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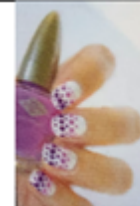
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From the Editor

I'd usually fill the newsletter with news of all the exciting things we have coming up in our parishes but obviously I can't right now so instead I wanted to say a massive thank you to you all for your self-isolating and for helping others.

My thanks too to Thom after years of contributing his insights to the magazine and we look forward to welcoming Clive Williams as the Bickleigh correspondent.

We are so very lucky to live in this wonderful part of the world and there is so much to appreciate in these difficult times.

Jill Shaw

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Please check on your neighbours and help each other in the first instance. Use the form on the other side which you can download copies of from facebook. If you need help and have no one available please contact us

Who are we?

A group of people from the local community who will help you if you are isolating yourself due to Covid-19

What can we do?

We can get supplies for you, fetch shopping, collect medication, dog walk, call to check you're ok or just to chat if you are lonely or anything else that you need support with if you are self isolating for any reason.

How do we contact you?

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Email: silvertoncommunityangels@gmail.com
(we endeavour to answer all messages asap)

As I write, I hope this finds you well. I would like to thank all those who have been adhering to the Corona Virus guidelines and helping the vulnerable people around you.

Devon and Cornwall Police have been engaging with the minority that have not been staying with the guidelines and we have issued Fixed Penalty Notices. Last week I was part of a team that stopped vehicles in Tiverton and Cullompton and we found that the majority of people were out for essential reasons.

Whilst at home and possibly you have more time on your hands please have a think about some of the following issues and topics:

Home Security

Think like an intruder! – how easily could someone gain access to your home or outbuildings? Can you see valuable items from outside?

Have you considered security lighting, locks, gates, noisy gravel, CCTV, alarm, door chain, window locks, fences, property marking? For further information you can visit our website.

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/your-home/>

Online Safety for Children

Talk to your children about what they are doing online and who they are speaking to. Use the parental controls available to you on your devices. On the link below there are activity packs that you can do with your children and lots of interactive advice for parents and children of different ages.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

Domestic Abuse

Please look at our website where there is advice, videos and information.

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Fraud

Whether online, over the telephone or letter – be suspicious!



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- Use a different phone e.g. a mobile phone or a neighbour's phone. If that is not possible then phone a known friend that you will recognise to test the phone to confirm you aren't still unwittingly connected to the offender.
- NEVER give your bank account details or PIN number over the phone.
- NEVER withdraw money and send it to anyone via a courier, taxi or by any other means.
- NEVER send your bank cards to anyone via courier, taxi or by any other means.
- NEITHER the police nor your bank will EVER ask for this information.

You can report all Fraud related incidents to Action Fraud.

For further information and advice:

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/your-money/fraud/courier-and-telephone-fraud/>

Herbert Protocol

When a person goes missing, it is very distressing for family and friends and can be even more worrying when the missing person has dementia.

Local police are encouraging carers and family members of people with dementia to use the Herbert Protocol scheme. The Herbert Protocol is a simple process to help the police in their search for people with dementia who go missing. By completing the Herbert Protocol form and building a profile of the person with dementia when they are safe, it will help give the carer or loved one peace of mind and speed up the police search if they should ever go missing. The initiative is named after George Herbert, a war veteran of the Normandy landings who lived with dementia. He died whilst 'missing', trying to find his childhood home.

If you believe a person has gone missing and are concerned for their safety complete the 'missing now' section of the form. Call the police on 999 and tell the police operator that you have a Herbert Protocol.

For more information visit www.dc.police.uk/missingherbert/

Take care of yourselves

PCSO Anna ROBERTS 30587, Tiverton Police Station



The Numbers You May Need

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 Psychological and emotional support: 01392 406168/
 406169. Silverton's AED defibrillator is situated on the
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 they may ask you to try and get hold of it.

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 bring it to you if they are available. Please store these numbers in your
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Karen Goldby 07769256097 or 860559	Kathy Blick 07754452191 or 860565	Richard Harper 07922175800	David Wright 07980550602

Please note that the above people are not trained medics but will have had
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 of life saving kit to you and help you within their limits.

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shopping?

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someone to
collect your
prescription?

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Feel isolated
and need a
chat?

Need an
emergency
contact?

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 times. If you are self-isolating, please say hello and let us know how we can
 help you.

Call/message Jess (volunteer coordinator) on 07722301375
 or email cadeleighcontact@gmail.com

get in touch if you'd like to be a volunteer too!

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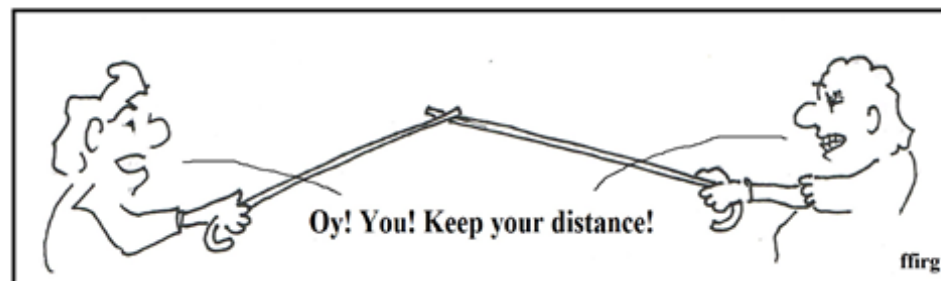
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 the end of East
 Court Lane,
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 honesty box



Silverton Street Market

The Silverton Street Market Committee met on Tuesday 21 April, via Zoom, and decided - for obvious reasons - that there was no other option but to cancel this year's event. This was due to take place on Saturday 1 August. Any money paid by stall holders will be refunded. This is the first time in over a quarter of a century that the Street Market will not take place. 'We intend to make next year's event a really special one'. commented Chair, Richard Osborne.

