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As most people know, we have a defibrillator in Awliscombe. It is situated on the wall of the village hall, to the right of the entrance.

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 **30th November.**

Send your article to awliscombeandwestontimes@gmail.com



The Friends of St. Michael's is a group of local people working to make the church into a place where the whole community can gather to enjoy time, company and events. There is a leaflet with this magazine explaining and inviting anyone to join up.

What's On.

Monthly (regular dates in the Village Hall)

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

Friday 30 th September.	Harvest Supper in the Village Hall
Sunday 2 nd October.	Harvest Festival in the church.
Sunday 13 th November	Act of memorial at War Memorial, Awliscombe.
Saturday 19 th November.	Quiz Night in the Village Hall.
Saturday 3 rd December.	Christmas Market in Village Hall.
Saturday 11 th March.	Concert by Jim Causley in the church.

First Thursday of the month:	Classic Car chatter at The Honiton Inn.
Last Friday of the month:	Open Mic Night at The Honiton Inn.
Alternate Wednesdays:	Anything Wool at The Honiton Inn. (below)

Anything Wool Group.

If anyone is interested, a group meets on alternate Wednesdays, from 7th September, in the Honiton Inn. It is a very informal group with an opportunity to pick up hints and tips about knitting, crocheting or anything else to do with wool, share patterns and needles but also a chance to meet and chat with people you may not have met before.

If you are interested in coming along, please contact Sarah Dent 07540110965 - we'd love to see you.

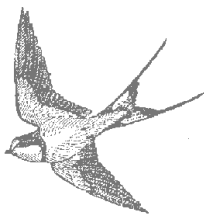
Quiz.

Contact Liz Gillingham on threshays@btinternet.com to book teams for the quiz.

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Friendly café – Would anyone be interested in a Drop off and Drop in, at the church on a Thursday morning? Straight after school drop off – coffee, cake and chat. If anyone is interested or would like to help by baking or tea making, please contact me with ideas. 07426040815, Harriet.



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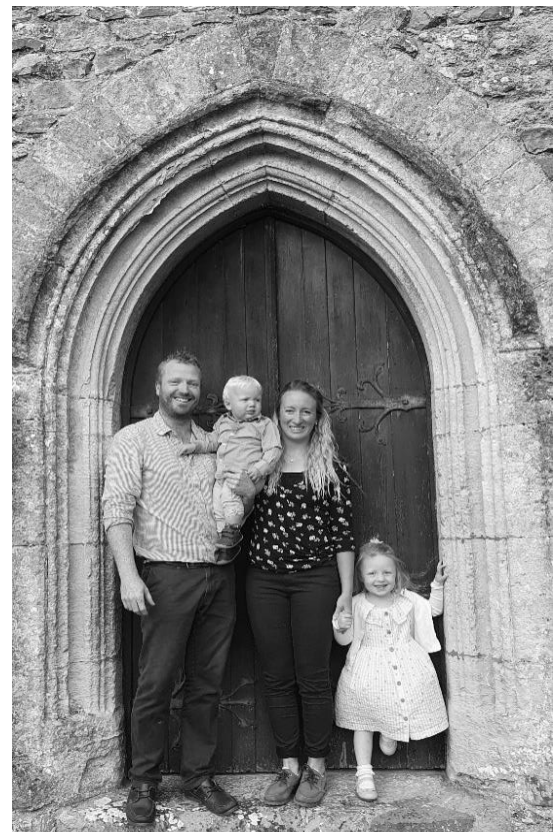
Hi, we hope you have had a happy few months since you read the magazine last and feel relaxed as Summer now dances into Autumn ... bringing all the familiar sights of the season to us once again. We've said goodbye to the Swallows, House Martins and Swifts who have with luck, already reached central Africa, 'well at least half of them', it's a treacherous journey for them, being so small but amazing when they return in the Spring. When the Fieldfares and Redwings arrive from Scandinavia, we will know winter is just around the corner. Hopefully we have a little more sunshine to come, the orchards are heavy with apples and maybe we've picked the blackberries needed to make the always delicious crumbles and pies. On another note -

