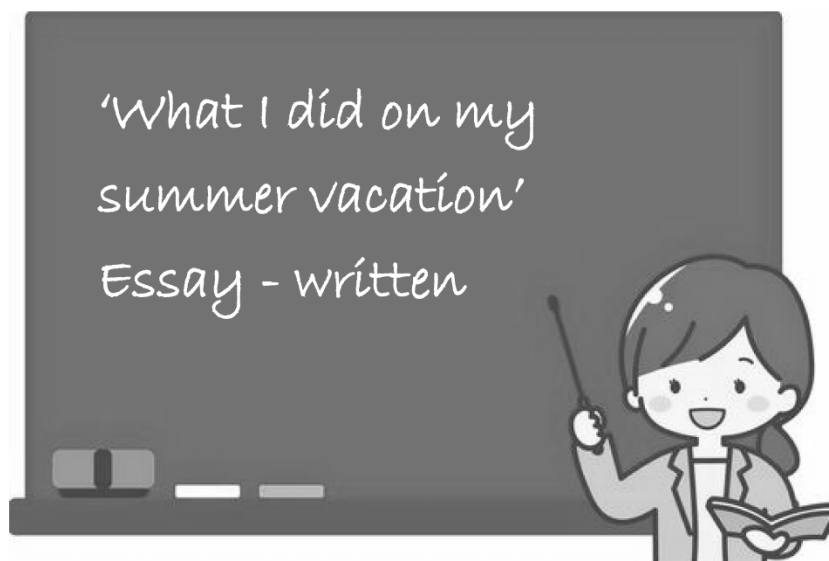


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SEPTEMBER 2025

Parish Magazine of
Shillingford St George and Dunchideock



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Autumn is here - we hope you enjoyed the Summer.
Please check the Diary & inside for things you may wish
to do as it begins to get cooler!



LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

What will September bring? Will it herald an Indian summer or the beginning of autumn? All change in September: we put away the buckets and spades and sharpen our pencils and shake out school uniforms; we close the bedroom door and childhood



posters to pick up our bags and pillows and move on to a new adventure away from the familiarity of home. It can be a scary time both for those on the move and for those left behind at home: 'Will I like it?' 'Will they be OK?'

September reminds us that life moves on. We cannot capture or control the movement of the seasons; we see this in the colours around us. There is no one "green". Some begin bright and yellow-tinged as leaves unfurl in spring, then grow richer and deeper in the summer sun until eventually they ripen with age - golden and orange and red. Finally, they drop, mulching the earth, giving way to the silvery lichens clinging to the bare trees. Each has its own particular beauty.

All things change, and on 21st September we remember Matthew, whose life changed when he met Jesus; the tax collector turned disciple, who wrote one of the four Gospels in the Bible. He related the story of Jesus's life, death and resurrection, the Good News of Love coming into our world and changing the minds of people like him, turning him from the pursuit of personal wealth into a messenger of hope for the world.

That message of hope is simple: God loves us – our Creator loves us - and that love is reflected in the beauty of all the life around us. We often talk about the beauty of Nature. In September let's rather talk about the beauty of Creation, as this is the month when we celebrate Creationtide (1st Sept - 4th Oct). And so we give special thanks to the Creator for the gift of life and all its rich abundance and the beauty which we enjoy around us in our Teign Valley. At the same time we acknowledge and regret our share of responsibility for the damage we have inflicted on God's earth. Our churches and communities say "Thank you" to God in their Harvest Thanksgivings throughout September and October.

We honour Creation monthly in our outdoor Forest Church celebrations on the fourth Sunday of the month. Come and join us at 4pm – details to follow and on posters!

One of my favourite prayers is by St Francis of Assisi who praises God through Creation in the *Canticle of the Sun*:

*Praise to you, my Lord, through all your
creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun,
who brings the day; and you give light
through him.*

*And he is beautiful and radiant in all his
splendour!
Of you, Most High, he bears the
likeness.*

*Praise to you, my Lord, through Sister
Moon and the stars;
in the heavens you have made them,
precious and beautiful.*

*Praise to you, my Lord, through
Brothers Wind and Air,
and clouds and storms, and all the
weather,
through which you give your
creatures sustenance.*

*Praise to you, my Lord, through
Sister Water;
she is very useful, and humble, and
precious, and pure.*

*Praise to you, my Lord, through
Brother Fire,
through whom you brighten the
night.*

*He is beautiful and cheerful, and
powerful and strong.*

*Praise to you, my Lord, through our
Sister Mother Earth,
who feeds us and rules us,
and produces various fruits with
coloured flowers and herbs.*

Revd. Ruth Frampton

Dunchideock Church Calendar

(for other church services in the Mission Community see the main schedule)

Date	Name	Service	Time
Sep 21	St Matthew	Holy Communion	10:30am
<i>Sidesperson</i>	Shirley Phillips		
<i>Readers</i>	Steve Cook	Shirley Phillips	
<i>Readings</i>	Proverbs 3:13-18	2 Corinthians 4:1-6	

Shillingford Parish Council – Short resume from the Parish Council meeting on 14th July 2025

The problem of spasmodic dog fouling was again discussed. TDC Dog Warden has been contacted and new signs will be put up replacing the paper signs which are in situ at present. The PC is looking to fund more robust signs in the future.

The VE Day Commemoration afternoon tea was a great success and thanks was given to everyone who contributed. The sum of £218.24 was raised and will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

Teignbridge District Council are involved in the plans for Devolution with no firm decisions being made as yet. There are many options on the table at present. It has been suggested that Devon could be split into two with Plymouth standing alone as a Unitary Authority in its own right but nothing has been decided. It is still not clear how Devolution will affect services such as Education, Social Services and roads.

