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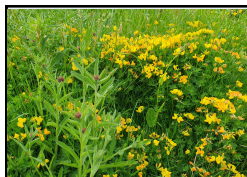
My fantasies of meeting friends in a village pub have come a little closer to being realised now the Jolly Sailor rebuild has been conditionally approved. But it could be a few years yet before I'll be buying a round! When I asked Heavitree, the brewer that owns the pub, for guidance on a possible timeline, I was told they are waiting for detailed costings from the quantity surveyers regarding professional fees and the anticipated costs involved in meeting the planning conditions. They will then be in a position to "evaluate the situation and resume discussions with our insurers". So they are still some way from being able to confirm a timeline.

But summer is coming, the weather has been kind (although it looks about to change), and the blossom has been outstanding. Is it just the sunshine making everything pop, or has the wisteria on show around the village (one example pictured above) been more abundant than usual, the hawthorns showier, the wildflowers in the hedgerows more profuse?

I don't know, but I'm grateful. And it makes up to some extent for the ongoing disruption of the building work at Channings Wood Prison. If you have any questions about that, please note the two public meetings being held in Denbury in June (see page 21).

The road closure for work on the Wolborough development remains in place, and although stop notices have been issued related to work in specific areas, it seems they do not affect the activity at the Ogwell end of the development area. District Councillor Paul Parker advised the Parish Council that the developers have put in an appeal against the stop notices. It's hard to halt the bulldozers!

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Annual Meeting, New Councillor

Parish Council Report for April and May 2025

Our May Meeting included the Annual Parish Meeting, at which we have reports from village organisations and also our Chairman reflects on the year and looks forward to what lies ahead.

We welcomed Stuart Rogers to the Meeting and congratulated him on winning a seat on Devon County Council. Stuart represents the Conservative Party, but said that his main aim is to serve the towns and villages he represents. We will look forward to working with Stuart on matters that he can influence and, yes, we have mentioned potholes already!

District Councillor Paul Parker congratulated Parish Councillor Pauline Wynter, who stood in the County Council elections for the Green Party and achieved a lot of votes, especially from Ogwell. He updated us on the NA3 development, which has been paused in part while mitigation work is carried out. The developers are now going to appeal and the matter will no doubt rumble on.

The Jolly Sailor plans have been passed by Teignbridge District Council, as already reported, and we wonder if, by the time we have the next Annual Meeting, we can report that rebuilding is under way. That would be welcome progress but no-one is holding their breath.

We heard from the Hall Committee who advised that during the year some well attended events took place, but with the demise of the Garden Society and the weekly yoga class, they are in need of new activities in the Jubilee Suite now that the Pre-School has consolidated to the Main Hall.

Steve Reynolds has agreed to serve a further year as Chair of Ogwell Parish Council, once again supported by Tim Flower as his Deputy. Councillor Katy Farrell-Wright will be taking an agreed leave of absence for six months for family and work commitments and we look forward to working with her again in the future. We remain two Parish Councillors short of our full quota of 10 and would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in finding out what being a Parish Councillor entails.

Mention was made of the recent VE Day 80th Anniversary celebration on the Green, which was well attended on a sunny evening, with the lighting of the beacon to round off School and Church Choirs and appropriate readings to remember those who died, as well as those who survived to celebrate in 1945. Money raised by the event will go to a War Veterans' charity.

Thanks go to Councillor Paul Martin and the Events Committee for making it happen.

Councillor Tim Carey advised us that, with the permission of the owner, a group interested in acquiring Pond Meadow for the benefit of the Parish, have carried out a survey. This showed that work needs to be done to make it safe, including work on a culvert. There is quite a gap between what the owner wants for the Meadow and what can be afforded for what is, after all, a fairly small piece of agricultural land.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place in the Memorial Hall on Monday June 9th at 7pm and as always we welcome parishioners to our meetings.

Rita Hannaford, Clerk,
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Wildlife Gardening: Neither Easy Nor Hard

At times I find it all a bit disconcerting really. Wildlife gardening is by its nature a bit 'wild' and of course needs to be, but when Spring is turning into Summer it can suddenly feel a little bit overwhelming. I've learned over the past few years that wildlife gardening isn't difficult, nor is it easy. And it's taken me a while to realise I can and should control bits of it but other bits really do much better if just left alone.

