

Merry Christmas



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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 entrance.

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. There will be a repeat of training in the new year.

Next Issue

The deadline for the next issue will be **20th March.**

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Having now covered the four seasons!, we'd like to say thank you so much to everyone that has contributed to the magazine in any way. Articles and reviews, distributors and advertisers. You are stars!

It has been a little tricky to get all back up and running in such a quiet, sometimes difficult and sad time. Events have been thin on the ground but hopefully next year we will see everyone pulling together again, in the way Awliscombe and Weston know how! So in the meantime, Caroline and I would like to wish you a very special time.

Stay well, safe and warm.

Merry Christmas!



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The Harvest Festival this year was made very special, with a Baptism.

Dear little Daisy was welcomed into our church family.

We send love to you and your Godparents.

Awliscombe Christmas Market.

Come and join us!

Saturday 11th December.

10 am - 12am in the village hall

Buy your Christmas gifts, enjoy refreshments with friends.

Look forward to seeing you.



TITFORD BRIDGE DONKEYS

Hello, we are the Titford Bridge donkey duo of Chesil (named after Chesil beach), and Tettenhall (named after Wolverhampton), and our accents match our names if you are reading this out loud! We live with M and Donkey Handler 2, Percy the Puppy and the Nashville Bantams.



Chesil: Now most people think we are simply a pair of lucky rescue donkeys who escaped the fate of becoming Mortadella salami, and now spend all day stuffing hay and carrots in the lap of luxury whilst mooning over Mr Dymond's very attractive Exmoor pony in the next field and getting a little tipsy on any tree bark we manage to steal off overhanging branches.



Tettenhall: Aahhh there is so much more to us than that! You obviously haven't been inside our Boston new stables, they are a homage to technical excellence, our dedication to music, (you may have heard us singing in the village) and service to Great Britain...

Chesil: At the back of the stable we have 2 bricks, one Gold and one Silver and as a special Weston & Awliscombe Times treat we are going to let you in on a couple of closely guarded secrets...

Tettenhall: We love music, especially Black Sabbath, in fact when we lived at Smeatharpe we regularly joined the music festival activities including making one legendary appearance after a particularly inventive breakout, we found ourselves in the festival mosh pit, crowd surfing! If you play music in our stable, we will mooch along and join in. In fact, it is Chesil's stated ambition to make an appearance on "Strictly Donkey", as he feels he has just exactly what darling Anton Du Bec is looking for in the Cha Cha Cha, and to be honest he just loves wearing sequins.



escapees

Chesil: Uh Hum we said a few secrets Tett, let's get back to the stable story.... we have installed a Donkey Disco under our stable and if you tap the gold brick with a 1-2-a-1-2-3-4, then the flashing lit dance floor rises up, the glitter ball comes down, the bar flicks out of the wall and the mixing deck on its stage rises out of the hay rack.

Tettenhall: Every night when you are all safely tucked up we are booging the night away with all our friends and probably most of your pets – holding to the one sacred donkey disco rule: No one eats anyone else whilst the donkey disco lights are on.

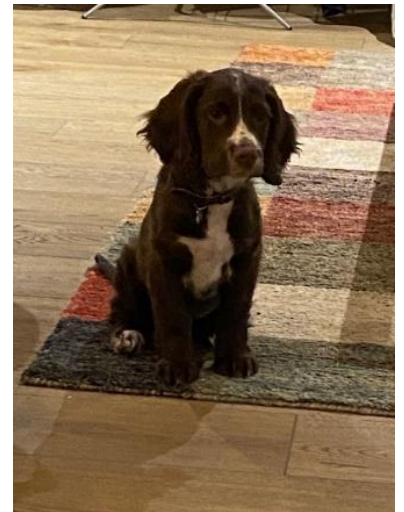
Chesil: We even have live music from the Nashville Bantams. Patsy Kline, Tammy Wynette and Mr Parton. (M made a 100% error in gender determination, so Dolly is now known as Mr Parton...)



Tettenhall: If you drive past and you can hear the gentle strains of the Grand Ole Opry from Titford Bridge between dawn and dusk, well now you know where it's coming from and perhaps you might drop in and show us a few moves....

Chesil: And that's not all. We are also special agents working for MI5 – if you tap the silver brick the back of the stable it opens up into our lab where we are busy developing all the latest tricks and gadgets. In fact Donkey Handler 2 calls us Donk-Qs for our sheer inventiveness – they are ass-tastic!

