

# COUNTRY NEWS

OCTOBER 2025

Parish Magazine of

*Dunchideock and Shillingford St George*



"When the Saints go marching in..."

'Tis All Hallows Eve on 31st October, please check the Diary & inside for everything else on.  
Also: Early bird tickets on sale for Johnny Cowling at The Lord Haldon until the start of Nov. - in aid of DVH & more

## LETTER FROM THE CURATE

### Rev'd Elizabeth Burren



I'm writing this in late summer, the sun is still warm, and the trees are just beginning to show a bit of gold. I love the turning of the seasons, and the first hints of Autumn are reminding me that it will soon be a full year since I arrived in the churches of the Teign Valley and Haldon Hill. It's been a joy to get to know the people and communities here and to be part of the rhythm of life in these villages. Each one has its own character, but what has been universal has been the warmth and generosity of the welcome.

My first service here was Remembrance Sunday in St James' Christow, and I remember feeling grateful to the church family there for helping me to feel at home and to understand what they needed from me on this important day. This spirit of openness and co-operation continued in all of the six churches and villages of the Teign Valley and I am glad to have been formed by the people of this place. There is a strength and continuity in these villages which I haven't experienced before, a real sense of community and a willingness to show up and get involved, and I hope I can find this, or bring it with me, wherever I find myself in the future.

I recently spend a day on Dartmoor with my husband and son, and at one point we stood on Haytor, and could see Exmouth where we lived for 30 years, the Teign estuary where we live now, and across to Belvedere Tower which overlooks the valleys and hills where I currently work. Peter and I are in the process of looking for our next job in the church, and this will mean moving away from these places where we have lived and loved and been nurtured. Seeing them all laid out in front of me gave me a new perspective, and helped me to resolve my feelings about moving on in life. The people and places that I love in Devon are part of me now, and will go with me into the future just as the relationships, challenges and joys of a new life in a new place will become a part of who I am.

What helps you to look forward, and back, and to reflect on your journey through life? Life's big events - a change of job, a house move, a bereavement, or a new birth are all natural moments to reflect; but the changing of the seasons can also prompt a more regular review of memories and future hopes.

As church leaders we are taught to reflect often on what we are doing and how it is going. What can we learn, what might we do better next time? It's such a helpful habit, not just for church leaders, but for everyone. It can be so easy to drift through life feeling as if we are making little difference, but when we look back at where we were a week, a month, or a year ago we can see where God has been at work. It's the little things, the everyday acts of kindness that can easily go unnoticed, that add up to making a difference in the world.

## Shillingford St George Church Calendar for October 2025

Date	Name	Service	Time
5 October	Trinity 16	Morning Service	9.30
Sidesmen	Liz		
Readers	Peter and Derek		
Readings	2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10		
Prayers	Lay Team	Our Mission Community with Alphington & Ide	
Date	Name	Service	Time
12 Oct	Trinity 17	Harvest Holy Communion	9.30
Sidesmen	Norman		
Readers	Tam & Edmund		
Readings	tbn		
Prayers	Clergy	The Willows & Ilex Close	
Date	Name	Service	Time
19 Oct	Trinity 18	Evensong	6.00
Sidesmen	Tom & Gwen		
Readers	Derek & Peter		
Readings	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8		
Prayers	Clergy	Manstree Lane & Manstree Tce	
Date	Name	Service	Time
26 Oct	Last after Trinity	Holy Communion	9.30
Sidesmen	Di		
Readers	Di & Ken		
Readings	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14		
Prayers	Nick	Glebe Lane & Place Farm Area	
Date	Name	Service	Time
2 November	All Saints	Morning Service	9.30
Sidesmen	Liz		
Readers	Sue & Derek		
Readings	2 Thessalonians 1:1-12, 11-12, Luke 19:1-10		
Prayers	Lay Team	Road through Shillingford St George	

### Flower Rota – October 2025

October 5 & 12 – Gwen      October 19 & 26 – Wendy      November 2 - Anne

### For your diary

Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 12 October at 9.30, and Harvest Supper on Monday 13 October in the Village Hall. Look out for the posters around the village and elsewhere in *Country News*.

November 9<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Sunday. There will be a Remembrance service in church at 9.30 - leaving you time to join in with other Remembrance events in

Exeter or on the TV. All are very welcome to join us at this service when we will also remember the names of those villagers who did not return from the two World Wars.

