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Emergency Contact Numbers.

Ambulance, Fire, Police	999
Police non-emergency	101
NHS non-emergency	111
Flood line	0345 9881188
Fire Non – emergency	0800 0502999

Defibrillator Unit

As most people know, we have a defibrillator in Awliscombe. It is situated on the wall of the village hall, to the right of the entrance. There is also one on the wall as you enter Heron Farm in Weston, directly ahead of you.

This comes as a gentle reminder of what to do in an emergency situation.

If someone collapses with a cardiac arrest near you, then **speed of response is paramount.**

So ring 999 without delay.

If someone was able to fetch the defib unit, instructions will be very clearly heard once the unit is opened.



The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her
loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also.

Harriet Ann Jacobs



We hope you are all emerging from the long, wet winter in good health and good spirits.

There have been some very dramatic storms with trees down and the river Wolf in full spate. During the long power cut after storm Daragh, the electricity in the centre of Awliscombe came back on earlier than many other areas. The village hall committee were able to open up the doors and invite people into the warm hub where they could find a welcome cup of tea/coffee, a warm radiator, somewhere to recharge their phone or use their computer and some company. The problem was letting people know that this was available! If it happens again and you find yourself in a long power cut, bear it in mind and keep an eye on the hall to see if the lights come on there.

So here comes spring, with longer days and hopefully more sunshine to cheer us all up.

There are quite a few events and activities over the next few months – see the What's On page for dates and further information in the following pages. All of these events, activities and clubs need organisers and we are grateful to them for the variety and range of entertainment available in this community. If you are someone who could contribute, whether that is helping to run a club, manning a stall for an hour at the village fête, acting as a steward at the art exhibition or manning the bar at the hall then please do get in touch with the people named in the relevant article or on the contact page. If you have ideas for the village fête, could help and/or bake a cake then contact Sharon on 07748966436. Many hands make light work and it is all for the general benefit and wellbeing of the whole community.

I am very grateful to our distributors who deliver the magazines all over the community. If you could help out with this while out for a stroll in the area, then please let me know at the email address below.

Thank you, Julia for your help and the lovely front and back covers.

Find out how you can see these beautiful paintings soon ... Happy Easter and Happy Springtime!

awliscombeandwestontimes@gmail.com

Caroline – 07775931735

Julia

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What's On.

To help everyone keep their diaries up to date, you can now go onto the Awliscombe Parish Council website, click on What's On and see all of the public events for the village. If anyone has an event which they would like advertised on this calendar, then please let Sally know on lawrencesally@hotmail.com

For any people who are new to the area, they should know that new members are always welcome to any of the various clubs and events mentioned in the magazine. Details of people to contact are on the contact page at the beginning of this magazine.

Monthly

regular dates in the Village Hall or the committee room in hall.

Mondays - Garden Club 7.30pm – 10pm 2nd Monday in month

Tuesdays –

Wednesdays - Short mat bowls 2 pm - 5pm & 7pm - 10pm
 Knit and Stitch 7.30 – 9.30 alt. Wednesdays

Thursdays - Honiton U3A Hist. 8 am – 1pm last Thursday in month
 Awliscombe Ladies 7.30 pm - 2nd Thursday in month

Fridays - Slot car racing 7 pm - 10pm
 Honiton WI Art 1 pm – 4pm 2nd & 4th Friday

SAVE THE DATE.

Saturday 22nd February

The Awli @ The Hall

Monday 24th February

Whist Drive in the village hall

Monday 24th March

Whist Drive in the village hall

Saturday 29th March

Open Mic night The Awli @ The Hall

Monday 31st March

Easter Bingo in the village hall

Saturday 5th April

Fish 'n chips supper in St. Michael's

Saturday 12th April

Disco in the village hall

Sunday 20th April

Easter Sunday

Monday 28th April

Whist Drive in the village hall

Thursday 1st May

Voting for Devon CC

Saturday 10th May

Art Exhibition in St. Micheal's

Sunday 11th May

Art Exhibition in St. Michael's

Monday 26th May

Whist Drive in the village hall

Saturday June 14th

Village FETE at The Otter Inn.

Church Matters.

Services at St. Michael's are on the first, third and fourth Sundays of each month. Everyone is welcome. Information about these services is on honiton.org in a newsletter called Around the Parishes.

The group of people who like **classic cars** that used to meet at The Honiton Inn now meet on the first Thursday of each month at **The Otter Inn** in Weston. Anyone welcome.



