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EDITORIAL

The diary pages of Yarcombe Voices prove that, small though the Parish may be, a sense of community is strong. For instance, we are fortunate to have a team of such dedicated Parish Councillors under the expert chairmanship of Lesley Fidgeon, all of whom give far more of their time than is often realised to care for this village. This year’s Annual Parish Meeting is on 16th May at 8pm, and is your opportunity to raise any concerns or points of interest you may have about Parish matters. More details of the Parish Council can be found in the report by our new Parish Clerk whom we welcome. Many of you know her well: Sarah-Jane Martin, who with her husband Neil runs The Belfry Hotel in the centre of the village.

The PubHub needs a snappy, eye-catching logo/pub sign for its advertising, something appealing and instantly recognisable. Any ideas? If you have, then enter the exciting Logo Design Competition by 30th May; full details can be found in the Diary and Information section of this issue. Don’t miss the last-Friday-of-the-month PubHub nights of traditional pub games on April 29th and ‘Sizzling Sausages and Cider’ on May 27th, when the pop-up bar will be brimming with a selection of artisan ciders to accompany what I am informed will be boozy sausages in giant hot dogs.

Talking of hot dogs, plans for this year’s Terrier Racing are now under way. If you are new to this community you will soon realise that this evening of family entertainment, in its 42nd year, is the highlight of the village calendar. Dog racing, beer tent, hot dogs (of the edible variety) games and stalls will be joined for the first time by a small craft area which will include ‘The Devon Artist’, Paul Hopkinson, who specialises in animal and bird paintings. The next Terrier Race planning meeting takes place in the Church on Tuesday May 10th at 7.30pm.

Quoting Thelma’s words in last month’s Voices, the Baptist Chapel is doing things slightly differently this year: head to the Chapel on Saturday 21st May, 10.30 to noon, for ‘Coffee and Cake’, browse the bring-and-buy stall and enjoy what will be the warmest of welcomes. Earlier in the month on the 8th you can ‘Journey into the Unexpected’ at the Birthday Songs of Praise with Maggie, The Mix and guests.

Meanwhile, the Repair Café table will be at the May Village Market on the 14th and on May 9th the Croquet Club returns, at Glebe Farm, every Monday afternoon until the Autumn; no experience is needed and all equipment is provided. Stockland Gardening Club’s annual feast for plant hunters is at the Victory Hall, Stockland from 2pm on the 7th. Finally, it’s that time of the year when names are being taken for Yarcombe Jubilee Hall 100 Club’s new season, raising funds for our village hall. You will find a flyer tucked inside this month’s magazine.

Miranda Gudenian.

IN THE COUNTRY

At this time of year it is hard to resist the allure of the ornamental Japanese cherries and one variety in particular holds a special place within my heart.

Each spring of my childhood it seemed as if the world around me had turned white. The garden glistened. Great banks of white rhododendrons began to flower as the froth of blackthorn faded. White violets tumbled in profusion across the crumbling surface of the tennis court and ran through the orchard beneath ethereal clouds of snow-white blossom.
twenty trees grew in this old orchard; they were of a single variety called *Tai-haku*, the Great White Cherry, and the heart-leap of pleasure they provided for a few weeks on the cusp of May was to me one of Nature’s kindest blessings.

The history of this tree is as remarkable as it is romantic. *Tai-haku* - translated as great white flowers - is a tree of legend in Japan. Revered for the purity of its flowers - unlike most white cherries the white bears no hint of cream or pink - it grew in temple gardens, its origins lost in the mists of time. But by the late eighteenth century this variety had vanished. The few Western visitors to Japan, usually Victorian plant-hunters travelling in the mountains, came home with tales of a mythical white cherry with blossom so dazzlingly pure, so one story went, that only God could see it clearly. As the years passed, the story continued, God decided with sorrow in his heart to remove this beautiful tree entirely from physical sight until such time as mankind acknowledged the unity of the spiritual and earthly worlds again.

In 1923 Captain Collingwood ‘Cherry’ Ingram, world authority on Japanese cherries, was asked to identify an elderly white-flowering cherry tree in a Sussex garden. He found he could not do so; he was mystified. Three years later on a visit to Japan he was shown an eighteenth century painting of the extinct white cherry and to his excitement realised that the tree growing in that Sussex garden was none other than Japan’s legendary *Tai-haku*. How it had come to this country remains a mystery to this day. Captain Ingram took cuttings and soon *Tai-haku* was thriving once again, not just in England, but in its homeland of Japan. Today, every Great White Cherry is descended from that venerable Sussex ancient.

Two pictures spring to mind when I think about this beautiful tree. The first, a visit to a garden open occasionally to visitors: *Tai-haku* was in full blossom, its white flowers and coppery new foliage entwined with the white goblets of a magnolia; between the trees a short flagstone path led to a white-painted dovecote a-flutter with white fantail pigeons. A pretty scene, but not as magical as the second. This was an April night, the full moon had turned the world to silver. I woke and went to my bedroom window and flinging wide the casement heard a nightingale begin to sing. I pulled on the shorts and jumper that I lived in through those childhood days and climbed out onto the flat roof below and thence to the ground. The moon shone so brightly that I had no need of a torch as I slipped down the path through the woods to the cherry orchard.

I wandered almost in a dream through an enchanted landscape. A little breeze ruffled the branches, the night air was cool upon my face. The nightingale sang on, its liquid notes haunting, now softly rising, now churring low. Then through the silvered blossom above my head a barn owl flew like a small pale ghost, the moonlight upon its wings.

_Miranda Gudenian._

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**YARCOMBE WEATHER ~ MARCH 2016**

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Easter Sunday can fall between 22nd March and 25th April, the earlier dates in late March or the first week of April are generally poor long weekends. It is more likely to snow at Easter than Christmas for many places in the UK, and over the past half century it has snowed over the holiday weekend 14 times, mostly when Easter is early. This year was no exception, as on Easter Sunday I recorded the wettest day of the month with gale force winds, hail, sleet and a flurry of snow, together with very heavy rain. March generally was wetter and cooler than the past five years.

_Tony Newman._
BYGONE YARCOMBE
These snippets of Parish history come from the pages of Deanery magazines in the late Don Tapster’s possession. Explanatory notes (in italics) were made some fifteen years ago by Don. - Editor.

AUGUST 1930: The 14th and 15th century fragments of glass have been removed from the window in the tower, and have been sent to Guildford, where they will be pieced together, and made into ‘roundels’ and then placed for all to see in the clear window of the Church. (Presumably this is a reference to the fragments incorporated into the window adjacent to the north squint in the chancel).

