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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BISHOPSTEIGNTON

# PARISH CHRONICLE

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## **PARISH CHRONICLE**

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**The word Lent** is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words *lencten*, meaning 'Spring', and also associated with the season associated with the 'lengthen of days'. We are so greatly blessed here in south Devon when we see the flowers that bloom from Candlemas through to Easter Day.

Anyone visiting Ashcombe Church cannot fail to notice the abundance of snowdrops, a symbol of hope and beauty. Snowdrops are also sometimes referred to as 'Candlemas Bells'. At a time of year within the lectionary of the Christian church, in all their glory 'Candlemas Bells' ring in the changes as we turn from the coming of Jesus here on earth – towards his dying and rising again during Holy Week and into the Easter season.

The primrose will shortly be visible blooming in the hedgerows, and this flower is associated with loyalty and faithfulness, purity and honesty. During the season of Lent there is the call for us to be refreshed in our own lives as we reflect on the teachings of Jesus, especially the call to pray and to grow deeper into the knowledge of God's love so freely offered to all who call on his name in faith.

For us today these words of William Wordsworth can offer such hope in this current time of uncertainty: '..... when all at once I saw a crowd, a host of golden daffodils; ..... fluttering and dancing in the breeze'. The Marie Curie Charity adopted this flower as their symbol for offering light into the dark areas of people's lives, and in Germany the daffodil is referred to not only as the Lent Lily, but also the 'Easter Bell'.

And as Lent comes to an end with Holy Week, the churches are then filled on Easter Day with white Lilies; a symbol of resurrection and renewal of life.

This year, as we reflect on the message of the flowers that bloom during this season of Lent, there is also the call to look forward to the good news of the celebration of the promise of life in abundance that Easter brings. The flowers that appear in the hedgerows in the Spring can also offer hope and light in these times of uncertainty.

This year the Haldon Team churches in Teignmouth are working towards the hosting of a 'Community Art Project'. The crocheted and knitted flowers will be displayed during Easter week as the church opens its doors and welcomes both pilgrims and tourists. Then the flower posies will be distributed to bring light and hope to those who have been isolated, in care homes and to key workers in the area. If you want to know more about the Community Art Project, please contact Christine Vince.  
Her contact email address is [christinevince@hotmail.com](mailto:christinevince@hotmail.com)

Anna Venables            Team Reader

## **Praying around the village**

Sunday	7	Cockhaven Road and The Haven
	14	Colway Cross and Dawlish Lane
	21	Coombe Way, Lea Mount and Old Walls
	28	Cross House and Teign Court

## **News from the Haldon Team**

In this time of increased uncertainty, the clergy and churchwardens are reviewing our physical church services on a week-by-week basis.  
We would strongly advise that you look at our website to check which churches are open for public worship and any services which are taking place.  
The most up to date information will always be available at [www.haldonteam.org.uk](http://www.haldonteam.org.uk).

Some of our churches remain open for personal prayer - again, the details are on our website.

As a way of increasing our sense of community and coming together as Church at this time, we are now offering **Evening Prayer at 5pm every Thursday** via Zoom. This will last around 30 minutes and provide time to pray about matters international, national and local (and not least about the impact of the pandemic).

You are very welcome to join us by either video link or through your phone. Alternatively, why not set aside half an hour at 5pm on a Thursday at home to pray by yourself?

Please contact Revd Jane for the Zoom link and phone numbers. Please also let Jane know if you would like specific people or issues to be prayed about.

The post of Team Rector was advertised throughout January and interviews are scheduled for later in February.

**Lent** begins and our thoughts turn to chocolate, cake or bacon sandwiches. But is giving up chocolate, or whatever it is, really going to make a difference to the person we are? It seems somewhat counter-intuitive to deliberately give up something only to then go back to it a few weeks later.

In recent years, there has been an increased emphasis not on 'giving up' but on 'taking up' something that will deepen our faith in God. David Cole encourages us use Lent: **'To give up some form of comfort or nicety to be committed to a spiritual discipline.'**

Click the link on the Haldon Mission Community website for further information about our **Lent Course** which starts on Wednesday 24 February. We are also providing material that can be used at home.



