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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 **15th June.**

Save the date....

Church services during Holy Week will be held at St. Paul's in Honiton.

In Awliscombe. On Easter Sunday, 17th April there will be a service of celebration in St. Michael's at 9.30 .

As you all know, the nation is celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen over the days 2 - 5 June. There are various plans afoot for local celebrations.

There will be a scarecrow competition for everyone. Details to follow.

On 2nd June there will be a barbeque and lighting of a beacon, along with the lighting of many other beacons around the country. Details to follow.

On 5th June there will be a special celebration in the church and at some point a bring and share picnic, a Big Lunch or a Big Tea, or both! Other plans will be firmed up over the next few weeks. Keep an eye on Facebook and on our next magazine. Step up and help to organise an event.

Save the date: Sunday 10th July 2022

A family afternoon at St Michael's for the whole community

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St Michael's and its churchyard belong to us all: come and explore your church and...

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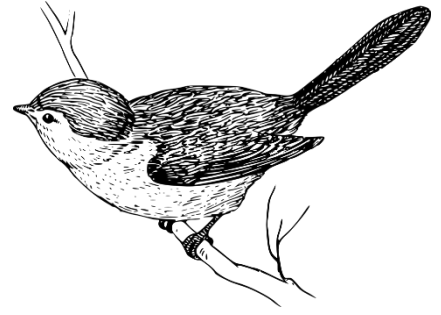
Hear and see the bells in action

Have a go at winding the clock

Have your say about how we can make better use of St Michael's for everyone.

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Hello all

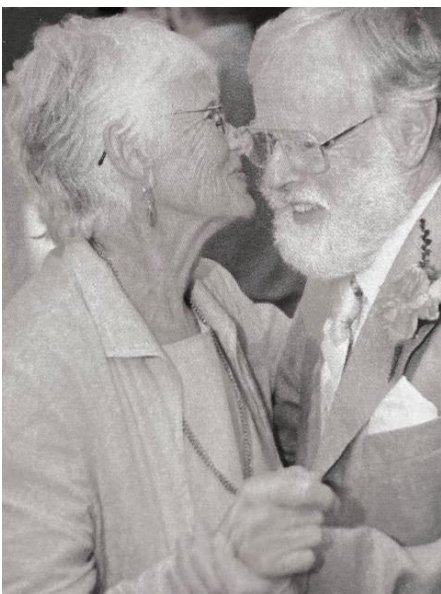
It seems impossible to write this editorial each month without having to refer to one crisis or another. Our thoughts everyday are with the Ukranian people and hoping that somehow a miracle will happen, bringing an end to this unbelievably cruel war. It really puts all into perspective as we go about our day.

You may have heard the Parish Council feel they are no longer able to support your village magazine, they have other priorities. We are going to try our hardest to keep it going through advertising. If you are a business and would like to advertise, or someone who may care to sponsor us for one or two issues, we would be very pleased to hear from you! Many thanks for all your lovely comments, they really have encouraged us.

So for now, we will say Happy Easter, Happy Spring!



Sadly, we say a heartfelt 'goodbye' to the three lovely people below. They played a significant part in Awliscombe Village life. We will miss them for sure. Our lives were richer for knowing them. Sending love to the families of Valerie Cann, Liz Dymond and David Layzell. Now resting in peace.



Valerie



Liz



David

Christmas Market – Saturday 11 December 2021

With all village events cancelled in 2020, there was a real joy to be able to get back to some sort of normal in the second half of 2021. The Christmas Market very nearly didn't happen but, in the end, it felt safe to go ahead. The market was smaller than usual, with only a handful of stalls, but we had a steady stream of visitors dropping in to do some last-minute shopping, buy a few raffle tickets and meet up with friends for a cup of coffee and a slice of cake. All of the fantastic stalls were local, with Wadhay's apple juice, delicious homemade cakes, beautiful jewellery and highly covetable Christmas wreathes!



Shortly before the market was due to start, in a Father Christmas like moment, David and Barbara Layzell arrived with sacks full of stunning handmade wooden bowls and boxes which they kindly donated for us to sell. David's wonderful creations sold quickly and helped the market to raise £434.55, half of which went to the Honiton Food Bank and half to St Michael's. We were so sorry to hear of David's recent death. He was a true Awliscombe gentleman and our sympathies go out to Barbara and the rest of the family.

Soup & Puds – Saturday 5 February 2022

The last event before Covid struck was the ever popular Soup & Puds in February 2020. Two years later and it was back, this time combined with the Free Tree Spree! Was it a coincidence that we were serving Awliscombe & Weston's finest puddings the day after the Fortnum & Mason Great British Jubilee Pudding competition closed? I'm thinking we were all inspired at the very least! The selection of soups and puddings was amazing with the soups ranging from the perennial favourite Leek & Potato to the more exotic Mulligatawny. The pudding table was so overloaded that we had to swap it for a bigger one – such a wonderful problem – and the puddings were as sinful a collection as you would hope to meet, including pavlovas, crumbles, cheesecakes, brownies, tarts and trifle. This event is usually held on the first Saturday of February, just when everyone needs a bowl of hearty soup and feels they can justify an extra helping of desert. Make sure you have it in your diary! The event raised £432.39 for St Michael's.



