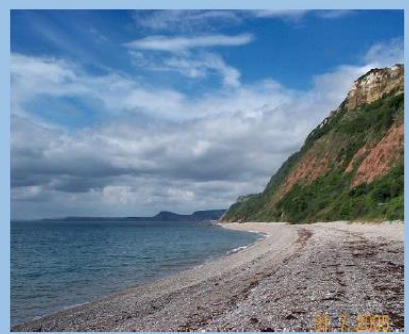


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Defibrillator Unit

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 September.**

Send your article to awliscombeandwestontimes@gmail.com

What's On.

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	
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

SAVE THE DATE.

Sunday 10th July. Family Open Day at St. Michael's. See elsewhere for details.

Last Friday of the month. Open Mic Night at the Honiton Inn.

Sunday 11th September. Village Veg and Produce Show. See elsewhere for details.

Friday 30th September. Harvest Supper.

Parish Council Website.

Some of the content of the Parish Website is now out of date. If anyone has information on there and would like to update it, please send the new version you want to have on the website to kcoxon@gmail.com

Feel you want to contribute to the local community?

New to the area?

A vacancy exists for vice chair of the village hall committee.

Please contact Kevin, (see contact page)

Editors: Allison 07507949412 Caroline 07775931735

Hi,

We hope you're enjoying the sunshine so far. These long warm evenings are such a joy. When all is warm, we can lose ourselves in the garden or gentle strolls, take trips to local beaches and of course the mixed blessings of school summer holidays!

Last year we were struggling to find enough news to fill these pages ... now it seems we are struggling to find the room for all in this issue! Everyone has said how busy we all seem to have become, does anyone long for the quiet days of lockdown?! Ha!

Again we thank those who have contributed to all enclosed articles, D.I.Discs, book reviews etc., it's great to learn a little more of our village neighbours. Thank you also to the distributors who trundle along with arms full: Martin, Tim, Val, Jackie, Nicky, Pat and Don from Awliscombe and Gill and Peter in Weston.

We'd appreciate hearing from the Weston crowd! Please contact us with any news, history or photos you think we could include – we'd like to know you better!

Maybe we can raise a glass of Pimms, saying cheers to the Summer and all it brings, on the 10th July, it looks to be a happy afternoon. See you there?



'Sweet days of Summer, the Jasmine's in bloom,
July is dressed up and playing a tune'



Summer Breeze - Seal & Croft / Isley Brothers



After two years of relative isolation, despite the fact that Covid is still present, people are delighted to be able to get together and celebrate, especially as we can do this outdoors where it feels safer.

The celebrations started with a peal of bells starting at 19:52 and ending at 20:22. Thank you bell ringers.

On the first day, while the bells were pealing, there was a barbeque and beacon lighting at Marles Farm. It was in a very picturesque setting by the pond – idyllic.



The barbeque was very well attended and hugely enjoyed by everyone.

One person remarked to me that most of the village seemed to be there and it felt like old times again. It was fabulous to sit outside and enjoy good food and a drink or two in good company.

The prizes for the scarecrow competition were announced (see elsewhere).

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event happen and to Belle for the music and PA.



The Beacon was duly lit at sundown, along with hundreds of others across the nation.



There were other street parties over the weekend, like this one at the Godford Cross end of the village.



On Sunday there was an open air service up on the playing field followed by a picnic. It was a short and informal service of celebration with well-loved hymns, led by Ven. John Rawlings, whose years of experience as a naval chaplain mean that outdoor services are his speciality.

The weather stayed dry for the service and plenty of people turned up and enjoyed a special moment together.

Despite a gentle mizzle developing, most stayed for a picnic.



As the jubilee was during the half term break, the school children celebrated early on the last day of their school half term.

They had lunch outdoors, in the style of a street party and then enjoyed an afternoon of maypole dancing.

The children had also all designed and made crowns. These were displayed at the village fête and were excellent. Prizes were awarded. (see photo on the page about the fête).



Young Wives enjoy a spicy evening.



In April many of the Young Wives paid a visit to TINA otherwise known as The Samosa Lady. Her premises is in Ottery St. Mary. Tina gave us a very informative evening explaining the origins and benefits of food from the Gujarati region of India, where her forebears are from.

We tasted all sorts of delicious dishes and had a demonstration on how to make a samosa. She made it look so easy!

A different way to eat out. Really enjoyable.

Thank you Jenny for organizing the evening.