NOVEMBER 1930: At the conclusion of the Harvest Home Services, the Archbishop of Brisbane, who was the Preacher, dedicated a new Lych Gate erected by Mr and Mrs Hilton, of Manchester, in memory of their daughter who met with an accident at Yarcombe and died at the Vicarage. the Lych Gate has Ham Hill stone coping, oak woodwork and tiled roof surmounted by a cross.


In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.’

(The accident had occurred on the Yarcombe bends when the young lady was motoring on her honeymoon. The question as to why the dedication took place in 1930 if the actual date of the accident was in 1916 is not answered in the report. Is there a clue in that the officiant was the Archbishop of Brisbane?)

JANUARY 1933: There are several business meetings due next week. Amongst the important matters that will be discussed are the co-opting of WOMEN to our Parochial Church Council; the other sex is well to the fore in many Councils.

FEBRUARY 1945: Our two new cottages for Farm-workers made a delightful picture in The Times a few weeks ago. Sir Edward Cambell in his letter says, ‘They are some of the best examples of what can be done. Our best thanks are due both to the Architect and Council for providing the same, which not only add to the beauty of the village, but also provide dwellings where a sound healthy race of country folk may be brought up on the land.’ (These comments refer, of course, to Hill House Cottages).

JANUARY 1947: The Vicar, the Revd. R. Clough wrote: ‘I have had a letter from Captain P.G. Benson, resigning his post as Churchwarden, as from January 1st, owing to his forthcoming removal from Yarcombe. This is indeed a severe blow to the Parish. Both Captain and Mrs Benson have for many years spent untiring energy and unlimited efforts for every worthy cause in Yarcombe and the neighbourhood.’

(This was to herald the end of an era; Captain Benson had been virtual Lord of the Manor, both in style of living and in involvement in village life since the era of Lady Elliott Drake. It was largely due to the renovations of Sheafhayne Manor by Captain Benson that the building survives as it is today, work all done at his own expense. It was he who added the terrace above his underground ballroom, building the east front porch on the terrace itself and clearing away the former farm buildings on the site of this development. There was to have been an underground swimming pool too, but the 1939 War thwarted plans).

JUNE 1947: In the same article that he wrote the above, the Revd. Richard Clough had also announced his own imminent departure. What must have surprised his parishioners was the reason for his leaving which he explained in the magazine of June that year: ‘When we came here, we hoped to stay for a very long time, but you will realise that the burden of taxation is such that we have to move elsewhere.’ Elsewhere proved to be New Zealand!

WORDS OF INSPIRATION
THE great secret of success is to go through life as a man who never gets used up. That is possible for him who never argues and strives with men and facts, but in all experience retires upon himself, and looks for the ultimate cause of things in himself. - Albert Schweitzer.

ALL one’s life as a young woman one is on show, a focus of attention, people notice you. You set yourself up to be noticed and admired. And then, not expecting it, you become middle-aged and anonymous. No one notices you. You achieve a wonderful freedom. It’s a positive thing. You can move about unnoticed and invisible. - Doris Lessing.

BAD weather always looks worse through a window. - Tom Lehrer.

NEVER under any circumstances take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night. - Dave Barry.
SERIOUSLY BAD POEMS MAY DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH

For ten years or so after moving to Yarcombe I visited the barber’s shop in Honiton, but never really took note of how much I was paying. I was, however, aware of a reduced fee for customers who manage to stay alive past a certain age that I was rapidly approaching. I pondered on how they would know - should I tell them? Should I bring my birth certificate or driving licence as proof? Surely not! But one thing of which I was absolutely certain was that my youthful looks would not aid my cause. I convinced myself that I would just not be believed!

When the all-important birthday came and went, I brought my untidy mop in for a trim as usual and prepared to pay. After being informed of the fee I sheepishly explained that I now qualified for the codgers’ rate and stood back ready to receive the disbelieving statements. But that’s not the way it happened. Instead I was casually informed that the sum being requested WAS the codgers’ rate!

What was worse was that after thinking about it I was pretty sure I’d been paying that rate for almost as long as I’d been going there! So rather than looking far younger than my real age, it seemed I’d been perceived as an old boy for years! Good job I never let on or they might have asked for some back-payments.

Now take cover – here comes the bad stuff:

*Through Pursed Lips*
I ran three miles the other day at one hell of a pace,
With someone close behind me, just as if it was a race.
I started to feel breathless, then as it was getting worse,
I told the old lady behind, "Here, keep your flippin’ purse!"

*Hair Today*
My mate’s as bald as a badger,
It’s something he won’t admit.
He’s kept his comb for 40 years,
But just can’t part with it!

*Your Starter For Ten*
This girl says that she comes from Bromley.
The question "Which part?" soon comes from me.
It seems that this query is taxing her dearly.
She says, looking baffled, "All of me!"

*Buses Are Getting Smaller*
It must be 50 years ago I waited with my folk,
At that ol’ bus stop, chewing gum and drinking cans of coke.
The bus came round the corner in the distance and I’d say,
Ah, it’s a number 55. We’ll soon be on our way!
My folks were all impressed and asked how I could see that far.
I passed it off quite modestly and just said, "I’m a star!"
But now, I see a vehicle appear from that same spot,
I’m blown if I can tell if it’s a flippin’ bus or not!

Incidentally I understand the aforementioned codgers’ rate at the barber’s actually increases as you lose your hair over the years. This may seem a trifle unfair but is understandable when you realise that the price includes a search fee.

*Peter Tarrant.*

YOUR GARDEN IN MAY

Well, everybody, it has been a better few weeks weather-wise since I wrote last report. I hope you have been getting going in the garden but it is cold at night, you want to close the greenhouse door at night for a good while yet. Sheila in Chard is back from her hols with her friend Ann, they go every year and this time it was Madeira. Sheila says the Flower Festival was a real treat, they were there for the first day, she said you have never seen anything like all the flowers and says tell the readers to go one year, it is a sight for sore eyes. I told Charlie and Mrs C this yesterday and Mrs C said she’d like to go but Rabbit said she would have to go without him because there is too much going on in the garden this time of year. Mrs C said that is OK with her.

Well, down to business, earth up the potatoes. Make a sowing of the sweet corn, runner beans, French beans, plus peas, broad beans, etc. You don’t want to bother with the supersweet corn because it gets the rot quick as anything extra tender is better, it is tastier also, plus you don’t want to be planting them near ordinary sweet corn or maize because of cross pollination. Make a sowing of the Brussels sprouts, Savoy cabbage and purple sprouting by middle of month, sow seed into 3/4” deep drills. It is a good idea to start taking off the side shoots from the cordon tomatoes.

