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## BEING ORDINARY

How do you feel? Special or ordinary?

We were reminiscing the other day. Robert was telling me that as a young man growing up, there were usually two kinds of beer on sale at the pub: Ordinary and Special. The distinction was plain. Ordinary was cheaper and not as strong. Special was more expensive and noticeably stronger.

Wine was not really on the menu, though for the more sophisticated drinker who knew a bit about them, there were Clarets and Burgundies, Loires and Sauternes – and then there was vin ordinaire. (Bear in mind that this was half a century ago and, as far as suburban England was concerned, all wine came from France!) Posh wine was made to be admired by nose and eye in a long-stemmed glass. Vin ordinaire, by contrast, was slurped from a sort of tooth mug.

As for cereals, there was Weetabix and porridge, and not much else, although I can't help wondering what was so special about 'K'?

If your favourite tippie was tea, the stuff most of us drank all the time was so ordinary that we didn't even need to call it ordinary. It was simply tea. If you

dared to prefer something as chichi as Earl Grey, it was up to you to specify it and be prepared to pay the consequences.

And let's not even get started on coffee! Ordinary coffee was a brown powder that came in a tin, while special coffee was very similar but in a jar. Cheese was not very different. Ordinary cheese was slightly iffy 'cheddar', known in my house as 'mousetrap'. Something as special as Lancashire or Wensleydale might be acceptable but it was not ordinary. Stilton was for the gentry, Brie invited a superior smirk, and as for cheeses like Boursin that had garlic and herbs, they were treated with suspicion.

Fifty years later, what's ordinary has changed out of all recognition. Ordinary bitter is now session ale. Vin ordinaire is now the Merlot, Sauvignon or Tempranillo you drink every day. Ordinary tea is now English Breakfast, and ordinary coffee is a Cappuccino made by a barista in a uniform. Ordinary cheese? Well, visit any supermarket.

The word 'ordinary' has either disappeared completely, or become code for 'disappointing': "We had a very ordinary meal ..." Which is a great pity, because to

be ordinary is to be normal, to be what most of us were designed to be most of the time.

With Trinity Sunday behind us, the church has entered Ordinary Time (signalled by the reappearance of green frontals and vestments). It's a time when we can focus on weddings and baptisms, summer fetes and harvest festivals – the normal business of parish life. Some of us will also be lucky enough to take a holiday, draw breath and recover our strength before the round begins again.

In the meantime, I think we should make up our minds to enjoy Ordinary Time. Not to think of it as second best because it's not 'special', but to see it as a key season in our normal Christian life. A season to pray, to worship, to read our Bibles and maybe a book or two. A time to enjoy all that God has made and done. A time to be our God-given selves, to celebrate being ordinary. *Enjoy the summer and celebrate the ordinary!*

*Steph*

*PS You may think this is an ordinary parish letter, but in fact it's a collaboration between ordinary me and the very special vicar I live with!*

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Before the pandemic, on the 5th Sunday of the month, we were meeting together to worship, but focussing on an outside organisation. We have had speakers from the Leprosy Mission, Street Pastors, and the Persecuted church. As we emerge out of lockdown, we would like to re-establish this practice.

So, on Sunday 31st July we are pleased to focus our attention on the work of PACT.

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PS If you have a particular interest or links with an appropriate organisation, charity or society, that could be the focus of a 5th Sunday service, do please let me know.



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# PARISH ROUND-UP

## NATURE NOTES

Despite the worrying absence of swallows it has been a blissful Spring and early Summer in the valleys.

The pollinating insects have enjoyed an uninterrupted time whether they rely on smell, sight or a sixth sense. The blaze of colourful blossom lasted forever and as the green of healthy grass and trees takes over there is a feeling of deep contentment, shared by the cows which have assumed their normal position in the landscape. It took me just one week to reseed and grow grass!

I have been particularly captivated by the progress of bees in this period, as our garden now attracts more species than ever before. As the weeks progressed, different flowers enjoyed their favours with the heathers being first in line. Quite why the tightly beaded flowers of cotoneaster horizontalis, even at a very early stage, are so attractive to them is beyond my comprehension and the alarming buzzing suggests the need for bicycle clips.

I am almost embarrassed to relate the pleasure afforded by nesting birds but would like to report on two recent experiences. We have owned a nesting box for sparrows for a very long time and it has been lovingly repaired often. As befits town birds it resembles a block of 3 terrace houses. It has never been occupied by sparrows. However wherever the box is sited, town or country blue tits approve of the facility. The strange thing is only one box is

ever occupied and it is always the one furthest from the morning sun. Perhaps this is the reason, but my knowledge falls far short of that of the television cameraman this evening. He provides homes for many nesting birds and the progress of new families is provided for our immediate appreciation. He had the audacity to replace two failed eggs of a tawny owl with two orphans that were instantly adopted.

We are reminded there is much kindness in the World.

### Thomas More

Join us for our weekly  
**Coffee Morning**  
**via Zoom**

This takes place every Wednesday morning at 10.30am

Join us when you can and leave when you have to!

On the second Wednesday each month we meet in person.

Check out Steph's weekly update or the website.

## CALVERLEIGH

With the longer, warmer days now with us we can enjoy all the wonderful things that our countryside has to offer.

Looking back to Easter, which seems a lifetime ago, Calverleigh hosted the Agape meal on 14 April, at the village hall which was filled by parishioners from around the Exe Valley. Thank you to all who helped to prepare for the evening and to those who provided desserts.

On Easter Sunday there was a Group Cluster service at St. Mary's which was attended by over 60 people. The church was beautifully decorated, as it always is on such occasions. The service was led by Steph and music provided by Dave on the guitar and Levon playing the harmonica. Thank you all for an uplifting service where we celebrated our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Bringing us a little more up to date, our Annual Day of Prayer took place on 7 May from 9am to 9pm. Over 30 people took part, wherever they wanted to be, at their chosen time. Our grateful thanks go to all those who took part in this special faith activity. The power of prayer should never be underestimated.

Congratulations go to Debbie and Michaela who had their Confirmation service at Exeter Cathedral also on 7 May. It was a privilege to attend such a lovely service and we send our best wishes to them both as they continue on their faith journey.

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We are pleased to announce that Kelly and Ricardo, daughter of Gary and Alison, have welcomed a baby son, Aaron into their family. Also Nik and Dave, daughter of Aubrey and Julie, have also had a baby son, Elijah. Both boys, who are cousins, were born a day apart in May. Congratulations to both sets of parents and their families and to anyone else who have been celebrating the birth of a child/grandchild.

