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Editor's Note:

The 23rd of September marks the Autumn Equinox which means summer is over and winter is officially on its way!

Hard to believe three quarters of this year has already gone and Autumn will soon be upon us.

September also means the end of the holiday season, with the return of children to school, and a chance to celebrate the harvest.

It's also time, if you are eligible, to get vaccinated against winter flu.

Devon Mobile Library service, which has brought books to so many over the years; appreciated particularly by people in the rural areas, and those unable to get to the main library themselves, is now to be scrapped according to the Devon County Council. For more information - read all about it on Page 36

How important are trees? Read the article on Page 52 to find out.

This information was requested by a Dunkeswell resident who feels we need to plant more trees in our area.

We'd also like to warmly welcome our new Vicar, Rev. Nigel Candlemass, and his wife Liz who recently moved into the Rectory in the old village.

Janine

All copy for the Parish News should be with the Editor by the 12th of each month. A5 in size and in either Word or in a PDF Format.

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2023 Flu vaccinations

The Blackdown Practice will be offering Flu vaccinations in line with NHS guidance to:

- patients aged 65 years and over
- patients aged under 65 years in defined clinical risk groups
- patients aged 2 & 3 years old on 31st August 2023
- patients who are residents in care homes
- patients who are carers
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- pregnant women

We will have plenty of Flu Vaccines available and will be able to arrange appointments for all of our patients who are eligible.

Our booking process will open during the 1st week of September, and we expect to start vaccinating from early October. We will hold vaccination sessions across all three of our surgeries.

Bookings will be a combination of direct mobile text message booking, online booking, and by telephoning the surgery flu line number.

Further details of the booking process will be made available towards the end of August via The Blackdown Practice website and via text messaging – if you are not currently signed up to receive text messages but would like to do so please let us know.

Please do not contact the surgery with individual queries regarding flu until this information has been made available.



St Nicholas Church

Church Services

11.00 am

(unless otherwise stated)

SEPTEMBER

Sept 03:	Holy Communion	Rev'd Nigel Candelent
Sept 10:	9.30 Holy Communion	Rev'd Nigel Candelent
Sept 17:	Battle of Britain Service Followed by a 'Bring & Share' lunch	Rev'd Robert Wilson
Sept 24:	Harvest Thanksgiving Followed by a Ploughman's Lunch	Rev'd Peter Robinson

OCTOBER

Oct 01:	Holy Communion	Rev'd Jane Penn
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St. James the Greater, Sheldon

2 nd	9:30 AM	Family Service	Lay Led
10 th	9:30 AM	Morning Prayer	Rev Jane Penn
17 th	9:30 AM	Holy Communion	Rev Jane Penn
24 th	9:30 AM	Holy Communion	Rev Nigel Candelent

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

On Sunday 9th July Florence Pidsley was baptised at St. Nicholas Church

On Friday 4th August the ashes of the late Linda Enticott were interred in the Churchyard

On Sunday 13th August Archie Hayes was baptised at St. Nicholas Church



Dunkeswell Mission Community
Dunkeswell, Broadhembury, Luppitt, Sheldon
Upottery and Plymtree

Invites you to attend

**A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
COMMEMORATING - THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN 1940**

This will take place at:

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DUNKESWELL

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER at 11.00 am

Led by Rev. Robert Wilson

Followed by a 'Bring and Share' lunch at the Village Hall



HAVE YOU HEARD?

The Secret To Happiness

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said.
"Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

The Lord led the holy man to two doors.

He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful.

But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight and thought of their eternal misery and suffering.

The Lord said, *"You have seen Hell."*

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The holy man said, *"I don't understand."*

"It is simple," said the Lord. *"It requires but one skill. You see they have learned the secret to happiness..... feed one another."*

Carol Fouracre





St. Nicholas Church
Sunday September 24th
at 11.00 am

Led by - Rev. Peter Robinson
Followed by a Ploughman's lunch at the
Dunkeswell Village Hall

All are Welcome



New Priest-In-Charge Licensed at Upottery Church on the 8th August 2023.

There was a wonderful welcome for The Revd Nigel Candelent and his wife Liz at Upottery Church in August, where Nigel was installed as Priest-In-Charge of the Parish Churches in the Dunkeswell Mission Community. The uplifting and joyous occasion attracted- a large congregation representing all six parishes, a number of local clergy, Nigel and Liz's family, friends and parishioners from their former ministries in Sidmouth and Exmouth.

The service was led by the Bishop of Crediton, Rt Revd Jackie Searle, and the Archdeacon of Exeter, The Venerable Andrew Beane

Nigel is very much looking forward to meeting and building relationships with his new parishioners and serving alongside, Associate Priest, Revd Jane Penn. Nigel added, *"There are exciting times ahead as we prayerfully discern what God has planned for us all in this new season. Liz and I have been overwhelmed by the love already shown to us since we moved into the area, through the cards, messages and warm welcome from all of the communities"*.

"The licensing service was a fantastic start to our ministry here. I am very grateful to all the hard work put in behind the scenes by Jane, the Mission Community administrator Sara, the Church Wardens and support team at Upottery, the worship group, all who provided and served the refreshments afterwards and those from across the Mission Community who were involved in the service in any way, making the evening such a special one".

Please do keep Nigel and Liz in your prayers as they settle into their house in Dunkeswell, the local communities and their ministry amongst us.



A WORD FOR TODAY FROM
UNITED CHRISTIAN BROADCASTERS FOR SEPT 23

Peter Horder 01404 890 094

1st. James 1 v 7-8:- ‘Those who loyalty is divided between God and the world, cannot expect to receive anything from the Lord.’ We are as close to Jesus as we desire to be, or discipline ourselves to be. Our pursuit of God reveals our passion for Him, or lack of it, and what things we are willing to sacrifice in order to give ourselves fully to Him.

