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Editor's Note:

The festive season is almost upon us with all that it brings.

It's a joyous time of the year for most, but many have no family and live alone, there are some who are suffering economic hardship, unable to provide for their families, never mind give them the Christmas they would like.

Look out for your neighbours, and read more about **Coping with Money Worries this Christmas on Page 46**

With the huge increase in scams particularly over the festive season, the need for vigilance is paramount. Did you know, that with the increase in the criminal use of Artificial Intelligence, all it needs for fraudsters, is 3 seconds on a cold call for them to done your voice... and scam your family and friends! Avoid answering telephone numbers you don't recognise and perhaps wait for the caller to talk first before speaking – What a world we now live in!

By the time the magazine comes out, we may have already experienced the first snow of winter, if the Met Office report is anything to go by.

On **Page 60** you will find a list of essential items to keep in your car, under normal circumstance and what you may need when driving during the winter months.

May we wish you and yours, the happiest of Christmas and a healthy and peaceful 2024 for us all.

Janine

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Dunkeswell Christmas Events

December 2023

Wed.
13th

Carols with the Honiton
Town Band - 6 pm
Throgmorton Hall

Sun.
17th

Carols & Christingle
Service - 4 pm
Throgmorton Hall



Thurs.
21st

Carols by Candlelight
- 6 pm
St. Nicholas Church

Sun.
24th

Christmas Eve -
Midnight Mass - 11.00 pm
St. Nicholas Church

Mon.
25th

CHRISTMAS DAY
All age celebration -
10.00 am
St. Nicholas Church



St Nicholas Church

Church Services

11.00 am

(unless otherwise stated)

DECEMBER:

- Dec 03:** Holy Communion Rev'd Jane Penn
Dec 10: 9.30 Morning Prayer Rev'd Jane Penn
Dec 13 (Wed): 6.00 pm Carols with the Honiton Band - Throgmorton
Dec 17: 4.00 pm Carols & Christingle - Throgmorton Hall
Dec 21: (Thurs): 6.00 pm Carols by Candlelight at St Nicholas
Dec 24: 11.30 pm Midnight Communion Rev'd Nigel Candelent
Dec 25: 10.00 am Christmas Day All Age Service -

Barbara & Barry Simmonds

Please remain seated at the end of the service if you wish to partake of
Holy Communion with Rev'd Peter Horder

- Dec 31:** Morning Worship -
'New Year, New Hope' Lay Led

JANUARY 2024:

- Jan 07:** Holy Communion Rev'd Peter Horder
Jan 14: 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd Nigel Candelent
Jan 21: 11.00 Covenant Service at the Methodist Church, Dunkeswell
Jan 28: 11:00 Holy Communion Rev'd Peter Robinson

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

On Mon day 30th October the ashes of the late Geoffrey Keitch were buried in the Churchyard of St. Nicholas Church.

On Sunday 5th November Harper Jessica Solf was baptised at St. Nicholas Church.

St. James the Greater, Sheldon

DECEMBER:

3 rd	3:30 PM	Christingle	Rev Jane Penn
12 th	9:30 AM	Morning Worship	Rev Nigel Candelent
17 th	9:30 AM	Holy Communion	Rev Nigel Candelent
25 th	9:30 AM	Carols by request	Rev Nigel Candelent

JANUARY 2024

7 th	9:30 AM	Family Service	Lay Led
14 th	9:30 AM	Morning Worship	Rev Jane Penn
21 st	9:30 AM	Holy Communion	Rev Nigel Candelent
28 th	9:30 AM	Holy Communion	Rev Jane Penn

Coming soon - Open the Book

Open the Book (OtB) is an exciting storytelling project where Bible stories are shared with children in a way that is fun, interactive and memorable. As invited guests in school, storytelling teams use the Open the Book programme to prepare and present a 10–15-minute scripted Bible story to a school assembly, involving the children as much as possible.

It's a really fun group to be part of and we will be setting up our own team(s) early in the New Year. See the February edition for more details or if you can't wait until then contact **Rev'd Jane on 01404 841523 to find out more.**



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HAVE YOU HEARD? '12 Days of Christmas'

There is one Christmas Carol that has always baffled me.

Have you ever wondered about THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS? What in the world do leaping Lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree, have to do with Christmas?

I found out.....

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a Catholic reality, which the children could remember.

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or law, the five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Encouragement, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

The ten Lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

I now know how that strange song became a Christmas Carol...

Carol Fouracre



Rev. Nigel writes....



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas....

I don't know about you, but TV adverts and Christmas merchandise seems to get earlier each year. I saw some Christmas decorations in a shop at the end of August!

More time to get prepared, I hear you shout.

There is a lot to prepare. Buying presents, organising the food, sending Christmas cards out in good time, decorations inside and for some there are the outside lights to put up, and of course – a family favourite for us, decorating the Christmas tree.

This year, Liz and I are very excited as it is our first Christmas in Dunkseswell. We are looking forward to all the different 'Christmas' events in the lead up to the big day in all of our Church communities. So much time and preparation goes into these events, so please do support them if you able to.

We will certainly try to get along to as many as we can

For Christians, it is a very important time of the year as we prepare for the birth of Jesus in a period we call Advent.



During Advent, some churches have an Advent Wreath and light a candle each week, from Advent Sunday until Christmas day, each with a different meaning – Hope, Peace, Joy and love. Rev Jane Penn and I will be hosting some reflective Advent sessions where, through word, silence, song and prayer we will be exploring each theme as we prepare our hearts and minds to

journey together towards Christmas.

Do join us, if you are able to (Details on the next page).