Tettenhall: Our current assignment is training up the next secret agent, Secret Agent Percy. Now this is proving quite challenging as he is only 14 weeks old, so we are working on the simple stuff right now – carrot retrieval, food store door opening, gate opening etc. But we have high hopes for next summer as we have procured him a small speedboat so that he can take us to Brixham where we can show off our water-skiing prowess to the lady donkeys on the beach, me in my red budgee smugglers and Chesil in his yellow donkini....I know it's a beautiful vision.



Percy



Chesil: But our favourite thing is Christmas. We love the whole stable, lights stuff and will happily participate in nativities although we are inclined to try and steal the show. Tettenhall loves a man in a surplice and goes quite gooey-eyed at any approaching vicar. If you listen very carefully when you drive over Titford Bridge in December and look over at our stable you will see we have our own lights and you might just be able to hear the sound of the donkey carols as we join in the magic of the season.

Tettenhall: However old you are, everyone deserves some magic at Christmas, and yes we do that too. So we are sending you a sprinkle of magic Donkey dust for a very happy Christmas and New Year full of donkey sparkle and happiness.

Thank you so much Helen - Chesil and Tettenhall may have gained a few followers, perhaps they could fill us in on Percy's training progress next summer?



A TIMELESS HOBBY REDISCOVERED ...

One positive outcome of the pandemic has been the opportunity to revisit hobbies and dig out relics of our past that have in many cases been lying dormant in the loft.

The past year has seen a surge in demand for both electric model railways and slot car racing sets, most notably Hornby and Scalextric with a new generation being introduced to the hobbies enjoyed by their parents and / or grandparents.



With life returning to a new normal members of **East Devon Slot Racing Club** were delighted once again to attend the Awliscombe & Weston Fete in September with our miniature 'demo track' and it was clear that not only do children have a remarkable aptitude for something that in many cases they were experiencing for the first time, but grown-ups were equally captivated by the challenge.

Since we resumed racing the club has also welcomed members old and new, from visitors on holiday from as far as Newcastle upon Tyne to those who have recently moved to East Devon.

COME AND HAVE A GO



The club race (almost) every Friday evening in **Awliscombe Village Hall, EX14 3PJ**. Doors open at 7:00 pm and racing starts around 8:00. We race various categories and the cars are ever more realistic interpretations of the real thing – these are some of the popular Rally cars.

Our track is a purpose made 5 lane 'figure of eight' for equal lane lengths (75 ft / 23 mtrs) using precision routed and painted MDF with copper braids for consistent power delivery. Lap counting and timing are performed by state-of-the-art computer systems and unlike Scalextric (or equivalent) track there is no magnetic benefit making car control more challenging and rewarding. As one member often points out;- **It's all the fun of real motor racing but on a smaller scale.**

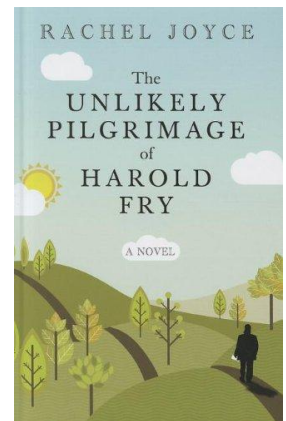
A warm welcome awaits you and members will happily loan cars and controllers. Tea, coffee and biscuits are an added bonus plus **the first two visits are FREE!**

Please note children under the age of 16 should be accompanied by an adult.

For info or a chat call Dave Stevens on **01404 811187** or email: daves.winters-lane@hotmail.co.uk

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce.

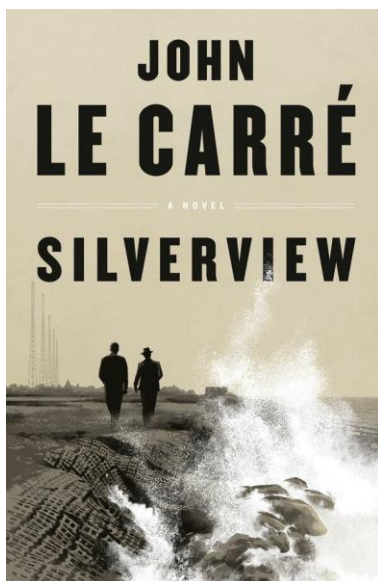
The story of the 627-mile journey taken (on foot!) by recently retired Harold Fry to visit his old work colleague and friend Queenie Hennessy. The book is not a long read as 'War and Peace' it isn't, but also because once you start you are drawn into Harold's journey and life story and can't put it down.



Readers acquainted with the South West of England will be immediately engaged as they recognise the route, the stop overs and possibly some characters of the early part of Harold's unplanned adventure from his home in Kings bridge through Buckfastleigh, Exeter and Taunton. However, as Harold travels further north the details of the physical journey become less important as the reader is taken on a journey through Harold's life, the interaction with the people (and dog) he meets and the ultimate self-realisation he reaches.

