deliver investment to Devon's most promising entrepreneurial talent. Clare is an inspiring coach recognised as outstanding in her field and nominated for a Southwest Women Award in the category "Best Support Act" Clare's passion lies in helping people break back self-imposed barriers, increase

self-belief and become more conscious of their thoughts, emotions and actions to achieve the best possible outcome for them.

The course will run in person and online every Thursday at 10am and also uploaded to the BIPC website <u>https://bipc.librariesunlimited.org.uk/</u> to watch again. There will also be additional webinars and workshops alongside this training. The content will cover everything from negative self-talk, goal setting and time management, to intellectual property, sales, marketing, research and accounting basics.

The course, like everything from the BIPC, is absolutely free and starts on **Thursday 8th September.** And if you can't attend, you can watch all of the webinars on the BIPC website.

For more information and to book go to https://bipc.librariesunlimited.org.uk/

Anagrams

Alas, no more Z's.	(6,6 an early morning irritant)
Moon Starer	(10, one whoo follows the Sky at Night)
Trims cash	(9, this will feature in the next edition)
I am not active	(8,4, For many this will be ending imminently)
Here come dots	(3,5,4 a method of messaging pre text)
Cash lost in em	(4,8 one armed bandits)
Debit card	(3, 6, not what you want from the bank)
The classroom	(6, 6. In charge of the tutorial)
Old Rant Dump	(6. 5. US President in hot water)
That Queer Shake	(3, 11, measured on the Richter scale)
Dug thor	(7 what Europe has experienced this year)
Imputable Juline	(8,7, celebrated this summer)
Cot gesture	(10 could be a glut of them on the allotment)
Lack mere	(8 can be smoked)
Doll power	(3,6, he will be missed in the village)
Campsite chattels	(4,5,7 essential summer listening)

Wordsearch

Eighteen Italian foods



Find and circle each of the words from the list below. Words may appear forwards or backwards, horizontally, vertically or diagonally in the grid.



And Finally

"I still can't believe I danced with Gene Kelly. How lucky am I that I've been in movies where I've danced with two of the greatest dancers of all time - with Gene Kelly and John Travolta". Olivia Newton John 1948-2022

"Star Trek (1966) represented, and still does represent, the future we can have, a future that is beyond the petty squabbles we are dealing with here on Earth, now as much as ever, and we are able to devote ourselves to the betterment of all human kind by doing what we do so well: explore. This kind of a future isn't impossible - and we need to all rethink our priorities to really bring that vision to life".

Nichelle Nichols (Lt Uhura) 1932-2022

"The 1980s, it was a decade of utterly foolish magical thinking about nuclear annihilation, an era in which governments in both the United States and the United Kingdom pretended that, with enough shovels — and a stiff upper lip people could survive a nuclear blast". Raymond Biggs 1934-2022

"Sadly, it's much easier to create a desert than a forest." James Lovelock 1919-2022

Once again, thank you to all contributors, advertisers and distributors and everyone else who makes the news possible. Thank you to Caddie for providing this edition's cover. I am always looking for contributions, if any reader has any ideas let me know

Stay safe and mind how you go.

Jolly

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