On 29 May there was an Exe Valley Mission Community service at Oakford to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. The specially formed Exe Valley Jubilee Choir sang beautifully together, after only a few weeks of rehearsals. Well done, you all did amazingly well. A bring and share lunch was held afterwards at Oakford village hall. Thank you Oakford for your hospitality and a very enjoyable time.

Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee celebration on the afternoon of 4 June saw a wonderful turnout of children and adults at the village hall. Some of the children came in Fancy Dress as Kings or Queens and this was won by Freddie, very resplendent and all the children who took part looked very regal in their costumes. This was judged by Sue and Gillian. All children attending the afternoon received a specially made Platinum Jubilee rosette keepsake. Family games were organised by Aubrey.

A bring and share tea covered five long tables and would have easily fed double the amount of attendees. Billy Amory was kind enough to give a speech and toast to Queen Elizabeth. Two special celebratory cakes were made for the afternoon which were cut

by the fancy dress entrants. Our thanks go to those who generously gave through donations to help towards costs and to all who helped to prepare the hall in the morning, which looked lovely decked out in bunting, balloons and small pots of flowers. Even though Jackie had a bad accident as the event was due to start she was able to join us again later in the day.

The following morning a special celebration service was held in St. Mary's. Determined not to miss the service, Jackie was the lead and she put together a lovely talk about Queen Elizabeth and her life of service and her steadfast faith. Memories of Derek meeting the then Princess Elizabeth were also read out during the service. As the congregation listened to 'Rise up and Serve', a book entitled 'Our Faithful Queen, 70 years of Faith and Service' were handed out as a special memento for all who were at the service.

Afterwards a tree was planted in the churchyard to commemorate this momentous occasion. Myrtle was invited to put the first few spadefuls of soil around the tree, followed by the rest of the congregation. We then moved back into the church for drinks and to enjoy a bit more cake. Thank you to all who donated or contributed to the service, during and after, in any way.

We would like to send our best wishes to Joan Blackmore, who has now moved from her bungalow in the village to Margaret Allen House on a permanent basis. Joan had lived in the village for many years and was both in regular attendance of Calverleigh Church, where she was confirmed while Godfrey Bell was rector.

Congratulations and best wishes to anyone who has been celebrating a special birthday, anniversary, engagement or birth of a child. If you have any news that you would like to share of a special celebration or about village activities please contact Dave on: david.burton@doivedesigns.co.uk

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are unwell, waiting for or recovering from treatment at this time, also with those who have been affected in any way with Coronavirus which is still with us.

### Events Coming Up

There will be an Open-air service on 3 July, weather permitting, or in church if not. It will begin at 3pm followed by refreshments.

The Annual Produce show takes place on Saturday 27 August at 2.30pm. Schedules are available from Maureen and Paul Furneaux (mo.furneaux@hotmail.co.uk or 01884 258770) Entry forms must be returned by Friday 12 August for those wishing to enter.

### Mowing Rota

27 Jun - 9 Jul:	Mr D White
11 - 23 Jul:	Mr A Goldsworthy
25 Jul - 6 Aug:	The Heathcoat-Amory Family
8 - 20 Aug:	Mr K Hayes
22 Aug - 3 Sep:	Mr C Durnan
5 - 17 Sep:	Mr A Hancock

### Cleaning Rota

4 - 16 July:	Mrs J Goldsworthy
18 - 30 July:	Mrs M Herniman
1 - 13 Aug:	Miss S Goldsworthy
15 - 27 Aug:	Mrs S Greenslade
29 Aug - 10 Sep:	Mrs A Webber



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 10 - 17 Jul: Mrs M Herniman  
 24 - 31 Jul: Mrs M Furneaux  
 7 - 14 Aug: Mrs S Greenslade  
 21 - 28 Aug: Mrs N Burton  
 4 - 11 Sep: Mrs A Webber

Do you have anything to share in the magazine? Please send your photos, news, birthday messages, anniversary congratulations, stories or anything else to Dave Burton by calling 01884 561499 or by email: calverleigh@exevalleychurches.org.

Please see the centre pages of the magazine or the website ([www.exevalleychurches.org/calverleigh](http://www.exevalleychurches.org/calverleigh)) for any update information on services or activities.

## CRUWYS MORCHARD

### THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

It was so good being able to mix properly with everyone and enjoy such a joyous weekend together.

It all started on Thursday 2 June with Pauline and John's "get together" at Moor View, that just got bigger and bigger.

At the other end of the Parish, Nomansland Cricket Club had an ABBA tribute evening, complete with a quiz, supper and a beacon. 200 people sitting down to Jubilee pie and desert, all cooked by the Mount Pleasant. Followed by the lighting of the beacon, fireworks and dancing to the ABBA

music. Well done the Cricket Club and thank you all very much.

On Sunday 5 June we had a "bring your own tables, tea and cake" and gather around the Cruwys Arms to have tea all together and catch up. The pub was open for drinks and shelter, it rained, so most people came into the pub, one party remained on the pub lawn with a great feast under their gazebo. It was lovely to see everyone coming together.

### THE DEFIBRILLATOR

The update I have on the defibrillator is that one has been ordered for the phone box and should be installed sometime in July as I have to book a slot with the qualified electrician. Phone box will be cleaned up and repainted and new signage put up. Thank you to everybody who worked so hard to raise so much money, especially Val who made all the arrangements. We are still gathering information for the defibrillator at WayVillage with its likely position to be at Way Village Chapel.

Cruwys Morchard Parish Fete in the Parish Hall

Saturday 9 July 12-3pm. There will be refreshments, stalls and games, but not the bric a brac stall. Donations of cakes, raffle prizes and prizes for the Tombola stall would be much appreciated. We do need help to run the stalls so if you are able to help please contact Val at the Cruwys Arms, Telephone 01363 866662.

Cruwys Morchard Parish Hall

Come and join us for an Afternoon Tea on Sunday 31 July 2022 from 3.00pm at The Parish Hall. Teas can be booked by contacting Paul Steele - 07768 84712 / paul@paulsteele.co.uk Teas are £7.00 per person /£4.00 per

child (under 10 years old). Why not add "a glass of fizz" at £3.00 per glass?