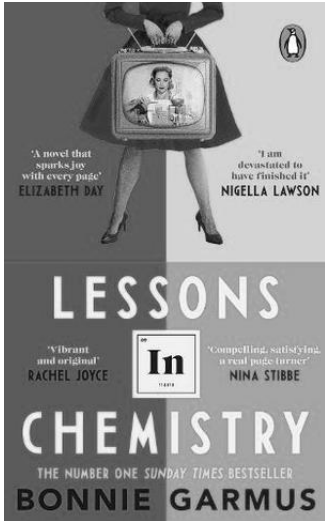
It is with sadness that yesterday evening we learnt along with the rest of the world that Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II had passed away. Throughout her long reign The Queen showed such dedication and a sense of duty. From first promising to serve the British people and Commonwealth, she carried out her duties with such grace, steadfastness and dignity. She was of course not only a monarch but a mother, grandmother and great grandmother, where we saw her compassion and wisdom shine quietly through. For generations The Queen has been a comforting source, whilst she herself has survived constant changes in the world and within her own family. This is a moment in history which few will forget. Here in Awliscombe muffled bells were rung, as tradition dictates when a monarch dies, these have not been heard since 1952. There is a Book of Condolences available in St. Michael's if anyone should like to leave a message.

We'd like to say that the magazine is maybe not as full as normal, with both of us planning our holidays etc., we promise the Christmas issue will be a bumper one. As always, all contributions will be so gladly accepted, financially or especially – stories, photographs etc. In the meantime we wish you all a HAPPY AUTUMN !

On the 3rd of July, little Archie was baptised, making our Sunday service very special. Here he is with big sister Molly and parents Will and Laura.

We send love to the whole family and especially to Archie's Godparents.





Lessons in Chemistry

by Bonnie Garmus.

I often choose the books I want to read as a result of reviews on Sarah Cox's Between the Covers. The reviews of Lessons In Chemistry were so good, I knew I had to read it.

The book is set in the early 1960s. The protagonist, Elizabeth Zott, refuses to conform to the stereotype of a 1960s' woman - she is in short a feminist. As Elizabeth tries to advance in a career in scientific research, the book describes the barriers she experiences as a beautiful, intellectual woman in a man's world where the view of equality is very different to now.

Reading my review so far, this sounds like a very serious book- and it does tackle a serious subject - but it is also a cookery book and has bucket loads of humour that made me laugh out loud. It is a story of love between Elizabeth, her dog, her daughter and also her soul mate, who shock horror (in the 60s) she lives with outside of marriage.

If you want to read a book about how perseverance and determination overcomes adversity this is one for you. Enjoy.

If anyone would like to read the book, you are very welcome to borrow my copy. Sarah Dent 07540110965.

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Something occurred to me when I was writing the book review - as money is getting tighter people may not be able to afford books any more. I have some books that I wouldn't want to give away because I have enjoyed them so much and might want to read them again one day, but would be very happy for people to borrow them. I wondered whether it would be possible to do something through this magazine about a book swap.

- We think a book swap could be a great idea. Maybe we could meet up once a month? Is there anyone who would like to organise this? Send your ideas to our email address: awliscombeandwestontimes@gmail.com

Cleaning St. Michael's. _At present there are 13 volunteers who kindly keep our church clean, it would be really nice to have some more helpers please. It usually takes a team of 2 about an hour approx.. twice a year, a bit of sweeping, hoovering, dusting etc.

If you're able to help or would like to find out more?

Contact Mandy Reed

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or email mandyreed28@icloud.com

Thank you



Walking at Harcombe, a healthy step out, catching up with old friends. Fabulous views.



Finishing with a well deserved beer/wine and delicious food at The Blue Ball. Joined By our previous leader Barry and lovely Anne.

