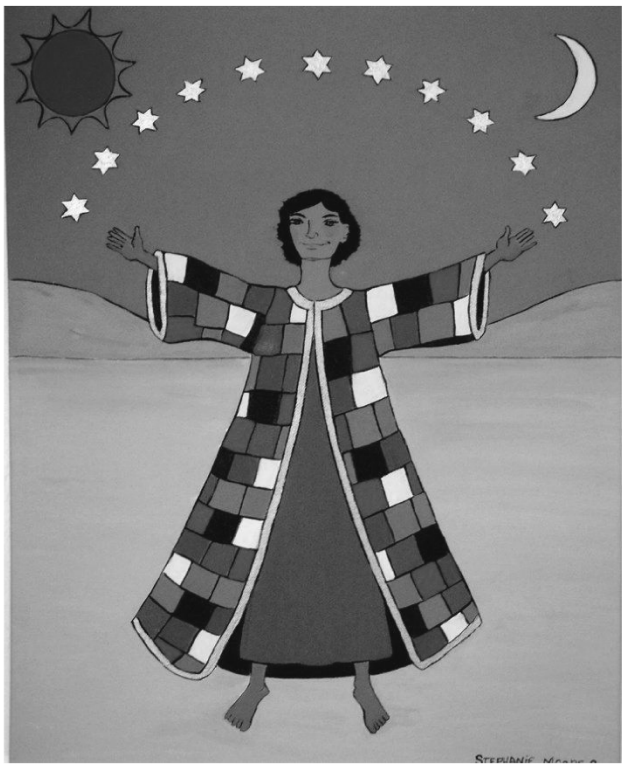
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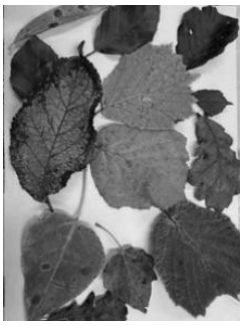
Famous people from the Bible No. 19:

Joseph and his coat of many colours*

*Black & white version

Welcome to Autumn, we hope you enjoyed Summer!
We also hope we get some prolonged but gentle rain so it soaks in and the fields/ gardens recover soon...

LETTER FROM THE RECTORY



September is that special season of the year when we celebrate the wonder and beauty of creation. The church's governing body, the General Synod, has just affirmed that care for creation is not an optional concern but a core part of Christian discipleship and mission. In addition, Synod gave final approval to a new annual Festival of Creation in Christ, to be celebrated in Church of England churches on the first Sunday in September. The new Festival is one of the fruits of a growing ecumenical movement across churches worldwide and offers an opportunity for Christians everywhere to give thanks for God's creation and redemption of the world, to reflect on humanity's responsibility to care for the natural world and to pray for its renewal. This season of thanksgiving runs through September and finishes on 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi.

We are blessed here in the Teign Valley to live amongst such beauty which is open to view in all seasons. I think most of us take our care and stewardship of creation very seriously, looking after our gardens well, and trying to live in a way that is more ecologically attuned to sharing our land with all God's creatures who live as our neighbours. We recycle, we do our best to avoid unnecessary chemicals, we buy Fairtrade when we can, we avoid waste and make use of the Teign Valley Larder when we have a glut of produce. We volunteer our time to help others and we share what we have so that no one lives in need.

Our churches have established a rhythm of caring for the churchyards ensuring that they are able to welcome wildlife as well as providing a beautiful place of rest for our family members. All our church towers have swift boxes; this summer swifts are nesting in Ashton church tower. Dunsford has achieved its Gold Ecochurch Award, and is now established on the Moors Meadows map. Please join the regular local churchyard working parties; we would be delighted for more volunteers to join us.

It's appropriate that our series of Harvest Thanksgivings begins in September, with Ashton celebrating on Sunday 13 at 11.30am, followed by lunch. We give thanks for the bounty of gifts we are given; our farmers and growers have not had an easy year, beginning with non-stop rain and then followed by prolonged drought.



We rejoice in the land at our Forest Church on Sunday 27 September at 4pm in the field beside Ashton Village Hall – do come and join us to take a closer look at God's hand in the teeming life around us, to enjoy good company and to share food over the fire pit.



Another way we express our joy is through music and the sound of church bells heralding services through the Valley. St James's Christow will host the Deanery Bell-Ringing competition on Saturday 26 September. We look forward to welcoming teams from around Kenn Deanery all striving to create beauty in the patterns of sound.