### **Peter & Heather Wall**

In August we said farewell to Peter & Heather, who have now moved from the village. They had lived in The Willows for more than 60 years. During earlier times, both of them had been active in many aspects of local life. They were on the Parochial Church Council, with Peter being churchwarden for several years. They will have seen many changes over all that time, with all the happenings and events at the Church and Village Hall. Having been part of the community for so long, we now wish them happiness and contentment in their new home and life in Topsham.  
Wendy Nelmes

## **The Open Door Café**

1st October - 10.30-12 Noon. S,V H,  
15th October - 10.30-12 Noon (Police@Communities)SVH  
29th October - 10.30-12 Noon. S.V.H.

### **COMMUNITY ART GROUP**

Shillingford Village Hall  
Every Friday 10am – 12 noon

Spend a couple of hours working on your own art projects as part of our lovely friendly group. There is no tuition, just the freedom of two hours to paint/draw/craft in the company of others doing the same. Admission FREE. No need to sign up, just come when you can. Tea/coffee/biscuits provided for 50p donation.

### **Kathleen (Doreen) Ponsford Memorial Service.**

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Memorial Service held for Kathleen (Doreen) Ponsford on 7th September and afterwards at the village hall where we enjoyed cakes, tea, coffee and even Prosecco!

There was a collection for the RSPCA (Black Hat Lane, Ide), a charity very close to Doreen's heart where £160.70 was donated, thank you all for your generosity.

Huge thanks to Nick for his help in putting it all together and to Sally and Avril, we can't thank you enough for all your help before and on the day.

# **Shillingford Church Harvest Supper**

Shillingford Village Hall

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

At 7.00pm



Everybody Welcome

## **Three course supper**

Please put your name on the list at the church,  
the Open-Door Café or phone

Peter and Liz Wareham 01392 832366

**Pay on the door £12**

Numbers are limited (50)

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*AN EVENING*

WITH

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*IN SHILLINGFORD ST GEORGE VILLAGE HALL*

*ON SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025*

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## Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

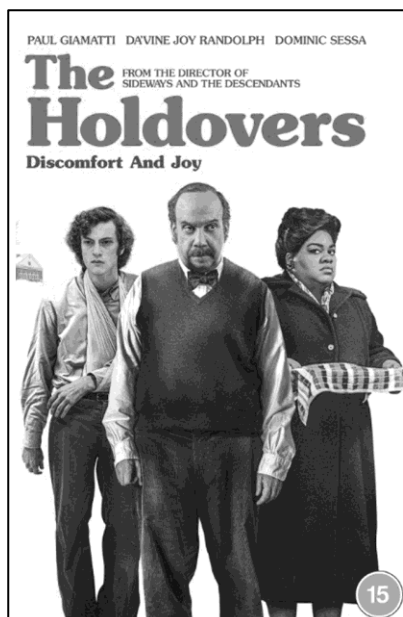
Following a meeting at the end of July 2025 there was unanimous agreement that the Parish should forge ahead with a Neighbourhood Development Plan, a vision for the future of Shillingford. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th October 2025 at 7.30pm in Shillingford Village Hall. All those who have already expressed an interest and anyone who would like to be part of this exciting project will be most welcome.

## SHILLINGFORD ST GEORGE HARVEST SUPPER MONDAY OCTOBER 13TH

The annual Harvest Supper is being held in the Village Hall on the above date. The harvest makes a significant contribution to our everyday lives and has been celebrated by communities in England for hundreds of years with a variety of events such as feasts and fairs. Harvest time involves not only cutting wheat to make our bread but provides a whole array of other crops, including the fruits and vegetables that we expect to see in the shops.

The church celebrates the harvest with a Harvest Festival which is being held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October. The Harvest Supper is a Community Event organised by the church for the community of all ages in the villages to celebrate the harvest. In some rural areas, larger villages need a marquee because so many villagers take part in the Harvest Supper and in the smaller villages the Village Halls are full.

The Harvest Supper is a Community Event for everyone of all ages to come and enjoy a three course meal in the Village Hall. The cost is £12 and bring your own drink which makes the evening cheaper than the main course of many other venues. Full details are in the poster and you are most welcome to come to the Supper.

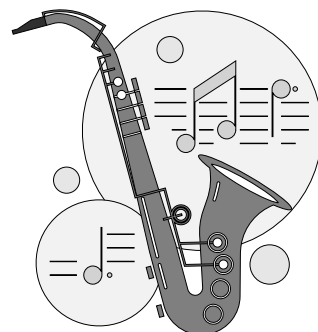
	<h1>Film Night</h1> <p>Shillingford St George Village Hall</p> <p>October 20th 2025 7:30pm (doors open 7:15)</p> <p>Free Entry!</p> <p>Everyone welcome</p> <p>Come and enjoy watching a film and get to know your neighbours</p> <p>Ice cream £1.50 Popcorn £1 cash only</p>
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**JAZZ IN SHILLINGFORD TWO –  
AN EVENING WITH PETE ALLEN  
SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

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 years event, tickets are likely to be in demand and early booking is recommended.

