

HAWKCHURCH VILLAGE ONLINE MAGAZINE

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR As we are all aware these are difficult times so alas there will no usual monthly Hawkchurch Parish Magazines. There will be this online magazine until things get back to normal (we all hope this will be sooner rather than later). If any of you know of those without computers who would like a printed copy I will personal print a copy for them. Contact me Graham (Floss to most people) at [gjfloss@ gmail.com](mailto:gjfloss@gmail.com) or phone 678 782. Nearly forgot to say. If you have a poem, story, joke old photos of the village and its printable don't hesitate to send in. If there is enough interest I may do more e copies

SPOTLIGHT By Rev Chris Martin Team rector

When I was ten years old I had my first and only ride on a rollercoaster. When I got off I was dizzy, promptly threw up and haven't been on one since! But just recently, it has felt like being back on it. For some, the turbulence of the times in which we live bring dizziness and an anxious uncertainty about what the next bend in the track will bring.

I notice highs and lows in my own mood – highs when I see and hear the heart-warming stories of kindness, generosity and community spirit that are emerging, or when whole neighbourhoods stand on their doorsteps to applaud our heroic and magnificent NHS staff, or when the spring lambs are jumping and playing in the sunshine outside the window of my temporary accommodation, where we wait until we are able to occupy the Rectory; and lows when I think too deeply about what might happen next, or what the economic and social consequences might be, or if I will ever get to sleep in my own bed again.

I'm lucky; when I dip low, I have family around me and we help each other climb back up when our moods dip. I appreciate not everyone has that luxury and staying 'connected' in these circumstances can be very difficult, especially for those without a computer.

The highs and lows of life, the disasters and triumphs, the joys and struggles can all be found in the events of Holy Week. It's all there – betrayal, injustice, anger, anxiety, pain, confusion and death, but also surprise, hope, light, joy, celebration, transformation and life.

Whilst we may be 'self-isolated' from one another, or required to keep our 'social distance', I hope too that we can see the reflection of our own highs and lows in the life of Jesus (and his in ours), the one who some call the 'God-man', whose trial, death and resurrection are especially remembered this week.

It's good for us to know that our own stories are mirrored in something greater than ourselves. It can help us stay 'connected' to a deeper joy and hope amid the difficulties we find ourselves in and reassure us to know that love and life will eventually win the day. The spring lambs seem to have gotten the message!

Stay well! Rev. Chris Martin, Team Rector



A note from Jim Pettifer, Chideock.

The sight of some flowering Orchids amid the Bluebells and the Primroses at the side of the country lane is a reminder of the beauty of God's love not only for his creation, but for all of us at this time of crisis. We must learn from the Community spirit that has arisen at this time, remember it for the future and see

in it the work of the Holy Spirit. Best Wishes, Jim

NOTE FROM THE PCC* *By Angela Dudley

The SMITH MEMORIAL, in St John the Baptist's church, HAWKCHURCH.

The PCC have issued a Public Notice, concerning:

'Repair & conservation of the 1683 Smith Memorial by specialist Conservators, and its relocation elsewhere within the church.'

The monument has suffered from years of damp & water ingress from it's position on the south wall of the tower.

Having been cleaned, repaired and conserved, the PCC wish to relocate



the monument in the south aisle, behind the font, so that it can be viewed and read, and away from future damp issues.

If you wish to object to any of the works or proposals you should send a letter stating the grounds of your objection to: The Diocesan Registrar,

Minster Chamber

42/44 Castle Street

Salisbury

Wilts

Or by Email to: registry@salisbury.anglican.org

Your letter should reach the registrar not later than 09/05/2020 and must include your name and address and state whether you live in the parish and/or your name is entered on the church electoral roll of the parish or any other basis on which you have an interest in the matter.

Please Note:

A public notice has been placed in the notice board, but the church itself is in 'Lock-down'.

Information can be sent to those interested, by contacting anyone on the PCC and asking for a pdf copy of the plans to be emailed to them.

HAWKCHURCH COMMUNITY SHOP.* *By Mollie Hemens

Greetings, Shoppers: Here is my report for May. Another “pause in real time”. Your Community Shop has been working hard to provide you with support during the COVID 19 coronavirus outbreak.