THE SWING

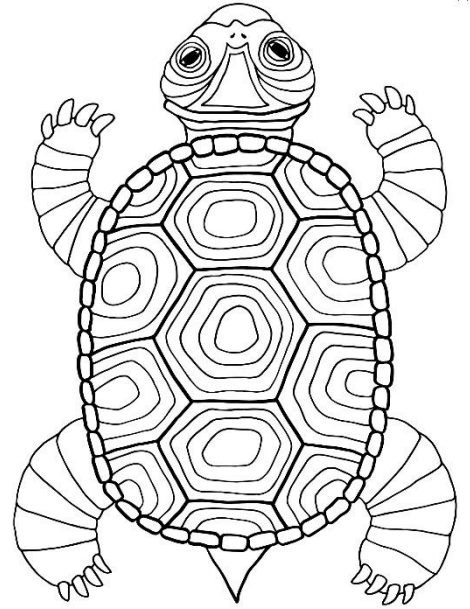
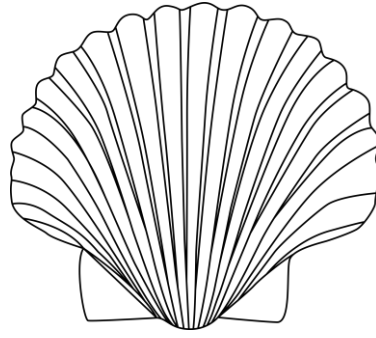
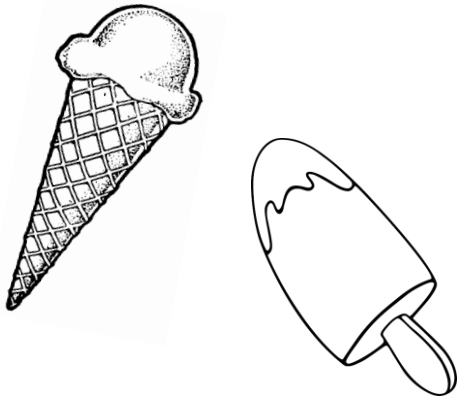
How do you like to go up in a swing,
Up in the air so blue?
Oh, I do think it the pleasantest thing
Ever a child should do.

Up in the air and over the wall,
Till I can see so wide,
Rivers and trees and cattle and all
Over the countryside.

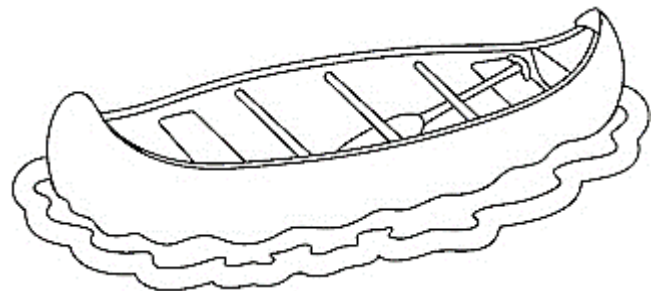
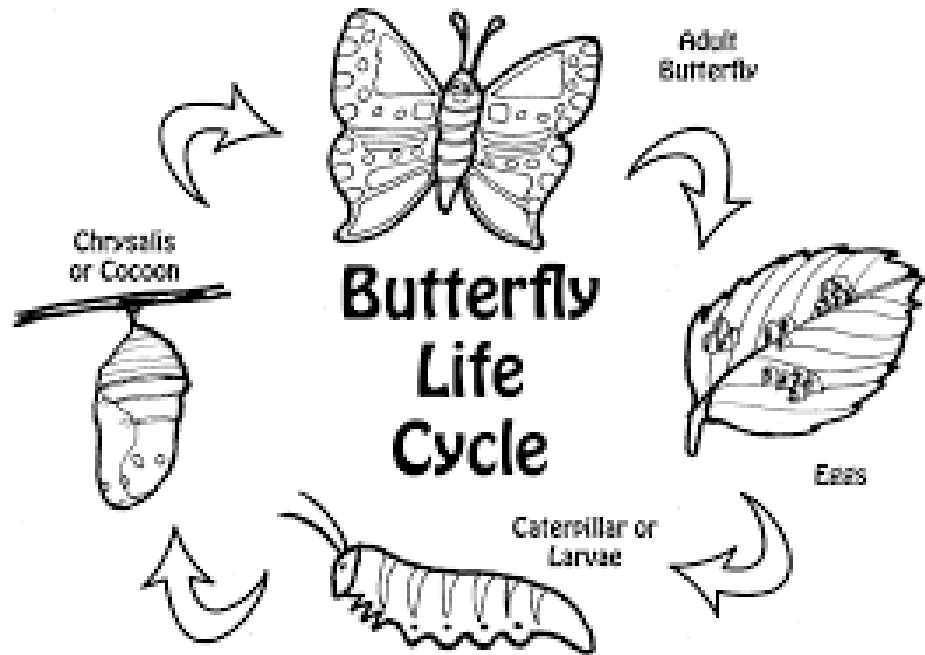
Till I look down on the garden green,
Down on the roof so brown,
Up in the air I go flying again
Up in the air and down.