2nd. John 15 v 4:- ‘Dwell in me and I will dwell in you.’:- to live in Jesus, and He will live in us, as He is the vine and we the branches. It is the depth and duration of our dwelling that determines the strength and richness of our spiritual life. So dwell in God’s presence every day.

3rd. Hebrews 11 v 34:- For people like Moses and David, ‘Their weakness was turned to strength – they became strong in battle,’ as in the process of metamorphosis for a caterpillar into a butterfly. For Paul, he took limitations in his stride – and with good cheer – when facing abuse, accidents, and opposition – and let Christ take over. So, like Paul – in the same situations, the weaker we get, the stronger we become.

4th. John 8 v 36:- ‘If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.’ To overcome a harmful condition that entraps us, we have to turn to a power greater than ourselves – Jesus – and develop a relationship with Him. His presence will bring peace and serenity, making us truly free.

5th. Colossians 3v 16:- ‘Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom’. We cannot solve problems by using the elements that caused them, but by seeking and following God’s wisdom in His Word. Instead of doing things that don’t work, find light and understanding from God.

6th. 2 Corinthians 5 v 16:- ‘We have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view.’ Jesus wants to change the way we look at people – not seeing them as insiders or outsiders, liberals or conservatives. We may meet someone who has been turned off by Church and feel rejected – giving us the chance to label them, or love them for who they are. May we honour God and love them!

7th. Proverbs 10 v 4:- ‘The hand of the diligent makes rich,’ describing someone who works in a decisive and enthusiastic way to succeed. Let us strive to do our tasks well – there is nothing dishonourable about work worth doing – however menial it may be.

8th. Exodus 24 v 4:- 'Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, rising early in the morning....' He spent time each day with God and wrote down what God told him. A worthwhile exercise for us to record our spiritual journey – enabling us to refer back to, and measure our progress – also, to reflect on our spiritual condition, or to regain lost momentum in our journey. A discipline with many benefits.

9th. Proverbs 3 v 9:- 'Honour the Lord...with the first fruits of all our increase,' as we acknowledge that everything – our gifts and blessings – come from God and belong to God. Giving our tithe willingly, demonstrates our obedience and love for God, and his provision.

10th. Jeremiah 15 v 1:- 'Then the Lord said to me' Even if Moses and Samuel stood before me, my mind would not be favourable towards this people. Their lives were centred on prayer – spending time with God, just as Jesus did – making regular deposits in prayer, in order to make regular withdrawals of power when he needed it. May we follow their example.

11th. Philippians 3 v 21:- 'He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own.' Our heavenly bodies will be exactly like the one Jesus had, following his resurrection. He resembled Himself, because the disciples could recognise Him – He ate and drank with them, doing the things we do now. Let us be thankful that God has prepared for us a glorious body just like Christ's.

12th. James 1 v 22:- 'Be doers of the Word not merely hearers.' We often cogitate on what we don't know, than act on what we know we need to do. Nothing turns people off faster than somebody with a head full of knowledge, who lacks grace, character and enthusiasm to act.

13th. Colossians 2 v 10:- 'You are complete in Him'. The moment we trust in Christ as our Saviour, He becomes our King, and we begin living in His Kingdom. We no longer have to strive for God's blessings, as everything we need is all around us. Just tune in and receive them!

14th. Jeremiah 1 v 5:- 'Before you were born I set you apart.' Each one of us is a one-of-a-kind creation from the earliest moments of life. So let us celebrate and be thankful for our characteristics and differences.

15th. Ephesians 1 v 3:- 'God...has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.' Rather than thinking the only thing God will do for us is bless us with salvation, and leave us to struggle through life until we get to heaven – be uplifted to claim His promises to us.

16th. Revelation 4 v 11:- 'You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory,' because He is worthy of our praise. Spoken words of love and appreciation draw people together and create intimacy, in order to get closer to God, let us start praising Him more and more.

17th. Micah 7 v 8: 'Though I have fallen, I will rise.' We all get despondent from time to time through a variety of circumstances; and also spiritually, where warfare is either at the root of our problems, or is exacerbating them. Each day we should put on our spiritual armour and draw on God's mighty power, to take our stand against the difficulties we face, and the devil's evil schemes.

18th. Luke 12 v 15:- 'One's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.' It takes time to learn what we can live without! What we think will be a blessing can end up being a burden – striving for something today, may cause stress tomorrow. Better to seek God's Kingdom first.

19th. Matthew 24 v 44:- 'Be ready...the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him'. Aim to live each day like it's your last, but work like Jesus isn't coming back for many years. Remain balanced, cheerful, pleasant, committed and stable – anticipating the return of our Saviour.

20th. Romans 15 v 24:- 'Whenever I journey to Spain, I shall come to you,' but Paul never got there, instead ending up in prison! It was there he wrote his epistles. In the same outcome, our disappointment may turn out to be God's appointment. Thankfully God is at work in what we are going through each day – for our good and His glory. All we need to do is trust Him.

21st. Galatians 3 v 28:- 'For you are all One in Christ Jesus' We need people who have 20/20 vision to offset our weak areas. Instead of looking for those who conform to our opinions, find those to challenge us and help us grow. The greatest wisdom is found in diversity, not conformity.

22nd. Romans 12 v 6:- 'We have different gifts...given us'. It is best to be honest in our evaluation of ourselves, measuring ourselves by the level of faith God has given us. Unless God has 'graced' us to do a particular task, we may fail or collapse under its weight. We cannot meet everybody's expectations.

23rd. Galatians 5 v 22:- 'What happens when we live God's way?' – two Christ-like qualities:- we become more compassionate, conquering selfishness and become concerned with someone other than ourself, and be grateful for our blessings. Also to give others our time – staying calm, loving people, and lifting them up.