- ***We are maintaining*** *supply chains, milk, bread, eggs and other goods, (ask for stock details when you visit the Shop or place an order).*

- **We are keeping the Shop open daily 7 days a week for a few hours so that you don't have to drive to a supermarket.**
- **We are providing a grocery order delivery service to those of you who are isolating and most vulnerable.** If you are on the delivery list, please give us at least 48 hours advance notice if you need to add any additional items.
- **We are providing a collect from the Shop pre-order for milk, bread and eggs only.** When you collect your order, if you need any other items, please bring a written shopping list with you so that your order can be completed quickly.
- **If you are likely to place a regular order, then please place a repeat order at least 48 hours in advance.** This gives us a better view of demand and helps us match supplies.
- Please place orders either:
by phone 01297 678 999.
online at <https://hawkchurch.org/shop-home/shop-orders/>

We, together with the Parish Council, have formed, Covid Hawkchurch Action Response Team, (CHART) and I am pleased to report that over 50 volunteers, and numbers rising, have stepped forward to help.

One of the first things that the team did was to provide you with an information leaflet, about all that we are trying to do.

As well as offering you a grocery service, CHART volunteers can collect and deliver prescriptions/medications for you, post your letters, offer telephone support, or offer other forms of help that you think you may need.

General enquiries or requests for help

Phone: 01297 678 613 or 678 340

Email: hawkchurch1@outlook.com

All our volunteers and coordinators on CHART or Shop business will phone to tell you when they are making a delivery.

The volunteers wear ID badges so that you can feel safe and reassured.

Your Shopping: *At the time of placing your order your Shop coordinator will discuss your method of payment with you.*

Your Prescriptions: *If you pay for your prescriptions, your CHART coordinator will discuss with you how that payment should be made.*

Beware of fraudsters. Do not make ANY payments to ANYONE that have not been arranged by your CHART or Shop Coordinator.

The objective of CHART and Hawkchurch Community Shop is to serve the residents of Hawkchurch and help to keep everyone safe and well during this troubling time that we face together. This is a huge effort on the part of all those who have volunteered. We most sincerely thank you. We are here for you. Hawkchurch stands united in this fight.

Shop Telephone Number: 01297 678 999

Shop email: hawkchurchshop@gmail.com

Shop Website: www.hawkchurch.org and follow the link.



JEAN RISES TO THE CHALLENGE

When the clock on the church tower at Hawkchurch is changed for summer or winter time it has always been seen as a job for two people, with one of them up in the tower behind the clock moving the hands and another down below shouting if the time is correct.

A few weekends ago at the start of summer time churchwarden, Ruth Churchill, expressed concern about how this could be done while maintaining the current rules on social distancing throughout the process.

But her fellow churchwarden, Jean Ransford, who had often previously undertaken this task with her late husband, Neil, decided to rise to the challenge and do the job on her own. After a lot of running up and down the spiral staircase to the tower, she not only got the time right, but made sure the clock was running in the correct direction.

HAWKCHURCH GARDENING CLUB *By Pat Darch*

Annual Show 25/7/2020

At the time of writing we have no idea if we will be able to hold the Show this year. However we hope that you will be able to be busy in the garden growing vegetables and flowers, just in case. The vegetables are particularly important in the coming months and if you have any excess I'm sure the village shop would be grateful to receive this.

For the photography section it is still possible while you are out on your daily exercise to look out for "Patterns in Nature". We will change the title of "Hawkchurch Village Life" to "A Village Scene" which widens the scope. If we are able to hold the show, you can also enter the "Rugged Coastline" class with a photo taken earlier. Should the Show not go ahead, then you will be invited to upload your photo of "A village scene" onto the parish website in July.

We have further activities for you in June, connected with the Show. Details next month.

If you grow more vegetable or flower plants than you can use, please place them on the table by the plant pot outside the shop for others to take. There will also be a box for any spare packets of seeds you may have. Please remember to wash your hands after taking these and if you leave the packets of seeds for 72 hours they will be safe to handle.

Summer garden party - *Again it is very doubtful that this will take place but will be confirmed either way later on.*

HAWKCHURCH PLAYING FIELD 200 CLUB. WINNERS

Sorry folks no draws are being carried out and no cheques being written so we will all have to sit it out for the duration.

APROX. RAINFALL FOR HAWKCHURCH By David Moss

March 20 98mm 3.86in March 19 99mm 3.9in

WALKING IN HAWKCHURCH By Roz Fox

There has never been a better time to go for a walk! The weather is good, the paths have dried out nicely and the Government is encouraging us all to exercise once a day. This can be done alone, with members of your household, or with your dog/s. Just remember to stay 2 metres away from others!

Hawkchurch has a network of 40 footpaths and bridleways. There is a



map which you can download from the <https://hawkchurch.org> website and print out as two A4 sheets showing the two halves of the Parish. All of the routes are numbered and some of them are connected by green lanes/unmetalled roads, others require a bit of road work in between. Some routes are more challenging

than others but those nearest the village are all easy to walk.

