

Ogwell

Parish Magazine

A vibrant outdoor garden scene, likely at a community event or market. In the foreground, there are raised garden beds filled with lush green plants, including leafy greens and herbs. A large, light-colored patio umbrella provides shade over a seating area where several people are sitting at tables. Some are engaged in conversation, while others are looking at items. In the background, more people are visible, and a sign on a wooden post reads "TEAS". The scene is set against a backdrop of dense green trees and foliage, creating a peaceful and inviting atmosphere.

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Ogwell Open Gardens raised around £3,000 for the charities supported by the National Garden Scheme over the weekend of 13th-14th June. The six gardens that opened attracted around 300 visitors, which was lower than previous years but more manageable, especially for those serving refreshments in the garden at Rydon Brake, pictured above and on the cover.

The Open Gardens team is willing to open up again next year but it would be good to ring the changes on the gardens, so if you are interested in getting involved please contact Sally Tyler at sal2010@btinternet.com. It's great to run events like Open Gardens, the Summer Fair the Sundowner, and others, but it depends on people volunteering to take on the work involved. The same is true for the parish magazine, and sadly no one has come forward to take on either the advertising sales or the editorial work. So the last issue of the magazine will be the October / November one. It's not too late to sort out a new team if anyone is willing. Do get in touch if you think you could help in any way, or know someone who might be persuaded.

If you're interested in helping local wildlife, take note of the Ogwild talk on 8th September on how to help Swifts breed and feed in our village (see page 9). I love watching the Swifts that have nested in the two boxes we put up swooping around the house and garden. Talking of birds, don't forget the Duck Race on 5th September. And if you enjoy crafting, you might like to book for the workshop on 25th September and make decorative willow Swifts. As always, there's lots going on in Ogwell!

Pauline Wynter, Editor,
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Speed Limit, Dawes Close, Paperwork

Parish Council Report for June and July 2026

The expansion of Channings Wood Prison is still a topic for discussion at Parish Council Meetings and a working party of Councillors have put together a request to Devon County Council to consider a 30 mph limit throughout Ogwell Village, bearing in mind the likely increase in traffic flow along Canada Hill and Rectory Road once the



expanded prison is fully operational. We have looked at this before and the density of housing along Canada Hill and Rectory Road has meant that a 30 mph speed limit

has not been agreed. However, the circumstances of the large expansion of the prison with the inevitable traffic increases has led the Council to ask again.

A further action is being considered by the road working party to engage with land owners whose properties have hedges abutting the main traffic routes and where vegetation restricts access to pavements or interferes with sight lines. A polite request for vegetation to be cut back would be the starting point and hopefully achieve the desired result.

After a successful Summer Fair, which I for one thoroughly enjoyed, (shame it was too hot for the dog show to go ahead), the Events Committee are looking ahead to Bonfire Night and, with financial help from the Parish Council, hope to put on another wonderful show, and as in recent years, noise will be kept to acceptable levels. There is also the Summer Sundowner to look forward to and before these events, we might get a drop of rain to relieve the

parched village green.

We have agreed remedial work at the Dawes Close play area and are also considering a couple of small items for the play area on the Green. We have also received a request for a new bench or seat for the Dawes Close play area and have agreed to look for a suitable spot for this to be sited, before coming to a firm decision. A draft risk register has been produced by Councillor Aylett and will be the subject of future discussion once the Councillors have had a chance to look at it in detail. A new complaints procedure was also discussed and adopted at the July Meeting based on a template suggested by the Monitoring Officer at Teignbridge District Council. While a formal procedure is helpful, it remains the case that the best way to deal with any complaints is to have an informal discussion and seek to resolve the matter amicably. The Extraordinary Meeting mentioned in the last report took place on June 8th to discuss safeguarding parish land. Further research is being carried out involving archive material held by Devon County Council and for this we thank County Councillor Stuart Rogers for his assistance in getting the archives relating to the village green sent to us. The next full Parish Council Meeting will be on August 10th at 7pm in the Memorial Hall and as usual we welcome any parishioners who would like to attend.

Rita Hannaford, Clerk,
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What's New At The Memorial Hall

Over the Summer ...