There will also be plenty of opportunities to gather together to prepare for Christmas with various Carol Services, Concerts and Christingle services. Please do see all the dates in this magazine and we look forward to seeing you at one or more.

As we prepare for Christmas and all the joy it will bring, do remember that Christmas for some is anything but joyful. For those living in war torn countries, peace and joy seem far away. Please do hold these people and the countries affected in your daily prayers. Christmas can be a difficult time, particularly for those who have lost loved ones and those who now find themselves on their own. Let us play our part in making this Christmas as special a time as it can be. For those who are struggling, the greatest gift this Christmas may be a card, a phone call, a visit, an offer to do shopping or even an invite to share a meal.

How ever you will be spending Christmas this year, let us remind ourselves the real meaning of Christmas is all wrapped up in the birth of Jesus Christ, saviour of the world.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Christmas prayers and blessings to you all.

Rev Nigel Candelent

Dunkeswell Mission Community

Advent Reflections. . . .

Thursday 7th & 14th December;

7.00pm -8 .30pm

Dunkeswell Village Hall.

Friday 1st & 8th December;

10.00am – 11.30am

The Tower Room, St Andrew's Church Broadhembury

PRAYERS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY FROM **UNITED CHRISTIAN BROADCASTERS**

Peter Horder 01404 890 094

1st. 1 Chronicles 4 v 9: 'His mother called his name Jabez,' because she gave birth to him in pain, but he refused to let that name define him. He turned to God asking for His approval as HE created, redeemed, called and empowered Jabez. God loved and accepted him – and ourselves – despite the disapproval of others.

2nd. Numbers 6 v 27: 'Whenever you bless others in God's name, He himself will bless them'. The habit of blessing others is a powerful and practical way for reconnecting with each other – our world and life itself – the most phenomenal way possible to lead us to happiness and success. May we bless those we meet today.

3rd. 2 Corinthians 12 v 15: 'I will gladly spend myself and all I have for you' said Paul, as he prepared to visit the young church for the third time. Seeing and giving to others in need keeps our priorities right, and prevents us from being self-centred, and rather putting their needs first.

4th. Psalms 39 v 1: 'I will put a muzzle on my mouth.' A fool vents all his feelings, but a wise man holds them back, especially when tempted to use foul or abusive language. May everything we say be good and helpful – an encouragement and respectful to those who hear them.

5th. Romans 8 – v 6: 'To be spiritually minded, is life and peace,' to obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit, even when He guides us to do a certain thing, or to take a risk we would never imagine we would take. It is always wise to submit to His plan, as God knows and will direct our future.

help in your time of trouble.

6th. Galatians 5 v 16: " Let the Holy Spirit speak to our hearts telling us to follow Him in obedience, as He knows the path ahead better than we do. This emphasises the previous teaching from Romans 8 encouraging us to follow God's purposes at all costs. This emphasises the previous teaching from Romans 8 encouraging us to follow God's purposes at all costs.

7th. Psalms 37 v 34: 'In due season He will honour you.' After we have faithfully understood the stages of our vision:- its birth from God's Spirit – our action in preparing our dream – to maintain inevitable struggles showing our faithfulness – and accept an ever expanding vision.

8th. Jeremiah 45 v 3: ‘who exclaimed ‘I am worn out from sighing and can find no rest.’ When it seems the weight of the world is on your shoulders and you feel overwhelmed, cast your worries and concerns on God, knowing He has promised to care for you. Thank Him for being your refuge, a very present help in your time of trouble.

9th. Psalms 32 v 8: ‘I will instruct you’ Give thanks that God wants to work in and through you to transform you and deepen your relationship with Him – by stretching your faith, developing your patience, confronting and conquering your doubts – enabling you to trust His process for you.

10th. Matthew 25 v 23: ‘Well done, good and faithful servant’ from Jesus’ parable of the Talents. In spite of our failures, our struggles and limitations, if we are willing to step out in faith and use the gifts God has blessed us with – He will see to it that we will succeed in our endeavours for His glory.

11th. Psalms 3 v 2: ‘Many are saying, “God will never rescue him.” No one is far from God and cannot be saved. However they have messed up, the long arm of God’s grace can reach out and save them; His power flows through our prayers on their behalf – keep praying and believe God will rescue them.

12th. Romans 12 v 2: ‘Be transformed by the renewing of your mind,’ by NOT conforming to this world, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect WILL of God.’ That calls for quality time reading and reflecting on God’s Word, talking and listening to Him – embracing His WILL for your life.

13th. Psalms 34 v 7: ‘The Angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.’ The apostle Paul in Acts 27 was comforted by an angel who told him not to be afraid and to take heart that his ship and everyone on board would be safe from a storm. For ourselves in the storms of life, be thankful that God is always watching over us.

14th. John 14 v 12: ‘He who believes in me, the works that I do he will do also.’ Follow Jesus’ example by being compassionate not condemning – as members of His redeemed family we are capable of multiplying His works throughout the world. Aim to produce Christlike qualities:- love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

15th. Esther 4 v 14: ‘You have come to the kingdom for such a time as this.’ God’s plan all along has been to bring us to where we are now – to serve Him using our gifts to minister to others – to be a light in a darkened world – chosen to have a unique place of service in God’s kingdom.

16th. Mark 4 v 15: “Jesus said ‘As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the Word that was sown in them.’ We ask God to help us to hold on to the things He is teaching us through His Word, by practising its principles – praying, and sharing it with others.

17th. Proverbs 10 v 9: ‘Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths, will be exposed.’ Live with an abiding sense of God’s peace and security, NOT with a constant fear of being found out. God is patient – surrender to Him and He will put your life back together.