Thank you to everyone who helped make both these events happen!!

Free Tree Spree.

On Saturday 5th February, Awliscombe hosted a 'Tree Hub' in collaboration with Devon Wildlife Trust. The initiative, which this year also links with the Queen's Green Canopy project, aims to get everyone planting more trees. This is in part to replace all the Ash trees which we are losing to Ash die-back disease, and also because it is a good thing for us to be planting more trees in appropriate places for environmental reasons. The event was a big success, with 200 trees (donated by DWT) given away to over 60 people who visited us on the stand. The delicious Soup 'n' Puds in the village hall made it a fully nourishing experience. Anyone who missed out on trees this year – don't worry, we are planning our own mini tree nursery at Creative Beings CIC www.creativebeings.uk, and will be running another 'Tree Hub' in the autumn. With thanks to all who made it happen: DWT, Awliscombe PCC and the many wonderful volunteers.

Sue Holland



EXTRA INFO:

Other Creative Beings events

In the gardens you'll see the studio built by Layzells in 2018. We run some courses here through Creative Beings CIC a social enterprise that cultivates creative practices for wellbeing. Some of our upcoming courses include felting/textiles, abstract floral painting, clay sculpture, casting plant fragments and a 5-day 'finding your creative flow' led by 6 tutors! Find out more at www.creativebeings.uk



CREATIVE BEINGS
Cultivating creative practices for wellbeing

Carrying on with the 'Born and Bred' in the village theme ... one afternoon I chatted to

Ray Willmington who told me a little of his life here in Awliscombe.

Ray's grandfather James Russel, hailed from Yarcombe, he arrived at Wadhayes Farm, taking over the tenancy from the Newmans of Tracey Estate in 1900.

James married MaryAnn together they had 9 children. One of their daughters was Eda, she married Bill Willmington from Ridgeway. Together they had 6 children and this is where the story begins, when Edna gave birth to Ray.

Bill happily farmed Wadhayes for dairy, beef, sheep, geese and turkeys, until 1950 when he tragically turned a tractor over on himself. He became seriously ill and the family were told to prepare for the worst, the nurses however found him to be a fighter, and he survived.

In the meantime Ray had left Awliscombe School and went onto The Kings Grammar School, he left aged 15, as many did in those days. He spent his days working on the farm with help from his sisters Betty and Eda, also brother Martin until he married into Ridgeway in 1956. After being bedridden for two years, Bill sadly died, leaving Ray to take over the farm in the early 1960s.

As a child, one of Rays earliest and clearest memories was that of standing on tip-toes, with his fingers on the window sill, just being able to look out and see the sky lit up, all colours, as if on fire. He was witnessing the Germans bombing Exeter and Brixham, living so high up they were able to watch. The family had a 'Land Girl' working on the farm, she alerted them to a possible start of invasion. The Radio later confirmed all they had heard from her.

Ray joined the Young Farmers at 15, later becoming Chairman. They had fun cycling from one venue to the next, from Wesley Hall, The Star and back to Awliscombe Hall. The village was a very sociable place. The Y.F.s were known for the annual concerts, which once perfected, they took to other local halls. The Hall Committee put concerts on again - one year it was John Manley, David Snell and Ron Pay and John Maynard who danced in tutus to the Sugar Plum Fairy, of the Nutcracker Suite. Imagine this and the laughter that followed.

Ray met Mary (who was living at Hunthayes), in 1968 with Ray being on the committee it didn't take long for him to persuade Mary to become the Hall Secretary. Two years later, in 1970, they married in Awliscombe Church. From then on they have been intrinsically woven with the village, both having their separate interests and responsibilities. They recall whist drives and weekly bingo, a couple of the many hall events. Over the years Mary has quietly supported the clergy and has been the backbone to the running of St. Michaels in her kind and selfless way. Involved with and supporting the school and ongoing village events. (The fourth generation of Russells or Willmingtons now attend the school).

Ray was also a church warden for 17 years.

Both remember when Rev Steven Hamilton would visit people's homes, he'd catch up with his parishioners, enjoy a cuppa and then fall asleep! When Valerie Cann was a church warden, they can remember her searching for him when he'd forgotten a Christening or a Service, only to be found walking his dog on Greenway Lane, oblivious to all!

Memories - In the 70's and 80's the Village would have a fair that lasted all week. Thanks to Les Layzell, every day held a different event. Every organisation undertook one day event and the money equally distributed to each: It's a Knock Out /Fishing on Beer beech /Car Treasure Hunt /Pram race from the Otter Inn to Awliscombe /Bed race from the pub to the school/Talent Competition in the Dolphin Hotel as our hall not large enough/Youth Club Disco/Fete Day with Ceilidh evening/Songs of Praise on Sunday to finish, Phew !

It seems that the Honiton Show has been a large part of Ray's life too – either competing, often judging and stewarding every single year since the war!! Here he is as President, with a Devon Red, his favourite animal.



The Awliscombe Football Club have been lucky to play on the 'top field', with Ray in earlier days ... and now Paul and Martin generously keeping up with the maintenance and care needed of their field, every season, for almost 30 years.