The Neighbourhood plan was again discussed and a presentation was given by a TDC member in the VH at the end of July. It is still felt that a Neighbourhood plan is important even with Devolution in the mix. There is now unfortunately no funding available from Central Government to help set up a plan but there may still be options open to us.

Bus shelter cleaning, volunteers were called upon for this task.

Planning applications, one at Peamore for ground mounted solar panels and a second at The Corn Loft in SA, are to be reviewed following visits.

If any posters or stickers are seen promoting a fitness group “Active Clubs” it needs to be reported to the Police. It is thought it could be an antagonistic group trying to recruit members in south Devon.

Next meeting will be on Monday 8th September 2025 in the VH.

Claire Dummett

Shillingford St George Church Calendar for September 2025

Date	Name	Service	Time
7 September	Trinity 12	Morning Service	09.30
Sidesman	Liz		
Readers	Nick and Peter		
Reading	Jeremiah 18:1-11, Philemon 1:1-21, Luke 14:25-33		
Prayers	Lay Team	Barrack Lane & Barton Lane	
Date	Name	Service	Time
14 Sept	Trinity 13	Holy Communion	09.30
Sidesman	Derek		
Readers	Sue and Derek		
Reading	Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28, 1 Timothy 1.12-17, Luke 15.1-10		
Prayers	Clergy	Oak Close & Waybrook Lane	
Date	Name	Service	Time
21 Sept	Trinity 14	Evensong	18.00
Sidesmen	Tom and Gwen		
Readers	Ken and Di		
Readings	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13		
Prayers	Clergy	Road through Shillingford Abbot	
Date	Name	Service	Time
28 Sept	Trinity 15	Holy Communion	09.30
Sidesman	Norman		
Readers	Sue and Norman		
Reading	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31		
Prayers	Nick	Ash Court & St George's Terrace	
Date	Name	Service	Time
5 October	Trinity 16	Morning Service	09.30
Sidesman	Liz		
Readers	Peter and Derek		
Reading	Lamentations 1:1-6, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10		
Prayers	Lay Team	Our Mission Community with Alphington & Ide	

Flower Rota – September 2025

Sept 7 & 14 – Marian

Sept 21 & 28 – Marian

October 5 – Gwen

For your diary

Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 12 October at 09.30.

Shillingford Church Harvest Supper

will be on Monday 13 October in Shillingford Village Hall, at 19.00. Everybody welcome, for a three-course supper. Please put your name on the list at the church, at the Open Door Café or phone Peter and Liz Wareham on 01392 832366. Pay on the door, £12. Numbers are limited to 50. Raffle. Soft drinks available - bring your own wine.

SHILLINGFORD ABBOT GARDEN PARTY AND CLASSIC VEHICLE GATHERING

What a fabulous turnout of classic vehicles we had at our Shillingford Abbot Garden Party on the 29th of June. We had 35 classic vehicles on display from a pre-war Austin 10 to a Lotus supercar. Plus a selection of motorcycles.

An invitation was put through the door of every property in Shillingford Abbot by young Bertie and myself and this gave a great response with so many villagers turning up and offering help with the event.

It is wonderful how everyone comes together to make this event happen. Clearing our driveway of vehicles is a big enough task on its own and that is just the start. Gerald Courtney opened up his superb garage display as a museum which everyone loves and there is always something new to see each year. Delma Hutchings prepared her driveway for 8 vehicles and many of them were villagers classic cars.

Audrey Spackman had another 13 vehicles to display and Chris and Clare opened up the back gates of Shillingford Lodge for even more vehicles and also modern cars to park. We also had a Vintage Bicycle display in our back garden and a nostalgia museum display of Police memorabilia and uniforms along with much more and not forgetting a huge display of picnic sets from the 50s and 60s.

The children, assisted by adults put all the bunting up around the village and sign posts telling everyone where things were. And at 1pm, everyone started to arrive. Lots of wonderful food kept arriving and was set up in our garage prepared and brought by everyone. We also had some huge gazebos erected and one for the children's entertainment. A large Jenga and quizzes kept the children busy and this year we had three treasure hunts on the go with groups of children and adults searching the village for clues.

The weather for the event was just right and it was lovely to see villagers and classic car enthusiasts mixing and enjoying the day and even though Shillingford Abbot has no communal facilities, it certainly doesn't stop us from putting on this event for the whole village.

A big thank you to everyone involved for making the day so special and the icing on the cake was raising £166.43 for the charity Ceda.

We will now have to start planning next year's event which will be on Sunday 28th of June and hopefully we will see even more villagers join us and of course, more classic cars.

Auboné Braddon



JAZZ IN SHILLINGFORD TWO – AN EVENING WITH PETE ALLEN

Saturday 29th November 2025, 19.00, Shillingford Village Hall

Tickets £12.00 from Norman 01392 422390, or Peter & Liz 01392 832366

Advance booking of tickets only – pay on the door

Tables of 4 to 6 can be booked – Bring your own drinks and food – Raffle

Proceeds to church funds

This event is being held again this year following a very successful evening last year and following requests for a repeat performance.

The venue will be the Village Hall in Shillingford St George and has been arranged to raise funds for St George the Martyr Church in Shillingford St George.

Pete has had his own band for over 45 years playing traditional jazz. In the past his band was the most featured band of its style on a host of popular Radio 2 programmes including the Terry Wogan Breakfast Show and Friday Night Is Music Night. The band also made regular appearances on television for BBC Pebble Mill and other television channels. Overseas tours included the USA, Germany, Denmark and Holland. The current band will be performing at the No.1 jazz venue in London.

Over the years Pete has played alongside many USA jazz legends and UK jazz stars including the late Kenny Ball and Acker Bilk. He has released over 100 recordings. This summer the band has played at the Bude Jazz Festival.

