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# Ogwell Parish Magazine

It's really lovely to have young people contributing to the magazine, so many thanks to



those who do. Our regular junior correspondent has written about food this month (see page 9), and happened to alert me to a pizza delivery service I wasn't aware of, so thanks for that too. I was also offered the opportunity to include a poster designed by a Canada Hill School pupil, and delighted to do so ( see page 16). It's a great subject Ciara decided to address in her poster—helping the environment by repairing, reusing and recycling items.

Speaking of the environment, I recently took advantage of the Open Eco-Homes initiative run by Transition Town Totnes. This featured 20 properties or projects seeking to minimise their carbon emissions or boost biodiversity. I only managed to check out four but learned a lot. I was interested to discover Rosemoor in Ipplepen, a development of eight homes built to Passivhaus principles, and enjoyed a tour of the one that remains to be sold (pictured above). Next time I move, I will be looking for a well insulated house like that, with underfloor heating, a heat pump, and a focus on natural materials, avoiding plastic and chemicals.

I was even more impressed by a house in Dartington also built to Passivhaus standards, where they rarely have to heat the house, it is so well balanced. Why don't we all live like this—with minimal heating bills and solar panels that provide most of our energy, at least in summer? Of course it's more expensive to build houses like that than the standard offering from developers but they are a lot cheaper to run, and much healthier to live in. One day, maybe, Passivhaus, or something close, will be the norm.

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#### **FRONT COVER**

The moon shone brightly on the Sundowner event on the Green



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# Planning, Audit, MUGA Repairs

#### Parish Council Report for August and September 2025

There was no meeting in August as the Councillors took a summer break and we all enjoyed the wonderful weather. Now back to autumn and a meeting in September where the main item on the agenda was a planning application by the owners of Rosemount, Canada Hill, for a Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of the site for stove manufacture, later changed to stove assembly.

This application prompted a deal of research and investigation especially by the Chairman who put together a history of the applications by Rosemount to be allowed to assemble stoves on this site. This goes back as far as 2008, at which time Teignbridge District Council refused the application because of parking and access issues among other considerations. The mere passage of time was not felt to be any reason to go along with what has been happening without permission for many years so the Parish Councillors have recommended that the application be refused. The final decision rests with Teignbridge.

The External Audit of Ogwell Parish Council Accounts has been concluded for the year ended 31st March 2025 and no matters of concern have been raised, sigh of relief from Clerk! I always feel that I must have overlooked something and a lot of beady eyes at a prestigious firm in Canary Wharf will be sure to find me out. Not this year. so I can carry on with the new financial year which is already half over.

We are having some repairs carried out to the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) at Dawes Close so hopefully the users will soon have a surface restored to its best. The Little Green has had its autumn cut and is looking very good.

I mentioned the visit in October by Rob Stanton of Kier Management to update us on progress at Channings Wood Prison and have reminded him of that appointment. So, the next meeting will be on October 13th at 7pm in the Memorial Hall and, as always everyone is welcome to come along.

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Which?

# A Young Person's Views On Food

Hello! I hope you all had a nice summer. Welcome to my second article all about food! Before the summer holidays, our school chef, Olivier, made ice cream and sold it after

school. The cold, refreshing ice cream seemed to be just what pupils needed after a long, hot day of school. It got me thinking what it would be like to be a school chef, so I decided to ask Olivier some questions. Olivier explained that the best part of being a school chef was seeing the children eating his food. But he said the most challenging part of his job was getting the children to try different things! He often uses vegetables from the school garden for the salad bar and encourages children to sample new flavours and ingredients through his dishes. My favourite school dinners are macaroni cheese and chicken Basquaise (chicken pieces in a brothy sauce with vegetables, served with rice and freshly baked bread). My favourite pudding is Chef Olivier's apple and cinnamon cake delicious!

Over the summer holidays, I have been enjoying eating food in some of my favourite places around Newton Abbot. It's a school holiday tradition to go to Austins café with my nanny, my mum and my sister. My sister





and I enjoy discussing what options we will pick on the children's picnic box form, but we nearly always choose the strawberry ice cream for pudding!