Shown here: sons Paul and Martin, with Ray's grandsons little Oscar and Ewan.

Having been married for 52 years, Ray and Mary hope to celebrate with their annual celebration picnic on the farm. This gathering has grown over the years and will be, with their cousins and new arrivals, amounting to 70 family members. They feel they have been blessed with their 4 children – Frances, Katherine, Paul and Martin, together with the 5 grandchildren, all living closely. As much as they recognise St Michaels and the village have been so important, it is always family that have come first. Their motto is the same as was Ray's fathers: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you'.

Thank you, Ray, for letting us peep into a little of your past.

YOUNG WIVES

Provisionally these are the events that are organised for the year. If you would like to join us please contact the organiser and see if there is space. Payment needs to be made before the event. If you wish to become a member, please contact Sally Lawrence 01404 42825

Saturday 12th March 11.00am at Kingsbury Episcopi. Apple Brandy and Cider Tour £7 per head to include tour and tastings. Sarah Ricketts 07879 843272

Thursday 17th March 7.00 for 7.15 start. Talk by Hospiscare. Awliscombe Village Hall. We will be doing a cheque presentation out of surplus funds and also there will be a collection box on the night for additional donations. Masks will need to be worn for the presentation (and possibly through the evening?) Light refreshments will be available. Sandra Cligg 07737 078 185

Wednesday 20th April 7.00 – 9.00pm Tasting evening with the Samosa Lady in Ottery St Mary. Award winning Gujarati & Regional Indian Foods, all made by her on the premises. £20 per head. Bring your own alcohol. Jenny Bishop 07929 046 670

May BBQ on Branscombe beach – date dependant on weather forecast!

June 2nd - 5th Queens Platinum anniversary celebrations. Thursday 2nd We are going to do a rerun of the scarecrow events that we have had in the past. Sally Maynard has also said that they will be able to light a Beacon on that evening in common with Beacons being lit all over the country. Lots more details to follow Sally Lawrence 07944 112 547

Wednesday 22nd June Circular walk and pub meal with Liz Gillingham 07811 675 800

Friday 5th August Group visit to Taunton Flower show

Thursday 22nd September Novices Whist and Wine and Cheese. Mandy Reed 07918 685 428

Thursday 20th October 11am – 2pm Meet at the Drewe Arms, Broadhembury then walk around Hembury Fort or other hill in the area. Collect edible fungi etc and then back to the Drewe Arms for a tasting session Max 15 people cost will be £10ish to be confirmed later Carole Lock 07919 866 786

Thursday 17th November 7.30. Talk by David Follett in the Awliscombe Parish Hall. Paralympian. Karen Welch 07867 757 420

December Xmas lights at a public event e.g. Killerton, Powderham, Rosemoor or similar.

Jan AGM date to be confirmed.

On Thursday 17th March, The Young Wives presented their cheque to Toni Hiscocks of Hospiscare. She then gave a very informative talk about the impressive range of services they offer.

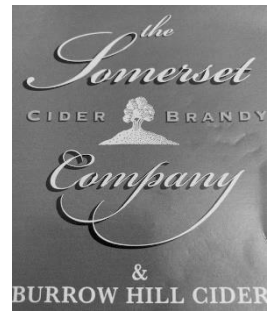


Awliscombe Young Wive's - Somerset Cider Brandy Tour.

Our guided tour, by Julian Temperley, was fascinating. We explored the farm, experiencing the process from the harvesting of apples,



distilling and maturing of the brandy. Cider has been made at Burrow Hill for over 200 years.



Being pressed from more than 40 different varieties of vintage cider apples, every bottle can be traced back to its orchard. Cider apples used include:

Kingston Black, Stoke Red and Yarlington Mill,

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For more than 35 years, Julian has been reviving this ancient art of cider brandy production. In 1989 it led to HM Customs granting the Somerset Cider Brandy Company the U.K.'s first ever full cider-distilling licence.



We left, laden with a selection of clanking bottles! sparkling ciders, cider brandy, aperitifs and beautiful liqueurs. Before making our way back to Devon, we stopped to enjoy lunch together. Thanks Sarah for organising the trip.

As you may imagine a good time was had by all ... **Cheers !**

(01460 240782) if interested in a tour.



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 DISCS



Our castaway for this issue is **Rev. Sue Roberts** – St Pauls, Honiton

It's one thing to think in an idle moment of what your favourite piece of music is, but when you're faced with choosing 8 pieces to take to a desert island to sustain you in your isolation, it's actually quite a challenge! I'm not sure what you'll think of my choice – but then they're *my* choice! Each piece has a particular resonance for me, which I'll try and explain as I go along.

Disc 1 School Song – the Maynard School, Exeter A little difficult as this doesn't seem to exist as a 'disc', although there is a YouTube recording, so I'm hoping it is allowed. This song strongly encouraged the girls to believe they could rise to any challenge that was put in front of them. For 11 years, my voice joined with 500 or so others to sing * *'Filiae Devonenses, portamus Exonienses, manus Justus, velut enses, honoris causa Maynardii'*. It sounds crazy now, but that song embodied the ethos of 'you are a strong woman; you can do it' – with the island challenges to face, a fitting song to take with me!