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Spring 2020

As if Brexit wasn't bad enough
And Other Troubles too
Another problem comes along
A cold we never knew before - a virus - hoves in view.

A pretty name Corona
Sounds like a nice cool drink
But do not be misled my dear
It's nastier than you think.

So best to keep your hands clean
Just keep them in your lap
Keep spirits up, keep busy
Keep calm, no need to flap.

For like the winds and sleet and storms
Fears pass and clouds roll by
In time all things pass on and change
Then comes a clear blue sky.

Jenny Bell

Silverton & Exe Valley Seniors

Events & activities for the

50 plus

Due to ongoing Government travel and social distancing restrictions all Club activities have been suspended for a further month until the end of June. It is hoped to resume Club activities as soon as prevailing circumstances permit.

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St Mary's Silverton Flower Club

Hello everybody, we do hope that you are all keeping well and while we are all trying to occupy our time, in the spirit of Flower Club, those of us who have gardens can keep up with our arranging, even a display of greenery or different shades of foliage, if flowers aren't available, can help to brighten up a room. We would just confirm that our annual Flower Show and Coffee Morning, due to be held in June, will be cancelled this year. Keep safe.

Julie Knowles
For any further information about Silverton Flower Club please contact
Sally Sleep on 860678 or e-mail sallysleep1@hotmail.co.uk

Answers:

1	Pheasant	Bury St	Bath
2	Curlew	Edmunds	Deal
3	Corn bunting	Fort William	Leicester
4	Nightingale	Leeds	Chatham
5	Spoonbill	Sandwich	Rugby
6	Kittiwake	Ayr	Derby
7	Toucan	Mansfield	Motherwell
8	Kingfisher	Dover	Cardiff
9	Nightjar	Preston	Nuneaton
10	Waxwing	Looe	Brighton
11	Nuthatch	Poole	
12	Magpie		

Silverton Women's Institute



It is unfortunate that meetings have had to be cancelled, but we at the WI have adapted surprisingly well to keeping in touch, digitally as well as by the tried and trusted method of the telephone! 📞

You are never alone in a WI and Silverton WI has exemplified that in spades. Karen, our Techno whizz, has set up a Silverton WI Facebook page. It has given us an opportunity to share news, requests, thoughts and ideas. There has been a very successful virtual Flower and Produce Show which showed photos of our garden flowers and delicious looking homemade Easter bakes 🍰.

Luckily Karen is so adept she is able to post items for we lesser mortals who have issues doing that. Quizzes have also appeared, which are a good way to exercise "the little grey cells", as Hercule Poirot would say. Members have been able to take out their sewing machines to make face masks for carers or draw string bags for washing nurses' scrubs.

The knitters have been busy making pink hearts ❤️ for the hospital, to show we care. So our Craft group is still being busy. Our Book group was very relieved to find that they will have plenty of time to finish reading, 'The Goldfinch' by Donna Tartt, which is over seven hundred pages long. Hopefully we will find ways to discuss our views remotely.

We have tried to keep busy at this difficult time, doing what we usually do. All we are missing is our friendly monthly get together at the Dorothy Granger Room. Hopefully it will not be too long before we are back there for chat and company.

We hope that everyone in the village is coping with the isolation and look forward to seeing you all again soon.

*Gill Eldridge - 861137
Avril Webster - 860583
devon.thewi.org.uk*

Silverton Parish Council Report

Coronavirus The Parish Council would re-iterate the NHS advice that in order to minimise the spread of the Virus you should wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water/hand sanitiser whenever (a) you get home or into work (b) blow your nose, sneeze or cough or (c) eat or handle food. For more information and the Government's Action Plan please see [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

Parish Council Meetings

Due to the Government and National Association of Local Councils' Guidelines the April meeting of the Parish Council was cancelled. All members of the Parish Council are keeping in contact via email and any matters arising which needs attention will be considered.

The Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus) (Postponement of Elections and Referendums) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 came into force in early April. These Regulations permit the Parish Council to hold 'virtual' meetings until such time as 'face to face' meetings can be resumed. The May meeting will be held virtually using 'Zoom' and an Agenda will be published both on the Notice Board and the Parish Council website giving details of how parishioners can join the meeting if they would like to do so. Under the above Regulations both the Annual meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Assembly were cancelled. Both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman remain in post until May 2021 unless they wish to resign from their position.

Vacancies

The Parish Council continues to have two vacancies, one for the Village Ward and one for the North Ward. If anyone would like to be considered for co-option onto the Parish Council please send a resume of why they would like to be considered for co-option to the Parish Clerk either by email (details below) or to 40 Ellerhayes, Hele EX5 4PU

Neighbourhood Plan

Due to the current Coronavirus pandemic the Public Consultation which was to be held at the Community Hall on Friday 3rd April 6.00 - 9.00pm has been cancelled. This will be re-arranged as soon as the Government Guidelines permit.

*Sheila Woodland - Parish Clerk
sheilawoodland@btinternet.com - 01392 881832*

Silverton Local History Society

At the time of writing this article it seems increasingly unlikely that we will be able to hold our meeting on Monday, May 18th when Mr David Oates was intending to give a talk. Should the situation change we will of course make an announcement via e-mail to our members, and also the Internet so that others living locally can attend.

