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Editor's Note:

The festive season is already fading into memory, and we have a whole new year to look forward to, which hopefully will turn out to be perfect!

This is the first issue of the magazine for 2024, which includes our listed advertisers, both old and new, many of whom have opted to stay with us as they have found local advertising helps their business.

'Shop local' is the slogan we often hear, so do look through the magazine when you need to find a plumber, electrician, chimney sweep, vet surgery, etc. It's their paid advertising that has kept the magazine going strong all these years!

The Dunkeswell Village Hall held some great events recently, including the Charity Christmas Fair, the annual free Children's Christmas Party, and the traditional Old Twelfie Wassail in January.

Take a look at the photos on pages 59 & 61

It's almost unbelievable to read that there are billions of pounds sitting forgotten and unclaimed in bank savings and investment accounts, pensions and even Premium Bond prizes. Find out more about this on pages 30 to 33.

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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Hospiscare News

Did you know.....

Hospiscare is a local independent charity looking after local people in Exeter, Mid and East Devon.

Our community services are free and our 12 bedded ward at Searle House offers 24-hour, 24/7 - 365 days a year care for people needing specialist symptom control and end-of - life care.



We are not part of the NHS – we receive 18% funding from the government, the rest is raised by the generous support of the local community.

We don't just look after people with Cancer diagnosis, we look after anyone over the age of 18 with a terminal diagnosis that needs specialist end of life care.

Hospiscare has been working closely with our NHS community colleagues to provide expertise and support for those patients with complex, specialist palliative care needs. Every day matters when you have a life-limiting illness. Hospiscare services are there for anyone needing specialist Services.

We are currently working closely with Exeter Prison & St Petrock's with those who are homeless.



St Nicholas Church

Church Services
11.00 am
(unless otherwise stated)

FEBRUARY 2024

Feb 04: Holy Communion Rev'd Peter Horder

Feb 11: **9.30** Morning Worship Rev'd Jane Penn

*Feb 14: **7.00 pm Mission Community Ash Wednesday Service at St Nicholas - Dunkeswell***
Rev'd Jane Penn & Rev'd Nigel Candelent

Feb 18: **10.30** Songs & Worship at **Throgmorton Hall**

Feb 25: Holy Communion Rev'd Peter Robinson

MARCH

Mar 03: Holy Communion Rev'd Nigel Candelent

February services at St. James the Greater, Sheldon

4th	9:30am	Family Service	Lay led
11th	9:30am	Morning Worship	Revd Nigel Candelent
18th	9:30am	Holy Communion	Revd Jane Penn
25th	9:30am	Holy Communion	Revd Nigel Candelent

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER:

On 8th December 2023 the ashes of the late Ilene Cotton were buried in the Churchyard



£83 was donated to Macmillan Cancer Support
from St. Nicholas Church's

LOVED ONES SERVICE



does Valentine's Day

With Revd Nigel and Revd Jane

Luppitt Village Hall,

14 February from 10:30am

*Family Fun * Craft Activities

*Music *Refreshments

Children must be accompanied by an adult!

SONGS & WORSHIP

10.30 am

Sunday 18th February

Throgmorton Hall

Dunkeswell



HAVE YOU HEARD?

You are unique!

Author *Unknown*

Think what a remarkable, unduplicatable, and miraculous thing it is to be you! Of all the people who have come and gone on the earth, since the beginning of time, not ONE of them is like YOU!

No one who has ever lived, or is to come, has had your combination of abilities, talents, appearance, friends, acquaintances, burdens, sorrows and opportunities.

No one's hair grows exactly the way yours does. No one's fingerprints are like yours. No one has the same combination of secret inside jokes and family expressions that you know.

The few people who laugh at all the same things you do, don't sneeze the way you do. No one prays about exactly the same concerns as you do. No one is loved by the same combination of people that love you – NO ONE!

No one before, no one to come. YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY UNIQUE!

Enjoy that uniqueness. You do not have to pretend in order to seem more like someone else. You weren't meant to be like someone else. You do not have to lie to conceal the parts of you that are not like what you see in anyone else.

You were meant to be different. Nowhere ever in all of history will the same things be going on in anyone's mind, soul and spirit, as are going on in yours right now.

If you did not exist, there would be a hole in creation, a gap in history, something missing from the plan for humankind.

Treasure your uniqueness. It is a gift given only to you. Enjoy it and share it!

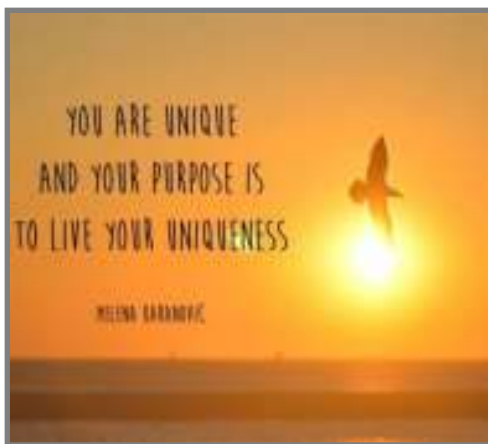
No one can reach out to others in the same way that you can. No one can speak your words. No one can convey your meanings. No one can comfort with your kind of comfort. No one can bring your kind of understanding to another person.

No one can be cheerful and light-hearted and joyous in your way. No one can smile your smile. No one else can bring the whole unique impact of you to another human being.

Share your uniqueness. Let it be free to flow out among your family and friends and people you meet in the rush and clutter of living wherever you are. That gift of yourself was given you to enjoy and share. Give yourself away!