Disc 2 Missa Brevis - Palestrina I can still remember with the utmost clarity the moment I first heard it – a double music O Level lesson on an October Friday afternoon. I fell instantly, hopelessly and lastingly in love with it, and went and bought a record of it the very next morning. It is a piece of music that brings me calm, reorientation, vision and hope, and a sense of the presence of God.

Disc 3 Brandenburg - Concerto No 3 in G (arranged for 3 guitars) – JS Bach Moving on to my twenties... working for several years at all sorts of profoundly unsatisfying office jobs, I needed to work off my energy and get outside at some point each day – I've always been much happier outdoors than in! So I took up cycling, and when the days were long enough would cycle 25-30 miles either before or after work. Those were the days of 'the Walkman' – a little personal stereo clipped on to our belt or shoved in your pocket. Cycling up the Exe valley through green or golden fields, along tiny lanes, nobody but early farmers about, I was lost in the beauty of creation, and also the beauty of music – not infrequently a recording of. The energy of that music, the speed of the fingers playing it – and the speed of my bike bowling along was pure exhilaration! (I have to confess to an inordinate passion for speed ... piano, computer, car, bike - anything!) Maybe I'd draw a keyboard in the sand, and just play along as fast as I could!

Disc 4 La Calinda – Delius I'd have to stay with cycling for the fourth piece of music – because if it wasn't the Brandenburgs, then it was very possibly Delius' La Calinda – a much more poetic, lyrical piece of music, which lent itself also to the beauty of the early morning, and to more leisurely progress through the countryside!

Disc 5 In Paradisum – Faure's Requiem I would hope that I might get rescued fairly quickly from my desert island, but in the event that no passing ship came my way, I would need to prepare for my demise! Frequently at funerals I say the words 'Go forth upon your journey Christian soul, aided by angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, may your portion this day be in peace, and your dwelling the heavenly Jerusalem.' I think the *In Paradisum* would give me the words I needed to hear: In Paradise.

Disc 6 The Bare Necessities of Life – The Jungle Book If all of the above sounds much too serious, let me break the pattern. I was a voracious reader as a child, but one book that *never* appealed to me was *The Jungle Book*. However, I couldn't say the same of the music for the Walt Disney film of that name. *The Bare Necessities of Life* has me toe-tapping and jigging about every time within a few bars. In my last group of parishes we were visited each summer by the music students of Thomas Hardy School in Dorset. They gave the most delightful evening concerts in the church at Dittisham and then repaired to the local pub to carry on with less formal music late into the evening. Their rendition of this song in the pub was just so enthusiastic that I made them promise to sing it as I walked down from the altar at the end of the Eucharist the next morning! That's certainly a moment in ministry I won't forget!

Music has played such an important and formative part in my life. I learned the piano and cello at school, sang in school and church choirs, and since then have tried to learn the flute and the accordion. When I left my last post, which at the end included oversight of the Totnes Team of eight churches for a year, the wonderful choir indulged my love of my next choice ...

Disc 7 Ascribe Unto the Lord (at Evensong) – Samuel Sebastian Wesley a setting of words from Psalms 96 and 115. It is perhaps the *longest* and one of the loveliest anthems I know – it lasts for a full 14 minutes - but it encompasses so many moods and styles that I'm sure it would comfort and encourage me in just about any situation!

Disc 8 Crown Imperial - Walton I was brought up in a staunchly monarchist family; always, but always, standing for the National Anthem, being silent while it was played on the radio in the morning on royal birthdays, glued to the Trooping of the Colour each year, and taken to try and get a glimpse of any member of the royal family who was visiting within a vaguely feasible distance! On the occasional evening when my father had to go out to a dinner alone, my mother would allow me as the eldest to stay up later, and our 'treat' would be either to look at her royal family books together (there were *many!*), or to listen to her Gilbert and Sullivan records. I think I might tire of Nanki Poo and Yum Yum, let alone Strephon and Iolanthe and those hosts of fairies tripping hither and thither, but I'm fairly sure my resolve would be strengthened by Walton's glorious music!

Having The Bible and Complete Works of Shakespeare, (*not* my favourite I have to admit. If you've been forced to take the role of Bottom in a Midsummer Night's Dream and only given a black plastic bin liner for a costume, it tends to sour your feelings for Shakespeare!)

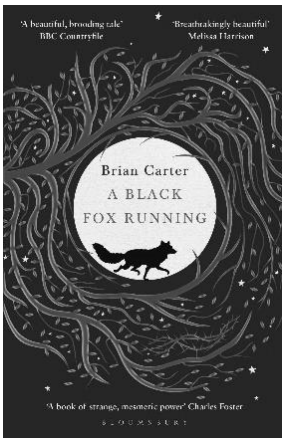
Which **BOOK** would you choose to take with you? **Winter Holiday - Arthur Ransome** set in the snow-covered fells and given the heat on my desert island, I think I'd enjoy a bit of snow. Added to which there are some very helpful pictures of semaphore messages in the book, so I might just be able to devise a signal for a passing ship!

Which **LUXURY** item would you take – well, it would just *have* to be my **piano**, which my parents bought for me when I was 12!