This event is Pete's solo music show with him playing live against specially recorded orchestrated backing music. He will play a variety of musical styles suited for clarinet and saxophone and it is a presentation of his multi-instrumental playing and singing. This is an opportunity to see and hear the skill and talent of a high calibre musician who will bring the Village Hall alive with the sound of jazz.

In view of the success of last year's event, tickets are likely to be in demand and early booking is recommended.

Norman Harvey

**The Exchange – Shillingford Village Hall,
Saturday 27th September, 10.30 – 12.00**

Bring your Books, Toys, Puzzles, Plants and Seeds to swap, or just take away something you see! No Bric-a-brac or clothing please

Tasty cakes ~ Coffee ~ Tea

Kathleen (Doreen) Ponsford

Many of you will already know that Kathleen (Doreen) Ponsford sadly passed away on 8th August following a short illness.

She had lived in Shillingford St George for many years and was regularly seen walking her beloved dog Maisie around the village.

A Memorial Service will be held at Shillingford St George Church on 7th September at 9.30 am followed by tea and cakes at the village hall.

All welcome at the church and/or the village hall.

Gina & Ian

LOU'S WILD GARDEN.

Shillingford Wildlife Group presents a talk by
Lou from Lou's Wild Garden at Shillingford
Village Hall on October 22nd at 7.30.

The talk will be informative but light-hearted and will help us all
understand more about wild flowers and how we can include them in
our gardens to help to encourage and attract wildlife.



From the wonder of wildflowers and their wildlife role, to insights into how
they can work in gardens and other achievable ways to help and attract
wildlife: my Exeter-area talks are light-hearted and informative, and audience
interaction is encouraged!



Film Night

Shillingford St George
Village Hall

September 22nd 2025
7:30pm (doors open 7:15)
Free Entry!

Everyone welcome
Come and enjoy watching a film and
get to know your neighbours

Icecream £1.50 Popcorn £1 cash only

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SHILLINGFORD PARISH – PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

On 30 July, villagers were invited to an open meeting in the Village Hall to hear an explanation of Neighbourhood Plans (NP), what they are, potential benefits & who writes them.

The evening was addressed by Rob Kelley Policy & Delivery Officer from Teignbridge District Council, who gave a detailed description of how such a plan might have benefits for our community & how we might go about the process.

Firstly, a committee of local people, (approx. 8 – 10) who simply have an interest in their community, needs to be set up. It is not intended that the Parish Council runs the committee, but a Parish Council committed to the process is essential.

Initially, everyone will be consulted as to how they feel about living in the Parish. It will be an opportunity to say what could be improved or developed, whether it relates to housing, employment, recreation, paths or open spaces. It is an opportunity to recognise features of particular value, e.g., country views, green spaces & the rural nature of a community. These can form a significant part of a N.P. if that is what local people wish. There are restrictions, e.g., a plan cannot prevent development that is already planned or request a better bus service. It can though, influence or shape, local developments. It is an opportunity to contribute to a plan that carries the same weight as the Teignbridge Local Plan, once it is adopted.

One of the key benefits of a NP, is that it can attract considerable additional funding from developers where the building of new homes takes place within the Parish. It is anticipated that once planned building is completed around Peamore, our Parish is likely to receive a substantial amount of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) money. That money could be used for a variety of purposes within the Parish, which directly benefits residents. It's a great opportunity and a real incentive to complete a NP.

To complete a NP is likely to take up to 3 years, it will involve quite a lot of work by the committee & others who might be co-opted for specific tasks. Teignbridge has resources that can be used to help & guide towards the formation of the plan.

Full endorsement of a NP cannot take place until there is a Referendum. This is a formal process, run by Teignbridge, along the lines of an election. Residents are asked to vote on the plan & in order to take it to the next stage, more than 50% of those who vote, must be in favour. The final part of the process is for an independent examiner to approve the plan. As already stated, once endorsed, the plan carries the same weight as a District Council Local Plan.

At the end of the meeting, on 30 July, there was a unanimous vote, that we should proceed & already there is a healthy nucleus of people prepared to be involved. However, 'the more the merrier' as the value of the plan will increase with more ideas & imagination along with greater community engagement.

Already, therefore, we are in a position to take this process further. The next meeting will be on Wednesday October 15 in the Village Hall at 19.30. Whether you have already put your name down or not, you are most welcome.

The experience should be a mix of interest, learning & excitement in developing a vision for Shillingford into the future. To get involved, no experience or expertise is needed. For more information contact John Parrott at johnparrott04@outlook.com

Shillingford Parish Council
August 2025

GRAND DAY OUT at Shillingford Village Hall BBQ

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who came to our "Grand Day Out" BBQ at the village hall.

We Raised £200 for Hospiscare, and we would like to thank most sincerely the Burger Flippers, the Raffle Doers, the Bottle Raffle Doers, the Cake Makers, the Music Makers, the Washer Uppers, Devon Orchards, and to everyone else who helped to make it a "Grand Day", and to those who came and gave so generously

Thankyou all so much!

Village Hall Committee

Open Door Café in Shillingford Village Hall, Wednesdays 10.30 – 12 noon

3rd September – 17th September (Police & Communities) – 1st October

The trouble with rats!

Recently I had to have one of my cats “put to sleep” this was due to probable rat poisoning. A very distressing and harrowing experience.

Unfortunately rat poison will not only kill rats but mice too, giving them a far from fast death. Once the poison is ingested the mouse or rat can still be caught and eaten by cats, owls and other birds of prey forming part of the food chain. Then the poison kills that predator too.

What to do??

Well to minimise a problem with rats here are some suggestions.