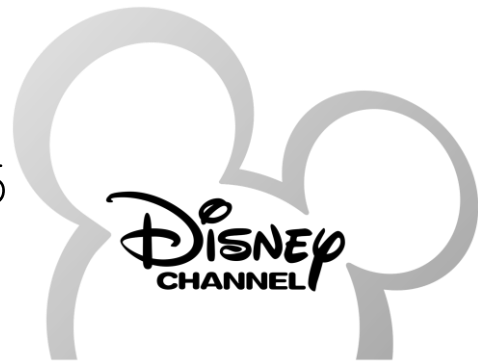
AWLISCOMBE SCARECROW COMPETITION

£5 a scarecrow

entry forms in by 25 of May

Scarecrows up

Saturday 7 June 2025



DISNEY THEME

CATEGORIES

- BUSINESSES E.G SCHOOLS AND SHOPS
- 5-10
- 11-16
- ADULTS
- Best overall



Contact if you would like to enter

Beekenbo@gmail.com Or 07941 152067

**The winners will be announced at the
village fête 14 June.**



MOTHERING SUNDAY

30th March at 9.30am

Please join us for a
Mothering Sunday family service
at St Michael's,
With children's activities and posies for Mums
Followed by flowers and cake!

Christmas Market, despite storm Daragh.

Thanks to the power cut which we experienced following storm Daragh, the Christmas Market in the village hall had to be cancelled. So it was amazing that when it was put on a week later so many people were able to come and enjoy the morning.



Many of the children in the school choir turned up and sang beautifully. They showed excellent memories in remembering all the words to their songs, even the 12 days of Christmas. Well done Awliscombe school singers and THANK YOU.

There were stalls selling gifts, cards, honey, apple juice, cakes, candles, jewellery and refreshments.

It was a good chance to shop, then sit and chat and get into the Christmas spirit.

Well done organisers and thank you.



Storm Daragh brought down a few trees in the area. This was actually a very large oak tree. Bizarrely it did not seem to have very big roots. Even more strangely there were buds already on this tree so it was not enjoying a dormant time as trees are meant to do. Nature is taking a battering in so many ways, not just the more frequent named storms we seem to be having.

Fallen Oak and Hembury Fort.



Buds on the fallen oak.



Young Wives.

The Young Wives have several events organised for the year following their AGM in January.

March 4th Honiton Pottery evening

April 9th Taunton Races

May 23rd Beehive – Women in Rock

Jun 5th Circular walk start and finish at a Pub

Jun 28th Athelhampton House & Summer market

Aug Beach BBQ

Sept Vineyard tour

Oct 9th Mosaic plaque making

Nov 6th Recipe swop evening

Nov/Dec Ceilidh for Cancer charity

Jan 2026 AGM

Feb 2026 35 years of Awliscombe Young Wives group!

(As this tells you, they are not all particularly young and not all wives!)

If you wish to participate and join us Tel. 01404 42825 Sally Lawrence for more details.

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AWLISCOMBE WHIST DRIVE



We meet on fourth Monday of the month starting at 7.30pm in the village hall.

£4 entry + raffle (inc Cuppa/biscuits)

Dates for 2025

March 24th, April 28th, May 26th, June 23rd, July 28th, August 25th,

September 22nd, October 27th, November 25th (Tuesday).

If anyone would like a refresher or to learn how to play whist, please give Mandy a call on 07918685428.

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Treasurer - St Michael's PCC & Friends of St Michael's - can you help?

After several years expert service, Julie Hawkins is stepping down as our treasurer: could you or someone you know take her place?

A rewarding voluntary role which will give you valuable experience supporting an institution at the heart of our community.

You don't need to be a regular church attender or to have book-keeping experience, as training is provided.

To find out more (without any commitment!) please contact Julie Hawkins (07907 058913) or Sharon Thwaites, PCC Secretary (07748 966436)



Refurbishment of Awliscombe village hall.



The village hall in Awliscombe was closed throughout January for various improvements and renovations to take place. It is looking so much nicer now, however people may not realise how much work has been carried out behind the scenes.

The roof above the door to the stage has been repaired – during heavy rains, water was liable to overflow at one point and flood, pouring through the roof and ceilings below! (Thank you Paul Layzell). The south wall has been repointed on the outside and sealed against damp. (Thank you to Trisha and Alan for allowing Konrad work in your garden to do this and for the coffees and chats to keep him going). Inside the hall, all walls with exposed brickwork including the stage area wall have been battened, insulated and replastered, allowing a flow of air behind, all to help with potential damp issues.

Light switches have been relocated into the main hall and not concealed out in the back storage area. The large untidy box of electrical consumer units at the end by the window has been tidied up and made smaller such that the curtains can now be pulled back to allow in more light. A couple of radiators have been repositioned and the pipes replaced. All of the ceiling and the lighting within the ceiling has been renewed. The ceiling above the stage has been insulated and replaced and there is new lighting there. All of the lights have dimmer switches.

The small storage area for the tables was stripped and replastered with protective 'bumpers' fitted.

The floor has been sanded and re sealed including the stage.

The whole hall redecorated top to bottom.

The stage curtains have been dry cleaned and repaired. (Thank you Caroline and Liz). We discovered that the Awliscombe Ladies donated these curtains to the hall many years ago; they were made by Soft Options in the High Street in Honiton. On the other windows and doors new curtains have been made to match the stage curtains.

There is a new projector, screen, sound system and Blue Ray/DVD player. There is also a hearing loop for anyone with hearing problems. The old screen has been fitted in the committee room so is more suitable as a meeting room.