### **Water Wise Farming – Free Support for Local Farmers**

Farmers in the Creedy and West Exe catchments can now access fully-funded, one-to-one advice through the Water Wise Farming Project. The scheme offers free soil and muck testing, expert guidance on land management, and information on available funding to boost farm productivity.

By making the most of soils and nutrients, farmers can improve their crops and livestock performance while protecting nearby rivers and streams. Workshops and on-farm visits are available

If you'd like to find out more, please get in touch with the Business Information Point team on either 01837 659 059 or via <https://businessinfopoint.co.uk/water-wise-farming/>.





## Dragon Bell Temple, Shillingford St George

Hello, My name is Willard, I would like to briefly introduce myself and what I do. I moved into Shillingford St George mid-August. I am the prior of Dragon Bell Temple, which is a charity, and I am a Buddhist monastic / priest (a Reverend), ordained in 1995, Willard is my given

monastic name. The temple was founded in 2002 and has been at various locations in Devon ever since. I took over from my predecessor in 2020. The temple has moved over from Drewsteignton where it has been for the last five years.

You are most welcome to drop to just to say hello, have a cuppa, or a look at how we are gradually transforming the bungalow into a temple. Whether you are mildly curious or seriously interested in what we do, please come by. It might be best to call ahead, though you can chance it, I am mostly here and free weekdays.

The temple has a website with a calendar of regular events including formal introduction sessions for people interested in exploring our practice. It is easy to arrange introductions at other times to suit. Our main practice is a form of silent seated meditation together with precepts of moral behaviour. Our tradition (Soto Zen), teaches that all beings are Buddha Nature and what we call 'practice' is a way to actualise this. The qualities of our true nature manifest as compassion, love and wisdom.

I am glad to have landed here in Shillingford, mostly because of the generous and friendly welcome from people, as well as the beautiful area. The bungalow and it's setting are lovely. The location in Devon is well suited to our small congregation and should also be easily accessible for new people too. I hope to be a good neighbour and that Dragon Bell will be a positive and quiet presence in the life of the village and area. I will live in the temple in The Willows and people will come for meetings, mostly at the weekends. Some sessions are available on Zoom for people further afield.

To put into a nutshell what we are about – to live a full life through transforming whatever obstacles that appear within ourselves and seem to prevent us from doing so, ceasing from doing harm, doing only good, being good for others, and hopefully leaving our patch of the world a little better than how we found it. Respect, gratitude and generosity of spirit are at the core of Buddhist practice. It is not about having funny ideas about the world, or about identity, or politics.

**Willard Lee, 7 The Willows, Shillingford St George, 07342 200 782**

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**[www.dragonbelltemple.org.uk](http://www.dragonbelltemple.org.uk)**

**Visit to the Haldon Belvedere, Sunday 7 September**

The Dunchideock History Society were invited to bring a group of their members and friends to visit the Haldon Belvedere on Sunday 7 September - it was a great success! Samantha Little, Director/Trustee and Mark Kingscote, Chairman of the Devon Historic Buildings Trust were our hosts.

The tour of the castle was most enjoyable and exciting! It was a pleasure to have Mark as our guide. Each room in the castle had been splendidly renovated or revitalised and in keeping with its character. The views were spectacular from each window on each floor. Even the people who were unable to do the stairs for the tour were kept happy, sitting in comfort or perusing the history panels that were cleverly placed around the walls of the ground floor.

The refreshment table (organised by Samantha and her team) was waiting for us after the tour and was a delight to see. The tea and cakes were delicious. Mark gave a talk and explained that the transfer of ownership of the Haldon Belvedere and grounds had been made to Devon Historic Buildings Trust and the top floor luxury penthouse holiday apartment has been relaunched for short breaks and group visits were now restarting.