And finally, which disc would you **'SAVE FROM THE WAVES'?** - **Brandenburg – JS Bach**

*Roughly translated (I think): 'Daughters of Devon, let us be the Exonians, just hands like swords, to honour the Maynardians' ... stirring stuff!

'Thank you so much Sue for sharing your desert island discs with us'



A Black Fox Running by Brian Carter. 1981.

Out of print but re-published 2021 in paperback by Bloomsbury Publishing £9.99

Carter had great knowledge & love of the natural world, particularly Dartmoor, living around it most of his life. A true polymath...artist, poet, columnist for Devon's Herald Express, children's author, & more, who died in 2015.

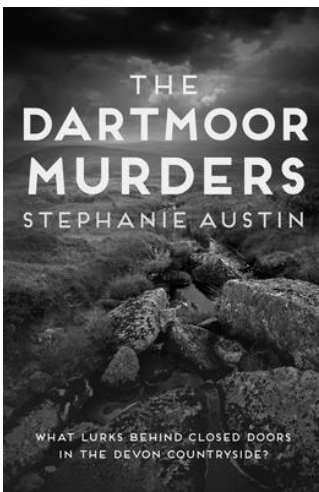
It is the extraordinary adventure, illustrating the perceived tension & struggle of foxes amongst the Tors of Dartmoor. Unlike the 'talking animal' work, Watership Down, more aligned to Orwell's Animal Farm, Tarka the Otter, and the War Horse in it's authenticity & realism, almost heart-breaking in parts...it is a true, future classic

It centres around Wulfgar a 'black' dog fox (rare genetic mutation from a red fox) and Scoble, the cruel fox-hating trapper, and his mad, brain damaged, lurcher, Jacko, in the seasons leading up to the Arctic winter of 1947. I particularly liked the role of the Shamanic, avuncular, elderly fox, Stargrief, and also, Wulfgar's escape from the hunt, on a train from Newton Abbot....!

The exquisite prosaic style is nonetheless wholly authentic to nature, engaging and feels real. Impeccably and authoritatively observed: the adjectives myriad, diverse and had me reaching for a dictionary several times, harshly unsentimental but realistic.

A classic to read again in a few years' time, if not just for the wonderous descriptive prose.

Mark Dalrymple



The Dartmoor Murders by Stephanie Austin.

Paperback 2021 Published by Allison & Busby £8.99

Juno Browne, with a reputation as a local amateur sleuth, inherits from her landlord, "Old Nick", a run-down antique shop in Ashburton. Impecunious, she struggles to augment her meagre stock, letting parts of the shop off to friends to earn income. She learns that a miserly local farmer, Fred Crick has stuff in his barn to sell, so visits him, finds a potentially valuable walnut table but he will only sell it if she buys a dreary wardrobe. When it's delivered to her shop...she opens the door to find a dead man inside. Crick perishes shortly afterwards in a fire at his farmhouse, having been bashed to death.

Police struggle to connect the two deaths, but Juno quietly resolves to investigate....

The plot is nevertheless complex because of the sub-plots - fraudulent thefts from herself and other antique dealers occur, as well as sheep from local farms, which all come together in the final chapter. It's light, amusing, the characters interestingly drawn, and very easy to read, despite the almost mandatory twists and turns found in this genre.

Mark Dalrymple



Anyone like a classic?

At the end of last June, I took the plunge to retire early after 43 years in local government engineering, and I haven't looked back....

But what do I do now? To be honest my new boss (my lovely wife Mandy) has 'inspired' me to complete the new kitchen extension that we were building and, as promised, it was ready for Christmas - a year later than she thought I'd promised but I never actually said which Christmas!

With 2022 looming, management informed me that I can, quote 'have a year off', before I tackle the next major project on our lovely old house.....but she keeps adding to the list of little jobs and it seems to get longer by the day!!

However, I've been thinking about the things I really enjoy doing, apart from a bit of DIY, which I have not really had time for in the last 30 years or so - walking, cycling and classic cars. And so, it's the last item that is the point of me writing this article.

As you will see from the photo (which hopefully enticed you to read my scribblings), I have two reasonably unusual old motors. The first is a 1970's beach buggy, purchased last century and was something I'd wanted since Mr Roger's drove one into school in 1973. The second is a 1968 Dodge stepside pick up truck supplied by my great friend Nick a couple of years ago. Both are extremely economical - neither has turned a wheel in anger for quite some time, so I am aiming to get both back on the road this year.

I'm not sure where my interest comes from but I remember being in the back of my parents Austin 1100 on a journey up the M1 in the late 60s and as we pulled into the services, a yellow Marcos pulled in next to us. Or was it a few years later when I was around 12, when my cousin turned up with her boyfriend who was driving what I thought was an Aston but actually was a Daimler Dart. And of course the teacher with the beach buggy. There's a bit of a theme there - can you spot it? A further clue may be my love of TVRs.

When I lived near Yeovil in the 80s and 90s - yes sorry I'm not a local - there were one or two monthly informal meetings at local pubs, where anyone with an interest in older cars and bikes would meet for a chat and maybe a pint. Having lived in Awliscombe now for approximately 6 years, I am not aware of such gatherings in this area and I'm wondering if there is much enthusiasm locally to inaugurate a meetup of like minded enthusiasts at the village pub??