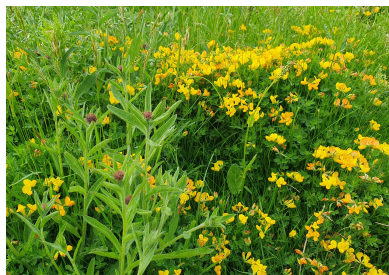
It took me longer than it should have to truly understand that annual wildflowers like Poppies and Corncockle need to be planted in soil that has been 'turned over' a bit whilst a perennial wildflower patch doesn't need that so much. So, over the years I've planted things in the wrong places and been disappointed when nothing happened. I'm slowly learning to plant things in the right places.

What I have learned though is that I can have formal flower beds, wildflower beds, and mixed beds, including veg, in the borders at the same time. They all need a degree of management, but they all work well together.

Someone once told me it can be difficult for people to understand how much of nature has been lost in our lifetimes. He said what you see and experience now is normal to you. You don't know what was there before, you've never seen or experienced it, so you don't miss it.

People talk about the peace and quiet of the countryside, but really, the countryside should be a quietly noisy place. I grew up in a world backed by a soundtrack of very evident chirping, rustling, flapping and humming accompanied by constant movement.

Today I walk the lanes and verges and that soundtrack and movement is mostly absent. So I'm trying to play a small part in providing a place where rustling, fluttering and humming can thrive, in the hope that someone as they pass by might notice and know nature has its own heartbeat.



The Ogwell Wildlife Gardener

Ogwild Wildlife Garden Trail

Sunday June 8th, 10.30am

Join a guided walking tour of five local gardens that are managed to help wildlife. Limited places so please book early.

For information on how to join the trail and to let us know if you have any special requirements contact ogwild4@gmail.com



Join The Bat Walk In Rectory Field

Friday 6th June, 9.15pm

Enjoy an evening of listening and watching out for bats with an expert. Bat detectors will be available for use.

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Barnaby Goes Ski Racing

Speeding down a black run hitting 80 km/h I reach the top of my first training run. Welcome to the world of competitive GB Ski racing!

I'm Barnaby, age 12, and in February I competed in the English Alpine Championships in Bormio, Italy. The Championships has been run for the past 28 years and is the main competition for seeded races during the ski season. Seeding is the way Snowsport England rank competitors and this season over 2,500 racers have competed in seeded races.

I race for CDC performance, a club run by Chemmy Alcott (four time Olympic ski racer and presenter of Ski Sunday) and Dougie Crawford (25 time British champion). There are a number of camps throughout the season with this one being the longest at two weeks, one week for training, the second adding in the official races.

I spent the first week with the team in a boarding lodge, then joined my Dad when he came for the racing. This is my first season competing in the Under 14 category and the first time I've been away on my own. I was a bit nervous but I learnt SO much, not just about skiing!

On Friday we had the opening parade. This a tradition of the English Alpine Championships where all competing clubs parade through Bormio carrying their team colours and finish in the centre of the town. Everyone loved the atmosphere and excitement, inspired perhaps not only by the parade but also by the biscuits and hot chocolate they gave us afterwards!

The next day the races started. My first race was on a tough course which a lot of really experienced skiers were unable to finish. I completed both my runs and came 49th out of 70. My second race the next day was slalom, and I came 31st out of 70. In March, I was racing at the 33rd Inter Schools Championships in Verbier, Switzerland. I was with CDC again, but also representing Exeter School. The snow conditions were great and I felt I made a big improvement in training before the races.

The slalom race was first, and I finished 5th out of 22, which I was really pleased with. The following day was the Grand Slalom (GS) race. There are fewer turns on a GS course and the distance is longer, which means you reach faster speeds. GS is my favourite discipline. I can't wait for the 2025/26 season!

The Ogwell Ski Racer





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Final piece of our building project

With funding from the Parish Council we will renew the roof covering over the kitchen area this summer to complete our roof improvement programme. We will also take the opportunity to improve kitchen extraction and install further insulation. This will further enhance the sustainability and efficiency of the building.

Kitchen refurbishment

From September we will be looking to finalise our plans for the kitchen remodelling and refurbishment project, hoping to implement it over the next couple of years subject to raising the necessary finance.