Robert Louis Stevenson 1850 -1894



Summer



Each issue we are asking a person or 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 next castaway is: **Jack Layzell**

Jack is the fourth generation of his family to live in Awliscombe, following the arrival of James and Lily in 1928.

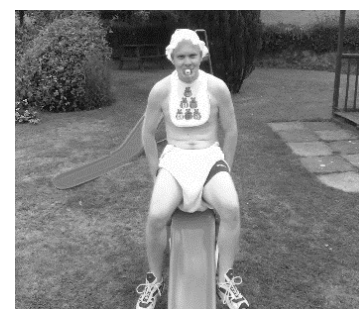
Jack had lived in Honiton for most of his life, until having the rare chance to acquire Redwoods in 2017. Here with father Paul and family, they carefully restored and renovated the home.

In Jack's younger years, he worked part time for the family builder's merchant in Awliscombe. However following his studies in Honiton and Bristol he became a Chartered Accountant and practices in Sidmouth and occasionally from his home.

Jack has been playing for Awliscombe United Football Club for 17 years and is the third generation of his family to play and be involved with the club, following in the original footsteps of his grandfather Les. Here, Jack has formed life long and valued friendships.

Some of Jack's passions are football (Leeds United), running (completing the London Marathon in 2021), cycling, walking (recently completing a pilgrimage to Rome) and music. He is happy to share some of his.

DISC 1: Jesus He Knows Me - Genesis One of many Awliscombe football club memories, this was a bike ride/pub crawl which ended up with Superman, John McEnroe and Paulo doing Karaoke.



DISC 2: Fairy tale of New York - The Pogues & Kirsty MacColl My absolute favourite Christmas song and I will still be celebrating Christmas, even on a Desert Island.

DISC 3: The Sound of Silence – Disturbed A song that brings together power and emotion. Memories of listening to this excessively loud with friends. Deep, angry and beautiful.

DISC 4: Life on Mars – David Bowie I'm not sure I actually understand this song at all, but Bowie has a way to help you escape reality and in this case the reality of being stuck on a desert island.

DISC 5: Marching on Together – Leeds United Team and Supporters Because we all love Leeds!

DISC 6: Hurt – Johnny Cash From the last album released during his lifetime. A song for reflection whilst being on the island and a reminder of the things that matter.

DISC 7: Mr Brightside – The Killers This song takes me back to my teens and reminds me of the many nights out that probably included singing this at the top of my voice.

DISC 8: Nessun Dorma – Puccini (sung by Luciano Pavarotti) To inspire and focus the mind and body into getting off this island!

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

Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind – Yuval Noah Harari

An interesting book about 'us' and some of the reasons as to what makes us who we are.

LUXURY ITEM

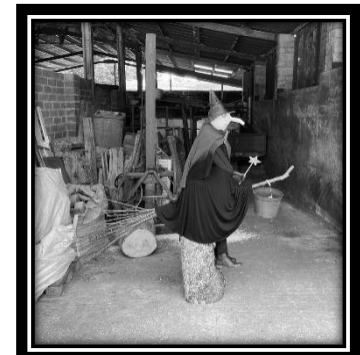
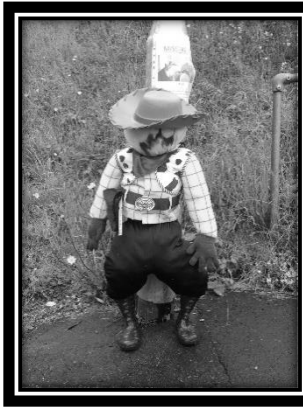
A Football - It will keep me busy whilst I try to break my 'keepie uppie' record of 6! It could also double up as a 'Wilson' style companion.