I know there are several of us within the village whose wives tolerate our passion for classics and in some cases they are enthusiastic too!! I have spoken to Greg and Amy at the Honiton Inn who are happy to support us meeting there on a monthly basis and I would suggest the first Thursday of each month around 7.30pm with the first being on April 7th. Clearly if I'm sat there by myself for an hour or two I will understand that there is little desire for this type of event to move forward.

Below is my mobile number if you would like to confirm your interest or just show up on the 7th. Either way it will be good to meet and chat with some like minded car and bike enthusiasts, as my wife often glazes over when I start talking cars!!

Rich Elliott
07521 923307

Open Gardens at The Old Rectory, Awliscombe

(Garden, goyle, polytunnel & young Agroforest)

Sat 11th & Sun 12th June

12:00 – 17:00

Donations for Hospiscare, please give generously!

Do come and join us for an open garden fund-raiser for Hospiscare. Wander round The Old Rectory gardens, where you'll find a sensory garden and herb area (within a mature garden that was planted in 1904). Then bumble by a stream along a tranquil goyle (or is it a fairy glade?) and through a 4-year-old sustainable agroforest (edible woodland) to see an experimental way to grow food.

Some sculptures will be on display. And you might be lucky to catch some live music too. Refreshments available (tea & cake). And there will be a take-away cake sale. And a plant sale. All proceeds will go to Hospiscare.

Dogs welcome but please keep them on leads. Wheelchairs will be able to access parts of the garden and the refreshments area.

Plenty of parking is available either in the laybys on the A373 outside The Old Rectory or in the village car park. Do use our drive if you have limited mobility.

What is Agroforestry?

Agroforestry is the growing of both trees and agricultural / horticultural crops on the same piece of land. The design provides edible crop products and at the same time protects, conserves, diversifies and sustains the soil and ecosystem. Agroforestry differs from traditional forestry and agriculture by its focus on the interactions amongst components rather than just on the individual components themselves i.e., when mature, it is an interactive and sustainable ecosystem, resilient to environmental changes and pests.

Research over the past 30 years has confirmed that agroforestry can be more biologically productive, profitable, and sustainable than forestry or agricultural monocultures. Many other benefits have been shown in terms of biodiversity and hence 'resilience' of the ecosystem. Success of agroforestry is largely determined by the extent to which individual forest and agricultural components can be integrated to help rather than hinder each other. The choice of tree and crop species combinations is critically important when setting up systems.

We look forward to welcoming you for a lovely day out!

Cheers

Sue & Martin



The Garden Club has started their activities again.

Each year our programme strives to bring a broad range of aspects of gardening to cover all abilities and ages. We either meet in Awliscombe Parish Hall on the 2nd Monday in the month with a range of speakers, plant sales and a raffle or we are out and about with workshops or trips to gardens etc. We do not have any competitions or shows so meetings are always very relaxed.

Our annual subscription is £10 per year, this includes free refreshments – Visitors are always welcome for a charge of £3 to Hall meetings, this also includes refreshments.

This year's events include:

Monday May 9th – Speaker Martin Young “Butterfly Garden”

Monday September 12th – Speaker Mike Follett “Fuchsias”

Monday October 10th – Speaker Caradoc Doy “Putting Your Garden to Bed for the Winter”

Monday November 14th Speaker Anne Swithinbank (of Gardener's Question Time on Radio 4) “Lessons from a Life Time of Gardening”

Monday December 9th Demonstrator Meg Pipe “Christmas Flower Arranging Demonstration”

Some sales in aid of Hospiscare over the next few months.

Sunflower Growing Competition
Closing Date 31 August
Your sunflower growing skills will help support our local adult hospice charity
Growing kits available from Abbots DIY
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Ottery St Mary, EX11 1HH
Saturday 21 May
Doors open 10am - 1pm
Homemade preserves and cakes also available
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Village Veg and Produce Show

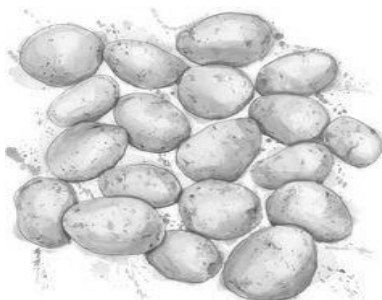
We are hopeful that in 2022 we can bring a bit of competitive spirit back to the community with the annual Village Veg & Produce Show. Back on Sunday 11th September.

So time to put all your gardening skills that you learnt during the pandemic to good use! The show is a mix of fruit, veg, home produce and crafts with classes for adults and children. For those who have not been to the event before – this is a light hearted, fun event that gardeners and crafters of all ages and abilities can get involved in!

The programme will be available shortly and can be picked up from the Village Hall, Awliscombe Inn, the Church, Heron Farm & Coombe Garden Centre. It will also be included in the July edition of the village magazine. A copy can also be emailed by contacting beekenlouise@gmail.com

Available now are the seed potatoes for the heaviest crop competition – see the advert below for details. Enormous thanks to our generous local businesses - Combe Garden Centre and Heron Farm - who are joint sponsors of the event, meaning every penny raised will go to support Awliscombe Primary School.