- The popular **Games Group** is now meeting twice a month, 10.30-noon on the first and third Friday of the month.
- Improvements to the kitchen will continue during the summer, with work to upgrade the wall and floor surfaces. This is in preparation for refitting of services and the installation of a new layout and equipment. This work is ongoing as funding allows and we are investigating sources of income to achieve this. Thanks to those who are helping to manage this work, to provide a better facility and promote a broader programme of activity.
- Minor works are being undertaken to improve the daytime side access to the Jubilee Suite when pre-school are in session.
- Some electrical work is being undertaken to complete improvement work spotted at our last regular review.

From September....

- Pre School will operate extended hours 8am-4pm in term time, and children can start from the age of 18 months. Further details from Lisa on 01626 365894 or email: ogwellpreschool@gmail.com

Hall Hire

Space is available for some more daytime, evening and weekend activity. Would you like to see a new group piloted? Share your ideas, and if you or someone you know is willing to get it off the ground, chat to Carla on carlaglanvilleomh23@gmail.com or tel: 07977 281335

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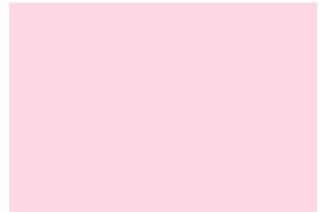
We already offer pre school, table tennis, games group, keep fit, Tai Chi, U3A History and Armchair Travel, Lunch Club, Gong Bathing, and host our local Parish Council meetings...but are always keen to explore other activities that interest our local community.

One off events: how about another shanty night or other live entertainment? If you have ideas, experience or contacts to help offer something different do get in touch. The Hall is a good venue and we'd like to provide some fun social events.

***Peter Farrell, Secretary,
Ogwell Hall Committee***



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How To Encourage Swifts To Breed And Feed In Ogwell

An Illustrated Talk By Alistair Whybrow

Ogwell Memorial Hall

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Swift enthusiast Alistair Whybrow of Kingsteignton works to boost numbers of the dwindling Swift population

In the past few decades Swifts have suffered serious declines in numbers, and this year, many conservation bodies have been promoting the 'Year of the Swift'

Ogwild has also been involved in Swift conservation measures this year and we hope this talk will encourage residents to become enthusiastic 'Swifties'



Email: ogwild4@gmail.com

Could Your Garden Help Uncover Local History? The Teignbridge Gardens Project – Volunteers & Gardens Wanted

The project is looking for volunteers and local residents across Teignbridge and South Devon who may be interested in hosting a small archaeological test pit in their garden. A test pit is a small 1m x 1m excavation, carefully dug to investigate the history of a site through finds such as pottery, clay pipes, building material, and other artefacts. Even small discoveries can help us better understand the story of our villages and communities, and ultimately Teignbridge, through time.

The project also aims to give local people the opportunity to gain practical

archaeological skills and hands-on experience, whether they have a long-standing interest in history or are simply curious to learn something new.

No previous experience is necessary. We would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in helping uncover Teignbridge's past.

If you would be interested in volunteering or offering your garden for a test pit, please contact:

Jowan Albon, Secretary
Teignbridge Archaeological Society
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Lunch Club in the Memorial Hall

We look forward to welcoming diners at our monthly Lunch Club. The lunches are held on the third Wednesday of the month except for August and December.

The next few dates are:

- Wednesday 16th September
- Wednesday 21st October
- Wednesday 18th November

We are open from 12 noon, and we start serving at 12.45pm. Please remember to

come in via the side door.

New diners are always welcome, please just let us know that you'd like to come! We serve a 3-course lunch for just £8.

Regular diners, please let us know in advance if you can't come to a lunch. For all enquiries, please contact either:

Anthea Hoey: 01626 362003 /07816 171473

Or Stella Llewellyn: 01626 906814 / 07966 555416



Ogwell 'Third Agers'

Teign u3a is an organisation for those no longer in full-time employment. The local group is based in Newton Abbot and covers the surrounding villages in the area with more than 500 members.

We hold a monthly meeting at St Paul's Church Hall, Devon Square, on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2pm. Visitors are most welcome.