18th. Ecclesiastes 2 v 24: ‘There is nothing better than to find satisfaction in work.’ There will be times in life when there is too much to do and not enough time to do it! As long as you insist on doing everything yourself, your productivity will stall and your peace of mind will evaporate. If you are on overload, start making changes – pray to God to sustain you, and delegate.

19th. Psalms 34 v 10: ‘Those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing.’ God’s Word tells us to be anxious for nothing, but through prayer and supplication make our requests to Him – maintain our trust in His promises and be thankful.

20th. 2 Timothy 1 v 7: “God has not given us a spirit of fear.’ Fear has a mind that thinks and a voice that speaks – and if you allow it to – it will control you. In this situation fix your mind on God, and cast anxious thoughts on Him. He will never forsake you, and will give you constant peace.

21st. Acts 16 v 7: ‘Paul and Timothy tried to go to Bithynia but the Spirit did not permit them.’ When we have a desire to go in a certain direction don’t expect God to fulfil it – better to let Him set our goals and know we will be heading the right way with His blessing.

22nd. Ephesians 3 v 10: ‘God’s purpose in all this was to use the Church to display His wisdom in its rich variety.’ 3 challenges the church faces:- to let go of old experiences to allow God to implement a new move. We fear excess and settle for mediocrity, and need to encourage risk takers, and faith walkers.

23rd. Genesis 12 v 2: God’s promise to Abraham. ‘I will bless you make your name great, and you will be a blessing.’ Jesus taught his disciples – and us today – to be distributors of blessing and first responders to those in need.

24th. Ezekiel 3 v 15: 'The prophet sat among the colony of Judean exiles – the place where God wanted him to be.' Our most effective ministry to others can come out of some of the experiences we are going through right now, especially the painful ones. Our greatest mess can turn to be our greatest message.

25th. Genesis 2 v 15: 'God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it.' There is a definite sequence which God follows for our lives:- He prepares a place for us – He puts us there – He tells us to work therein, HE wants us to succeed, leading us the way we should go. Romans 5 v 3: 'Tribulation worketh patience.' We can rejoice when we run into problems and trials, for we know they help us to be patient. – which in turn develops strength of character, helping us to trust God more, and giving us a stronger faith. No matter what happens, we know that God loves us through His gift of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

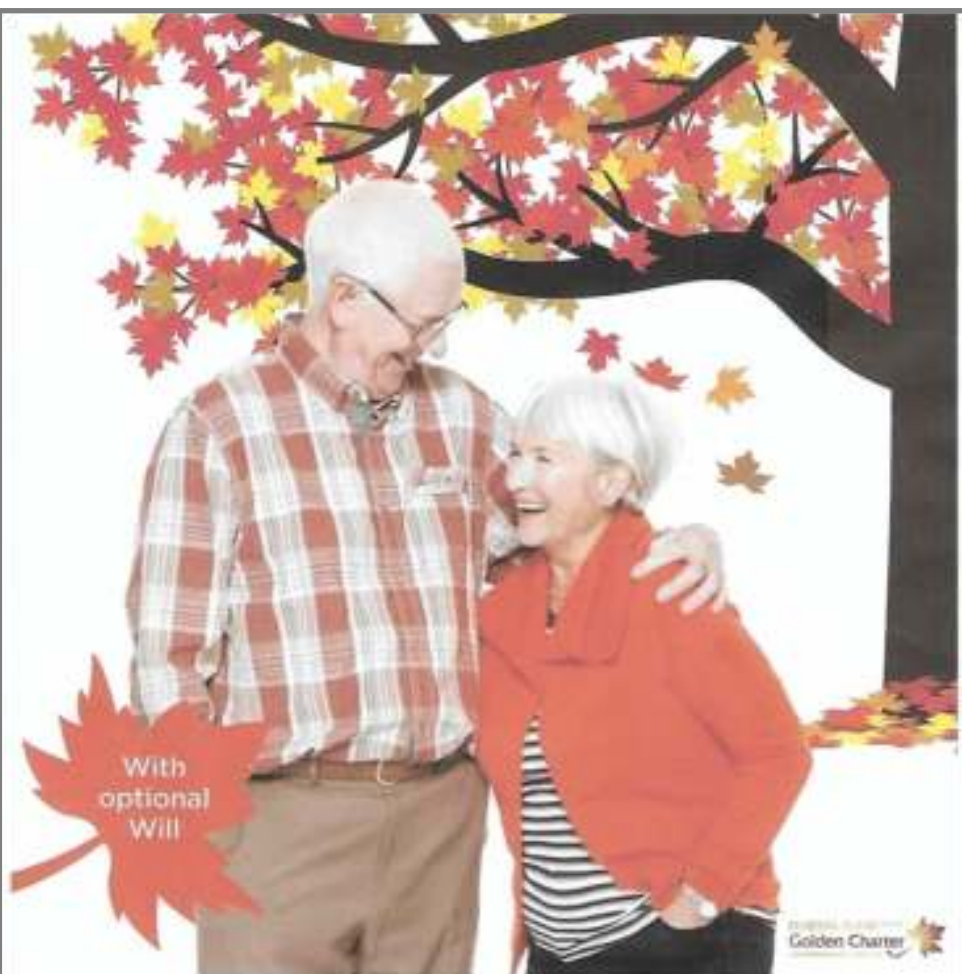
27th. 2 Corinthians 12 v 7: Paul tells us that God permitted the thorn in Paul's flesh 'to keep him from becoming proud.' Increased achievement and success can lead to increased pride and independence from God, who can and does use any situation for our good and His glory. In His wisdom and patience God balances blessings with burdens, by giving us a thorn.