24th. Genesis 21 v 18:- 'Lift the boy up and take him by the hand...for I will make him great' - Hagar and her son Ishamel – showing God's care for single parents, who may be tired and lonely, with nothing left to give. God's divine resources are inexhaustible – He gives strength to the weary, and loves your children more than you do. So encourage them, and trust God to help you.

25th. 1 Timothy 1 v 15:- 'Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.' Paul persecuted the Church beyond measure, yet by God's grace he was enabled to write half of the New Testament, establish the Church, and carry the Name of Jesus into the courts of Caesar. We should demonstrate grace and gentleness to all members of God's family, especially when they have gone astray.

26th. Luke 14 v 18:- 'But they all alike began to make excuses.' When God speaks to us, that is the moment of truth for us to respond. We can either make a commitment to accept his invitation to do His Will – to move forward in faith – OR miss an opportunity by making an excuse.

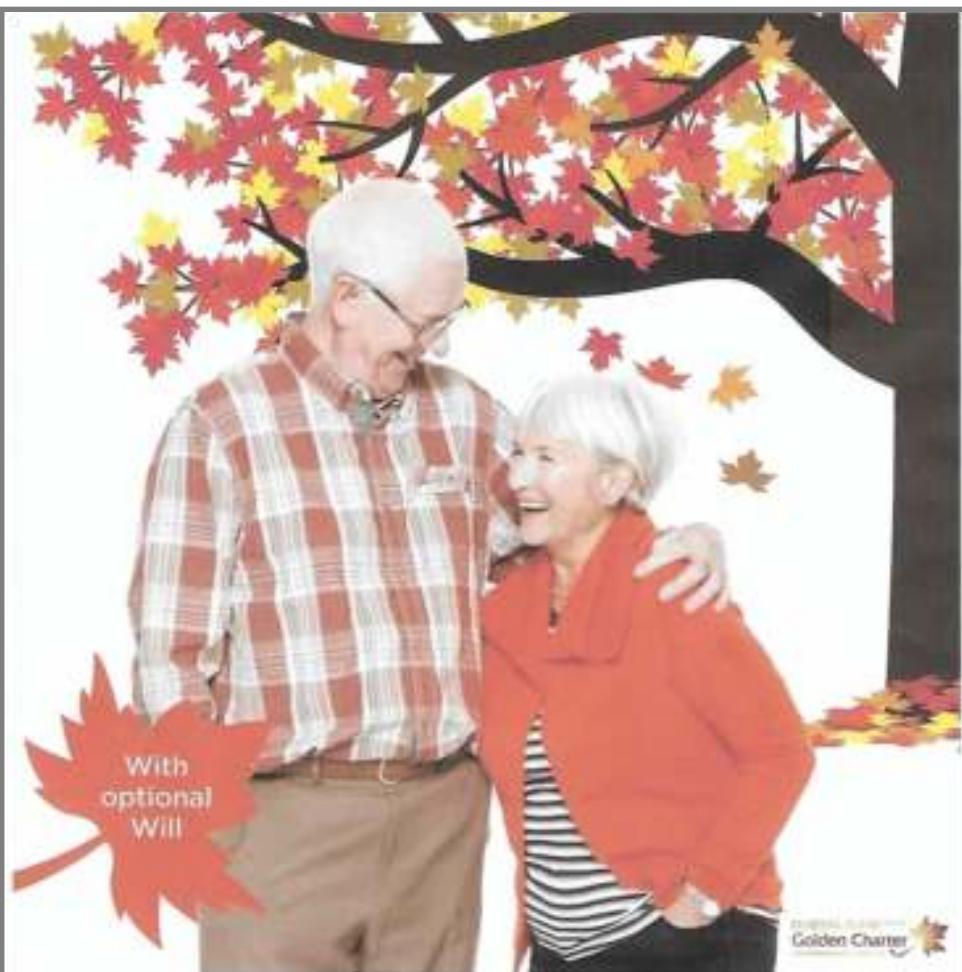
27th. Psalm 149 v 6:- 'Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand.' Praise is a strategy for winning the Christian battlefield with an enemy who tries to defeat us every day – so praise God when we face a situation we can't handle, and claim His promises in the face of adversity. Then we will have complete and free access to His Kingdom and His help.

28th. Romans 12 v 8:- 'You are called to give aid to people in distress,' being there when needed, demonstrates our love for God and neighbour – despite our avoidance – be it inconvenience, self-protection or indifference. True helpers understand, get involved, and encourage those in distress.

29th. Psalm 102 v 13:- 'You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favour to her.' God sets the time to show his favour to us too – when we are obedient to His Will and faithful in difficult times. Aim to press on so that God can accomplish His plan and fulfil His purpose in our lives.

30th. 1 Samuel 12 v 21:- 'Do not turn aside – for then you would go after empty things which cannot profit.' To succeed in what God has called us to do, here are 4 steps to follow:- Recognise your gift, know your goal. Dedicate yourself to the process, no matter how long it takes, and Trust God to bless your efforts.





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SEPTEMBER

Sun. 3rd	Local arrangement
Sun. 10th	Mr. R. Atkinson
Sun. 17th	Mark Chapple
Sun. 24th	Rev. N. Lakin Harvest Festival





Synopsis of the Minutes of the Meeting of
Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the
Village Hall on 14th August 2023
Next meeting - **18th September**
Dunkeswell Village Hall - 7.30pm

All Planning Applications notified to the Parish Council can now be accessed online from the Parish Council website at <https://www.dunkeswell-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications/> as well as via the East Devon District Council website.