Expect to consider the reality of human nature where we all too often blame others to protect ourselves, against the possibility of accepting unwarranted blame to protect others; of what motivates people to do the good deed; and how society treats people as they enter the winter of their life and at the end. I was reminded of the title of the 1977 hit by Racing Cars.

Martin Davies.



Silverview by John le Carré

David Cornwell, wrote masterful spy novels based on his service with MI6, his most well-known character being George Smiley, famously portrayed by Alec Guinness. Because he wasn't allowed to use his own name, he adopted the pseudonym John le Carré for a 'bit of swank', according to his son, Nick Cornwell (the author Nick Harkaway). After his death in December 2020, the hand-written manuscript for Silverview was found in his desk and with little editing necessary, was published posthumously this summer.

I particularly enjoyed the atypical but refreshingly contemporary and realistic approach in this, his last (26th) novel, especially his depiction as to how our Secret Services actually operates - fragmented, political, virtually autonomous and above all, Byzantine. His usual epigrammatic style centres around Julian Lawndesley, a 33 yr. old bachelor who decides to opt out from high finance in the City, to open a small bookshop in a Norfolk seaside town, swapping his Porsche for a Land Cruiser. Soon after Julian opens his shop, the eccentric Edward Arvon enters, in old-fashioned attire and a Homburg hat, ostensibly just to banter about literature. It gradually transpires that there is much more to him than appears, not least his Polish background and his cold marriage to the wealthy & intellectual Deborah, a very respected and former 'spymaster' who is dying from cancer at their Edwardian villa called Silverview.

Seemingly unconnected sub-plots are juxtaposed throughout the book, including the urbane, but secretive Stephen Proctor ("Our chief sniffer-dog"), but in true Carré style, one starts to connect them up around halfway through, always leaving you with the desire to learn more by finishing the book !

Mark Dalrymple.

After wondering one evening about Awliscombe and who may have lived, as time stands, here the longest - it became clear that there were four or five lovely characters who were indeed born and still live here. So one evening I chatted to:

Dick Summers who told me a little of his life here in the village.

Dick was born at Wessington Cottage in 1933, he was the youngest of 8! Without working through the whole family tree, we can say that Dick's grandfather was a blacksmith, Jim Underdown, who lived and worked at the Smithy, where Layzells stands now (you may notice that many local manhole covers etc., have the name 'Underdown' on them).

Dick's father, Fred Summers, married Dick's mother, Maud Underdown. Then would you believe it, the sister of Fred - Nancy, married the brother of Maud - Arthur (hope you're following this).

When Dick was only 1 year old, his father very sadly died of pneumonia and so he didn't get to know him. This left his mother to bravely bring up the 8 children on her own.

Dick went to Awliscombe School and has very fond memories. It wasn't long after starting school, at 6 yrs old, that war broke out (1939-45). Dick has clear memories of carrying his gas mask to school. When the head teacher, Miss Jones (who lived at the school) blew her whistle, all children had to run! - to the brook behind the school. The air raids stopped after a couple of years, leaving the two evacuee families still living in the village. The Codlings family at Nap View and the Harts family at Sunnyside.

After Awliscombe School, Dick went onto Honiton School, leaving there at age 14, which was common then. On leaving he helped on the farm as many boys in the village did, not getting paid, except by way of supper and cider!

At age 18 Dick received call up papers for National Service. After training at Topsham Barracks, Dick started to (as he describes) see some of the world. Six months in Libya, waiting for a possible call to Egypt. Then called back to Colchester before moving on to Kenya for eight months.

In 1959, Dick and Lola married, Lola had been living at West Hill when they met at one of the many Young Farmer dances. Being the youngest son, Dick and Lola eventually took on the 'big house', next to Wessington cottage, Wessington Farm - removing trees and pulling ivy, revealing a lovely family home. With the help of their son Andrew they ran the dairy farm there for almost 50 years, until retiring.

Another clear memory of Dick's was the snow of 1963. The long lane from the main road to his farm lay under a heavy blanket of snow as high as the hedges either side. Mrs Stamp who lived at the top was completely cut off. The men from Layzells came with their shovels and cleared the way, with help from a tractor across the fields they managed to make all safe. He remembers it was a time when chains were always added to tyres in hope of getting through and surviving the icy roads.

It seems the village was a very happy place to be, a good strong community. Many regular events took place - the annual flower show, parties in the hall, young farmers, men's club and W.I. Set up by the Home Guards, the rifle club hut still stands in Mill Lane, where the local men and boys, who were not in service, would meet.