28th. Judges 6 v 12: The Angel of the Lord tells Gideon 'The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valour' as he is called to deliver Israel from the Midianites. God spoke to the destiny within Gideon and that the ONE sending him would win the battle. We can face any battle in life because God is with us.

29th. Deuteronomy 2 v 2-3: The Lord spoke to Moses 'You have compassed this mountain long enough – turn northward.' Just as the Israelites walked in circles in the wilderness, as if in a rut – we too can stray put and get nowhere. Perhaps our rut is comfortable and of our own making – who are we following, and do we know where we are going? Ask God to give you a vision for your life and pour your life into it.

30th. Nehemiah 8 v 10: 'The joy of the Lord is your strength,' beware that Satan will do his best to steal your joy – he knows it is the spiritual and emotional fuel you run on. In John 15, Jesus years that His joy will remain in you, and that your joy will be full.

31st. Isaiah 1 v 19: 'If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.' For ourselves, live according to the instructions God has given us in His Word, and submit to the rule and leading of the Holy Spirit who lives within us. Obeying God leads to peace, progress, protection and promotion.



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December:

Sun. 3rd	Mrs. H Young
Sun. 10th	Mr. Mark Chapple
Sun. 17th	Carol Service - Mr. D. Greet
Sun. 24th	Mrs. C. Chapman
Sun. 31st	Holy Communion - Mr. R. Allington



January 2024:

Sun. 7th	Rev. Nick Lakin
Sun. 14th	2.30 pm - Covenant Service - Hiscock
Sun. 21st	Mrs. Janet Lee
Sun. 28th	Mrs. A. Browse

Public Open Session

Drone footage - Drone footage of the area over the building site at Land North of Louis Way was presented. Showing, amongst other things, the increase in size of the mound of earth on the opposite side of the road. The Council are grateful for this information as this will allow them to be able to prove, if required, what level the mound should be returned to. Currently, you can no longer view the large trees at the back of this area and this has impacted the landscape of the area. The program can measure amounts to within approx. a 2cm accuracy. Cllrs Brown and Levine both requested the footage and their email addresses to be forwarded to the Drone operator by the clerk and the information will be provided. Council requested the clerk contact EDDC to find out how long after a notice is served the recipient has to comply with the notice. The Chair thanked the Drone operator for their support.

Planning

<https://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Planning Decisions (for information)

Refusal - 23/1339/LBC Autumn Cottage Dunkeswell Devon EX14 4RE - 10 replacement windows to property to front and sides - **noted**

Approval with Conditions - 22/2317/FUL & 22/2318/LBC Musgrove Farm Dunkeswell EX14 4RR - Conversion of barns to 3 No. Holiday let accommodations and additional amenity space for dwelling. - **noted**

Approval - 23/1972/FUL 30 Walcott Way Dunkeswell EX14 4XP - The erection of a single storey rear extension and the installation of Solar Panels. - **noted.**

Planning Applications (to be considered)

23/2243/FUL 70 Jenwood Road Dunkeswell Honiton EX14 4UZ -
Erection of a single storey rear extension to replace the existing conservatory

In consultation with the Council, comments have been submitted by the clerk using the Scheme of Delegation to the Clerk on 7.11.23

Comment “No Objections to this Application” to be ratified.

Resolution: The comments were resolved by Council

Tree Decisions (for information)

Approval with Conditions - 23/2016/TRE 37 Simcoe Way
Dunkeswell Devon EX14 4UR - G1 - x3 Beech, x2 Ash - to reduce the crown height by removing branch lengths of approximately 4m to past historic pruning points making natural target pruning cuts of up to 75mm in diameter and pruning the crown spread both garden side and roadside by approximately 1m making natural target pruning cuts of up to 25-50mm in diameter and removing all Ivy from the trunks of these trees.

T1 - Oak tree - to dismantle this tree in a controlled manner cutting as close to ground level as possible. - **noted**

Split Decision - 23/1937/TRE 3 Jenwood Road Dunkeswell EX14 4UZ
- T1, Ash with Ash Die Back : removal to the ground level (or very hard cutting); replacement planting.- **noted**

Footpaths and Bridleways

a) Update of Footpath with overhanging trees (Cllr Barrow)

Resolution: Cllr Barrow updated council. The trees on Footpath 1 need to be trimmed back off the footpath.

It was agreed the clerk would write to the landowner to let them know this needs to be done as there are large hanging broken branches that could fall into the pathway and that they are impeding the pathway for regular trimming.

The Council believe this is a H&S risk to people using the path and should be addressed as soon as possible as this is a well used Public footpath. The Warden confirmed that he has discussed this with PROW officers at DCC, and that there is enough money left in the P3 Footpaths budget to do this work, if necessary.

Community and Governance

Parks

i) NCP - quotes for swing seats and chains, update from councillors. Seat quotes to review.

Resolution: Cllr Barrow presented the quote obtained, it was agreed that due to the difficulty in obtaining quotes for replacement equipment that would fit the existing equipment frames, that returning to the original supplier was the best option and that no further quotes were required. It was agreed the clerk will place the order as per the quote and payment to be made up to the value of the quote as requested by the supplier.

It was agreed the equipment will be fitted by councillors as the charges for installation were felt to be excessive.

Communications

Dog Fouling & Bins - Email from a resident asking if a bin could be provided Powells Way/PumpFields/ Holiday Park. To Discuss. Awaiting call from EDDC Dog Warden.