Awliscombe Y.W.'s Annual Walk and BBQ



A few managed to make the annual BBQ on Branscombe beach. Good fun had by all - what a beautiful evening !





Quotes from Awliscombe Children

Being away, re school summer holidays, we asked a few randomly picked parents and grandparents to chat with their children - finding out how they had enjoyed this time.

What was the very best bit of your school summer holiday?

*I really enjoyed getting a hair braid done at Sidmouth Folk Festival and going to Bicton Park Gardens for the day – **Freya (6)**

* It was going to the Zoes@Thimblestitch and doing an art class with gelli plates – **Lily (8)**

*Best bit of the summer holidays was going to Beautiful Days then coming home to see Ken's new puppy – **Bo (9)**

*The best bit about the holidays, me and my family camped at Beautiful Days which is a festival in Escott Park. In Beautiful Days there are many performance tents and stages and many bands performed there, like The Specials, Seasick Steve, The Unthanks, The Levellers (who set up the whole festival). My favourite band was Magic Numbers as they really felt the music and their songs were really great! The food was amazing and the shops really gave out the peace and love vibe - **Tilly (12)**

*My best bit of the summer holiday was going camping at Freshwater with friends and my family – **Beth (11)**

*My best bit of summer holiday was training to play football and swimming in our pool – **Noah (8)**

*Definitely going to Jersey Zoo on my birthday, the best I've ever been to. The animals had loads of space. The gorillas and butterflies were the best but I loved the flamingos too. A butterfly came and sat on my hand. – **Mabel (9)**

*I loved our holiday in Jersey best and the pool had a lazy river, *do you know what a lazy river is Nana?* I bought a pool floatie and I called him Croc – **Percy (6)**

Are you looking forward to going back to school and why?

*Yes – because I have got new shoes! – **Freya**

*I'm looking forward to it, a bit! Seeing all my friends again – **Lily**

*I'm looking forward to going back to school because I can meet old friends and see a new teacher and discover new things to learn – **Bo**

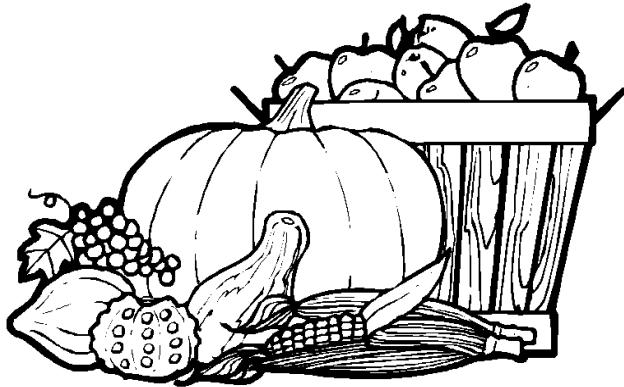
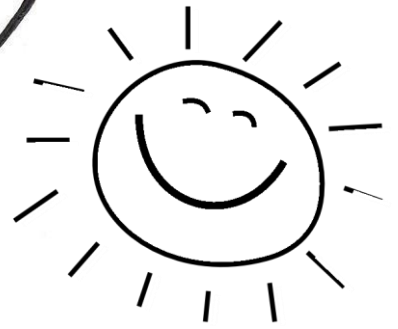
*After the summer holidays I start secondary school. I am really excited to make new friends and try my best in new subjects but I am also still nervous – **Tilly**

*Yes, I can't wait to start at my new school – **Beth**

*Yes, because I get to see all my friends and learn new things – **Noah**

*I'm really really looking forward to seeing my friends again and seeing my new teacher, Mrs Morris – **Mabel**

*I'm looking forward to my new classroom but I'm still going to be in 'Robins'. I'm looking forward to seeing my friends and I'm going to be the 5th oldest – **Percy**