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

Life On Mars – David Bowie

Thank you so much Jack for sharing your Desert Island Discs with us!

In the Scarecrow competition there were 3 categories. A children's book character, for the children, a pantomime character for adults and an occupation for businesses or groups. It was fabulous to see all the creative ideas on display around the area. Brought a smile to many faces. They can be seen in full colour on the village website.





Adult Pantomime.

- 1st Sandy Burrough. Pantomime Dame.
 2nd Alan Maynard. Dick Whittington.
 3rd. Mandy Curry. Mad Hatter.
 Special Prize: Pat Hughes. Captain Hook.

Here are the prizewinners.

Children's section:

- 1st William Harvey. Mr. Tall.
 2nd Lucas children. Hungry Caterpillar.
 3rd Bo & Tilly Beeken. Wind in the Willows.
 Special Prize: Beth & Noah Reed. Stickman.

Occupations,

- 1st Awliscombe school children. Astronauts.
 2nd David Loyd. Tree surgeon.
 3rd Rosewell family. Farmer & Milkmaid.
 Special prize: Layzell's Funeral services. Neil Parish.

Postwoman's pick: Nichola Pring. Dobby the House elf (from Harry Potter)

Continuing with 'born and bred in Awliscombe', one afternoon I popped along to see Betty ... as had been told that she, although not born, had lived in the village since she was two years old. As with Dick and Ray, it is, of course impossible to fit a lifetime on two pages!

Betty Bishop – and a little of her life here in Awliscombe.

Within the Blackdown Hills, near the border of Devon and Somerset, is the village of Churchstanton and the place where Betty was born in 1932. Here, her parents Charles and Edith Peadon and her older brother Douglas lived, this was also the home of her Granny and Grandad. Living together (as often families did then), they ran a small holding consisting of a few cows, chickens and ... their pony and trap.

Betty remembers stories told of her Grandfather taking the pony and trap to both the Taunton and Honiton markets. In Honiton he would tie his pony in the stable, where Black Lion Court stands now! He would then wander Honiton High Street, where all the animals stood tethered for sale.

Charles and Edith, Douglas and Betty then moved to 'Rushlands' in Awliscombe. As we talked of 'Rushlands', Betty took me into her garden and pointed out the white building she can still see every day in the distance, her childhood home and the fields that lay between them - which along with Hembury Fort, she says ... were her playground. Many of the local children would come to those fields to play. She remembers the fun they had, especially when the two ponds within the fields, froze over, they would run and slide. In the evening they would break the ice, allowing the water to flood to the top, making extra strong ice for the next day's play! These ponds have now gone.

Betty and brother Douglas, would walk across the fields every day, to Awliscombe school. As these fields were 'mowing fields', the grass would often be knee high, Betty remembers taking her shoes off and carrying them, 'you had to look after them, being 'war shoes'... money was tight and shoes precious.'

Her father, worked for Tom Summers at Ridgeway Farm and in the summer months, Betty's Mother would go along to milk the cows. A strong memory also is of helping in the fields there, Betty's father would tie the horse up once the hay had been swept in, Betty would start the elevator and together they would fork the hay from the ground to make the hayricks. This was a normal day in the summer for Betty who was then 10 years old!

After leaving the village school, Betty attended Honiton School, where she only stayed for the 5 months needed, which took her to age 14. Being then able to leave, she took a job at Hembury Fort Cross - the big house, where she worked as the Family Help and maybe as importantly, where she eventually met her future husband! Lionel Bishop.

Lionel lived in the village Post Office. This stood, as some of you may know, where the village hall car park exists now. After working at the Post Office, Lionel became interested in carpentry, he pursued this, taking on work as a Carpenter for Hansfords in Honiton. It was whilst working on a project at Hembury Fort Cross – that he met Betty.

Before marrying, Betty also took on extra work at the Post Office, delivering letters as they waited for the new Post Office van to arrive. Betty remembers this being a tough one, collecting post from the boxes, starting at Godford Cross, all the way around, Smallcombe and Marlcombe etc - the sack getting heavier and her shoulder getting so sore with the weight. Balancing the bike and sack was an art, she laughed ... but in all her time she only fell off once! When the new van arrived, she became redundant.

Lionel and Betty then married in Awliscombe Church in 1951 and together, moved to Marlcombe for 7 years before buying their forever home, sweetly calling it 'Enfin'... at last!