## Time to reflect

Many of us will have appreciated the environment we can access locally in Lockdown 3. If you've not had cause to 'come and see', do make use of the Quiet Space in the churchyard at St John's, Bishopsteignton. It's still an outdoor 'room with a view': some heart-lifting trees; the hopeful Teign; signs of new life with snowdrops and periwinkle; the soundscape of birdsong. The resources to support further reflection have also been refreshed so please feel this village asset is open to you too.

Revd Jane



# PLEASE SUPPORT ST JOHN'S ROOF FUND BY JOINING THE 100 CLUB



## St John's 100 Club

The results of the January draw which was drawn on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 were:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£62.50	with winning number	57	Bronescombe Avenue
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£37.50	with winning number	19	North Street
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£25.00	with winning number	32	Cockhaven Road

Interested in joining, then please contact Keith Hutchings on 01626 204358 or [keith\\_hutchings@yahoo.com](mailto:keith_hutchings@yahoo.com)

## **Bishopsteignton Methodist Church**

Services at church have been suspended at the moment due to the current situation regarding the new COVID regulations.

Keep safe and hopefully it will not be long before we can meet together to worship.

If you require any more information then please ring 07939 913750.

Carol Morgan



The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have continued to meet online during Lockdown 3. All sections took part in another 'virtual camp' over the Christmas holidays, where they made blanket dens at home to sleep in, linked up with each other on Zoom and tried to complete the Twelve Good Turns of Christmas.

We have had some interesting guest speakers on Zoom this term. Firefighter Peter Fogden covered the Fire Safety badge with cubs in January. In February, Helen Hamston has taught the Beavers and Cubs the basics of British Sign Language for their Communicator Badge.

The scouts linked up with an American explorer in Florida as part of their International badge. This was one of the many friends Amber made at the World Scout Jamboree in 2019. Amber has now turned 18 and is training as an adult leader. The scouts have also been enjoying online Kahoot quizzes, escape rooms and crystal maze type activities to keep them engaged and in touch.

Some scout families have volunteered to help with the annual survey of the Parish footpaths and once again collected an awful amount of litter on these routes. (See the Coburn family below.)

The cubs have been working towards their World Challenge Award and decided to reach out to help the community by sending or delivering Lockdown cards to neighbours or relatives who may be feeling lonely. Alexia (pictured below) sent six cards to her neighbours in Ideford and got a couple of lovely replies saying how it had brightened their day. The youngsters have also been encouraged to text and email their friends and relations to stay connected during this time.

The half term ended with Chinese New Year celebrations on Zoom. The young Leaders delivered red envelopes to all the cubs with chopsticks, Chinese dragon kits and paper fortune cookies and they all wore red clothes to learn about the spring festival that one sixth of the world celebrates. The Explorer scouts also celebrated Chinese New Year by meeting on Zoom to cook their families a chicken chow mein meal.

Some of the children who have been home-schooling during this time have enjoyed an extra weekly Fun Friday zoom session to link up with their friends at lunchtime. They've played lots of games and met each other's guinea pigs, cats, kittens and even a new baby brother in these meetings!

The leaders have been amazed at how well the children have adapted to doing their scouting online but of course we are all looking forward to when the restrictions allow us to meet up again and get everyone away from their screens.



**Sheila Fry** would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their cards and kind thoughts after the recent death of her husband, Alan.

**BISHOPSTEIGNTON HEALTH LIVING GROUP and CARE WATCH**

**'LET'S GET CONNECTED'**

**An exciting new venture to help you connect to the outside world and feel part of it again.....**

- Do you own a computer, laptop, iPad, Tablet or Smartphone?
- If so, would you like to know how to use it to better advantage?
- If you don't own a digital device, would you be interested in finding out more?
- Would you like to see and chat to friends and family on Zoom (an online video tool)?
- Would you like to learn how to send and receive emails?
- Would you like to use Google to see the world and find out absolutely anything?

**If you are missing family, friends and companionship, and have answered 'YES' to any of the above, let us know, and we will help you GET CONNECTED just as soon as we are allowed to visit.**

**THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE EXCITING ACTIVITIES YOU COULD BE PART OF:**

**'Let's Get Connected'**

An online social and activity group for people of all ages who are receiving some kind of domiciliary care and feeling socially isolated. Due to start late February, the weekly online group sessions will involve activities such as music, art and gentle chair-based dance, all led by Devon-based professionals. Sessions will run for 12 weeks, last approximately an hour and will be communicated via Zoom. Full technical support will be given to help you join the sessions and to help set up an internet connection if you don't already have one. Internet devices can also be provided, if needed.