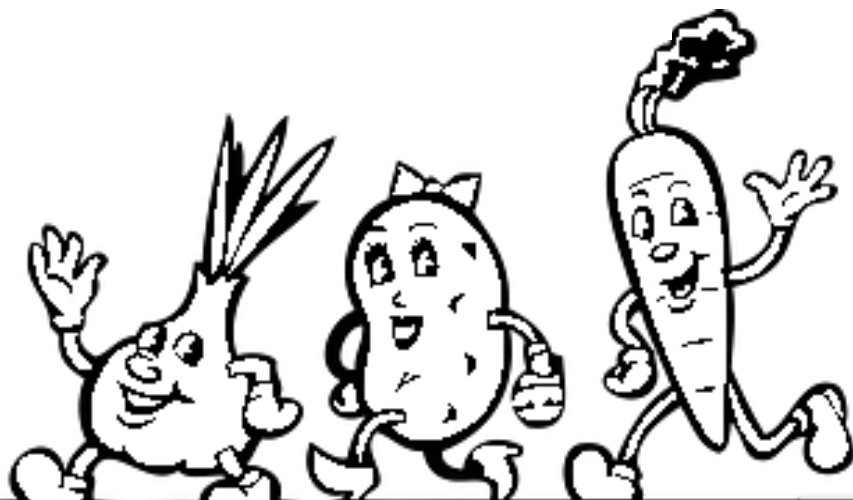


Autumn colouring page



What is a scarecrow's favourite fruit ?

Straw berries, of course.





Family Open Day at St. Michael's.

The 10th July; launch day of The Friends of St. Michael's, was sunny and very warm. All sorts of activities had been organised throughout the church and the graveyard. Most dramatic was the zip wire for teddies running from the top of the tower to the ground at the edge of the graveyard.

Teddies were duly sent up, attached to the zip wire and each was announced by name before being sent down. On arrival back on solid ground, thankfully all did so safely, each teddy was presented with a certificate to commemorate the event.



The valiant team at the top, surrounded by hot tiles, lead and stone, did a fabulous job in all that heat. Thank you to them.

Close by Pat and Don had an enormous teddy on display and people were invited to guess the weight. The winning answer is at the end of this article ...

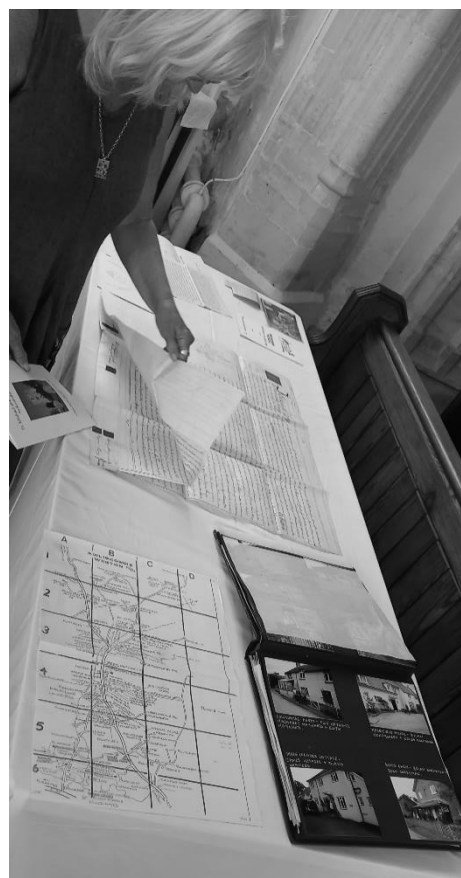


Inside the church it was cool and welcoming. There was a display of photos taken all around our villages, mostly many years ago. Obviously, a trip down memory lane for many and interesting for everyone living in the area now, to see how things have changed over time.