The Rev. Henry Barker



This grave in St Mary's Churchyard is located to the left of the path from the Square. It is the family tomb of the Rev. Henry Barker, however the inscription is extremely worn and hardly legible. The Rev. Barker died on 16th December, 1839 at Taunton, aged 60, and was the son of the Rev. John Barker and Eleanor his wife, and brother of William, for 32 years Rector of Silverton. Henry graduated at Trinity College Cambridge and lived for a time at Poundsland in this parish.

He was a chaplain in the Royal Navy, and served under Lord Nelson, at the Battle of Trafalgar.

The following is an extract from a letter which he received from his father in December 1805:

"On your safe arrival in England, after all the threatening dangers to which you have been exposed, I do, with utmost sincerity, congratulate you. Though it was indisputably a most brilliant, yet it was confessedly a dear bought victory. When, on this Thanksgiving Day, the 5th inst., I came to speak of this, and of the lamentable fall of the brave and intrepid Lord Nelson. I was so overpowered with grief and a flood of tears as to be totally unable to speak for some time. I should be glad to know where you were put during the action, and what were your feelings while the tremendous action lasted."

Also buried here are seven members of Henry's family including his widow, Mary Ann, and their daughter Elizabeth, who died at the age of five when the family were living at Poundsland.

Poem: "Archies"

The following poem has been found amongst other papers belonging to the society's founder David Edmund. It was handwritten on a sheet of paper, and although not exactly in the words of Coleridge, should the poet still live in Silverton, I am sure he/she would be made welcome by the new poetry group!

Do ee remember when us ad a blacksmith shop
And down the road us cildern would trot
To see if Archie ad an oss
And with our pennies us would toss
To zee who would blow the bellas
And Archie would say dawn't scobble you fellas

Us would watch en get the oss shoe ot
The he'd ammer an ammer en quite a lot
He'd dippen in water to make en cold
And if us was good he'd let us old
He's box of nails, while e vitted the shoe
I eld en sometimes, spec so did you

Sometimes us was lucky twas an oss from Pitt yarm
And us could ride en back, us come to no arm
There weren't the cars that there be today
But us might ave saw us bus along the way

Yes I remember it all, twas a long time ago
When the blacksmith shop was the place to go
As the yers go by tis good to look back
And remember ol Archie with ees face all black
And ee's to liddle duggs that sat by his side
And ees shop with an oss and chilern inside

For those of you who have recently settled in Silverton, Archie Tremlett's blacksmith's shop was situated in Tiverton Road, and is pictured on the cover of the history society's 2020 calendar. Archie died in 1973 when his forge became derelict, but it is now displayed at the Tiverton Museum of Mid Devon Life. *Graham Parnell 01392 860595 or GJHP@btinternet.com*

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7.15 am



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Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends

One of the great privileges I normally enjoy, and one of the reasons why I think I am so blessed in the role I have as a parish priest, is being able to sit down with people and listen. In doing so I hear so many stories of the people, communities, landscapes and events that have formed and shaped people's lives. I never cease to enjoy and be touched by hearing the richness and diversity of life in all its ups and downs and often its 'untidiness' and 'messiness' – as well as consuming vast quantities of tea and cake.

Since arriving in these parishes, I have not been able to get to know people in this way. I have had to, like everyone else, make use of telephone, Facebook, internet conferencing facilities like Zoom and all the other wonders of technology. Sadly, it's not the same – although probably better for the waistline!

But life goes on in all its many various and fascinating ways. I have come to know something of these communities in the stories I hear – tales of generosity, care and love, even heroism and selflessness and occasionally unexpected joys and thankfulness. But also, tales of loneliness, anxiety, fear and heartache. In quieter moments I ponder about where is the divine, the presence of God, in these stories and experiences that are all so human and earthly – none more so than at this time.

The great Easter season draws towards its conclusion with the celebration of Ascension Day on 21st May this year. It is one of the great festivals in the Christian calendar marking Jesus' return in triumph to take His place at God's right hand from where He reigns in glory. The victorious story of Easter is complete. Sin and death are conquered. Job done! Christ has ascended into heaven Or did he?

I don't doubt that the resurrected Jesus did physically 'go up' from earth and that was witnessed by His followers. But our life experiences and those of the world we witness every day do not fit in with a view of Christ on high as the triumphant 'warrior' – none more so than now as we continue to face the 'lockdown' and the devastating impact of the coronavirus with the loss of life, jobs and businesses. And indeed, that is not what this part of the Easter story signifies. 2000 years ago Jesus did not just assume a human form to cast it off again after thirty or so years when he went up to heaven.

The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, preached a sermon on Ascension Day in which he summed up the essence of the meaning of this part of the Easter story with these words: "Our humanity in all its variety, in all its vulnerability, has been taken by Jesus into the heart of the divine life ... the humanity that we all know to be strained, wounded, imprisoned in various ways; this humanity – yours and mine – is still capable of being embraced by God, shot through with God's glory, received and welcomed in the burning heart of reality itself."

The ascended Christ is still very much one of us and all we are is much of what He is. He remains with us in the sadnesses and joys, the pains and the ecstasies, in the hospital intensive care unit and the home in isolation. 'For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor things present, nor things to come, ... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.' (Romans 8.38-39).