For a special treat, nothing beats a takeaway after a fun but tiring day out at the beach. The choice for us is between Jacksons fish and chips or pizzas from Chanbury's in Kingsteignton. There is a lot of discussion about this on our drive home!

A place we have discovered recently is the Milk Shed near Ipplepen. My sister and I love milkshakes, and, in our opinion, these are the best. They make lots of different flavours using the milk from their dairy cows. So far, we have tried chocolate, raspberry and white chocolate, and tiramisu, but our favourite is the salted caramel milkshake.

By the time you are reading this, I will be back at school with my friends and hearing what a wonderful time

they had on their summer holidays. Maybe I'll hear about the delicious food they've enjoyed too!

Join me again for the December/January issue! Bye readers!



The Junior Ogwell Writer

# All you ever wanted to know about hedgerows and how to manage them



# **New-Look Councils Start To Take Shape**

If you have tried to engage with the plans for local government reorganisation you have my sympathy. It's all quite mind boggling. The plan is to replace the existing county and district councils with one or more unitary authorities for Devon. It's supposed to make things simpler and create savings.

The government's preferred population size for the new unitaries is 500,00, give or take. Devon is too big to be a single unitary, with a population of 1.2 million. But if the existing unitaries of Plymouth and Torbay were retained, the rest of Devon could potentially form one unitary. And this is the option Devon County Council has decided is the "least worst" of the five or six it has considered and the one it will submit to government.

Other councils have different ideas. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the district councils are not in favour of being abolished. They believe the reorganisation will cost around £100 million rather than save money, and say there are better ways of achieving savings. Nonetheless, seven of the eight district councils (excluding Exeter) have come up with an interim proposal to create two new unitary authorities alongside Plymouth City Council. This would combine West Devon, Teignbridge, South Hams and Torbay in the south, and East, Mid and North Devon with Torridge and Exeter as the northern unitary. Meanwhile, Exeter and Plymouth want to expand. Exeter proposes grabbing parishes from the three surrounding districts, taking 15 from Teignbridge, 28 from East Devon and six from Mid Devon. This new unitary would sit alongside an expanded Plymouth authority and one taking in the rest of

#### **Transition Timeline**

**21 March 2025**: All Devon authorities submitted interim proposals to the Government.

**15 May 2025**: Government provided feedback

June to November 2025: Detailed business case development, including community and stakeholder engagement

**28 November 2025**: Deadline to submit final proposals to government

January-April 2026: Government-led public consultations will be held to hear local views

May-August 2026: The Minister will announce a final decision on which proposals will go forward

May 2027: Shadow Elections will take place and Shadow Councils will work alongside the current councils during what will be known as the transition period

**1 April 2028**: New unitary councils will 'go live'

Devon. Plymouth wants to add population by taking control of 13 nearby parishes in the South Hams district.

Torbay is looking at three options: remaining as it is; becoming part of a new unitary that also covers half of South Hams and most of Teignbridge; or part of a new unitary that also includes South Hams, West Devon and Teignbridge.

Each area as whole will have to submit one plan by the end of November, which might contain different proposals put forward by individual councils. We must then wait for the government to make a decision.

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#### Thank you...

To all those who recently completed the roof work above the kitchen despite the mixed weather over the last few weeks, and to those who helped clean the hall before the start of our September programme.

Thanks also to Stella who has taken over the regular "premises-related" tasks which I have been doing for the last few years.

#### **New group**

Gong Bathing has started a regular monthly slot on Mondays at 6.30pm, adding another activity to the Hall portfolio. Further details from Jo on 07824 991977, or on our parish noticeboards.

#### Help still wanted...

I am hoping that someone (or a couple) will be able to take over the servicing of the Hall Committee from me, as Secretary. It meets just four times a year. Subject to AGM approval, I am happy to stay on the Committee, but am trying to cut down my workload.

Also, Alan would like to take a break from the Treasurer role which he has done so well over the past few years. We are a small organisation, not dealing in big numbers, and Alan is happy to partner a volunteer until they get their feet under the table. Please contact me if you are interested and able to help contact <a href="mailto:petane@outlook.com">petane@outlook.com</a> or tel: 01626 369478.