The next job Betty took on was at Hembury Fort Farm, working for Pete Snell's father, Douglas. Egg sorting was her main task but as her employer's family grew she found that everyone worked together with all the jobs being shared, including her weekly task of cleaning the milk machine - remaining there for 60 years! Betty continued to visit Douglas when he was cared for at Hembury Fort House and still keeps in touch with the family now.

Betty remembers fondly the holidays she and Lionel took – always on the motorbike. Off they would go, visiting the coasts all around, staying in B&Bs, remembering Land's End in particular. Apart from a few early dancing days, they led a quietish life socially, enjoying their garden and growing vegetables. Sadly in 1994 Lionel died of cancer.

Family has featured largely in Betty's life and although not having children themselves, they selflessly cared for Betty's parents and Lionel's father together at 'Enfin'.

Betty's lifelong and very dear friend was Eileen, pictured here, also she remembers the friendship of Vivian who recently passed away. The worst thing of getting old, is losing friends she says.

Betty (on the right), says her happiest times are in her garden, which I understood, looking at the fields behind brings back such happy memories for her.

I asked if she had a way of looking at life, what had given her the strength for those hard working years - she said it was the same as her mother's, which was – 'one day at a time'.



Thank you so much Betty for sharing your memories with us!

Summer Fête 2022



The Summer Fête was exceptionally good this year. The weather was kind to us and it stayed dry.

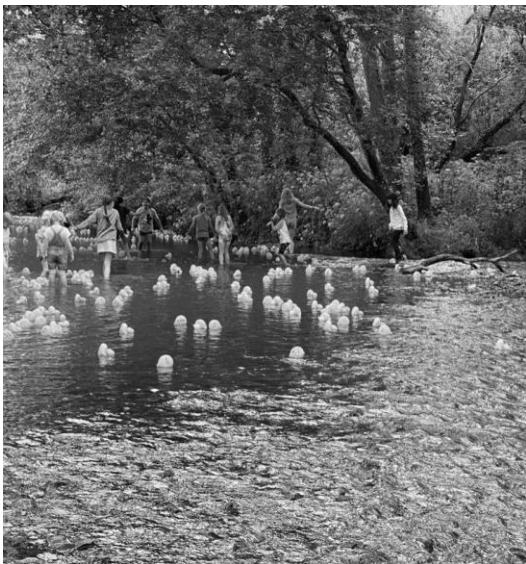


It was opened by Alan Rowe MBE.

He is the founder of the Baton Charity which supports the forces and their families.



We also had a visit from Ed Davey, the leader of the Liberal Democrats and the man who is now our new MP, Richard Foord.



As ever, the duck race proved the most popular event with plenty of intrepid adventurers wading in to help the little ducks on their way.

The winning three numbers are pictured right.



There was the usual mix of stalls; cakes and plants, bric-a-brac and books, games, tombola and raffle.

People just enjoyed roaming around having fun and relaxing with friends. It was very good to be able to have a tea tent again.



Here is Eric, the winner of the guess the name of the dog competition, (a corgi naturally.) The name was Toby.

The children at the school had all made wonderful crowns, kindly judged by Rosemary Sprigg, to commemorate the Jubilee year. Here are some of them on display with their winning makers.



A huge thank you to the team of organisers and helpers who worked so hard to put this event together. We had fun and raised a record amount, just over £3,000 so far!!

Awliscombe United Football Club



A few photos from a **great** semi-final game played at home on 2nd May, Bank holiday Monday, a **well-deserved win** 3:1 by Awliscombe (Div. 4), against South Zeal (Div. 3)



Goals scored by Lewis Blackwall, Paul Willmington and Joe Mulhall.



THE FINAL

Awliscombe FC finished 2021/2022 in the Bill Slee Cup Final for the first time in their history.

It wasn't to be for Awliscombe, who came up just short against a very good Devon Yeoman side, losing 2-0 on the night.



No shortage of pride for the boys in yellow from everyone in attendance in what was a well contested final against a team two leagues above.

Manager Tom Whitlock would like to express his thanks to all players and who represented the club last season and also the supporters who watched us home and away.

We will go again next season. Please keep an eye in our Facebook page with regards to training for the upcoming season. Old and new players welcome.

Book Review.

A book set in the fictional fishing village of Axestowe on the South East Coast of Devon but widely accepted as being based on Beer, is a must read for East Devon inhabitants. Having said this it's a must read for anyone who enjoys a mystery wherever they live.