When considering the colour scheme, the committee were reminded to take into account the rules governing public places for visually impaired people. Apparently, in order to conform there has to be 30% of brightness difference between the woodwork around the doors and the walls. The colour of the curtains was chosen as the darker shade and a shade close to white, with a hint of green, as the light shade.



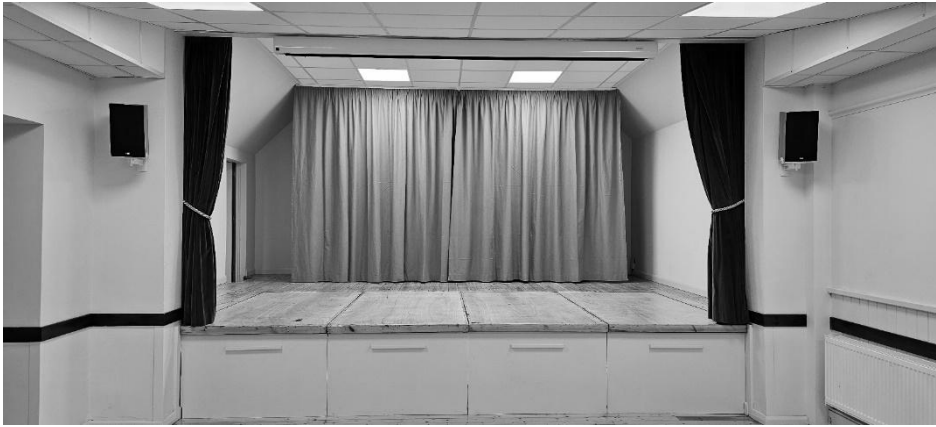
before



after

We all owe a big THANK YOU to Kevin and Simon who have led and directed all of this. They liaised regularly with builders, decorators, plumbers and electricians. They gutted and cleared the area especially the stage, before work could begin, filling and sanding, removing and cleaning signs, taking down old curtain rails and then putting up the new ones and hanging the new curtains. They have fitted the screen, projector and sound system, painted the radiators, sealed and repaired, put up new coat hooks, tidied up all over the place and put new feet on many table and chair legs to protect the new floor.

Thank you to GM Ceilings and Interiors – Greg McCollum and his team.



Going forward it is hoped that the community will be able to make good use of these facilities. Now we have the necessary licences for screening film, TV and music we are only limited by our collective imaginations!

We need people who can step up and organise events. I'm

sure there are those among us who can organise films, music, afternoon tea... Get in touch with the committee – details on the contact page.

Apart from the regular clubs and activities going on in the hall, we have

Open Mic night on 29th March,

Mike Dent's disco on 12th April,

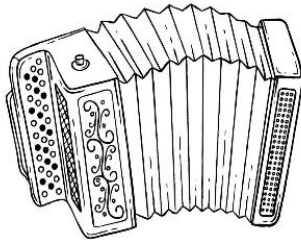
Last Night at the Proms on 13th September,

Polar Express on the 6th December (children invited in their pyjamas).

There is talk of a New Year's Eve party. Could you help organise this??



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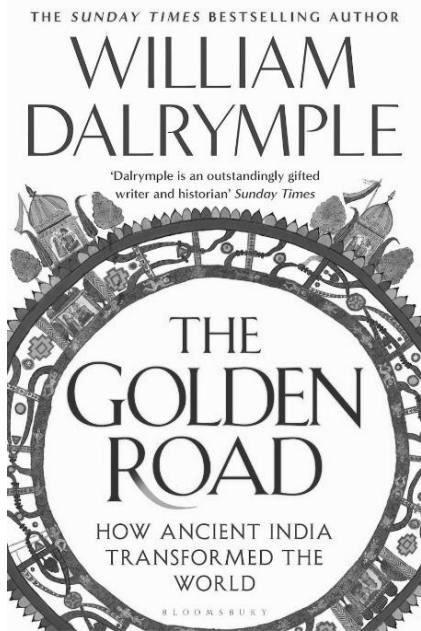
Unfortunately the concert by Jim Causley had to be cancelled due to storm Daragh. This is just postponed however, Jim will be returning and weather permitting the concert will go ahead later this year.

Our plans for the Eco Loo Project have been submitted for approval and will be going to tender very soon. This is very exciting and all thanks to our members and the wider community for all their support.

We will be holding another Fish and Chip supper in the church on the 5th April at 7pm. This is open to everyone but we do ask you to book beforehand please by contacting stmichaelfriends@gmail.com as we will need to pre order the food.