Planning

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Planning Decisions (for information)

Approval with Conditions - 22/2773/FUL Bowling Green Culme Way Dunkeswell
- Construction of 2 x 1 bed dwelling, 2 x 2 bed dwelling and 1 x 3 bed dwelling with associated parking and amenity space. - noted

Approval with Conditions - 23/0400/FUL Land South Of Pump Field Close Dunkeswell EX14 4XX - Construction of 2no dwellings - noted

Approval with Conditions - 23/1001/FUL & 23/1002/LBC Southlands Farm Dunkeswell Honiton EX14 4SH - Construction of workshop with covered veranda, and alteration of window-to-door and window combination and insertion of additional roof light in east elevation. - noted

Approved - 23/1139/FUL Old Highwood Dunkeswell EX14 4SZ - Single-storey kitchen extension - noted

Approval with Conditions - 23/0485/LBC Hunters Cottage Dunkeswell EX14 4QZ
- Rethatch whole roof replacing water reed with wheat reed. - noted

Planning Applications (to be considered)

a) **23/1515/CPE Land Adjacent 3F Marcus Road Dunkeswell Devon EX14 4LA** - Certificate of existing lawfulness for the demolition of an existing storage building (on the proposed site) for the purpose of implementing the planning application ref: 20/0369/FUL.

Please refer to Lawful Development Certificate evidence document by Group Emmett Design Architects attached with this application, including appendices.

Comment: In consultation with the Parish Council and utilising the Scheme of Delegation to the clerk, the following was submitted to Planning Online on 18.7.23 "There are No Objections to this application"

b) 23/1047/FUL & 23/1048/LBC The Operations Block Dunkeswell Airfield Honiton EX14 4AJ - Change of use from operation block and office to residential dwelling, to carry out external insulation including fibre roof insulation, installation of solar panels and 5 roof lights. (expiry to comment 12th August)

In consultation with the Parish Council and utilising the Scheme of Delegation to the clerk, the following was submitted to Planning Online on 3rd August 2023.

Comment; “As referred to in the comments submitted in 2015 The Council was then, and it remains of the view, that the use of this building as a non-residential premises would be the preference of the Parish Council.

The Council understands that an application for similar accommodation was approved and agrees that both the Neighbourhood and Local Plans look favourably regarding the re-use/conversion of redundant buildings.

The Council are concerned as most living spaces in the vicinity of the Airfield are Live/Work spaces and provide an element of employment, It is concerned that a precedent may be set for the many other historic wartime buildings within the AONB which might also follow suit (although many are within Employment Land or not Listed).

The Council noted that some of the supporting documents/reports used to support this application were compiled in 2014/2015/2018/2020. For example, the bat survey appears not to have been updated since 2020. They feel it may be appropriate for these to be revisited and brought up to date to take into account any changes. The Council feel it is of very high importance that full Ecological and Archaeological surveys of the buildings and surrounding area and wildlife within are completed prior to permissions being granted.

They have concerns about access to shops, leisure and other facilities, that although within Dunkeswell, will require a form of private transport in order to access services easily, with few/no walkways or cycleways available until you reach Highfield Estate.

There appears to be no drainage or sewerage plans, and the Council could not ascertain whether the block is already connected to the sewer or not.

In either case, there are concerns, given the amount of accommodation and toilet/showering facilities; if this building were used to capacity, that this would add to an already overloaded system.

The Council recognises that in order to preserve the Grade II listed building (on the “at risk register”) compromises must be made, and ask that the reports used to support the current application are brought up to date & reflect the site and it’s wildlife as it is today. They ask that the conditions placed on application 15/2505/FUL are fulfilled before work commences, if the application is considered for approval. **Resolution:** The comments submitted ratified by Council

c) **23/0019/FUL Stentwood Farm Dunkeswell Honiton EX14 4RW Amended application** - Erection of a two storey, partially steel framed, partially masonry agricultural shed, for the purpose of farm machine storage/workshop and vegetable storage. (expiry to comment 15th August). **Resolution:** There were no Objections to this amended application (sent via email)

d) **23/1494/FUL Unit 20A Flightway Dunkeswell Business Park Dunkeswell Devon EX14 4RD** - Extension of balcony, additional roller shutter doors and associated internal modification (expiry to comment 19th August)
Resolution: There were no objections to this application

e) **22/2317/FUL & 22/2318/LBC Musgrove Farm Dunkeswell EX14 4RR - Amended** - Conversion of barns to 3 No. Holiday let accommodations and additional amenity space for dwelling. (expiry to comment 22.8.23)
Resolution: There were no objections to this application

Due to receiving this application after the agenda was published and that the expiry to comment is 2nd September and before the next full Council meeting; this application is to be discussed and in consultation with the Council, comments will be submitted by the clerk using the Scheme of Delegation to the Clerk.

f) **23/1669/VAR Orchard Cottage Apple Barrel Barn, Dunkeswell Abbey EX14 4RP** - Variation of condition no. 1 of planning permission (20/5054/VAR Change of use of redundant barn to holiday cottage) to allow for the removal of condition no. 1 in relation to planning permission to enable the holiday home to be used for residential purposes. (expiry to comment 2.9.23)

Comments: The council continue to be of the view that this should remain a holiday accommodation and do not support this application. As in the comments made in October 2020 on application 20/2054/VAR and subsequently taken to Appeal and dismissed, Original Comments copied in below.

“ Comment Date: Tue 20 Oct 2020

The Council do not support this application, they determined that this could be seen as setting a precedent and agreed that the property should remain as per the original permission granted, as a holiday cottage.”

The Council have concerns regarding the location of the property being approx. 3.5 miles to the nearest facilities and services and there are no walkways or pavements. The property is accessible along a narrow, unlit, one track lane and as far as the Council can see, nothing has changed in the time between applications to improve this.