Revd. Ruth Frampton

Shillingford St George Church Calendar for September 2026

Date	Name	Service	Time
6 September	Trinity 14	Morning Service	09:30
Sidesmen	Liz		
Readers	Peter and Di		
Reading	Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20		
Prayers	Lay Team	Barrack Lane & Barton Lane	
Date	**Name**	**Service**	**Time**
13 Sept	Trinity 15	Holy Communion	09:30
Sidesmen	Norman		
Readers	Sue and Norman		
Reading	Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35		
Prayers	Clergy	Oak Close & Waybrook Lane	
Date	**Name**	**Service**	**Time**
20 Sept	Trinity 16	Evensong	18:00
Sidesmen	Tom and Gwen		
Readers	Derek and Peter		
Readings	Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16		
Prayers	Clergy	Road through Shillingford Abbot	
Date	**Name**	**Service**	**Time**
27 Sept	Trinity 17	Holy Communion	09:30
Sidesmen	Di		
Readers	Di and Ken		
Reading	Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32		
Prayers	Delia	Ash Court & St George's Terrace	
Date	**Name**	**Service**	**Time**
4 October	Trinity 18	Morning Service	09:30
Sidesmen	Derek and Jane		
Readers	Peter and Derek		
Reading	Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46		
Prayers	Lay Team	Our Mission Community	

Flower Rota – June 2025

Sept 6 & 13 – Sue Sept 20 & 27 - Marian 4 Oct - Gwen

For your diary

Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 11 October and Harvest Supper on Monday 12 October in the Village Hall.

Churchyard & Carpark

We welcome dog walkers through the church grounds; but please respect there are family graves here: Keep your dog on a lead. Clear up if your dog goes to the loo and dispose of the poo bag properly.

Interregnum

The process for the appointment of Mike's successor is progressing; with plans for interviews in mid-January.

Until his replacement is appointed, services will be led by visiting clergy and lay leaders. Our plan is to continue with our present service pattern; and I know we already have service cover every Sunday until the beginning of October. I am confident that we will continue our weekly Sunday services until such time as our new rector arrives.

In the meantime, requests for baptisms & weddings should be addressed to the Alphington Admin phone: 01392 662280

or email: christenings@alphingtonstmichaels.org

weddings@alphingtonstmichaels.org

For funerals; it will be for the Funeral Director to arrange.

Nick Mansell

The Open Door Café – Shillingford Village Hall, 10:30 – 12:00

Wednesday 2nd September

Wednesday 16th September – in aid of *Breast Cancer Now* – bring & buy stall, raffle, tea/coffee and cakes

Wednesday 30th September

Daphne Crockford

The Exchange – Shillingford Village Hall, Saturday 26th September, 10:30 – 12:00

Coffee, Cakes & Chat

A friendly morning for everyone – come along and enjoy good company!

Books, Toys, Puzzles & Plants

Come and swap some, or simply take them away – everyone's welcome!

Scam Telephone Messages

Norman Harvey has asked that it be brought to attention that automated phone messages, purportedly relating to bank payments to Amazon, are being received locally – beware!

Summer Exchange

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!! to everyone who helped with our fundraising for Hospiscare, on Saturday 4th July at the Exchange.



To the scone makers, cake makers, rafflers, bottle rafflers, washer-uppers, cake sellers, and to all those super people who gave so generously, especially to the Whist Club and Mrs. Jean Hellyer for their wonderful donations, and to anyone whom I may have not mentioned, who helped in any small way, and not forgetting the 2 gentlemen behind the bar, WE THANK YOU ALL!!!!

The Village Hall decided to waive their costs this time, and are sending £400 to Hospiscare.

They do such a wonderful job!!

Village Hall Committee

One-Way Closure of part of Church Road (Alphington)

The section of Church Road from the A377 junction to the Alphinbrook Road / Powlesland Road roundabout will be closed to traffic in this direction (southeastbound) from 1 September to 2 November, for gas works.

The signed alternative route for vehicles will be via Marsh Green Road West, Trusham Road and Alphinbrook Road.

This section of Church Road will be open in the opposite direction, with no parking or waiting permitted.

Norman Harvey

"THE OPEN-DOOR CAFÉ"

"COFFEE MORNING"



SHILLINGFORD VILLAGE HALL

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

10.30AM – 12NOON

IN AID OF BREAST CANCER

COFFEE / TEA / CAKES



BRING AND BUY STALL

RAFFLE

CHANGES TO BUS SERVICES

DevonBus has given County Councillor Neil Stevens details of changes to the bus timetables that will commence from August 30. Local changes are as follows. The changes and timetables for these and to other city and rural routes will be provided on the Stagecoach website (https://www.stagecoachbus.com/).

Service A No change

Service B Journeys will extend from Matford P & R to Alphington, replacing this section of service C. Service B will continue to provide a 20-minute service from Matford Park & Ride to Exeter City Centre and will include the Matford to Alphington section of service C. The section of route between Matford Park & Ride and Exminster will be withdrawn. Devon County Council will fund a replacement for this section of route.

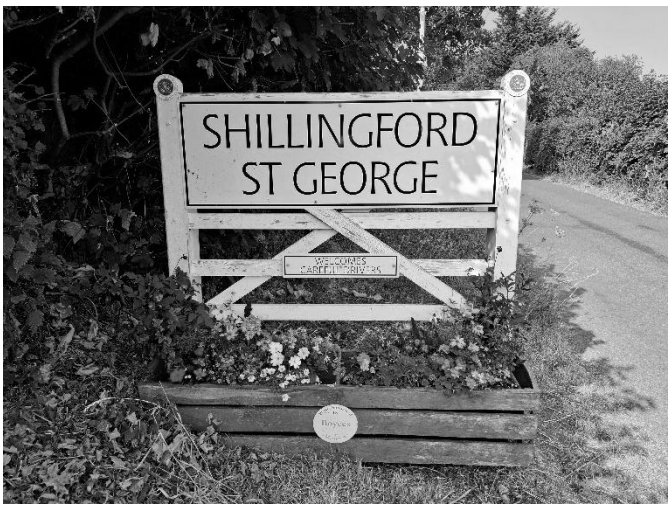
Service C This service will be withdrawn by Stagecoach.

