Parish Magazine
Ashprington Cornworthy Dittisham
May 2020

From the Editors: Thank you! Thank you to all those who have sent in pictures and accounts of their past month. And many thanks to those who are helping to distribute these last two months' mags via the internet. Please feel free to share this magazine with as many people in your village or elsewhere who you think would like to receive it.

In this time of unrelenting global sadness, fear and tragedy words fail. What can we write of any use? During April people have shared experiences, inspirational thoughts, creative ideas and downright silly moments. So this magazine is about sharing with you those emails and Facebook stories that we have received. Sharing brings us strength. The strength we'll need to "stay home, guard the NHS and save lives".

The first Facebook story is from Sally Vincent, Dittisham: Lambing Under Lock Down in the Never Ending Rain.

10 April 2020 Lock Down Lambing!

Lock Down Lambing ! Triplets!

Here we are lambing for the last time but in the strangest of circumstances!

No cars hoot on the corner by our gate, no planes or helicopters buzz overhead. No distant whistle of the steam train across the river. No one walks by calling greetings over the hedge, no one drops in with kids to see the lambs, to have a cup of tea or a glass of wine. No friends for supper, no Sunday greetings in church: only isolation and "lock down".

No one knows how long it will last, when it will end. And it is the same right across the world. Suzu-Chan in Tokyo, an architect student, house bound now with her mother and brother, tells me she is learning to knit! And yet, things on the farm continue unchanged. Lambing simply goes ahead as usual.

Handsome Hercule

The magnificent Hercule has done a wonderful job yet again this year. He will leave us later in the summer when eventually the sheep sales reopen. A gentle fellow, he has had his time with us. He is by now too closely related to our flock to be able to run with the ladies again next year. So the time has come for him to move on to pastures new to beget yet more beautiful

pedigree Whiteface Dartmoor lambs on fields afar.

As ewes graze quietly on the top fields, their lambs playing together in the sun, it's so difficult to believe we are living in such strange and frightening times. I look across the hills to Dartmoor in the misty distance and the River Dart below; not a person in sight. Just the baaing of sheep across the valley and maybe the sound of a solitary distant tractor way above me on a neighbour's farm. It is so hard to believe what is happening across the world. But then, once home, I look again at the news and the grim reality hits hard.

Lambing is tiring, full on, relentless; early mornings, late nights. But this year we are so grateful we have our sheep to care for. We have space around us, hard work, long days, short nights. The animals know nothing of this madness. They centre us and keep us, oh, so grounded and busy.

Donkeys sun themselves outside their barn.

Chickens peck through the orchard. The yearlings graze quietly on the top fields and Hercule and the boys relax on their hillside. And down in the yard still more lambs are born. The sun continues to shine and grass is growing at last.

But everything has changed. Now we must print out a form from the NFU if we are to travel to the local farm shop to buy animal feed. We must consider carefully if we really need to leave the house. Should we risk the town or order from the village shop? Do we need to go shopping or can we make do with what we have in garden, fridge and freezer? Can we sign up to get medication delivered or is the service overwhelmed already?

So glad am I that I love gardening !

So many questions, so many challenges to all those things we have taken for granted over the years. We will surely find ourselves in a very different world out there when the lock-down is finally lifted.

For more adventures in small holding and garden delights go to http://www.rainingsideways.com

Here is a message from Keith Bull, Ashprington. Just a few months ago he provided an article about The Rotary and their work in the community. His report on recent work is inspiring. Thank you, Keith.

Whilst my Rotary Club in South Africa is tackling a huge problem in helping to support 50,000+ people in the two townships where we live in Hout Bay.....all living in close proximity to each other in shacks and other poor living conditions, I thought it would good to let you know what Alison's club here in Totnes are doing!

A few weeks ago, as a result of the close association with KEVICCS school, a request was received to support one of the teachers (David Irish) who was producing protective face masks for front-line workers using 3D printing in his own home. As a result the club funded the purchase of an additional three printers and the necessary materials, which has made a huge difference to the number of masks he is able to produce.

To date David Irish has built and delivered over 100 3D Printed visors to:

Leatside Surgery,
Dartmouth Health Centre,
Totnes Ambulance Service Crews
Puddevine Care Home Totnes
Devon Doctors Locums
Second Care home in Totnes.

David is receiving more enquiries each day and we expect the final figure to exceed 250-300 individual users. Each item will last approx. max of 2+ weeks of continual use and then need to be replaced. We are currently sourcing adjustable elastic for the visor fittings and we should be able to get that to David tomorrow. That will allow him to deliver an additional 50 visors immediately.

David is manufacturing two types of visor:

Type 1: 3D Printed and optimised for continuous use by nurses, doctors, and others who need to be protected for a whole shift. These are designed for comfort and are robust and can be re-sanitised so that they can last for a period of time. They are from a proven 'open source' design, made available from Europe.

They have already already been delivered to over 200 very grateful NHS and related front line staff in Totnes, Torbay and Dartmouth, including Health Centres, Doctors, Nurses, Ambulance crews, specialist care home staff and as at this morning they will also be provided to the local 'Boot's' Pharmacists. David will continue to produce the visors to replace the initial supply ones as they become worn-out. Our additional purchased 3 machines should come fully on stream next week and these will significantly increase the production rate.

Type 2: These are a 'lighter use' variant, designed to be worn when necessary in place such as Care Homes or NHS facilities not directly COVID-19 focused. They can be produced more rapidly by Laser Cutter rather than 3D printer and as such the volume can be easily ramped up.
The commissioning of a second laser cutter next week will double David's capability.

Yesterday we were able to deliver 100m of the specialised elastic which allows the visors to be adjusted for maximum comfort which is so important during extended periods of wear. This material is in short supply locally and I would like to express our thanks to Rebecca and Nick Ingoe of 'Ultimate Fabrics' in Churchstow who were able to source the material from one of their specialist customers in Scotland! This will allow David to quickly finish and deliver another 50+ urgently needed visors.

The photo below is from two grateful recipients of the 'type 1' (with the special 'comfort' bands) at Torbay Hospital Paediatric Department.