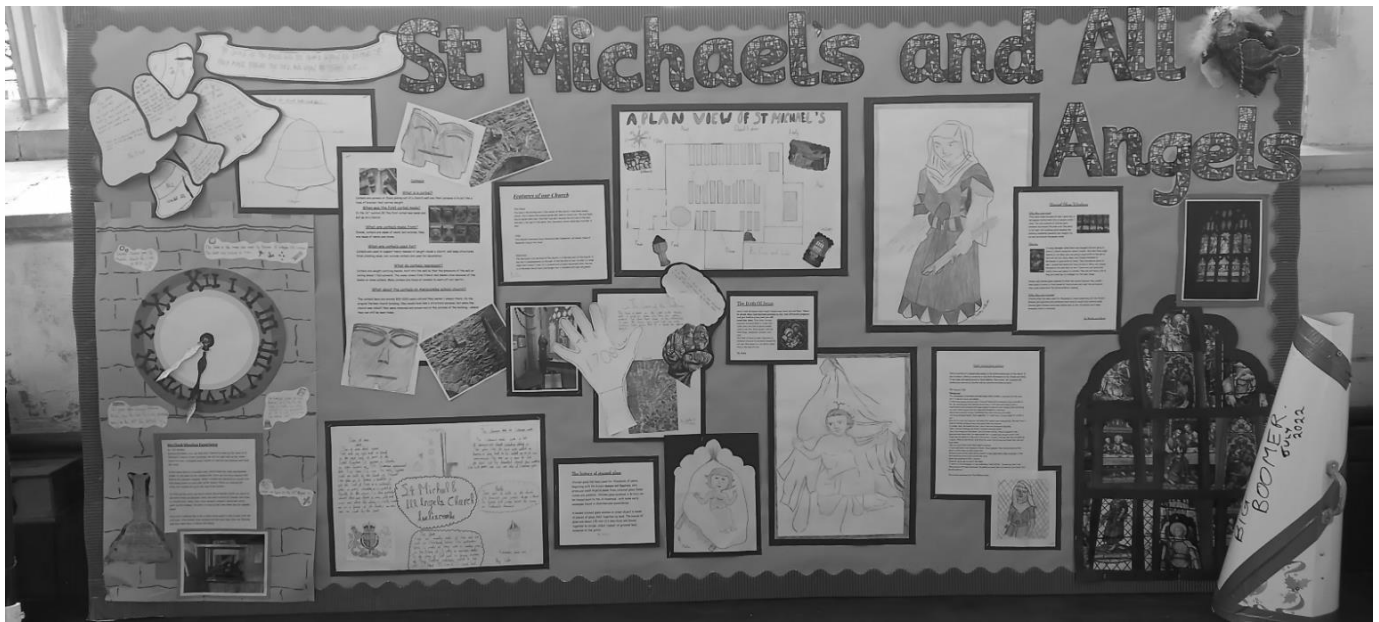


Also on display were some of the records held by the parish – baptisms and marriages. A record of all those who died in world war 1 and 2 and a piece about each person on that record, compiled by Valerie Cann.

One photo album in particular contained pictures of the front door of every house in our villages, with the owners standing by the door, all taken in the year 2000. It was fascinating to see all the houses and people as they were 22 years ago. Some have moved on but most are still here, now looking older and wiser.



In another area there was a wonderful display of work and art by the children of Awliscombe School, telling us about the Church and many of the windows and artifacts within it.



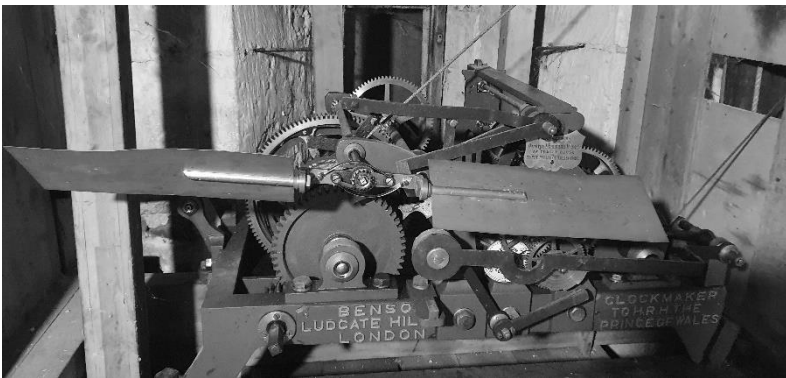
It was possible to explore all over the building, with guidance in some cases for safety. Through intriguing little doors to go up the tower or up to where they ring the bells.