The times of other services in the Exe Valley Mission Community, during July and August, are to be found in the middle pages of this magazine.

Flower and Cleaning Rota

July 25 and 1 August Anne Gillbard  
 August 8 and 15 Mrs J. Townsend  
 August 22 and 29 Marilyn Hill  
 September 5 and 12 Marilyn Hill  
 September 19 - Decorators for Harvest  
 September 26 and October 3 - Cindy Trick

THE ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW will be on 13 August 2022, in the Parish Hall. The Schedules are the same as last year and are available to parishioners on the Cruwys Morchard Parish Hall Website or the Cruwys Morchard site on Facebook. If you require a "hard" copy please contact Pauline at 5 Moor View. DO enter, either veggies or the baking, or just come along to the Parish Hall at 2.30pm, enjoy a cup of tea, and admire other peoples' work. There are lots of Children's classes as well.

### CRUWYS ARMS GARDENERS.

We met in the Cruwys Arms on Wednesday 4 May. And again on Wednesday 1 June this time in Puddington Village Hall. We were delighted to have a new member, Teresa Grant. The discussion was mostly about the planned visit to a nearby garden and Helen and Andy's garden for a barbecue on Sunday 3 July.

### CRUWYS MORCHARD YOUNG FARMERS.

We have no news from the young farmers at the moment, they are all doing their exams, good luck to you all, or shearing thousands of sheep.

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I do know that they have been very busy arranging their entries for the Mid Devon Show. Look out for them there.

YOGA in the Parish Hall on Thursday mornings. For more information ring Hilary on; 01363 866245.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

PARISH FETE in the PARISH HALL-Saturday 9 July 2022. All offers of help gratefully received and Gazebo's to lend, please. Stalls and games, including raffle, tombola, cakes books etc. BBQ if we can find a volunteer to run it. Please ring Diana Vincent on 01363 860 227.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2022 is the weekend 24 / 25 September, there will be a service on Saturday 24 September in the Church, with gifts of non perishable foods for Chat, at 2.15pm, followed by sports and tea in the Parish Hall.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE IN THE PARISH HALL Saturday 12 November.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. Services at the Congregational Church in North Street are now at 4.30pm every week, except on the 3rd Sunday when they join Way Village at 2.30pm. Ruth very kindly offered space for Jubilee Tea on Sunday 5

Congratulations to Hanna and Ed on their marriage on Saturday 28 May. May you have a long and happy life together.

Sadly Bob Ogden died in May, he was buried in the Churchyard here, with his wife Sandra on 23 May. Bob and Sandra had lived in Pennymoor for many years, he played the organ in the Church and was an expert on Bees. Our prayers and sympathy go to his

family, with whom he lived his final years.

Well done Rod, you are at home at last, we are delighted to see you out and about.

Our best wishes and prayers to all who are not well and/or in hospital, may you be home soon and on the way to recovery.

## LOXBEORE

Thank you to her Majesty the Queen for her 70 years of service to our country and commonwealth.

It was good to be part of the Jubilee Choir Service at Oakford on 29 May. A lovely service with the newly formed choir singing the Jubilee song 'A Life Lived With Grace' and also 'Down to the River to Pray'. Excellent. This was followed by a bring and share lunch. Thank you to everyone.

A huge thank you to the Loxbeare Village Hall Committee and to everyone else who helped in any way to make our Platinum Jubilee Celebrations so enjoyable. On Thursday 2, we had a BBQ and lighting of the beacon with wonderful views and it was good to see many other beacons and fireworks around.

The Big Jubilee Bring and Share Lunch was held Sunday in Arthur's barn instead of outside due to the inclement weather. Jubilee mugs were given out which will be a lovely keepsake of the 70years service of our queen. Finishing the few days celebrating a Songs of Praise was held in the

evening with songs chosen by the congregation.

On 3 July we will be holding a BBQ at the Hall at 12.30pm with a service to follow. All welcome. 17 July Morning Praise 10.45am. 7 August Evening Praise 6.30pm and on 21 August Morning Praise at 10.45am.

There will be a PCC meeting on 11 July.

We send our sympathy to Marlene Taylor and family on the death of Maurice on 12 May, the day after their 65 wedding anniversary. Maurice was born at Tedburn St Mary, was brought up and later worked on the family farm after leaving school, marrying Marlene in 1957. They moved to Little Holmead Loxbeare in 1961 and farmed dairy cattle until retiring to Dartrise in 2001. He was the game keeper of the 'Dartrise' shoot for many years. He and Marlene organised many events and to date have raised approx £28,000 for Devon Air

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Steve Troake and all who are unwell.

Congratulations to Peter Barlow and Charlotte on their forthcoming wedding at Dartmouth.

Happy Birthday to all with birthdays in July/August and for those celebrating special occasions.

The Cream Teas will be on 9 July & 13 July in the Village Hall 3-4.30pm.

On Friday 29 July a Car Treasure Hunt is being organised starting at the carpark from 6pm onward and finishing at the Hall for bring & share food and bring own drinks.

Hope you all enjoy the summer months and we get plenty of sunshine!!

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# PARISH ROUND-UP

## OAKFORD

At 10.15am on Sunday 29 May the bells rang out in Oakford to call everyone to St Peter's Church for the Queen's Jubilee service. By 10.45am the church was FULL with folk from the 9 parishes in the Exe Valley Community and further afield.

A joyful service followed, led by the Rev'd Steph with Rev'd Claire, Dave on guitar and Mary on the piano. Thank you all. Andrew Herniman brought the organ to life accompanying the Valley Jubilee Choir, trained and led by Sarah Milne. The choir sang two songs brilliantly, and received spontaneous applause from the congregation. Well done everyone and huge thanks to Andrew and Sarah.

Readings were given by church members from each of the Parishes. The service was followed by an enormous bring and share lunch in the village hall.

The village looked very colourful for the Jubilee weekend, decorated with Union Jack bunting and red, white and blue flowers outside the houses on Rookery Hill and Crosspark Hill. Even the post box wore a beautiful knitted crown.

Thursday evening saw the beacon lit in Mary's field at 9.45pm to start the weekend celebrations. Music, wine and laughter followed, enjoyed by a jolly crowd of villagers watching the flames.

Saturday and the Jubilee Jamboree in the playing field provided fun and games for all ages. The BBQ. was fired up and everyone brought and enjoyed picnics. At 3.00pm Paul Marcus took a commemorative group photo.