#### **Christmas Lights Event...and...Village Christmas Meal**

Having been forced to cancel this popular annual event last year because of the atrocious weather, we are really hoping that 2025 will see its return. The Lights event will start at **5.15pm on Friday, 5th December** with the Christmas Meal taking place the following day **Saturday, 6th December**.

#### Regular current activities include:

Activity	Frequency	Time
Pre School	every weekday in term time	9am-3pm
<b>Evening Table Tennis</b>	every Thursday	7pm-9pm
Keep Fit	every Tuesday	4pm-5pm
<b>Afternoon Table Tennis</b>	1st Wednesday each month	2pm-4pm
Games Group	2nd Friday each month	10.30am-noon
U3A History	2nd Wednesday each month	1.45pm-4pm
U3A Armchair Travel	last Monday each month	1.45-4pm
Luncheon Club	3rd Wednesday each month	from noon
Gong Bathing	3rd Monday each month	6.30pm

Contact Carla for booking enquiries on:

carlaglanvilleomh23@gmail.com or 07977 281335 Peter Farrell, Secretary, Ogwell Hall Committee



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# Ogwell Luncheon Club

#### **Luncheon Dates**

We look forward to welcoming our regular diners to our monthly Luncheon Club in the Memorial Hall. Entry via the side door. Our next lunches are on the following dates:

- 15th October
- 19th November

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.

Tel: Val Rhodes 366980

#### **URGENT PLEASE! URGENT PLEASE!**

Ogwell Luncheon Club has been running for more than 20 years. Age has caught up with the present team and they will be retiring after the November lunch.

# Please don't let the Luncheon Club fold!

There must be someone out there who could organise a new younger team to keep it going in whatever form they decide.

If that could be you, please contact:

Val: 01626 366980 Liz: 01626 335476

or email: opmeditorial@gmail.com



# **Ogwell Shop Progress Report**

At the shareholders Annual Members Meeting (AMM)

on Thursday 3rd July, the members present encouraged us to keep looking for opportunities to take the project forward. This is particularly something we wanted to do on the newer, estate part of the village. Unexpectedly, at the beginning of August Teignbridge District Council circulated information about the Government's Rural Economy and Communities Fund where they had nearly £200,000 to allocate to appropriate projects, with bids possible up to £75,000.

After checking some detail with TDC we met all the basic criteria, but unfortunately we were not able to make an arrangement with the owners of 1 Abbotsridge Drive whereby

we would upgrade their premises and open a Community Shop with an appropriate rent free period.

As a result we do not see a future situation that could lead to us being able to lease the property and so our only way forward is if we can acquire the necessary funds to purchase the premises outright. That still appears to be highly unlikely but you never know

The team will meet next in October to decide next steps as our next financial year ends 31st January 2026. There is also no further update, as yet, from Heavitree Brewery concerning The Jolly Sailor.

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# New Gates, Reading, Democracy

Delphine Knott, Headteacher, Canada Hill School

We have all settled back into school after a lovely sunny summer holiday! We have welcomed new families to Canada Hill and our new children are all settling in so well.

#### **Early Years Foundation Stage Area**

Over the Summer holidays our new EYFS outdoor area was finished thanks to our woodwork crew made up of staff, parents and grandparents. Newton Abbot Rotary Club made a donation so we could purchase more wood to finish the project and it has been lovely seeing our Reception children enjoying the new area.

#### **New Gates**

Anyone who has passed the school since the start of term will have noticed the new fencing and gates we have had installed across the main carpark. We have added these gates to keep the site more secure during the day and whilst there are no staff on site overnight and during holidays. We are also trying to reduce the number of cars that access the carpark space during busy periods when children are entering and exiting the school grounds. Families can now wait inside the gates in the knowledge that cars cannot simply swing off the road into the carpark. The gates seem to be working well and the area inside the gates feels much safer during those busy times.

#### **Authors Online**

Reading remains at the heart of all of our learning at Canada Hill and the children took part in an online event where well known authors shared one of their books with them. These virtual author events were a great way for our children to hear new

stories being read by the author – Julia Donaldson read her new book Paper Chase, there was Night Sky by Rebecca Lewis-Oake and our oldest children enjoyed Vicki Psarias read from her book Greek Myths, Folktales and Legends.