New group started this year

Over the past year we have successfully facilitated the full time occupation of the Old School Room by the Pre School and started a new Games Group to pick up some of the spare capacity in the Jubilee Suite created as a result.



New groups for September?

The Jubilee Suite still has some capacity to accommodate regular new groups on some weekdays and evenings. Please contact Carla if you have an idea you would like to pilot in September. See below for contact details.

New Brooms required!

At last October's AGM both Alan and I announced we will be retiring from the posts of Treasurer and Secretary respectively. The original Treasurer role was split into two several years ago with the new creation of a Bookings Clerk role, currently filled by Carla; and the Secretary's role is now being split too, so that routine buildings-related issues are being separated from routine secretarial ones.

If you are interested in filling one of these roles, please contact either Alan or myself for a chat. Both of us will be around to support any volunteer after October.

It has been a privilege to support the Hall over the last few years, and work alongside so many community-minded people to ensure it continues to provide a useful facility for local people. Many thanks to all those who use it regularly or occasionally .

Contact details

If you want to pilot a new group or enquire about a private booking, please contact Carla on: **07977 281335**

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Celebrating Community Spirit

Annual Report of OPC Chair Steve Reynolds

Ogwell is often talked about as a village of two halves. Whilst we cannot deny that Canada Hill creates a geophysical barrier between the new and old parts of the village, Ogwell still manages to maintain a great community spirit, as demonstrated at the many village events put on by the Events Team and other volunteers.

Ogwell is a sizeable community, with more than 1,200 homes, but sadly has no pub, Post Office or shop. The Shop Group has no shop premises to operate, although not for the want of trying, and is keeping an eye out for a suitable and affordable location. Efforts to acquire the former shop premises at Abbotsridge Drive failed as the Government closed the only serious line of funding available in the form of the Community Ownership Fund.

However, there is some light ahead, as finally, four years after it burned down, planning consent has been granted for the redevelopment of the Jolly Sailor. The new plans incorporate a shop, a café and a reconfigured pub, albeit it will take some time before we see any practical progress towards that.

One asset Ogwell does have is the Memorial Hall, which houses the Ogwell Pre-School and all the other clubs and associations that hire the facilities. The Parish Council is keen to continue to support the fundraising efforts for the Hall as more roof repairs are looming and the Hall Committee is looking to upgrade the kitchen. Our thanks go to the Hall Committee for all their hard work. Thanks also go out to all the Ogwell volunteers who work hard throughout the

year to help improve the local environment and enhance the biodiversity in and around the village. This includes managing Rectory Field on behalf of the Woodland Trust, although this arrangement is currently being renegotiated.

We were approached by the owner of Pond Meadow, situated beside the Church and the Tennis Club, to see if we would like to buy it. However, the suggested asking price is currently well above what we might afford, and the land comes with some considerable liabilities concerning the water course and culvert that runs through it. Time will tell on this one.

The construction work at HMP Channing's Wood started and has continued. Traffic has noticeably increased but overall, I would say that we have all accepted and adapted to the new order.

The Parish Magazine continues to land on our door mats six times a year and a fine publication it is too. Thank you to all the people involved in its production and delivery.

The Parish Council, as a group of volunteers, always does its best to keep our village amenities, such as the Green, play areas and footpaths, in good order. We also represent local views on planning applications and other matters affecting the area. We are always looking for volunteers to help to share the load, so if you feel like getting involved, or know someone who might, please do get in touch.

Thank you to my fellow Councillors, to our Clerk Rita Hannaford and to all the sub groups and community organisations working hard to help our community thrive.



Gardening, VE Day, Art Project

Delphine Knott, Headteacher, Canada Hill School

Garden update

The school garden is continuing to thrive. In the last few weeks we have been gathering crops of lettuce, chard and leeks for the school kitchen. We now have cucumbers coming into fruit which we will start to pick this week. Over the rest of term we hope to harvest strawberries, courgettes, aubergines, tomatoes, sweetcorn, blackcurrants, peas, runner beans and broad beans.

The Year 1 and 2 children have been learning about habitats and pollination in their Woodland School sessions. They have been exploring the types of habitats that animals live in and have created Beetle Buckets to encourage beetles, and Bumblebee Hotels for our bees to live in. They spent time learning how flowers turn into the fruits on our apple trees and other plants and were excited to see this in action on our pea plants. They loved opening the pea pods and eating the peas fresh from the garden.



VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations

On the 80th Anniversary of VE Day over 50 children from the school attended the celebrations on Ogwell Green and sang songs including the White Cliffs of Dover, which the audience also joined in with. Four of our Year 6 children dressed up as evacuees and read a moving poem about being sent away to safety and the relief they felt when the war was finally over and they could return home. Not a dry eye in the house. Miss Leer then went on to talk about an old Dutch flag she had found in her father's belongings which he and his parents had flown to celebrate victory in the Dutch town of Delft when the war ended, a lovely piece of personal history!



Felt-making school art project

Over the Summer Term, our Year 5 pupils will be taking part in some art workshops in school. These workshops are being provided by DAISI, which is a leading arts education charity working throughout Devon and Torbay. The project has been subsidised by The Helen Foundation.

The Helen Foundation trustees make an offer to every state-funded school in Teignbridge to subsidise arts-based workshops for Key Stages 2-5 led by professional artists.

To make the most of this generous offer, we have worked alongside other maintained schools, which opened up the opportunity to apply for some additional funding. There will be a celebration of the outcomes and final pieces from each of the schools at Highweek Primary School on Thursday 10th July. More details of this event will follow later this term. Children will work together with artist Jess to create a series of large felt images, each one focusing on a different aspect of what makes the landscape setting of each school so special.



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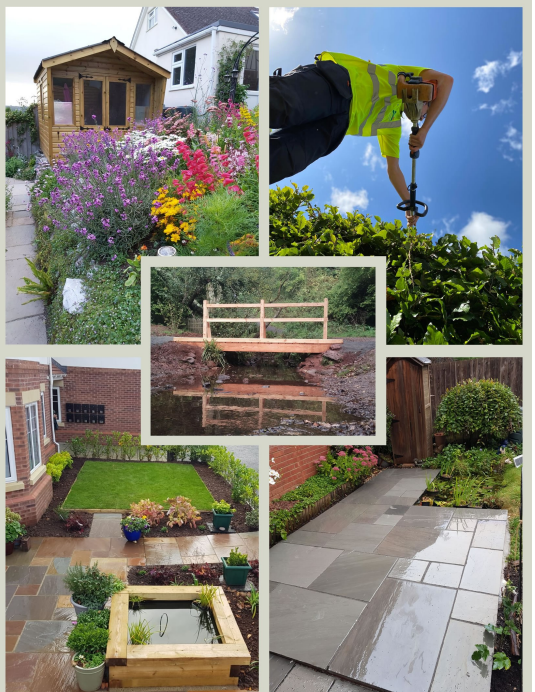
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Ogwell Tennis Club



By the time this article is printed Ogwell tennis Club will have completed all of its Refresher sessions for club members wishing to improve their game. These have been well supported with on average 4-6 players attending. Our thanks go to Terry Nickels who has run these sessions and also to the band of willing helpers ready to assist him when necessary. Our new net is now in place and the court is looking smart. A fun tournament is planned for Saturday 7th June, weather permitting. Spectators are always welcome. For any information about joining the tennis club please contact Julia.

Julia Barton, OTC Secretary



The Friends of Pond Meadow

Are Holding A Public Meeting
Tuesday 17th June, 7.30pm
At Ogwell Memorial Hall

To discuss the future
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Luncheon Club



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Our next lunches are on the following dates:

- Wednesday 18th June • Wednesday 16th July • No meeting in August

The charge is £6 each for a 3-course meal, with coffee included. Water will be provided on the tables. If you wish to bring your own wine, glasses will be provided.

Arrive from 12 noon, we start serving at 12.45pm. Please phone for further details, or to let us know if you're not coming.

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Ogwell 'Third Agers'

Teign U3a is centred on Newton Abbot and the surrounding villages in the area, with about 300 members. We hold a monthly meeting at St Paul's Church Hall, Devon Square, on the 4th Thursday of the month at 2pm. Visitors are most welcome.

We have about 40 groups, two of which, History and Armchair Travel, meet monthly in The Jubilee Suite of the Ogwell Memorial Hall at 1:45pm.