Naturally the views from the top were breathtaking.





We were allowed to have a go at ringing the bells, which turns out to be much more involved than one might think, but great fun. One of our 6 bells weighs over a ton.



Outside there were refreshments, cream tea, juices and Pimms, on offer.

We could sit in the shade, enjoying a welcome drink and listen to the rousing music of the Honiton Band.



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: **Jonathan Page**

Although not born here, I have lived in Weston (with a few breaks) since the 60s. Does that make me a proper local – not sure? Perhaps now I have been invited to submit my Desert Island Discs maybe I am. Choosing 8 of my favourite tracks is a far harder question to resolve. I have a huge music collection and trying to pick just 8 tracks to take with me is near impossible but here is what I have come up with. I'm just sorry I can't share the others from my very long shortlist that I had to discard. What I promise I won't be sharing with you is anything by Demis Roussos or Charles Aznavour. My parents played this horrendous stuff endlessly on their car 8 track when I was young touring the West Country with them when they were antique dealers, it still haunts me to this day. Perhaps it was their cunning plan to get me to leave home and go to university, if so, it worked!

DISC 1: Time – Pink Floyd Time has always fascinated me and I wish I had been a theoretical physicist so I could understand it. What is it? How does it work? Why does it only flow in one direction? I read quite a bit of scientific writing and still struggle to get my head around these and many other time related questions. All I really understand is that there is no going back and that we must make the most of our time and infinitesimally small part of the history of the universe while we can. And as for Pink Floyd, prog rock at its finest and with a great intro to boot.

DISC 2: Children's World – Maceo Parker As the evening sun sets on my tropical island what could be better than laid back jazz with the most sublime saxophone. My youngest son Oliver plays saxophone, his first live performance was at Awliscombe Primary School playing Puff the Magic Dragon, he later joined the Devon Youth Jazz Orchestra playing tenor sax. DYJO gave him the most wonderful opportunities playing at such great venues as The Montreux Jazz Festival & the Serbian Jazz Festival, and at the same time this developed my passion for jazz and the saxophone.

DISC 3: Killing In The Name Of – Rage Against The Machine I think we all have pent up frustrations and anger within us and this amazingly raw and powerful track captures them so well for me. I would have loved to see Rage live, now sadly, all I can do is listen to their outlandish tracks and wonder what I missed. They still capture the minds of many of those wishing to say something about the dire state of the world and society today, and for that I am forever grateful.

DISC 4: Rain – Fat Freddy's Drop One of the great current jazz/funk/ska/electronic bands all the way from New Zealand. I recently saw them in Cardiff and being there live, they were everything that I wished for and more. Their 20 minute jam of Rain blew me away. Based around a 3 piece horn section, Fat Freddy's Drop are such a tight yet free playing outfit and Dallas Tamara's vocals so smooth. I could almost emigrate to NZ just to hear more of them live. Please come back to the UK soon, or better still, visit me on my desert island.

DISC 5: Small Change – Tom Waits Just the coolest laid-back atmospheric saxophone with Tom Waits unique gravelly spoken voice. A sad slow smoky twilight number that captures a sleazy lowlife that I hope none of us ever have to experience. It makes me feel very privileged to live as I do in such a wonderful location as Weston.

DISC 6: Lazy – Deep Purple (live version from Made in Japan album) Let's be honest, we are all a bit lazy aren't we, somewhere deep inside. A brilliant instrumental intro to one of the classics rock tracks of the 70's from one of the finest bands I never managed to see. This still gives me a buzz if I need a bit of loudness in my life. Rock dinosaurs? – no, never. A regular background track when working from home and in need of a bit of a music induced adrenalin rush.