Resolution: The dog warden has been in contact and has put up information stickers, Pavement Tattoos requested, awaiting a call back. Confirmation from Streetscene that it continues to be the case that no further collections can be added at this time and this prevents the addition of a bin in Pumpfields/Holiday Park roads. It was agreed at this time, no further bins will be provided. Email reply to be sent, clerk to action.

Business at the Chairman's discretion

Speeding/SpeedWatch - Cllr Sipple raised the issue of speeding in the Village, this following an invitation to take part in speeding awareness week. The difficulty Dunkeswell has is that currently no safe sites for monitoring, in the areas that the PC feel are necessary have been identified, Cllr Sipple has pointed this out to the Police and conversations continue.

In addition to this, recently there have been posts on social media and the PC has received complaints about speeding, particularly on Highfield Road.

Cllr Sipple continues to try to get safe sites identified and in the event this is achieved, the PC will look again to try and get a Speed-Watch group set up.

A request for monitoring on Highfield Road has been made and we await a reply. Clerk to contact the PCSO for support.

Email, web and social media enquiries have been responded to and councillors copied in, councillors are asked to consider if further action or correspondence is necessary.

Dates for meetings 2023 - 2024 can be found at:

<https://www.dunkeswell-pc.gov.uk/>

All Minutes & Agendas can found at:

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trade throughout the season, especially during the typically quieter months of Jan and Feb.

Old landlines will soon be 'obsolete' – millions of UK homes to face a big change starting November:

Every home in the United Kingdom is about to undergo a once-in-a-generation change in the way they make phone calls.

The substantial shift is due to the replacement of outdated copper infrastructure with digital VoIP conversations that use the internet to keep customers in touch.

It's a massive update that's gradually being pushed out across the country, and we now know where locations will be transitioned from older technology to new internet calling.

Customers will be notified soon, and many are expecting to notice the adjustments in November and December.



Although the thought of killing off old landlines sounds terrifying,

BT promises that the majority of consumers will only need to unplug their current phone from the landline socket and insert it into the rear of their broadband router instead.

“The landline is here to stay, and for the majority of customers, making the switch simply involves plugging your phone into a broadband router instead of into a wall-mounted phone socket, bringing new benefits such as advanced spam call blocking,” a spokesperson for BT said.

The biggest worry will be for those who don’t have broadband as the new system won’t work without an internet connection.

Luckily BT says it won’t be forcing anyone to make the switch just yet they fall under the criteria such as those who don’t have a mobile signal or only have a landline and no broadband.

Customers over the age of 70 are also not initially being proactively switched to Digital Voice.

BT’s regional approach will be supported by general awareness communications, and advertising campaigns, delivered across local, regional and national media to

explain to customers the simple steps required to make the move to Digital Voice.

Tesco Mobile extends free European roaming

Tesco Mobile has extended free European roaming for all customers until 2025. This means you can continue to use your minutes, texts and data across 48 European countries and destinations without being charged extra. Tesco Mobile was originally due to start charging new and recently joining customers to use their mobiles in Europe from next year

Single bus fares for journeys in England will be capped at £2 until 31 Dec 24

It could save passengers a third off the cost of a ticket on average, according to the Department for Transport (DfT), which is behind the move.

The £2 fare cap was originally planned to run between January and March 2023, but was extended until 30 June and then again until 31 October 2023. It has now been extended again until the end of 2024. The flat rate cap only applies to single journeys – one trip, on one bus – at any time of day.

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<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

Criminals steal £580 million from victims through fraud:

Scammers stole over half a billion pounds from victims through fraud in the first six months of this year, according to UK Finance, increasingly using social media, texts, phone calls and emails to persuade people to hand over cash and personal details. However, the amount stolen was 6% lower compared with the same period in 2022.

Fake online shopping sites

Shoppers seeking online bargains in the run up to Black Friday and Christmas are being targeted by scammers who have built fake websites for some of the most popular brands, such as Cath Kidston.

These scammers are also paying for Facebook and Instagram ads to target social media shoppers who are fans of particular brands, with ads such as '90% off your [insert favourite brand] here'. These sites look and feel exactly like the brand they are pretending to be, but on close inspection you'll find the website addresses and email aren't correct. You also may be encouraged to buy an item as quickly as possible, and to spend more money.

Vehicle scams

Fraudsters set up fake listings on online marketplaces or social media for vehicles that don't exist. When you get in touch, the fraudster asks you for a deposit to "secure" the vehicle and comes up with a reason why you can't see the vehicle beforehand. The fraudster might also pressure you to make a decision quickly by implying they have many other offers. After you send the money, they block you and delete their profile.

What you can do: Always buy a vehicle from an authorised dealership if you can, as anyone can list anything online. If you are buying online, make sure you have seen and tested the vehicle yourself before handing over any money. Avoid paying by bank transfer and use a debit or credit card – that way, your money will be protected if something goes wrong.

Green home improvement grants scam

Scammers have been known to impersonate government schemes that offer energy-efficient grants and initiatives, such as the Green Homes Grant from 2020 to 2021. Be very wary of tradesmen claiming to install such measures, and wanting your personal details.

What you can do: Don't sign up to anything off the back of a cold call or approach from a tradesman. Look into legitimate schemes, do your research, and get several quotes. You can use Which? Trusted Traders, for example, to find trustworthy tradesmen nearby.

'Suspicious activity on your account' scam

You get a call or text message from someone pretending to be from your bank telling you there's been some suspicious activity on your account, which they will tell you has been frozen. They will ask for your banking details supposedly to confirm your identity and resolve the problem, but use these to steal from you. They may also try to direct you to a fake website to enter your information there.

Often the number that appears on your phone looks legitimate, with scammers using technology to mask their actual phone number.