Service 366 This service (Kenn – Exeter) goes through Shillingford and Alphington, and will now be operated by Stagecoach.

Norman Harvey

FLORAL DISPLAYS AT VILLAGE SIGNBOARDS





Many thanks to Boyces at Manstree, for providing and maintaining the colourful floral welcome presented to everyone who passes through our villages. This is greatly appreciated.

SHILLINGFORD ABBOT GARDEN PARTY & CLASSIC VEHICLE GATHERING

What a fabulous day we had on the 29th of June. The Shillingford Abbot Garden Party and Classic Vehicle Gathering started around 1pm with all the usual attractions. All the gazebos and bunting were put up in the morning along with all the signs around the village.

Gerald Courtney had his wonderful garage museum on display with some lovely classic vehicles displayed outside his property. There were several motorbikes attending this year

which was lovely to see. We also had a 1930 Model 'A' Ford, 1942 World War 2 Willey's military Jeep and a lovely 1948 Fergusson tractor that drove all the way from Woodbury Salterton. Jacquie Banks' son very kindly drive it to our event. Not sure how long the traffic queue was behind him. We also had several Ford Anglias on display along with some classic BMWs and Saabs, Triumphs and MGs, Morris Minors, a Ford Consul and even an early Datsun.

We had several treasure hunts and it was great to see some new village faces come along with their children and take part. Where ever you looked around the village there were children with bits of paper looking for clues. We had a much bigger games area this year and a local art exhibition with drawings of Alphington, The Quay, Cathedral Close and the West Quarter of Exeter.

This year's biggest attraction and a first for the village as far as I know was a local radio station, Access All Aerials, doing a live programme from the village. This worked superbly as different people chatted to Craig from Access All Aerials. We had around 8000 listeners during the afternoon which was excellent.

A big thank you to Gerald, Delma, Audrey, Chris & Clare, and Chris & Sue, for supplying the land for parking and a big thank you to everyone that helped on the day. It really is a wonderful community event and we hope to see you at next year's, which will be on the last Sunday in June.

Auboné Braddon









Shillingford St George Church

Harvest Supper

In Shillingford St George Village Hall

On Monday 12th October 2026

At 7.00pm



All residents are welcome to the traditional celebration of the harvest with a three-course supper

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Help! Gardening Equipment Needed!



Since Devon Historic Buildings Trust purchased Haldon Belvedere, a small team of enthusiastic volunteers have been hard at work clearing paths to reveal some of the walks and spectacular views for the enjoyment of visitors.

The team now needs more equipment to progress the work. If you have any surplus gardening equipment you would be prepared to donate or sell to this charity, please contact belvederehaldon@gmail.com.

If you enjoy gardening and would like to join in the fun, you would be very welcome. No skill needed! For details please contact belvederehaldon@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Dawn Bird

News from Christow WI

Hello all you lovely people. What an amazing summer we have had. Now that autumn is approaching, we may be thinking about shorter cooler days and food to feed the body and soul. What could be nicer than a dish of pasta sprinkled with cheese, cauliflower cheese or cheese on toast.

If you like cheese this is an invitation to you all to come along on Thursday 10th September at 2 pm in the Teign Valley Community Hall in Christow and join us at our meeting for a cheese tasting event. It will cost just £5. please bring this in cash. Our speaker is Ian Wellens who runs the Cheese Shed in Bovey Tracey. There will be a 40-minute talk entitled "The rise and fall of British Cheese" followed by some cheese to taste. In a previous life Ian made furniture and worked as a teacher and musician before taking on the Cheese Shed in 2006.

He offers over 100 handmade west country cheeses which you can buy in the shop or have posted to your friends and family around the country. The shop is on the main road in Bovey Tracey where there is a bench outside as well as a beautiful courtyard garden at the rear where you can enjoy one of his cheese toasties. The ultimate comfort food.

We look forward to seeing you all. The £5 fee will be refunded if you decide to join the WI on the day and includes a hot drink and cake. Cheese followed by cake for pudding washed down with your favourite hot drink. What's not to like.

We hope to see you soon. Please consider joining us.

For more information contact us at christowwi@gmail.com

Anne Rice

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.

On Thursday 8 October we will be holding our Annual General Meeting – mid morning (c11:00am) during the normal session. All members are welcome.

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.

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.

Everyone is welcome!

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



Shillingford and Peamore Neighbourhood Plan

Shillingford has the opportunity to influence its future by developing a Neighbourhood Plan. Local authorities do this in order to prevent unwanted development and to be creative in ways that improve their area. Our parish has decided to develop our plan and a group has formed to move this forward.

You will have the opportunity to put your ideas into the mix when we circulate a questionnaire in due course.

Keep in touch with us through the parish website https://shillingford-pc.gov.uk and Facebook page.