In a few weeks time, we will be holding our Book Fest in school where the children will immerse themselves in a book and all their learning will be focused around this story.

#### **Democracy and personal development**

We are currently running elections throughout school with children applying to be members of the School Parliament. They all complete applications which they then read out to their class before secret ballots are held to elect class members of the parliament. Children then help teachers fundraise, look after the main library and special bookshelves throughout the school, care for the school environment, discuss and address e-safety concerns, look after fellow pupils at playtimes, and discuss their experience of learning with Miss Knott. In order to empower as many children as possible we have extended the role of the School Parliament and have also formalised classroom monitor roles which are now tied more explicitly to our school values [Being...Happy, Inquisitive, Compassionate, Determined, Reflective, Courageous and Responsible) so that children have a clear way to demonstrate their understanding of these values and are given clear feedback which they even add to a CV in Year 5 and 6 - which will start giving them the idea that they can develop themselves in preparation for a future career.



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Ciara Killeen, a Year 6 pupil at
Canada Hill School, is
passionate about the
environment and worked hard
recently to make this poster
about recycling. She put a lot
of thought and creativity into
the design, hoping it might
inspire others in our
community to recycle more,
repair items rather than throw
them out, find a new use for
something, and think twice
about whether we really need
something before we buy it.

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**OPM Editorial** 

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# **Ogwell 'Third Agers'**

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 <a href="teignu3a.org.uk">teignu3a.org.uk</a> to find out what we do.

**Janet Choules** 

# Ogwell meetings for October and November

Wednesday 8th October
History: William Marshall Part 1
Monday 27th October
Armchair Travel: Cruising the River Douro

Wednesday 12th November
History: William Marshall Part 2
Monday 24th November
Armchair Travel: Road Trip to Marrakesh

Janet – Group Leader History
Mike – Group Leader Armchair Travel



# Dates for the 2025/26 season

Fridays in the Memorial Hall

With fish & chips or curry

31st October, 12th December 9th January & 27th March

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# A Whistle-Stop Tour of Japan

It is really hard to write a review of this country, it is so different from our own – few shared references and so little English spoken. But here's my view on an interesting, sometimes disturbing, trip to the land of the rising sun.

The 13-hour flight takes a lot out of you, and if you arrive at your hotel several hours before the official check-in time, tough! The weather is changeable in autumn but always with heat of 30C or more, resulting in humidity that makes walking feel like being in a steam room.

Tokyo – what an amazing city – 14 million people in a huge urban sprawl for as far as the eye can see. And nothing illustrates this more than a ride to the top of the Skytree Tower (think Shard or CN Tower). We went out with a brilliant Japanese guide who walked us for eight hours. We saw the famous 3D cat billboard in Shinjuku, followed by a visit to the Imperial Palace, set in the most beautiful gardens. We shopped in Aksaka, where you can walk down a busy shopping area to a temple on one side, a

We ended our day with our guide Yukari at the Shibuya Scramble Crossing, which is strangely very orderly when you are crossing, but looks unruly from above! And nothing quite prepares you for the restaurant in Shinjuku with robot staff taking food and drink orders and entertaining you at your table. If you are at all fussy about food, take care in Japan. Don't think Chinese; it is a different cuisine and although many restaurants offer a 'western-style' menu, this is usually an

interpretation of western food and generally

shrine on the other.



not great. However, don't be put off – part of the fun of going to unfamiliar places is to try new things; and when in doubt, there are 7/11 stores everywhere; and we did have one of the best Indian meals ever, next door to a bar owned by a raconteur who has taught Japanese in various countries, who really appreciates and knows whisky. Mount Fuji is stunning – but best enjoyed from a distance when it really dominates the skyline. Stay at a Japanese hotel there and really experience the benefits of their health spa – hot tubs, healthy food and no bar. Don't forget to take the ferry to Miyajima Island to see the floating Torii Gate and the deer that wander freely through the streets of the town. The ropeway (funicular to us) takes you up to the top for great views, and monkeys. Hiroshima is another urban sprawl, but the Peace Gardens are beautiful and do not feel crowded. There are tourists, but also lots of school groups and the museum is well-laid out and informative. If you think you know about the dropping of the bomb already, this place will give you so much more insight into its impact. And finally, the bullet train incredible experience: a clean, fast and comfortable ride!