What you can do: Banks will never ask for your PIN number or your online banking passwords, nor will they ask you to email or text your banking details. Hang up immediately if someone asks for this information.

If you want to check whether it really is your bank contacting you, end the call and telephone your bank from another phone, as sometimes scammers will stay on the line, so that when you redial what you think is your bank, they reconnect with you. If they direct you to a website to enter your details, look at the link carefully and see if it looks suspicious. If in doubt, contact your bank directly and ask them to confirm.

'Payment attempted' scam

You receive a text message or call supposedly from your bank telling you that a payment was attempted from your account to a new payee. The message says that if it wasn't you, you should click on the link shown. This will take you to a fake website where you'll be asked to confirm your banking details. This will then be used to steal money from your bank account.

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Coping with money worries this festive season?

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It can be tough to cope with the financial pressures of Christmas. This can be especially difficult if you're already struggling with money.

For many of us, the increase in the cost of living will have made things even harder.

How you cope with the costs of Christmas will depend on your circumstances. Some of these tips might not be realistic for you. But it may help to try these ideas:

Access support. Make sure you're claiming any extra money or support you're entitled to. You could use the **Turn2Us benefits calculator** to work out what you might be entitled to. **Citizens Advice** has information on how to get help if you're struggling to pay your bills. And you could call **Trussell Trust's** free helpline for advice on accessing financial support.

Make lists, plans or a budget. Noting things down can make things feel a bit more manageable or help you think more clearly. Creating a budget could also help you feel more in control of what you can spend. See our page on organising your finances for more tips. You could also use Money Helper's free online budget planner.

Be open with others. It can be hard to talk about money. But being honest with others can help. You may be able to agree ways to make Christmas plans free or low cost. Or they might be able to offer other kinds of support. **Step Change's** festive support has information on talking to other people about money worries.

Look for local offers or events. Local organisations, such as charities and community centres, may have free or low-cost events for Christmas. Or they may be able to offer support with things like gifts or food.

Look for free or low-cost items online. You may be able to find free items to use as gifts or decorations online, through social media and web-

Try to avoid comparisons with the Christmas you may have had in the past, and those you see in adverts and social media. These, so often do not reflect reality and can make us feel bad about ourselves. It may help to take a break from social media.

Be kind to yourself. Money worries can have a big impact on our mental health. They might make us feel afraid, embarrassed or angry. And, they can affect our self-esteem. Try not to blame yourself for your situation or how you're feeling about it. If you need help, reach out...

Contact Websites:

<https://benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk/>

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/budgeting1/get-help-with-bills/>

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/help-through-hardship-helpline/>

<https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/everyday-money/budgeting/use-our-budget-planner.html>

<https://www.stepchange.org/christmas-festive-season.aspx>

<https://www.ilovefreegle.org/about> <https://www.freecycle.org/>

Getting into debt

Please, please, please – just don't!

Don't be tempted by the many 'Buy Now - Pay Later ' schemes that flood the internet. Avoid getting into debt as a way of giving your family a good Christmas.

Unwrapping presents might seem OK for the first few minutes the paper is being pulled off; but a few hours later the realisation will hit that it will all have to be paid back.

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- * To all the admin. stalwarts, who keep us updated on church matters: **Sara Gordon, Carol Fouracre & Barbara Simmonds**, not forgetting our new Vicar **Rev. Nigel Candelent** and his wife **Liz**.
- * **Kay Smith**, our Dunkeswell Town Clerk, for the monthly Council minutes.
- * And last, but most definitely not least, to **Janine** your editor, who every month tirelessly puts it all together, in an informative & interesting format as possible, making it a vital resource in our community.

But most of all to YOU our readers, whose continued support ensures your Parish magazine will prevail in the years to come.

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Mondays	08.00 pm	Bingo Night	Highfield Sports & Social Club
Every 2nd Tues of the month	12.30 - 2.30 pm	Blackdown Support Group Lunch Club	Throgmorton Comm. Hall
Alternate Tuesdays	2 - 4 pm All welcome	Dunkeswell Art Group	Old Village Hall Dunkeswell
Wednesdays	12.00md - 1.00pm	Tumi's Keep Fit	Throgmorton Comm. Hall
very 4th Wednesday of the month	10.30 am 11.30 am	Blackdown Support Group Coffee Morning	Throgmorton Comm. Hall
Every 2nd Thursday	2.30pm	The Ladybirds Meeting	Throgmorton Comm. Hall
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Dates for your diary



DECEMBER 23

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Sun. 3rd	3.30 pm	Christingle	St James - Sheldon
Wed. 6th	10 -10.30 am	Devon Mobile Library	Community Hall
Fri. 8th	07.00 pm	Pantomime	Community Hall
Sat 9th	03.00 pm	Hook, Pan & Tinker	
Sun. 10th	03.00 pm		
Sat. 9th	9 - 12 md	Farmers Market	Community Hall
Tues. 12th	12.30 pm	BSG Christmas Lunch	Community Hall
	07.00 pm	Carol Service	Dunkeswell Abbey
Wed. 13th	06.00 pm	Carols - Honiton Band	Community Hall
Thurs. 14th	2.30 pm	Ladybirds Christmas	Community Hall
Sat. 16th	04.00 pm	Children's Xmas Party	Dunkeswell Village Hall
	07.00 pm	Quiz Night	Highfield Social Club
Sun. 17th	04.00 pm	Carols & Christingle	Community Hall
Thurs. 21st	06.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight	St. Nicholas Church
Sun. 24th	11.00 pm	Midnight mass	St Nicholas Church
Mon. 25th	10.00 am	All Age Celebration	St. Nicholas Church
Sun. 31st	11.00 am	New Year , New Hope	St. Nicholas Church
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Sat. 6th	07.00 pm	Wassail - 70th, Old Twelfie Celebration	Dunkeswell Village Hall
Sat. 13th	9 - 12 md	Farmers Market	Community Hall
Sun. 21st	11.00 am	Covenant Service	Methodist Church