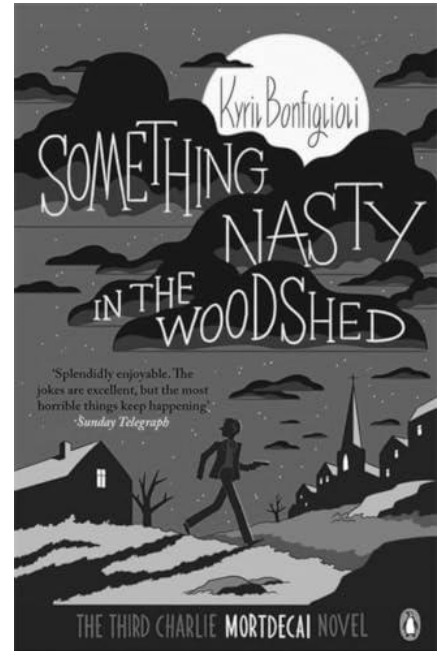
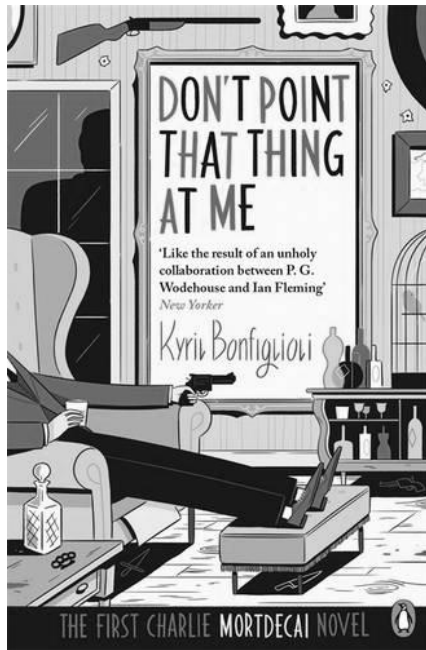
Sarah Ricketts





William Dalrymple. The Golden Road. 2024. Bloomsbury £10 plus

A remote cousin of mine living in Delhi, a highly competent historian writing as the sub-title says, how ancient India transformed the world. Mad as a hatter (even more than me) but hugely successful, he writes from an extraordinary depth of research and knowledge. It's refreshing to see a book which outlines the importance of India in the global economy before the British (via the British East India Company particularly), effectively stole the wealth of the country back to London, making politicians and other investors hugely rich at the expense of India. Between the 1st and 17th centuries, India's economy was the largest in the world, controlling between 1/3rd and 1/4qtr. of the world's wealth. The birthplace of one of two influential religions, (Buddhism & Hinduism), producers of silks, cotton, spices, jewellery, astrologers, mathematicians and so on, trading to 4 continents by ship, road etc. A fascinating, very readable book. which will open your eyes to how great a 'country' India was in the past.



The Mortdecai Trilogy. Penguin re-print. All about £8 or less.

This, so-called trilogy, by Kyril Bonfiglioli (born to an Slovene antiquarian bookseller and English mother, in Eastbourne !) all feature Hon. Charlie Mortdecai, a minor aristocrat, womaniser, epicurean, bon viveur, art dealer together with Jock, his uneducated, pugnacious, fiercely loyal, Cockney manservant and superb chef. Yes, it's a curious mix redolent of Jeeves and Wooster with pastiches of Richard Hannay, James Bond etc. Narrated by him, the adventures are unreal but race along, twists and turns abound, all peppered with a few non-PC phrases & observations about sex, race etc, (common in the 1970's but thankfully alien to us now). Nevertheless, his writing is comedic, witty and with acute real-life observations from a polyglot author.

Don't Point that Thing at Me (1972) involves a stolen Goya, a senior policeman, a buyer in US, tricks, lies, debauchery etc. Was made into a film with Johnny Depp 10 years ago - and became a total flop. Next was *After You with the Pistol* (1979) where a swashbuckling Charlie is blackmailed into the Secret Service and then marriage to a powerful, ultra rich woman who seems to be the boss and tells him to assassinate The Queen as a test, which he fails. Finally, *Something Nasty in the Woodshed* (1976) which is set in Jersey (Kyril died an alcoholic there in 1985), with his very rich wife and neighbours, and of course, Jock. I think the best of the trilogy, where murder and rape have a funny side.

Alfred Leyman (1856-1933) by Mark Dalrymple

"He had no real teaching ability and would have been happier alone with his easel, and away from the gathering of rowdy boys"

Since moving to Devon 10 years ago, I have collected the topographical views of the only local watercolourist of merit in the period 1880-1910, Alfred Leyman. He was born in Summerland Street, Exeter, Devon, the only son of John Francis, a seaman in the Merchant Service, later an artist and photographer. He was a pupil of Professor Sir Hubert Von Herkomer at Bushey School until he married Kate Gauntlett in 1887, moved to Honiton in 1888 and became Art Master at Allhallows School in 1893, for 40 years until his death in 1933. He seldom left far from East Devon, with the exception of short trips to North Devon, West Dorset/Somerset, to supplement his income by painting popular views for visitors.

Leyman's home and studio were at Otterdale, Kings Road, Honiton. Shortly after the property was built in 1896, an overturned lamp caused a fire in his studio, and whilst The Borough Fire Brigade were praised for saving the building most of Alfred's collection of paintings, furniture and effects were destroyed. He was only partly insured. Perhaps that explains why he would pay local tradesmen with a painting instead of cash.

His daughter Mary, born in 1887, never married and continued to live at the family home until her death in 1963.

He notably painted views of Exeter, Porlock, Clovelly and many small towns & villages in East Devon...in some cases a number of times with almost identical views. It is thought he may also have copied photographic postcards of some villages for customers, as his views are identically composed.