**Future Visits to the Haldon Belvedere**

The Dunchideock History Society have another visit planned for Sunday 19 October at 2.30pm. Parking at the castle, car share where possible. Members and non-members will be able to enjoy a tour of the Castle with tea, coffee and cakes. There will be no charge: the Devon Historic Buildings Trust (owners) will be pleased to receive donations on the day. Entrance by booking only at: email: [dunchideockhistory@outlook.com](mailto:dunchideockhistory@outlook.com) Also email if you have a group that would like to visit on another day,



**FORESTRY COMMISSION MAMHEAD – WELLBEING TRAIL**

**If you enjoy a walk in the country you may wish to try this trail or others through the forest at the Forestry Commission site at Mamhead.**

Spending time amongst the trees and really noticing nature is scientifically proven to boost our mental and physical health. Follow the trail to take a mindful walk through the forest that invites you to really relax. The wellbeing trail at Mamhead is a 1 mile/1.6km route around the woods on a wide, flat, smooth, hard packed gravel surface. The trail is suitable for all weathers and for wheelchairs and buggies.

There are also gentle walking trails that take you along wide, flat, surfaced tracks. Explore varied forest habitats and discover one of the finest views of Devon overlooking the River Exe estuary and Exmouth. Choose from two distances of 1 mile or 1.5 miles that start

from and return to the car park. Both loops are clearly waymarked and there are resting points along the way. These trails are suitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs, and mobility scooters. On the way try and find the 18th century Mamhead or Haldon obelisk near the view that was built to help ships navigate the Exe estuary. It's no longer much use for that surrounded by trees but it's a nice focus for a walk in the quieter eastern edge of Haldon.

Car parking charges are £1/1 hour or £2/2 hours – card only. There is a Teign Bean site selling coffee and cakes that is there for 7 days during the summer and open until 4 pm but only Wednesday to Sunday in the winter and open until 3 pm. There are picnic benches to enjoy alfresco refreshments amongst the pine trees. There are longer walks that I normally do through the quiet forest if you feel adventurous.

Norman Harvey

## **FITNESS AND WELLBEING**

### **MOMENTS OF BEGINNERS MIND: ‘**

Beginner's Mind' is one of the 9 attitudes of Mindfulness. It's a concept that brings a freshness to the present moment. It can bring new possibilities to those moments when we're caught in our opinions, desires, the past, the future. Your beginner's mind can be cultivated in everyday life, along with the other 8 attitudes: Non-judgment, Acceptance, Non-striving, to name but a few. Join an 8-week training programme, either individual or group, to feel the benefits from the practice of Mindfulness/meditations:

Contact Shirley Phillips, Accredited Mindfulness

Teacher: [shirley@exetermindfulness.com](mailto:shirley@exetermindfulness.com); [www.exetermindfulness.com](http://www.exetermindfulness.com);

## **OurLocalExpert 2025/26 Edition**

Local residents have always been very supportive of OurLocalExpert – the free printed guide of recommended tradespeople – now in its 15th year.

If you didn't receive your free copy of the little orange book (2025-26 edition), you can phone or email Nick Hall with your details on 01392 340304 / [Nick@OurLocalExpert.co.uk](mailto:Nick@OurLocalExpert.co.uk) and he'll be happy to post you a copy at no charge.

The guide is also available online at [www.OurLocalExpert.co.uk](http://www.OurLocalExpert.co.uk) Nick always welcomes genuine feedback about businesses who do and don't feature in the guide using the same contact details.



**SHILLINGFORD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
MONDAY 6 OCTOBER 2025**

**7.30PM IN SHILLINGFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**WHAT CAN A GRAVEYARD TELL US  
ABOUT GEORGIAN EXETER? EXETER  
DISSENTERS' GRAVEYARD**



**THE TALK WILL BE GIVEN BY DR. IAN VARNDELL**  
**Members and visitors are all welcome**

A patch of land smaller than two tennis courts located just outside Exeter's city walls became a burial ground for protestant dissenters for just over 100 years. Around 2000 people were buried there before it closed in 1854. Ian Varndell will tell us about the origins of the site and the non-conformist congregations who paid for it; he will describe how and, more importantly, why it has been conserved. A small group has been researching the lives of Exeter's dissenting families and he will finish with stories of three Exonians who were buried in "Saints Rest" – giving us a glimpse into their lives more than two centuries ago.

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## The Discombes of Pengellys Farm, Shillingford Abbot – Part One.

In July 1918, Messrs. J. Hannaford and Son, auctioneers of Exeter and Chulmleigh, offered outlying portions of the Haldon House Estate for sale by auction, at the Rougemont Hotel in Queen Street, Exeter. The properties were in Exminster and Kenn parishes, about 335 acres in total, and were being sold by the trustees of the late James Fitzgerald Bannatyne, Esquire who had died in 1915 at home in *Haldon House* at 82 years of age. His son Major James Fitzgerald Bannatyne, of The Hussars, had inherited his father's estate, but had died the following year, during the Great War; his daughter Mary Bannatyne had married Ludovic Heathcoat Amery of *Knightshayes Court*, near Tiverton, but he had also been killed in 1918, in France, and so her late father's estate was being sold off.