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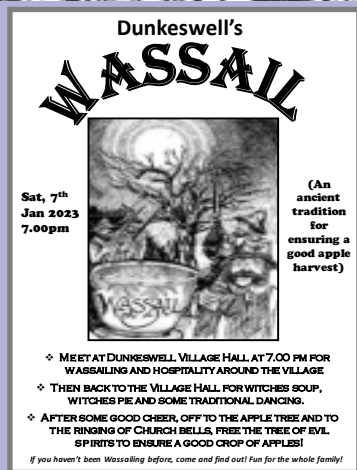
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NOTICE: *Ilene Cotton, died recently from Covid, aged 96. Her funeral took place on the 16th November at the Taunton Crematorium*

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The festive season is almost upon us and what better way to spread Christmas cheer than by raising funds for your local hospice?

The hospice is a charity and always needs donations to help fund its expert care for local people living with terminal illnesses.

Throughout November and December, please consider joining the hospice's supporters to fundraise in a variety of ways, from making mince pies and carol-singing to raffles and fancy dress. There are so many ways to help and there are lots of fundraising ideas on the hospice's website (address below).

Christmas Tree Recycling

Leave the effort of getting rid of your Christmas tree to Hospiscare. Their volunteers will collect and recycle your Christmas tree between 11-13 January 2024 in return for a donation to the hospice.

Registration opens on their website in November, where you can find out more and book in your collection.

Reindeer Run

Hospiscare has introduced a new Reindeer Run school challenge this festive season. Get ready to dash, prance, and make a difference in your local community. Sign up for FREE as a school, pre-school, nursery or group and receive a pack filled with make-your-own antlers, stickers, games, activities, colouring-in cards and more.

Light Up a Life 2023

Light Up a Life is the hospice's annual celebration of the lives of departed loved ones. There will be three beautiful memorial events at Exeter Cathedral and in Honiton and Cullompton of hand-picked readings, poems, music and carols in remembrance of all lost loved ones. There is also an online Gallery of Memories where you can leave a dedication in the memory of those dear to you.

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Devon: Railway Ticket office closure U-turn

Midweek Herald

Devon politicians across party lines have cheered the government's U-turn on proposals to close hundreds of train ticket offices.

The Conservative leader of Devon County Council, John Hart, said his authority voted against the closures, while Tiverton and Honiton MP Richard Foord (Lib Dem) said he had raised the issue multiple times in Parliament.

East Devon MP Simon Jupp (Conservative) also expressed concern and said he made his "views clear" about the plans to shut ticket offices in and around his constituency, including Exmouth, Honiton, Exeter St David's, Feniton and Axminster.

In September, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said closing ticket offices was *"the right thing for the British public and British taxpayers"* as *"only one in 10 tickets are sold currently in ticket offices"*.

But a public consultation on the proposals to shut 974 ticket offices attracted 750,000 responses, with almost all comments being objections, according to the organisations managing the survey.

Yesterday, Transport Secretary Mark Harper said the government had asked train operators to withdraw their proposals, given the strength of feeling.

Although only around 12 per cent of train tickets are purchased at ticket offices, Devon's more elderly and rural population tends to use ticket offices more frequently than the national average, according to the county council.

"Devon County Council voted unanimously to oppose the closures and lobby strongly for them to be retained," Mr Hart said.

"Devon is a very rural county with a higher than average number of older people who often rely on this service."

"Our cabinet member [for transport], Andrea Davis, who chairs the Peninsula Transport board, has also been very vocal in making our views known to the rail operators and ministers. This is a sensible, commonsense decision."

Meanwhile, Mr Foord, who wrote to South Western Railway and Great Western Railway about the potential impact for his constituency, said the U-turn was a "big win" for community campaigners.

"The scrapping of plans to close our local ticket offices is welcome news as we know how helpful they are to elderly and vulnerable passengers, and the huge benefit that ticket office staff offer rail users," he said.

"The question is, why did it take the government so long to act? The damage that these changes would have caused was visible from space."

"The public backlash showed a strength of feeling that makes it plain this decision should have been made ages ago."



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Hello everyone.

The November meeting of The Ladybirds was a busy one. Carol welcomed 22 members, one who had joined us that afternoon, Barbara Pescud. Carol said she hopes Barbara will enjoy her afternoons spent in our company.

Carol then went on to welcome our guest speaker, John Davidson, a Redcoat from Exeter who had come along to tell us about the arrival and growth of the railways in and around Exeter.

John's knowledge of the history of this subject made a very informative and enjoyable talk which he illustrated with various slides covering the travel before the railways and how things have changed. Everyone enjoyed the talk and there were various questions at the end, which John eagerly answered.

The business of the afternoon followed tea, biscuits and lots of chatter. There were several things to discuss; the upcoming Dunkeswell Pantomime visit, our AGM venue to enjoy a nice meal out with our friends and also the next meeting - our Christmas knees-up. We are hoping for a group booking for the pantomime and the venue for the **AGM is The Hare & Hounds**.

The next meeting, our Christmas knees-up will be held at **The Throgmorton Hall commencing at 2.30 on 14th December** and will include goodies to eat, a secret Santa gift, some games to laugh over and our competition - a hand-made Christmas hat!!!