On Sunday it rained! but undaunted the street party moved into The Red Lion. The tables were groaning with food, with pots of tea and cafetieres of coffee provided by The Moorland Club on a help yourself basis and of course the bar was open. The dress code was 1950's fashion and crowns. A prize for the best crown was awarded to Kelvin Holdom.

Oakford celebrated with true Oakford community spirit and everyone had a marvelous time. A huge thank you to everyone who worked hard to make the weekend fabulous.

The Oakford Players.

After having to cancel twice because of Covid, the Players were at last able to present "The Vicar of Dibley" at the beginning of May. It was excellent and well worth the wait, providing a great night out at the village hall. Thank you to the Players, looking forward to the next one already.

Best wishes go to David Olive who has been undergoing procedures at the Bristol Heart Institute. We are thinking of you David and Jos and send our love. Thoughts and prayers are also with anyone in Oakford who is ill at home or in hospital at this time.

Happy birthday greetings to Mary Summers on 3 July and Dorothy Evington on the 16 August. Also very best wishes to all with birthdays in July and August.

Goodbye to Rachel, Hugo and Henry who have left Myrtle Cottage in Oakford. We wish them all the very best in their new home, job, and school.

Quiz nights at the Red Lion will be on Sunday 17 July and Sunday 21 August at 8.00pm

The Moorland Club.  
14 July - BBQ, for present and potential new members, at Jasmine Cottage starting at 5.30pm.  
Bring crockery, cutlery and beverage of your choice.  
Please let Jennie know if you are coming (01398 351666). Numbers needed to aid catering

11 August - 7.30pm at the village hall pre-Flower and Produce show get together. Remember to bring your entry forms for the show.  
Saturday 13 August - Oakford's Flower and Produce Show. At the village hall.  
Doors open to public 2 - 4pm  
Exhibitors to set up 9 - 11am  
Visitors - £1. Children - free  
Entry forms are available from Brenda Burrows at 3, Manor Cottages. Oakford.  
Chris Holdom 3, Ashleigh Park Bampton. Also in the Red Lion and the Oakford village telephone box and at the library in Bampton.

Advance notice of the new Autumn Fayre - 15 October in the village hall 10.30am - 1.30pm

The Bell Tower Fund.  
Aluminium cans are no longer being recycled by the PCC, the last load will be taken to the skip at the end of July.  
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### 3 JULY

9.30am Zoom Service

#### CALVERLEIGH

3.00pm Open Air Service

#### CRUWYS MORCHARD

See Stoodleigh

#### LOXBEARE

12.30pm BBQ followed by informal service in village hall

#### OAKFORD

See Stoodleigh

#### RACKENFORD

See Stoodleigh

#### STOODLEIGH

10.45am Holy Communion

*Jane Wilson and Dave Edwards*

#### TEMPLETON

10.45am Morning Praise

#### WASHFIELD

See Stoodleigh

#### WITHLEIGH

10.45am Family Service

### 10 JULY

9.30am Zoom Service

#### CALVERLEIGH

See Washfield

#### CRUWYS MORCHARD

10.45am Morning Prayer

#### LOXBEARE

See Washfield

#### OAKFORD

See Washfield

#### RACKENFORD

9.30am Explore with Claire Curtis and Dave Edwards

#### STOODLEIGH

10.45am Morning Prayer

#### TEMPLETON

See Washfield

#### WASHFIELD

10.45am Holy Communion with Baptism  
*Steph Gordon-Jeffs, Claire Curtis and Dave Edwards*

#### WITHLEIGH

10.45am Service of the Word

### 17 JULY

9.30am Zoom Service

#### CALVERLEIGH

10.45am Morning Praise with Claire Curtis

#### CRUWYS MORCHARD

See Templeton

#### LOXBEARE

10.45am Morning Praise

#### OAKFORD

10.45am Morning Praise

#### RACKENFORD

10.45am Morning Prayer

#### STOODLEIGH

6.30pm Evensong

#### TEMPLETON

10.45am Holy Communion

*Steph Gordon-Jeffs with Dave Edwards*

#### WASHFIELD

10.45am Morning Prayer

#### WITHLEIGH

See Templeton

### 24 JULY

9.30am Zoom Service

## OUR MISSION COMMUNITY GROUP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

is at

10.45 am in WITHLEIGH

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### 31 JULY

## OUR MISSION COMMUNITY PRISON SERVICE

is at

10.45 am in WASHFIELD

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31 JULY

#### WITHLEIGH

9.30am Informal Service in village hall

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## 7 AUGUST

9.30am Zoom Service

### CALVERLEIGH

10.45am Morning Worship

### CRUWYS MORCHARD

10.45am Morning Prayer

### LOXBEARE

6.30pm Evening Prayer

### OAKFORD

10.45am Holy Communion

*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

### RACKENFORD

See Oakford

### STOODLEIGH

See Oakford

### TEMPLETON

10.45am Morning Praise

### WASHFIELD

See Oakford

### WITHLEIGH

10.45am Family Service

## 14 AUGUST

9.30am Zoom Service

### CALVERLEIGH

10.45am Holy Communion  
with Baptism and Holiday  
Club

*Steph Gordon-Jeffs  
with Dave Edwards*

### CRUWYS MORCHARD

See Calverleigh

### LOXBEARE

See Calverleigh

### OAKFORD

See Calverleigh

### RACKENFORD

See Calverleigh

### STOODLEIGH

10.45am Morning Praise  
with Baptism  
*Claire Curtis*

### TEMPLETON

10.45am Morning Praise  
with Jan Heptinstall

### WASHFIELD

See Calverleigh

### WITHLEIGH

10.45am Service of the Word

## 21 AUGUST

9.30am Zoom Service

### CALVERLEIGH

10.45am Family Service

### CRUWYS MORCHARD

See Withleigh

### LOXBEARE

10.45am Morning Praise

### OAKFORD

10.45am Morning Praise  
with Claire Curtis

### RACKENFORD

10.45am Morning Prayer

### STOODLEIGH

10.45am Morning Praise

### TEMPLETON

See Withleigh

### WASHFIELD

10.45am Morning Prayer

### WITHLEIGH

10.45am Holy Communion  
*Steph Gordon-Jeffs and  
Dave Edwards*

## 28 AUGUST

9.30am Zoom Service

**OUR  
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COMMUNITY  
HOLY  
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GROUP SERVICE**

is at  
**10.45 am in  
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# PARISH ROUND-UP

## RACKENFORD

It was too late to mention in the previous issue the death of Brian Muchmore who passed away on 20 April, Brian was the husband of the late Sylvia. They both played a very active part in our village shop in the early years of its opening. Our deepest sympathy to Steve, Jenny and all the family.