See it! Receive it! Let it tickle you! Let it inform you and nudge you and inspire you!
YOU ARE UNIQUE!

Carol Fouracre



Rev. Nigel writes....



I do hope that you all have had a blessed Christmas. As we are now well in to 2024, we look forward to all this New Year will bring.

For some it's a time of making New Year's resolutions but for us all it is an opportunity for a fresh start, a new year with new beginnings.

I wonder what that looks like for each of us? It may be a time for us to plan our holidays, hoping for some warm weather. As I write this, the temperature outside is minus 4!

When we book our holidays, we visit countries and places of our own choice. This is not the case for so many people in our world today. There are many thousands of people living in war torn countries, having to flee their own country for safety. I know that there are many people who have made the journey to Devon and sought refuge here. We give thanks for us all those who have generously given of their time and those who have offered room in their houses to make the people and families who have come here as welcome as possible. Let us hold in prayer all those who are displaced, that one day they may be able to return to their home country.

For Christians, to 'journey' is a significant part of our lives. There are different seasons in the church calendar that helps us in our journey of faith. We have just journeyed through the season of advent which is a time of preparation and reflection, a time to step back from the busyness of all that the Christmas season brings. It was my first Christmas in our communities and was wonderful to meet so many people at the various Christmas markets, Carol services and other events, including all that our schools in our communities did in the lead up to Christmas.

As I write this, we are in the season the Church call Epiphany. This is traditionally when we remember the visit of the wise men to see the baby Jesus, following the star, travelling from foreign countries,

The Gospel of Matthew, in Chapter 2, gives us a wonderful account of this event that happened around two thousand years ago.

It also reminds us that Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus were also refugees. They were made to flee for safety in Egypt, taking all their possessions they could carry, staying there until it was safe for them to return.

February brings the next season in the Church calendar which we call Lent which is another time of preparation. This time, we journey towards the cross, at Easter, when we remember the death of Jesus.

During the time of Lent, it is traditionally a time to give things up, to take things on, giving of our time or finances, and to spend time in prayer. I would like to invite you to journey with Rev Jane and I, as we lead some Lent reflections. The same sessions will be repeated in two locations. I do hope you are able to join us.

Every blessing

Rev Nigel Candelent



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

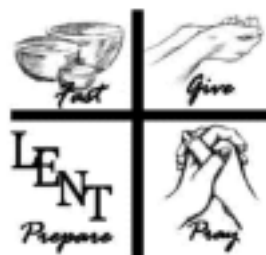
**Dunkeswell Mission
Community**

Lent Reflections...

**Thursday 15th, 22nd, 29th February,
7th, 14th March 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Dunkeswell Village Hall.**

or

**Friday 16th, 23rd February & 1st, 8th, 15th March;
10.30am – 12 pm
The Vestry Room, Plymtree.**



A READING AND PRAYER WITH SELWYN HUGHES

FOR FEBRUARY

1st. 1 Peter 2 v 6: 'and the one who trusts in Him will never be put to shame.' Father, with all my heart I affirm you are my sufficiency. Forgive me that so often I rely on my own self-sufficiency or that of others, instead of depending on you. Forgive me and release me now in Jesus' Name. Amen.

2nd. Colossians 2 v 10: 'and you have been given fulness in Christ.' Father, help me remember that I belong to You, the all-creative, all-sufficient God. Make this truth come alive in me and my head and my heart. May it be a conviction, not just an opinion. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

3rd. Exodus 20 v 3: 'You shall have no other gods before ME.' Holy God, forgive me when I have turned from You to other gods. You alone are God; and all life, individual and corporate, must finally bow the knee to You. May I do so gladly and willingly. Keep me bowed before You – always. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

4th. Genesis 17 v 1: 'I am God Almighty.' Father, save me from thinking that anything can ever be a substitute for You. Just as your glory filled all the Temple in Isaiah's day, so let Your glory fill me – exclusively – in Jesus' Name, I ask it. Amen.

5th. Isaiah 33 v 14: 'Who of us can dwell with the consuming fire?' Father, I see this is something I cannot have too much of – an encounter with the Holy One – to be in awe of Your holiness. Draw me as close as I can to your Holy Presence. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

6th. Hebrews 12 v 28: 'Let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.' Lord God, help me develop respect for holy things, but not to become over-spiritual about these matters, being solemn, which would be unhealthy. Keep me balanced I pray, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

7th. Isaiah 52 v 7: 'How beautiful... are the feet of those who bring good news.' My Father and my God, grant in all my service to You that I may be close to the Cross, and the voice that people will hear will not be mine alone, but the still small voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to them, in Christ's Name, Amen.

8th. Psalm 16 v 4: ‘The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods.’ God, how can I ever thank you enough for pursuing me with urgency and passion. It meant so much to You to win me to yourself. May my passion match Your passion, if not in degree, in kind. In Jesus’ Name.

9th. Psalm 29 v 2: ‘Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to His Name. Worship the Lord in the splendour of His holiness.’ Father, I ask myself in Your presence – how much of my life is spent in worship? How much time do I give to thinking of You and only You? Help me to draw near to You, not to ask for things but just to worship You. In Jesus’ Name I pray. Amen.

10th. Revelation 7 v 15: ‘and serve Him day and night in His temple.’ Father, forgive me when I think of worship, that I should offer at certain times or seasons. Help me to worship You constantly everywhere and in everything, in Jesus, Name. Amen

11th. Psalm 22 v 3: ‘Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One – You are the praise of Israel.’ Father, may ALL these three – worship, thanksgiving and praise, be present in my life. NOT in a mechanical way, but naturally. Dear Lord, my desire is for You to be glorified in me. Amen.