The church was a big part of the community, Sunday school and memories of stamp books! The Vicar would also visit everyone, sit and chat over a cup of tea, getting to know the village folk on a deeper level.

Dick can remember all the boys in the village used to ring. It was common to ring for 3 weddings at a weekend ... being paid £1 for each one was a good earner! Also on a Sunday Dick would ring the bells for the morning service, quickly dash home to milk the cows, then rush back to ring for Evensong!

In the past, Dick has been chairman of the Parish Council and village hall. He was Captain of Ringers for quite some time and remembers that the old year was always 'rung out' ... followed by the 'ringing in' of the new. Then everyone headed their way to the hall for the Awliscombe New Year Party!

In 1987 Dick, with his wife and Andrew bought Hunthayes Farm and have lived there happily since. It was converted from an original dairy, in fact I sat chatting with them in the exact place where the milk tanker would reverse to collect the milk.

These days Dick and Lola really enjoy sequence dancing, a couple of nights every week. Also indoor and outdoor bowling at the Honiton Bowling Club, where many villages around take part competing.

Both are aware of how lucky they are, with their daughter Liz, son Andy, grandchildren and great grandchildren all living so close.

So cheers Dick! to our oldest resident

(we think) and to, pictured here, your great grandson Archie, the youngest. Thank you for a wonderful peep into your past.

Allison.



FROM MY WINDOW

So - what do you see from your window, with morning cuppa in hand or maybe an evening G&T?

It could be a far reaching view, a favourite part of the garden, or a place you gaze at, whilst contemplating the day.



This stunning view above greets Pat and Don Hughes, Cherry Trees, Awliscombe.

In the last issue we asked you to send pumpkin photos, thanks kids. So, now - we'd love you to send us your view of any kind from your window. Send to:

awliscombeandwestontimes@gmail.com



Thank you Mabel, Percy, Walter and Matilda

GREAT PUMPKIN CARVING !



Come and join us

Carols by
Candlelight

Awliscombe Church 7pm

PLEASE WEAR A MASK AND WRAP UP
WARM AS DOORS WILL BE KEPT OPEN

Sunday 19th December

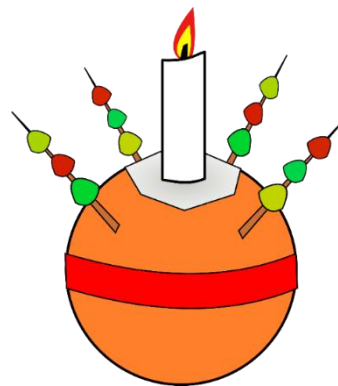


Then all welcome after at the Honiton Inn - to enjoy a mince pie.

Christingle Service

Awliscombe Church

Christmas Eve - 3pm



All Children Welcome Nativity costume optional.

(WOULD YOU KINDLY COMPLETE A LATERAL FLOW TEST BEFORE THE SERVICE
AND WEAR A MASK; DOORS WILL BE KEPT OPEN.)

Awliscombe Church

Christmas Morning

All welcome

A Eucharist Service

us.



9.30am.

Celebrate with

The school celebrated Remembrance Day with a service led by the eldest children – Kingfisher class. Poems and prayers - especially composed by the class - were read out and you could have heard a pin drop during the two minute silence. Worshipping, celebrating and remembering together seems especially poignant after so many months spent apart in our 'bubbles'.



Here are just a few of the beautiful poems composed by the children, inspired by John McCrae's famous poem In Flanders Fields:

In Flanders Fields

The sinister sounds of dying men,
Explosive shots and ghostly flares,
Terrorized by the thought of death,
Their bodies lay in Flanders Fields.

In Flanders Fields the poppies are blooming,
In Flanders Fields lay the fallen,
In Flanders Fields crosses of remembrance stand proud,
In Flanders Fields poppies grow as their shroud.

Honouring those who lost their lives,
We wear our poppies,
On Remembrance Day,
We will remember them.

In Flanders Fields the poppies are blooming,
In Flanders Fields lay the fallen,
In Flanders Fields crosses of remembrance stand proud,
In Flanders Fields poppies grow as their shroud.

Jessica

Remember

We wear the poppies to remember,
The soldiers who fought in the war,
Those who sacrificed their lives for us,
To give us freedom and liberty,
We will remember them.

The horses hauled our fallen heroes,
Courageously taking them to safety,
Soldiers stumbling in the darkness,
Searching for their forgotten comrades. We will remember them.

In Flanders Fields the soldiers fought for us,
Their peaceful lives to be condemned,
'The war to end all wars' so they said,
They fought and they fought until the end.