Annual membership is £30 but you are welcome to attend one of our meetings or visit teignu3a.org.uk to find out what we do.

Janet Choules

Ogwell meetings for June and July

Wednesday 11th June

History: Mariners, Mourners and Monks

Monday 30th June

Armchair Travel: Hong Kong

Wednesday 9th July

History: The Life & Times

of General Wade

Monday 28th July

Armchair Travel: Georgia (Europe)

Janet – Group Leader History

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HMP Channings Wood

May newsletter

Project update from Rob Stanton, Project Director Major Projects and Simon Parsons, Project Director Western & Wales.

We are now in our 10th month on site. Works are progressing well. In this time we have been installing foundations for the new buildings, undertaking extensive investigations of existing underground services and refurbishing some of the existing buildings.

The next phase of work will see the superstructure elements of the new buildings being erected. Alongside this the completion of new site roads and infrastructure. The refurbishment of the existing buildings will also continue in the coming months.

Residents update event

Following feedback from the local community, we thought it would be helpful to host two more resident drop-in events where you can attend at a time to suit you.

These events will provide an update on the construction work, how the traffic management system has changed to better suit the community's needs, and to provide an opportunity to ask questions.

- **11th & 12th June 2025**

Denbury Village Hall
Between 16:00 – 19:00





Awards Made To Local Organisations

'Ogwell Events' is pleased to announce it has awarded £3,700 to a number of local groups and organisations as a result of the 2024 events it ran. The money awarded will help support projects that benefit all age groups and interests across the whole of the Ogwell community. Awards went to:

- Canada Hill Primary School
- Ogwell Memorial Hall
- St Bartholomew's Church Ogwild
- Ogwell Tennis Club
- Ogwell Youth Football Club

We are grateful to everyone who contributes, participates, and supports our vibrant, inclusive, and thriving events and we hope you will continue to support them so we can raise money for future community projects.

Please put the 2025 Ogwell Events dates in your diary:

- 21st June, Summer Fair
- 6th September, Sundowner

Our small team is also seeking more volunteers who can help on the day or setting up or packing away, even if you can only give an hour.

To find out more email ogwellevents@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date on all the event news.





21st June 2025
12noon on the Green

Ogwell Summer Fair

Entertainment

Rod Scott Singing	BBQ / Bars
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Distinctive Wines With Stories to Tell

It was the morning after the night before. The bride and groom had left for their honeymoon, the guests were sleeping off the bacchanalian feast, and I was clearing away the last of the lipstick stained glasses, half-empty bottles of claret, and the crumbs of bacon baps enjoyed at midnight.

"What a party!" The father of the bride stumbled into the marquee, still slightly oiled, carrying a heavy box. He headed towards me, thanked me for all the hard work, and handed me the box. That was 30 years ago and that box changed the way I thought about wine, forever.

Back then my wine knowledge came either from Oz Clarke and Jilly Goulden on BBC Two, or from the sales assistant at Thresher's.

Then, as now, supermarkets and off-licence shelves were loaded with mass produced wines made from 'international' grape varieties. Wines that are perfectly drinkable and occasionally even enjoyable.

But the box contained something different. It turned my head to a world of possibilities. Inside was wine with soul, wine with a story to tell, wine that was distinctive.

The box was a case of 'grower' Champagne - a Champagne where the vigneron both grows the grapes and makes the wine. By contrast, major Champagne brands rarely own vineyards, choosing instead to buy in grapes. Grower Champagne reflects the unique story of the land and the dedicated people who have nurtured it, often for generations.

The first sip was a eureka moment which shifted my perspective. I used to focus on grapes - I like Cabernet Sauvignon, I don't like Chardonnay - but here was a wine which focussed not on grapes but on a place, a time, and the people who crafted it. It kick-started my life-long mission to discover distinctive wines with stories to tell. Distinctive wines which make each sip special!

New arrivals that showcase people and place

Aldo Rainoldi Nebbiolo 2023 £19.50

An elegant red made in the high altitude vineyards of Italy's Valtellina Valley. It is made from Nebbiolo - the grape variety best known for Barolo and Barbaresco. The vineyards sit between altitudes of 300 and 650 metres above sea level and they are surrounded by snowy Alpine peaks.