Frederick John Discombe, the young farmer who was already tenant, purchased Lot 1 – the freehold dairy, grazing, sheep and corn farm of 161 acres known as *Pengellys* - for £8,300. At that time Pengellys, which was at Lower Shillingford (now known as Shillingford Abbot) was still in Exminster parish. Frederick John Discombe also bought Lot 5, which he was leasing, for £1,125; it was described as grazing or feeding marsh adjoining Exeter Canal, in the parish of Exminster.

Frederick Discombe, the son of farmer John Discombe and his wife Mary, had been born in Kenton in November 1888, and had grown up there on *Helwill/Helwell Farm*. He was their only son, and had two sisters, Maud and Amy. When the census was taken in 1911, he had been aged 22, still living and working on the family farm in Kenton.



In April 1915, Frederick Discombe had married May Burrington at St Martin's parish church in Exminster. Both the Vicar of Exminster and the Vicar of Kenton participated in the marriage ceremony. The wedding celebrations were described as quiet, owing to the war; nevertheless the *Western Times* newspaper claimed that much local interest had been shown in the wedding, and described it in some detail. This photograph, sent as a copy in 2010 to the current owners of *East Pengellys* by Frederick and May's grandchildren after their visit to the farm, shows the couple on their wedding day.

May Burrington was the only daughter of the late George Rowe Burrington, a well-known farmer of *Towsington* in Exminster, and his wife Julia; she had been baptised in June 1891 in Exminster parish church. She had two brothers—Reginald and John—who also became farmers, but her only sister Margery had died at 2 months of age. May's family had been connected with the parish of Exminster since the early 1700s. Her new sister-in-law Maud Discombe was one of her bridesmaids, Frederick's cousin William Haydon Discombe of *Wolfsgrrove* in Bishopsteignton was his best man, and the newspaper reported that the couple had

received over 100 wedding presents!

In 1913 previous tenant John Carpenter had retired from farming at *Pengellys*, and had gone to live on a farm in Brampford Speke with his nieces, where he died in 1915, so perhaps it was his son Reginald who gave up the tenancy of *Pengellys Farm* in 1915. Frederick and his new wife must have taken over soon after they married, and their daughter Barbara was born at *Pengellys* in May 1916.

In January 1918, before he had purchased the farm, Frederick had to appear before the Wonford Petty Sessions Court at the Castle of Exeter to give evidence about a fire on *Pengellys* which one of his labourers had left burning in a hilly field at night. Under the Defence of the Realm Act, a British emergency law passed in 1914 that granted the government extraordinary powers in order to protect the nation during World War I, there were restrictions on public activities such as lighting bonfires and fireworks. Police Constable Endacott judged that the fire's reflection could have been seen as far as Lympstone and Topsham. Frederick told the court that the fire had been lit on his instructions, but that he had thought the fire had been put out at 5 o'clock – apparently the wind freshened in the evening and revived it – so he was very sorry. His employee David Leach was obviously considered the guilty party and was fined the hefty sum of 10 shillings.

In 1919, the Discombe and Burrington families became even more closely related when Frederick's sister Maud married May's older brother John Burrington, and moved to live with him at *Towsington*.

An advertisement in the *Exeter and Plymouth Gazette* in September 1918 reveals that Frederick Discombe was not only running a dairy and raising sheep, but was selling seed wheat – he offered a clean and good sample of "Benefactor" seed wheat – and he continued to sell seed wheat of different varieties through the 1920s.

For many years, the Discombes remained a family of three. Their daughter Barbara was mentioned in the paper as a small child on at least two occasions, as a donor to the Exeter Farthing Breakfast Fund through the *Exeter and Plymouth Gazette* newspaper office. In March 1921, Barbara donated 44 farthings, and in December 1922, another 100 farthings – though she was under 7 years old at the time, so perhaps she'd had some adult help. The Exeter Farthing Breakfast Fund had been started in about 1901 by Mr. and Mrs. Abram Davey and carried on by their daughter, Mrs. Ellen Tinkham. It had been set up to give poor children living in Exeter's West Quarter a breakfast (often the only decent meal they had), and the farthings paid by the children were matched by donations from benefactors.