Dorothy



Soldiers at War

Ever Living God,

Let the fallen soldiers give us hope,
Let us be grateful for the many souls who sacrificed their lives so we don't have to live in fear.
Poppies grow in Flanders Fields after many soldiers lost their lives. We wear poppies as a sign of respect.
To the soldiers who died in this tragic event in history.

Luca

Remembrance Prayer

Ever living God,

We pray to you and we give hope to the soldiers through you, for their sacrifice in order for us to live. They made a good sacrifice.

We're being grateful for the soldiers that have fallen for us. The dead shall live on forever in our hearts.

As we see the poppies grow we shall never forget. We shall remember those who have gathered from the storm of war.

The young people that fell didn't get to do the things we all want to do. People who lost family in the war don't feel the same.

The willows weep, the poppies flourish and we shall not forget.

Now and forever, Amen.

Charlotte



Many villagers paid their respects at 11.00
on Remembrance Sunday.



Each issue we will be inviting a person or a couple, to be cast away on the infamous desert island, asking them for the eight (or four) music tracks they would choose to take, a book, a luxury item and all the reasons why ...



DESERT ISLAND DISC



Our next castaways are: **David and Heather Penwarden**

We are newcomers to Awliscombe, having only been here 30 years, but we are both Devonians.

Heather was born in Plymouth with naval family on her father's side and her maternal grandfather was the barber on Totnes High Street from the building that is now the Anne of Cleaves tea shop.

David's parents lived in Honiton since about 1937, when his father Wallace became Pharmacist/Manager of the Boots branch on the High Street. He went to war for a few years, but then came back and carried on where he'd left off. It was a somewhat different service then, with lots of the Farm/Veterinary supplies going through the shop, and a delivery service, so he knew most of the farmers.

David is proudly an old boy of Honiton Primary, and King's at Ottery, he spent a few years away learning the trade, but then was lucky enough to be offered a job in one of the GP Practices in the town where he stayed until retirement. Two of David's children were born at Honiton Hospital and he delivered many a baby there himself!

Heather and David met at the hospital whilst working together in The Bungalow unit there. They got together in '88 moving to Awliscombe in 1990. In those days GP's were only allowed to live within a 4-mile radius of the practice for when on call so Awliscombe fitted the bill perfectly and has remained our home ever since.

David

DISC 1: The Purple People Eater - Sheb Wooley One of the first songs I remember.

DISC 2: Spirit on the Water - Bob Dylan In his later years.

DISC 3: Ain't no Cure for Love - Leonard Cohen Live in London Again in his dotage.

DISC 4: Akhnatem - Philip Glass A modern opera with great music

Heather

DISC 1: I Love To Boogie - T. Rex 1976 was one of the hottest summer in living memory, starting in May and going right through to the end of August with hardly a drop of rain. It was the year of my mock 'O'levels meaning we broke up early and as teenagers with little responsibility in life, spent all of our days on the beach with songs like this one blasting from our transistor radio. These are such blissful memories and my best friend Caroline and fellow 'beach babe' remains my dear friend to this day.

DISC 2: Dancing In The Street - Mick Jagger and David Bowie This was one of the standout songs of Bob Geldoff's Live Aid concert. In 1985 I was a newly qualified staff nurse working at Exminster Hospital. I lived in the nurses home there for a bit and we were known to have the 'odd party'...they were a great way to let out hair down especially after a block of 12 hour shifts. That year Dancing in the Street certainly got us all 'Dancing in the Nurses Home'!

DISC 3: Search for the Hero - M People By 1995 I was a Community Mental Health Nurse working across East Devon. One of my favourite albums of that time was Bizzare Fruit by M People. It was a constant CD in my car and listening especially to the track Search for the Hero was a great way to reset my mind in between visits.

DISC 4: I Am Woman - Helen Reddy (1972) I was a bit too young to catch this the first time around but coming to it later in life it is my go to song when I need to feel empowered and access my inner resilience.

Having the Bible and The Complete Works of Shakespeare, which **BOOK** would you choose to take with you?

David - The Complete works of Dickens.

Heather - Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austin

LUXURY ITEM

David - A 7 iron and a few balls, could be the making of my golf - it certainly needs a leg up!

Heather - Assuming we are marooned together, David would provide food for sure with his many practical skills - so it will be my job to present the food gathered in an edible form so good quality olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Thank you.

And finally, which track would you SAVE FROM THE WAVES?

David - The Opera Akhnatem

Heather – Dancing In The Street, so I could dance around the island!