Get the summer bedding hardened off. Charlie’s Mrs Neighbour has got a lot of forget-me-nots growing alongside her tulips, they look a picture. If you have got same you want to leave them for a bit, they will seed around for next year. Mrs
Neighbour says tells the readers it is time to give some plants the Chelsea chop, you do this around time of Chelsea Flower Show which is why it is called by this name. You cut stems by up to a half and you get better flowers but a bit later in the season, plus it makes some plants look a good bit neater because they put up a good bit of bushy new growth. It is good for sedum, solidago, helinium, echinacea, etc. If you do this too near the flowering period you’ll get a wash-out display, so timing has to be right.

A lot of folk think this is a new idea but it isn’t, but it’s no good telling them, they don’t listen. My Uncle Stan was a very good gardener, he was Head Gardener at a big place near London. Well, in those days they had a big cutting garden, an acre plus where a lot of flowers were grown for the house because the housekeeper wanted these every day of the year. Uncle Stan would cut a good many of these back as they got going to get them to flower just at the right time when they were wanted for the flower arrangements.

Happy gardening, everybody!

A Yarcombe Gardener.

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**REPORTS AND PERSONAL NOTICES**

**OUT AND ABOUT WITH OUR ROVING REPORTER LESLEY SUTTON**

Welcome home to our Roving Reporter, back from New Zealand. Thank you to those of you kind enough to take the time to write reports for the magazine in Lesley’s absence. — Editor.

**The History of Plantagenista**

The New Year starts with a spate of Community Lunches: January because everyone is at a loose end after the festive events in December; February as it is the correct time to have the bi-monthly feast and March to ensure that the ill-named ‘Frugal Lent Lunch’ can be enjoyed by many and a good cause rewarded by everyone’s generosity. This year those who attended the Bread and Soup lunch held in February were able to learn more about the Children’s Hospice South West, currently celebrating its 25th anniversary and in addition donated the princely sum of £250, for which a heartfelt thank-you letter was received and read out at the lunch.

This time, enterprising chefs Lin Box and Pat Bright had spent the day before preparing a delicious fish pie which was enjoyed by all. Jane Jones had once again come up trumps with upside-down pineapple sponge with a good dollop of ice cream. **THANK YOU** to all our very capable and willing cooks, together with our No.1 Washer-up Pam Foxwell and all those who served and assisted in the organisation.

The speaker after the meal was an old friend, Mary Hyland, who was a leading light when living in Yarcombe. In a most entertaining way she told us about how she now came to be running a busy family history shop in Honiton, a unique enterprise. Called Plantagenista, it can be found at 8½ High Street. Helped by her partner Malcolm, she has completed 800 projects over the past ten years.

Starting at Powderham Castle trying to sell brass rubbings unsuccessfully, she was asked by an unknown gentleman if she could tell him where his surname came from. Initially turning him down, she then thought better of it and realised that with research she could! And that was the beginning of a thriving business. Moving from there to premises at Otter Nursery and then to the top of the High Street, she has been increasingly busy, helped no doubt by having regular slots on Radio Devon with live phone-ins.

Many people are curious about where their families came from; some want to do the work themselves and just need help getting started, others are happy for Mary to do the work and present them with a finished family tree. The furthest back she has ever been was 28AD for a Scottish
family - a most impressive result and we found it hard to comprehend how she did it. But even if we do not want to do research into our own family histories Mary urged us all to write down information for our children and grandchildren so they would know what life was like for us in this century.

On a personal note I was able to meet a cousin whom I had never seen before due to research that my daughter Emma had done in New Zealand. It turns out that his son and family live about an hour away from Emma and as he was over there on a holiday from Gateshead, we all met up for the day.

We have a stalwart and loyal following for these lunches but have been made aware that some believe that they are for ‘old people’ - whoever they are!! We would like to assure everyone that all are welcome, children as well, so if you are at a loose end and would like some company do let us know. You will be made very welcome, and probably not be asked to do anything for your first visits!!!

Another point is that we have a short talk after the meal and if anyone has an interesting job, experience, or a point to raise we would love to hear from you, it is all very friendly.

THE NEXT MEAL WILL TAKE PLACE ON 18TH MAY. Details are in the Diary & Information section of The Voices. Please let me know if you would like to come.

(Thank you to Mary Smith for information about the talk).

Hub Family Easter Eggstravaganza!!

We should be aware of the vagaries of the British Weather and the almost certain fact that Bank Holidays bring forth awful forecasts. Therefore we Brits are used to having ‘OPTIONS’ - if it is wet we have an alternative! So the hope that the children would be able to run around Brian and Mary Smith’s garden at Glebe Farm sunning themselves amongst the daffodils and possibly spaying the Easter Bunny on their Easter Egg Hunt was doomed.

However, 21 or so children of all ages and their families came along to the PubHub on Saturday afternoon 26th March and foraged amongst the daffodils and flower arrangements in the Church for their chocolate treats. A wonderful place to run around in, plenty of space, things to climb on and mysterious nooks and crannies to hide the eggs!

They then repaired to the Hall which was decked out with gazebos and fairy lights where they had a crayoning competition, hot pizzas and drinks and were entertained nobly by a ventriloquist. Parents were able to take advantage of the beverages provided by volunteer helpers in the tented area. Many were still around when a slightly older generation came along to enjoy a gentle, amiable Saturday evening in good company with a full range of beers, wines, cider and spirits.

Those of us enjoying a friendly relaxing evening would like to thank Lesley P, Merv and their band of helpers who are making a brilliant job of keeping the idea of the pub alive.

We look forward to more events and if anyone would like to help in any way please contact them.

PubHub Easter Colouring Competition Winners:
Edward Rich  Elisa Messon
Benjamin Rich  Isaac Maddon

Terrier Race Meeting

A pre-Terrier race meeting was held in the Jubilee Hall on Tuesday 29th March. The new ‘management committee’ had some points to raise for discussion. The evening, now into its 42nd year, is the biggest event put on by all the village. Regardless of whether they attend the Church, have faith or not, most families are engaged in some way or another to make it the great success it has proved to be and what Yarcombe is famous for both locally and further afield.

It is once again necessary to explain that in order for the Church to function a ‘Quota’ known as ‘The Common Fund’ is levied by the powers-that-be in the Church of England. Currently this sum has been in excess of £13,000, so what with a sum that is given to the Five Alive Mission Community, of which the Church is part, of £2,000 and insurance for the building and its works of another £2,000 plus, adding in day-to-day running costs such as utilities and repairs, about £20,000 is necessary to keep it alive.

The School has gone, the shop, the pub, what next? The building has benefitted by most generous bequests (which are ‘ring-fenced’) and can be maintained for some time. Those who actually attend services and keep the work functioning are getting older and in no way can contribute sufficient amounts of money to enable it to continue. Yet many - although, perhaps, unable to attend Church on many occasions, which is quite understandable - still feel that they like to contribute to its place in the community and turn out to offer assistance on the occasion of Terrier Racing.