- Firstly do not leave or dump rubbish in the open. Rats will sniff out any hint of food and bring their friends along to set up home there.
- Make your compost bin as secure as possible with no food waste put into it. Place it in a visible area where you will walk past it regularly.
- When feeding the birds only put out small amounts at a time and try to sweep up the remains from the floor.
- If you take away the source of the problem i.e. food then this will reduce the presence of rats.
- A “pet friendly” alternative could be used as a rat killer.



Claire Dummett

Shillingford Local History Society – The History of the Orangery and Plants at Bitton House, Teignmouth – Monday 21st July 2025

The talk was given by Stewart Henchie who has been actively involved with the Orangery since 2010 and is now Chairman of the Friends of Teignmouth Orangery.

Stewart trained and worked at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew for 40 years where he was Assistant Curator/Manager of the Services, Temperate and Hardy Display Sections. He then acted as a consultant at Penang Botanic Garden for two years and has collected plants overseas.

An orangery is called an orangery because it was originally designed to house orange trees and other citrus plants, particularly during colder months. The name directly reflects this function, originating from the structures built to protect these delicate trees from harsh winter weather. These structures were built with solid walls, large windows, and sometimes even features like underfloor heating, to provide a warm and sunny environment for the citrus trees to thrive during the winter.

During the 17th century, fruits like orange, pomegranate, and bananas arrived in huge quantities to European ports. Since these plants were not adapted to the harsh European winters, orangeries were invented to protect and sustain them. The high cost of glass made orangeries a status symbol showing wealth and luxury. Over time, the purpose of orangeries evolved. While they continued to be used for growing

plants, they also became spaces for social gatherings and relaxation, often incorporated as extensions of the main house.

There were a large number of Orangeries constructed around the world and Stuart gave some examples. There is one at Kew that was built in 1761 and is now a restaurant. There was another at Buckingham Palace built in 1836 that was moved to Kew. The Orangery at Kensington Palace, built in 1704-05, featured underfloor heating and large windows for light and it is now a restaurant. Other examples are the Palm House at Kew built in 1844, and the Temperate House at Kew opened in 1863.

The land on which the Teignmouth Orangery was built was originally owned by Thomas de Bytton (Bitton), Bishop of Exeter in 1292 who is thought to have built a house there surrounded by a park. The area was originally known as West Teignmouth with a history potentially dating back to Roman times.

The present house is recorded by Pevsner as late 18th Century and is thought to have been built between 1795 and 1800. Many of its original features have been retained and it is now a Grade II* listed building. From 1813 the house was called West Cliff House and was the home of Lord Exmouth (Admiral Sir Edward Pellew) until his death in 1833 and burial at Christow, as he also had an estate at Canonteign. In 1852 the property was known as East Bitton.

The house became known as Bitton House in 1890, and was still surrounded by a park. In 1904 it was sold to the then Teignmouth Urban District Council and is now the offices of Teignmouth Town Council. During the First World War the house was used as a hospital and in the Second World War the glass in the Orangery was blown out by a nearby bomb. An Isolation Hospital was built in the grounds in the 1920s and remained until 1975.

The Orangery was built in July 1842 in the classical style with a wooden structure, cast iron metal uprights and cast iron ventilators. The building is 60 feet long, 20 feet high, 20 feet wide and a temperature of 16°C is currently maintained. In 1904 it is known to have been a proper Orangery, with potting sheds, and Bitton House looked like it is today, still surrounded by the park. The gate posts from the 1920's still stand.

Over time the Orangery fell into decay and by 1979 it was in a derelict condition under threat of demolition. In that year, Teignmouth District Council submitted a proposal to demolish the Orangery in view of its condition. Following wide public opposition there was a Public Inquiry in 1980 and demolition was refused.

1979 also saw the start of a struggle to get the Orangery restored and it was designated a Grade II listed building. Eventually these events resulted in the restoration of the building by the Council in 1985, and it has been described as beautiful and a "mini-Kew". 1985 also saw the formation of the "Friends of Teignmouth Orangery".

The roof was refurbished in 1984 and new heating was installed in 1990 at a cost of £11,000. In 2008 further restoration work was completed at a cost of £35,000.

Another improvement has been the replacement of the cast iron ventilators with Baylis auto ventilators. These open and close a hinged vent automatically using energy from the warmth of the sun or the surrounding air. The hotter it gets, the wider the vents open. They use no electricity etc., and so it is a very environmentally friendly product.

The glass has to be cleaned inside and outside twice a year. As glass had been mentioned, Stewart advised that Greenhouses gained this name because the glass originally used was green in colour. There are six volunteer gardeners and six volunteer waterers, and the Dawlish Garden Trust volunteers help with the re-soiling and transplanting of the beds.

The Orangery now houses a wide range of plants from different climate zones including *Brugmansia* or Angel's Trumpet (native to sub-tropical South America), *Bougainvillea*, *Gloriosa* and *Strelitzia*. Stewart provided a list of some of the many varieties. These include:-

Japanese Banana	Tailflower (<i>Anthurium</i>)	Lobster Claw (<i>Heliconia</i>)
Glory Lily	Fairy Ring Fungus	Angel's Trumpet
Kaffir Lily	Never Never Plant	Swiss Cheese Plant
Tahoma Glacier Orchid	Peacock Plant	Bird of Paradise
Angel Wing Begonia	Bird's Nest Fern	Cast Iron Plant

An Orange Tree was planted in 1990 which produced a bumper crop in February 2007 of 56 oranges weighing 29 pounds, and a pineapple has been grown.

This was a very interesting talk about one of the smaller historic buildings in Teignmouth. It was built as a fashionable addition to the main house and is a survivor of the style of living in the later 1800's. As with many of these buildings which subsequently had mixed fortunes, public opposition saved it from demolition. The Friends of Teignmouth Orangery have since ensured that the original purpose has been restored and will be continued.