Music is the soundtrack to our lives and certain songs can instantly transport us back to that time when we first heard them. It is thought that our brains store musical memories in a different ways to other types of memory meaning they last a lot longer and can be accessed even following a brain injury or in advanced dementia

Heather

THANK YOU SO MUCH, FOR SHARING YOUR 'DESERT ISLAND DISCS' WITH US

THE FIREWOOD POEM - Lady Celia Congreve - 1922

Beechwood fires are bright and clear
If the logs are kept a year.
Chestnut's only good they say,
If for logs 'tis laid away.

Make a fire with Elder tree,
Death within your house will be:
But Ash new or Ash old,
Is fit for a queen with crown of gold.



Birch and Fir logs burn too fast
Blaze up bright and do not last;
It is by the Irish said
Hawthorn bakes the sweetest bread.

Elmwood burns like churchyard mould
E'en the very flames are cold.
But Ash green or Ash brown
Is fit for a queen with golden crown.

Poplar gives a bitter smoke,
Fills your eyes and makes you choke,
Applewood will scent your room
Pear wood smells like flowers in bloom.

Oaken logs, if dry and old
keep away the winter's cold.
But Ash wet or Ash dry
A king shall warm his slippers by.





From the mouths of children

We thought it would be good fun again to ask the children from **Awliscombe School** a couple questions typical to this season, we hope the answers make you smile!

IF YOU COULD TAKE A GIFT TO BABY JESUS, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

- * My brother, because Jesus deserves a person - S (Kingfishers)
- * A rattle - P (Swans)
- * I'd take baby toys, gold is too heavy - B (Swans)
- * Half of my love - and some peace and quiet, so they don't have to listen to the donkeys eeyoreing - M (Kingfishers)
- * Love and peace because that's what Jesus wants - M (Robins)
- * I have no idea, toys? I don't really know babies - T (Robins)
- * A blanket and a teddy of course - E (Kingfishers)
- * Well, that's hard because I'm agnostic really. Something he'd enjoy ... a cross?
D (Kingfishers) *(Interviewer and interviewee then had a spirited and interesting discussion about that gift)*

DO YOU THINK FATHER CHRISTMAS WILL WEAR A MASK TO DROP YOUR GIFT OFF?

- * Yes he should. People might have corona virus - S (Kingfishers)
- * No... because its night time. *Interviewer: Err, why is night time different? Well It's dark, no one can see your face anyway. Ah, I didn't mean as a disguise, I meant ... oh never mind, you can go back to your game* - B (Swans)
- * Noooo, he's magic - P (Swans)
- * Of course, otherwise he'd spread the virus - M (Woodpeckers}
- * He'd probable wear a mask as he's inside and that's the worst place for the virus, he wouldn't want to infect the entire world - E (Kingfishers)
- * No, he's survived thousands of years, through wars and plagues. Covid is nothing to him.
Interviewer: So, not agnostic about Santa then? Are you crazy? Santa doesn't visit if you don't believe - D (Kingfishers)

THANK YOU TIMANDRA – FOR YOUR INTERVIEWING SKILLS!

What's On.

Monthly (regular dates)

Mondays	Little Otters	9.15am – 11am	school term time only
	Garden Club	7.30pm – 10pm	2nd Monday in month
Tuesdays	Drama Tots	8am - 1pm	
	Yoga	7pm - 9pm	
Wednesdays	Short mat bowls	2pm - 7pm & 7pm - 9pm	
Thursdays	W.I.	7.30 – 10pm	2nd Thursday in month
	Honiton U3A Hist.	8am – 1pm	last Thursday in month
Fridays	Slot car racing	7pm - 10pm	
	Honiton WI Art	1pm – 4pm	2nd Friday in month

Awliscombe Football Club

December Fixtures

04.12.21 – Amory Green Rovers (Away)

11.12.21 – Amory Green Rovers (Home)

18.12.21 – Topsham Town 3rds (Away)



Awliscombe Young Wives

A.G.M.

5th January, 2022 - 7.30 pm

Honiton Inn

New members very welcome



This is a little reminder that there is a **W.I.** group in the village

You may be new to the area? or not thought of joining before.

We meet on the second Thursday of the month,

in the

Awliscombe village hall

(unless visiting a garden, a trip further afield, or a celebration meal)

If you would like to join us, please call me, Mally Pickerell - the Secretary.

01404 43894

We ask visitors to donate £4, **you'd be made to feel very welcome!**



Little Otters



Whether your little one is a babe in arms or a lively toddler! ... come along and sit in this casual small group of mums (or Dads). Just turn up. You will be made very welcome.

share a cup of tea/coffee and
Look forward to seeing you



a chat, or just come and plonk! take time out.
Mondays 9.15-11am - Awliscombe School

A reminder, It's time to plant garlic...