It was felt that some of the money raised could be returned to the village, as indeed the purchase of a defibrillator last year (due to be installed very soon) proved possible. It was decided that a figure to enable the Church to continue would be ‘ring-fenced’ but anything above could be used to enrich the Parish.

It was also decided that the main sponsor, Dickies, should be allowed to erect a trade stand to promote their goods and that a few people with craft stalls were interested in paying for and occupying sites, an innovation that would be experimented with for a year.

THERE WILL BE ANOTHER MEETING TO DISCUSS FURTHER PLANNING MATTERS FOR TERRIER RACING ON TUESDAY MAY 10TH IN THE CHURCH AT 7.30p.m. EVERYONE WELCOME.
**Friday Forum**

There was a 'select' group at Glebe Farm for the Friday Forum meeting on April 1st which had a light-hearted theme of 'How do you envisage Yarcombe in 20 years' time?'

Well, from a building to house repairs, brought on by the success of the Repair Café on the tennis court, farm vehicles operated by computers, retirement flats, lots of retired people from the smoke buying up properties, and due to technology nothing for people to do or work, but a need for parking spots for mobility scooters: the ideas poured forth.

As it was April Fool’s Day it was all in good spirit, and Maggie Lane may have found the name of a plumber!!!

Due to circumstances there will not be any meetings in May or June, so watch out for July!

**Visit to the MET OFFICE**

This proposed visit has been on the back boiler for some time, but at last Rosemary Abel was granted a date for Tuesday Club members and friends to travel into Exeter for a tour of the site.

The MET Office moved into this state-of-the-art purpose built building, which replaced many offices around Bracknell, in 2003 in order that all the facets of weather reporting and the varied business relating to weather were housed under one roof. All the different wings of the building are named after lighthouses due to the importance of shipping. Admiral Robert Fitzroy 1805 - 65, the British meteorologist who introduced storm warnings which were the beginning of weather forecasts gathered information and set up the first office in London which grew into the vast business today.

During a presentation, graphs showing that the vast improvement in forecasts accuracy had narrowed to 1, 2 3 day and even further dates. The fact that all aeroplanes can estimate how much fuel will be required for their flights and the conditions that they are flying in to reduce time spent in the air was fascinating, and important to airlines in the running of their businesses. Weather conditions for events such as the Grand Prix or Wimbledon and whether covers will be required in several minutes’ time means that games can be almost relied upon to take place as scheduled. Should councils need to grit the roads in winter? Is it safe to set to sea, issue flood warnings? All these have become far more accurate due to the massive super-computers (which in fact are not one but many).

Information is gathered from the depths of the oceans, satellites in the skies, equipment on the ground and in the air and fed into these computers which then configure trillions of calculations every second and which are the life blood of many exceptionally talented weather forecasters who are able to collate and impart conditions.

The Met Office London, as no one would know where Exeter was, and its counterpart in Washington USA, also nowhere near there, are the two information centres which cooperate and share reports. They sell their products to businesses worldwide and such is their success contribute funds to the Treasury. Visitors were guided in their groups by volunteers who work in the office and are genuinely keen to impart their expertise, there was so much to see and hear that it is impossible to give full details, but if you have the opportunity to visit make it a priority.

Lesley Sutton.

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**YARCOMBE & MARSH PARISH COUNCIL**

The Yarcombe Parish COMMUNITY LAND TRUST Limited has held its first meeting. The Neighbourhood Plan is about to be submitted for inspection and if approved, the plan will then go to a referendum. We thank Wendy Randle very much for all her hard work.

There is a facility for anyone to report potholes directly on the Devon County Council website: https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadandsafety/report-a-problem/. By us all contributing and doing this, the problem can be reported straightaway to the Council - especially now funding has been approved by the Government for road repairs. Should you have photographs of the pot hole, these can be uploaded too.

A grant has been approved for two benches to be placed on the Stockland and Yarcombe Cricket Pitch. **THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING takes place at 8pm on MONDAY 16th MAY in THE JUBILEE HALL. Please come along and have your say on any matter affecting the Parish or to ask questions on any aspect of life in the Parish.**

This month we have all been able to observe Openreach teams busy on the A30 installing new telegraph poles and stringing fibre optic cables thereon; there has also been some activity in the centre of the village where two holes have been dug in the road into which, so we understand, an underground chamber will be installed. An enquiry of the Connecting Devon & Somerset (CD&S) team in Exeter as to the likely date when the new system would go live resulted in the surprising statement that BT had ceased all such activity in the area due to a dispute over costs. This is, I am afraid, a case of the left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing, and demonstrates a complete lack of project management.

On the 14th April, four local businessmen, me included, met Chris Townsend, who is head of Broadband Delivery UK and his team at County Hall. You may remember Chris Townsend was Head of the team that delivered the Olympic Games to London in 2012; he appears to be well in control of his brief. We were given one hour of his time which gave us an opportunity to explain the shortcomings and failures of the CD&S management, who sat glumly by whilst the Broadband Delivery (BD) UK team made notes and promised a more open approach. In particular we were given to believe proper information will be published about the future plans, not just PR announcements when another exchange is connected or photos of politicians smiling at their so-called success stories. I have no doubt that at the subsequent meeting with CD&S they were told in no uncertain terms that action must be taken to gain real improvements to control and manage the contractor BT. There is one holding factor to the Phase 2 rollout programme, namely European Union approval for matched funding state aid, which CD&S let slip through their fingers in June 2015 and now has to go through the reaplication process. I strongly suspect no decision will be made on this until the result of the referendum is known.

One piece of good news is that residents of Yarcombe for whom there are no known plans to connect their property to the upgraded Broadband network may apply to CD&S for a £500 voucher which may be used to connect to a satellite or to another ISP; we are reliably informed our local private wireless network which has been installed around the area, called CFB based in Combe St Nicholas will also be able to benefit from this scheme.

Here is a note which has been circulated by CD&S which should enable anyone who thinks they may qualify to apply for such vouchers:

We would like to invite you to sign on to the voucher scheme by visiting the URL below to see the instructions on how to register and the process to get connected.

http://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/cds-broadband-voucher-scheme/

As this is the first time we have developed such a scheme please expect a few teething glitches and do let us know if you have any issues; we will work to resolve them as quickly as possible. After submitting your application please check your junk mailbox for our automated reply and later response as we have noticed that some email addresses filter out our messages.

We look forward to hearing from you and processing your applications, if you have any issues please email us at broadbandvoucher-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

It is all very complicated so if you need help or guidance please call me on 01460-234342.

Steve Horner.
(In his capacity as a private citizen and ratepayer in East Devon).