The Ogwell Traveller



The event is subject to weather - back up date is 8th of November.

Check our Facebook page for the latest updates!!

Minimal parking please walk or park in the old part of the village

# Sundowner 2025 and Fireworks

On Saturday 6th September we held our annual Ogwell Sundowner on the village green. The weather didn't disappoint as the wind dropped and the evening turned out warmer than expected, and, most importantly, it stayed dry! It was wonderful to see so many people, young and old, from across the village catching up and enjoying the atmosphere, music and dancing. This year's music was opened by Rodd Scott, who treated us first to an acoustic set, before switching to electric guitar for his second. He was followed by Mainland25, who lifted the tempo and kept the crowd rocking well into the evening with a fantastic setlist, featuring covers from some of the biggest names—Queen, Stereophonics, Bon Jovi, Def Leppard, Kings of Leon, ACDC and more.

We'd like to thank all the volunteers who helped us set up and run the bar, and our food and drink vendors Loaded Fries, The Fire Train, Little Coffee Bean and Wickhams Wine.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the bar, we really appreciate it as it goes towards us being able to run next year's events.

Overall, we hope you had a fantastic evening. Dates for your diary:

- Fireworks: Saturday 1st November (back up 8th November)
- Summer Fair: Saturday 27th June 2026
- Sundowner: Saturday 12th September 2026

Ruth, Jon, Brian, Catherine, Louise, Tim and Lucy













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# The Perils of an Unprepared Wine Rack (and How to Avoid Them)

It's a truth universally acknowledged that the moment you think you've got supper under control, something goes wrong. A refrain often heard during my military days was, no plan ever survives first contact with the enemy. The other week, it wasn't the food that let me down—it was the wine. I had a couple of friends coming over for a simple midweek supper. Nothing extravagant: a roast chicken, a few vegetables, and what I thought was a fairly safe menu. That was, until I opened the wine rack.

As a wine merchant, you'd expect my wine rack to be brimful with the best bottles. But, what did I find? Half a lone bottle of Sauvignon Blanc, open for an indeterminate number of days, a big bruiser of a Bordeaux that would have flattened the poor chicken into submission, and—heaven help me—a bottle of rosé I'd meant to take on a picnic back in July. It was a bit like turning up to play cricket with a tennis racket: wrong tools for the job.

I muddled through, of course. The chicken was eaten, the friends were polite, and the conversation flowed, but the whole evening had me wishing I'd been better prepared. The right wine doesn't just sit alongside the food—it lifts it, adds a spark, and can turn an ordinary supper into a memorable one.



Which got me thinking... if I can get caught out in September, what hope is there for the festive season? Christmas is the time of year when food and wine come under the greatest scrutiny—when the turkey, the cheese board, and the mince pies all jostle for a perfect pairing. And if you've ever tried to find something last-minute that works with Stilton, you'll know it's not for the faint-hearted.

So, to save us all from half-drunk bottles of Sauvignon and sad picnic rosé, I'm inviting you to an evening of wine and food pairing at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 28th **November**. Together, we'll explore wines that don't just 'go with' your festive favourites—they'll make them sing. Expect reds that stand up to roast beef without bullying it, whites that bring turkey to life, and perhaps even something sparkling to make Boxing Day leftovers feel fabulous. I'll bring the wines, you bring your appetite. And if you can't make it to the hall? Don't worry—I've got you covered. Come and see me every Friday or Saturday at Totnes Market, I've always got a bottle or two open for tasting. Drop by, try a few things, and maybe even take home something that will make you the host with the most. Is it too soon to start thinking about Christmas? Of course not, so long as it saves us from another supper of mismatched bottles and polite smiles. Trust me—your turkey, your guests, and your wine rack will thank you.

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Dan Farrell Wright



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## **Lessons Learned In the August Heatwaves**

The August heatwaves were unbearable or enjoyable depending on your point of view, but my goodness the garden suffered. The leaves on some of my shrubs and trees shrivelled and turned brown. It felt a real struggle to keep everything alive and I'm pretty sure some will not recover. But some plants absolutely loved the heat and parched soil, so I'm going to use them more and save on watering.