Barbara was sent to The Maynard School, a private girls' school in Exeter. And towards the end of 1928, when she was 12 years old, her mother May finally gave birth to a second child – a son. No doubt this was the cause of much celebration. He was named John, after his grandfather John Discombe of *Helwell Farm*.

*to be continued next month....*

**Jan Wood, Shillingford Local History Society**



## Dunchideock Church Calendar

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

Date	Name	Service	Time
Oct 12	Trinity 17	Harvest Thanksgiving	11:00am
Sidesperson	Ray Mallett		
Readers	Tina Cook	Jamie Cummings	
Readings	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Philippians 4:4-9	

**Church Cleaning** Heather Ellis and Liz Anderson

**Flower Arrangers** Heather Ellis and Shirley Phillips

### 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](mailto:tvhhrectory@yahoo.com)

Rev'd Elizabeth Burren (Curate) - [revelizabethburren@gmail.com](mailto: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***

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 the remaining special harvest celebrations this Autumn:

***Bridford:***

Sunday 12 October - 10:30am Harvest Thanksgiving with Communion

***Dunchideock:***

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

***Dunsford:***

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

***Messy Church – Saturday 18 October at Teign Valley Community Hall***

Don't miss an afternoon of fun, food and a Bible story for all primary age children (and at least one parent!) – 3pm to 5pm.

***Forest Church – 26 October***

A monthly opportunity to explore outdoor spirituality, for all the family, at 4pm on Sunday 26 October 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month between 5pm and 6pm. The next meeting will be on 21 October at Webberton Meadows, Dunchideock, EX2 9TX. Please contact one of the clergy (details above) or the Churches' Administrator (details below) if you have requests for prayer.

***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](mailto:tvhchurches@gmail.com)

***From the registers...***

**Baptisms:**

30 August Ella and Lucy Coleman (Dunsford)



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### **News from the WI based in Christow**

You are all welcome to attend our meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm in the Bowden room of the Teign valley Hall in Christow. Members come for free, guests pay £5 but all get complimentary tea or coffee and cake. One of our favourite speakers Tina young returns to demonstrate planting up Autumn and winter containers and advising what to grow in these seasons to use in a flower arrangement for the house. Tina is an RHS trained gardener with a passion for floristry using native and home grown flowers and foliage. She previously worked as a tutor at the Dunchideock academy for floral art before setting up her own floristry business in Torquay.

Ladies. The Christow WI are currently recruiting new members so come and join us for some fun social time, make new friends and you never know you might learn a new skill. We offer a monthly meeting, craft group, out and about group and lunch group. That means there is something every week of the month. We currently have plans to go to the cinema to see the new Downton Abbey film, take a walk and picnic on the wild side from Yellowmead farm to Foggintor quarry visiting Merrivale stone row and finally an educational visit to the Exeter Energy recovery centre. Just a few things already in the diary and none involving "jam or Jerusalem!" Although on that subject we will be repeating our history talk about the Christow WI which got great reviews when we gave it to the history group earlier in the year. If you missed it, put the date in your diary and come along on 15<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm in the Bowden room. All the above except our monthly meetings and the history talk are for members only. Members also benefit from events and campaigns put on by National and Devon WI.

What are you waiting for? Join today and start benefitting straight away.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Anne Rice

For more information contact us at [Christowwi@gmail.com](mailto:Christowwi@gmail.com)

## **Dunchideock Village Hall Events - Registered Charity No. 301096.**

### **OCTOBER**

Thursday 2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th October: Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Enjoy music, improve cardio fitness, develop drumming skills and experience amazing feelings of wellbeing. £10 per session. Call Tamsin on 07891 861881

Thursday 9th October: Polling Day Council Election. Dunchideock Village Hall will be open for voting between 7am and 10pm.

Sunday 12th October: Harvest Lunch. This will follow the 11.00am service @ St Michael's Church, Dunchideock. The cost will be £8 for a two course meal of locally sourced, home cooked, delicious food. Veggie option available. To book a ticket text or call Tina on 07528 701817.

Friday 17th October: Film Night @ 6.45pm for a 7.15pm start. 'A Complete Unknown' £5 Admittance includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Extra charge for ice cream and bar. Organised by Ray Mallett and Lee Curio.