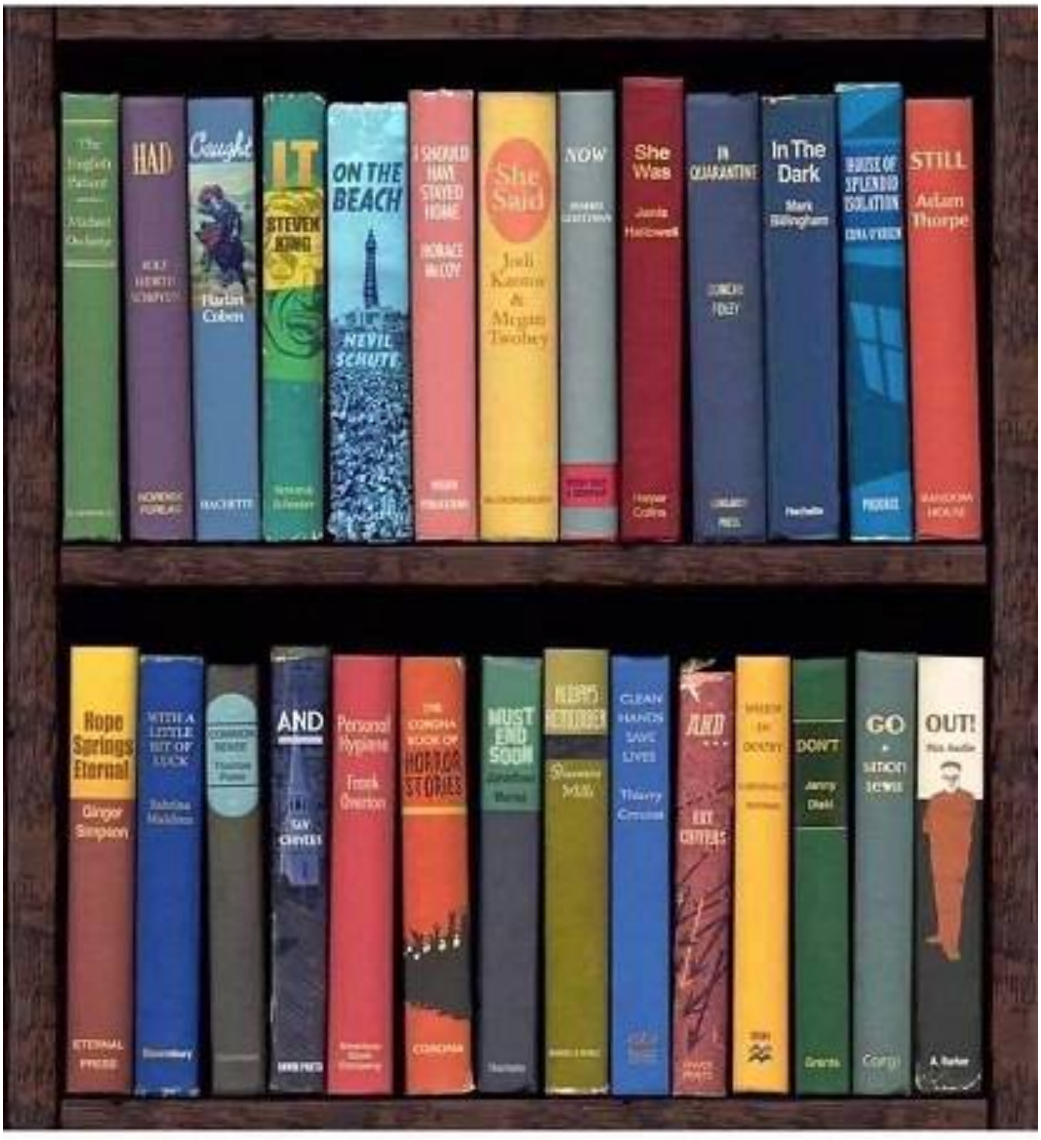
Safer now at Puddavine Court Nursing Home.

Later that day: "Morning Kathi, if anyone wishes to donate to this project I have checked with the President and Treasurer who have said that any donations will go towards buying more materials to make more masks. The Treasurer has set a donate button on the website www.totnesrotary.co.uk All the money contributed will go to just this project."

A Free Verse Poem received from Simon, one of our Churchwardens in Ashprington. Received by him in an Easter card, authorship unknown - but later found with an internet search.

And the people stayed home.
And read books, and listened, and rested,
and exercised, and made art, and played games,
and learned new ways of being, and were still.
And listened more deeply.
Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.
Some met their shadows.
And the people began to think differently.
And the people healed.
And, in the absence of people living in ignorant,
dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways,
the earth began to heal.
And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again,
they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images,
and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully,
as they had been healed.

From the internet: The poem was written last month – in March 2020 – by Kitty O'Merara, a former teacher and chaplain from Wisconsin, in trying to process the worsening news surrounding the catastrophic spread of the coronavirus. When interview by Oprhra Winfrey she said "We can wallow where we are or we can see the invitations. Anything that you can tap into that allows your feelings to be expressed creatively will do that for you. You will feel better on the other end of it. You will be changed,"



From a friend in Taunton (not his bookshelf!). His email subject: 'Carefully filed books !'

The English Patient
HAD
Caught
IT
ON THE BEACH
I SHOULD HAVE STAYED HOME
She Said
NOW
She Was
IN QUARANTINE
In The Dark
HOUSE OF SPLENDID ISOLATION
STILL
Hope Springs Eternal
WITH A LITTLE BIT OF LUCK
COMMON SENSE
AND
Personal Hygiene
HORROR STORIES
MUST END SOON
ALWAYS REMEMBER
CLEAN HANDS SAVE LIVES
AND
WHEN IN DOUBT
DON'T
GO
OUT!

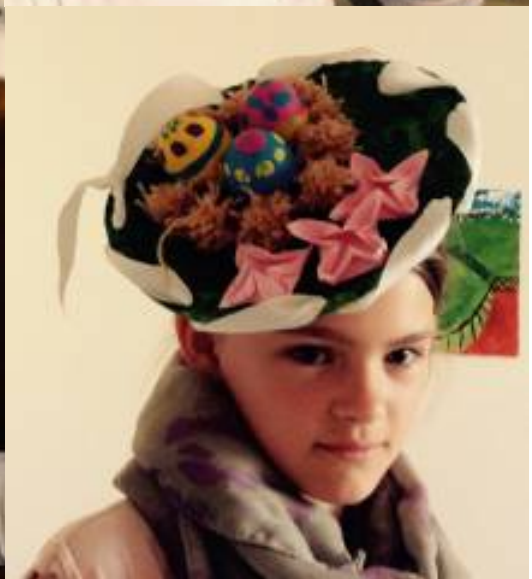
Easter 2020. That was a challenge. The Totnes Clergy Team and the Dartmouth Benefice Team used technology from their homes to celebrate Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Day. Sharing these celebrations in isolation will be one of the great Lock Down Memories so thank you to our Clergy. Directions to the "box set" of services and future services can be found on page 10 of this magazine. From those Easter Services there is an abiding image of Rev'd Steve (below) lighting the Pascal Candle on the Saturday night from his garden. Then of course there were all those .....