The Orangery is located on the A379, Bitton Park Road, in Teignmouth. It is on the left hand side going towards Newton Abbot and some distance before the turning to Shaldon Bridge. It is open from April to September on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 2 to 4 pm and entry is free. There are pay and display car parks. Plants are available for sale in the Orangery.


The next talk is on Monday October 6. Dr Ian Varndell will speak about '*What can a graveyard tell us about Georgian Exeter?*' – *the Exeter Dissenters Graveyard*.

The Committee is very much in need of new members, so if anyone is interested, please contact the Chairman, Jan Wood at jwood227@btinternet.com.

The membership year is from May to April and annual fees are now due. The annual fee remains only £8, and is payable now for 2025 to 2026. This includes free entry

to the meetings and talks for the year, and covers the cost of the buffet at the February meeting. New members are always welcome. The fee per meeting for guests is £4.

Norman Harvey
Committee Member
Shillingford Local History Society




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THE OLD RECTORY AT DUNCHIDEOCK

The former rectory, which stands close to the parish church and Dunchideock Barton farmhouse is well known to both residents and visitors. It is a Grade II listed building, believed to have been built in the early 1400s, and was first listed by Historic England in 1952. By then it had for a long time consisted of just one wing. In 1957 it was described in an article about mediaeval priests' houses, and an interior ground plan published there showed its arrangement then - but it underwent substantial alterations when the interior was modernised in the 1960s, and the current listing entry on the Historic England website includes reference to these changes.



This is how it looked in 2017.

But these 20th century alterations were not the only changes to the rectory buildings, which had undergone many others over the centuries; and there are a few documentary and visual clues to its past appearance, which still survive.



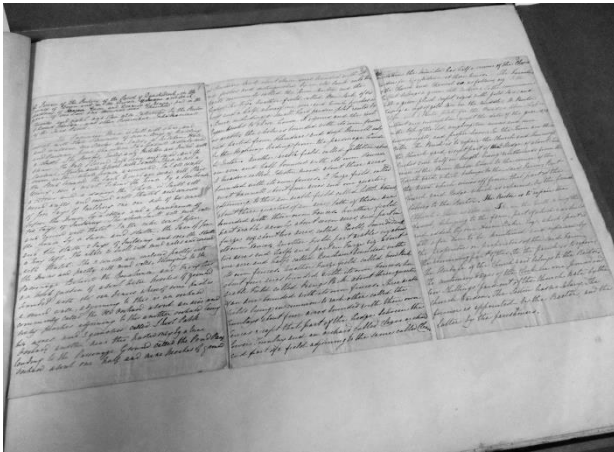
A map of the Dunchideock Barton estate dated 1652, the earliest surviving map of any lands in the parish, includes three-dimensional artistic impressions of the church, the original Barton farmhouse, and other nearby buildings – including the rectory. This extract shows these buildings as they appear on the map – the rectory stood in its own enclosed field, and was named as the Pars[o]nage House. It was far larger than it is now, and consisted of what appeared to be three wings around a courtyard at the back of today's remaining wing – or perhaps two

wings with a wall joining them.

According to the Historic England listing description, a “glebe terrier” of 1679 (which nowadays does not seem to survive either in the Exeter Diocesan archive collection or among the Dunchideock parish records) referred to a 2-storey detached cob kitchen which apparently disappeared sometime in the next half a century. Kitchens

were often built separately to the living quarters because of the danger of fire. Could this have been the wing across the courtyard to the back of the main wing in 1652? A "glebe terrier" is a written survey or inventory, which describes the lands and property belonging to a particular Church of England parish, particularly the buildings and land – glebe lands - held by the rector or vicar for his own support and that of the church. Glebe terriers often provide the only information we now have about the church's previous possessions, including the rectory or vicarage buildings, the churchyard and other buildings, as well as details about the clergyman's sources of income.

There is fortunately a later glebe terrier which does survive in copy form in the Dunchideock parish collection, and it includes a detailed description of the rectory house and its associated buildings as they were in the early 18th century. This terrier was prepared in 1728 by the Reverend Thomas Byrdall, Rector of Dunchideock, and although the original doesn't survive, a copy was made seventy years later in the 1790s, and it survives in the parish collection, pasted onto the pages of a large volume.



The following is an extract from this glebe terrier, describing the rectory house as it was in 1728. I have left the spelling and the use of capital letters as they appear in the original, but have added some additional punctuation - which was commonly missing from documents written in past centuries, and which can make their meaning hard to follow.

"The Parsonage House is built with stone and covered with slate. Consists of seven Bays of Building and contains two Porches an Entry, a Kitchen, Hall, and Parlour, four chambers, two Garrets a study and a closet. The Porches, Entry and Kitchen are paved with stones The Hall floored With Lime and sand and the Parlour, Study and Closet with bourds. There is not a room in the whole house wainscoted, but all except the Porch towards the back Court are ceiled with Plaistering; over a court behind the house ly a brewhouse a cellar and a dairy. The whole is built with mud walls and covered with thatch and consists of five bays of building; the one side of two courts before the House by a cellar and a poundhouse of six bays of building The whole built with mud walls and covered with thatch. In the outer court before the house ly a barn and stable; the barn of four and the stable 2 bays of building and over the stable a hay loft. The whole is built with mud walls and covered with thatch. The 3 courts are inclosed partly with the Houses and partly with mud walls, belonging to the Parsonage. Behind the Brewhouse and dairy lies an herb garden of about twelve perches of ground bounded with its own fences whereof some part is a mud wall, adjoining to this is an orchard commonly called the Old Orchard about an acre and sixty perches adjoining to this another orchard being two acres and three quarters called Shoot Park Orchard another near this parted only by a lane leading

to the Parsonage Ground called the Pond Park Orchard about one half [acre] and nine perches of ground.”