### **NOVEMBER**

Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th November: Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Enjoy music, improve cardio fitness, develop drumming skills and experience amazing feelings of wellbeing. £10 per session. Call Tamsin on 07891 861881

Monday 10th November: Parish Council Meeting @ 7.30pm

Friday 21st November: : Film Night @ 6.45pm for a 7.15pm 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\*\*\*\***

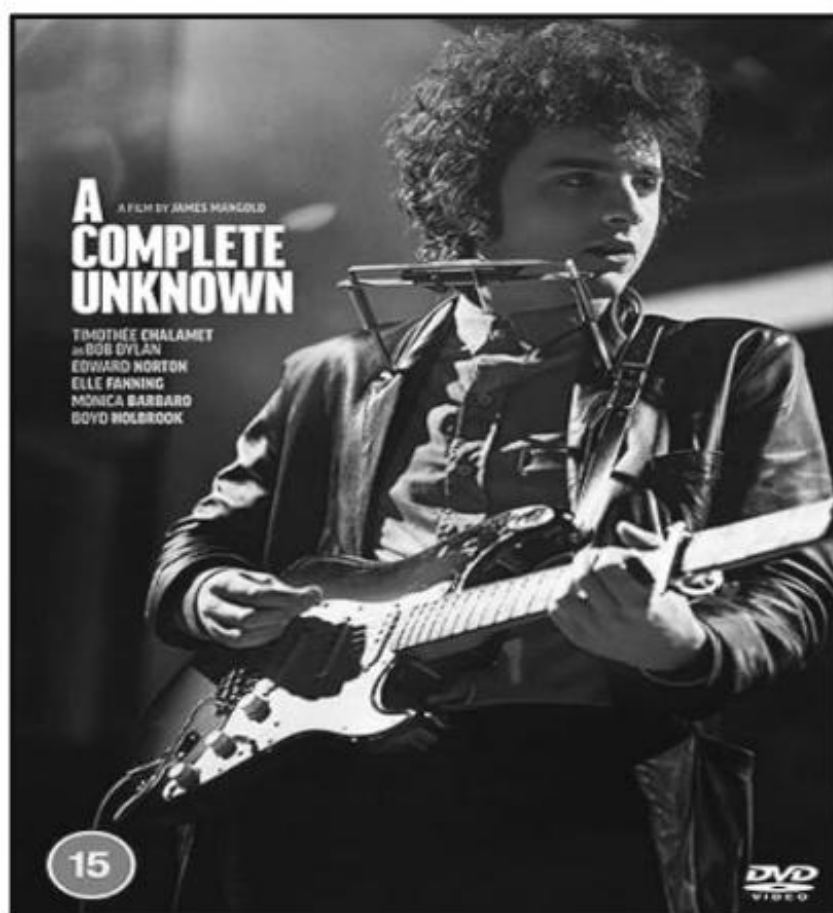
Friday 19th December: The Lord Haldon Hotel @ 7pm Christmas Extravaganza! Cornish legend, Mr Johnny Cowling will be returning to Dunchideock for a fabulous, festive evening of comedy & song. Supported by Devon's own 'Sweet and Fruity' jazz/swing band, Plum Jam. Delicious turkey bap with trimmings or vegetarian option. Early bird tickets £20 (1st September until 7th November) Standard ticket price £25 (from 8th November until 12th December). Raffle with exceptional prizes! £200 cash, food hamper & wine hamper. Early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment! Please contact Tanya Burns on 07712 672234 for tickets.

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\* **Harvest Service at St Michael's & All Angel's Church,** \*  
\* **Dunchideock** \*  
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\* All members of the flower arranging team are welcome to help decorate the church \*  
\* for the Harvest thanksgiving service on Saturday 11th October at 2.30pm. \*  
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\* For Villagers: all donations of harvest produce would be much appreciated. \*  
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## **Dunchideock Film Night**



**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
**7.15 pm**  
**(Doors open 6.45)**  
**Village Hall**

### **A few Autumnal quotes:**

"Bittersweet October. The mellow, messy, leaf-kicking, perfect pause between the opposing miseries of summer and winter."

– Carol Bishop Hipps

"My keyboard must be broken, I keep hitting the escape key all autumn long, but I'm still at work."

- Anon

"It's the first day of autumn! A time of hot chocolatey mornings, and toasty marshmallow evenings, and, best of all, leaping into leaves!"

– Winnie the Pooh

"Summer makes me drowsy. Autumn makes me sing. Winter's pretty lousy, but I hate Spring."

– Dorothy Parker

# TEIGN VALLEY MEN'S SHED

Teign Valley Men's Shed will be open **every Thursday during October** from **9:30am to 12:30pm**.