SHILLINGFORD ST GEORGE HARVEST SUPPER – MONDAY OCTOBER 12TH

The tradition of holding a Harvest Supper has long been a part of many communities' celebration of the successful completion of the Harvest. The intention of the supper is to have a meal shared by the whole community to say thank you for the harvest and to have an event that brings the community together.

The church celebrates the harvest with a Harvest Festival which is being held on Sunday 11th October. The annual Harvest Supper is organised by the church and is being held in the Village Hall on Monday 12th October. Everyone is very welcome to come to the Harvest Festival service and to the Harvest Supper.

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.

Come and join us at the service and the supper for this celebration of the gathering in of the harvest. There will be good food and good company and a celebration of community life. Bring your friends and your family for an enjoyable evening. All you have to do is to book your tickets as on the poster. Don't delay, book today!

Norman Harvey

Teign Housing in Bloom competition



Congratulations to Carol Bird for her achievement in winning the Small Container Garden category of the Garden in Bloom competition run by Teign Housing. This was Carol's first time entering the competition and she is delighted, as she says she is not an experienced gardener. She recommends anyone to try it.

SHILLINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL – ROAD WARDEN SCHEME – AN UPDATE

You may recall in the last edition of *Country News* the proposal to secure an agreement with Devon Highways to set up a Road Warden Scheme in our Parish. The scheme involves volunteers undertaking minor repairs/maintenance in their communities, e.g., filling potholes & clearing drains. The intention is that work undertaken shall complement that of the Highways, rather than replace it.

The Shillingford Parish Council agreed to the proposal at the last meeting on 13 July, on the basis that almost all costs would fall on Devon Highways Department. It is also an assumption that we have an appointed Warden, leading a small team of volunteers. Training, equipment & insurance will be provided/funded by Devon Highways with a strong emphasis on safety.

We have a Warden "in waiting" but we still need volunteers. To get started, we really need a minimum of 2 people. Time commitment will be according to choice, availability and circumstances as will the scale of work undertaken. Based on current awareness of need, the amount of work required is really quite small.

You may well ask what you might get out of it. We anticipate:

- The role will be part of a team making a valuable contribution to village life
- Volunteers will come into contact with people living in the villages creating a greater sense of community
- Learn new skills but you only need to commit a small amount of time.
- Volunteers will feel they have some influence on what happens in their neighbourhood

Do get in touch if you can help, and to learn more take a look at:
https://www.devon.gov.uk/devonhighways/self-help/road-warden-scheme
or contact me, peter.wareham@shillingford-pc.gov.uk Tel 01392 832366

Parish clerk: clerk@shillingford-pc.gov.uk

Peter Wareham

Chairman, Shillingford Parish Council

i

In the last edition of Country News I said that all **positive** numbers have two square roots. This bothered mathematicians for several centuries. They thought that surely **all** numbers should have two square roots. What about -36? Since 36 has two square roots (6 and -6) surely -36 should have two square roots too? But what are they?

In 1572 Rafael Bombelli had a brilliant idea. He defined a new number as $\sqrt{-1}$
Now he can say $\sqrt{-36} = \sqrt{36} \times \sqrt{-1} = \pm 6\sqrt{-1}$
Two square roots at last!

Like all new ideas, it was not universally welcomed. The famous mathematician Rene Descartes (1596-1650) poured scorn on this idea and derided the number as "imaginary". The term stuck. Now we all call $\sqrt{-1}$ the imaginary number $\boldsymbol{i}$.

The imaginary number $\boldsymbol{i = \sqrt{-1}}$ the square root of -1.

Going back to our earlier question, now $\sqrt{-36} = \pm 6i$

Surprisingly, over the past two hundred years, the imaginary number i has turned out to be a very practical and useful number, especially to electrical engineers who use it all the time.

In an electrical circuit, there are many related components with names like:

Resistance	R	Frequency	f
Inductance	L	Impedance	Z

If engineers know three of these values, they can calculate the fourth using this formula: $Z = R + i2\pi fL$

Sound engineers can use a formula like this $T = \frac{1000}{1+i}$ to find the gain and phase of an amplifier.
Notice where the number i appears. Descartes never imagined that this *imaginary* number would be so useful in the real world! *Dawn Bird*

Dunchideock Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Monday 13th and 27th July 2026. Draft minutes are on our notice boards and our web site, https://www.dunchideock.net/

To highlight a few points from the meetings:

- We've completed the audit for 2025/26 and all is signed off satisfactorily.
- Our finances are satisfactory with the present balance being £16,890.73 of which £3,400 is earmarked for specific items, including the £1,100 reserved for maintenance of our four Public Rights of Way.
- Our two new notice boards have been installed. The Lord Haldon Hotel very kindly did all the installation work as a gift to Dunchideock. How very kind they were.
- Now that we now own the phone box, we're investigating how we can repair and maintain it to the strict requirements of BT - must have correct colours and materials.
- We asked Devon Highways to replace the Dunchideock road signs (on the roadside at the edge of the parish) but they responded by telling us that the signs are clearly visible so they will not make any changes to them at present. Nevertheless, we'll look into the cost of funding and doing the replacement ourselves.
- We discussed the mirror at Manstree junction, but some snags arose about doing this. Nevertheless, a replacement mirror has now been installed.
- We still wish to recruit a Parish Clerk and also fill the two vacancies on the Council; details, see web site.