Shown below are a few of those I have within our Parish area or just beyond:



Two versions of Awliscombe village, showing Losses Farm on the left, and Church Hill, one dated 1894.



Weston dated 1893



Stoneybridge – a.k.a Tracey Bridge circa 1888



Weston cottages dated 1892



Near Gittisham circa 1895

Display of local scenes by Alfred Leyman.

Have you recognized these and the paintings on the front cover? Can you identify the places?

We are excited to be able to announce that there will be an exhibition of many of these watercolours and others, in St. Michael's Church here in Awliscombe. It will take place on the 10th and the 11th May from 10 am to 4 pm.

Entry will be free but donations towards FOSM funds are invited. If weather permits we will be serving refreshments outside. There will also be a display of paintings of local scenes by some children from Awliscombe school. So do come along and see what local villages looked like 100 years ago.

We will need help to make this a success on both of these days; if anyone can give an hour of their time to act as a steward in the church that would be great. We also hope that there could be flowers to brighten up the church and refreshments to be made and served. If you could help with any of these things then please get in touch.

If anyone has a large easel which they could lend us, or a tall angle poise lamp, then please let us know.

For further enquiries or offers of help, contact Caroline Coxon on 07775931735 or cncoxon@gmail.com



Awliscombe Parish Council.

Your Parish Council delivers the most locally based level of government for our communities of Awliscombe and Weston.

Five of the six Councillors were elected on 4th May 2023 with the sixth co-opted by way of legal process when a vacancy unexpectedly arose later that year. The Council currently has no Clerk but we are actively seeking a replacement.

Your Councillors currently are:

- Nigel Boulton Chair
- Andy Summers Vice Chair
- Gary Burford
- Richard Lawrence
- Samantha Emmott
- Simon Ricketts
- William Furnival

The Parish Council meets every 6 weeks usually at the village hall on a Monday evening at 7.30pm and members of the public are always welcome. The agenda and minutes are published on the parish council website for public visibility.

The Council considers all planning applications within the parish and makes recommendations to East Devon District Council taking a view on each as to the benefits or otherwise for the whole community and/or just those directly affected. We also have a range of issues we consider including those relating to highways, infrastructure and the community.

Our current agreed primary areas of focus at this time alongside our legal duties are:

- Creation of an advisory 20mph speed limit on the main road to cover the school at the beginning and end of the school day
- Provision of an outdoor play/ recreation area for younger children
- Provision of a replacement Parish Council Website to be at the heart of communication within the community
- Employment of a new clerk.

You are welcome to contact any of the Councillors if you wish to discuss an issue. Contact details are on the website www.awliscombeparishcouncil.co.uk

Summary of last meeting

Awliscombe Parish Council last met on 3rd February 2025.

Councillor Colin Brown from East Devon District Council updated on several issues.

He advised the replacement toilets in Honiton in Lace Walk as well as others elsewhere in East Devon would be pay to use facilities once rebuilt.

He also advised that no decisions had been made concerning the future of the District Councils in Devon in light of the Government intentions to create new larger administrations across the country.

He provided an interesting update regarding a project which is running in Cranbrook concerning the recycling of nappy type waste. The project which aims to collect the waste from homes and use it once recycled within road construction. If successful EDDC will look to widen the availability of the service. He also advised that all replacement recycling bins across the district will be black and not green in colour which will save the district council significant sums as the bins are an 'off the shelf' product and not specially produced as a green product.

The planning application for additional houses at the current building site in Weston was again discussed. Councillor Nigel Boulton updated the meeting that the council had carried out a site visit and discussed the application with both the developers and their agent. The Parish Council had requested significant changes to the application including the reduction of numbers of properties, the height of some closer to Weston Lane and consideration of re modelling the entrance driveway. Members of the public in attendance at the meeting provided their own comments regarding the application which will be considered.

If you do have individual views on any planning matter in the parish please by all means speak to us but also submit your comments directly onto the EDDC website planning portal. It is sometimes the case that the final submission of your parish council may not entirely harmonise with your own individual position or not identify specifics that you feel are important.

A decision was made by the Parish Council that it would join the Blackdown Hills Association.

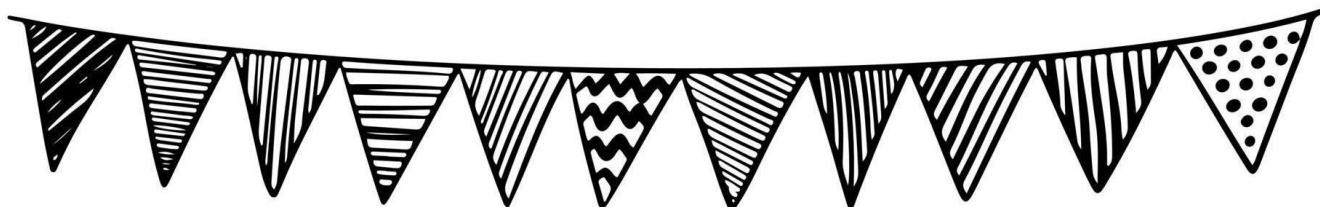
An update was received concerning the new website contract.