**BBC Winterwatch Mindful Sounds**

Soothing, sounds of nature which can help to relieve stress and improve wellbeing.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/2021/soundscapes-for-wellbeing>

<https://canvas-story.bbcrewind.co.uk/soundscapesforwellbeing/>

**Bishopsteignton Probus Club - Monthly Zoom Presentation**

These Zoom Presentations are free of charge and open to everyone, and the next one is on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 10.30 a.m. when Brian Wills-Pope will give a talk on "The Lieutenancy of Devon".

**Possible future activities on Zoom** – Bingo, Crossword and Scrabble clubs.

When it's safe to meet in groups again we are planning to run some IT guidance sessions,  
and are hoping to obtain external funding to help with this.  
We are also looking into how we can assist those who don't own an internet device, but would like to, so watch this space.....

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP PEOPLE GET CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET**

If you are IT savvy and would like to share your knowledge with others, please get in touch as we would love to hear from you!

If you are interested in any of the above, please either email Eddy Stephenson on [hlqchair1@gmail.com](mailto:hlqchair1@gmail.com) with your contact number or ring Lis Durham (Care Watch) on 07874-749705

*Bishopsteignton Healthy Living Group Charity - No. 1175894*

## **Bishopsteignton Community Centre**

Following the announcement of the new England Lockdown Regulations effective from 5 January the Bishopsteignton Community Centre is now sadly closed to the public once again. As soon as we are able to open again we will publicise accordingly.

In the meantime if you have any questions or want to provisionally book the Centre for activities later in the year, it would be great to hear from you, either via Facebook or email [bishopsteigntoncc@outlook.com](mailto:bishopsteigntoncc@outlook.com)

Stay well and safe.

Henry Merritt  
Community Centre Management Committee



## **Bishopsteignton Garden Club**

Garden Club Tips for March provided by John Williams - Acting Chairman

1. As we start the growing season try to get ahead of the game! Buy compost, feeds, canes and string.
2. If you have a propagator clean and check it is in working order.
3. Sow early onions, tomatoes, peppers and beetroot.
4. Broad Beans and shallots can be planted in seed trays.
5. When potatoes available put into trays to encourage eyes to sprout.

We look forward ,as ever, to the time when we can all meet up once again!

Keep well and safe.

Henry Merritt



**Bishopsteignton**

# **CARE WATCH**

We are a group of willing volunteers from the village,  
here to support people in the community of any age.

**Call: 07874 749705**

Email: [bishophealthyliving@gmail.com](mailto:bishophealthyliving@gmail.com)

**Regular visits  
Phone calls**

**Lifts to and from  
Hospital Appointments  
or your Surgery**

**Emergency pet sitting  
and/or dog walking**

**Listening to any  
concerns you may have**

**Filling in Forms  
Writing Letters**

**Changing light  
bulbs/batteries  
Reading meters**

**Collecting  
Groceries/Prescriptions**

Bishopsteignton Healthy Living Group (HLG)  
Registered Charity (CIO) No. 1175894



As I write this, we are currently experiencing Lockdown Number Something but I am happy to say that friends and family are now starting to get their vaccinations and so consequently we may be able to start planning some sort of future.

I had recently been reflecting that perhaps this might be an opportunity to give you an insight into what BH gets up to and what you can find if you should care to visit the website. At BH we are very aware that tomorrow's history is simply what happens to us today, and we must do our best to ensure that it's not lost or forgotten. So, what we are trying to do is uncover anything related to Bishopsteignton from the past and preserve or record it so that it doesn't disappear completely before it's too late!



The Commercial Inn in 1955

Even in my own children's relatively short lifetimes there have been so many changes to the village scene. Businesses have opened and closed, the doctors' surgery has moved and houses have been built or properties extended or converted. Local characters and personalities have sadly come and gone. It's village life and it's a constantly shifting landscape which will be forgotten if we let it, so we are working hard to bring everything together and keep a record of any aspect of the local community and the people within it.