Our next meeting will be on 14th September in the Village Hall.

Dudley Swain
Chairman, 833353
or clerk@dunchideock-pc.gov.uk

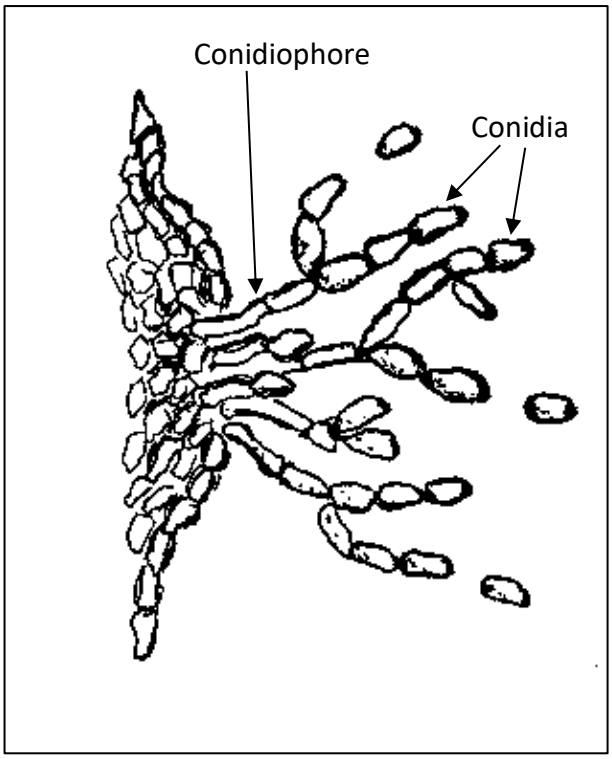
Shillingford Wildlife Group - *Monilinia fructigena*

Surrounded by apple trees as we are in Shillingford and Dunchideock, most of us will be familiar with seeing brown rotted fruits either clinging to the tree or fallen to the ground in late summer and autumn. Intriguing, or disgusting, (as you prefer), are the patterns of white concentric rings of pustules (conidial tufts) apparent on the browned skin surface (Fig 1).

Conidial tufts consist of conidiophores from which conidia bud off and are carried by the wind, birds or moths, to other trees (Fig 2). Complex structural changes take place within the life cycle, and the following year conidial tufts are seen again on fruit carrying the infection.



(Fig 1) Apple showing concentric rings of conidial tufts



(Fig 2) Detail of a conidial tuft
Diagrammatic scales undetermined

The fungal kingdom classifies known fungi into phyla (divisions), classes, orders, families, genera and species. This embraces many complex fungal forms, each with an intricate and fragile life cycle. Within this, the species *Monilinia fructigena* is a fungus often seen affecting apples, pears and cherries, favouring the moist, warm, humid climate such as we have locally and around our Atlantic coastline. Methods used by horticulturalists, to minimise the infection (by several prevalent *Monilinia* species), include removal of infected developing fruit (to interrupt the life cycle of the pathogen), or the use of more resistant fruit tree varieties.

Similarly to us, observers in Northschillyngforde in the year 1245 would have been familiar with apple trees in orchards and would have seen their pathogens as well. In his book *Torre Abbey**, Deryck Seymour quotes details of a dispute recorded that year, between the Abbot of Torre and the rector of the local parish, over who was entitled to receive tithes for 'orchards, meadows and pasture' held by the Abbey.

Doubtless the fruit tree varieties will have changed, and the pathogens evolved since then, but the moist conditions are likely to have prevailed. It is probable that the monks of Torre would have made similar observations to ours (though without the benefit of microscopy).

Whatever climate change may bring us, writing in August 2026 for a piece to be read in September of the same year, *Monilinia fructigena* will surely be continuing its intricate life cycle around here. Doubtless it has evolved to meet changes in the past and will continue to do so.

Tam Mucklow

*p242, Seymour, D. *Torre Abbey*. 1977, Townsend & Son. Exeter. ISBN 0 9505949 0 3

Shillingford Local History Society

Monday 5 October 2026

7.30pm in Shillingford Village Hall

"My Devonshire Darlings: The Women's Land Army in Devon"



A talk by Rebekah Pearson, a former Royal Navy Officer who lives locally in Lympstone. "Becks" will bring some authentic Women's Land Army uniforms with her.

Members and visitors are all welcome

MEMBERS FREE GUESTS £4

Shillingford Local History Society – The Georgian Improvers on Dartmoor, 27 July 2026

The Society was very fortunate to have another visit by Simon Dell, MBE to give this talk. He is an Author, National Park Guide, Police Historian and Public Speaker who is well known for the high quality of his talks. This is a summary of his talk.

The Georgian period covered by the talk was from 1714 to 1837 and included the reigns of George I to George IV and the reign of William IV.

By the early 1700s the landscape had not changed since the Anglo-Saxon period, and farming methods were primitive. The people lived in rural isolation and from hand to mouth. Their diet was meagre, and they did not always have shoes. They lived in longhouses with their animals and had peat or furze fires in large fireplaces.