The Council noted that within the appeal decision it is noted that application 20/2054/VAR, rather than removing the condition; EDDC varied it, and issued a new decision. The variation removed the tie between the appeal building and Orchard Cottage previously included within condition 02, but maintained the occupancy restriction for holiday purposes only. The Appeal then references the option of selling the property as a holiday home.

From the documentation available within application 23/1669/VAR, the Council could not determine what effort has been made by the applicant to rent out the holiday property or place on the open market, as holiday accommodation.

The Council are very concerned that should Officers be minded to approve this application, that a precedent may be set that could see many holiday homes, within Dunkeswell, seek residential status, without the infrastructure, services and utilities to support this.

Tree Decisions (for information)

a) **Withdrawn** - 23/1025/TCA St Nicholas Church Dunkeswell - T1: Red Oak - dismantle to the ground. - noted

Tree Applications (for consideration)

a) **23/1568/TCA 1 Tencery Orchard Dunkeswell EX14 4QA (St Nicolas Church)** - T1: Red Oak - prune branches to the West side. Cuts distal to previous cuts / point stem reduction clearance on the church side. T2: Cherry - crown reduce by 1-2m height and spread. Remove deadwood throughout. T3: Yew - reduce radial spread over the boundary by 1.5m length (expiry to comment 10th August 23)

In consultation with the Parish Council and utilising the Scheme of Delegation to the clerk, the following was submitted to Planning Online on 3rd August 2023.

Comment; "No Objection to this application."

Resolution: The comments submitted were ratified by Council

b) **23/1466/TCA Carpenters Cottage Dunkeswell Honiton EX14 4RE** - Oak - Removing branches 2-3m length. Deadwood removal. (expiry to comment 24th August) **Resolution** There were no objections to this application

Community and Governance

a) Parks

i) **NCP Shelter** - The wooden shelter is damaged, side and floor boards ripped up/off. In consultation with the Council, the clerk has taped it off and has contacted a provider to remove this as soon as possible, due to the many hazards this now presents. It had been informally discussed by the PC to look to replace this after the school holidays with a metal type shelter or a seat. Clerk seeking quotes for suitable replacements.

Resolution: Council reviewed the options for shelters and agreed to wait for the quotes to be received, they felt that the options presented showed a good range and were suitable replacements. To be added to the September agenda. Clerk to check the balance of S106 monies from EDDC. If the project is suitable for S106 funding and any necessary consultation is completed and agreed then in principle the Council believe that this would be a good use of the funds.

It was also agreed that the grant money from County Councillors Locality budget will be used to replace the net in the junior equipment area of New Century Park. Chairman to forward quote to the clerk.

b) **MUGA/Sportsfield** - It has been noticed that dogs are being walked in the this area. On asking people to leave the area, some have not been so nice about this. The Council wish to make it clear that No Dogs (other than assistance dogs) are permitted in any of the Park areas (New Century Park, Churchill Playground and MUGA/Sports field). These areas are covered by the Public Spaces Protection Orders at EDDC: a fixed penalty notice can be issued.

The Council also noted that often the "No Dogs" signs are removed/damaged these are replaced these as soon as it is noticed or reported. It was also suggested that when the fencing in the MUGA is replaced, that adding another gate to access the MUGA just above the New Bungalows, might be worth considering as some are jumping the fence from the Dog Walking path to access the Park. For consideration at a later meeting.

Communications

a) **Speeding** - To discuss the reply regarding monitoring options, correspondence from a resident and PCSO email.

Resolution: Discussion took place regarding speeding. VAR (light up signs/smiling faces) had been supported and looked into previously, it was ruled out as an option for Dunkeswell, due to the costs of purchasing and the fact that Highways would not allow a permanent site for these & the monitoring requirements. (Minutes of March/April 2022) It was agreed to keep reporting incidents to the Police. In addition to this speeding from the Airfield toward Gypsy Cross appears to happening more often, incidents have been reported and car details forwarded to the PCSO.

Next meeting - **Parish Council Meeting Monday 18th Sept 2023, 7.30pm at Dunkeswell Village Hall.**

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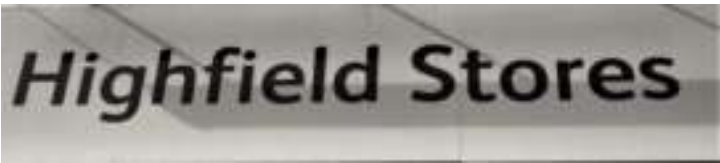
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

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Pension Credit trial launched

The Department for Work and Pensions has launched a new trial encouraging pensioners claiming Housing Benefit to also apply for Pension Credit. DWP letters are being sent to pensioners in 10 different areas explaining how people can check their eligibility and claim. The average Pension Credit award is worth over £3,500 per year and it can open the door to other support – extra Cost of Living payments later this year

Car insurance costs - record highs

Car insurance costs have jumped to record highs, with average prices up around 18% compared to three months ago. If you're looking to keep costs down, never automatically renew with your current provider, especially if you've recently turned 50 – as there may well be better deals

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Mothers owed £1bn in latest scandal: Is your State Pension being underpaid?

Hundreds of thousands of mothers, now mainly in their 60s and 70s, may be owed around £1bn in State Pension underpayments. Parents who take time out of work to care for children aged under 12 should receive National Insurance credits that count towards their State Pension entitlement. Until 2010, these credits were called Home Responsibilities Protection (HRP), but this wasn't always recorded on the NI records of eligible women. Missing information about HRP on women's records means that around 187,000 women could be owed a total of about £1bn.

Fixed rate energy deals: are they now worth considering?