We hope you are making good progress since your operation Jane. Our best wishes to Herbert who at the time of going to print is in hospital. As always we think of Jacques and anyone who is not feeling well or receiving treatment, we wish you well.

Our Explore For Everyone Services continue at 9.30am on the 2nd Sunday in the month, where the children take part in a variety of activities. During this service the children were making their own delightful sheep displays. Squash, hot chocolate, cake and biscuits (passed around by the children) were enjoyed as this lovely service concluded.

A massive thank you for all the team work, elbow grease and good spirit given by the volunteers who arrived to help with our churchyard tidy up and also for the lawn mowers, strimmers, wheelbarrows, rakes and brushes you kindly provided. We could not have achieved this work without you. Your reward was Mary's home made delicious cake, tea and coffee. Thank you Mary

On June 4 our church saw the lovely wedding of Jenna and Thomas. The

sun did manage to shine on the bride and attendants as they arrived to share the day with family and friends in a beautifully decorated church. Rev Steph conducted the service and the bells were ringing. We send our blessings and wish you every happiness in the future.

A Blessing Service will take place at All Saints on August 6 for Mike and Faith and we end our best wishes to you.

We then look forward to another wedding on August 20 of Sammi and Harry. A village wedding always seems so special for the community and we wish you well as you prepare for your big day.

A special Platinum Jubilee Flag was provided by Peter Jones and flown from the church tower to commemorate 70 years of commitment and devotion to our nation by our Queen.

Also a variety of events were able to be enjoyed in our own homes such as Trooping of the Colour, Thanksgiving Service at St Pauls, Platinum Party at the Palace and Pageant

Our own wonderful celebrations took place on the well mown and prepared common after the hard work and preparations behind the scenes by many helpers. It was a very special day of togetherness for all who attended with an opportunity to enjoy the stalls. The cake competition was magnificent, such talented bakers in our midst. The much enjoyed British Cuppa and cake was available and so kindly given, or a burger if you didn't have a sweet tooth. Races were great fun as was the tug of war.

We certainly couldn't forget our four legged friends in the dog show with several categories to enter. Whatever the outcome, they are all winners with their owners.

The evening celebrations were from 7pm onward, where music, dancing, singing and an odd bevy where family and friends came together.

The lighting of the beacon was cheered and the National Anthem sung.

The music provide throughout the day was firstly from Rackenford Rascals and the evening saw Lucy Lastic Band. Many in the village decorated their own homes and gardens with bunting and flags and had various get togethers with family, friends and neighbours. A wonderful few days we will never forget.

Sunday 5 June was our Holy Communion 10.45 service where others joined us in prayer and shared a service together with Rev Steph and Dave, amongst the bunting, flags and lovely photos of our Queen provided and made by Mary.

We also have new large flags of The Union Jack and St Georges Flag for future use given by Mary, we are most grateful as they do get a battering in all weathers. Thank you Mary.

Thank you to all those who donate, assist and volunteer in any form to help with the running of the church. To Glenn for keeping our clock ticking and so many tasks that go unnoticed but important and essential.

On SATURDAY JULY 16 we are holding a Cream Tea, Variety of refreshments, various stalls games, raffle, Bric/Brac etc in THE CHURCH from 2pm to 4pm

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if you would like to help, run a stall or donate, please contact Ruth on 881488. We really hope you will call in for a cuppa, sit and chat and enjoy our first fund raising event for sometime. Congratulations to anyone celebrating special birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and enjoy the love and support around you.

### STOODLEIGH

#### The Jubilee at Stoodleigh

The first event was a special evening at The Stoodleigh Inn.

Fantastic to see around 100 people at the Inn's Live Music to celebrate The Queen's Jubilee. People of all ages enjoyed listening, singing and even dancing on the grass to the music from the three solo singers on stage. Thank you all who came along...you created a wonderful party atmosphere. Thanks Lizzie and your team for producing another winner.

Next was the Flower Festival at the Parish Church.

Penny writes: ' A marvellous Flower Festival was on show over the Jubilee weekend. The theme was the Queen's fashion through her reign with different outfits chosen by each of the arrangers which they then represented in flowers. Many thanks to Angela and Phyllis who organised the event and Geraldine, Linda, Yvonne, Mandy, Pat, Dionne and Trish, the arrangers, who worked so hard to make the event such a success. Thanks also to Richard, Julian, John and Paul for their assistance before and after. We had kind donations and some lovely comments from visitors.

The Jubilee Tea Party was on the Sunday afternoon at the Village Hall. Geraldine says: ' Wow! Didn't we have a wonderful Tea Party? Villagers contributed in so many ways to bring about the fun filled occasion of the Jubilee Jamboree. There were gazebos, flags, bunting, and tables laden with sandwiches, cakes, and scones with cream and jam. It wasn't just the adults who baked and shared; our young people produced some delicious cakes and biscuits. The children made and paraded their crowns and joined in competitions for which they won prizes and medals. The hall was filled inside and outside with happy people enjoying a unique celebration.

Hymns of Praise at the Parish Church Our final event on the Sunday evening was a Songs of Praise service...favourite hymns and readings. This was another happy and well attended event and it was the first large village event for our new organist Tim. Welcome to the village Tim and Irene!

Our Queen said that she wanted her Platinum Jubilee to be a time for friends and family to come together and for memories to be created. Stoodleigh did its very best and achieved the Queen's aspirations for us all!

#### Other news

Prize Winners for Stoodleigh 100 Club  
 February 1 Yvonne Lang 2 Jan Mills  
 3 Vanessa Turner 4 Malcolm Jones  
 March 1 Rosie James 2 Felicity Green  
 3 Iris Wotton 4 Susan Fowler  
 Come and join the club...we start 2022-2023 in May.  
 Contact Christine Palfrey Knightwood.

#### Church News

Back in April, we held a well attended coffee morning, kindly hosted by Ann which raised over £300 for the Church. We also had a stall in South Molton market which went very well and also raised over £300. We have another stall booked in South Molton in September. Thanks to all who supported these two events.