Dartmoor was simply a wild moorland area that was part of the Royal Forest. The Georgian Improvers had plenty of work to do. They built roads over Dartmoor; these included the road from Exeter to Moretonhampstead, now the B3212, and others onto Tavistock and Plymouth. Tin mining had existed for centuries and continued in the Georgian period to be an important part of the moorland economy.

Dartmoor became an important source of water supply, with the building of the Devonport Leat which provided water over 27 miles to Devonport. Granite stone was in demand to construct buildings in our cities. The quarries near Princetown led to the building of the Plymouth and Dartmoor Tramway to transport the stone south, and bring materials and supplies back. It also provided communication beyond Dartmoor. Haytor Quarry provided work for about 100 men with the Haytor Granite Tramway carrying stone for export from Teignmouth.

Sir Thomas Tyrwhitt (1762-1837) was a major improver of Dartmoor. It was his intention to turn the then desolate waste and wild moorland area of Dartmoor into a thriving place to live and work. He built a farm and grew flax, and his first project was to persuade the government to erect a prison. The Duchy of Cornwall, as the largest landowner, also attempted to make improvements by enclosing areas for tenant farmers in order to "improve" rough moorland and convert it to rich pasture.

This was another excellent talk by Simon, illustrated by many slides that he had taken of the relevant areas of Dartmoor. Attendance numbers were high, and everyone appreciated his talk.

The next meeting is on Monday October 5 with a talk titled *My Devonshire Darlings – The Women's Land Army in Devon*, by Rebekah Pearson.

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

The membership year is from May to April. The annual fee remains at only £8, and is due from May 2026. This includes free entry to the four meetings and talks for the year, and also covers the cost of the buffet at the February meeting. New members are always welcome. The fee per meeting for guests is £4, or £6 for the February meeting, which also covers the cost of the buffet supper.

Norman Harvey
Committee Member
Shillingford Local History Society

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Dunchideock Church Calendar

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

Date	**Name**	**Service**	**Time**
Sep 13	**Trinity 15**	**Holy Communion**	**10:30am**
Sidesperson	Steve Cook		
Readers	Robin Caley	Shirley Phillips	
Readings	Genesis 50:15-21	Romans 14:1-12	
Intercessions	Steve Cook		
Refreshments	Robin Caley		
Cleaning	Pat Ouseley, Katrina Lawrence		
Flowers	Judith Pythian, Lynette Hares		
Oct 11	**Trinity 19**	**Harvest Thanksgiving**	**11:00am**
Sidesperson	Dawn Bird		
Readers	Tina Cook	Ann Mallett	
Readings	Deuteronomy 8:7-18	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	
Intercessions	Ray Mallet		
Refreshments	Ann Mallet		
Cleaning	Liz Anderson, Heather Ellis		
Flowers	Heather Ellis, Shirley Phillips		

Services in the Teign Valley and Haldon Hill Mission Community

September	Time	Details
6 Trinity 14	9:00am	**Scattered Church by Telephone** - Service of the Word
	10:30am	**St James, Christow** - Holy Communion
	10:30am	**St Michael, Doddiscombsleigh** - Holy Communion
	10:30am	**St Mary, Dunsford** - Service of the Word
13 Trinity 15	9:00am	**Scattered Church by Telephone** - Service of the Word
	10:30am	**St Michael & All Angels, Dunchideock** - Holy Communion
	10:30am	**St Mary, Dunsford** - Service of the Word
	11:30am	**St John the Baptist, Ashton** - Harvest Thanksgiving
20 Trinity 16	9:00am	**Scattered Church by Telephone** - Service of the Word
	10:30am	**St Michael, Doddiscombsleigh** - Holy Communion
	10:30am	**St Mary, Dunsford** - Holy Communion
27 Trinity 17	9:00am	**Scattered Church by Telephone** - Service of the Word
	10:30am	**St Thomas Becket, Bridford** - Holy Communion
	10:30am	**St James, Christow** - Holy Communion
	10:30am	**St Mary, Dunsford** - Service of the Word
	4:00pm	**The Mission Community** - Forest Church

For telephone services, please dial 0333 011 0616 and enter the code 334 7721, followed by #

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 Amanda Drake (Curate) – 07973 785950 or amandacdrake@hotmail.com

Pastoral Care

If you would like, or know someone who would be glad of, a call or "virtual" visit from Rev'd Ruth or 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 or see the "A Church Near You" website for your parish.

Creation Sunday – 6 September

Special services in Christow, Doddiscombsleigh and Dunsford – all at 10:30am. See the Letter from the Rectory for more details.