DISC 7: The Same Deep Water As You – The Cure I had to include a track by the original Goth band, The Cure, the only problem was which? I spent 3 days as their guests in Berlin when they were recording their Trilogy video and it left a lasting impression on me. There are so many great songs to choose from but in the end, I went for one of their classic angst-ridden reflections on life and love. Rose ('er indoors) says they are sad and depressing, but I don't agree, The Cure are deep, thoughtful and caring with a very personal touch to their songs.

Disc 8: Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer – George Thorogood and the Destroyers I have included this because I love it and for no other reason. A re-working of the Rudy Toombs blues classic made famous by John Lee Hooker but with added attitude. Foot stomping stuff.

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

My son is off to study for a PhD in Quantum Computing. So that I have a vague chance to understand what on earth he is talking about and hold down a conversation with him, I have tried reading **Quantum Computing for Everyone** by **Chris Bernhardt**, apparently the world's easiest book on the subject. Forget it, incomprehensible! So perhaps a sojourn to a desert island with only this to read would focus my mind and something just might creep inside my head and make sense in an entangled supposition of quantum understanding. Or maybe not? A bit of a Schrodinger's cat really.

LUXURY ITEM? A **tenor saxophone** so I could teach myself to play funky jazz and emulate the greats I admire so much.

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

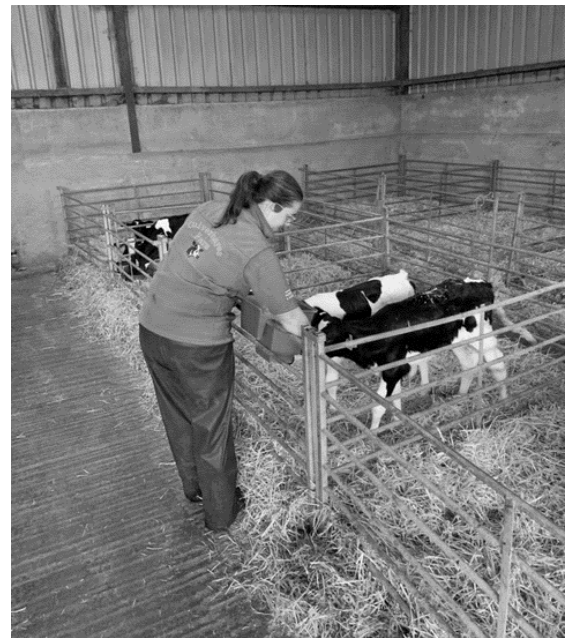
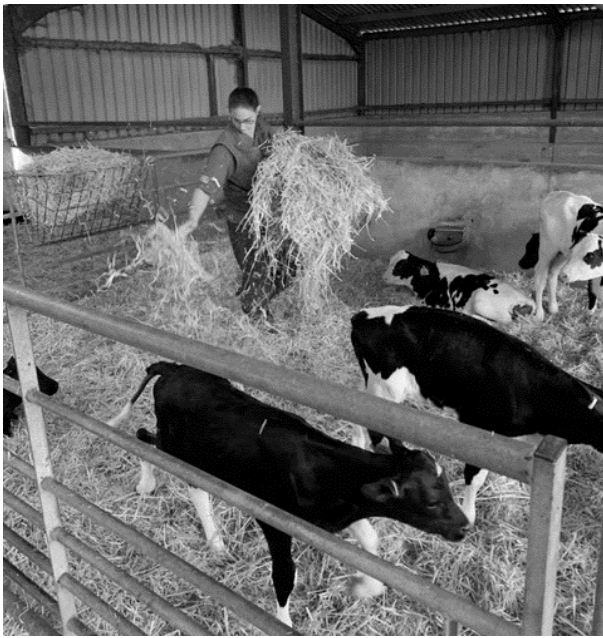
- This is a tough one! But it would have to be - **Children's World – Maceo Parker**