That is the great conclusion of the Christmas and Easter stories, heaven brought down to earth and earth raised up to heaven – Christ's appearing and His victory.

The Revd. Paul Kingdom

Readings for Sundays

Sunday 3rd May (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2 v 42-47
1 Peter 2 v 19-25
John 10 v 1-10

Sunday 10th May (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 7 v 55-60
1 Peter 2 v 2-10
John 14 v 1-14

Sunday 17th May (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 17 v 22-31
1 Peter 3 v 13-22
John 14 v 15-21

Sunday 24th May (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

Acts 1 v 6-14
1 Peter 4 v 12-14 and 5 v 6-11
John 17 v 1-11

Sunday 31st May (Pentecost)

Acts 2 v 1-21
1 Corinthians 12 v 3b-13
John 20 v 19-23

Sunday 7th June (Trinity Sunday)

Isaiah 40 v 12-17 and 27-31
2 Corinthians 13 v 11-13
Matthew 28 v 16-20

Worship and Prayer – A message from the Rector

Our Church Buildings are closed

At the time of writing, sadly our church buildings have to remain locked and cannot be used even for private prayer. However, the churchyards remain open and you are welcome to include a walk through the churchyard as part of your daily exercise.

But worship continues

Whilst we cannot be together in our church buildings, we can still worship together using the wonders of modern technology. **Sunday Worship at**



10.00 am is being held every week streamed live on Zoom. Join us (orders of service can be emailed or posted – see contact details below):

By internet: The internet link and details will be the same for every Sunday until 31 May:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/441211862?pwd=cWZ6bDVEaVV2S3ZiWW9YUW1XTmVIUT09> Or go to <https://zoom.us/> click on join a meeting and use Meeting ID: 441 211 862 and Password: 653794

By phone: You can join in the worship by phone by dialling any one of the following numbers: 0203 481 5237; 0203 481 5240; 0131 460 1196 or 0203 051 2874

Enter the Meeting ID, followed by #, and the Password, followed by #, when prompted. Ignore the request for participant number – just press # again. Please note these are UK landline numbers and you will be charged your phone provider's normal rates for calling in the UK. If in doubt please check your contract.

Not able to join by internet or phone: you can still join in the worship at home on Sundays at 10am. Contact me (01392 860560 revpaulkingdom@gmail.com) or our administrator Maggie Smith (07380 247766 maggiesmith.silverleigh@gmail.com) and orders of service and other material for worshipping at home will be posted to you.

Orders of Service etc. are available on the websites or by email or post (see contact details above).

Holy Communion – the worship on May 10th, 21st (Ascension Day), 31st (Pentecost) and June 7th (Trinity Sunday) will be services of Holy Communion. Whilst it is not possible to receive the bread and wine it is still possible to receive Spiritual Communion. This is a means of grace by which a person, prevented for some serious reason from sharing in a celebration of Holy Communion, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ. Contact me for further details. A prayer for use at this time can be sent to you or seen on the website.

Morning Prayer is uploaded daily (at approx. 8am) to YouTube. Either search for 'Paul Kingdom' or use the link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI5UIh3MZTAcTNzpV9h08bA>

Other worship – Ascension Day – a service will be held at 6pm on Thursday 21st May to mark this important day in the Christian calendar. **Said Evensong** according to the Book of Common Prayer (1662) will be held on the following Sundays at 6pm – May 10th and 24th. The joining instructions are as for the Sunday morning worship.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

No baptisms, except for emergency baptisms, or weddings can take place until further notice. However, please keep in touch with me or the administrator if you have a wedding planned later in the year or want to discuss your plans.

Funerals can only take place at the graveside or in a crematorium with a minimal number of closest relatives present. However, it is possible to have a memorial service later in the year when all family and friends can gather to celebrate the life of a loved one.

Keeping in touch

Please feel free to phone, email or message me or let me have a number of someone. It is the only way at the moment I can get to know people.

Keep praying - here are some prayers for these times

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.** Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. **Amen.**

From one who is isolating alone (thanks to Michael Griffin for this prayer): I live alone, dear Lord, stay by my side; In all my daily needs, be thou my guide. Grant me good health, for that indeed I pray; To carry on my work, from day to day. Keep pure my mind, my thoughts, my every deed; Let me be kind, unselfish in my neighbour's needs. Spare me from fire, from flood, malicious tongues, From thieves, from fear, from evil ones. If sickness, or an accident befall, Then humbly Lord, I pray be Thou my call. And when I'm feeling low or in despair, Lift up my head and help me in my prayer. I live alone dear Lord. Yet have no fear, Because I feel Your presence ever near. **Amen.**

Silverton Evangelical Church

Unfortunately all groups and activities that usually take place have been cancelled until further notice. However, much of what we do has now moved online.

Sunday Services

We have Sunday services each week to our website. We post a service at www.silvertonevangelicalchurch.org.uk every Sunday morning at 10.30 am and many people watch this together then. We have some songs with words people can sing or listen to, some ideas for prayer and a talk from the Bible. Many people have shared how helpful these talks are at this time and it's great to hear how people are sharing with us from far and wide. Even if you would not describe yourself as a regular church goer, you can now join us in your pyjamas from the comfort of your own home - and no one even needs to know!

Pastoral Support and Prayer

Please do get in touch if you would like us to be praying for you at this time, or if you have any particular prayer requests. Also please feel free to contact us if you can think of any ways in which we as a church could be supporting you at this time. We would love to hear from you.

Just looking...