French family wedding 1908

If you haven't done so why not visit our website at <https://www.bishopsteigntonheritage.co.uk> and have a look at what's going on? There's a lot of interesting articles and fascinating photos about people, places and events that make Bishop the great place that it is.



Bishopsteignton Footballers 1920-21 season

We have recently published the first part of our history of the mighty Bishopsteignton Football Club which is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are also working on a project about the school, which soon will have been on its present site for 50 years (I know – unbelievable isn't it?).



Bishopsteignton School Band 1905





1940s Scouting lads

We are planning to delve into the history of scouting in Bishopsteignton; this project will be led by one of our scouts as part of her Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



Some Bishopsteignton Players

"Ah-ha!" I hear you say "That's all very well, but how about those Bishopsteignton Players?" Well fear ye not - they are also in our plans, so if you have any photos, cuttings (newspaper NOT hedge) or just good old fashioned memories, please contact us via the email link below. Are we interested in the Children's Theatre as well? Yes please – send everything you have to us (in a virtual way of course).

We will also be exploring the history of the carnival and village festival, together with an extended history of the twinning association and lots more.



Quantick family Carnival Entry

If you should have any photos or memories of any of these subjects, please share them with us so that we can help preserve them for the village.



A workstation

If you have an idea for a future project that might be suitable for us to research, please get in touch.

When such things become possible once again, we are hoping to organise a programme of training for anyone who wants to learn about the process of digitisation and copying of the archives. So as you can see, we have lots of exciting things to look forward to, and we would love anyone who wants to know more to check out the research section of the website. Alternatively you can email us at:

[info@bishopsteigntonheritage.co.uk](mailto:info@bishopsteigntonheritage.co.uk)

**Paddy Harris**  
**Bishopsteignton Heritage**



## BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Many of you will be aware that local authorities finalise preparation of their budgets for the forthcoming financial Year during January and February. As part of this process, the Parish Council agreed it's 2021/22 budget at the meeting on the 18 January 2021.

The Parish Council budget shows an increase of 2.25%, compared with 2020/21, however, due to reduced funding from Teignbridge District Council the total increase will be 4.67%. You will see this on your Council Tax bill for 2021/22 which you will receive from Teignbridge District Council during March.

The Parish Council will always try to keep any increase to a minimum. However, to deliver a good service, take on limited additional responsibilities and strive to improve our village environment as we have been doing, it is extremely difficult to limit any increase to the average inflation rate on our limited budget.

The Parish Council budget total increase over 2020/21 is £1,362 To put this increase in context the impact on a Band D Council Tax payer will be £2.23 per annum.

The Parish Council will always seek funding opportunities to enhance services to the community wherever possible.

If there are any matters on the budget, or indeed any other Parish Council services you may wish to discuss, then I will be pleased for you to contact me.

There will also be a specific opportunity in April for any parishioner to attend, virtually, the Annual Parish Meeting, where a reports on the work of the Parish Council and that of other Groups in the community will be discussed. The actual date, time and details for access will be publicised shortly.

Henry Merritt

Chairman

Bishopsteignton Parish Council

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As you may have seen from our website and Facebook page the council is currently seeking the views of parishioner on the Multi Use Games Area at the Lawns recreation ground. Please take a look at the site to read more... <https://www.bishopsteignton-pc.gov.uk/the-lawns-muga/>



All meetings of the Parish Council continue to be held remotely via Zoom. The next full council meeting shall take place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm, an agenda and zoom link can be found on the website... <https://www.bishopsteignton-pc.gov.uk/2021-bpc-meetings/> At this meeting it is hoped the four vacant seats may be filled by applicants standing to join the council. An announcement can be made in the next issue of the Chronicle of who has joined the team to represent you and do their best to support the community.

Towards the end of this month the old block-built bus shelter will be demolished and the spaces left tidy ready for the new shelters to be installed by mid-April. These will bring many benefits to the community with increased visibility and seating as well as environmental and ecological benefits.

If you have any questions on this news or anything else in the Parish please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

**Kim Ford**  
**Clerk to the Council**  
**Bishopsteignton Parish Council**

[clerk@bishopsteignton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bishopsteignton-pc.gov.uk)

Throughout the year the parish council gets involved in a variety of projects that can often require a wide range of documents to be drawn up, some of which must be legally binding. The council isn't unique in having to do this, if you're a small business within the village I am sure you have faced the same challenges when it comes to providing business documentation. The process can be costly to complete and challenging to keep up to date, especially as the landscape is changing now we have left the EU.