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**... JUBILEE HALL 100 CLUB ... JUBILEE HALL 100 CLUB ...**

**THE WINNERS OF THE APRIL 100 CLUB DRAW WERE:**

- £25  No.49  Mervyn Woolcott
- £15  No.24  Paul Dunphy
- £8  No.29  Kate Burrough

The last draw for this year's 100 Club will take place on 14th May. Enclosed in your *Voices* is an entry form for next year's subscription, so if you want to be in with a chance for the first draw of the new year on 11th June please fill in and return to me. The 100 Club has been running for 12 years and raises much needed money for the Village Hall.

It is only £12 for a year and the prizes are £25, £15 and £8 every month with a grand draw in December of £50, £25, £12 and £10. The draw takes place each month at the Village Market. Many thanks for your continued support.

*Susan Parris.*

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Yarcombe & District Young Farmers’ Club

The cast and crew made their way to Cheltenham on Sunday 20th March to perform Weevils in my Biscuits in the Southern Area round of drama performances. They did their best ever performance and came a fantastic THIRD! A massive WELL DONE to the cast and everyone involved. Also, a big THANK-YOU goes to all family and friends for their support and help over the last few months whilst we have been practising and performing.

On Sunday 10th April we had a very successful day Stock Judging against other clubs in East Devon. We came second, so well done to all members who took part.

We have some very exciting events coming up including AirHop in Bristol, our ‘Royalty’ Disco at Stockland Village Hall on the 22nd April, celebrating the Queen’s 90th birthday, and our annual Show and Sale held at Sedgmoor Livestock Market on Saturday 30th April.

For more information about Yarcombe & District YFC and our upcoming events, please do not hesitate to contact our Chairman Martin Phillips on 07846 786205 or our Secretary Kate Burrough on 07513 573235.

Alice Quick, Press Secretary.

☆☆ Congratulations again, YFC! ☆☆

We send many congratulations to ‘Yarcombe & District’ on their success in this year’s YFC Drama Competition, reaching the Southern Area round and winning third place. Well done, YFC!

Yarty Gardening Club

At the last meeting of the Yarty Gardening Club, a minute’s silence was observed to remember Club member Jenny Goddard and also Cathy Hull (daughter and sister of members Pam Hull and Sally Gilpin).

Chairman Edwina Wakley welcomed two new members to the Club. The Club will be holding a COFFEE MORNING on 11th JUNE in aid of Club funds, so Edwina asked members to please bring along plants for sale.

She also said that there will be a competition for the best Fuchsia for Yarty Gardening Club members at the Buckland St Mary Flower Show in August. Plug plants are available from Edwina (tel. 01460 234477).

She then introduced the speaker, Adrian Hutchinson, whose subject was weeds. Adrian worked for 18 years in weed research and reminded members of the old saying that ‘a weed is a plant in the wrong place’!

He showed a succession of slides illustrating the weeds that most people get in their gardens. His most important piece of advice was to get rid of weeds when they are small. This way they are easy to remove before any tap roots are sent down into the soil (as with dandelions and docks). It is also important to remove them before they set seed. He gave as an example the hairy bittersweet which proliferates in peat soils and frequently hitches a ride in pots of plants bought from the garden centres. This plant will shoot its seeds in all directions when the ripe seed heads are touched.

Wild onion is a real pest, as it has both seeds and bulbs, and Adrian added a cautionary note about letting garden forget-me-nots seed from one season to another, as the flowers will revert to small, insignificant wild ones. For eradication of bindweed and ground elder, glyphosate weed killer is still the best answer – for as long as it remains available in garden shops.

There will be no meeting in May, as the Club has a self-drive OUTING TO CADHAY HOUSE and GARDENS on 19th MAY. Anyone who would like to go and has not booked a place for the visit (which includes tea) should contact Edwina on 01460 234477.

Listed by Country Life as ‘one of the top ten manor houses in the country’, Cadhay is a splendid manor built in 1550. The present owner, Rupert Thistlethwayte, has spent the better part of a decade restoring Cadhay to its previous splendour. Cadhay’s garden is beautiful but not a formal show garden. Gardening enthusiasts come here to enjoy its natural design and relaxing beauty.

Mary Gusterson.

ANIMAL ANTICS at THE TUESDAY CLUB

At the March meeting of Tuesday Club we had a talk by Mr Kevin Little entitled ‘Animal Antics’. He and Liz have a smallholding at Buckland St. Mary with all sorts of animals and birds including several cats. He told stories of rescued animals and birds that became part of their lives.

Kevin has a fish shop in Reading started by his father. It is in the wonderfully named Smelly Alley - not named because of the smell of fish but from the days before proper sanitation when there were open drains! We were amused to hear how his father dealt with a well known fish company that moved near his shop undercutting them on the price of something he did not actually sell.

Barbara Salter.
Palm Sunday Service

Joan Berry with members of the choir and several parishioners continued the tradition of the Palm Sunday walk along the road to the Church from the Jubilee Hall carrying their palm crosses. All remained standing inside the Church whilst Tony Newman read the well known story of the collection of the colt and Jesus' triumphant ride into Jerusalem.

Thelma Clarke read the Old Testament Reading and Gavin played the organ for all the familiar hymns sung at this time. The narrative play 'The Passion of our Lord' was narrated by Phyllis Manning. Everybody in the Church had a part to play as members of the crowd, but those with other speaking roles were Chris Manning as Pilate; John Robinson as Jesus; taking the role of the priests were Joan, Thelma and Lin Box; and the soldiers, Liz Freeman, Lesley Sutton and Wendy Randle. Geoffrey Berry was the centurion; first criminal was Tony Newman and second criminal David Bristol.

Mary Smith served the refreshments in the South Transept after the service.

Easter Sunday

Thank you, Lucy and Matthew Stubbington for arranging to have Riley James baptized on Easter Sunday during the special Easter Communion Service. The number of guests invited swelled the congregation to make it a joyous experience.

Rev. Anne Mills led the worship and gave the hopeful message of Easter in her talk. Liz Freeman read the lesson and Joan Berry said prayers. Anne obviously enjoyed Riley’s good nature during his Christening and there were several other children enjoying themselves during the service. At the end of the service Matthew and Lucy carrying Riley and with Katie his big sister, were called to the front and given lighted Christening Candles.

Gavin played some rousing hymns on the organ and also introductory and retiring music spreading the Easter message. Barbara Salter with helpers organized the refreshments after the service.

Family Service

'Reclaiming Easter from the Easter Bunny' was the theme of the Family Service on 3rd April. Where is there mention of an 'Easter Bunny' in the Easter Story?