We have over 70 groups, two of which, History and Armchair Travel, meet monthly in The Jubilee Suite of the Ogwell Memorial Hall at 1:45pm.

Annual membership of Teign u3a is £30. To find out more please visit teignu3a.org.uk

Ogwell meetings for August and September

Wednesday 12th August

History: A visit to Great Fulford

Armchair Travel: No meeting in August

Wednesday 9th September

History: To be confirmed

Monday 28th September

Armchair Travel: Northern Spain

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Fayre, Arts, Music, Sports, Visits

Delphine Knott, Headteacher, Canada Hill School



A Record-Breaking Summer Fayre

Thanks to the incredible efforts of our PTA, the Friends of Canada Hill, this year's Summer Fayre raised a record-breaking amount. Months of planning, organising and hard work came together to create a fantastic evening enjoyed by hundreds of families and friends.

One of the highlights was our Year 6 Apprentice Challenge, where pupils designed and ran their own enterprise stalls, raising an incredible £2,000 through their hard work and the generosity of our community.

The evening was only possible thanks to the hundreds of visitors who attended, the volunteers who gave up their time to help run stalls, and the many local families and businesses who donated wonderful prizes for the raffle and auction.

We are enormously grateful to everyone who helped make the event such a wonderful success.

Arts Week

This term, every child took part in three days of creative workshops inspired by the work of Claude Monet. The week culminated in a whole-school art exhibition where children and staff were able to admire the incredible

artwork produced. The quality, creativity and variety of the work on display was remarkable and reflected not only the excellent art opportunities provided in school, but also the encouragement many of our families provide at home.

Music Evening

Our annual Music Evening once again showcased the incredible musical talent within our school, with 70 children performing.

The audience enjoyed a wonderful programme featuring drumming, flute, cello, violin, recorder, guitar, piano and singing. The standard of musicianship continues to improve year after year and the confidence shown by our young performers was wonderful to see.

Taiko

Our talented Taiko Drumming Group also had the opportunity to perform at Seale-Hayne, representing Canada Hill brilliantly and thoroughly enjoying the chance to see and hear some of the enormous Taiko drums at the Taiko Centre.



Chorister Outreach Project

Our Singing Club performed at Exeter Cathedral as part of the Chorister Outreach Project. The children were amazing and sang themselves proud. Six local primary schools

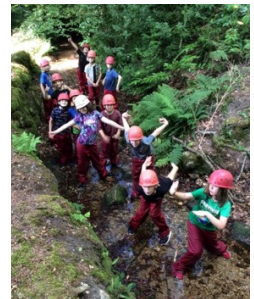


Year 1 & 2

Our Year 1 and 2 pupils enjoyed a fantastic day of learning beyond the classroom with visits to Totnes Castle and Riverford Farm. At Totnes Castle they discovered how the Normans established and maintained their power following the Norman Conquest of 1066, with history brought vividly to life through an entertaining performance by the renowned historical storyteller Clive Pig. The children then travelled to Riverford Farm where they explored how vegetables are grown, perfectly complementing their science learning about plants and growing. It was a wonderful day of hands-on learning that brought both history and science to life.

Year 3 & 4

Our Year 4 children enjoyed an unforgettable residential at Heatree House, where they challenged themselves through kayaking, climbing, abseiling, orienteering, scrambling through stream beds, stream dipping for minibeasts and exploring an authentic Iron Age roundhouse. Back at school, Year 3 and 4 welcomed local beekeepers, who explained the vital role bees play in pollination. Seeing a live beehive and trying on beekeeping suits made for a memorable experience, and we may well have inspired a few future beekeepers!



As this magazine goes to print, the children are also enjoying a rainforest animal encounter, meeting fascinating creatures including armadillos, snakes and spiders to round off their geography topic and reinforce the importance of rainforest conservation.

took part, singing songs with the choristers as well as individual songs each school had rehearsed. Our school choir have also entertained audiences at our Music Evening, Ogwell Summer Fair and our school Fayre.