WONDERFUL EASTER BONNETS

8:00 pm
11 April 2020

Easter
Morning
12 April
2020

Ashprington's Easter Bonnet Parade



Many thanks to Jill Davies for organising this wonderful show and to all those who joined in. Start your design now for 4th of April 2021.

Thank you for the emails reflecting on the great flood of kindness being shown and the gratitude for the life that we are living in caring communities. These are memories to last a lifetime and may be an inspiration for those in years to come. As we would have been celebrating the heroics that led to VE Day so we can celebrate the determination being shown by us in our time now.

Nurses, and doctors too
How many hours did
I lie in bed
Just listening to you
When I was so ill
That it was all that I could
Possibly do.

Of course I never knew
The medical terminology
But it seem reasonable
To assume
That it was about saving me.

The clever surgeon
So skilled with the knife
Who merely said
"How are you today? "
Yet never ever said
"Oh by the way I saved your life".

Or the nurses that came
And checked the bank of
Monitors and machines
Full nurses in blue,
Auxiliaries in green.

Or when it was I nearly died
A buzzer buzzed as in seconds
The medics around my bed
Tripled not just multiplied.

The army doctor who took
Away the pipe in my throat
Attached to a ventilator
Telling me "I would take
The first breath of rest of my
Life "which I spluttered to take
Just seconds later.

Or the cleaning lady who
Knocked me off an extra
Orange juice
Made me shave
And wouldn't listen to
Any excuse.
Now because of the virus
I see them on the TV
Fighting big bad death for
Others just as they once did for me.

And let me tell you I'm not
ashamed to say,
There are tears in my eyes
And I pray they will be okay.

Doctors and nurses coming
off shift.
Heroes and givers of life.
Now do tell if you know of a more
Perfect gift ?

Kevin Pyne, Dartmouth
17 April 2020

THE VILLAGE I LOVE

Hi all villagers of Ashprington and Tuckenhay,
Just a quick message from me. If you need anything, groceries, medicines or just a phone call to cheer up your day just call me: Stuart on 01803732994 or 07506249373.

I love the community that we live in, both Ashprington and Tuckenhay, and the diverse personalities that live among us. I am so blessed and proud of you all. Yes, I would love to be at church this Easter or meeting you in the pub for a drink but it is not going to happen, yet.

I have been coming to this village since I was born and I have met so many characters that have defined this village. People like Sheila Lee, my Grandad, Mr and Mrs Green (Laurence's mum and dad), and so many more over the years. Recently, we have lost one of these wonderful characters: Marjorie Bellingham. I know the struggles they went through were so much more obvious than what we are going through now.

I never saw the people I have just mentioned complain, moan, or stop doing what was necessary. These are people from the past that have made this community what I believe it is and add to the lump I feel of happiness when I think about our villages. One day, I hope our young people will feel this way too.

We will get over this. We will do it together. The old before us struggled and overcame and now it is our turn to overcome so we may show our young people how they will overcome in their time of need.

We can do this together as a community, helping each other out as we need. A message to you, everyone in this extended family, all of you in the Parish. Thank you for what you have done and what we are going to continue to do. For your bravery in our struggle, this time, and every time.

There are many of us who know people who have been affected and have lost those we care about in this taxing time. My heart and prayers go out to you. They will not be forgotten. We are all very blessed to live in this community and I want to thank you all for being you; I am so proud of every one of you.

Stuart Greaves, Ashprington, 10 April 2020

Good morning Ashprington & Tuckenhay Villagers as well as all our Village Volunteers,

This is the fourth weekly update of what is going on in the villages in these difficult times. I have had some very supportive comments about this little newsletter, so thank you.

The Ashprington & Tuckenhay Community Response Group shopping requests have really come on over the last week, which is great news. We continue to get offers to volunteer, we could do with just a few more under 70 year olds to go on the shopping rota during the week. The idea of the rota is that you do your own shopping on the day you choose and at the same time do a volunteer shop for someone else. Please contact me if you can help.

With some of the money from the Prompt Action Fund granted by Devon County Council we sourced some alcohol hand gel for our shoppers. This has been distributed to each volunteer shopper.

The Ashprington & Tuckenhay Defibrillator Bank Account is now up and running to make shopping payments to volunteers and from recipients of shopping. So if you have online or telephone banking please use this system. We will give you the bank details.

IF YOU WANT HELP WITH ESSENTIAL SHOPPING, MEAL DELIVERY, PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION, HELP FINDING ADVICE, TELEPHONE BEFRIENDING or DOG WALKING PLEASE CALL US ON
07814 767915 (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm)
or email ashtuckhelp@gmail.com

If you have a shopping requirement it would help us enormously if it could be sent in by email to ashtuckhelp@gmail.com as this speeds up the process. You should expect the shopping to be delivered the day after you request it, providing the request is made by 4 p.m. the day we receive it.

VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING

We had more songs from Gavin and Jo Middlewood last Thursday. Please try and join, Jon Allen will help you set up the 8x8 programme just email of phone us on the help line.

Joining Instructions for Virtual Coffee Morning

If you have a Smart Phone with a camera or a Laptop with Camera running Chrome you can join. If you can't join by Video you can join by telephone. Click the following link to join the meeting, if on a phone this will force the download of an App to your phone. Once the app has downloaded click on the link below again to join the meeting. This will open the App you will join the meeting. This can be done in advance of 10.30 if required.

This link is the meeting room. https://8x8.vc/ashprington/jon.allen To view everyone on the call click the 3 dots on the right hand side at the bottom, click options, more options and click enable tile view.

If you just want to dial in on your phone dial this number 0330 808 1706 Once called enter this number to enter the meeting PIN: 665 410 03#. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give Jon a call on 732130 or 07917 424300

AVENUE COTTAGE

Richard Pitts who is one of our volunteers very kindly let Pam and I take our daily exercise walking in his beautiful garden with its lovely azaleas, acers, magnolias and views across to Sharpham House and the Dart. He has very generously offered other villagers a similar experience. If you would like to do this PLEASE CALL RICHARD FIRST on 732 769

SCRUBS

There are ten volunteers making scrubs, which apparently is enough for the material available. Jennifer Strickland and Pam Mallalieu are cutting the material and will pass it on to other volunteers to do the sewing. Pam Macey is coordinating the sewers and distributors of the scrubs - bright and crazy colours coming soon.