The congregation was in full voice with the first hymn when a disturbance from the back caused some confusion. A huge White Rabbit had appeared from the vestry and was prancing round the Church handing out carrots to the children. Regardless of this interruption Lesley Sutton, leading the worship, carried on with most people taking no notice, and as per the usual British stiff upper lip ignoring the improbable!

Geoffrey Berry read the prayer for the day whilst Barbara Salter led the intercessions. Lin Box read the story of 'Doubting Thomas' after which the children came to the front to hear what Joan Berry had to say. We cannot assume anything and must be prepared to be surprised and believe despite the fact that we cannot see everything. Bags had been filled with unlikely objects which were felt and pummelled to try to ascertain what they held and then the contents exposed to show what was actually in them.

The Easter Bunny, who had been warned that if the name was not mentioned during the service it would be escorted from the premises at the end, had spent some time hopping round the Church interfering with the flowers and generally being a bit of a pain, was surprised when in the last hymn the Churchwardens with their wands and the children chased it round the pews until it was cornered and ceremoniously dumped in the porch, with some sounds of regret from the congregation. But there was NO MENTION of rabbits at all. Luckily it returned to distribute chocolate bunnies to the children and have its photo taken.

Jake and Lucas Dear handed out the service sheets and hymn books. Benjamin and Edward Rich took the collection and Louise Dear played the music for the service. Jean Rich and Margaret Hoare and helpers served refreshments afterwards.

Many thanks to Lesley Pidgeon for donning and managing to breathe through, the rabbit costume and acting the part so well. She was decidedly breathless when her mask was removed, luckily no first aid was required.

Lesley Sutton.

A Sunday School teacher said to her children, "We have been learning about how powerful the kings and queens were in Biblical times. But there is a higher power. Who can tell me what it is?" Tommy blurted out, "I know: Aces."
PAUSE FOR PRAYER
Pause For Prayer will continue at Maggie Lane's house, 8 Drake's Meadow, from 9.40 - 10.00a.m. each TUESDAY MORNING.
There is a prayer board in Church for anyone to write a prayer request which will be included in the Pause for Prayer time. Please come and join a formal time of prayer, followed by a cup of coffee.

Churchyard Cutting Rota
Week beginning:
May 2nd - G. Dyer & D. Dyer
May 9th - B. Smith & N. Martin
May 16th - G. Copp & S. Rippon
May 23rd - A. Newman & M. Tomkinson
June 6th - N. Randle & P. Bell

Church & Chapel Useful Phone Numbers
The Parish Church of St John the Baptist: Simon Holloway, Priest in Charge 01297 35433 or 07986 274393. Anne Mills, Assistant Priest 01404 861430. Joan Berry, Lay Reader 01823 601386. Churchwardens - Mary Smith 01404 861541. Geoffrey Berry 01823 601386.
The Baptist Chapel: Thelma Clarke 01404 861267.


Yarcombe Parish Church
FAMILY SERVICE
SUNDAY 1st MAY, 11a.m.
'Daffodils & Dusters'
ALL WELCOME
Creche area for tots

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR FLOWER FAIRIES?
Yarcombe welcomes anyone who’d like to join our friendly group of Flower Arrangers, so if you’d enjoy being on our rota for altar flowers two or three times a year we’d be very happy to hear from you. You don’t have to be an experienced flower arranger, all you need is a love of flowers, be available for a few dates throughout the year and what you want to create is entirely up to you.
Interested? Please ring me, Sonia Boyd, on 01404 861343.

May Flower Fairies -
30th April & 7th May - Trish Taylor
14th & 21st - Mary Smith
28th & 4th June - Doreen Parris

Sonia Boyd, 01404 861343.
Come for Coffee and Cake at The Baptist Chapel

Saturday May 21st
from 10.30am until noon
Bring and Buy Stall
Refreshments served outside if weather permits.
A warm welcome to all

JOURNEY OF THE UNEXPECTED
A BIRTHDAY SONGS OF PRAISE
With Maggie, The Mix & Guests
Sunday May 8th
At YARCOMBE BAPTIST CHAPEL
11 a.m.

Church Bell Ringers Required
No experience necessary, just a willingness to listen and learn.
Enjoy the challenge of participating in an ancient and rewarding art.
Men and women, boys and girls, come and sit in on one of our weekly practice evenings to get the flavour of what's involved. You'd be very welcome. For details please 'phone Graham Wadey on 01404 881811.

SCARY GRANNY: After putting her grandchildren to bed the first time they came to stay the night with her, a grandmother, always known for her elegant attire, changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings.
As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"
YARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 16th MAY 2016
The Jubilee Hall, Yarcombe
7.30pm - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
followed by
8pm - THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Please come along and have your say on any matter affecting the Parish or to ask questions on any aspect of life in the Parish.

BULK BUY HEATING OIL
I am now taking oil orders for MAY. Please submit your orders to me by the deadline of the 25th requesting either a specific amount or if requesting a "top up" an estimated amount with a minimum order of 500 litres. I will acknowledge receipt of your order; please provide full address, post code and telephone number.

Our March order of 32,500 litres attracted a price of 26.9ppl plus 5% VAT and at the time of writing Brent Crude oil prices have reduced by $2 a barrel.

The bargaining power of bulk buying ensures that oil companies offer a cheaper price. If you live in Yarcombe, Marsh, or nearby villages you can take advantage of this by ordering every month, just occasionally, or merely once a year. For details please contact me, Colin Stewart, at cogstewart@aol.com or phone 01297 792538. (Alternatively, contact Miranda Gudenian at editor@yarcombevoices.co.uk or 01404 861387).

THE CRAFT CLUB meets every Monday between 2.00p.m. and 4.00p.m. in the Jubilee Hall. If you are interested in joining please phone Pat Bright on 01404 861460 - or just come along!

SHORT MAT BOWLS
Thursday afternoons 2.30 - 4.30 and evenings 7.00 - 9.00 in the Village Hall. All equipment provided. Pay as you go (£2.50/session including coffee). Come and have a go!
YARCOMBE PUBHUB

Traditional Pub Games Night

Shove Ha'penny, Dominoes, Table football, Bagatelle, Cribbage, Cards

Friday April 29th, Village Hall, 7.30pm

Superb artisan beers and ciders along with all the usual suspects + wine of many colours .... and BACON BUTTIES to keep up your game playing powers and strengths!!!! Come along and join us!

A PERFECT NIGHT FOR UNWINDING AT THE END OF THE WORKING WEEK

We want to catch your eye.... and we need your help to do it!

Yarcombe PubHub is in need of a logo/pub sign which will be instantly and unmistakably recognisable on all the posters, flyers and adverts which we produce in the future for our steadily growing village hot-spot.

The PubHub is yours so we think you should be the ones to come up with the ideas which appeal most to you. Therefore, we are launching a

LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

- open to all from 8 to 80 - with a stonking prize for the winner.