12th. Luke 6 v 38: ‘Give, and it, will be given to you.’ Father, how can I thank you sufficiently for coming through the door of Your own self-giving, to stand at the door of my poor heart? You have given Yourself to me, now, in a truly joyful exchange. I give myself to You. Amen.

13th. Isaiah 43 v 15: ‘I am the Lord, your Holy One, Israel’s Creator, your King.’ Father, as I survey of the wonder of Your holiness – I too – like the worshipping seraphs, want to join in the refrain and say “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty.” I worship your holy Name, now and always. Amen.

14th. Leviticus 11 v 45: ‘I am the Lord.... your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy.’ Father, if ever your Church needed a fresh vision of Your holiness, it is today. May the prophets and teachers of your Word have a true knowledge of the Holy. This we ask in the precious Name of Jesus. Amen.

15th. Revelation 4 v 8: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is, and is to come.’ Lord my God, there is none like You in heaven above or in the earth beneath – glorious in holiness, mighty in splendour and wondrous in majesty. I worship You – may my heart be Yours for ever. Amen.

16th. 2 Corinthians 7 v 1: ‘Let us purify ourselves from everything that harms body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.’ Father, may I be as concerned for the moral health of the universe as You are. For myself, help me to focus on my own moral health, and to be rid of all in my life that is contrary to You and Your nature; In Jesus’ Name I ask it. Amen.

17th. Numbers 17 v 12: ‘The Israelites said to Moses “We shall die, we are lost, we are lost!’ Lord God, let the X-ray of Your holiness reveal the insidious sin that is deep within me. Show up the pride and arrogance that lies hidden in my nature. Make me more like You, dear Lord. Amen.

18th. 1 Peter 1 v 15: ‘But just as He who called you is Holy, so be holy in all you do.’ Heavenly Father, I am afraid and unworthy to draw near to You. Show me more clearly that the time I spend with You will yield more than it costs. Help me to make any necessary sacrifices. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

19th. Numbers 17 v 13: ‘Anyone who even comes near the tabernacle of the Lord will die’ - fearing for one’s life. Father, help me to realise that before I can be saved I must admit my lostness and utter helplessness. I freely confess that salvation is all of grace, for which may I be deeply thankful. Amen.

20th. Ephesians 2 v 8: ‘For it is by grace you have been saved.’ Thank You Father that I have been surprised by joy – when I expected to be consigned to hell, You showed me the way to heaven. How can I ever sufficiently thank You for Your grace. All honour and glory be to You. Amen.

21st. 1 Peter 2: 24: ‘He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree.’ Dear God, nothing that anyone has done or can do against me, compares to what I have done against You, and yet you have forgiven me. Help me now to forgive others fully and graciously, not grudgingly – In Jesus’s Name. Amen.

22nd. Genesis 22 v 1: ‘Some time later God tested Abraham, saying to him, “Abraham,” Here I am, he replied. ‘Lord God, I ask you to give me each day a clear vision of Yourself, that will shatter every one of my self-concerns. Help me to respond to whatever You call me” Here am I, send me.” Amen.

23rd. Jeremiah 26 v 12: ‘The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city.’ Father, it humbles me to think that You want me on your team, and I am overwhelmed by your invitation. Please use me in any way You wish, and where You want me to go. Here I am, send me!

24th. Jeremiah 5 v 21: ‘Hear this, you... who have eyes but do not see, who have ears but do not hear.’ Dear God, I am your disciple, but sometimes I am afraid to follow where You lead me. Help me to do your bidding whatever the outcome, to obey Your Word, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

25th. Matthew 13 v 14: ‘You will be ever hearing but never understanding, you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.’ Father I see Your Word is not only a saving Word but a searing Word – it heals but also hardens. May my feelings not hinder its accomplishment. Amen.

26th. Job 14 v 7: ‘There is hope for a tree if it is cut down, it will sprout again.’ O God, when will I learn that Your way is the only sure way. Forgive me when I prefer my way to Yours – help me to put Your interest before my own selfish desires. Amen.