We are partnering with a leading UK based documents library service called [Simply-doc.co.uk](https://www.simplydocs.co.uk) and are pleased to announce that the parish council has negotiated a 25% discount with them that village business owners can use. Using the discount code on the parish website you can gain access to hundreds of documents to support your business for the year:

- Business – T&Cs, Sales contracts, web site terms etc.
- Corporate – Shareholder & partnership agreements, Board minutes and more.
- Employment – Employment contracts, policies, procedures, and letters.
- Health and Safety – Statements, policies, risk assessments and more.
- Property – Lease, Licences, Tenancy, letting documents and more.

Not only do you get access to the documents, but throughout the year, if the law changes in a particular area and a document is updated, you will get notified directly of the change so you can always maintain the most up to date documentation.

Whether you are an existing business within the village who wants to update your terms and conditions, or you are thinking about starting your own business and unsure how to begin, Simply Docs provides packages that have been professionally designed with lawyers and are easy to adapt for your own business.

If you would like to take up this offer or find out more, please visit:  
<https://www.bishopsteignton-pc.gov.uk/business-templates/>

Alternatively, if you have any questions or would like to discuss further, you can email [jonathan.watson@bishopsteignton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.watson@bishopsteignton-pc.gov.uk)



## Bishopsteignton Probud Club

**On Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January,** Simon Dell, an author of books about Lundy Island, made a zoom presentation on the subject. Lundy Island was named in Nordic by invading Vikings and it means Puffin Island after the gorgeous puffins which live there. It measures three miles by a half-mile off the north Devon coast with the Bristol Channel on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other side. It was owned by Orbian Harvey who died in 1968, after which it was purchased by Jack Hayward, who donated it to the National Trust which leases it to the Landmark Trust. Tourists visit during the summer, travelling for two hours on board the Island's boat, the Oldenberg from Bideford and Ilfracombe. On the journey to Lundy, passengers can see porpoises and dolphins and on Lundy they can see the famous puffins which feed on sand eels and white bait, together with various other animals, including deer, goats, sheep and ponies.

In 1819, Trinity House built a lighthouse on the top of Lundy, but it was so high the light could not be seen by ships and another one had to be built much nearer to sea level in 1896. During the second world war, a German bomber was on fire and landed on Lundy, where the crew surrendered to residents and were kept there until they could be shipped to Fremington army camp.

The island has a small population and a village comprising the Marisco Tavern, a general store, houses and a church. Tourists can visit for the day or can rent accommodation, where the properties range from the single accommodation radio room to 3, 4 and 5 bed roomed cottages, a 12-bedroom mansion house and the barn which sleeps up to eighteen students.

Photo taken by Simon Dell, showing puffins on Lundy Island:



**On Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February,** Ron Franklin gave a zoom presentation, watched by 38 members and guests. He gave a detailed account of the many national parks and tourist sites in America. Members were shown photos of many wild animals which range the vast wild and protected spaces, including bison, together with photos of the beautiful scenery, including rivers and multi-coloured mountains which contain various salts that give them such beautiful colours. He showed slides with many interesting activities at tourist spots, including a wild west stagecoach in the desert area used for John Wayne western movies, a re-enactment of the American War of Independence and native Americans dressed in traditional gear, performing in one of the many festivals put on for tourists.

Photo of a bison in America:



Ron showed photos and explained that tepees were used by native Americans as more flexible and more transportable accommodation whereas wigwams had wooden frames and were more permanent, whilst longhouses were large structures with wooden frames and coverings which often accommodated a whole village, thus giving more warmth and protection.

America has more than eight hundred million tourists annually, including 57 million campers and seven million staying in lodges and cabins.

Chairman designate Peter Hartley gave the vote of thanks, commenting positively on the fascinating and wide-ranging combination of history and geography that Ron had covered in his talk.