The glebe terrier continues for five more pages, describing in detail the rest of the orchards and fields belonging to the glebe, which was over 85 acres in size, the surplice fees due to the Rector, the church plate and furnishings, the financial responsibilities of Rector and parishioners, and payments to the parish clerk, and was signed by the Rector, his churchwarden and “other Principal Inhabitants of the said Parish”.

In 1791, when the parishes of Dunchideock and Shillingford St. George were united under one benefice with one Rector, only one glebe was then required. So in 1806, Sir Lawrence Palk, then owner of the Haldon Estate as well as the advowson and Lordship of the Manor of Dunchideock, applied to the Bishop of Exeter for permission to exchange the glebe lands in Dunchideock, for lands in Shillingford St. George which his father had purchased and which he now owned as part of the Haldon Estate. He wished the Shillingford St George lands to become the glebe for both parishes and the Dunchideock glebe lands and buildings to belong to him instead.



In order for this to be considered, a survey and valuation, with an accompanying plan of each glebe and a list of the buildings and fields in each, had to be prepared. So fortunately there is a surviving plan of the glebe lands in Dunchideock as they looked by 1806. This is a small extract from the original, held among the Palk clients' papers in the Kennaway, Solicitors collection at Devon Heritage Centre.

It shows the rectory house and its surrounding courtyards and buildings (numbered 1) as they looked in the early

19th century. Although there is no detailed description of these buildings in 1806 (no. 1 is listed merely as “House, Outhouses, Courtlage, Garden and Lane”) it appears that the cob buildings which were described in 1728 as being in the court in front of the house were still standing. This map also clearly shows the three orchards which 80 years earlier had been named and described as adjoining the grounds of the rectory. Thus from 1806, the rectory house and its outbuildings, and the fields and orchards of the glebe became the property of Sir Lawrence Palk.

Jan Wood, Shillingford Local History Society



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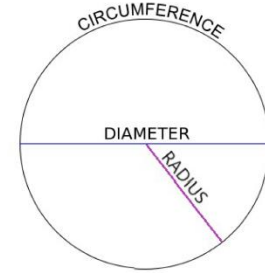
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π

Take a plate and draw round it. This circle is called the *circumference*. Put a bit of string over the circle and measure how long it is. Measure the widest bit across the circle. This is called the *diameter*. Now do this calculation



$$\text{circumference} \div \text{diameter}$$

Repeat this with a bowl, a mug, a tin of beans and any other round object you have to hand.

What do you find? It doesn't matter how big your circle is, the answer is always the same: three and a bit.

It is thought the ancient Egyptians knew this as early as 2000BC. The ancient Greeks were very excited by it and called this three and a bit by the name π . We pronounce it "pie" as in "Steak and Ale Pie". In Europe they pronounce it (somewhat unfortunately) as "pee"!

π is an *irrational* number. Irrational doesn't mean its decisions are hard to follow, irrational means that it is impossible to write it as a fraction.

We all know how big three is, but what about the bit? How big is the bit? I have π written to 10,000 decimal places. It takes up 7 pages and that is not the end. The digits don't ever stop and they don't ever repeat.

In June 2024, Jordan Ranous, Kevin O'Brian and Brian Beeler set their supercomputer running for 104 days and calculated π to 202 trillion digits (2.02×10^{14} digits). Still didn't end and didn't repeat...

To remember the first 10 digits of π :

Yum! I love a tasty baked-cake. I'd devour every pie.

3 . 1 4 1 5 9 2 6 5 3

For most of us, 3.14 or $\frac{22}{7}$ or $\frac{355}{113}$ are quite sufficient approximations for π .

I like the last one best; write the odd numbers twice: 1 1 3 3 5 5. Chop this in half and write the first three on the bottom and the last three on the top of your fraction. This is surprisingly accurate to six decimal places. Although the π button on my calculator is the most useful of all!

Dawn Bird

TEIGN VALLEY MEN'S SHED

Teign Valley Men's Shed will be open **every Thursday during September** from **9:30am to 12:30pm**. If you are already a member, look out for an email or WhatsApp message just in case we have to cancel, or contact the email address below.

The Shed is located at Embercombe in Higher Ashton, EX6 7QQ – on the first floor of the large building just beyond the main car park. Coffee and tea will be available. Transport is available if required – a minibus (courtesy of Acorn) is available most weeks, at a cost of £5 per week. See contact details below.

What are Men's Sheds?

"Sheds" are kitted-out community spaces where men can enjoy practical hobbies. They're about making friends, learning and sharing skills - and for a bit of banter over a cup of coffee or tea. The current focus is on woodwork. If you have skills to share, or you have very little or no experience and want to learn, then you will be very welcome! There is an annual membership fee of £10, and a session fee of £5 for each session.

Recent Developments:

We've been making full use of the new work area with increased numbers, and it's meant more space in the main area for large projects and safe working. The pine marten boxes are almost complete, and this month saw the installation of the corner display unit in the Embercome reception area. Work continues on a moveable outdoor shelving unit for the Christow shop.



For further details or to register an interest, or to arrange transport, please email teignvalleyshed@gmail.com

Everyone is welcome!

Don't miss an opportunity to meet new friends and learn/share some practical skills.

MANAGING OUR CHURCHYARDS FOR PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE

The Dunchideock PCC wants to manage our churchyard so that it is welcoming and accessible for those using it as a place of remembrance and peace and at the same time also for wildlife to flourish. There is a surprising amount of biodiversity found in many churchyards. These are potentially wonderful spaces often having had little in the way of chemicals over the centuries and with the correct management provide a habitat for an amazing variety of nature whilst needing to be open to all visitors.