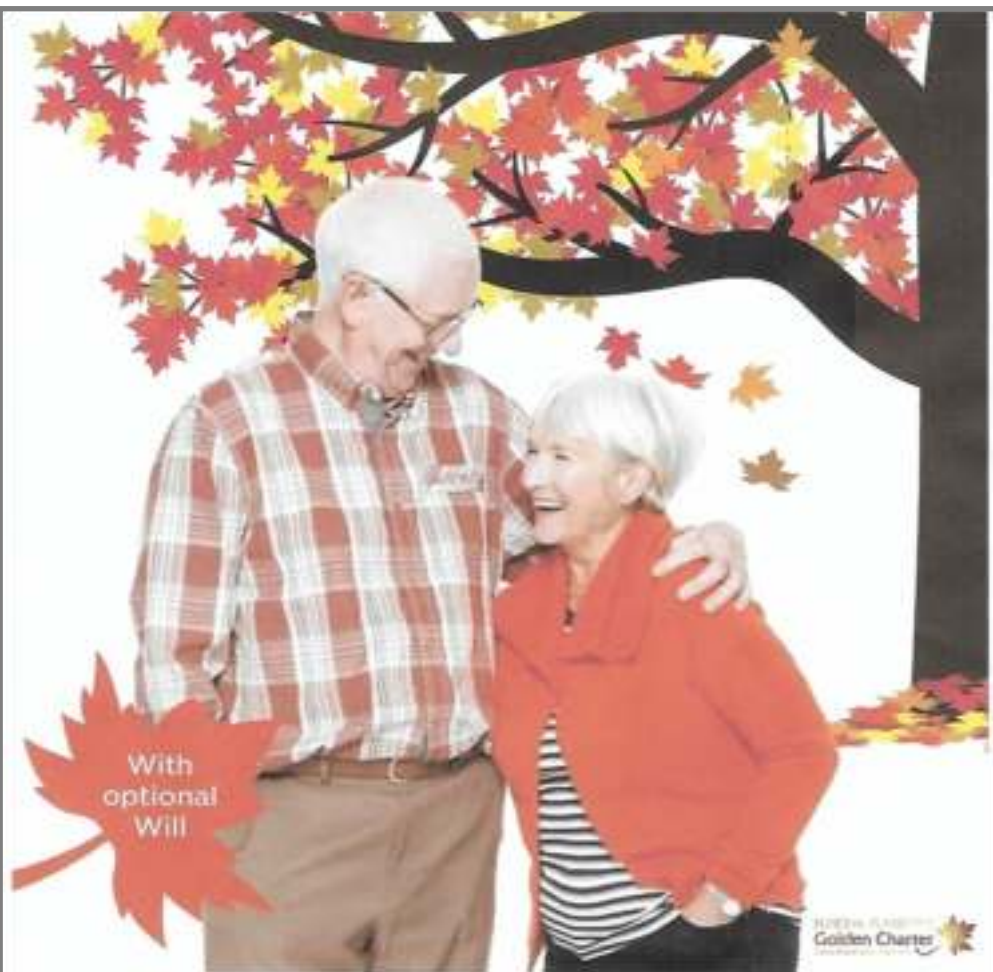
27th. Romans 11 v 5: So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace.’ Father, I am thankful that I am part of today’s remnant, and even more thankful that that remnant is part of You. By myself I am nothing but with You I am a significant number. Amen.

28th. John 12 v 41: ‘Isaiah saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about Him.’ Lord, may the vision of Your glory that transformed Isaiah also transform me. Help me to walk through life with my gaze firmly fixed on You. To You be all the honour, all the glory, all the praise. Amen.

29th. Habakkuk 3 v 19: ‘The Lord God will make my feet like deer’s feet.’ Lord, may I be patient in my search for the answer to spiritual confusion. Show me that there are no quick answers to life’s big problems. May I slow down so that I keep pace with You. Amen.

Rev. Peter Horder





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FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday 4th	Mrs. H. Parsons - Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	Mr. B. Cooper
Sunday 18th	Mrs. G. Atkinson
Sunday 25th	Mr. T. Stirzaker

Welcome

May God Bless You



**Minutes of the Meeting of Dunkeswell
Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Monday 15th January 2024—7.30 pm**

Planning <https://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/online-applications/> or
<https://www.dunkeswell-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications/>

Planning Decisions (for information)

Approval with Conditions - 23/1494/FUL Unit 20A Flightway Dunkeswell Business Park Dunkeswell Devon EX14 4RD - Extension of balcony, additional roller shutter doors and associated internal modification. - **Noted**

Planning Applications (to be considered to date of the meeting)

a) **23/2499/LBC Autumn Cottage Dunkeswell EX14 4RE** - Replacement timber windows: 1no. first floor on north elevation; 4 no. ground floor and 4no. first floor on west elevation and 1no. first floor on south elevation. (expiry to comment 13.1.24)

In consultation with the Council, comments have been submitted by the clerk using the Scheme of Delegation to the Clerk on 3.1.24

“No Objections”

Resolution: The delegated comment was ratified

b) **23/2705/FUL & 23/2706/LBC Musgrove Farm Lane Past Musgrove Farm House Dunkeswell Devon EX14 4RR** - Proposed replacement windows, change of render colour and new rear dormer (expiry to comment 26.1.24)

Resolution: Council agreed to submit “No Objections” to this application

Highways

Issues to report - Opposite Crudges - road side crumbling/potholes Abbey Road - just past Slate Lane at the end of the Lay-by. + 40mtrs on pothole + 40mtrs on again pothole in the track + 30 mtrs on smaller pothole.

Bowerhayes Lane 240mtrs down from Junction

Opposite Latehayne

Opposite live work on Abbey road

b) Grit bin - Hill ~Abbey road reported 9.1.24 to DCC damaged and full of water, salt unusable. - **Noted**

23/163 Community and Governance

a) Parks

- i) NCP Fencing - completed - **Noted**
- ii) Muga Fencing - completed - **Noted**
- iii) Park Equipment spare parts - email 10.1.24 to say ready to be shipped

- **Noted**

Resolution: It was resolved to order fencing supplies to make use of the left over fencing and use this to replace some damaged fencing along the park fencing backing onto Simcoe Way properties. This will done when the weather is better.

b) Marcus rd/Flightway/ North Louis Way.

- i) Drone footage received, not as yet uploaded, Clerk concerned about the size of the file, Cllr's to advise.

Resolution: Council advised not to download, and that the drone operator has offered to locate and print off any suitable information for the EA. Clerk to make contact.