## **BISHOPSTEIGNTON RESIDENTS ARE VERY WELCOME TO WATCH OUR ZOOM PRESENTATIONS..**

Our chairman Baz Carpenter recently announced in the Chronicle that men and ladies in the village are very welcome to watch our zoom presentations. If you would like to do so, please telephone Baz on 774056 and he will arrange for a zoom invitation to be sent to your computer a day or so before the next zoom presentation. In essence, all you do on the day of the zoom presentation is to click with your mouse on the code sent to your computer and soon after that your computer screen opens into the zoom meeting with lots of welcoming faces. At 10.30 am, Baz will say a few words as he introduces the speaker who, in turn, will start the presentation which will finish by 12.00 noon.

I hope you take advantage of this invitation because we enjoy lots of really interesting presentations and there is no charge to you or to our members.

Forthcoming presentations include the following:

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Brian Wills-Pope will make a presentation about the Lieutenancy of Devon.

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March: Ian Barclay will make a presentation entitled, "History of Cartoons."

Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March: Ken Wright will make a presentation entitled, "North Island – New Zealand."

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April: Stewart Lenton will make his presentation about "Commercial Fishing."



Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May: Richard Gibby's presentation is entitled, "Battle of Britain – Memorial Flight."

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May: Eric Waltham's presentation is entitled, "Memories of Torquay 1900-1970."

***Dr. Nigel Darby, Press Officer, Bishopsteignton Probus Club***

## TEIGNMOUTH RNLI FUNDRAISING TEAM



Peter Hartley, Fund Raising Team, Chairman Designate, is taking on a personal challenge to climb the equivalent of Mount Kilimanjaro 19340 ft, (5895m).

In the village of Bishopsteignton, where he lives, he will be climbing a 300ft hill every day so it will take about 65 days to achieve his target. He has already achieved over 4000 ft. since starting his epic climb on New Year's Day

Please sponsor Peter and help him raise vital lifesaving funds for Teignmouth RNLI.

You can do this by visiting the Just Giving page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teignmouth-rnli-lifesavers-fund-2021>

Alternatively, please call Peter on 07831 278452 to make a sponsorship pledge by phone.

Any amount you donate is most welcome.

Every penny raised will directly support our brave volunteer crews who are continuing to provide 24/7 lifeboat service and saving lives throughout the pandemic.

### **Peter's Progress**

Having done more research into the various routes for climbing Kilimanjaro, Peter decided to take the Marangu route which has a number of camps with hut accommodation to ensure a good night's sleep.

The first stage is Marangu gate which was passed in January.

The next stage is Marangu Hut (8,858 ft) which was reached on 5<sup>th</sup> February.

The next stage is Harombo Hut (12,250 ft) and was reached on 17<sup>th</sup> February.

The next stage is Kibo hut (15,421ft) which he expects to reach by 28<sup>th</sup> February.

He is on track for a summit of Uhuru peak (19,341 ft) by mid-March.

£1710 has been pledged already but he is asking everyone to dig deep for the excellent cause of supporting the brave volunteer crew of Teignmouth RNLI.

## **More News from Sustainable Bishop**

### **Community Allotment**

Still due to the current situation and weather conditions I'm sorry to report that we are still not having sessions on the community allotment. Hopefully next month we will be in a position to inform you of future dates when we can again have our community allotment get together.

Although we are not on the plot as a group, there is still lots to do, whether at home in your own garden or helping to prepare for the growing season on the allotment, for example:

- Still continue to chit your potatoes.
- Continue planning your planting program.
- Get ahead and seed early peas and lettuces for an early crop.
- Warm up your growing area by covering it, which will enhance germination of seeds you will be planting soon.
- Continue to harvest the last of the winter veg.
- Continue to clean your pots and equipment to prevent disease.

For further information about the community allotment please contact Kate on 01626 772843 or Dawn on 07795546720, or email me on [dawn\\_arogers@hotmail.com](mailto:dawn_arogers@hotmail.com) or follow us on Bishopsteignton Allotments Group on Facebook.

### **Hedgehog Highway/Street**

While our spiky friends have been hibernating we have still been busy to support them. We have updated the numbers of hedgehogs seen in the village on the National Hedgehog Street website (we now have logged 17) and updated some more pictures and videos that some of you have so kindly sent in, onto the Sustainable Bishop website, for example the brilliant photo below.



I look forward to seeing more of your photos and videos so please keep them coming.