Send your designs and sketches, with or without a catchy phrase or tag line, before May 30th to Merv Edgecombe or Lesley Pidgeon.

(Ideas can be sent either as email or on paper)

Contact: Merv@standfirst.co.uk or 07831-240626
Lesleypidgeon@yahoo.co.uk or 01404-881634

Sizzling Sausages and Cider Night

Friday May 27th, Village Hall, 7.30pm

We've tracked down a range of West Country artisan craft ciders for your lip-smacking delectation .... accompanied by specially created, boozy sausages in giant Hot Dogs to give the night a heady zing!!!!

And if you're not a cider hound .... fear not. There's the usual dazzling array of regular beers, Guinness, wines (of all shades) and other frothy delights - not to mention the staff. Come along and join us!

YOU WOULD BE DAFT NOT TO BE THERE FOR A GREAT NIGHT OF FUN AMONG FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS!!
Churchinford & District Village Hall’s Cinema Club presents on Wednesday May 4th:
Bridge of Spies 12A

Showing at 2.30p.m. (doors open 2.00p.m.) & 7.30p.m. (doors open 6.45p.m.): Impeccably produced espionage drama that spins a complex story of political intrigue and patriotism. Stars Tom Hanks, but most enticingly it represents the big screen breakthrough of Mark Rylance (BAFTA and Oscar winner Best Supporting Actor for his role in this film), star of TV’s Wolf Hall. The film was also Oscar nominated Best Director, Best Original Screenplay, and BAFTA nominated Best Cinematography.

Inspired by real events and beginning in 1957 during the height of the Cold War, it tells the story of an esteemed lawyer (played by Tom Hanks), a man of formidable principle and idealistic American values, who agrees to represent Rudolf Abel (played by Mark Rylance), an unassuming painter and Soviet spy living in Brooklyn.

At the evening showings there will be a bar. Entrance charge is £5, payable at the door. Before the evening performance why not order fish and chips from the York Inn, telephone 01823 601333, bring them to the Church Stanton Room and enjoy a drink from the Hall’s bar. The York also does more than just fish and chips.

We will then take a break for the Summer, resuming September 7th. Thank you to everyone who came this season, we hope you enjoyed the selection of films on offer, and we look forward to welcoming you back in September for what we anticipate will be another great season of Films in the Hall.

FROM MONKS TO THE MILLENNIUM
by Ruth Everitt

Now available in pdf format to download to your computer. Please send a cheque in the sum of £7 made out to Yarcombe Voices, to The Beacon, Yarcombe, EX14 9LU. Please include your email address as well. Thanks go to the Everitt family who have generously suggested that all proceeds from the sales of Ruth’s book on the history of the Parish be donated to Yarcombe Voices.

YARCOMBE TERRIER RACING MEETING
TUESDAY 10th MAY IN THE CHURCH AT 7.30pm

This is a warm invitation to everyone to please come along to this meeting and support this important annual village event.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE
We have something for everyone: access to books, audio books, large print and DVDs. Membership is FREE, no ID needed. There is no charge for borrowing books, and there’s a great choice. Non-fiction, large print and children’s books can be reserved FREE. You can reserve books online and collect them from the Mobile Library. Children have extra fun joining the Book Track and Summer Reading Challenge. There is something to offer everyone on board so why not hop on and take a look?

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MOBILE LIBRARY - The Library Van stops near the Village Hall car park, Yarcombe from 2.00p.m. to 2.30p.m.

WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY. Please do come and see what a useful asset a mobile library is.

SWINSBECK: a novel by local author David Barrow (unfortunately now deceased). The story starts with farming life here in the Blackdown Hills in the 1880s, travels to America with all sorts of adventures and mishaps and returns to the Blackdowns for the building of the airfields for the arrival of the Americans in World War Two and the eventual D-Day landings. The story is woven around true facts and events. Available for £5 from Tim Beenham on 01823 681674. ALL MONIES RECEIVED WILL GO TO MAINTAIN ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, DUNKESWELL.
Yarcombe Jubilee Hall
Thank you to all those who supported our April Market. We look forward to giving you a warm welcome again when you join us at our

☆☆ SPRING VILLAGE MARKET ☆☆

in the Village Hall on Saturday 14th May, 10a.m. - 12 noon

where you can buy from a variety of stalls and enjoy a coffee and a slice of cake with friends. Perhaps take home one of Lesley's tasty Hot Pies or Gillian's quality Cakes.

Visit Derek and Dawn's stall, they will be selling Hilltop Rare-Breed Pork, Scotch Eggs, Pork Pies and Sausages. There will be Fresh Local Vegetables from Mrs Rabjohns; Fresh Farm Eggs, Cheese and Clotted Cream from Christine; Cakes, Puddings and Bakery from Gillian Broom; Louise with her Quality Honey; Jemma's famous Tasty, Crafted, Country Jams and Preserves; Angela's Fine Cup Cakes; Claire's Strong and Healthy Plants and Flowers. Many CRAFT STALLS including Sheila's Cards, Books and Children's items; Ian's Metal Work and Art; Robin's Bird and Flower Boxes; Second-hand Book Stall, etc. (Brenda will be unable to run her Bric-a-Brac stall this month due to work commitments). Douglas Jones promoting the Repair Café.

Hot Pie Stall ~ Refreshments ~ Raffle ~ 100 Club Draw

By buying from your successful village market you are helping to sustain your Village Hall. Future Markets: Second Saturday in the month: 11th June, 9th July. Buskers and new stalls always welcome; help with running stalls available. Contact John Carter on 01404 861353. Please let us know if you would support any other products being on sale.

YARCOMBE CROQUET CLUB
restarts on Monday 9th May and every Monday until Autumn from 2.30 - 4.30pm at Glebe Farm, Yarcombe (next door to Yarcombe Village Hall).

Come and have a taster session on 9th May and see how you enjoy the game.

All welcome! No experience necessary. Equipment provided.

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VISIT TO HISTORIC CADHAY HOUSE & BEAUTIFUL SPRING GARDENS at Ottery St.Mary on 19th May. Phone Edwina Wakley on 01460 234477 if you'd like to come. (Self drive visit).
Announcing the next COMMUNITY LUNCH
on Wednesday, 18th of May, at 12.30p.m.
in the Jubilee Hall, Yarcombe
£4 FOR TWO-COURSE LUNCH & COFFEE/TEA    All very welcome!

SPEAKER: OWEN PATERSON - 'A KIWI PERSPECTIVE'

NAMES TO LESLEY SUTTON (01404-861386 please leave message on phone) BY SUNDAY, 15TH MAY.