The minutes for the meeting will be published once agreed and signed at the next meeting which is on the 17th March 2025.

Nigel Boulton Chair

Awliscombe Paish council

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New Produce at the Mini Farm.

Some of you will remember the Mini Farm, up the valley past Godford Cross, which was featured in last summer's magazine. Throughout the coming months they will be creating tasty goodies following various themes and lasting a week.

For example, for St. David's Day, Bara Brith loaf will be on sale 1st – 4th March. For St. George's Day they will be producing something like Dragon Juice (they grow dragon fruit) and mini Victoria sponges in red or white, 21st – 27th April. There will also be treats on VE day, Empire Day and VJ day. They will be making something special to mark these events - small charge from 50p depending. Their favourite recipe is Edwardian cut rounds from Empire Day, 24th May, which can be savoury or sweet. Intriguing! A nice treat while enjoying a circular walk!

Dates to check out are week of 8th May, 24th May and 15th August.



Awli Night @ the Hall.

The 22nd February was, for many, the first event in the newly refurbished village hall. The England versus Scotland match was on the new screen and the new cushions made the seating more comfortable for all who turned up to see the exciting match. England just scraped a win 16 – 15.



Once the match was over, some people got take-away food and tucked into that, others popped home to eat and others arrived for a night at the pub. It all turned into a good friendly evening with people from Awliscombe and Weston. The new card machine in the bar was working a treat – thank you again to Martin and Jane who ran the bar.



There were games such as whist,

and gravity cards ...

The gravity card game is new to most of us, look it up on line, it's great and involves serious contemplation.



We also had giant jenga.

Thank you to the organisers. Let's hope people continue to support these events at the village hall.

**Calling All
performers, singers, bands and soloists**

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Awliscombe Has Talent!

Open Mic Night

At

The Awli

(Awliscombe Village Hall)

Saturday 29th March

20:00 – 22:00

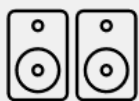
**Turn up and play
or call**

**Helen & Stephen, Studio Wolf, C/O Titford Bridge
Cottage Awliscombe 07739 423047 / 07565
799795 hwylde88@gmail.com**

PA facilities provided



Following the success of last year's 70s and 80s disco, Mike Dent has received many requests to do another one. It is likely tickets will go very quickly so please book them in advance.



**70s and 80s Disco
Saturday 12th April
Awliscombe Village Hall
Tickets £6.00**

All Proceeds to Friends of St Michael's

For advanced tickets please contact Sarah Dent 07540110965

Church Matters

Mothering Sunday, 30th March:

Family Service (no communion) at 09.30 with child-friendly hymns and children's activities, followed by tea/coffee and cake.



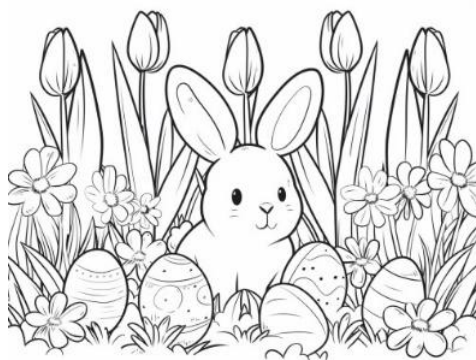
Palm Sunday (13th April):

Eucharist at 09.30



Holy Week (the week leading up to Easter):

Evening Eucharist on Tuesday 15 April at 7.00pm



Easter Sunday (20th April):

Easter Eucharist service at 09.30 followed by Easter egg hunt for children and suitable refreshments for adults.



HONITON - BROADHEMBURY Via Awliscombe

Dartline 368

Including journeys on service 694

Monday to Saturday (Except Public Holidays)

	368 SD	694 TFS	368 TFS	694 TS	694 F	368 TFS	368 SD
HONITON, Congregational Church	-	-	1020	-	-	1350	-
HONITON, High Street Job Centre	-	-	1021	-	-	1351	-
HONITON, Community College	-	-	-	-	-	-	1510
HONITON, Dowell Street	-	0845	-	-	-	-	-
AWLISCOMBE, Nap View	-	0850	1027	-	-	1357	1517
AWLISCOMBE, Godford Cross	-	-	-	-	-	-	1518
BROADHEMBURY, Square	0800	-	1040	-	-	1410	1530
AWLISCOMBE, Nap View	0813	-	1053	1335	1340	1423	-
HONITON, Community College	0820	-	-	-	-	-	-
HONITON, High Street Lace Walk	-	-	1100	1340	1345	1430	-

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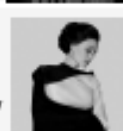
BETTER MAN (15) A Musical Biopic!

Sat 8 Mar - 7pm. Adult £8, Under 16's £7
Better Man is based on the true story of the meteoric rise, dramatic fall, and remarkable resurgence of British pop superstar Robbie Williams, one of the greatest entertainers of all time.