Why don't you have a look on **[www.sustainable bishop.com](http://www.sustainablebishop.com)**? Photos and videos can be seen under the heading -more than under useful inks. You can also find some really good information on the website about how you can help to protect our spiky friends when they come out of hibernation.

If you would like to help or you have any information you think would be useful, then please contact me on email: [dawn\\_arogers@hotmail.com](mailto:dawn_arogers@hotmail.com) or on 07795546720.

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## The Big Garden Birdwatch

Did you take part in this year's Big Garden Birdwatch? Our Birdwatch took place on the Saturday morning before the rain came down fast and hard. We logged Robins, Blackbirds, Sparrows, Magpies, Wood Pigeons, Crows, a Coal Tit and even a Green Woodpecker came to say hello, so a good selection of birds were seen.







Did you log any different birds? Please let me know if you saw anything different as it would be lovely to see what other birds fly around Bishopsteignton.

I hope you enjoyed your hour with nature and hopefully saw other forms of wildlife on your doorstep. Please keep putting food outside along with a fresh supply of water for the little birds to ensure we keep a healthy population of them.

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### **A little update from Sustainable Bishop**

I thought you might like this lovely artwork by 5 year old Layla in the village who has been a regular litter picker with her mum. They are helping us achieve Plastic Free status along with many others who continue to keep our environment clean on their daily exercise - Thank you. The Plastic Free journey with Surfers against Sewage (Plastic Free Communities ) is well structured but quite time consuming so if anyone else would like to help, especially from a school's angle, please get in touch.





We are beginning to set up our Wildlife Warden group and would love to see others join the group to spread the workload. All are welcome even if no wildlife experience, training can always be given

Finally, after much thinking, in conjunction with the Facebook group Bishopsteignton for Free, we are starting up a project to address waste food. Around 7 million tonnes of food are thrown away by households in the UK every year, and most of it could have been eaten (Recycle now). We are just planning the final details and will let you know soon how it will work.



## **Bishopsteignton Twinning Association**

### **The History of Bishopsteignton Twinning. A 30 years Celebration**

Calling all twinnings past and present!

Do you have photographs hidden away and stories related to your time with Bishopsteignton Twinning Association? Would you like to help with a little project to compile **a special book** (shhh – don't tell the French) to celebrate 30 years of the Twinning here in this village?

We have lots of wonderful archive from Maggie Sullivan to assist us but we also want current memories from recent times too.

Please contact Jess Gibby if you would like to get involved in any way via [bishopsteignton@tanta@gmail.com](mailto:bishopsteignton@tanta@gmail.com)

Lots of support given and a great way to relieve the boredom of lockdown/winter.

Your help would be much appreciated. Thank you.

A decision was made not to collect our annual subs this year so if you have kindly paid already Mary will be in touch with you.

Please let us know how best you would like us to keep in touch in these uncertain times. We are always keen to hear from you and suggestions for any events – virtual or otherwise – are much appreciated!

Vive le Jumelage!

Jessica Gibby

## **Bishopsteignton WI**

### **Inspiring women**

Still no news to report re the opening of our WI.

Astoundingly the NFWI board have increased the yearly membership fee to £44. I think we all feel strongly that as we only had two meetings last year, yet paid the full subscription fee, this is unacceptable. If you would like to make your voice heard please write to the National federation at the following address:

NFWI  
104 New Kings Road  
London  
SW6 4LY

If anyone is having any difficulties or would like a chatty phone call to brighten your day, please contact me and I will arrange to call you myself or for another member to call.  
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Glenys

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**Helen Hillard**

Sadly, as we are now Locked Down again, I cannot run my dance classes until the Government eases the restrictions. I will resume classes as soon as the Government allows us to.

Helen Hillard

**Mobile Library times**

**Wednesday**

Jan 27	Apr 21	Jul 14	Oct 6
Feb 24	May 19	Aug 11	Nov 3
Mar 24	Jun 16	Sep 8	Dec 1
Bishops Avenue	Arrive 12:00	Depart 12:45	
Grange Park	Arrive 13:30	Depart 14:15	

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4.30pm - 5.00pm Forder Lane by Grange Park

5.30pm - 7.15pm Bishops Avenue Car Park

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Pre-School Playgroup 01626 - 777672

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