We also now have a great resource available on our website looking at some of the big questions that people are asking at the moment - questions about the world, what's going on, science and faith, prayer and what it is and some personal stories. We hope this is of help to people who are interested in exploring the Christian faith further. Please do have a look and let me know if there are questions not covered that you feel may be helpful. You will find this on the explore for yourself page on our website.

The Bible talks of God as being "an ever present help in times of trouble" (Psalm 41:1). As a church we want to be there in support for the wider community in this difficult time, praying, helping and sharing together. We hope we can be help at this time. Please do get in touch.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Andy Mathers - Church leader and community worker
01392 861340 or 07826454085 or apmathers@gmail.com
www.silvertonevangelicalchurch.org.uk

Colleen Gooding RIP

Sadly we have to record that Colleen Gooding passed away on 15th March at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, aged 85 years. Colleen James was born at Payhembury on 27th September 1934, one of six siblings. She spent much of her childhood at Wonham Barton, walking the not inconsiderable distance to school at Bampton. Her eldest brother Reg was a RAF pilot during the war.

After caring for her mother, who died in 1952, she came to work at Silverton Paper Mill. It was whilst working there she met Laurence Gooding and they married at St. Mary's church, Silverton in September 1961. They moved in 1971 from Mill Cottage in the High Street, where they had lived since 1963, to their present home in Coach Road. In recent years Colleen's mobility was severely limited by her illnesses but she bore them bravely and with good humour and she remained a great listener and talker to her many friends – caring and helping others whenever she could.

Sadly, under the current restrictions, only a very few were able to attend Colleen's funeral in St. Mary's churchyard. Our thoughts and prayers surround Laurence at this difficult time, made worse by the need for social-distancing. Later in the year all family and friends will be able to gather for a memorial service and celebration of Colleen's life.

Diana Messer RIP

It is with sadness we have to record the death of Diana on 5 April. Diana moved from Court View in Bickleigh to a retirement home in Oxfordshire a year or so ago. Diana and Michael lived in the village for many years. Michael died in December 1992 and is buried in the churchyard.

Diana's funeral will take place in St. Mary's Churchyard on 18th May. However, due to the current restrictions only a small number of immediate family will be able to attend. It is hoped that a memorial service will be held later in the year when the whole family and Diana's friends can fittingly celebrate her life.

Bickleigh

As the newly-appointed correspondent for Bickleigh I decided to prepare for my first ever article by again reading last month's magazine. It's so shocking to think that only one month ago we were looking forward to Easter and here we are a few weeks later having held our Easter church services on Zoom and many of our lives turned upside down.



Whilst the Coronavirus has caused hardship and inconvenience for some, the impact on others has been even more significant with physical and mental health concerns for individuals and their families. In amongst these concerns however, the people of Bickleigh, as in many villages, have risen to the challenge. Representatives from the church, village hall and parish council have formed a Bickleigh Coronavirus Response Team, establishing a volunteer force and pairing them with those requiring assistance. Please see the Bickleigh village website for further details (www.bickleigh.org.uk).

In addition villagers have invented a number of interesting ways of keeping fit, keeping busy and well-read during the crisis, including the Bickleigh Hill cycle challenge (an individual timed hill climb), at least two libraries appearing outside people's houses and others busy making scrubs bags for NHS staff.

Although St Mary's church building was closed for Easter, the church community was most definitely not closed and celebrated Easter in innovative ways, using our newly-discovered video conferencing skills to the utmost. We all appreciated the Easter Garden display outside Thom and Polly's house which was a definite highlight.



It goes without saying that, for those able, we are blessed with wonderful walks around Bickleigh, enabling us to keep fit and enjoy some fresh air every day. For others, and I very much include myself here, this is the perfect opportunity to tackle those gardening jobs we've been putting off for ages although I have come to realise that there are some jobs that I just don't ever want to get around to! Bickleigh will be blooming marvellous come the summer I'm sure!

I'd like to finish my first article by saying a huge thank you to Rev Thom Thompson for representing Bickleigh in writing these articles for more years than he cares to remember – well over 20 at the last count! His eloquent musings on life in Bickleigh and beyond often intertwined with a Christian message will be missed and I know he will be a hard act to follow.

You will not be surprised to know that all village events are cancelled until further notice so I'm hoping that in my next article I will have something to report on! Until next time.

Clive Williams
clivemwilliams@sky.com



Butterleigh

I am not going to start on a gloomy note as the weather, especially over the Easter period, was glorious, the sun was shining, the birds are singing and starting to build their nests and the countryside is now waking up.

There are fresh green shoots, new leaves and blossoms in abundance and the newborn lambs are gambolling in meadows and fields. The good weather has meant that the farmers have been able to plough the fields in readiness for the sowing of new crops. This alone has lifted our spirits during the past few weeks of lockdown as we see rural life carrying on. It also makes us realise how lucky we are to be living in this beautiful area and that we have been able to at least get outdoors to enjoy it.

Although we are still in the grip of the Coronavirus pandemic, I hope you have all managed to keep well and stay safe. The lockdown is set to continue for another three weeks and it is essential that we all continue to have a positive attitude and keep in touch with friends and neighbours, especially if you know of anyone living alone. A message from Linda Freeman that the Pop-In Café will return as soon as feasible but if anyone who is isolating would like to chat, please call her on 01884 855446. Linda says, "It has been lovely to keep in touch with people by phone and we'll meet up again soon".