In addition councillors requested the clerk contact EDDC regarding mobile homes in two locations.

d) Speedwatch

- i) Cllr Sipple to update council

Comments: Cllr Sipple updated councillors, Speed monitoring had taken place in December on Highfield Rd, with no speeding issues recorded. The issues of "safe sites" for a prospective Speedwatch group has been raised and Cllr Sipple has asked, that in advance of the Parish Council trying again to create a group, if the Police can ascertain the problem areas and then identify the safe sites, in those areas.

The Council had hoped to be able to access a grant fund providing funding for a Vehicle Activated signs (VAS), Unfortunately having asked multiple authorities and agencies we have been unable to locate this fund.

e) Trees - To discuss issues of large trees surrounding many properties in Dunkeswell and ideas on how best the PC can help with issues like, over shadowing, over hanging, wrong trees in the wrong place, safety issues and Insurance worries from residents.

Resolution: Following discussions & suggestions from District Councillors it was agreed that a letter seeking advice and guidance should be sent to the Forestry Commission and copied to EDDC, in the hope some sort of compromise can be made and residents with large trees that are causing concern can carry out works to lessen the risk to them and their properties.

Clerk to draft a letter.

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

Next meeting - Parish Council Meeting Monday 19th February 2024, 7.30pm at Dunkeswell Village Hall.



SHELDON VILLAGE HALL

invites you to a...

Quiz Night



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2nd
PRIZE:
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Sat 3 Feb - 4pm. Adults £8, U16's £7

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SWEET SUE (15)

Fri 9 Feb - 2pm with optional lunch & 7.30pm

Tickets: Adults £8, U16's £7 + Lunch £5.

A woman back on the dating scene embarks on a relationship with a mysterious biker at her brother's funeral, whose son turns out to be a social media influencer.


Honiton's Community Theatre Company Presents Robin Hood.

Tue 13 - Sat 17 Feb - 7pm. Adults £14 & Children £11

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MONEY MATTERS:

Billions of pounds of forgotten UK cash - find out if you're sitting on a fortune

There is around £1.7billion sitting in savings accounts, pensions, and investments that have been forgotten about - and some of it could be yours.

Most of us are feeling the pinch now, but many could be doing so needlessly. There is around £1.7billion sitting in savings accounts, pensions, and investments that have been forgotten about, and another £1.7billion in lost Child Trust Funds and - £81million in unclaimed premium bond prizes – and some of that cash could have your name on it.

It's been estimated that there is around £ 800 million in lost pensions and insurance policies, and it's easy to see why.

Pension rules mean most people are automatically put into the workplace scheme when they start a new job. It means you get a

new pension every time you change jobs, so many of your old pensions can trail after you.

If you forget to update details with every one of them when you move house, it's easy to lose track. If you think you've lost a pension, it's worth taking time to track it down. Check to see if you have the paperwork. If not, talk to old colleagues to see if they kept any. You can also contact the Government's pension tracing service by searching "find pension contact details" at gov.uk.

It's also worth thinking about bringing your old pensions together, which will cut down on administration and help you make the best possible decisions when you retire.

You might, for example, choose to take a portion of your pension as a cash lump sum and spend it.

However, if you combine it into a larger pot, you're more likely to leave it where it is and make the most of it.

When you bring together pensions, & Investments have launched a free tool that lets you search for accounts with all of them: My Lost Account.

Check that you're not giving up any guaranteed benefits, (mylostaccount.org.uk/about).

It will take up to 90 days for all the institutions to get back to you and let you know if you have an account with them.

Then you need to contact any relevant ones directly.

Once you've found any lost cash, some spring cleaning can help you monitor it. You can close old accounts, paying next to nothing in interest and move your money somewhere it will work harder for you.

Don't forget the Financial Services Compensation Scheme limit, which protects the first £85,000 held with each institution if something was to go wrong.

Bringing your savings together shouldn't mean busting this limit. Even if you have a lot of savings, you can still keep it all in one place with NS&I (which is 100% protected by the Treasury) or a cash savings platform, so you can take advantage of the best rates from several different banks, and still see them all in one place.

There's also a vast sum of cash sitting in forgotten savings accounts. Since 2011, £892million has been classed as dormant because it hasn't been touched in 15 years, and the account holder hasn't responded to attempts to get in touch.

This money from dormant accounts is then given to good causes through what's known as the "dormant assets" scheme, but if you think some of it might be yours, don't panic. You can still contact the bank and reclaim it – because it still belongs to you.

If you know the business you held money with, the best thing to do is contact them and ask. You'll need to prove your identity, but they should be able to track down your account. If you're unsure where your accounts are, things are more straightforward than they used to be – banks, build- ing societies, and National Savings



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CHILD TRUST FUNDS

There's £1.7 billion sitting unclaimed in matured Child Trust Funds (CTFs), belonging to almost a million young people aged 18-20. Everyone in this age group has a Child Trust fund, but over two in five remain unclaimed.

These accounts began maturing in September 2020. Those parents on lower incomes and those who weren't financially aware when they received their vouchers may never have known precisely where their money was invested, and they are more likely to need it most.

There were 6.3 million accounts opened in total – 1.8 million of them opened by HM Revenue & Customs after parents didn't make a choice. It means the million young people with neglected accounts are likely just to be the first of many.

If you have a child born between September 1, 2002 and January 1, 2011, they'll have qualified for a CTF. If you've lost track of it, you can track it through the Government website gov.uk as long as you have parental responsibility for the child. Either sign into the Government Gateway or sign up for an account. Then, you can fill out a form with your child's details, and they will inform you of the provider

holding your child's CTF. People over 16 can track down CTFs via gov.uk.