Sports Day

Sports Day was another highlight of the term, with our Sports Lead, Mr Hunt, introducing several exciting new elements, including the popular Rockstar Relay, helping to make an already enjoyable day even better.

It was wonderful to see children cheering one another on and celebrating each other's achievements, demonstrating the excellent sportsmanship that makes Canada Hill so special.

Reception

We have been delighted to welcome the children who will be joining our Reception classes in September.

Over the past few weeks they have enjoyed transition sessions, and home visits from their new teachers, helping them become familiar with their new school and begin building relationships before they start. We are very much looking forward to welcoming them in September and will continue to keep in touch throughout the summer via Seesaw to help them feel excited and ready for the beginning of their school journey.



Year 5 & 6

The final weeks of the year have been exceptionally busy for our oldest pupils, who have excelled both in and out of the classroom.

On the 16th and 17th of July, Year 5 and 6 performed two outstanding productions of *Moana Jr.* Many Year 6 pupils took on major acting and singing roles despite never having performed on stage before, showing remarkable courage, confidence and determination. Their performances were a fitting reward for weeks of hard work and rehearsal.

Adding to the achievement, eight Year 6 pupils also completed the Dartmoor 3 Tor Challenge, trekking four miles across open moorland with our experienced moorland walker, Mr Kirkham, before returning to school in time to perform in *Moana Jr.* that very evening.

Our Year 6 pupils also enjoyed an unforgettable four-day residential stay at Skern Lodge in North Devon. Surfing, rafting, climbing, abseiling, archery and many other outdoor activities challenged them physically and mentally, while an impromptu fancy dress talent show provided one of the funniest evenings of the week.

Most importantly, several children overcame deep-rooted anxieties about staying away from home, making the

experience genuinely life-changing for some.

We are also delighted to celebrate another year of excellent Key Stage 2 SATs results. The children have worked incredibly hard throughout the year, supported by our dedicated staff, and we are immensely proud of everything they have achieved. More importantly, they leave Canada Hill as confident, kind and resilient young people who are ready for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead at secondary school.

Year 5 and 6 also welcomed members of the local police, who delivered an engaging workshop on online safety. Through practical activities and discussion, pupils learned how to keep themselves, their personal information and their digital identities safe in an increasingly connected world.

As another school year comes to a close, we would like to thank all of our families, volunteers, governors, Friends of Canada Hill and members of the wider community for their continued support. We wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming both familiar and new faces back to Canada Hill in September.

Delphine Knott
Headteacher



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A Young Person's Guide To Endings And New Beginnings

Summer for us schoolchildren can be hard. The last lunch in the dinner hall, the last walk out the school gates, and most importantly, the last goodbye to good teachers and friends. This summer marks the end of my five years at my primary school: Canada Hill.

Canada Hill has been an amazing school to be part of. I've been taught by some incredible teachers, made lifelong friends and tasted some delicious food made by our school chef Olivier. But all good things must come to an end and I can look back on my time at Canada Hill with happy memories. I've been a member of our school parliament, played a part in our fantastic school plays and helped with bake sales that raise money for the school.

The last day of the academic year is always one that touches your heart. Pupils run up to leavers armed with pens to sign their shirts with their messages for the future and thanks for all they have done in the past. The leavers' assembly is always filled with happy tears and the last sing along to 'We are the children of Canada Hill'.

It is an emotional day for parents, pupils, teachers and, of course, the children who are leaving the school. When the official time comes to leave, we all sit and watch as one by one, the old Year 6 children exit the gates for the final time through the balloon arch that comes every year especially for the occasion.

However, endings always mean new beginnings. There will be new experiences to be had, new lessons to learn and new friends to make. I, for one, am incredibly excited to be joining my new secondary school in the Autumn. I am enjoying getting prepared, buying my school uniform and getting my school things ready for September. I know I will have an amazing time at my new school, and it will be the new normal in a few weeks' time. Canada Hill will always hold a very special place in my heart, and I will never forget the happy times I have had there, but I know that we sometimes must leave the things we love and find a new adventure.

See you in the October – November issue!

The Ogwell Junior Writer



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New Devon Councils Start To Take Shape

The government has decided to replace Devon's 11 existing district and county councils with four new ones (see map). The new unitary authorities will take over on 1st April 2028, with elections for shadow authorities to be held in May 2027.