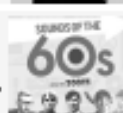
MARIA (12A) A biography of the world's greatest opera singer!

Thu 13 Mar - 7.30pm. Adult £8, Under 16's £7
Maria Callas is one of the most iconic performers of the 20th century. The film follows the American Greek soprano as she retreats to Paris after a glamorous and tumultuous life in the public eye, re-imagining the legendary diva in her final days as she reckons with her identity and life.



THE SOUNDS OF THE 60'S!

Fri 14 Mar - 7.30pm. Tickets: £24
Experience THE Sixties tribute featuring the best of the '60s including The Beatles, The Searchers, The Monkees, The Small Faces, The Beach Boys, The Kinks, The Shadows, The Four Seasons, The Who plus many more!



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Honiton's Community & Arts Venue

March 2025

THE METROPOLITAN OPERA: FIDELIO

Sat 15 Mar - 5pm. Adult £18, Student £12
Norwegian soprano Lise Davidsen returns to the Metropolitan Opera as Leonore, the faithful wife who risks everything to save her husband from the clutches of tyranny in Beethoven's Fidelio.



ROMEO & JULIET: ROYAL BALLET & OPERA

Thu 20 Mar - 7.15pm. Adult £18, Under 16's £12
The greatest love story ever told - through ballet. An ancient family feud casts a long shadow over the town of Verona. In this hothouse of tension, brows are quick to break out and both sides get caught in the crossfire.



REG MEUROSS: FIRE & DUST, A WOODY GUTHRIE STORY

Sat 22 Mar - 7.30pm. Advanced tickets £22. On the Door £24
The evenings performance shows how the impact of Guthrie remains and how Meuross was the right man to tell this story through music and song. The depth of Reg Meuross's material is unparalleled in contemporary folk: songs about forgotten heroes, folk legends and the climate emergency!



DR. STRANGELOVE: NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE

Thu 27 Mar - 7pm. Tickets £17, Student £14
Seven-time BAFTA Award-winner Steve Coogan plays four roles in the world premiere stage adaptation of Stanley Kubrick's comedy masterpiece Dr. Strangelove. This explosively funny satire, about a rogue U.S. General who triggers a nuclear attack, is led by Emmy Award-winner Armando Lannucci and Olivier Award-winner Sean Foley.



EOS - DAWN OF IMPRESSIONISM: PARIS 1874

Sat 29 Mar - 7pm. Tickets: £13
The Impressionists are the most popular group in art history. But to begin with, they were scorned. In 1874 everything changed; the first Impressionists "hungry for independence" broke the mould and Impressionism was born...



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April 2025

ROYAL BALLET & OPERA: TURANDOT

Thu 3 Apr - 7pm. Adult £18, Student £12
Puccini's captivating opera of a cold-hearted princess & her mysterious savior. Featuring the ever-popular 'Nessun dorma', this opera of love & revenge is brought to life in a dazzling show.



A COMPLETE UNKNOWN (15)

Sat 5 Apr - 7pm. Adult £8, Under 16's £7
New York, early 1960's. Against the backdrop of a vibrant music scene and tumultuous cultural upheaval, an enigmatic 19-year-old from Minnesota arrives in the West Village with his guitar and revolutionary talent, destined to change the course of American music.



THE ULTIMATE BUBBLE SHOW (U)

Tue 8 Apr - 11am. Adult £12, Under 12's £10, Family of 4 £40
Experience the best in soap bubble entertainment. Join Ray, International Bubbleologist and Guinness World Record Holder, and help him in his quest to complete the bubble game and make the ultimate bubble. This show is suitable for all ages!



BRIDGET JONES: MAD ABOUT THE BOY (15)

Fri 11 Apr - 2pm (optional lunch) & 7.30pm. Adult £8, U16's £7
Bridget Jones navigates life as a widow and single mom with the help of her family, friends, and former lover, Daniel. Back to work and on the apps, she's pursued by a younger man and maybe - just maybe - her son's science teacher. Lunch and a film deal Adult £14 / U16 £13.



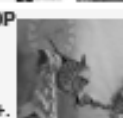
THE SECRET LIFE OF ENID BLYTON

Sat 12 Apr - 7.30pm. Tickets £17.
On a Role Theatre dives straight into the authors life! Virtually everybody has read an Enid Blyton book. She was loved by children (except her younger daughter who hated her) but vilified by the BBC, teachers, critics & librarians. Find out more about Enid's secret life in this brilliant theatre production!



THE SAND DRAGON THEATRE SHOW & PUPPET WORKSHOP

Tue 15 Apr - 3pm. Family of 4 £33, Adults £12, U12's £9
While on holiday Edie and her Daddy find a magical pebble that can grant you one wish. Can you guess what Edie wished for? Join us for this magical theatre show & puppet workshop for 4yrs+.



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ANDRE RIEU: THE DREAM CONTINUES (Optional lunch)

Thu 17 Apr - 2pm & 7pm. Adult £14, U16's £10. Lunch + £6
André Rieu celebrates his 75th birthday and invites you to a boat party with him and his beloved Johann Strauss Orchestra as they sail through his hometown of Maasricht. The film features a selection of André's favourite and most spectacular global performances along with some of the finest moments the Maestro and his Johann Strauss Orchestra have shared!