There are some stunning views on the walks – can anyone identify where this photograph was taken? Do you have any photos you'd like to share?

Please remember to follow the Countryside Code

- *Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs. Take maps/guidebooks.*

- *Leave gates and property as you find them.*
- *Protect plants and animals and take your litter home.*
- *Keep dogs under close control.*
- *Consider other people.*

HAWKCHURCH BELL TOWER

Bell ringers required.

When the Coronavirus epidemic is over our Church tower will need you,

Hawkchurch bell ringers need a top up!

You don't need to be a musician,

Age doesn't matter,

Just an ability to climb up the tower!

Please contact Julie Baker, 07914259001 or

email = secretarypcchawkchurch@gmail.com

We will be practising on Wednesday evenings between 7.30pm & 8.30pm

Hawkchurch Film Nights

In line with governmental Coronavirus guidelines, we have reluctantly cancelled our scheduled screenings for May and June. We look forward very much to welcoming you back after the summer once it is safe for us to get together again - hopefully in September.

Best wishes and good health Chris, Penny, Jacky and Paul

MOBILE LIBRARY

This service has been suspended until Corvid 19 restrictions have been lifted.

You could try some of Devon Libraries digital selection.



"Ready when you are, George..."

Digital Library

Download and stream free eBooks, eAudioBooks and eMagazines. We have added 3,500 titles to Overdrive (eBooks and eAudiobooks)

- *We now have 1,000 unlimited use eAudiobooks through RB Digital*
- *A selection of eMagazines are available on RB Digital*
- *Access eAudiobooks via BorrowBox*
- *Access the 'Reading Well' collections on our digital platform*
- *Online Reference resources*
- *Access to Ancestry Library Edition has been temporarily extended to Devon Library members at home, courtesy of ProQuest and its partner Ancestry.*
- *Our libraries are creating fun online content and live streaming events. Check out individual library Facebook pages for more information.*

Join the Digital Library

You can join the library by visiting this .

On <https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/join-thelibrary>

once you have completed the online joining form, you will be given a temporary [UNREG] number which will enable you to access our digital library immediately. As and when our libraries re-open we will process all temporary memberships registered during this closure period and we will issue a library card to you.

HAWKCHURCH BIRD SURVEY By Pat Darch

With time on our hands, now is an opportunity to get to know our garden birds better. If you have not already looked at it, the RSPB website has lots of activities for adults and children to help identify birds and their songs.

We thought it would be interesting to do a survey of the village to see which birds visit our gardens. Sometimes we can get an unexpected

visitor such as one village resident who had a Lesser Whitethroat appear on one occasion.

If you would like to take part please email patdarch@hotmail.com, for a form to complete and return. The survey would entail you noting down all the species in your garden, giving the highest number of each species that you see at any one moment within a 1/2hr period, anytime during the week 17-23 May. To practise, you could do this at any time, but for the survey, just send the results of one 1/2hr of watching one day during that week. Hope you can join us. Pat and Peter Darch



In the meantime here is a quiz from clues to find the bird, (not necessarily in the garden)

Example: *Steal, not out = Robin*

1. *Egyptian hat with a small insect.*
2. *The dark in a pot.*
3. *Crusader caught in a storm.*
4. *A cereal with decoration.*
5. *Ringlet with a place of convenience.*
6. *Husks of a small measure.*
7. *A mad person in an opening.*
8. *Short periodical with a formula.*
9. *Completed with a rap.*
10. *Small piece in an old vessel.*
11. *Knave in an opening.*
12. *Short family relation.*



Answers in June.

Village Hall May 2020

All village hall events for May 2020 have either been postponed or are in significant doubt.

We are still accepting bookings, but given the current uncertainty it might not be wise to book anything before the end of May at least.

We are of course keen to resume normal service as soon as possible. If you do want to book an event, perhaps later in the summer, please contact the Bookings Officer, Peter Mitchell, on 01297 678674, or e-mail me on 167898@gmail.com

The standard rate is £32.64 for a four-hour session. The price per session can be less where a series of sessions is booked and paid for in advance.

***For further information on booking the hall, see
<http://www.hawkchurchvillagehall.btck.co.uk/>***

Club and society contact details are listed on the inside back cover of this magazine.

Would you like to help out at the Village Hall? We have some vacancies on the committee at the moment. People with practical experience of building maintenance would be especially welcome. If you are interested in participating, please contact Gill Robertson, Secretary, e-mail g.e.robertson@hotmail.co.uk.