Hubert Reyser Riesling Grand Cru "Steinklotz" 2020 £26.50

We often overlook Riesling, thinking it makes only cheap and sweet German wines such as Liebfraumilch or Blue Nun. In fact, it also makes astonishingly good, bone dry, whites which are incredibly food friendly. In Alsace it produces a slightly richer style than the austere wines of Germany's Mosel. Here, second generation winemaker Lionel Reyser has crafted a delicious organic wine on his stony "Grand Cru" site, a real treat that's well worth splashing out on.

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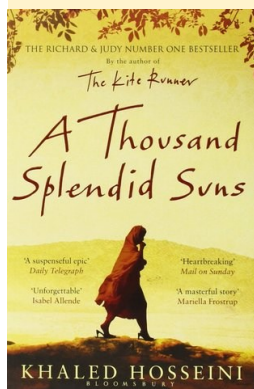
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Two Women Bound Together By Marriage

Book Review: *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, by Khalid Hosseini (2007)



Based in Afghanistan, the story is about two women, Mariam and Laila, bound together by marriage to an abusive man. Their stories are told against the backdrop of civil war and the rise of the Taliban. Mariam is 'harami', born out of wedlock to her father's

housekeeper. As his family becomes increasingly embarrassed by her existence, she is married off to a much older man to live in Kabul. Things aren't too bad in the beginning, but Mariam's failure to produce a son (and yet, seven miscarriages) frustrates and angers Rasheed and he becomes abusive.

Mariam's neighbours are in mourning for their two sons who fought for the Mujahideen and largely ignore the romance developing between Leila, their daughter, and Tariq, a Pashtuni with one leg. When Tariq's family decide to leave town, he and Laila make love, resulting in a pregnancy. Soon after, Laila's family are killed by a rocket attack and Mariam and Rasheed look after her. Laila convinces Rasheed to marry her and ultimately, that Tariq's child is his. She has a daughter, Aziza.

Although awkward initially, Mariam and Laila become friends, united against Rasheed's abuse. They try to escape, but are caught and beaten and starved by Rasheed. Laila gives birth to Zalmaj, finally a son for

Rasheed, who then dotes on the boy, ignoring Aziza. When Rasheed loses his business, he forces Laila to send Aziza to an orphanage; Laila is regularly beaten by Taliban agents as she visits her. It transpires that Tariq is alive after all and comes to rescue Laila; they make plans to escape, but Zalmaj informs his father that a male visitor was in the house and he beats the two women and nearly kills Laila. Mariam saves Laila by hitting Rasheed with a shovel and killing him. Mariam turns herself into the Taliban in order that Laila can escape with Tariq and the children. Mariam is sentenced to a public execution. Laila and Tariq escape Afghanistan and move to Pakistan, where they marry and settle. However, after the fall of the Taliban, they decide to return to Kabul to work and help rebuild their society. Laila is pregnant with her third child, to be named Mariam if it is a girl.

The book presents a lovely story of how two women worked together for their own safety and that of their children; and how they managed to overcome so much hardship during a politically unstable time for their country. It is so hopeful; and yet, we know now that their hopes for a bright future for their country were dashed: the treatment of women would not change.

About the author: Khalid Hosseini was born in Kabul, Afghanistan, and moved to the US with his parents in 1980. His first novel, *The Kite Runner*, was published in 2003. Combined sales of his first two books have surpassed 38m worldwide.

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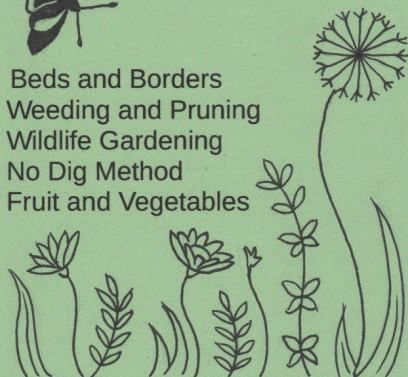
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With your back to the hotel walk along the Plains and keep to your left with the river along your side, passing the Steam Packet Inn. The road soon joins a footpath marked amongst other things as the John Musgrove Trail and the Dart Valley Trail. Take the lefthand footpath rather than the tarmacked cycle trail. You follow this path for a couple of miles alongside the River Dart. Wherever a choice is offered take the lower, left hand path. This meanders along the riverbank offering you premium views of the river and a great view back to Totnes. You eventually arrive at the entrance to Sharpham House (their well known vineyard has relocated to the other side of the river)



where you turn right up the hill towards Ashprington. Sharpham House is a grade 1 listed building and now owned by the Sharpham Trust who offer Buddhist themed retreats there.