Scattered Church – Home Communion – Week Beginning 28 September

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

Special Harvest Services

Harvest Thanksgiving services will take place as follows:

Ashton – 13 September at 11:30am

Bridford – 11 October at 10:30am

Christow – 18 October at 11:00am

Doddiscombsleigh – 18 October at 4:30pm

Dunchideock – 11 October at 11:00am

Dunsford – 11 October at 10:30am

Villages Prayer – Tuesday 15 September

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 normally meet to pray on the 3rd Tuesday of each month between 5pm and 6pm. The next meeting is on 15 September at 5pm at Webberton Meadows, Dunchideock, EX2 9TX. Please contact Rev'd Ruth or Rev'd Amanda (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

From the registers…

Baptisms:

9 August Wilfred Brown (Christow)

Funerals:

23 July Malcolm Gibbon (Christow)

21 August Sandra Brook (Doddiscombsleigh)

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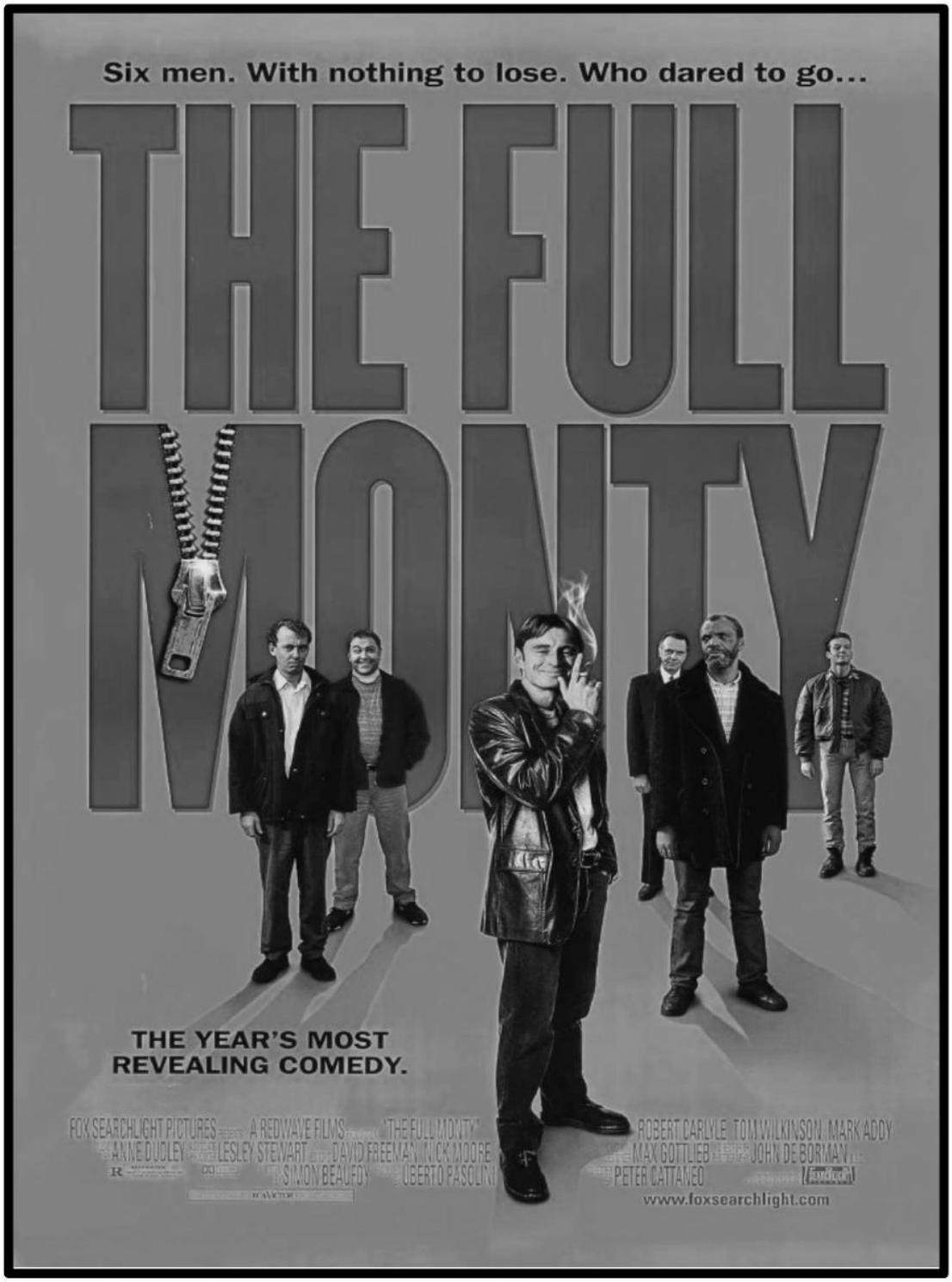


FRI 18TH SEPT 7.15PM

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VILLAGE HALL

Dunchideock Film Night



FRI 16th OCTOBER 7.15PM

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VILLAGE HALL

Dunchideock Village Hall Events

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SEPTEMBER 2026:

Thursday 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th September: 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 14th September: Parish Council Meeting @ 7.30pm

Friday 18th September: Film Night @ 6.45pm for 7.15pm start. "Wicked Little letters" starring Olivia Coleman. £5 Admittance. Extra charge for ice cream and bar.

Friday 25th September: **Village Singers!** 5.30-6.30pm. No audition necessary. Call Tamsin for further details 07891 861881

Friday 25th September: '**Pub Night'** 6.30pm -10.00pm A relaxed evening with open bar, snacks, music, pub games and a chance to catch up with village friends! (See poster & below)

OCTOBER 2026:

Thursday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th 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

Friday 16th October: Film Night! @ 6.45pm for a 7.15pm start "The Full Monty" starring Robert Carlyle, Tom Wilkinson & Mark Addy. £5 Admittance. Extra charge for ice cream and bar.