The new councils will each run all the services currently provided separately by district councils and the county council. The four new councils are:

Exeter Council, comprising Exeter plus 15 parishes from Teignbridge, 28 from East Devon, 6 from Mid Devon, and with a population of around 230,00-240,000.

Greater Plymouth, where the existing unitary authority expands to take in 13 parishes from South Hams, population around 300,000.

Torbay and South Devon, with Torbay Unitary adding 16 parishes from Teignbridge and 5 from South Hams, to give a population of 220,000-230,000.

Devon Council, which includes everywhere else and will have a population of 450,000.

Teignbridge, our local district, is the most affected by the changes, being split three ways between Torbay and South Devon Council (gaining 56% of the Teignbridge population), Exeter Council (21%) and Devon Council (23%).

Ogwell, Ipplepen, Denbury, Abbotskerswell, Broadhempston, Newton Abbot and Teignmouth are some of the Teignbridge areas that will come under the Torbay and South Devon Council. Dawlish will be in the new Exeter Council area (see map on pg 18).

Unpopular decision

Devon's local councils put forward five different proposals for reorganisation. The one chosen, proposed by Plymouth and



Exeter Councils, was ranked fourth by those who responded to the consultation about the reorganisation.

The creation of three urban authorities and one that holds the rest of the county has been criticised as being inconsiderate of rural needs and local interests. Devon County Council is considering submitting a Judicial Review of the government's decision, and some council leaders are asking the government to reconsider.

Timeline

November 2026: Joint committees expected to be set up to oversee the implementation programme.

Late 2026 / Feb–March 2027: Structural Change Order expected (gives parliamentary mandate for elections).

6 May 2027: Elections for new shadow unitary councils, aligned with parish and town elections. Shadow authorities will appoint senior staff and decide on constitutions and operating models.

1 April 2028: Vesting Day — new unitary authorities come into existence; existing councils cease to operate.

Councillor numbers and election boundaries

There are currently 482 councillors across Devon, split as follows: 329 district, 60 county, 93 unitary (Plymouth 57, Torbay 36).

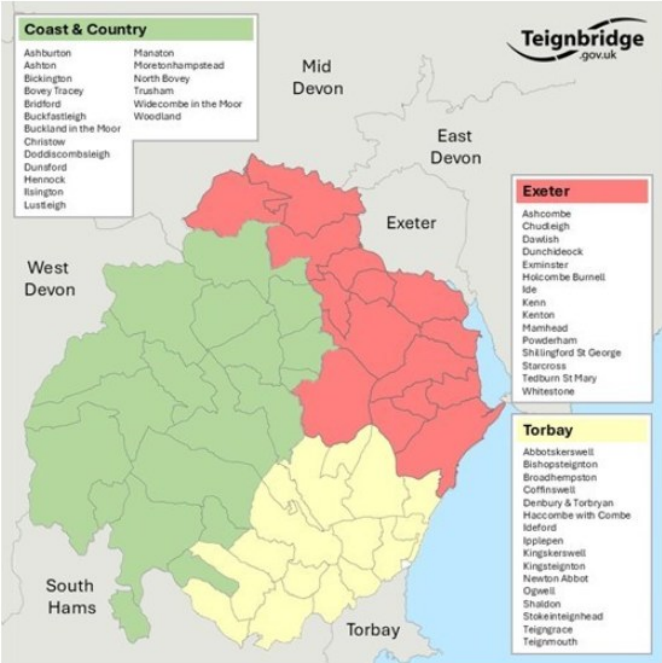
The new authorities will have 321 councillors between them, split as follows: Exeter 86, Torbay 64, Plymouth 68, Devon 103.

Electoral boundaries for the May 2027 elections for the new Exeter, Plymouth and Torbay councils will be the existing ward boundaries for district councils. The boundaries for Devon Council have not been finalised but the county divisions are the starting point.