PREMIUM BONDS

And don't forget to double-check your premium bonds – you could be missing out on hundreds of thousands of pounds in prizes.

Prizes worth £81 million have languished unclaimed for the last 18 months or so. That's more than two million prizes outstanding.

Of the 2,324,683 unclaimed prizes, six are worth £100,000, nine are worth £50,000, and 14 are worth £25,000.

Winners should receive notifications by text, email or post. Some unclaimed prizes may belong to bondholders who have moved or changed contact details without updating NS&I. It's also possible some prize notifications may have been lost in the post.

Some reasons to check if you are missing prizes include, moving home without informing NS&I, or having bought premium bonds before 2011 and not linked them to your bank?

You can find lost premium bond prizes via the checker either at nsandi.com/prize-checker, or the NS&I's prize checker app, or write to NS&I, Sunderland, SR43 2SB.

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Saturday

Jan 6	Apr 27	Jul 20	Oct 12
Feb 3	May 25	Aug 17	Nov 9
Mar 2, 30	Jun 22	Sep 14	Dec 7

Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Dunkeswell	Community Centre	10:00	12:15

Wednesday

Jan 17	Apr 10	Jul 3, 31	Oct 23
Feb 14	May 8	Aug 28	Nov 20
Mar 13	Jun 5	Sep 25	

Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Dunkeswell	Community Centre	10:00	10:30

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

Most common scams

- Push payment fraud - scammers trick victims into transferring money
- Unauthorised payment fraud - lost or stolen cards are used to spend money
- Remote banking fraud - criminals access victims' money digitally by getting hold of personal information
- Investment scams - fraudsters offer schemes that promise good returns
- 'Hello mum' scam - criminals text parents pretending to be one of their children in need of emergency cash
- Advance fee fraud - scammers force victims to pay an upfront fee for goods or services that never materialise
- Romance scam - criminals pose online on dating websites
- Phishing - scam emails try to elicit personal information

Fraud is booming in the UK, with victims losing £580m in just the first half of 2023 – and losses for the whole year expected to exceed £1bn.

Behind every sum stolen is a human story of stress, panic, and loss of trust. That's why it's so important to arm yourself with the knowledge to beat scammers when they come calling.

Check your credit report

When it comes to fighting fraud, it's not your credit score that matters, but the details on the report itself.

Regularly scour your credit report for any unfamiliar accounts or searches – and if you find any, query them immediately, as they could reveal a fraudster using your identity. You can do this for free via **Clearscore (Equifax), Credit Karma (TransUnion) and MSE Credit Club (Experian).**

Two-factor authentication: Using two-factor authentication (2FA) adds a layer of security when signing in to websites and services. It involves sharing something only you would have – such as a code sent to your phone via text or authenticator app – before you're allowed to sign in. It's an effective way to protect your online data and you should consider enabling it for any website you interact with.

Password managers: It's almost impossible to remember the dozens of passwords we use across different sites.

The answer is to use a password manager, which are programs that look after your passwords for you.

In most cases they will also generate strong, unguessable passwords and then make sure they're associated with the right websites.

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Apple iCloud Keychain – stores passwords across your Apple devices that are signed in with the same Apple ID

Investigate websites: Dodgy, websites remain a fruitful tool for scammers. You may think you're browsing the website of a major bank or well-known retailer, but scam and copycat sites are rife.

Before entering your details, plug the website address into domain checker <https://lookup.icann.org/en> or <https://who.is/>

This will show you when the website was registered and can expose any impostors.

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NEWSLETTER & TIMETABLES – DECEMBER 2023

New coffee mornings for 2024



TRIP's clients enjoying the last hub at Talaton

It was with great sadness that TRIP has had to end the Friendship Hubs on the 28th November and Befriending due to a lack of supportive government grants. We know how much they will be missed by you all. However, we have obtained some funding to hold coffee mornings weekly and, after a taster session held on December 20th, these will begin in earnest on Wednesday 10th January from 10am to 12.30pm. Wendy will be greatly missed for all her efforts over the past year.

Shoobridge Funeral Services have kindly offered TRIP a meeting room, free of charge, to host a weekly coffee morning (*with cake!*). This is great news for all those that enjoyed the weekly friendship hubs. They are providing a lovely space for everyone to meet and volunteers that helped with the hubs have kindly said they will continue to

help with the coffee mornings. Door to door transport will, of course, be laid on for those in the vicinity that need it. Clients who attended the last hub were really pleased that they would still be able to meet up with all the friends they have made at the hubs. Anyone wanting more information should ring the office on 01404 46529.



Doreen and Wendy who ran the hubs. Doreen will begin her new role of organising the coffee mornings in January.

The Benefits of TRIP Membership



TRIP has undergone an in-depth look at our operations and funding. In order to support regular users of our services, we have taken the following decision.

Our prices have been set for the next year **OR** for as long as we can manage to hold them back. We really do not have control of the cost-of-living increase that effects all of us.

What is exciting is that we are holding these prices for our customers who are members of TRIP.

Membership gives you access to preferential bookings, quarterly newsletters and a reduced price for all trips out.

From 1st January 2024, those who are not members will have to pay a 10% surcharge on all outings and volunteer car journeys.

Anyone who uses our services on a regular basis would benefit from becoming a member of TRIP which will ensure preferential bookings and cost savings on all services used.

The annual fee for being a member of TRIP is £15 for the year, January to December.

Please remember that membership fees are due on 1st January 2024.