Collecting rainwater in water butts is one of the easiest ways to make sure you can store water, which in turn can help with the water bill. If you don't want to carry watering cans back and forth, there are hoses that connect to a water butt (if you have the right adapter).

When my old dad first went on a water

meter he challenged himself to see how low he could get the bill. He collected grey water (for example from the bath) and flushed the toilets and watered the garden with it. A word of warning though. Don't use washing up water on the garden. It can be dirty and greasy with residue appealing to rats. I did read a good bit of advice though. When you cook vegetables in water, collect it, let it cool, then use it to water house and garden plants. It's full of nutrients from the vegetables which the plants love. Talking about saving water, have you ever heard the phrase, "If it's yellow, let it mellow. If it's brown, flush it down"? I was told this years ago and it's worth considering. Urine is sterile and if you are healthy it has no odour. So the theory is, you don't need to flush every time you wee in the toilet. Leave it and flush once at the end of the day and you'll save gallons each week, reducing your water bill. Always flush the

brown stuff though. Leaving that to ferment each day would not end well.

One plant you should never water is grass. It's incredibly resilient, as demonstrated when the yellow vista of the village green changed back to green after a bit of rain. The main green was not mown for weeks, and did you notice a purple sheen of Knapweed, delicate white umbels of Yarrow and splashes of bright yellow Hawkweed? This provided an unexpected food source for bees and butterflies that otherwise wouldn't have been there.

One thing I knew I didn't have enough of in the garden was water for wildlife, and recently it felt the right time to remedy that. I found some containers of varying shapes, sizes and depths, sank some into the ground, left some on the surface, then filled them with rain water, put in a layer of stones and added a bit of Hornwort and Frogbit. I've been particular about making sure wildlife can get in and out. I had a toad drown in a watering can once and it was mortifying. Wildlife has a difficult enough time as it is without me adding to the problem.

I recently glanced through an old copy of the Devon Wildlife Trust magazine and there was an article about creating a pond, which said, "When you find yourself wondering why you are spending so long just staring at your new pond here's the answer: what is unfolding before you is nothing less than the story of life on earth." And that's what I'm content to do, just staring as it all unfolds in front of me, and connecting to millions of years of life on Earth.

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## **Romance Blossoms Walking Coast to Coast**

Book Review: You Are Here, by David Nicholls (2011)

Probably best known for his 2009 global best selling book 'One Day', which was brought to the screen in 2011, You Are Here is David Nicholl's fifth book. Described as his best ever it is a story of loneliness, loss, hope and friendship and the risks taken to love and be loved.

Two lost souls, each painfully navigating their way through life and loneliness are brought together by Cleo, their successful and persuasive mutual friend. She organises a group of friends to tackle the first stretch of Alfred Wainwright's famous coast to coast walk from the Irish Sea across the Pennines to the North Sea.

For Marnie, the risks involved in romantic love, the potential for hurt, betrayal and indignity, far outweigh the consolation of living without the intrusion or judgement of another human being. But walking beside Conrad as they stumble up and down the hills and valleys brings an idea of what it might feel like to recapture what she lost. Cleo and her son Anthony half heartedly battle their way through the first few days and Michael walks alone, feeling cracked and vulnerable, not shy but just wanting to be left alone. Desperately trying to come to terms with a marriage break up to a woman he still loves he walks in an effort to find peace of mind and as an excuse not to engage with others.

Although racked with ongoing insecurity and each second guessing everything they do and say, Marnie, an inexperienced walker with brand new kit, and Michael an experienced and confident walker who travels light, slowly start to feel comfortable in each other's company.

They share the pain of feeling they've wasted years investing in the wrong person, being single in a world where everyone is married with children and dealing with other people's expectations of how they should feel and what they should be doing, if single and childless.

A mutual understanding and acceptance settles between them and they go on an epic journey in more ways than one as the walk continues against a backdrop of hills and lakes, moors and valleys, sweeping vistas, torrential rain, rushing tarns, leaky waterproofs and the joy of a dry pair of socks.