Energy prices fell from an average of £2,500 to £2,074 on 1 July, following the new Energy Price Cap. Some providers, such as EDF, E.on, Octopus, and Ovo are offering fixed rate energy deals again, but the majority of are still only available to existing customers. There aren't any at present that will save you much on the average costs under the new Energy Price Cap, but if you want certainty, they may be worth considering

Annual living costs jump by more than £9,000.

The cost of essential household expenditure for homeowners has soared by £9,161 a year on average over the past two years, with higher mortgage rates the biggest contributing factor. This amounts to an increase of over £763 a month on average, factoring increases in mortgage, energy and food costs since 2021 .

UK banks are closing more than 1,000 accounts daily

Banks are closing more than 1,000 customer accounts every day, according to new data that has fuelled the growing row over so-called "debanking" and prompted

Nigel Farage to call for a royal commission to investigate what he said was a scandal.

The figures, obtained through a freedom of information (Fol) request made to City watchdog the Financial Conduct Authority revealed that in 2016-17, plus 45,000 bank accounts were shut .

The total has increased every year since, climbing to just over 343,000 accounts in 2021-22 – representing well over 1,000 for every business day of the week.

When people or organisations have their bank accounts closed, they often receive little or no explanation as to why this has happened, though the banks sometimes say it is due to concerns over financial crime such as money laundering and fraud.

It is estimated that almost 90,000 individuals have been categorised as "politically exposed persons", leading to some politicians or their families being turned down by banks. These include some MPs and other figures deemed to potentially be at risk of abusing their positions for private gain.

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Devon Mobile Library service due to be scrapped - not cost-effective!

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A report said the vehicles were nearing the end of their serviceable life and estimated it would cost up to £800,000 to replace them.

Cabinet members voted on Wednesday to decommission the vehicles despite opposition from users.

'Pretty poor deal'

The council agreed to provide £25,000 in funding to help vulnerable people who use the service.

Councillor Roger Croad, cabinet member responsible for libraries, said the money would help widen access to existing services, including community libraries. He said: *"People can get together rather than wait on a wet street corner waiting for a lumbering van to come round the corner once every three weeks."*

Councillor Alan Connet, who led a campaign to keep the library vans, said he was disappointed with the decision.

"They are actually saving £200,000 cutting the mobile library service and they will save that every year," he said.

"They are saying we will now put in £25,000 to see what they can do to help people who will be affected by it - it's a pretty poor deal for the residents of Devon."

'Not sustainable'

Just under half of the 1,197 responses to a consultation launched by the authority, external included comments, with a majority of these wanting to keep the mobile library service running.

Many described it as one of the last services in rural villages, therefore becoming a place to meet, socialise and catch up with neighbours and the librarians.

A report to the cabinet said the number of book loans from the service has fallen by 68% in the last 10 years, leading the council to conclude it was no longer “cost-effective” and was "not sustainable".

A campaign to save the libraries, set up by Torridge Lib Dem Councillor Cheryl Cottle-Hunkin, has since received over 2,000 signatures and has now been backed by authors Stephen Fry and Michael Rosen who have joined the campaign to save Devon’s mobile libraries.

Fry called mobile library services ***"lifelines for rural communities"***, in a statement.

He said they changed his life when he was a child growing up in rural Norfolk.

The county council’s ruling Conservative cabinet voted to close the service earlier this month.

A ‘call-in’ by the opposition Lib Dems, means no decision will now be made before October 23.





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Dates for your diary



SEPTEMBER 2023

Sat. 2nd	10.00 - 10.15	Devon Mobile Library	Community Hall
Sat. 2nd	03.00 pm	Walking Treasure Trail	Dunkeswell Village Hall
Sat. 9th	9 - 12 md	Farmers Market	Community Hall
Sun. 10th	11 - 4 pm	Inflatable Fun Day	New Century Park
	04.00 pm	Pantomime meeting	Community Hall
Tues. 12th		Magazine Deadline	
Wed. 13th	10 - 10.30	Devon Mobile Library	Community Hall
Thurs. 14th	02.30 pm	Ladybirds Meeting	Community Hall
Sat. 16th	09.30 am	Repair Cafe	Honiton CUB
Sat. 16th	07.00 pm	Matt Whipp - Acoustic Evening	Sheldon Village Hall
Sun. 17th	11.00 am	Battle Of Britain Service	St. Nicholas Church
	Followed by:	Bring & Share Lunch	Dunkeswell Village Hall
Mon. 18th	07.30	Parish Council Meeting	Dunkeswell Village Hall
Sat. 23rd	09.30 am	Repair Cafe	Hemyock Village Hall
		Autumn Equinox	Start of Autumn
Sun. 24th	11.00 am	Harvest Thanksgiving	St. Nicholas Church
	Followed by:	Ploughman's lunch	Dunkeswell Village Hall
Wed. 27th	10.30 am	BSG Coffee Morning	Community Hall
Sat. 30th	10.00 - 10.15	Devon Mobile Library	Community Hall

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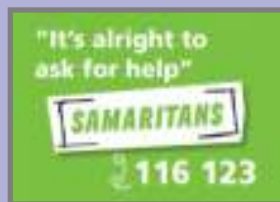
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So, why do we need trees? It's a good question and perhaps not as obvious as you'd think. Trees are crucial for humans and the natural environment and how important they are to our everyday lives.

UK forests currently cover 12% of our land area. This is very low compared to some of our European neighbours. For example, France and Germany have forest cover of 29% and 32% respectively. Of Europe's total land area, forest cover makes up 47%. The UK is seriously lagging behind and must improve.

It's clear that trees provide wonderful benefits for both humans and the natural environment. ***Trees are the lungs of our cities. They're the homes for our wildlife. They're our guardians against flooding. Trees are vital to so many aspects of our life.***

To improve our health and clean our air

Trees are effective air filters. Some species, such as the London plane, are particularly resistant to air pollution and can help filter harmful pollutants by trapping them on their leaves and bark. That's why London plane trees line many city streets across the world.