Wednesday Friendship Club

10.00am till 12.30pm

Collection From: All Areas- Making own way there- £7, Live in Honiton-£12, All other areas-£17.00

Dates

January	10,17,24 & 31	White Lace Hall
February	7,14,21 & 28	5 Reme Drive
March	6,13,20 & 27	HeathPark Industrial Estate, Honiton, EX14 1SE

Wednesday Shopping Trips

Pick up starting from 10am

Collection From: Upottery, Sheldon, Luppitt, Broadhembury, Dunkeswell & Awliscombe

Dates		Destination	Fare
January	3, 10,17,24 & 31	Various Honiton shopping areas such as High Street, Tesco's, Lidl & Aldi	£12
February	7,14,21 & 28		
March	6,13, 20 & 27		

Honiton Friday Mornings Shopping Trips

Pick up starting from 9.30am

Collection From: Honiton

Dates		Destination	Fare
January	5,12,19 & 26	Various Honiton shopping areas such as High Street, Tesco's, Lidl & Aldi	Honiton - £9
February	2,9,16 & 23		Villages - £12
March	1,8,15 & 22		

Thursday Trips Out

Pick up starting from 9.30am

Collection From: Honiton, Combe Raleigh, Awliscombe, Offwell, Dunkeswell, Ottery St Mary, West Hill, Aylesbeare, Payhembury, Feniton, Talaton, Sidmouth, Gittisham, Wilmington, Monkton, Stockland, Dalwood, Cotleigh, Widworthy, Buckerell & Luppitt

Dates		Destination	Fare
January	4 th	Exeter	£18
	11 th	Taunton	£20
	18 th	Sidmouth	£15
	25 th	Tavistock & drive over the Moor	£25
February	1 st	Exmouth	£18
	8 th	Dorchester	£23
	15 th	Sidmouth	£15
	22 nd	Exeter	£18
	29 th	Sherborne	£23
March	7 th	Taunton	£20
	14 th	Exmouth	£18
	21 st	Sidmouth	£15
	28 th	Exeter	£18



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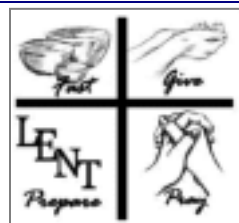
Mondays & Thursdays	9.30 am - 3.00 pm	Riverside Club Hemyock	Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre
Mondays exc. Bank holidays	7.00pm	AndysMansClub RFC - Honiton	All Hallows playing field
Mondays	8.00 pm	Bingo Night	Highfield Sports & Social Club
Every 2nd Tues of the month	12.30 - 2.30 pm	Blackdown 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
Every 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
2nd Friday	3.00 pm	Film Club	Throgmorton Comm. Hall
4th Tuesday	7.00 pm 3.00 pm	Members only	
Fridays Fortnightly	2 - 4 pm All welcome	Knit & Natter £2 per session	Highfield Social Club

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go." ~ Dr. Seuss

Dates for your diary



Sat .3rd	10.00 - 12.30	Mobile Library	Community Hall
Thurs. 8th	2.30 pm	Ladybirds meeting	Community Hall
Sat. 10th	9 - 12 md	Farmers Market	Community Hall
Mon 12th - Fri 16th		HALF TERM	
Tues. 13th		Shrove Tuesday	Pancake Day
	12.30 pm	BSG—Lunch	Community Hall
Wed. 14th		Valentines Day	
	10.00 - 10.30	Mobile Library	Community Hall
	10.30 am	Messy Church	Luppitt Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	St. Nicholas Church
Thurs. 15th	7.00 pm	Lent Reflections	Village Hall
Sun. 18th	10.30 am	Songs & Worship	Community Hall
Tues. 20th	12 md	Soupa Tuesday	Highfield Social Club
Wed. 21st	10.30 am	BSG—Coffee morning	Community Hall
Thurs. 22nd	7.00 pm	Lent Reflections	Village Hall
Tues. 27th	12 md	Soupa Tuesday	Highfield Social Club
Thurs. 29th	7.00 pm	Lent Reflections	Village Hall



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Soupa Tuesday

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February 20th & 27th

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Dear All,

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

It is certainly starting to feel more wintery now.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Fete. We made over £600 which is absolutely fantastic. We would also like to say a special thank you to Jasz, Vicky, Paul, and Max for giving up their time to help the staff on the day. This support really does make a huge difference. If you would like to join our fund-raising team, please do get in touch. Any help is always much appreciated.

This term we welcome four new children to our group. It is so nice to meet new families and help the children on their learning journeys.

Over the coming month we have lots of exciting activities planned. We will be looking at Australia for Australia day on the 22nd of January and also have a visit from the police which is always informative for us all.

In February we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday and Valentines Day which will centre around kindness and caring for others. This will tie in with our kindness week starting from the 19th of February.



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By the next issue we will have had our "bag2school" so I look forward to sharing how much this has raised.

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Thank you all once again for your support.

Pancake Day in the UK, is known as Shrove Tuesday



Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Christian festival of Lent - the period of forty days before Easter when traditionally one would fast and pray, in remembrance of the forty days that Jesus spent fasting in the desert whilst being tempted by Satan.

Since the date of Shrove Tuesday is governed by the date of Easter, it occurs on a different day each year, usually in mid to late February or early March.

So Tell Me About The Pancakes!

So what has that got to do with pancakes? Well, traditionally one would want to eat up all the rich food in the house and have a really good meal before the fasting began.

Pancakes would use up eggs and butter and any other leftover food could be added to the pancakes.