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First Aid Kit: Accidents can happen at any time, and having a well-stocked first aid kit can be a lifesaver. Make sure it contains band-aids, gauze, antiseptic wipes, adhesive tape, scissors, tweezers, pain relievers, and any specific medications you or your family may need.

Jumper Cables: Dead batteries are a problem, and jumper cables can help get you back on the road quickly.

Flashlight with Extra Batteries: A working flashlight is invaluable during nighttime breakdowns or emergencies. Keep spare batteries on hand.

Blanket: A warm blanket can provide comfort and warmth in unexpected situations, from breakdowns to helping others in need.

Bottled Water and Non-Perishable Snacks: Staying hydrated and having some energy-boosting snacks on hand is crucial, if you're stuck in traffic or waiting for assistance.

Multi-Tool or Swiss Army Knife: A versatile tool can come in handy for various situations, from making small repairs to opening packages or bottles.

Reflective Warning Triangles or Flares: These help alert other drivers to your presence and can prevent accidents if your car is stopped on the side of the road.

Spare Tyre and Tyre Changing Kit: A flat tyre can happen, and being able to change it yourself can save you time and money. Make sure your spare tire is in good condition and that you have all the necessary tools.

Phone Charger and Power Bank: Your phone is your lifeline in emergencies. Having both a charger and a fully charged power bank can keep you connected.

Paper Map or GPS Device: Most people rely on smartphones for navigation, but it's good to have a backup in case your phone loses signal or runs out of battery.

**Winter can pose unique challenges for drivers,
from icy roads to unexpected snowstorms.**

Here's a list of extra winter essentials to add to your vehicle:

Snow Shovel: A compact folding shovel is a valuable tool for digging your car out of snowbanks or creating traction under your tyres.

Tyre Chains or Traction Mats: When roads get slippery, tyre chains or traction mats can provide the grip needed to get your vehicle moving again.

Cat Litter or Sand: These items can be sprinkled under your tyres to improve traction on icy or slick surfaces.

Portable Jump Starter: Cold winter weather can drain your car's battery, so having a portable jump starter on hand can help you restart your vehicle without relying on another car.

Flares or Reflective Triangles: In case of an emergency or if you're stuck on the side of the road, flares or reflective triangles can make your vehicle more visible to other drivers.

Cell Phone Charger and Power Bank: Keep your phone charged to make emergency calls or use navigation apps if needed.

Windshield Washer Fluid: Use a winter-specific fluid that prevents freezing on your windshield, ensuring clear visibility.

Antifreeze/Coolant: Ensure that your vehicle's coolant is rated for winter temperatures to prevent freezing.

Fully Charged Portable Air Compressor: Cold weather can affect tyre pressure, so having a compressor can help you maintain proper tyre inflation.

Road Flares or Emergency Beacon: These items will help increase your vehicle's visibility in low-visibility conditions.

Paper Maps: In case GPS or cell phone signals fail, paper maps can serve as a reliable backup for navigation.

Emergency Contact List: Include essential phone numbers, such as roadside assistance, family members, and your insurance company.

Survival blanket & First Aid Kit: Snacks & bottled water



Dear All,

Thank you once again for your continued support. I know we say it in every update, but we really do appreciate every penny.

During November the children made Poppies to take home. We also observed a minute's silence, and the children were brilliant throughout. We spoke to them about the dangers of war, and how we remember the fallen.



We are now fully into Christmas, making cards, gifts, and tea-towels. We will also be having a Christmas party for the children in the last week of term and will even have a visit from Santa himself.

Looking even further ahead the children have also been planting daffodils ready for the spring.

From everyone at Dunkeswell Preschool, have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year.



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DUNKESWELL VILLAGE HALL EVENTS:

Why not join us and your fellow villagers for sociable get-togethers in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. You will always be guaranteed a warm welcome; so do come and support us and join in the fun.

Past Events: Another great Murder/Mystery evening, hosted by Moonstone Players. Thanks to all who attended, and those who really got into the spirit of things with some fab costumes! We had witches, wizards, vampires, zombies all having a great time! Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Dates for your Diary & Future Events:

The Village Hall Committee are organising their annual **Children's Christmas party** to take place on **Saturday 16th December at 4 pm**. This is our favourite **FREE** event, and we hope you will bring your children along to meet Santa and have a great day. Lots of fun and good things to eat for the kids and their parents!

The Village Hall's 70th Old Twelfie Celebration takes place on **Sat. 6th January**.

This has always been a great new-year event, so do make a note of the date and join in the fun of **Wassailing - bring the whole family!**

More info can be found in the Parish magazine, Parish Council notice boards, bus stops, on social media web sites: Facebook 'Everything Dunkeswell' and Nextdoor.

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The festive season is a special time of year when many people come together with family and friends to celebrate. At Hospiscare, we know that for those adjusting to life without a loved one, it can be a bitter-sweet time.

Light Up a Life is our annual celebration of the lives of lost loved ones. We hope you will join us for one of our in-person celebrations this December – in Exeter, Honiton or Cullompton – for hand-picked readings, poems, music and carols in honour and remembrance of all those people we hold dear.

Our Tree of Light will also shine in memory of our loved ones in front of Exeter Cathedral for you to visit throughout December.





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Join us for a special evening of music, poetry and readings to remember someone special this Christmas.

This festive season, Hospiscare invites you to join our *Light Up A Life* celebration in honour and memory of loved ones we have lost.

In addition to our memorial *Book of Memories*, which will be displayed in local churches and community centres, the online *Gallery of Memories*, and the Hospiscare Tree of Lights, which will stand on Exeter's Cathedral Green throughout December, we are also holding three in-person events where we can come together in celebration and remembrance of those we love.

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