It's a story about four generations of women, all strong but all very different, whose dreams and aspirations bring them into conflict with one another.

Zoe returns to the fishing village of her birth and upbringing after many years abroad. She brings with her, her fifteen year old daughter. Her return is instigated by the mysterious disappearance of her old childhood friend who was also the carer for Zoe's beloved grandmother, who brought her up after her mother's abandonment. Zoe returns both to care for her grandmother and to try to find out what has happened to her friend.

Returning to the village means that Zoe has to face her estranged free spirited mother who abandoned her at the age of seven. Her hurt and sense of loss have never abated so she is blind to the fact that her mother has become a loved and cherished member of the community to which she has returned.

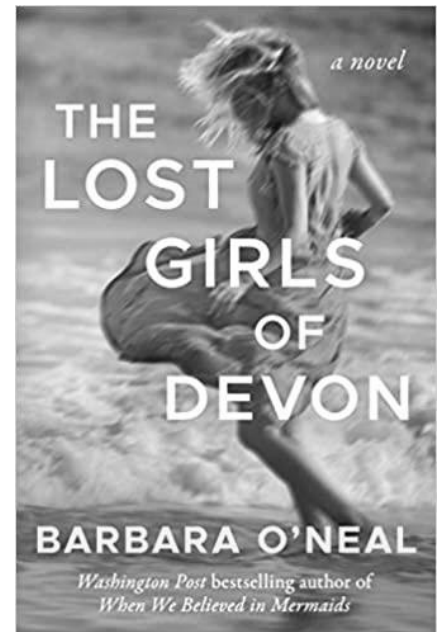
Zoe also has to face an old boyfriend that she badly let down many years previously.

Another tragedy in the village turns things even more sinister and there is a spine chilling finale at a fair taking place on the cliffs overlooking the beach.

Being able to picture the setting for those of us who know Beer helps make the story more enjoyable although there are noticeable changes and omissions.

I thoroughly enjoyed the story both for its sense of place, the mystery but most of all for the dynamics between the four generations of women and their reconciliations.

Jenny Keen.



You can bomb the world to pieces
But you can't bomb it into peace.

Michael Franti

Singer-songwriter, poet, activist





Honiton u3a is inviting visitors to join with members for a fascinating talk by Tom Mack, Programme Manager for Active Devon, on Connecting Actively With Nature.

Tom will be talking on Wednesday July 20th about the benefits of physical activity and connecting with nature, particularly as people age.

The lecture will take place at The Beehive at 2 p.m. Doors open at 1.30 p.m. Visitors are asked to make a £2 donation. After the talk, visitors are warmly invited to join with members for refreshments in the Beehive café and to learn more about what u3a has to offer.

Honiton u3a is a group of like-minded people in their third age who enjoy sharing educational, creative and leisure activities. As well as the monthly talks at The Beehive, members are able to take part in a wide variety of activity groups run by its members. Subjects covered range from history and photography to wine tasting. There are also walking groups and those devoted to subjects as diverse as current affairs and meteorology, poetry reading and hand-bell ringing.

Awliscombe resident Val Crawshaw-Gander says, "After being married for 30 years, for 19 years of which I was my husband's main carer, I recently became a widow. I realise that I am now naturally experiencing many new and difficult problems and have spent time wondering what I could do to help myself. Therefore, I have joined Honiton u3a. I have joined several groups, meeting new friends, learning new things, getting out and about and thoroughly enjoying my new life."

Membership of Honiton u3a is £10 a year, with a special rate of £17 for two members living at the same address. Further information about Honiton u3a and how to join is available on its website: u3asites.org.uk/Honiton



This is Elsie. She has been missing since Sunday 8th May from Awliscombe, near Hayne Farm. She has a beige/ cream base coloured coat with brown and grey tabby marking, dark ears and tail, blue eyes and is very petite and timid. If everyone could please keep an eye out for her and make sure they have checked all sheds and outbuildings etc. If anyone has any information, please call Kerrie, on 07506 710379 or my husband Dan on 07860 534629. Thank you.

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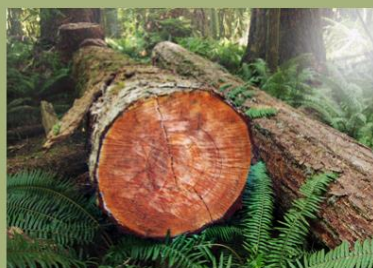


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