Sadly, I have to report that Margaret Cuninghame, our long serving Church Warden decided to retire from her duties and the PCC after many years of sterling service. Jennifer Rowlandson, our organist, tower captain and all round stalwart has also retired from her positions in the church and the PCC due to ill health. We send our very good wishes to both of them and thank them most warmly for all their hard work and commitment over many years.

#### Upcoming events:

Saturday 6 August Stoodleigh Family Fun Dog Show Gates open at 1.30pm. and judging starts at 2 pm. This fun event takes place on 6 August in the paddock at Orchard View by kind permission of Pat and Fred Robinson. In addition to the Dog Show, there will be cream teas, a Pimms and Beer tent, cakes, tombola, a raffle and much more. The show classes and full details will be available on the Stoodleigh website soon. If you have a pet, there will be a class for you but if not, please come along and just enjoy yourself. Free entry and £1 to enter your pet in each class. Can you help? If so, contact Geraldine Talbot (351391). This is a joint fund raising event: Hall and Church.

Saturday 20 August Stoodleigh Garden Club ANNUAL PRODUCE SHOW Parish Hall. As well as all the classes

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in the show schedule available on the Stoodleigh Garden Club section of the village website (see below for website address) and in the Village Swap Box, we are adding an extra cake making class for Under 16 year olds in response to the excellent baking at the Jubilee Tea Party  
 Hoping to see you with all your entries on the 20th!

**Resident News**

It is sad to report that Jo Shepherd died on 4 June at 'Castle Grove' in Bampton, aged 87. Jo had lived there for over five years after moving from her house in Stoodleigh where she had lived with her late husband John since 1986.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with the family and friends of Tom Drew who passed away peacefully on 6 May.

Finally, welcome to Phil and Julie Hubbard who are now living at Ford Cottages. We hope you will be very happy in Stoodleigh.

Our village website is <https://www.middevonparish.co.uk/stoodleigh/events-calendar/>

## TEMPLETON

How wonderful the last few weeks have been here at Templeton, but how busy! The Platinum Jubilee was a chance to catch up and celebrate with family, friends and neighbours. The lighting of our brazier beacon was a poignant moment. From our vantage point at the village hall, we could see the glow of other beacons and bonfires in the distance. It is very special indeed to feel part of a community.

St Margaret's Church and the Churchyard

Work on St Margaret's Church continues. We are very grateful for Don's expertise in carrying out very necessary repairs within the church. The interior walls now need to be sanded down and painted. The extended churchyard has become more established and the area will be consecrated by the Bishop of Crediton on Tuesday 16 August.

On 12 June, a copper beech was planted in the churchyard with a slate plaque to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Initiative. Templeton PCC is very grateful to the Parish Council for providing financial support towards this occasion.

**Church Services**

The Sunday Services at St Margaret's Church are usually held twice a month, with lay-led services on the first two Sundays of each month, and group or cluster services, led by Steph or Claire, rotating between all nine parishes. After many years of playing the organ for all the services, Martin Strong is stepping down from this role. We are grateful to Martin for his wonderful organ music through so many services and special occasions as well as during the pandemic when singing was not permitted. Many thanks to Eleri for agreeing to play the organ at future church services from time to time, and to Marjorie for stepping in and playing the organ for several of our services over the past years and hopefully in the future!

The services in Templeton over the next few months will be held on: 3 July, 17 July (Cluster Service with Holy

Communion), 7 August, 14 August, 4 September, and 11 September (Harvest Festival).

**Past events**

Templeton Tractor Run, Templeton Village Hall: Sunday 24 April  
 Thank you, Roland and Reg, for organising a very successful Tractor Run, which raised much-needed funds for Devon Air Ambulance and St Margaret's Church. Tractors, old and new, drove along a planned local route. Bacon rolls were on sale at the Village Hall before the Tractor Run, and on their return, there was a pasty and a pint waiting for the hungry drivers. Thank you everyone who took part, and who came out to watch the event which, with the draw, raised £526 to share between the Devon Air Ambulance and St Margaret's Church, Templeton. Templeton Village Hall has long had a special association with Devon Air Ambulance. The collection jar at the bar was also recently emptied and raised around £27 for the Devon Air Ambulance.

**Safari Supper: Saturday 14 May**

The safari supper was an enjoyable social event where different courses of the meal were enjoyed at different people's houses, with the starters and bubbly being served at the church, before the guests and hosts went to their selected courses. In this way, the cooking was shared, and everyone was able to mix with different guests at each course. Thanks to all the hosts for providing delicious meals for the guests! The event raised £320 in aid of St Margaret's Church.

**Beacon Brazier alight: Thursday 2 June**

The lighting of beacons was the first community event celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Templeton





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Village Hall and Social Club arranged for a wonderful cast iron brazier to be created by local blacksmith, Colin Dayment and it will be used for future occasions in our community. The bar opened at 8pm with refreshments and the brazier was lit at 9.45pm - along with many beacon bonfires and braziers across the country. It was a lovely clear evening and a perfect way to start the celebrations.

### Big Jubilee Lunch: Sunday 5 June

This event was for all Templeton residents, and those closely connected to Templeton. Everyone brought a plate of food to share, and the Village Hall provided the meats, bread, potatoes, Prosecco for all, and wines at the table. There was a wonderful spread of salads, meats, flans, pies and delicious desserts. Everyone raised a glass to toast the Queen and sang all five verses of the national anthem! Well done to Liz who deservedly won the pudding competition against some very stiff opposition. Thank you to everyone who brought such wonderful food, and many thanks to the Parish Council for providing financial support for these events.

### Templeton Village Hall and Social Club Update

Club nights are held on Monday and Saturday evenings. Club membership is £2 a year and the drinks are very reasonably priced. If you would like to know more about Templeton, including our past events, please visit Templeton Village Hall's Facebook Page. The bar now takes payments by card as well as cash! There is a fixed barbecue for anyone to use (providing they check that there are no other bookings on that day). The hall has two table tennis

tables, a pool table, darts and skittles, so why not come along and enjoy a game – either on a club night, or you might prefer to use the hall at a time that suits you better. If you would like to book the village hall for games, a party, meeting, or any other event, please contact Bindy 01884 860655.