QUIZ Marion Foster is the proud winner of the competition with a score of 18/20 , well done Marion. Answers: 1.Iceland; 2.Bahrain; 3.Turkey; 4. Croatia; 5. Guinea; 6.Greece; 7.Cuba; 8.Chile; 9.Wales; 10.Phillipines; 11. Argentina; 12.St. Vincent; 13.Brazil; 14.Thailand; 15.Iran; 16.Faroe Islands; 17.Bulgaria; 18.Canada; 19.Madagascar; 20.Belgium

OTHER NEWS

Very good reports about the Railway Curry from the Durant . Well done The Durant keep this going please. Please also support their brilliant "Pop up Shop".

I haven't attached the food and other suppliers list this week as there are no known changes but I will leave the copy in the Bus Shelter. Mark Lobb's fish delivered yesterday was extremely good.

FOOD

With the difficulty getting yeast why not have a go at making Sourdough Bread? https://foodbodsourdough.com.

If you would like a starter to get yours going please let me know. Here's one made earlier: :

Alternatively I am told that the Sourdough at the Emily's Pop Up Shop is excellent.

If you know of any neighbours who would like to be added to receive this update please let me know.

Thanks and keep safe

Nick Mallalieu on behalf of The Ashprington & Tuckenhay Community Response Group 22/04/20

ASH MEADOW NEWS

COVID-19:Ash Meadow remains open for use by all our community, for play, relaxation, or a bit of exercise. In this rapidly changing situation advice/regulations may change, so please be aware of this. But please follow the advice we have all been given about keeping a safe distance from others. If you use the exercise or play equipment, please wash your hands or use hand sanitisers afterwards.

Air Ambulance Landing Site Appeal: Our community has responded to this appeal in a truly outstanding fashion. With a target of £2,500, the local appeal has raised a total of £2,340 so far, which leaves just £160 to go before the Autumn. With such a positive result so far, the planning application has been submitted.

A huge thank you to all the members of our community who have donated, and to Devon Air Ambulance, Devon County Council, South Hams District Council and Ashprington and Tuckenhay Parish Council who have variously provided grant aid and practical support for this project.

Further donations welcome! Cheques payable to Ashprington Parish Council (write "Community landing site appeal" on the back), can be sent to Barry Lunt, Coombe Barn, Ashprington TQ9 7UL. Or donate through our page on www.gofundme.com (search for "Ashprington night landing site").

Annual General Meeting:For now we have put the AGM on hold, hopefully till the Autumn. Instead I will provide a "chair's report" on Ash Meadow activities and finances for 2019 in next month's parish magazine and I will be happy to answer any questions anyone may have following that.

Wishing you all the best of health and peace of mind in these troubling times. *Barry Lunt, Chair, Ash Meadow Committee*

What could this be?

Now here is a lockdown project for those who like to walk and research. This stone trough has been uncovered in Tuckenhay. Near to the Old Mill and visible from the road it would be interesting to know more about it. It has recently come to light during a general tidying. Please let the editor know and information will be passed on.

WHAT COULD BE BETTER?

Life
begins
the day you start
a garden.

a Chinese Proverb

Our Church Buildings

One of the saddest aspects of the lockdown is the decision to close church buildings. Not even our clergy are allowed to go in. Hopefully in an early stage of the relaxation of lockdown we will be able to re-open for visitors (not services). In the meantime we continue to wind the clock, put up the flag, ring a bell, and pay our organists, cleaning and maintenance workers. Most days the building is checked to make sure that all is well.

So we look forward to a day when we can use the church building to commemorate the great sacrifices that have been made and the lives that have been lost during this time. Also we look forward to using the church to celebrate a return to meeting together in common purpose.

During Easter a prayer board was installed in the porch at St David's Church. Hand sanitiser, paper towels, pen and paper are available next to the board. Please continue to use this board in the many weeks to come. Your prayers are called in to the clergy of the team and read out during a virtual service on Wednesday and Sunday.

The recorded services each Sunday, until further notice, are broadcast at 11:15 am on Facebook from either the Rev'd Deborah Parsons' or the Rev'd Steve Jones's study. If you would like to watch those services, please take the following steps:

1. On Facebook search for Steven Charles Jones and 'Add Friend Request'.
2. Or, on Facebook search for Totnes Anglican Live Worship and click + Join

You will be able to watch and participate in the service and message in prayer requests.

COMING SOON.... Totnes Mission YouTube channel which will be linked to the church website. ALSO COMING SOON.... Sunday Service by Telephone.

Sent in by St David's PCC Secretary - The Lighter Side of Easter this year.

The Ashprington Airmen.

The three wooden crosses on the War Memorial for the month of May commemorate three airmen who lost their lives during World War Two.

Leading Aircraftsman Wallace Hutchings
116725, RAF Volunteer Reserve.

LAC Hutchings was either aircraft maintenance or trainee aircrew. He was the son of George and Annie Hutchings and nephew of Gunner Thomas Hutchings and Private Ernest Hutchings who were killed in the First World War. He lived in a thatched cottage, demolished in 1956 and replaced by Coombe Cottage, opposite the former Post Office and worked for the Rogers family at Coombe Farm.

According to the Malta Memorial LAC Hutchings was killed in a 'Raid or Sortie' somewhere in the Mediterranean area on December 2nd 1943 aged 38. He has no known grave and was the only Ashprington airman killed by enemy action.

Sergeant Stephen Richard Life
1701209, 115 Squadron RAF Volunteer Reserve.

Sergeant Life was the son of Thomas Ford Life and Lily Lousisa life of Peeke's Cottage, Washbourne. His father was a blacksmith and he was a nephew of Private Stephen Life who was killed the First World War.

From an early age Stephen Life wanted to fly. He worked as a mechanic at Reeves' timber yard in Totnes before joining the RAFVR in 1943. He qualified as a flight engineer and flew in Lancaster bombers in raids on German industrial sites in 115 Squadron.

On March 24th 1944, the day of the Great Escape from Stalag Luft III, Sgt. Life was badly wounded while flying in a Lancaster on a raid on Nuremberg in what proved to be Bomber Command's worst day. Over 700 bombers took part, 95 were lost, and 595 airmen killed.