*Thank you so much Jonathan for sharing your Desert Island Discs with us
and good luck with your PhD Oliver!*

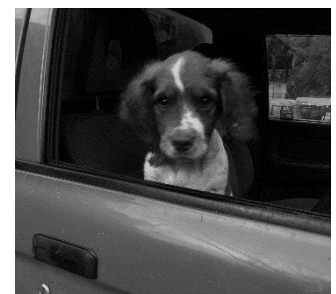
6am - The Early Birds of Awliscombe. At Harvest time - we are taking a peep to see how a few of the hard working early risers start their day, whilst many of us are still snuggled up in bed or maybe only contemplating our first cuppa, here is a snippet of what was found.



Richard at Godford Farm, is currently milking 100 cows, a job he has done for an amazing 48 years! Every day he starts at 6am. After milking, everything is washed down and sterilized, which means breakfast isn't until 9am. All is then repeated at 4.30pm. Here above with his merry band of workers, Graham and son-in-law Alex. Alex (on the right), along with wife Naomi, also buys, fixes and sells tractors. He tells me he sells not only to the UK but to Europe and as far as, would you believe, Africa.



Here at Culverhayes, 50 calves on average, are fed a day. Sam (pictured above) says 'these are from our herd of 300 Holstein Fresian milking cows. Mark and I have been running the farm since 2016. We milk 3 times a day and calve all year round'. Sam adds that they also have a great team of staff so they couldn't take all the credit. Many of us will remember Tim & Mandy farming at Culverhayes for 23 yrs, beforehand.



Ken has lived here at Losses Farm for 67 yrs. When his parents, Alan and Annise first worked the farm in 1949, it was dairy, now Ken's farm, since 2001, is for beef. It's a challenging time with little or no grass since the drought, feeding inside has been the only option. Taking the feed to Ken's cattle at his other land in Dulford and Hembury is another daily task, all to be repeated later. Always up at 6am, if cutting maize, 4am! Ken and his faithful dog Bud, both have a new companion, little Sam, pictured above in the truck, waiting for the day's adventures to begin.



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Some of the content of the Village 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

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Admin and More introduces a brand new service that gives assistance to people applying to the Access to Work Scheme.

Today, Admin and More announced the launch of their Access to Work Assistance Scheme an assistance service to truly give people with a disability a cost effective and convenient way to apply for the scheme and relieve the stress that the Access to Work process can bring when going through the process.

“We’d do anything to help our customers,” said Elizabeth Wright, Director of Admin and More, “so as soon as we found out that many of our customers were in serious need of assistance to help them apply for Access to Work as well as the ongoing claims process that wouldn’t break the bank, but would guarantee professional results, we knew we had to do something.”

Admin and More’s new Access to Work Assistance Scheme is designed to overcome the problem of the stress and the very long process of applying to Access to Work. We help people with a disability by taking the hard work from them for the application process and claims process. We know from experience and the clients we work with that the process for applying for Access to Work can be stressful and can in some instances put people off applying.

“The response from our customers has been better than we could have imagined,” said Elizabeth Wright, “not only are our customers enjoying professional results, they’re finding that they can free up their own time and spend more time on running their businesses whilst we apply for their support.”

Business owners with a disability could be eligible for funding through the Access to Work scheme, which helps cover the cost of any practical support a person with an impairment may need to start or stay in work, as well as funding to help pay for any adaptations to the working environment or installation of any special equipment.

Take a look at our packages <https://adminandmore.co.uk/access-to-work>

****Additional Information****

Access to Work is a scheme that allows anyone with a disability to access resources to enable them to work. However, to apply to the scheme, you need to fill in a lot of paperwork, which can prove overwhelming for many people.

Admin and More have launched a series of packages to assist you in applying for the scheme. From the initial application process to submitting the claims, we can assist you and make your life easier and access the help you need.

Admin and More have worked with clients on the Access to Work scheme for four years, so we are experienced in submitting claims and also putting together any information for the application process that you need.

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