Potato competition.



Who will win the heavyweight title at this year's Veg Show?! Can you grow the heaviest crop from one potato?

To enter simply:

- Collect a seed potato from 1 Church Hill (you can't use your own seed potato)
- Plant the potato in a container (max height 18inches and max width 12inches)
- Bring the container to the Veg Show
- Potatoes will be weighed at the Show.
- Winner will receive a coveted potato trophy!
- 1 entry per person. Entry costs £1 to be paid when collecting the seed potato.
- Entrants will get the pot back with soil and potatoes to take home.



Village Veg & Produce Show

Sun 11th September

Awliscombe Village Hall

50p entry fee per exhibit

open to all (you don't have to live in Awliscombe)

Entry forms available in April

Pick up from Village Hall,

Church, Awliscombe Inn,

Heron Farm Shop and Coombe Garden Centre

Contact beekenlouise@gmail.com for one to be emailed



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Games & Skittles

Books & Bric-a-Brac

Tombola & Raffle

If you would like to get involved with the Fete – running a game, hosting a stall
or being on the organising committee, please get in touch (Sharon 0774 8966436)

Proceeds to St Michael's

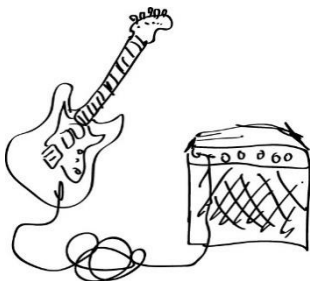


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Charity begins at home... and school ...

The Children enjoyed raising much needed funds for Comic Relief. They did this by wearing clashing clothes for the day. The event was chosen in honour of head teacher Mrs. Morris for whom every day is a clashing clothes day!

Further cash was raised by a Great Awliscombe School Bake Off with entries sold off at the end of the day!

Kingfisher class were excited to welcome two Police Officers and our PCSO to help them run speed checks in the village – no one was caught speeding (but the high viz jackets might have played a part in that)!

April 4th is bags to school day.

Please bring bags that can be tied at the top at drop off time. They accept the following good quality items for reuse:

Paired shoes tied together, handbags, hats, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, household curtains, household towels, household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Please do not bring duvets or blankets, pillows or cushions, carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats) soiled painted ripped or wet clothing, school uniforms and corporate clothing.



Supporting Ukrainian Refugees

It has become clear that a few Awliscombe people have expressed interest in offering rooms / homes through the current Government scheme. To have a support group in the village would be wise and helpful. At this point it is finding out who would be interested in helping in any way with refugees that may come our way. A short and informal get together is suggested for the **22nd April, 7pm** – at the **Honiton Inn** anyone willing to lead will unfold in time, for now it is simply forming a support network and finding out the best way forward. Ottery St Mary have an established group (working through the Syrian crisis), who also have very close links with OHOB - Open Hearts Open Borders.

There will be leaflets and info to share, hopefully answering any questions raised.

We put a few questions to the children of Awliscombe School, we hope their answers make you smile.



FROM THE MOUTHS OF CHILDREN

Have you done anything particularly kind or thoughtful this week?

I've helped mummy, as she has a poorly back – P

I ate all my dinner up, so my brother would learn to eat his, he's fussy! – B

I prayed for Ukraine – S

I showed the new boy around and told him all about us. I told him you were mad. – T

interviewer: thank you!

I didn't hit my brother even though he's really annoying,

interviewer: but is that kind? Well, if I hit him, that's unkind. – Anon.

I help you with the Wordle everyday, you need my young brain. – D . *interviewer: sigh...True.*

If you were head teacher for the day, what new rule would you introduce?

NO MONDAYS! and more PE. – D

Everyone should be stronger – P

Chocolate at lunch. And Breakfast Club. And all the tables should be chocolate. And all the school books. And ... (*continues like this for some time!*) – B