.As garlic benefits from a period of cold, it can be planted directly outside.



If your soil is heavy and holds water (garlic doesn't like this), try dibbing a hole with a fork handle – put an inch of sand into base of hole and plant the clove on top. Fill above with fine compost. This will ensure good drainage and prevent rotting.

HORIZONZ

LIVE @ THE HONITON INN
9PM TILL LATE

MELODIC ROCK, HEARTFELT ORIGINAL MUSIC

"EVERY SONG SOUNDS LIKE AN ANTHEM" ON THE HOUSE MUSIC



"A SETLIST OF SING ALONG STADIUM FILLERS, THESE GUYS HAVE
A BIG SOUND" BBC INTRODUCING

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Horizonz will be playing
Friday 10th December.

Open mic night is generally
on the last Friday of the
month. It will not take place
in December as it's New
Year's Eve.

Watch out for alternative
event that night.



Buckerell and Weston Wassail at Heron Farm Weston.

Friday 14th January 6pm.

Jim Causley, a folk singer from Dartmoor, accompanied by Morris men and women will lead the procession to the orchard where we will Wassail (bless) the apple trees, in rather bizarre ways.

All this followed by the best Heron Farm burger and cider/apple juice from the Wassail cup.

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Christmas Around the World.

We thought it would be interesting to have a look at what different people around the world may be eating in their celebrations this Christmas.

Italy. Lunch on *Natale*, Christmas Day, is a big family affair and a big feast with an abundance of dishes. Many family members cook together and prepare not only delicious *antipastí*, pre-dinner snacks, but also a large variety of dishes including *lasagna* or *ravioli* pasta, baked chicken, braised beef, stuffed veal rolls or roast pork. And then don't forget the delicious desserts.

Italian *panettone* is a fluffy sweet treat! There are several kinds of *panettone*, some are made with raisins and dried fruits while others are plain. And some are even filled with chocolate!



In many countries the festive meal is eaten on Christmas Eve. In others it is 6th January.



The Christmas Eve Supper is called *Wigília* in **Poland**. It includes the traditional 12 dishes. However, meat is not included in any of the dishes. Among the most popular dishes are *Kutia* (grain dish), jellied fish, carp, *barszcz* (a deep red beetroot soup), *gotabki* (stuffed cabbage rolls) and *pierogí* (filled dumplings).

Among the **Mexican** traditional Christmas food is *bacalao*. This dish is a cold dish and includes cooked or fried fish mixed with vegetables and olives. The meal is eaten together with other traditional Christmas food such as ham or turkey on Christmas eve - after attending the Christmas mass.



In **Denmark** they make a tasty rice pudding. In **Russia** and **Ukraine** a hearty grain dish like porridge, called *Kutya* is eaten, filled with nuts and honey. In **Sweden** they prefer a cold buffet called *julbord* on Christmas Eve. A traditional nutty nougat, *Túrron*, is eaten in **Spain** and the **French** make a *bûche de Noël*; a sponge cake rolled and decorated to look like a log. In **Germany** they make a *stollen*; a rich fruit cake packed with marzipan. Christians in **China** give each other apples as a gift at Christmas and baked apple is traditionally eaten there. Amazingly a recent tradition has evolved in **Japan** where people queue up to eat Kentucky Fried Chicken! The most bizarre tradition has to be the Mopane worms (actually caterpillars) which are considered a treat in some parts of **South Africa**. Let's hope they all enjoy their celebrations this year.

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7th December - Christmas Eve



Breakfast with Santa

For £14 (infant £6) your little ones can meet Father Christmas, and enjoy a cooked kids breakfast from our menu and a drink! During your breakfast Santa and our helper elves will come around to each table while you enjoy your breakfast and greet everyone who has been good this year, ending the experience will be a photo opportunity with Santa and a present to take home.

9:00am and 10.30am sitting



ELF Trail

Grab a map from our café and use it to locate 6 cheeky elves hiding around the farm. Write down the words they are holding to claim an elf toy to take home & a Christmas cookie.

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7th - 24th of December.



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Festive Menu

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Ideas for Christmas garlands.

You need:

A long length of string or ribbon. Felt tip pens, paints or colours. Several sheets of plain paper. Glue and a glue brush.

Scissors. Old catalogues or magazines with pictures of toys inside. Paper clips.



Help the Child to:

1. Take the plain paper and draw and cut out as many simple stocking shapes as possible. Each stocking needs to be about 20cm long, It might be easier if you make a template of a stocking shape out of thick card and draw round this.
2. Decorate the stockings. Paint some, stick pictures of toys on others.
3. Decide where you want to hang the stockings. Put the string or ribbon and fasten the stockings to it with the clips.