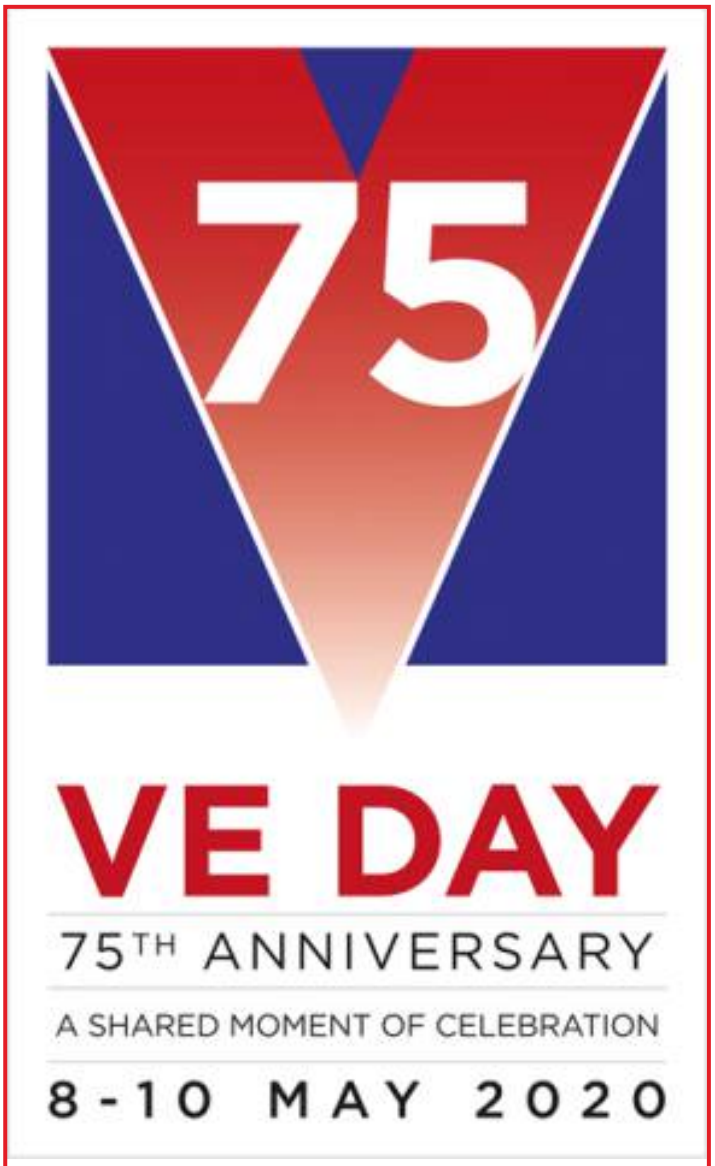
While recovering from his wounds Sgt. Life took a sailing boat out in the Wash and was, according to his death certificate, 'found drowned having lost his life on the 11th June 1944 by the accidental overturning of a sailing boat', at Denver Sluice, Downham. He was nineteen years old and unmarried. Sgt. Life is buried in Cambridge City Cemetery.

Leading Aircraftsman Norman Chope
1184666 RAF Volunteer Reserve.

LAC Norman Chope was the son of Matthew John Chope and Ellen Chope of Perchwood Cottages, Tuckenhay, one of a pair of tied cottages of Perchwood Farm. His father worked as a driver for the Manning family who owned Perchwood Farm and the cider works, quay and coal and manure stores. Norman went to Ashprington School and grew into a tall man.

He worked for the Lewis family, builders, of Washbourne. In 1941 he married Julia Mahala Chope, from St Tudy, Cornwall, a former nanny to the Dakers family at Yetson House and had a daughter named Judy.

In 1945 LAC Chope was inoculated so that he could be sent abroad to Europe or the Far East. He developed septicaemia and died several weeks later at the age of thirty two. He is buried in St David's Churchyard, Ashprington, in an unusual RAF grave which is regularly maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. After LAC Chope's death his widow and daughter moved back to Cornwall. Julia Chope died in 1983.



The Parish Council feel it is important to mark VE Day especially during these difficult times. So, with this in mind we have arranged for a short acknowledgement on Friday May the 8th.

At 2.40 in the afternoon an air raid siren will sound out across the villages letting us know that 6 minutes of Churchill speeches will be played out across the village loud enough for everyone to hear from their garden, Stay tuned for further announcements once the national celebrations have been finalised. I hope you all can join us.

In these strange times we are so very fortunate to live in this village. We have all received so much kindness and concern from all around us and, too, we have been blessed with brilliant weather. I am sure we have all enjoyed longer conversations with our neighbours, we have more time to linger and fewer deadlines to make! However, I am also aware that many people are still working hard from home and, for them, life may not have changed so much.

I have been making a diary to pass on to my family, noting down various events. The Hunters has provided wonderful, convenient and safe shopping for us plus delicious takeaways. It has been a real departure for them and a whole new way of life. We are very grateful that Sue and Graham have felt able to undertake this. Friday night is disco night and Mark and Sue Hubbard have rigged up a system that allows the whole village to boogie for an hour to the music of their choice. Some great light relief. Register your favourites with them! We would also like to welcome the new families in our village, Martin, Georgie and their two children, Ella and Charlie and Jo, Alice and baby Otto. I think they are finding Cornworthy quite an experience!

We all miss the church services but continue to acknowledge its importance in our community. Paul rang a single bell on Easter Sunday. Recently Deborah officiated at the burial of Dorothy Waye. It was very moving even spaced out as we had to be. Because of the location overlooking the farm and Devon hills and pastures and the beautiful day it felt the very best we could achieve in the circumstances. Our love and sympathy are with the family. (We hope to address access to this new site when the PCC next meets later in the year)

I am sure we all notice birdsong more and also the finer details of nature. In Delhi they have blue skies, clean air to breathe and the water quality is vastly improved. However, there is a huge price and human cost to pay in all this. But maybe, just maybe, when we get back to normal (whatever that may prove to be) we won't forget the environmental gains and now they have been brought into sharper focus perhaps there can be a way we can all work together on the future of this planet.

"From quiet homes and first beginnings
Out to the undiscovered ends
There's nothing worth the wear of winning
But laughter and the love of friends"

To end, a prayer for all those who work in the NHS and carers - who work with great courage and compassion, risking their own lives on a daily basis. Not forgetting all the key workers who keep us safe and supplied with everything we need. We need to hold them fast in our hearts.
Caroline Hunt

The Cornworthy Community

By now, all Cornworthy Parish residents should have received 'The Orange Leaflet detailing numbers to ring if help is needed during these unusual and difficult times. The numbers are repeated below.
Volunteers

We now have a good list of volunteers willing to undertake various tasks including shopping, fetching prescriptions, dog walking and so on for those most in need. We are covering both Totnes and Dartmouth chemists and supermarkets. Volunteers have been kept just moderately busy so far as many in the village already have an excellent network of friends, neighbours and family who are providing these things.