## **SPECIAL EVENT – Cider Making Workshop:**

We're planning a second Cider Making Workshop on **Thursday 9 October** between **9:30am** and **12:30pm**. An opportunity to take part in picking and preparing apples, pressing and starting off the fermentation process. Includes refreshments. All welcome – if you're not a regular member, please book a place by emailing [teignvalleyshed@gmail.com](mailto:teignvalleyshed@gmail.com)

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 just finished the moveable vegetable rack for Christow Village Shop:



For further details or to register an interest, or to arrange transport, please email [teignvalleyshed@gmail.com](mailto:teignvalleyshed@gmail.com)

## **Everyone is welcome!**

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

# Roman Maths

Be glad you were not at school in Roman times! Just to recap, Roman numerals are not like ours, letters represent numbers:

I means 1, V means 5, X means 10, L means 50,  
C means 100, D means 500 and M means 1000.

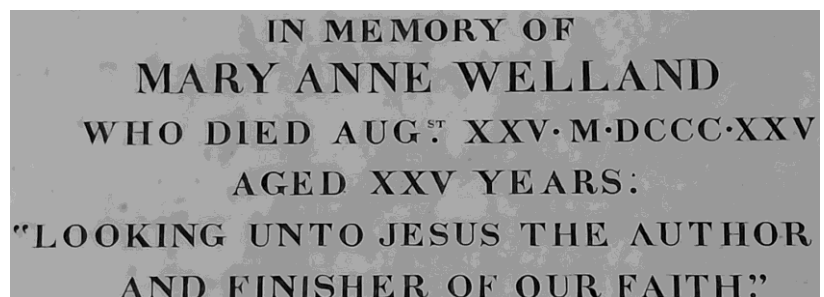
Notice that the numbers used most often (I to L) are easy to carve onto stone monuments. C and D are less easy but were also used much less often.

If a Roman wanted to express a larger number, he simply appended the extra bits, in decreasing order, to the **end** of his number. So 37 was written XXXVII. 52 was written LII, 266 was written CCLXVI.

If the same Roman wanted a smaller number, he placed the unwanted bits **before** his last number. So 9 was written IX, 29 was written XXIX and 54 was written LIV.



1961 in Dunchideock Church



25<sup>th</sup> August 1825 in Shillingford Church

Suppose we want to add  $278 + 368$ . We place the numbers in columns beneath each other and add each column. Easy!

278
<u>328</u>
<u>606</u>

How did our Roman schoolchild add these two numbers together? Not easy at all... He has to add CCLXXVIII to CCCXXVIII.

He must write all the letters in a long line, largest first:

CCCCCLXXXVVI

Then, starting on the right, he must combine according to the rules:

IIII = V

CCCCCLXXXVVI

VV = X

CCCCCLXXXXVI

XXXXX = L

CCCCCLVI

LL = C

CCCCCVI

CCCCC = D

DCVI

There we have it!

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Glad I'm not a Roman schoolchild!

*Dawn Bird*



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## Villages diary

Date	Time	Event	Place
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Wed 1	10.30 – 12.00	Open Door Café	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 3	10.00 – 12.00	Community Art Group	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 3	19.00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Mon 6	19.30	Shillingford Local History Society	Shillingford Village Hall
Tue 7	10.30 – 12.00	The Garden Room coffee morning	Lord Haldon Hotel
Fri 10	10.00 – 12.00	Community Art Group	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 10	19.00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Sun 12	9.30	Harvest Festival	Shillingford Church
Sun 12	11.00	Harvest Family Service Lunch	Dunchideock Village Hall
Sun 12	15.00	Country News Annual Review Meeting	Lord Haldon Hotel
Mon 13	19.00	Harvest Supper	Shillingford Village Hall
Wed 15	10.30 – 12.00	Open Door Café	Shillingford Village Hall
Wed 15	19.30	Neighbourhood Plan Meeting	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 17	10.00 – 12.00	Community Art Group	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 17	18.45	Film Night	Dunchideock Village Hall
Fri 17	19.00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Sun 19	14.30	DLHS Haldon Belvedere visit	Haldon Belvedere
Mon 20	19.15	Film Night	Shillingford Village Hall
Tue 21	10.30 – 12.00	The Garden Room coffee morning	Lord Haldon Hotel
Wed 22	19.30	Shillingford Wildlife Group – Lou's Wild Garden	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 24	10.00 – 12.00	Community Art Group	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 24	19.00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Wed 29	10.30- 12.00	Open Door Café	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 31	10.00 – 12.00	Community Art Group	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 31	19.00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Sun 9	9.30	Remembrance Sunday	Shillingford Church
Sat 29	19.00	Jazz in Shillingford	Shillingford Village Hall
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Fri 19 Dec	19.00	Johnny Cowling Live	Lord Haldon Hotel

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