To provide for wildlife

Trees provide crucial habitat for much of the UK's wildlife. Whether it's for birds nesting in their canopies, small mammals making their homes in the root systems, or bats roosting in their trunks, they provide a whole host of opportunity.

Oak trees are one of the UK's best known species. Their value for wildlife is huge – oaks have been found to support over 280 species of insects, which in turn provide food for many birds and other predators.

To shelter and shade

Whether it's in the heat of summer or the frost of winter, trees provide vital shade and shelter for both humans and animals. When it's hot, trees in our cities shade our streets and release water vapour into the air through their leaves. Farmers also recognise the importance of trees in keeping their livestock sheltered from cold, hot or windy conditions.

To breathe

Our earth has an amazing ability to maintain a natural balance and trees are a central component of this. Trees are able to remove excess carbon dioxide (CO₂) from our atmosphere and convert it into oxygen (O₂) via a process called photosynthesis. They take in CO₂ and water and when combined with suitable light conditions, they produce glucose, and oxygen that is then released into the atmosphere. They are vital in ensuring that our atmosphere remains oxygen-rich.

To combat climate change

Global warming is heavily linked to increasing levels of CO₂. When CO₂ builds up in the atmosphere it creates a 'greenhouse effect'. This is where CO₂ traps heat from the sun, creating a warmer climate.

In this current period of climate change, the main driver for increasing CO₂ is human activity. As trees specialise in removing excess CO₂ from our atmosphere there has never been a more important time to plant more and protect what we have.

Article written by: Jack Taylor Lead campaigner - ancient woodland

'Our need for trees' was requested by John Crew of Dunkeswell, who, in 2018 was involved with others, in a tree planting community project.

He would like to see more trees planted in our area, and has approached both councils with a tree planting proposal - to date, there has only been a negative response!

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Suggested car maintenance checks before summers end:

Check coolant levels:

Hot summers mean your engine has had to work harder to stay cool, so it's recommended to check coolant levels more frequently – particularly before a long journey.

If it needs a top-up, don't assume you can skip antifreeze in the summer and just use water. Which? car expert Daljinder Nagra says: *'If there's not the correct dilution of antifreeze in your car's coolant tank, it could cause engine damage when the weather starts to turn.'*

When topping up, use a 50/50 mix of water and antifreeze (or whatever is recommended by your car's manufacturer). And don't ever attempt to unscrew the coolant tank's lid if you've just driven your car – the sudden release of pressure could end up spraying hot water over you. Instead, wait for the engine to fully cool down, then unscrew the lid slowly, allowing any remaining pressure to safely escape.

Inspect your tyres:

Because tyres are the only point of contact between the road and the rest of the car, it's vital to check them throughout the year. And in the summer, tyre degradation is more of an issue than you might think.

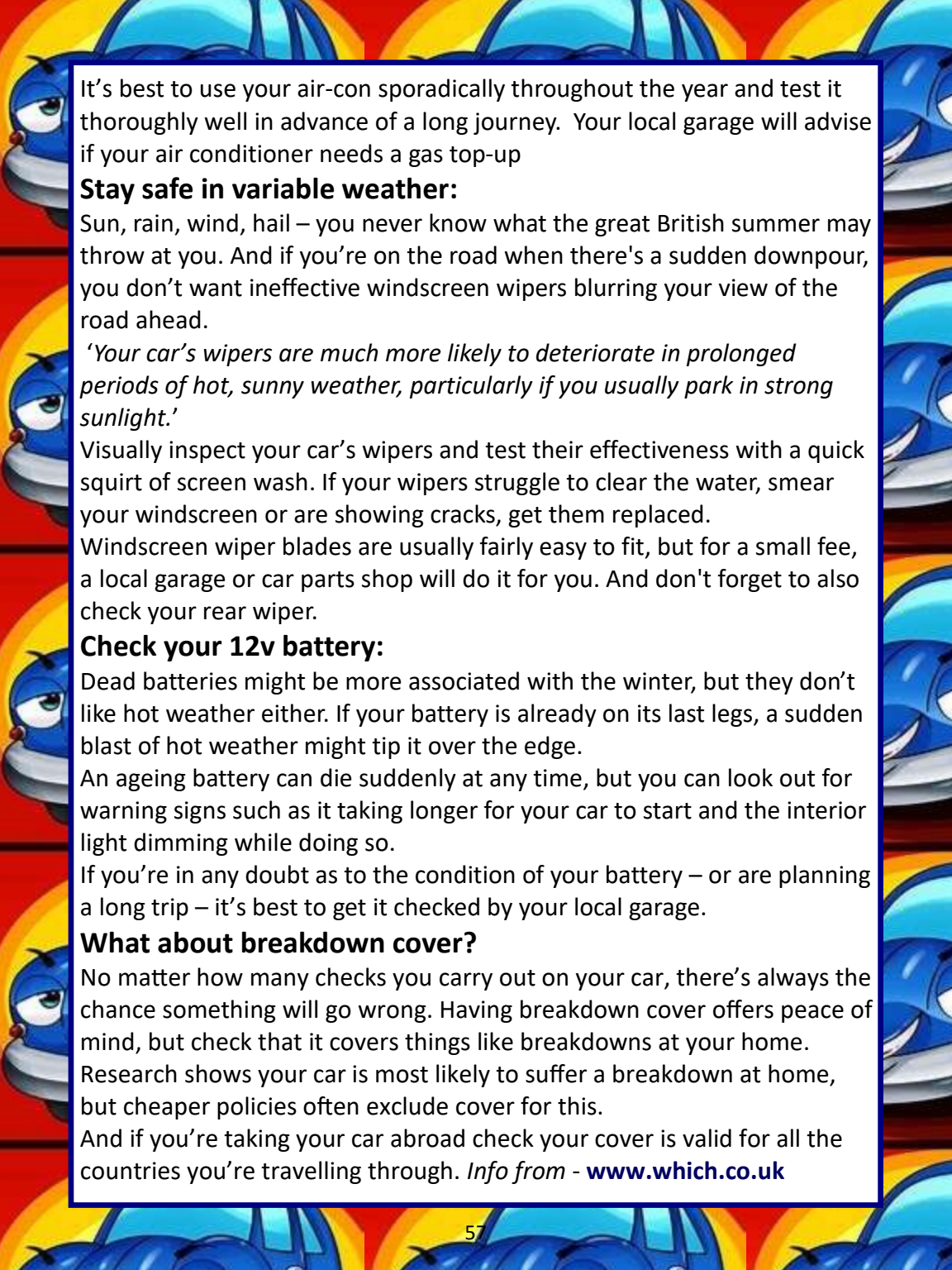
'Hot weather can cause tyres to expand, which can increase the risk of a blowout' Intense sunlight can also cause tyre problems. *'Parking your car in direct sunlight for extended periods can cause your tyres to crack, especially in summer months.'*