We would like to extend our regular catch ups and phone-ins to those on their own and who may be self isolating. We can do this by phone, e mail, FaceTime or Zoom. Let us know if you'd like that contact or know someone who would. It can really make a difference to someone's day!
Contact parishcouncil@cornworthy.com You can volunteer here too.

Shopping & Take Aways. The Hunters Lodge shop in Cornworthy (aka Arkwright's!) has become a lifeline to many and a thriving hub in the heart of the community. Here you can get a good range of fresh fruit and vegetables, good quality meat and fish, dairy and eggs as well as some grocery and household items. The list grows according to demand and orders can be also made up for collection.

Sue and Grahame's baking talents are being put to good use too with regular offerings of freshly baked bread, pies and sausage rolls as well as delicious cakes, bakes and creme patisserie fruit pies. New items are being baked all the time, but be warned, they are literally selling like hot cakes so you need to be quick! In addition from Wednesday to Saturday there is a take away menu using an allotted collection time system. Tel: 01803 732204

Keeping in touch For those on Facebook there are pages for Cornworthy Village, Cornworthy Parish Council and Hunters Lodge which is a great way of keeping up to date with what's going on and useful information. Join if you haven't already and get involved!

There are also new websites for Cornworthy Village and Parish Council (see details below). Just a note here that the Parish Council has cancelled all monthly meetings until it is safe to hold them again. In the meantime, all councillors will stay in office until the Annual General Meeting next May when elections take place.

Community Events Most Cornworthy residents will have heard the street-based 'Village Disco' on Friday evenings at 5.30pm featuring a requested playlist which provides a 'Happy

Hour' at the end of the week. There are also short weekly workouts from Anna-Lisa (Ant and Jenny's daughter) on the village Facebook page to work off a Hunters sausage roll!

Last, but not least, there is the Thursday night applause for our wonderful NHS and careworkers. This has enormous support and brings us all together in a harmonious combination of clapping, drumming and dog barking. So loud, it can be heard in Ashprington. Well done guys!

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Winston joining in on a Thursday evening

Dorothy Vera Waye

A Cornworthy life.

Sadly we said goodbye to our wonderful mother this week.

She really was a special person who was born in Cornworthy, lived most of her life in Cornworthy,and has returned to Cornworthy at the end of an era.

She was buried at her beloved church yard at St Peter's Church and has joined her Father Phillip Howard, Mother Gladys Howard, along with her grand parents Albert& Ellen Howard, both born in 1875 ,also her uncle Edwin.

Mum enjoyed her school days at the village school (now the Village Hall) and saw out most of the Second World War in the village. She worked at Tuckenhay Paper Mill when she was a young girl and was a real character in the village.

She was the eldest of 8 children, John, Maureen, Royston,Vivien, Derek,Irene and Joy.

Many of her favourite times were going to all the surrounding villages to the whist drives and dances. She had many good times in Bow Hall in Tuckenhay (now the Waterman's Arms).

I remember lots of stories she told me about village life and one of her favourites was when Leonard Boyce used to drive his cattle through the village and always stop to chat to her at the stable door of Island House. Mum had the pleasure to live in numerous houses in the village including Jaspers cottages, Glebe House, Newlands(where I think she was born), and finally at Island House.

Mum was a people person who always put others before herself and we all will miss her terribly. Later in life she became a carer in the community and had a wonderful way with the older generation, she was also a district carer throughout the South Hams.

One of her many other passions were her grandchildren, and with 13 she always had time for them, popping in to see her when they could and as a daughter-in -law I am truly honoured to have known her, as she treated me like her own daughter. Mum really was one in a million a great mother, grandmother, and great-great grandmother.

I would like to thank Deborah Parsons, our vicar and Stuart Drake of Drakes of Torbay for a wonderful send off service at the churchyard in these difficult times and look forward to a memorial service at St Peter's in the future when life gets back to normal.

With fondest memories, Julie Waye

Mum and her brother John

Happy times with Nick, Mum's youngest son.

From our Countryside Correspondent:

Instructions from the editor are 'be jolly'. Difficult sometimes but, it means, according to our beloved friend Google: "to be cheerful and encourage people along." That is something which could be a description of the countryside!

The writer of this column is self-isolating so any observation of what is happening in the countryside is limited to the admittedly wide sweep outside the yurt! Observation tells me that in two of the very large fields cultivation has been going on so now I am having a quiet bet with myself as to what will come up. Oil seed rape is probably a non-starter as are any kind of beans – so my money is on corn which taken pedantically can mean wheat, oats or barley. Watch this space in a few months time.

So we are the country dwellers the most fortunate people in the land. Times are difficult and some of us are finding the going tough. But take a look, if you can at the nearly newborn lambs. I am reminded of that lovely poem of my childhood written by the dreamer William Blake. "*Little Lamb who made thee, Dost thou know who made thee, Gave thee life and bid thee feed by the stream and o'er the mead, Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing woolly bright; Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice!*" There is nothing more jolly than a group of little lambs.

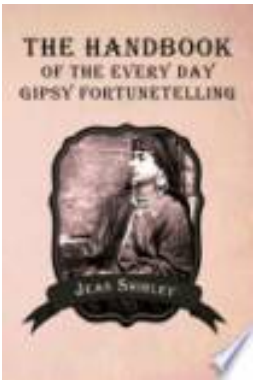
So we could also look up to the skies clear of vapour trails and it does seem that the light is brighter, the birds are singing more and the newly minted green of the trees is brighter too.

So perhaps we wonder what, taking into account the strange lives we now lead, the farming fraternity are doing so here is a quote straight from a nearby farmer. "Farming still goes on regardless of the lock down. Farmers are natural self-isolators so for most of them it is just a question of more people in the house. But perhaps we could learn from them that we just need to carry on, just get on with it and food will continue to be produced. There is sufficient.".

The editor's suggestion of jollity moved me to lug out Dr. Johnson's Dictionary, two large leather bound volumes of it. According to the Dr. Johnson, the 18th century lexicographer whose dictionary has now been consulted, jolly means "Gay; merry; airy; cheerful; lively and jovial". He backs this up with the following quote from Shakespeare "*Like a jolly troop of huntsmen come our lusty English*"

So, although hunting is frowned upon and anyway it is the wrong time of year keep your eyes open if taking your walk. There was a large and beautiful dog fox sitting in the field by my yurt the other day.