Organised by St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe

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Joan’s Jaunts 2016

On 18th March, we had a most enjoyable visit to The Octagon Theatre in Yeovil for the Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society’s production of Evita. The change of venue for our visit to a theatre proved to be hassle-free – no worries about the build up of traffic as has been known in recent years. It has been suggested that we do this more often, so let’s see what there is on offer in the autumn. Watch this space!!

The Tuesday Club Annual Outing will be on TUESDAY 17th MAY. A FEW SEATS ARE STILL AVAILABLE for this outing to the ISLE OF PURBECK. The coach will leave outside Yarcombe Church at 8.30a.m., and the itinerary will be to travel first to Swanage where we will spend some time and then catch the steam train to Corfe Castle; after our visit there we will travel to Studland and across to Poole on the Sandbanks Chain Ferry.

PLEASE CONTACT ME, JOAN BERRY ON 01823 601386, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO RESERVE A SEAT.

SEED POTATOES AND GERANIUM PLUGS

This year’s annual village Flower Show will be taking place on Saturday 30th July. The schedule of classes will be available with the June edition of The Voices and will also be on the Yarcombe website www.yarcombe.net

If any adults/children would like to take part in the POTATO DIG, please let me know as soon as possible as there are a few left. Also, GERANIUM PLUG PLANTS will be/have been delivered to those children that have requested them. Please contact me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you haven’t got one and would like one.

Last year the children proved they were keen gardeners with their brilliant display of marigolds. Let’s see this year if we can get an even bigger display of geraniums!! Go kids!

Here’s looking forward to a ‘blooming’ good show!

Julie Rich, 07967 965208  timandjules14@aol.co.uk

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THE QUEEN’S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Come along to Yarcombe Village Hall at 11a.m. on Sunday 12th June
and
'A Sing for The Queen'
Al Fresco if Fine
Bring & Share Picnic

Final details in the June issue of Yarcombe Voices

The Tuesday Club - date for your diary
Tiverton Horse-Drawn Barge outing on Tuesday 20th September - plus a fish and chip supper. Open to Tuesday Club and friends. If interested please ring Mo Rich on 01460 61254. More details in next month’s Voices.
PUBLIC MEETING
CRIME AND POLICING IN DEVON
with
WILLIAM MORRIS

Independent Candidate for Police & Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly in the forthcoming election.

7.30p.m., TUESDAY 3rd MAY, 2016, THE JUBILEE HALL, YARCOMBE

(Promoted by the Agent, Hon Mark G. Hambley, Angwinack Cottage, Ludgvan, Cornwall, TR20 8BN).

Yarcombe is a village I know, it is my sister Maggie Tomkinson’s home. My name is William Morris and I am a candidate for Police & Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. I will be standing as an independent candidate in the election on 5th May, policing should not be under party political control.

I stand again for election as the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall. And things have moved on. Moved on in the sense that there are 400 fewer policewomen and policemen on the streets of Devon and Cornwall than there were four years ago. We now have 1,765 constables on the beat in Devon, Plymouth and Cornwall, of whom some 842 serve in Devon. And crime is rising. Not crime in general of course. Levels of crime such as burglary have declined. But violent crime resulting in injury is up almost everywhere, and in pockets it is up severely. One such pocket for instance is Axminster where violent crime is well up this year which might seem odd until you remember what has happened to the carpet factory.

If elected I will introduce measures such as targeted zero tolerance policing in some areas where violent crime is not reduced. That is unlikely to mean Yarcombe. However there are issues that affect Yarcombe more directly.

I would like to see every community, every parish, have a Special Constable, a Warden, and a new kind of neighbourhood watch that cares for the vulnerable, the very young and the very old. I will also set up a dedicated farm and wildlife crime unit that will look at all animal-related and farm crime. That would include everything from animal cruelty through to rustling.

This is our home. We are rightly proud of our home. We have a duty of care. All of us have a duty of care to keep this precious and beautiful homeland of ours in the way we found it.

There is more of course. But rather than swamp the pages of Yarcombe Voices, may I ask you to attend the public meeting on 3rd May. There is much to discuss.

(Editor’s note: to find out more about all the candidates in the forthcoming election for Police & Crime Commissioner please go to the government website www.choosemypcc.org.uk and follow the links provided).

An invitation from the Yarty Gardening Club

Looking at clear blue skies with the swallows flying in like a squadron of Spitfire pilots over the Kent coast, tells us that despite being freezing cold, Spring has sprung and that indeed there will be another year of growing plants. True, they may get eaten by slugs, pulled up by pheasants, squashed by deer or badgers but the gardener is the true optimist who like Bruce’s spider, tries, tries and tries again. We can all talk about our triumphs and disasters and how it will be different next year!

The Yarty Gardening Club is holding a COFFEE MORNING on 4th JUNE at Otterford Parish Hall in Bishopswood where we can find plants to plant, cakes to enjoy after our labours tilling the soil and friends to commiserate with about the latest loss over an enjoyable cup of coffee.

We should so like to see you there and hope that you will find time to join us so, a date for your diary/calendar – 4th JUNE – 10.00am – 12 NOON - you will come, won’t you?

PS - we have some pretty good meetings too – maybe we shall see you at some of them as well.

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Stockland & District Gardening Club

SPRING PLANT SALE
with Cake Stall & Bric-a-Brac

Saturday 7th May, 2.00p.m.
Victory Hall, Stockland.

Please bring donations of plants, etc., after 10.30a.m.
Summer Show schedules will be available.
Yarcombe Post Office
~ Free cash withdrawals from selected banks ~ A selection of savings accounts
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Open every Tuesday 10 a.m. - 12 noon

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Monday 2nd May, Craft Club, The Jubilee Hall, 2 - 4p.m. (page 15).
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Tuesday 17th May, Outing to the Isle of Purbeck, coach leaving Yarcombe 8.30a.m. (page 17).
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Thursday 19th May, Outing to Cadhay House & Gardens (page 9 & 16).
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Monday 23rd May, Craft Club, The Jubilee Hall, 2 - 4p.m. (page 13).
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Wednesday 1st June, Handbells Group, The Jubilee Hall, 6.30 - 8.30p.m.
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8th May at 11a.m. - Birthday Songs of Praise led by Maggie Lane (page 12).
15th May at 11a.m. - Alan Blake.
22nd May at 11a.m. - Peter Halse.
29th May at 11a.m. - Paul Bate.

YARCOMBE PARISH CHURCH

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5th May at 7p.m. - Ascension Day Service at Shute.
8th May at 11a.m. - Lite Bite Service at The Baptist Chapel
14th May at 7p.m. - Pentecost Praise at Dalwood.
15th May (Pentecost) at 11a.m. - Morning Worship.
22nd May at 7p.m. - Parish Communion.
29th May at 11a.m. - Mission Community Holy Communion at Stockland.