THE ALL SEASONS

Fri 18 Apr - 7.30pm. Tickets £21
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THE MET OPERA: MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

Sat 26 Apr - 6pm. Adult £18, Student £12
Mozart's timeless comedy returns to cinemas worldwide with a live broadcast from the Metropolitan Opera. Conductor Joana Mallwitz, in her Met debut, takes the podium to conduct a stellar ensemble cast including Michael Sumail as Figaro.



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Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening

Whose woods are these I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

Robert Frost



Daisy Time

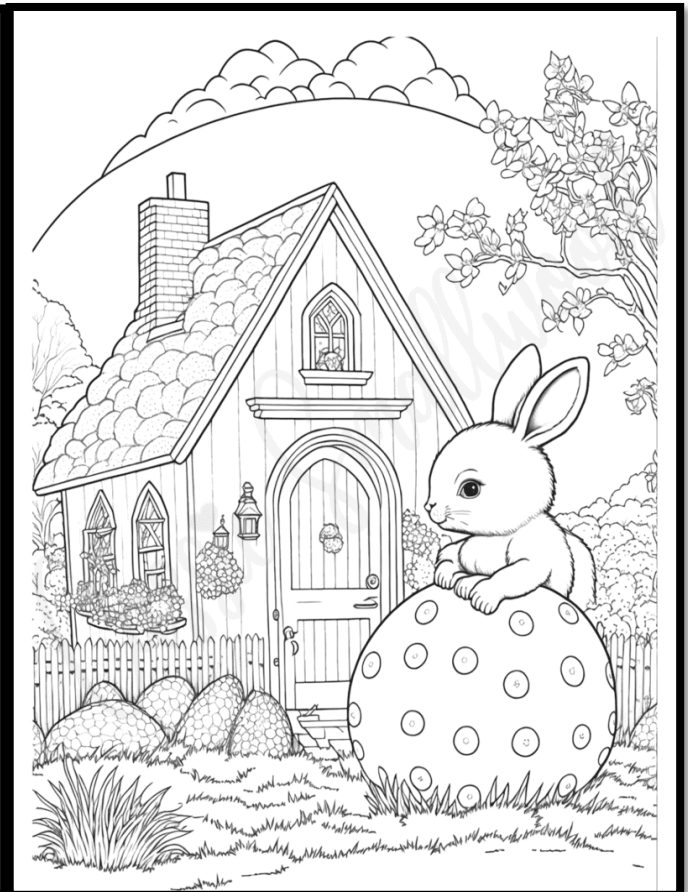
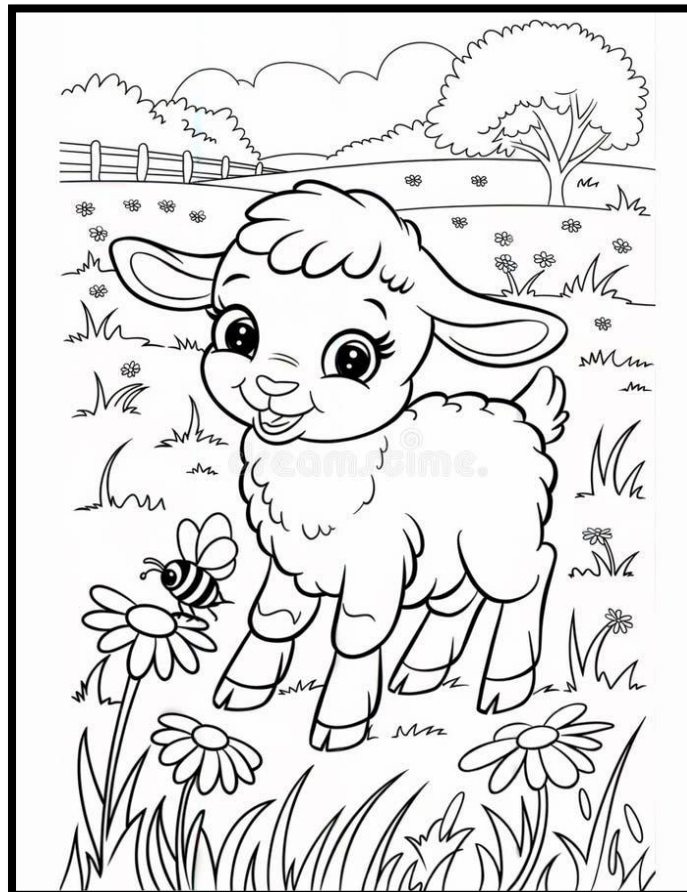
See, the grass is full of stars,
Fallen in their brightness;
Hearts they have of shining gold,
Rays of shining whiteness.

Buttercups have honeyed hearts,
Bees they love the clover,
But I love the daisies' dance
All the meadow over.

Blow, O blow, you happy winds,
Singing summer's praises,
Up the field and down the field
A-dancing with the daisies.



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