POETS CORNER

HUNTER TRIALS by John Betjeman

*It's awf'ly bad luck on Diana
Her ponies have swallowed their bits;
She fished down their throats with a spanner
And frightened them all into fits.*

*So now she's attempting to borrow
Do lend her some bits, Mummy, do;
I'll lend her my own for tomorrow,
But today I'll be wanting them too.*

*Just look at Prunella on Guzzle
The wizardest pony on earth;
Why doesn't she slacken his muzzle
And tighten the breech in his girth?*

*I say, Mummy, there's Mrs. Geyser
And doesn't she look pretty sick?
I bet it's because Mona Lisa
Was hit on the hock with a brick.*

*Miss Blewitt says Monica threw it,
But Monica says it was Joan,
And Joan's very thick with Miss Blewitt,
So Monica's silking alone.*

*And Margaret failed in her paces,
Her withers got tied in a noose,
So her coronets caught in the traces
And now all her fetlocks are loose.*

*Oh, it's me now, I'm terribly nervous.
I wonder if Smudges will shy.
She's practically certain to swerve as
Her pelham is over one eye*

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*Oh wasn't it naughty of Smudges?
Oh, Mummy. I'm sick with disgust.
She threw me in front of the Judges,
And my silly old collar bone's bust!*

THE Pam Ayres to the rescue....

*I'm normally such a social girl
I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here
I can't go out the gates.*

*You see, we are the 'oldies' now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us 'round
They'll think we've upped and died.*

*They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook then
So not everything was told.*

*We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth
But we grew up in the 60s -
If you only they knew the truth!*

*There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts.*

*Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum,
Somebody's wife, then someone's Nan,
Who on earth did we become?*

*We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full
But to bury us before we're dead
Is like red raga to a bull!*

*So here you find me stuck inside
Four weeks and maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!*

*It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no flaming flour!*

*Now Netflix is just wonderful,
I like a gutsy thriller.
I'm swooning over Idris now
Or some random sexy killer.*

*At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm feeling idle
There's wine and whiskey, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!*

*So let's all drink to lockdown,
To recovery and health,
And hope this awful virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.*

*We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide
To fit through the flaming gates!*
Di WILKINSON HUMOR CORNER

ITALIAN SENSE OF HUMOR

"Maybe it is true that we Italians are in a difficult situation".

But tell me where you will find another such country:

In which aprons for doctors are sewn by ARMANI

FERRARI is manufacturing respirators

GUCCI is making face masks

And sanitizing gel is made by BULGARI ???

We may end up in hell, but in style! " 🤔🤔🌟👍

Couldn't resist putting in this Trump joke.

Trump was on a state visit to Jerusalem, had a heart attack and died. An undertaker offered his aides: For \$100 he could be buried with all dignity in Jerusalem OR for \$5000 they could take him back to the US.

Without any hesitation they declined the first offer. The undertaker was astounded. "But \$100 is such a good deal. Why don't you take it?"

To which they replied that a long time ago a man died and was buried in Jerusalem; three days later he rose from the dead. "So he is coming with us. We just can't take the risk!"

EDDC Councillor (IND) Paul Hayward	phayward@eastdevon.gov.uk	
Parish Council Clerk	John Vanderwolf	01297-34444
Parish Council Chair	Ruth Churchill	678 354
School	Mrs Jayne Vanston	678 331
Village Hall (Secretary)	Gill Robertson	678 271
Village Hall (Bookings)	Mr Peter Mitchell	678 674
Neighbourhood Watch	Mrs Gill Matthews	678 495
Bowls	Mrs Hazel Cross	678 718
Gardening Club	Val Mitchell	678 674
Football Club	Nigel Harding	678 568
Hawkchurch Ladies Club	Gill Churchill	678 409
History Society	Angela Dudley	678 325
Playing Field	Mrs Sue Bartlett	678 342
Tennis Club (Secretary)	Dr Ann Nolan	678 613
Community Choir	Anna Gregory	678 420
Toddlers Group,	Laura Bartlett	07702894193
PTFA & Choir	Mrs Carol Lawlor	678 936
Hawkchurch Film Nights	Chris Andrews	07753603219
Coffee & Cake	Anne McNab	678 219
	Wendy Mann	678 530
Pilates	Bella Palmer	0759 3299 284
Community Shop		
Volunteers please contact:-	Pat Darch	678 616

Flood and Snow emergency contacts:- For sandbags or Gritting Salt Tim Greenshields 678 236 or David Searle 678 268

Snowed in Contact David Searle last resort contact Ruth Churchill

The Defibrillator is located at Hawkchurch Village Hall. Postcode EX13 5XD

Instructions for use are clearly stated on cabinet. The location code is DC0395.

In an Emergency Dial 999 and you will be given an access code.