So we have all made it to May the month of flowers and bees. It was once said "Who shears his sheep before Saint Gervatius Day(May 13th) loves more his wool than his sheep." **To be really helpful can anyone tell this column who Gervatius was?**



From the editor: Hold onto your seat dear countyside correspondent. The Dictionary of Saints does not include a St Gervatius. And the 13th of May is dedicated to Euthymius the Enlightener. However, entering the warning about shearing into the search bar, up comes the reference to The Handbook of Every Day Gipsy Fortune Telling and is listed in the sayings for the month of May. Reading further in the Handbook there is a recommendation for the day upon which you should cut fingernails:

- Cut them on Wednesday, you cut them for health.
- Cut them on Thursday, you cut them for wealth.

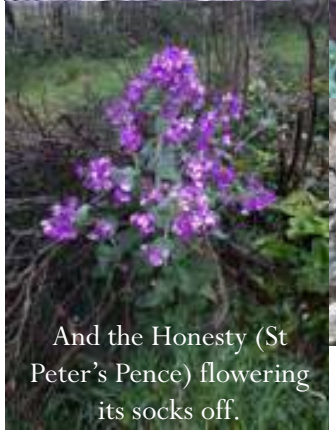
So perhaps by next month we will know the day upon which the government cut theirs. No mention of biting them given in the handbook.

Gardening for Wildlife by The Untidy Gardeners

It was great to read about all the environmental activities that are going on across the parishes in last month's magazine. I'm sure the trees at Hillside will have welcomed the recent rain.

After nearly four weeks of dry, sunny and sometimes quite windy weather the rain has also been welcomed by our burgeoning gardens.There are many creatures emerging too. This month we thought we would delight your senses with a few pictures.

Ferns grew from this to THIS.



And the Honesty (St Peter's Pence) flowering its socks off.

….and a Peacock - M. Peary get your recording book out.

The bird feeder is close to shrubs. The sparrows love it as they can dart into cover very quickly (hence no birds on the feeder – they were chattering away in the bushes waiting for me to go away!) Fat balls are favourite at the moment.

At least five hedgehogs were sighted in Capton late last Autumn. These two are looking very well this Spring.

There is a very healthy population of slow worms in the garden. They hide under some old carpet that has been down on some rough grass for many years.

If you have any comments or pictures
please email them to us:
rosdarrd@mail.com.

Happy Wild Gardening.

St George's Dittisham:

Such a different April this year , one that we will all look back on with mixed emotions. No Palm Sunday procession through the village, but instead we were able to follow Palm Sunday Eucharist streamed from Father Will's home, holding our beautiful palms handmade in Dartmouth. No Patronal Festival On April 23rd to mark St. George's Day, but a special Eucharist to celebrate not only the Patron Saint of England but also our own Patron Saint. Facebook clearly does have a positive side.

The devastating decision to close our churches was difficult for many to digest. Our wonderful clergy, however, have speedily perfected their IT skills. As we entered Holy Week we were able to enjoy a series of daily reflections from Rev'd. Diana Crook, Father Andrew and Father Bob - each one different from the other and each one calming and thought provoking. On Maundy Thursday Father Will celebrated the Lord's supper from his balcony and on Good Friday a group of parishioners and the clergy gave a reading of the liturgy of the Lord's Passion - this was recorded via Zoom then posted onto Facebook - a lot of clever stuff going on! As Easter Day broke Father Will and his family lead the Easter Vigil in most atmospheric conditions as the fire was lit. This was followed by virtual breakfast hosted by the Hazlewood family and attended, again, via the magic of Zoom, by some hardy early birds of the parish.

The Easter morning Eucharist was streamed on a gloriously sunny morning and Father Will and family were in good voice as always as we joined in the singing with them from our homes - For Thine Be The Glory - although there was no Easter egg hunt this year, the service was joyous and optimistic. Easter week continued with the readings and services which have brought solace to many of us in the village, once we have grappled with the technology.

Spring has certainly not been halted by Covid -19. The village has, for most of the month, been bathed in sunshine. Trees are in blossom and Mother Nature's green mantle grows brighter by the day. Tulips are shining like jewels and swathes of bluebells light up the village with their vibrant colour.

Wonderful little kindnesses , The Easter Bunny aka Gail, delivered posies and chocolate eggs to doorsteps around the Village on Easter Day, shine through amidst the negative stories fed to us.

Penny and Brigitte at The Red Lion are keeping the Village going with so many kindnesses including food deliveries and a delicious selection of takeaway meals which we understand are brightening the day of many - fish and chips appears to be the most popular choice. The shelves in the shop are fuller than ever, there are regular fresh fish deliveries from Brixham each week together with fresh meat deliveries several times each week. They must be one of the few shops with a plentiful supply of flour too for all the budding bread makers in the village. ***Thank you Penny, Brigitte and team.***

We are blessed to live in such a wonderful village and we are grateful to those who followed government guidelines and stayed away from their second homes and we will look forward to welcoming them back when the time is right.

Best wishes to all, Charlotte

Coronavirus Support Information

The Parish Council is taking an overview of the parish response to the coronavirus outbreak.We want to ensure that members of the parish and visitors receive the most effective information and support to stay healthy, and are able to access the support they require.

We cannot offer medical advice or assistance. Should you have non-medical questions or concerns please contact any of the Parish Council to discuss.There are many other informal and more formal active community networks providing support: including local businesses, St George's Church, and Sustainable Dittisham, that can also support local needs.

COVID-19 Volunteers

Dartmouth Caring is co-ordinating volunteers to deliver two essential services during the COVID-19 outbreak, specifically:

1. food shopping and/or prescription collection and delivery for those unable to do so themselves (e.g. due to self-isolating)
2. telephone befriending, to help those struggling with a lack of social contact.

Please register with Dartmouth Caring if you need help, or can offer help:
Register via the Dartmouth Caring website (preferred) or phone 01803 835 384.

Notes from the Monthly Meeting on Wednesday 4 March 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Faulkner (meeting Chair), Bond, and Green, Devon County Cllr Hawkins, six members of the public, and A Thom (Clerk).