To this end we have sought advice from Kelvin Boot, a local naturalist, who has written many articles and books on wildlife. He has made lots of programmes for the BBC Natural History Unit and began his career as Curator of Natural History at the RAM museum in Exeter. He is still writing and spends some of his time encouraging churches to nurture and enhance the wildlife that visits. He has kindly visited Dunchideock churchyard and made some valuable suggestions which I will gladly forward on to anyone who is interested. He has also offered to give a talk in the church on what he has found and would be happy to answer any questions if there is sufficient interest.

Please let me know at tinamcook@btinternet.com or 01392 832057.

Tina Cook (church warden)

St. Michael's Church Dunchideock – Flower Rota for September 2025

Sat 20th September: Judith Phythian and Lynnette Hares

Dunchideock Parish Council

The Parish Council has a new web site at:

www.dunchideock.net

A great deal of information from the previous site is currently missing but will hopefully be replaced in the coming months. Our next meeting is 7.30pm in the Village Hall on Monday 8th September 2025. The Agenda will be on the web.

Dudley Swain

Dunchideock Village Hall Events

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SEPTEMBER

Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th September: Cardio Drumming at 18.00. Enjoy music, improve cardio fitness, develop drumming skills and experience amazing feelings of wellbeing. £10 per session. Call Tamsin – 07891 861881

Monday 8th September: Parish Council Meeting at 19.30 All welcome to attend.

Friday 12th September: Village Hall Barbecue Celebrating 150 years at 19.00: There will be an exhibition of photographs charting the history of the hall from its days as Dunchideock Church School through to its current life as our Village Hall. BBQ, music and dancing! Tickets £8.50 to include a burger, sausage and salads. 1960's attire optional! Please contact Sarah on 07738 631495 or Anne on 07894 228570 for tickets.

Friday 19th September: Film Night returns! “Bridget Jones: Mad About The Boy” at 18.45 for a 19.15 start. *“Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy”* Bridget Jones is now a single mother navigating life after the death of her husband, Mark Darcy. As a widow with two young children, she is coping with grief and the challenges of single parenthood. Bridget re-enters the dating world, which leads to encounters with a younger man Roxster, and her son's science teacher, Scott Wallaker. This heartfelt and humorous film explores themes of grief, resilience, and starting over again, highlighting Bridget's journey of self-reinvention. Rotten Tomatoes 89%. £5 Admittance includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Extra charge for ice cream and bar. Organised by Ray Mallett and Lee Curio.

OCTOBER

Thursday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th October: Cardio Drumming at 18.00. Enjoy music, improve cardio fitness, develop drumming skills and experience amazing feelings of wellbeing. £10 per session. Call Tamsin – 07891 861881

Friday 17th October: Film Night at 18.45 for a 19.15 start. **Film to be confirmed.** £5 Admittance includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Extra charge for ice cream and bar. Organised by Ray Mallett and Lee Curio.

******Advance Notice******

Friday 19th December: The Lord Haldon Hotel at 19.00.

Christmas Extravaganza! Cornish legend, Mr Johnny Cowling will be returning to Dunchideock for a fabulous, festive evening of comedy & song. Supported by Devon's own 'Sweet and Fruity" jazz/swing band, *Plum Jam*. Pasty supper to be included in ticket price.

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Please contact Tanya Burns on 07712 672234 for tickets

Garden Party – 6th July 2025

Robin and Mark of The Old Mill, Dunchideock generously opened their glorious garden on 6th July for a lovely Garden Party in aid of the Village Hall funds. The sunny afternoon was a celebration of floral beauty, village chatting and catch ups, a cream tea donated by the hosts and cakes made by the village hall support group and all served by the Village Hall committee team. Mark and Robin hosted with ease and grace, inviting guests to revel in their outdoor paradise.

A few days later Jean Cole invited her University Gardening group to visit the garden, and again the proceeds were generously donated to the Village Hall.

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September	Time	Details
7 Trinity 12/Proper 18	9:00am	Scattered Church by Telephone - Service of the Word
	10:30am	St Michael, Doddiscombsleigh - Holy Communion
	10:30am	St Mary, Dunsford - Service of the Word
	11:00am	St James, Christow - Harvest Thanksgiving
14 Holy Cross Day	9:00am	Scattered Church by Telephone - Service of the Word
	10:30am	St Thomas Becket, Bridford - Holy Communion
	10:30am	St Mary, Dunsford - Family Service
	11:30am	St John the Baptist, Ashton - Harvest Thanksgiving
21 St Matthew	9:00am	Scattered Church by Telephone - Service of the Word
	10:30am	St Michael & All Angels, Dunchideock - Holy Communion
	10:30am	St Mary, Dunsford - Holy Communion
28 Trinity 15/Proper 21	9:00am	Scattered Church by Telephone - Service of the Word
	10:30am	St Thomas Becket, Bridford - Holy Communion
	10:30am	St Mary, Dunsford - Service of the Word
	4:00pm	Ashton Village Orchard - Forest Church
	4:30pm	St Michael, Doddiscombsleigh - Harvest Thanksgiving (followed by tea)

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Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community

The Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community includes the parishes of Ashton, Bridford, Christow, Doddiscombsleigh, Dunchideock and Dunsford. Rev'd Ruth Frampton (Rector) - 01647 253164 or tvhhrectory@yahoo.com. Rev'd Elizabeth Burren (Curate) - revelizabethburren@gmail.com

Pastoral Care

If you would like, or know someone who would be glad of, a call or "virtual" visit from Rev'd Ruth, Rev'd Elizabeth, another member of the church community or from an Anna Chaplain, please contact the rectory (contact details above), or the Churches' Administrator (see *Getting in touch...* below).