Residents in the immediate vicinity of Butterleigh village are being treated to 10 minute musical interludes at 12 noon and 6.00 pm every day which was the brainchild of Sue Paradise. A wide variety of music ranging from classical to pop is played from the Village Hall and can be heard all around the village keeping us entertained and cheerful. Thank you Sue. What a great idea!

It is hoped that the **Harvest Home** will not have to be cancelled completely this year, although it may be celebrated in a slightly different way depending on when the government can announce it is safe to allow social gatherings to take place. To this end, there is no reason why we should not start to think



about planning and preparing for the competitions which will also provide young and old alike with hours of fun and entertainment in our own homes. As a reminder, this year's competitions are listed below, which also includes some tributes to our wonderful NHS staff.

7 years and under – A snake made from cardboard tubes and decorated, **Paint a rainbow** on a pebble, bake 4 x cookies.

8-12 years; Make a miniature farmyard in a tray/box no more than 40cm x 30cm, tie dye a T-shirt, make 4 x flapjacks.

Open; Lemon drizzle cake, build a Guy or Gal for bonfire night (they will all be stored until 5th November) grow a potato in a pot or sack (the winner will be the greatest number of potatoes grown and will be counted on the day)

Adult; Fruit Tipple, Flower arrangement in **Blue and White (NHS)** and photographic competition with the theme **Isolation** (it can be as humorous or light hearted as you want).

Village Hall 50/50 Club – March Winners:

Sarah Pring, Jim Cridland, Toby Newnes, Sylvia Lewis, Frank O'Kelly and Claire Smith.

Due to Coronavirus restrictions several of the winning envelopes have not been delivered yet. If you are a winner and will be passing through Butterleigh village when exercising or on the way to go shopping and would like to pick up your winnings please phone Liz Williams on 855448 and she will arrange to leave your envelope in her porch for you to collect.

The April draw will be right at the end of the month.

Finally, a very Happy 80th Birthday to Peter Pugsley. The day was celebrated with a picnic in a nearby field with social distancing. Congratulations Peter.

Butterleigh Diary and Events

Harvest Home Saturday 12th Sept. Meadow To be confirmed

Stay safe and well and stay at home.

*Best wishes, Janet Taverner.
janettaverner@hotmail.co.uk*

Cadeleigh

Well done to everyone in the village who has risen to the challenge of caring for all those in need. Thank you to Jess Carter who has done so much to organise shopping to be dropped off or prescription's to be collected. If you would like help with your shopping/prescription collection or any other help locally please contact Jess on 07722301375 and she or one of her volunteers will be happy to help!

Some great news has been received in the form of a donation to the Village Hall. A Mr Alan Boyden from Steelstock has made a donation following an incident last February involving his articulated lorry being stuck for several hours in the middle of Cadeleigh. The driver had got lost (thanks to SatNav!) and had caused considerable damage stretching from Meadhaves Farm, through Little Silver to Cadeleigh. Many villagers including Ian Dascombe, Roger Winlaw, Matt Hallam-Deakin and Will Curtis spent time and energy helping to extract the wedged articulated lorry.

The donation is in recognition of the damage caused and the time so many local people spent helping. This comes at a crucial time for the village hall as we are unable to gather together and raise funds.



The spring weather couldn't be better so look out for early Purple Orchids now adorning the hedgerows and Cardamine Pratensis (Cuckoo Flower) the latter being the principle plant where the orange tip butterfly likes to lay her eggs.



The bluebells are out in Huntland Wood creating a magical haven for all – so lots to enjoy despite the current crisis!

*Miriam
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News from Cadeleigh Village Hall

Next Events

Please note all Village Hall events are postponed or cancelled until further notice. This includes Pilates and the VH car boot stall.

The situation will be kept under review and you will be updated with any new information.

WI Report

Members please note that, on advice from the Devon Federation, all WI meetings and events are now cancelled until end of August, when the situation will be reviewed.

Dates for your Diary

The village hall will still be there when we get through this, so we will continue to publish our programme and hopefully will not have to cancel too many more events!

We'll all have a lot of social catching up to do!

July 11 Saturday	7.00 pm	Summer BBQ
August 15 Saturday		Flower Show
September 11 Friday	7.15 for 8.00 pm	Bingo
September 19 Saturday		Harvest Home
October 9 Friday	7.15 for 8.00 pm	Bingo
October 17 Saturday	7.30 pm	Harvest Supper
November 13 Friday	7.15 for 8.00 pm	Bingo
November 28 Saturday		Christmas Fayre
December 11 Friday	7.15 for 8.00 pm	Bingo

This article, along with a full list of events, is also published on the village website. Please see our webpage <https://cadeleighweb.wixsite.com/cadeleigh/village-hall>

Stay safe and see you soon!
Cadeleigh Village Hall Committee

Silverton Community Hall

Due to the breakout of coronavirus we have had to close the Community Hall. Thank you to our users for their support throughout the year, we will re-open as soon as it is safe to do. Hoping you all keep safe during this very worrying time.

Gill Barrett

Silverton Memory Café

So far we have all managed to survive a month of lockdown. Our volunteers have been in regular telephone contact with Memory Cafe visitors and carers who are all finding this new way of living very difficult. The Silverton Community Angels have been collecting shopping and making contact with the elderly people who do not have family members nearby. For those who use the internet, Zoom, FaceTime, Skype and other video calls have made it possible to see family members and keep in touch.



You may remember the visit we had from the Year 6 children who were doing a project on the Second World War; well many of them sent drawings and Easter cards to our visitors which cheered them up very much. I am going to the school this evening on my daily walk to collect another batch of letters which will be posted tomorrow.