The clever crafters might enjoy making these fan like Christmas trees, decorating them and then attaching them to string or ribbon as a garland.



Or a row of decorated angels.

Or a garland of pretty stars.

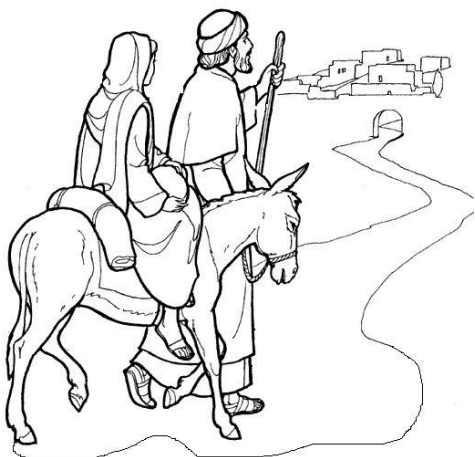
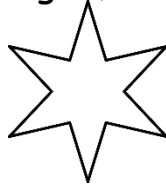
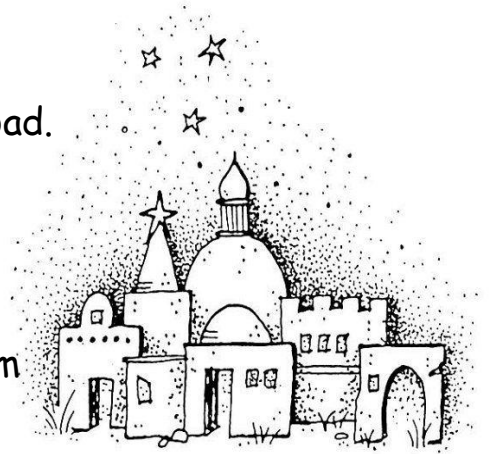


Little Donkey, little donkey on a dusty road,
got to keep on plodding onwards with you precious load.

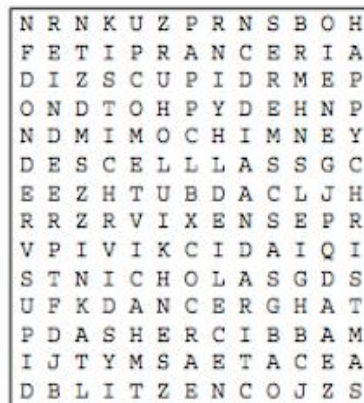


Ring out those bells tonight, Bethlehem, Bethlehem

Follow that star tonight, Bethlehem,

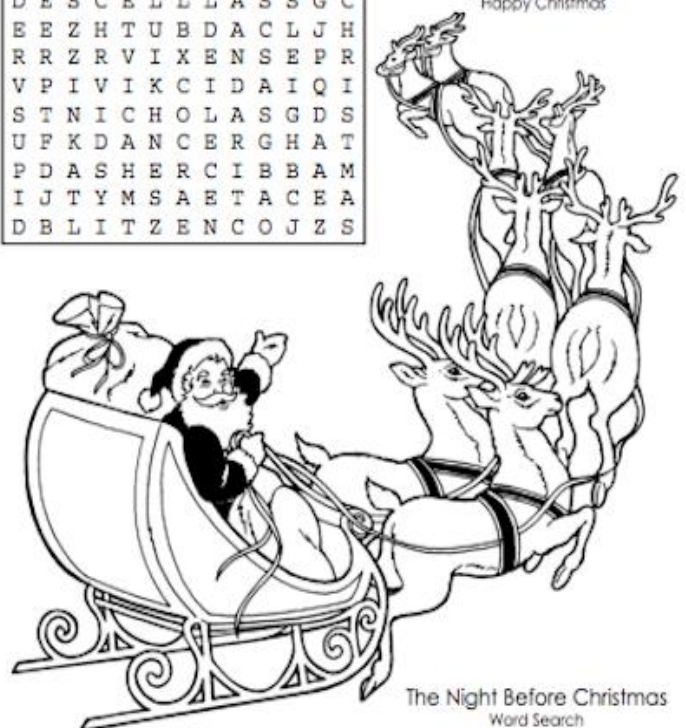


Little donkey, little donkey, had a heavy day,
Little donkey, carry Mary, safely on her way.



Find these words in the puzzle.

chimney	St. Nicholas
Vixen	Donder
Blitzen	Comet
Cupid	Dasher
Dancer	reindeer
sleigh	Prancer
Happy Christmas	



The Night Before Christmas
Word Search