Like the terrain Marnie and Michael are trying to negotiate, their budding relationship veers between comfortable meandering on gentle slopes to sliding on scree, rushing headlong down a muddy and slippery path to a contented amble in the sun; until like their walk, it comes to an unexpected end.

By turns amusing, poignant, sad and insightful, You Are Here has a sense of predictability about it. But having said that, it's a gentle satisfying read oozing warmth, kindness and comfort.

And there is a lesson for us all as we watch Marnie and Michael desperately trying and failing to summon the courage to go wild water swimming in a freezing lake.

We learn that sometimes the bravest thing to do is chicken out. Whether Marnie and Michael chicken out of their fledgling romance remains to be seen.

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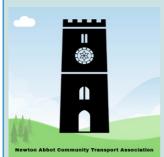


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# Walking The Templer Way

Two walkers and two excited dogs set off bright and early to walk the 18-mile Templer Way on August Bank Holiday weekend. The trail starts on Haytor and ends in Teignmouth and we planned to cover it in two days.

We headed for Haytor Quarry to pick up the granite tramway, built in the 1820s by George Templer to move granite from Haytor to the

Stover Canal, which was built by his father James II Templer to help with the transportation of clay. We enjoyed walking around the lakes in the long disused quarry, and the dogs enjoyed a dip. We found the way marker and followed the tramway downhill, taking in an amazing view of the estuary. The track is visible here and easy to follow. It dips into Yarner Wood, where we enjoyed the beautiful beech trees, sunlit leaves, more great views, and a pasty.

Leaving the wood, there's a section that follows the busy B3387 that runs up to Haytor from Bovey Tracey. I noticed there were no signs warning motorists to slow down for pedestrians. We then headed to the House of Marbles for a well earned sandwich and a rest, for us and the dogs.

The trail led on to Stover, passing by Bovey Heath and over the A38, and we soon reached Stover Canal and the Ventiford Basin. Work on the canal and its five locks began in 1790 and it was in use until 1937. It then fell into disrepair and was buried in silt by flooding from the River Teign until it was rediscovered and excavated. It is now managed by the Stover Canal trust. We continued on into Newton Abbot to the Jetty Marsh Basin, a local nature reserve, then onto the Passage House Inn for a welcome beer. It's a delightful location, nestled into the estuary with the water alive with swans, Canada Geese and gulls.







The following day we walked through the industrial estate after crossing the River Lemon and onto the banks of the Teign. We had made sure it would be low tide so we could make our way along the riverbank, slipping and sliding on the stones and seaweed. The skies were blue, the scenery was stunning—a perfect August Bank Holiday!. It was a good 2-3 hour walk, with the dogs loving the scents of the riverbank and the mud to wade in. We arrived in the beautiful little town of Shaldon and mingled with the holidaymakers and families enjoying the sunshine. The ferry across the estuary marked the final leg of our walk, and we greeted Teignmouth with whoops of delight.

We loved this wonderful walk that takes in such a lot of history and would highly recommend it to anyone.

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# ? QUIZ TIME

# Test Yourself With The Luncheon Club Quiz

- 1. The Cambridge Dictionary word of the year 2024 was?
- a) Manifest
- b) Skibidi
- c) Delulu
- 2. How many new words are in the 2025 Cambridge dictionary?
- a) More than 2000
- b) More than 4000
- c) More than 6000
- 3. Which root vegetable has the most Vitamin C?
- a) Carrot
- b) Swede
- c) Parsnip
- 4. A pillbox was what war time structure?
- a) block built house
- b) dug in guard post
- c) cool place to store and preserve food
- 5. How many wheels does a bath chair have?
- a) Two
- b) Three
- c) Four

- 6. Denim was first invented and made where?
- a) Italy
- b) France
- c) Spain
- 7. How many pairs of jeans are purchased each year in the UK?
- a) 90 million
- b) 70 million
- c) 50 million
- 8. Beauty of Bath is what?
- a) A statue in the famous baths
- b) A chair
- c) A variety of Apple
- 9. When did Henry VIII's flagship Mary Rose sink?
- a) 1545
- b) 1556
- c) 1561
- 10. Millions of people watched her being raised. What year was it?
- a) 1980
- b) 1982
- c) 1984