Some lovely ladies in Silverton have been making face masks for home care providers to wear, to help to protect their vulnerable clients from catching Covid 19, in case the care giver should become infected without knowing it. So far all the care providers I know of have been given masks but if there are any out there who need a supply, please let me know.

The Silverton area is a great place to be living during this present crisis. The community is full of people who are looking out for their neighbours with help and support to try to relieve the monotony of the long days in isolation. Let's hope all of us keep safe, keep our spirits cheerful and hope for better times to come.

Trish Jones – Chairman
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Wednesday	09:00 – 11:30 15:00 – 17:30	09:00 – 11:30 15:00 – 17:30	
Thursday	09:00 – 11:30 14:00 – 16:00		09:00 – 11:30
Friday	14.30 – 16.00* emergencies only	09:00 – 11:30	09:00 – 11:30

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The big 'uns'

Unprecedented, unknowns and uncertainties. These continue to govern our lives. Currently the only prediction I can confidently make is that this will still be the case in two weeks' time when you are reading this article. I hope that by then the incidence of Covid 19 in the South West still remains low. Currently the number of cases and associated deaths is the smallest in the UK. Our health systems are coping well and this has been a testament to the respect everyone has paid to the social distancing rules, the observation of shielding advice and the change in use of our GP surgeries and hospitals. Converting to a remote and almost 100% consulting system in a very short space of time has been made so much easier by the compliance and understanding of all our patients. It is essential for everyone that we can keep our Dispensary open and running. The key to this is ensuring Wyndham House remains a Covid free environment. Our most vulnerable patients, those on chemotherapy or taking disease modifying medication that requires close monitoring, need a haven where the risks of virus transmission are as low as possible. All our efforts are targeted in this direction, as well as ensuring our older, vulnerable and more isolated patients continue to have Bertie visits and are linked into the Community support groups that have formed impressively quickly. Thank you to everyone involved. We are working very closely with our neighbouring GP practices in Cullompton, Tiverton and Hemyock. We have worked hard together to ensure there are plans in place for us to alter how we coordinate our working if the pressure in any area becomes difficult to manage. Again, I am hoping these plans will not have been needed by the time this article is published but if we are using clinical centres outside of Silverton to see patients it will be for all the reasons explained above. Knowing the calibre of the GPs and the Practice Managers working in all of these practices I am in no doubt we will be able to continue to provide just as excellent a medical service if we have to combine our resources.

I think 'Until when?' may be the only question that will be clearer in two weeks' time as other countries start to slowly 'unlock' themselves. It will be a staged process and I encourage everyone to follow the directions we will be given. Science is about observing and recording, making inferences and testing hypotheses. It is methodical; it can be slow and frustrating. However, the scientific process will ultimately produce a thorough understanding of Covid and this we lead us, as safely as possible, out the other side of this pandemic. Until then stay safe, stay distant.

Anthony O'Brien, Wyndham House Surgery

Silverton Youth and Baby Groups - Postponed

Day	Time	Name of group	Contact (01392)	Place (Silverton)	Age
Sunday	10.30 am	Children and youth group	Andy Mathers	Evangelical Church	0-16
Monday	7.00-9.00 pm	1st Silverton Scouts	Andy Ellis 0778 831 0549 andyellis@devonscouts.org.uk	Community Hall	10-18 (mixed)
Tuesday	6.00-7.00 pm	Taekwondo Tigers	Shane Knight - 07871520903	Community Hall	6 upwards
Wednesday	7.00-8.30 pm	1st Silverton Cubs	Sacha Feehan 861046 sacha.feehan@sky.com	Community Hall	8-10½ (mixed)
Wednesday	9.45 - 11.15 am	Baby Weigh in and Play	Katie Holmes - 07932 980078 ria3010@aol.com	Community Hall	Babies and toddlers
Thursday	6.30-7.30 pm	1st Silverton Beavers	Pippa Eyles 861767	Community Hall	6-8 (mixed)
Friday	10.00-11.30 am	Parent, Baby & Toddler	Andy Mathers 861340	Evangelical Church	
Alternate Fridays	Recep to 3 3.30-5.00 Year 4 up 6 -7.30 pm	Friday's Children's Group	apmathers@gmail.com	Evangelical Church	
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Exercise and Dance Postponed until Further Notice

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Keep fit Men 55+	Monday 9.30 am	Silverton Comm Hall	Margaret Clough 01392 860971/860034 margaret.mcassoc@btconnect.com
Keep fit Women 55+	Monday 10.30 am	Silverton Community Hall	Margaret Clough, as above
Walk and Talk (Walking for Health)	Short/medium Wed 9.50am Long 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Tues 9.50am	Silverton Community Hall	Anne-Marie Eveleigh 01392 824752 A.Eveleigh@westbankfriends.org www.walkingforhealth.org.uk
Pilates	Wednesday 11.40am	Cadeleigh Hall	Sheila Perry 01884 855782
Pilates	Wednesday 6 - 7 pm 7 - 8 pm	Silverton Community Hall	Alice Weekes alice_weekes21@hotmail.co.uk
Yoga	Thursday 7-8.30pm	<u>Butterleigh Village Hall</u>	Pat Bell 01884 253229 pat_bell@hotmail.co.uk www.yogability.co.uk
Yoga	Thursday 10.30am to 12	<u>Butterleigh Village Hall</u>	Pat Bell, as above
Yoga	Tuesday 4.30-6pm Thursday 7.15-9.15pm	Silverton Methodist Church Hall	Diana Chambers 01392 860627 dianachambers.edit@gmail.com
Balance	Thurs 10 and 10.50 am	Silverton Community Hall	Margaret Clough 01392 860971/860034 margaret.mcassoc@btconnect.com
Tai Chi	Friday 10.30 am	Silverton Comm Hall	Bill Croome 01392 861264 Bill368@gmail.com
Pilates (body-control)	Friday 9.30am and 6.30pm	<u>Bickleigh Village Hall</u>	Booking essential - Angela Mead 07811 855182 angela.mead448@gmail.com