The request from Blackberry Cottage for Key to Lockable Post was agreed.The request for members of South West Gaffers to again camp on The Ham / stay in campervans in The Ham car park from Friday 14 August to leave by Monday 17 August, to participate in Dittisham Regatta was approved. Members of the public were present to request the Parish Council's support for an application to register as a new Public Right of Way the pedestrian access between Riverside Road, just west of the Football Field, to The Level. This request will be on the April agenda. A resident raised their concern that many sensor activated lights in the village illuminate the roads. They said that this is not legal and that the lights need to be adjusted so that they illuminate only the private property, and requested DPC take action.

S**outh Hams District Council Councillor**

Deferred in the absence of Cllr McKay.

Devon County Council Councillor

DCC's annual budget increases its Council Tax demand by the maximum of 3.9 recurring percent. Storm Dennis did two to three hundred thousand pounds damage to roads. Cllr Hawkins has had several meetings with a group trying to improve the transport system in the Dartmouth area. They are hoping to access some of a pot of one million pounds, to spend on a community bus service linking Dartmouth, communities and Totnes, with the Willows. The planning application for the Dartmouth Health and Well Being Centre will be submitted later this month. The bottom level of the Riverview Nursing Home is being rented for use as a small care home. Use of the Dartmouth Food Bank has rocketed and they are seeing 12-15 cases per week. A small police station office will be located next door to the Ambulance station. The Mayflower 400th anniversary commemoration plans are progressing well.Cllrs raised concersn about the proposed loss of the red diesel subsidy - advised a matter to raise with Anthony Mangnall MP,m and replacement of the teardrop road marking at the Sportsmans Arms following the recent roadworks.

Communications from SHDC in relation to planning/tree applications.

- 3857/19/LBC Lilac Cottage The Level Dittisham TQ6 0ES. Listed Building Consent for minor amendments to approved scheme 0277/19/LBC for renovation of existing cottage. Conditional Approval.
- 4056/19/HHO River Creek Lower Street Dittisham TQ6 0HY. Retrospective householder application for cantilevered balcony with metal balustrading to accommodate outward opening doors on first floor extension (approved 18/1490/09/F). Conditional Approval.
- 0235/20/NMM Cott Farm Barn Dittisham TQ6 0JQ. Non material amendment to approved application 18/1015/09/F. Conditional Approval.o 0618/20/TEX Firebird, The Level, Dittisham, Devon, TQ6 0ES. T1: Elm - fell, succumbed to Dutch Elm Disease. Grant Exemption.

New planning applications.

- 0167/20/LBC Darling Cottage Manor Street Dittisham TQ6 0EX. Listed building consent for replacement windows. No comment.
- 0586/20/LBC Ferry Boat Inn, Manor Street Dittisham TQ6 0EX. Listed Building Consent for installation of 2no. replacement oak lintels in first floor prep room. Support.

Financial Matters
The Financial Report showed a balance of £82,667.28 and unearmarked reserves of £27,306.69.

Approved Expenditure
- Kingsbridge Websites, Hosting package, backups, updates 12 months, £120.00
- Tozer & Co printers, DSC permits, £219.28
- Maintenance contractor, Invoice for extra work requested, £326.11
- Clerk Expenses Reimbursement CE33 £74.94 and overtime claim DPC18 for ten hours in Jan.
- Employment of a contractor to remove the post footings for the former cradle seat swing (£140) and clear the ditch on north side of car park where it has silted up, scrape edges of the car park and Ham Lane to find existing hard core, and to level the small site for installation of the new bench seat (£290).
- Proposal to reinstall The Ham noticeboard on concrete spurs, at a cost of £54 plus one hour of maintenance contractor's time.
- Programming both car park machines with DPC's VAT number (£220.68 VAT inclusive)
- Basic check whether the Parish website meets the new international standard and to provide the information for the Accessibility Statement (£160).

The Annual Parish Meeting was scheduled take place on 21 April, and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 6 May at 6:30 pm, immediately before the ordinary meeting.
The next ordinary meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 1 April 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Full Minutes, Agendas, and Parish Council contact details are available at http://www.dittishamparish.co.uk and on The Level Parish Council noticeboard. Minutes are also placed in the Village Hall and contact details are also on the Capton noticeboard.

Dittisham WI
70th Birthday Celebration

The Dittisham Women's Institute was founded in December 1949 by Mrs. Hilda Downing, and originally met in the Congregational Church Sunday School Room on The Level. At that time Dittisham Village Hall was the Village School.

To celebrate our 70 years, we held a Celebration Birthday Party in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th March. 24 members and 7 guests attended. The meeting opened with the singing of 'Jerusalem', accompanied by Penny Mathews on her flute. Members then gave short talks on each decade, with some interesting memorabilia on display.

A delicious tea was provided by Jill Stevens, Jenny Sjoberg, Ginny Campbell and Marion Drescher. The birthday cake was made by Linda Irvine and cut by Sheila Fisher. Both Sheila Fisher and Judy Davey joined our Institute in 1987, sadly Judy was unable to attend.

The beautiful table decorations provided by Janet Bootherstone and Tricia Hodson were given to members with a March Birthday.

The President, Carolyn Hayward and all the committee would like to thank John Stothart for his help with the microphone and music system and Sallie Johnston and Dittisham Village Hall Management Committee for their generous gift of Prosecco. Also, thanks to Ginny Campbell for taking photos to provide a record of this special occasion.

Apologies for the WI Birthday not appearing in last month's magazine as a pandemic was sprung upon us. Let us all look forward to the day we resume our seats at the tea table.

Dittisham 100 Club

Here are the winners of the April Draw:-

1st Prize	**£50**	**Mr Vic Andrews**
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Peter Grime

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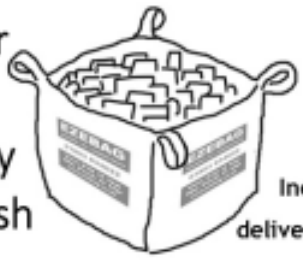

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Lectionary in May

3 May Easter 4
First reading: Acts 2.42-end
Second reading: 1 Peter 2.19-end
Gospel: John 10.1-10

10 May Easter 5
First reading: Acts 7.55 - end
Second reading: 1 Peter 2.2-10
Gospel: John 14.1-14

17 May Easter 6
First reading: Acts 17.22-31
Second reading: l1 Peter 3.13-end
Gospel: John 14.15-21

25 May Easter 7
First reading: Acts 1.6-14
Second reading: 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11
Gospel: John 17.1-11

31 May Day of Pentecost
First reading: Acts 2.1 -21
Second reading: 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13
Gospel: John 20.19-23

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CORNWORTHY

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