Templeton Village Hall has had the good fortune to benefit from financial support from the Government over the past two years as a result of the lockdown and restrictions from the Covid pandemic. This has allowed the Village Hall and Social Club to consider carrying out much-needed repairs to the hall and also to find ways to support the Templeton community. One suggestion was that the Village Hall offers grants of up to £200 for people wishing to set up regular group activities at the village hall such as table tennis, skittles, courses, music groups, or yoga or book groups. This could allow the village hall to be used more frequently by the community and for the community. If you are local and are interested in applying for a grant or want to know more, do get in touch with Templeton Village Hall by emailing templetonvh@gmail.com .

### Future events

**Summer Fete: Saturday 10 August at Templeton Village Hall from 1.30pm**  
This year's Summer Fete will include the famous Grand Auction (which we were not able to run last year), as well as delicious cream teas, hot dogs, bar, bric-a-brac, books, cakes and produce stalls, tombola, jam jar jamboree, raffle, jumble and lots of fun games. This is a good excuse for a sort out so please check your cupboards and glory holes now for no longer needed items, nearly new clothes etc. We are also looking

for volunteers to help on the big day. If you would like to help, suggest any events, or find out more about the Grand Auction, please email templetonvh@gmail.com.

**Harvest Supper: Saturday 10 September at 7.30pm at Templeton Village Hall.**

Do come and enjoy an excellent supper and puddings at this popular event. More details to follow but please put the date in your diary now.

**Harvest Festival: Sunday 11 September at 10.45am**

Please remember to bring any fresh, packeted or tinned produce to the church before the weekend so that it can be displayed in the church for the festival and then donated to the Churches Housing Action Trust (CHAT).

**Bonfire and Firework Display: Saturday 5 November at 6.30pm for 7pm**

This is a very popular event people come from Tiverton and surrounding villages to watch our firework display. The bar will also be open!

### Welcome to Templeton

A very warm welcome to Caroline, Tommy, Rupert and Arabella who have just moved into Old Farm in Templeton, and to Dave and Gillian, who are moving to Little Esworthy Farm. Also, to Daniel, Florence and Olivia who are moving to Dart Cottage at Templeton Bridge. We hope you will all be very happy here.

### All good wishes

Our thoughts, prayers and all good wishes are with all those who are unwell, in hospital, receiving or awaiting treatment, recovering from surgery, or who are having a tough time at the moment. Our deepest sympathy



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# PARISH ROUND-UP

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 3 July – 10 July Bindy Linden  
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 17 July – 24 July Ginah Palmer  
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 31 July – 7 August Liz Walker  
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 28 August – 4 September

## WASHFIELD

*Remember: The best portion of a good person's life are their small, nameless, un-remembered acts of kindness and love.*

**W**hat a wonderful week of celebrations of the Platinum Jubilee. The finale was a joyful Songs of Praise in the church on the Sunday evening when a large congregation raised their voices in their chosen hymns and gave thanks for the Queen's faithfulness and dedication to her people. We thank Sue and Andrew for leading and playing for us on this happy occasion. (More Jubilee news later in this column from Anne)

Our thoughts and prayers have been with the Horsey family in their sad loss of Els, whose funeral took place on May 11. The church was filled with all her family and many friends who remembered her with great affection. Els was a longstanding member of our community and is sadly missed for her warm personality and her kind hospitality.

Another sad loss is the passing of Mike Bassano and our thoughts and prayers are with Kay and all her family as they plan his funeral for this coming week here in St. Mary's. Mike and Kay were regular worshippers with us when Mike was well and have been very much part of our village activities for many years. Most of us will have visited their wonderful garden and seen Mike's film shows of their travels. We give thanks for his long and interesting life.

July 2 at 8.30 pm  
 Plans for the Church Fete are underway and help on the day will be warmly welcomed. If you were not able to come to the planning meeting on June 13 and are not already involved, it is not too late! Ring 254306.  
 Contributions to all the usual stalls, teas, raffle etc are needed too.  
 See you there!

A small and hard working team battled with weeds and ivy at the churchyard tidying day in May and we are very grateful to them all. We made a difference!

Important date for your diary - We are supporting The Devon Historic churches Trust on September 10 and plan to provide refreshments for anyone visiting the church in the 'Ride and Stride' sponsored event, and also for our village to meet and have tea or coffee. There will be flowers and music and we hope to make some money for this excellent and much needed cause, which has given us financial help in the past - and to enjoy ourselves as well !  
 Details of the day later.

We are ever mindful of those amongst us who are not well and are anxious. Our thoughts are with them. Our grateful thanks go to Steph our Rector

who has all our concerns in her care, especially those of the bereaved.

Enjoy the summer!

On a beautiful day in April, a long-standing Washfield couple left their Stanterton home to tie the knot and came back as Mr and Mrs Henry Stevens! Congratulations Kim and Henry as you continue to do what you do best...love each other (and Finley). Congratulations to you all.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was very well celebrated in Washfield. The bunting waved in the breeze as more than 50 adults and children took part in a Family Farm Walk (thanks James and Natasha). On their return to the hall, they participated in a cream tea and also had the privilege of naming two of Stanterton Farm's young stock they had seen whilst on their walk! Great fun.

The next evening, we found out who had been the most successful in the Social Club's Jubilee Scarecrow competition and enjoyed a barbecue (thanks Tony, Ann, Peter, Paul and Anne). Amongst the winners were Boris, partaking in wine and cheese (this one eventually featured in a national newspaper in the lead-up to the by-election!), Prince Andrew enjoying pizza in Woking, the first successful ascent of Everest by Edmund Hillary, Neil Armstrong walking on the moon, Greta Thunberg calling for climate action and the Queen herself, parachuting into the 2012 London Olympics! There were 33 scarecrows in all, the most successful festival of its kind so far, well done to all who made one.

The final day of the Jubilee bank holiday saw the Hall committee hosting the

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

### WITHLEIGH

most wonderful tea party for the more than 100 villagers who came along. Luckily the threatening rain held off long enough for a commemorative photograph to be taken of the assembled group. After the tea, many went on to the church for St Mary's Jubilee Songs of Praise. What a wonderful long weekend it was! God bless Queen Elizabeth II.

The Social Club's next planned event is a Photographic Competition. Everyone is invited to submit up to 3 photographs (6x8) illustrating life in Washfield taken since January 1st 2020. Entries should be submitted by October 3rd 2022 (details to follow) and there will be a display of all photographs in the Village Hall. They hope to produce a calendar of the winning photographs. There will be a special award for children's entries. Awards will be announced at the annual Pumpkin evening in October (Pumpkin plants are still available so don't forget to purchase yours soon)

Don't forget that teatime@thehall is held, as always, on the second Tuesday of each month between 3-5pm. All age groups are welcome to pop in for tea, cakes, chatter and support.