Sunday Services

There is a 9am telephone service each Sunday - you do not need internet access, just a landline or mobile telephone. Between 5 and 10 minutes before the service begins, please dial 0333 011 0616 and enter the code 334 7721, followed by the # key, when asked. The cost of the call is the standard cost for any 01, 02 or 03 number, but will vary according to your telephone contract. If you miss the Sunday sermon, catch up by phone. Call local number 01647 407047 to listen during the following week.

All our church buildings are open for public worship and details are provided in the separate schedule of services. Please check the "A Church Near You" website for your parish for updates (search for e.g. "A Church Near You Bridford").

Scattered Church – Home Communion – during August

Rev'd Ruth and Rev'd Elizabeth will be taking home communion to those who are not able to attend church. If you would like to arrange a visit, please contact them (details above).

Harvest Services

Why not join one of the opportunities to give thanks for God's creation and wonderful provision at one of our special harvest celebrations this Autumn:

Ashton:

Sunday 14 September - 11:30am Harvest Thanksgiving, followed by lunch

Bridford:

Sunday 12 October - 11:00am Harvest Thanksgiving, followed by lunch

Christow:

Sunday 7 September - 11:00am Harvest Thanksgiving, followed by lunch

Doddiscombsleigh:

Sunday 28 September - 4:00pm Harvest Thanksgiving, followed by bring-and-share tea

Dunchideock:

Sunday 12 October - 11:00am Harvest Thanksgiving, followed by lunch in the Village Hall (tickets from Tina Cook tinamcook@btinternet.com or 01392 832057)

Dunsford:

Sunday 12 October - 10:30am Family Harvest Service and 6:30pm Cider & Song

Forest Church – 28 September

A monthly opportunity to explore outdoor spirituality, for all the family, at 4pm on Sunday 28 September in Ashton Village Orchard (behind the Village Hall). You don't need to be a church-goer to come to Forest Church, just someone who appreciates creation and would like to have fun and explore their spiritual side outdoors. You can stay for all or part of the session and join in as you feel comfortable. Bring a camp chair or rug to sit on if you can, everyone of all ages is welcome, dogs too!

Dunsford Home Groups

An opportunity to think, discuss and learn together. There are *two* evening groups – one meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month, and the other on the second and fourth Tuesday. For details, please contact Rev'd Ruth Frampton – contact details above. All welcome!

Villages Prayer

An opportunity each month to join together specifically to pray for our world, our communities, our churches and those we know. Everyone is welcome. We meet to pray on the 3rd Tuesday of each month between 5pm and 6pm. The next meeting will be on 16 September at Stonehouse, Village Road, Christow, EX6 7NF.

Getting in touch...

If you wish to discuss plans for a baptism/christening, banns of marriage, wedding, funeral, interment of ashes or memorial service, or have any other enquiry, please contact Steve Cook, the Churches' Administrator, on 01392 832332 or email tvhchurches@gmail.com

From the registers...

Weddings:

30 July	Aston Alefounder and Kirsty Smith (Ashton)
16 August	Oliver Gaziano and Hannah Watts

Villages Diary

Date	Time	Event	Place
September			
Wed 3	10:30-12.00	Open Door Café	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 5	19.00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Mon 8	19.30	Parish Council Meeting	Dunchideock Village Hall
Tue 9	10.30-12.00	The Garden Room coffee morning	Lord Haldon Hotel
Fri 12	19.00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 12	19.00	Village School to Village Hall – 150 Years celebration barbecue	Dunchideock Village Hall
Wed 17	10:30-12.00	Open Door Café	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 19	18.45 for 19.15	Film Night – <i>Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy</i>	Dunchideock Village Hall
Fri 19	19.00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Sat 20	13.00-16.00	Exeter Growers Co-operative Open Day	Growers' field, between the Shillingfords
Mon 22	19.15 for 19.30	Film Night – <i>The King's Speech</i>	Shillingford Village Hall
Tue 23	10.30-12.00	The Garden Room coffee morning	Lord Haldon Hotel
Fri 26	19.00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Sat 27	10.30-12.00	The Exchange	Shillingford Village Hall
Sun 28	16.00	Forest Church	Ashton Village Orchard
October			
Wed 1	10:30-12.00	Open Door Café	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 3	19.00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Mon 6	19.30	Shillingford Local History Society – Dr. Ian Varndell on Exeter Dissenters' Graveyard	Shillingford Village Hall
Tue 7	10.30-12.00	The Garden Room coffee morning	Lord Haldon Hotel
Fri 10	19.00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Sun 12	09.30	Harvest Festival	Shillingford Church
Sun 12	11.00	Harvest Thanksgiving followed by lunch in the Village Hall	Dunchideock Church
Sun 12	15.00	<i>Country News</i> editors' and distributors' annual meeting and tea	Lord Haldon Hotel
Mon 13	19.00	Harvest Supper	Shillingford Village Hall
Wed 15	19.30	Meeting re Shillingford Neighbourhood Plan	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 17	18:45 for 19.15	Film Night – film to be confirmed	Dunchideock Village Hall
Fri 17	19.00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Tue 21	10.30-12.00	The Garden Room coffee morning	Lord Haldon Hotel
Wed 22	19.30	Shillingford Wildlife Group – <i>Lou's Wild Garden</i>	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 24	19.00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 31	19.00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
November			
Sat 29	19.00	Jazz – An Evening with Pete Allen	Shillingford Village Hall
December			
Fri 19	19.00	Christmas Extravaganza with Johnny Cowling and Plum Jam	Lord Haldon Hotel

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