- 11. Levi Strauss was an immigrant to 1850s San Francisco. What nationality was he?
- a) Russian
- b) Austrian
- c) German
- 12. Which nearby building features an Ogwell Marble floor?
- a) Bradley Manor
- b) Forde House
- c) Gaia House
- 13. Which original Beatle left the group?
- a) Paul Best
- b) Pete Best
- c) Phil Best
- 14. The British Standard 3 pin plug was invented in which year?
- a) 1935
- b) 1947
- c) 1951
- 15. Who invented it?
- a) Lord Crabtree
- b) Dame Caroline Haslett
- c) M.K. Siemens

For answers, and more information on Q12, see page 39



## St Bart's Duck Race

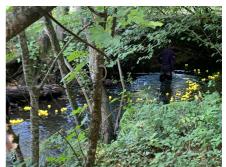
Towards the end of August there were serious discussions about cancelling

the duck race. There was no water in the river! But God was on our side because the first week of September the heavens opened. The water swept down from Dartmoor and the river was full. Indeed. Nick was worried there was too much! And then to cap it all, on the day the sun shone. The race is always held at Holbeam Mill at the kind invitation of Nick Holdsworth. The setting is stunning. For those of you who have not been, I suggest you visit next year when the gardens will be open during the National Gardens weekend. We released 800 ducks and had three heats and then the grand final. Prizes were given for each of the heats and the large ones for the final. As you will see from the pictures, the children followed the ducks down river whilst the adults relaxed with tea and cake. There were lots of games to play as well, including smashing eggs and walking the plank with an umbrella.

So many of you worked so hard on the day and beforehand; thank you all. Special thanks too to Ben and Miah who come all the way from London to help.

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







# **Church Services in Ogwell**

Services are held at 9.30am on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

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## **Meet The New Curate**

It was suggested that I introduce myself for the benefit of anyone who has not yet met me. My name is Jon Bealey, and I am the new curate for the Newton Abbot benefice—although at 60, "new" might be stretching it a little!

I grew up in Exeter, though much of my wider family come from the villages around Bradninch. Many people I knew in my youth worked in the paper industry, and that's where I first learned the value of hard work. Life then took an unexpected turn when I went to university to study Religious Studies. What followed was 30 years of teaching in secondary schools, most of them at Paignton Community College. I retired from teaching in 2019 and now work part-time as a gunsmith in Exeter. My journey of faith has not been straightforward. I grew up in church, but in my teens became disillusioned and tried atheism for a while. It was only when I began to study religion at university that I encountered Christ afresh and came to a living faith. I first sensed a call to ordination in 1990, but for many years put it off. In 2021, God finally caught up with me, and since then I have known the joy of serving him in new ways. At the end of September I'll be leading an Identity Course at Abbotsbury Church on Wednesday evenings. If you have questions about Christianity—just as I once did—why not come along and see what we're about? You'd be very welcome. You can always reach me at: curate@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk

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They are known by a variety of local names (26 or more) including Plymouth, Petitor, Ipplepen, Radford, Ogwell, and Ashburton. Ogwell marble was known as Red Ogwell or Pink Ogwell.

One of the most enduring markers of the Devonshire marble industry was the use of the celebrated Ogwell Featherstone. It was first discovered and exploited around 1830 by John Sharland, who had a marble works

in Torquay and produced the pictured piece. Products made of polished stone from the various quarries in



Torquay Museum

South Devon were shown at the Great Exhibition in 1851 and led to their rise in popularity.

The various marbles from these quarries can be seen as architectural features in many important Victorian buildings around the country and were used to manufacture a wide range of portable wares including tables and boxes. The quarries producing decorative stone gradually declined in production during the 20th century following rising costs of extraction and transportation and competition from less expensive European marbles.

## Answers to quiz questions

- 1. (a) Manifest
- 2. (c) More than 6000
- 3. (b) Swede
- 4. (b) Dug in guard post
- 5. (b) Three

- 6. (b) France
- 7. (a) 90 million
- 8. (c) A variety of Apple
- 9. (a) 1545
- 10. (b) 1982

- 11. (c) German
- 12. (c) Gaia House
- 13. (b) Pete Best
- 14. (b) 1947
- 15. (b) Caroline Haslett

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