On your arrival in the village of Ashprington you have a choice to make. You can either turn left and follow the track down to the point with lovely views of the River Dart and then retrace your steps back up the hill to the village (this is the optional extension). Or you can carry on down towards the church and the pub (the Durant Arms is open lunchtimes Thursday to Sunday only). I had my picnic lunch on the church steps. After lunch walk back out of the village the way you came in but look out for a footpath off to your left that will take you back to Totnes via a higher route. This will give you an opportunity to see evidence of the rewilding programme that the Sharpham Trust has instigated as well as views of the river valley and rolling Devon countryside. This route is now a cycle trail (the Dart Valley Trail) so easy walking into Totnes and your starting point. All in all a reasonably easy walk with lovely views and refreshment opportunities at both ends.



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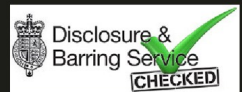
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| 1. In what year after WW2 did bananas appear in the shops?
a) 1945
b) 1946
c) 1947 | 6. What disasters happened in Newton Abbot in 1938 and 1979?
a) Gas works explosion
b) Water shortage
c) Flooding | 11. Players with GS, WD, GD and WA on their tops play?
a) Hockey
b) Lacrosse
c) Netball |
| 2. What year did sweets come off ration?
a) 1947
b) 1948
c) 1949 | 7. Who starred in the film Calamity Jane?
a) Debbie Reynolds
b) Jane Russell
c) Doris Day | 12. What are Kalettes?
a) Floppy trousers
b) A hybrid green vegetable
c) A mini cabbage |
| 3. What nationality is the person who invented the air fryer?
a) American
b) Japanese
c) Dutch | 8. What was Hobbs of Barbican a major maker of?
a) Bicycles
b) Pushchairs
c) Prams | 13. How much does a pressure cooker cut the amount of power used ?
a) 50%
b) 65%
c) 80% |
| 4. Cullen Skink is what?
a) A small black and white animal
b) Dried seaweed
c) Scottish soup | 9. Who said 'you've never had it so good'?
a) Harold Steptoe
b) Harold Wilson
c) Harold McMillan | 14. The word Tiramisu) translates as?
a) Pick me up
b) Eat me quick
c) Take care it's alcoholic! |
| 5. In fisherman's mythology what was Fiddlers Green?
a) A heavenly place
b) New Zealand
c) A wet season at sea | 10. The MG badge on a British car originally stood for?
a) Morris Group
b) Morris Garage
c) Might Go | 15. What did notable Ogwell pet-lover Greybird keep as a pet?
a) A Badger
b) A Goose
c) A Ferret |

For answers, and more information about 'Greybird', see page 35



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Church News

It's been a mixed time in our church recently. First, we lost a very dear member, Simon Le Pine Williams. He was always there to fit a kitchen or fix a leak. He was a good speaker and frequently led our prayers. We will miss him.

On the bright side Jon, a younger member of our congregation, will be ordained at the end of June. He is still working at his day job and devotes a lot of time to his family. How he manages all the extra study is incredible.

We continue with our coffee mornings on the last Friday of the month. The next one is in aid of cancer research. Come and join us.

*Samantha Simmons, Gwyn Hughes, Stella Llewelyn
St Bartholomew's Church, Newton Abbot and Ogwell PCC*

'Greybird': wildlife expert and pet-lover

The Luncheon Club quiz is devised to appeal to regular diners, who tend to be the older residents of Ogwell. Hence the question about 'Greybird' who some may remember.

Reginald Matthews, aka 'Greybird', was a lifelong resident of East Ogwell who died, age 73, in 1988. He was a notable character in the village, and according to a newspaper obituary, had a vast first-hand knowledge of wildlife and was devoted to his pets, which included a badger.

A couple of newspaper readers offered their memories of Greybird. One sent in a picture of Mr Matthews with his "delightful and fastidious" tame badger, and commented, "Reg's interests in the animal kingdom were not, however, narrowly limited to the animate.