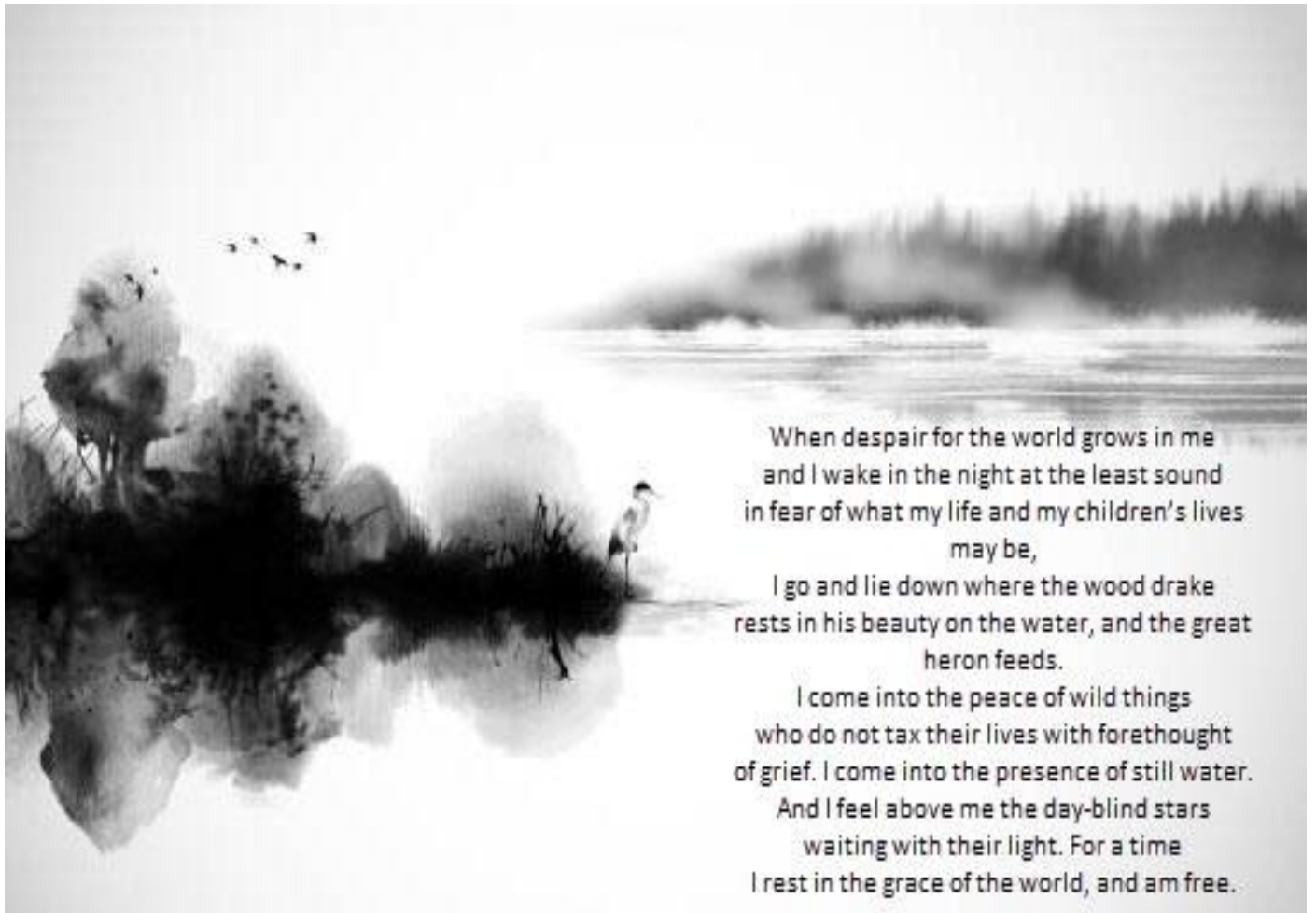
Abolish school, it's what it stands for.

Interviewer: what do you mean (sensing a deep philosophical debate, the rights of children, anarchy, Marxism maybe!...) Everybody knows School stands for **Six Cruel Hours Of Our Lives**. – K

Thanks again Timandra – for your time and interviewing skills!

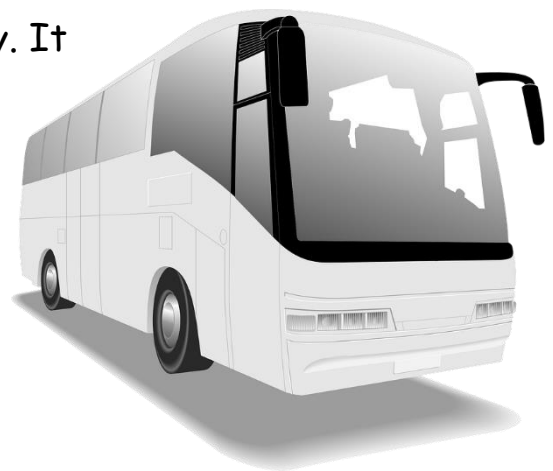
The Peace of Wild Things

by Wendell Berry.



The Library Van comes to Awliscombe monthly. It stops at Godford Cross at 10.30 and leaves again at 10.50.

The next dates are Tuesday: March 22nd, April 19th, May 17th, June 14th & July 12th.



Monthly (regular dates in the Village Hall)

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	Honiton U3A Hist.	8am – 1pm	last Thursday in month
Fridays	Slot car racing	7pm - 10pm	
	Honiton WI Art	1pm – 4pm	2nd & 4th Friday in month

A reminder that **Little Otters** meet at Awliscombe Primary School



Mondays 9.15 – 11am

Come along and catch up over a cup of tea/coffee. Bring your toddler or babe in arms, meet other mums or dads. All welcome.



Awliscombe **W.I.** has been suspended.

Our group has reformed and as from the 1st April, will now be known as:

THE AWLISCOMBE LADIES

We will be enjoying the same - speakers, events and trips.

Our first get together will be in the village hall, where we will be flower arranging. Flowers and greenery provided

bring scissors. All welcome, turn up as a visitor

7.30pm - coffee and cake

£25 for the year

Contact Mally Pickerell (Secretary) 01404 43894



Awliscombe Football Club currently have 3 games left:

19th March HOME to Hemyock

Possibly 2nd April Away to Elmore thirds

9th April Away to Amory Green.

Starting with new fixture dates late July/August.

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