Best wishes go to all our young people as they await GCSE and A level results, we hope they are what you want/need. To those leaving school, we send you continued fortune in the next phase of your life.

We wish all those with special celebrations and birthdays our sincere wishes and, if you are not well, are having treatment or awaiting operations, we wish you many get well wishes for a speedy recovery.

At the time of writing we are enjoying long days with warmer temperatures, but by the time you read this the days will already have started to shorten!

Good Friday began, as is our custom, with tea / coffee and hot-cross buns, followed by an informal service led by Paul. The theme of the service was "In Retrospect", taking seven people who played a part in the crucifixion narrative, and how they might have recollected their involvement in the event, some years later. We were also pleased to be able to welcome Roger and Barbara into our community.

Easter Sunday began with a continental-style breakfast in the Village Hall, and it was good to be able to meet again like this after two Easter breakfasts lost to Covid. Our celebration service which followed was well attended, and our thanks go to Stephen for his Powerpoint presentation which ran throughout the service which was led by Paul and Elizabeth.

At our Annual Church Meeting on 21 April, Paul stepped down as churchwarden after 18 years. We thank him for his service to St Catherine's. We are grateful to Stephen, who is taking up this role - thank you, Stephen. Our thanks also to Brenda as she has agreed to continue as churchwarden for another year. Thanks were expressed to all who have agreed to continue to serve on our PCC, to which Marianne was welcomed as a new member.

April 22 saw the first issue by e-mail of 'St Catherine's News' which Elizabeth will be sending out towards the end of each month. This will provide an update of recent and up-and-coming events and church services on a more regular basis than the TODAY magazine is able. The initial response has been very favourable.

Thank you, Sara, for organising the meal for the "Friends of St Catherine's" at the Golf Club on 28 April. It was good to be able to meet together once again. Paul was taken aback when he was presented with a "Thank You" card and gift (a briefcase) in recognition of his time as churchwarden of St Catherine's. He thanks everyone for this gift.

Our Patronal Festival on 1 May was well attended. Our thanks to Brenda for leading the service, and to Margaret for her talk on St Catherine of Sienna, after whom our church is dedicated. Margaret had also decorated the church with white roses and lilies in blue bottles. These corresponded to symbols associated with St Catherine such as the lily and rose (virginity and purity), a miniature church (her dedication to Jesus) and a miniature ship (her devotion to the Church).

The Cluster Service in May was held in St Catherine's. Our thanks to Paul for playing his guitar and to those who did the readings, all at short notice. Our thanks to Susie for taking our informal service on 29 May, which was held in the Village Hall. Susie's theme was "Hallelujah", as thought provoking as ever, and, with Stephen's help, we were able to sing our final hymn "Hallelu, Hallelu" in two parts (friendly competition between those on

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the right and those on the left!), with Paul accompanying us on the guitar - a fitting way to end our service. We then enjoyed coffee, biscuits and fellowship.

A big thank you to David for having the churchyard in pristine condition for the jubilee weekend. David always holds back on cutting the grass until the spring bulbs have finished flowering, which probably explains why there seem to be more blooms each year.

Our Platinum Jubilee celebrations began on the Thursday evening with a barbeque, skittles, and the lighting of the beacon which took place at 9.45pm. This coincided with all the beacons being lit nationally. As ours was lit, Giles played his bagpipes, which made it special.

On Friday the garden at Netherdale was open for coffee and delicious cakes, the weather being perfect, and we were able to enjoy a walk around the garden on a sociable and relaxing morning.

On Saturday evening we held a social in the village hall. This included a quiz, film show of the Queen through her reign, and a sing-along to fifties music. A jacket potato supper was followed by the pudding competition entries as the desserts. The evening was rounded off with Fred and Mike playing their guitars and people enjoying some dancing. Some competitions were held through the celebrations, Henry and Jasper won prizes in the skittles, the quiz was won by Ken, Shirley, Irene, Ron and Steve, the pudding competition being won by Sara.

Our four day Platinum Jubilee Celebrations came to a fitting end with

a Service in church on the Sunday afternoon with our church almost full, and it was good to worship together on this momentous occasion.

The service was led by Paul and Elizabeth, and we are so grateful to Stephen for all his hard work in putting together the power point presentation and video with the Jubilee hymn "Rise up and serve". Thank you, Stephen, and also Janet for accompanying the uplifting singing on the keyboard. Thank you to Janet and Margaret for reading, and to David, Harry, Paul, Susie and Peter for sharing their memories / reflections on the queen's accession and the Coronation. After the service we enjoyed a lovely tea in the Village hall - and what a spread it was!! A big Thank you to all those who provided the tea.

Following the tea the result of the 'display in a bucket' competition was announced, the winner being Jan. A special word of congratulations to young twins Oliver and Jessica who came third,

A big thank you to all who came to the jubilee planning meetings with ideas and offers of help. There are too many people to mention individually, but they certainly joined together, and with all their many talents created a very varied and enjoyable four days of celebration.

Our Summer Fête will be held on Saturday 16 July, in the Village Hall and car park, from 12 noon to 3pm. All the usual stalls and sideshows.

WOW! The Withleigh WI has now been suspended. However all those who were members are continuing to meet on the second Thursday of the month, for talks, meals and social

activities. We call ourselves Women of Withleigh (WOW). Times of meetings vary. All are welcome. Please ring Susie on 258492.

Congratulations to Kate & Andy on the arrival of Rosie Lorraine, granddaughter to Duncan and Sara, and great-granddaughter to Christine. Congratulations also to anyone who has a special anniversary or special birthday.

As ever, get well wishes go to all those known to us who are receiving treatment, recovering from operations, or who are unwell at the moment.

**Forthcoming Events:**  
 Saturday 16 July – Summer Fête, 12 noon to 3pm.  
 Sunday 24 July – Group service in church 10.45am.

**Flower Rota:**  
 July 3 - Rosie Edmonston-Low  
 July 10, 17, 24 - Linda Taylor  
 July 31, August 7, 14 - Susie Wade  
 August 21, 28, Sept. 4 - Daphne Chown



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