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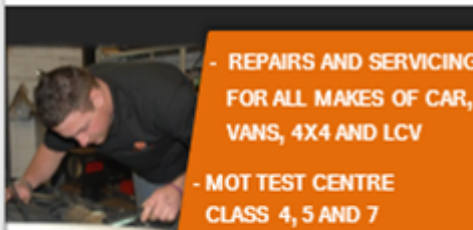
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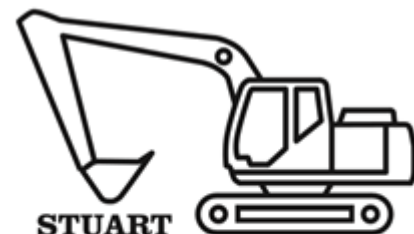
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We set off at noon taking a for lunch. When we reached Staffordshire, we stopped for some fresh and went for a walk. We came across the place where an Anglo Saxon Hoard was found in a His family had farmed the land for generations but had found nothing.

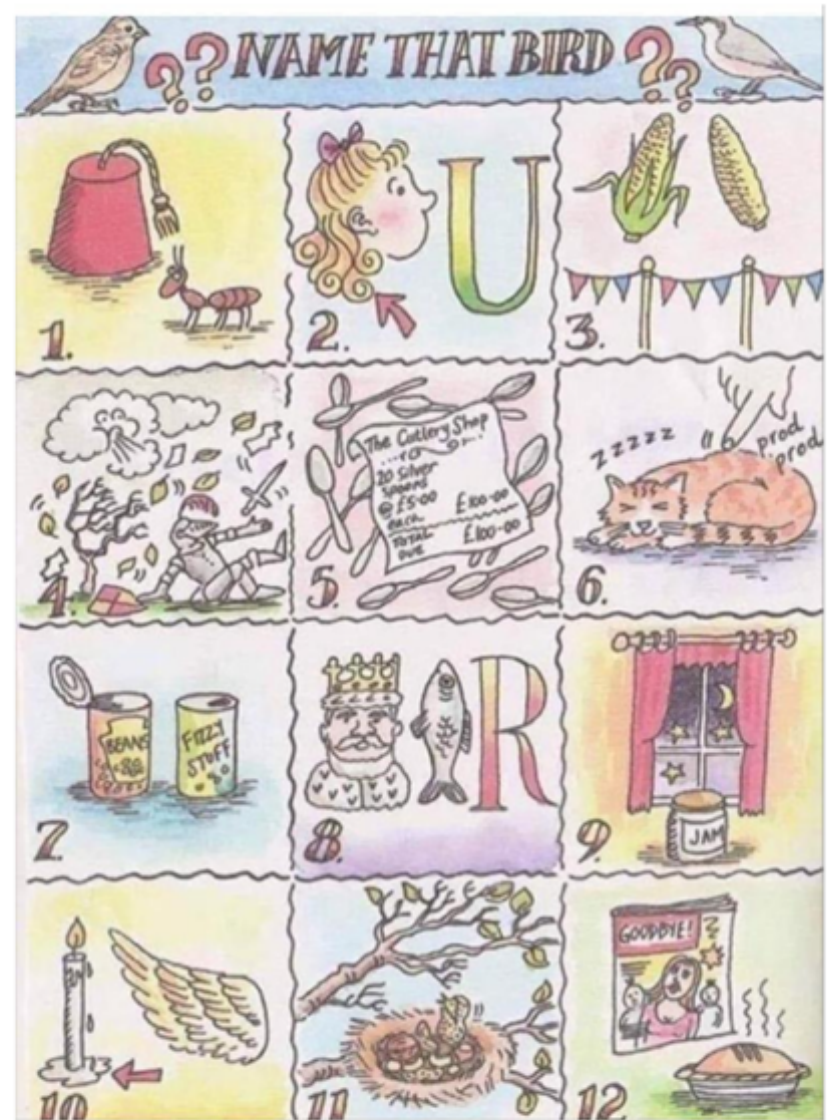
I wasn’t watching where I was going and tumble Still no harm down so we just with the walk We reached the hotel early to give us time to go to the have a dip in the and have a before dinner. We struck a good with the hotel and we had much pay than the standard tariff. We went to the bar just before dinner for an aperitif and saw a group of lads with some pretty girls trying to up. Takes you back doesn’t it?

It’s a small world – at the bar was an old friend of ours. He was watching a game of It was a local so lots of rivalry was involved. We asked him, “How is the family? Is your we heard she was poorly”? “A lot better now thanks”, he replied. “it’s her 80th birthday next week”. “Well”, we said, “we must send her a you will give us her address”.

We said farewell and went to dinner. The food was good for us but apparently not for the couple next to us – it was obvious that there had been

After a good night’s sleep we were on our way again in dark and cloudy weather, but soon the sky began to and we looked forward to another interesting day.

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