As well as performing a visual inspection for cracks, bulges and other defects, you should also check the pressure on each tyre, including the spare. Inspect their tread, too – by law, car tyres must have a minimum tread depth of 1.6mm in a continuous band across three-quarters of the width of the tyre.

Test your air-con:

If you've been saving your air conditioning for the height of summer, you might be in for a nasty surprise when you need it the most.

Air-con units that haven't been used for months tend to develop mould or suffer cracked seals; the former will result in a musty smell, while the latter means gases may escape, leaving your air-con ineffective.



It's best to use your air-con sporadically throughout the year and test it thoroughly well in advance of a long journey. Your local garage will advise if your air conditioner needs a gas top-up

Stay safe in variable weather:

Sun, rain, wind, hail – you never know what the great British summer may throw at you. And if you're on the road when there's a sudden downpour, you don't want ineffective windscreen wipers blurring your view of the road ahead.

'Your car's wipers are much more likely to deteriorate in prolonged periods of hot, sunny weather, particularly if you usually park in strong sunlight.'

Visually inspect your car's wipers and test their effectiveness with a quick squirt of screen wash. If your wipers struggle to clear the water, smear your windscreen or are showing cracks, get them replaced.

Windscreen wiper blades are usually fairly easy to fit, but for a small fee, a local garage or car parts shop will do it for you. And don't forget to also check your rear wiper.

Check your 12v battery:

Dead batteries might be more associated with the winter, but they don't like hot weather either. If your battery is already on its last legs, a sudden blast of hot weather might tip it over the edge.

An ageing battery can die suddenly at any time, but you can look out for warning signs such as it taking longer for your car to start and the interior light dimming while doing so.

If you're in any doubt as to the condition of your battery – or are planning a long trip – it's best to get it checked by your local garage.

What about breakdown cover?

No matter how many checks you carry out on your car, there's always the chance something will go wrong. Having breakdown cover offers peace of mind, but check that it covers things like breakdowns at your home.

Research shows your car is most likely to suffer a breakdown at home, but cheaper policies often exclude cover for this.

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August was our annual outing. This year we chose not to go far afield, instead visiting The Blackbury Honey Farm.

21 members and 7 guests left Dunkeswell and the surrounding neighbourhood and arrived with mouths watering at the prospect of cakes and cream teas. We were made welcome and we all placed our orders. The food was delicious and soon we were able to experience walking round the lovely flower gardens and, for those more sure-footed, walking through the wild flower meadow.

At just before 4 p.m. we all started to make tracks for home. On behalf of the committee our thanks go to the drivers who ferried us there and back.

Our September meeting should be fun. We are having a flower arranging session entitled 'From ? to a tea cup!' We are hoping to turn our hands into mini miracle makers by producing something beautiful. We already have clever members amongst us and they, hopefully, will also add their expertise. We know it will be fun and would love to see more new faces so why don't you come along on **THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2.30 IN THE THROGMORTON HALL** we would love to see you.

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*Further information from Barry on **01404 549107**.*



Dear All,

As our new term starts, we will miss the children that have left us to start school.

We would like to wish Noah, Theo, Alice, Ada, Evelyn, Oakley, Effie, Elsie, Hunter, Anna, Chester, Billy and

Gussy all the very best for the future.

The leavers party, at our allotment, was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by us all. We are sure our leavers will all be amazing and do very well at school.

We would like to thank everyone for their support. Our recent Ofsted report rated us a "good school" and said that "children settle quickly and feel secure to explore the resources and activities." We really couldn't do this without the support from you. Thank you to each and everyone of you who has helped the pre-school grow.

If you have a child aged two to four and would like a place with us, please contact Helen on **01404 891622** term-time or during the holidays by email at helendunkeswellpreschool@gmail.com

Our Bag2schools raised a fantastic £80 at the end of term. This is something we do at least once a year so please keep any pre-loved clothes back for next time.

Over the summer we have had more work done at our allotment, ready for when the children return.

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Dates for your Diary & Future Events:

Saturday 2nd Sept: Walking Treasure Trail & BBQ

Due to the inclement weather, this event had to be postponed.

It will now take place on the first Saturday in September.

Enter your team of up to 6-people. Arrive at the 'old' village between 3-4 pm to start the trail. On your return, enjoy a BBQ & refreshments back at the hall. £2.50 per person entrance fee (under 16's & dogs free)

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