"During the war it was amazing how many dead chickens, and many more highly prized fowls, found their way to my mother's door. "Must've been hit by a car and it seemed a shame to waste it", was Reg's explanation.

"Many an evening, too, returning from some adolescent adventure, coming up Canada Hill far too fast, my headlights would pick out Reg, making his way home with a sack on his back, bulging no doubt with several such unfortunate victims of technology.

"I am sure it was this feeling for nature and not, as some suggested, a contretemps with the local authority, which led him to plant a sign in his garden, by then a good yard high with weeds, announcing it to be a 'Nature Reserve'."

Answers to quiz questions

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|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. (a) 1945 | 6. (c) Flooding | 11. (a) Netball |
| 2. (b) 1949 | 7. (c) Doris Day | 12. (b) A hybrid green veg |
| 3. (c) Dutch | 8. (a) Bicycles | 13. (c) 80% |
| 4. (c) Scottish soup | 9. (c) Harold McMillan | 14. (b) Pick me up |
| 5. (a) A heavenly place | 10. (c) Morris Garage | 15. (a) A Badger |



Rise in Gen Z Church Attendance

Our kitchen has been infested with ants recently, seeking the jam and marmalade made from last year's fruit. And every time we plugged a hole they found somewhere new to get through. I think I've managed to block all the holes now but I'm making no guarantees.

Over the past few decades, there have, however, been a number of people who have joyfully made such pronouncements about the decline in religious faith, especially the Christian faith, across our nation. Belief in God, they proclaimed, was if not dead, then mortally wounded. But not so fast! For over the past few years there has been a significant rise in church attendance. This quote comes from a recent article by Helen Coffey in the Independent. "The number of people reporting monthly (church) attendance has risen from 8 per cent in 2018 to 12 per cent in 2024. But the most remarkable jump in reported attendance has been among Generation Z, quadrupling from 4 per cent to 16 per cent of 18-24 year-olds. There's been an even more dramatic shift for young men: a fivefold growth from 4 to 21 per cent."

The piece also points out that sales of Bibles

have almost doubled in the last five years. At a time when there is a major mental health crisis amongst young people, more and more of Gen Z have been discovering that the Christian faith offers real hope, deep peace, a loving community and a clarity of meaning and purpose lacking in the modern world.

So it begs the question: if Gen Z are rediscovering the good news of Jesus, might it not be a good time for those of us of a riper age to revisit the claims of Jesus for ourselves?

So let me encourage you to take a fresh look at the claims and teachings of Jesus. You might want to come along to a service at St Bart's Church or visit one of the other churches in our parish. There are a range of styles to choose from, but the message will be the same wherever you go. Alternatively, why not follow the trend and pick up a Bible for yourself.

The ants may be gone from my kitchen, but the good news of Jesus cannot be kept out or shut down. Is it time to examine Jesus' claims for yourself?

***Rev Dave Brown, Rector,
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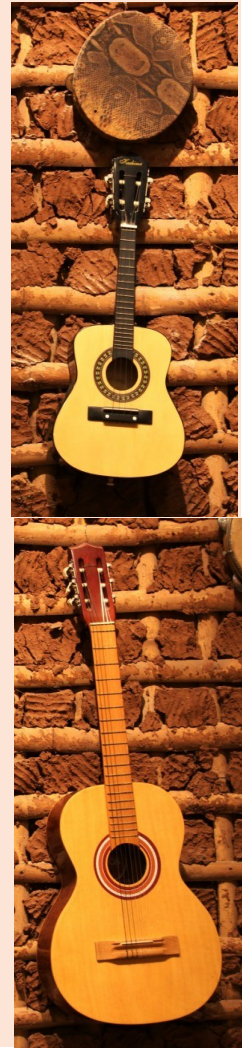
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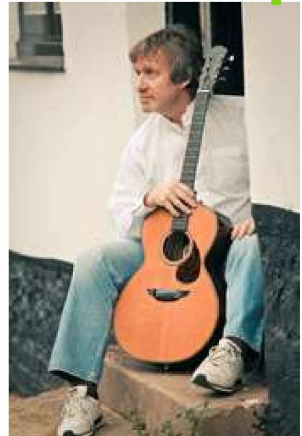
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