Nowadays, Pancake Day is a great excuse to eat pancakes for dessert, slathered in sugar and lemon juice or spread with syrup

A Classic Pancake Recipe:

Ingredients

125g plain flour / A pinch of salt / 1 egg / 300ml milk / A little oil for frying

1. Sift the flour into a bowl and make a well in the middle of the flour.
2. Add the eggs into the well and whisk them into the flour. Then add the milk and keep whisking until all the lumps have gone, and it forms a batter.
3. Leave the batter to stand for at least half an hour in the fridge.

4. When you are ready to cook, heat your frying pan up and add a tiny amount of oil.

The way to do this is to put the oil on a piece of kitchen towel and wipe the surface of the pan (carefully - it is hot remember!) so that only a very thin coating covers it.

Now add the batter (whisk it again if it has separated) until it just covers the bottom of the pan. When bubbles appear on the surface of the pancake turn it over and cook the other side for the same length of time.



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New driving regulations and petrol price changes in 2024

The complete list of new driving regulations for 2024 has been made public, including adjustments to the price of petrol and sizable new punishments.

New beginnings accompany every new year, and traffic laws are no exception. To avoid breaking the law, drivers must stay aware of any modifications to the road.

The company issued a warning that while the Highway Code and traffic laws are constantly changing, drivers unaware of these changes may be subject to heavy fines.

Eyesight test

While the DVSA has yet to confirm what changes will be made to the eyesight exam, it is predicted by many experts that driver testing could take place in different lighting conditions. AutoTrader claims the move could catch more learners out when taking their driving test.

The eyesight test pass currently depends on the driver's ability to read a licence plate from 20 yards away. However, this eye test procedure may be modified in the future.

In addition to seeking drivers and experts for suggestions on how to conduct the test more effectively, the DVSA is engaging a Medical Panel over the design of the testing procedure.

DVLA services

A new contract between the DVLA and Post Office will begin on April 1, 2024, to allow branches around the country to continue offering drivers the ability to tax a vehicle or renew a 10-year photocard driving licence.

The initial contract will last for one year, with a possible further 2 one-year extensions. This could have disastrous consequences for elderly drivers who rely on the Post Office to stay on the road as they may not have access to the DVLA's online services.



International Driving Permits

Following the agreement between the DVLA and Post Office, GOV.UK states that branches can issue International Driving Permits (IDPs) until March 31, 2024. These permits will not be included in the new contract, with both parties negotiating on the future of these measures, with an outcome expected in early 2024.

Possible end of the Fuel duty freeze:

2024 could also be a bad year for petrol and diesel prices as the Government might potentially end the freeze on fuel duty.

Fuel duty was frozen since January 2011 to prevent its rise with inflation. According to the Office for Budget Responsibility, the basic rate for petrol and diesel is 52.95 pence per litre (ppl), which includes the 5 ppl reduction that the Government has given until the end of March 2024 to help with the cost-of-living problem.

We will learn more about the Government's intentions regarding the fuel duty freeze and the 5ppl cut in the spring budget of 2024.

Many UK drivers are unaware of new parking rule changes:

British drivers are unaware of drastic new parking rule changes that the Government is considering.

The Department for Transport is addressing pavement parking concerns after they consulted on the issue.

It could see a range of new driving laws around the country, restricting motorists' ability to stop their vehicles on the path.

Over a thousand road users are unaware of the possible rule changes, meaning hundreds of people could be caught out.

Expanding these results across the entire population would mean around 20 million road users would be impacted.

Pedestrians are often frustrated at their path being blocked by cars, but motorists who have no choice but to park on narrow roads and do not have access to a driveway will be scratching their heads and wondering what they are supposed to do.

The fact that most British drivers have not heard about any proposed plans for a pavement parking ban clearly shows that information needs to be communicated to motorists so that they can plan accordingly."

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Well, a new year and The Ladybirds held their first meeting of the year at The Hare & Hounds where 19 members enjoyed a lovely carvery. We were looked after very well and I think I can safely say that all present enjoyed their meal.

January was supposed to be our AGM but unfortunately our Chairman, Carol, is in hospital and therefore the meeting could not take place. I am pleased to report that Carol is hoping to be transferred to a rehab unit soon before returning home and all her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Several other members were also unable to attend due to ill health but they were all with us in spirit and we send our best wishes to them.

So, our February meeting will, hopefully, be the AGM at which we can see how well we have fared throughout the year and make plans for the future.

The meeting will be held on **8th February at The Throgmorton Hall commencing at 2.30 p.m.**

We wish everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful 2024 and I think we will all be looking forward to the spring months ahead.

For more information phone **Joyce on 01404 891845.**

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Past Events: The Charity Christmas Fair was a success, with a nice mix of people taking advantage of the shuttle service provided by TRIP (thanks again to them and driver Andy Muckle). All the charities enjoyed the day and we are considering repeating this event next year.

The annual free **Children's Christmas Party** also went very well, with +28 children and their parents attending to enjoy the food, games, and the much anticipated arrival of Father Christmas.

Wassailing is a great tradition and despite the cold, all those who participated had a good time. This is the Village Hall's 70th Old Twelfie celebration and we hope it will continue for many more years to come.

Future events:

Look out for our future events calendar, which will include a **Wine & Wisdom Quiz in March**, and many other suggestions from our village Hall. We need to raise funds for roof repairs amongst other urgent maintenance tasks, so hope to set up some really interesting events for during the year - watch this space...

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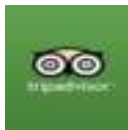
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