Friday October 23rd: '**Pub Night'** 6.30pm until 10.00pm

Autumn Film Nights:

We are looking forward to the start of our **Autumn film nights**. We will be focusing on great British talent, feel good comedies, crowd pleasers and well-known dramas with positive themes. Going into the Christmas season, we will show festive themed films. We hope you will join us on these evenings which are as much about the chat with friends as it is about the film itself! Everyone is welcome.

In **September** we start with '**Wicked Little Letters'**, which is a dark comedy mystery film about a 1920s English seaside town gripped by an absurd scandal involving anonymous, profanity-laced poison-pen letters. It stars Olivia Coleman as conservative local Edith Swan and Jessie Buckley as her rowdy Irish neighbour, Rose Gooding, who is wrongfully accused of the crime.

A classic British comedy favourite follows in **October** with '**The Full Monty'**. This is a 1997 comedy film about six unemployed steelworkers in Sheffield, England who form a male strip-tease act to make quick money, regain their self-worth and pay for overdue child support. The untrained, average looking group works through intense self-doubt, body insecurities and personal trials to pull off a raucous and hilarious final performance.

Pub Nights:

From September to April, we have decided to hold regular **Pub Nights** on the last Friday of each month (starting Friday 25th September). We will have Pub games available, a well-stocked bar at bargain prices, bar snacks and music to create a relaxed atmosphere for catching up with village friends! Come anytime between 6.30pm and 10pm!

Dunchideock Village Hall

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1. R Robson
2. A Barclay-Watt
3. S Bell

Villages Diary

Date	Time	Event	Place
September			
Wed 2	10:30-12:00	Open Door Café	Shillingford Village Hall
Thu 3	09:30-12:30	Teign Valley Men's Shed	Embercombe
Thu 3	18:00	Cardio Drumming	Dunchideock Village Hall
Fri 4	18:45 for 19:00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Tue 8	10:30-12:00	The Garden Room Coffee Morning	Lord Haldon Hotel
Thu 10	09:30-12:30	Teign Valley Men's Shed	Embercombe
Thu 10	14:00	Christow WI *The Rise and Fall of British Cheese*	Teign Valley Community Hall
Thu 10	18:00	Cardio Drumming	Dunchideock Village Hall
Fri 11	18:45 for 19:00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Mon 14	19:30	Dunchideock Parish Council meeting	Dunchideock Village Hall
Wed 16	10:30-12:00	Open Door Café in aid of *Breast Cancer Now*	Shillingford Village Hall
Thu 17	09:30-12:30	Teign Valley Men's Shed	Embercombe
Thu 17	18:00	Cardio Drumming	Dunchideock Village Hall
Fri 18	18:45 for 19:00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 18	19:15 (bar opens 18:45)	Film Night *Wicked Little Letters*	Dunchideock Village Hall
Tue 22	10:30-12:00	The Garden Room Coffee Morning	Lord Haldon Hotel
Thu 24	09:30-12:30	Teign Valley Men's Shed	Embercombe
Thu 24	18:00	Cardio Drumming	Dunchideock Village Hall
Fri 25	17:30-18:30	Singing Villagers	Dunchideock Village Hall
Fri 25	18:30-22:00	Pub Night	Dunchideock Village Hall
Fri 25	18:45 for 19:00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Sat 26	10:30-12:00	The Exchange	Shillingford Village Hall
Wed 30	10:30-12:00	Open Door Café	Shillingford Village Hall
October			
Thu 1	18:00	Cardio Drumming	Dunchideock Village Hall
Fri 2	18:45 for 19:00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Mon 5	19:30	Shillingford Local History Society Rebekah Pearson – *My Devonshire Darlings: The Women's Land Army in Devon*	Shillingford Village Hall
Tue 6	10:30-12:00	The Garden Room Coffee Morning	Lord Haldon Hotel
Thu 8	09:30-12:30 (AGM c11:00)	Teign Valley Men's Shed (with Annual General Meeting)	Embercombe
Thu 8	18:00	Cardio Drumming	Dunchideock Village Hall
Fri 9	18:45 for 19:00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Sun 11	09:30	Harvest Festival Service	Shillingford Church
Sun 11	11:00	Harvest Thanksgiving	Dunchideock Church
Mon 12	19:00	Harvest Supper	Shillingford Village Hall
Thu 15	18:00	Cardio Drumming	Dunchideock Village Hall
Fri 16	18:45 for 19:00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 16	19:15 (bar opens 18:45)	Film Night *The Full Monty*	Dunchideock Village Hall
Tue 20	10:30-12:00	The Garden Room Coffee Morning	Lord Haldon Hotel
Thu 22	18:00	Cardio Drumming	Dunchideock Village Hall
Fri 23	18:30-22:00	Pub Night	Dunchideock Village Hall
Fri 23	18:45 for 19:00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Thu 29	18:00	Cardio Drumming	Dunchideock Village Hall
Fri 30	18:45 for 19:00	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall

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