Working with town and parish councils

It has yet to be decided how the new councils will work with town and parish councils. The suggestion under the Exeter and Plymouth proposal was for Plymouth, Exeter and Torbay to set up Neighbourhood Area Committees, which would bring together council-

New council areas for Teignbridge parishes



lors, residents and partners, but it is not clear how these will work and what role town and parish councils will play. For Devon Council, it was suggested the area committees would build on the established network of town and parish councils.

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Ogwell Tennis Club

The past couple of months has been busy for the tennis club. We've enjoyed some exceptionally fine weather which has been ideal for playing tennis on an outdoor court. At times, even a bit too hot!

We spent a very hot day helping to run the BBQ stall at the Ogwell Fair, which was busy and well supported. A big thank you to our tennis club members who volunteered to help. Thanks also to Louise and the Ogwell Events team for managing and organising the event. We ran our own Tennis Game alongside the BBQ, and this gave us a chance to chat to the local community and encourage children to enjoy a bit of tennis target practice. We are grateful to Kingsteignton Tennis Club for the loan of the equipment.

On Saturday 4th July members spent a warm and sunny evening in the spacious and lovely garden of club members Sally and Paul Tyler. Paul did a fantastic job making us pizzas in their outdoor pizza oven. Salads and delicious desserts added to the evening along with playing outside garden games like badminton, Jenga and boules.

On Sunday 5th July we held an Open Afternoon at the tennis court for a couple of hours. Again, we were lucky with the



weather, and we set up a shady corner for refreshments. We had some interested visitors who came along to play. It's not easy for someone who hasn't played perhaps for a long time to turn up to such an event. but everyone had fun and hopefully we've encouraged a few people to come and join us.

With the long school summer holidays ahead and possibly even a continuation of this fine weather it is worth considering joining the club for access to the court and to enjoy fresh air and exercise, as well as making some new friends.

Please contact the club secretary for details.

Julia Barton, Secretary
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All The Fun Of The Summer Fair!

The Ogwell Summer Fair took place on Saturday 27th June on the village

green, and it was wonderful to see so many people from across the village and beyond coming together to enjoy the day. The green was once again full of activity, with entertainment, stalls, food and plenty for all ages to enjoy. Most importantly, it was a lovely opportunity to catch up with familiar faces, meet new ones and enjoy a real sense of community.

A fantastic addition to this year's fair was the new OgBell Tent, which hosted a varied programme of talks, activities and workshops throughout the afternoon. It brought something a little different to the fair and created another space for people to gather, learn, take part and enjoy themselves. We were delighted with how well it was received and hope it will become a regular feature of future fairs.

Of course, an event like the Summer Fair simply couldn't happen without the many people who give their time and energy to make it possible. A huge thank you to every volunteer who helped with the preparations, setting up, running activities and stalls, and clearing away afterwards, as well as to the Summer Fair Committee for all their hard work behind the scenes. Thank you, too, to everyone who came





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It struck me recently, while setting up our stall at South Molton Pannier Market (pictured), that this is one of the things markets do so well. The pannier market is about the size of a typical supermarket, but instead of one business selling everything, it's filled with independent specialists.

The baker knows bread. The butcher knows meat. The cheesemonger knows cheese. The florist knows flowers.

And if you're wondering what to drink with dinner, there's someone who spends all day thinking and talking about wine.

That's difficult to recreate in a supermarket.

However knowledgeable the staff may be, they're responsible for thousands of products. Markets work differently. Every stall is run by somebody who is passionate about one thing and wants to help you make the right choice.

That question about Sauvignon Blanc came up time and again during English Wine Week. Rather than reaching for another Sauvignon Blanc, I found myself recommending an English Bacchus.

If you've never tried one, it's a good place to start. Bacchus has the same bright, aromatic style that makes Sauvignon Blanc so



popular, but with a character that's unmistakably English. Think elderflower, gooseberry, fresh herbs, and the scent of a summer hedgerow.

We had a bottle of Henners Gardner Street Bacchus open for tasting throughout the week. People were curious. English sparkling wine is now well known, but English still wine is still a surprise to many.

Several people bought a bottle on Friday, opened it that evening, then came back to the market on Saturday for another. We placed a second order with the winery and sold through it in just three days.

For me, that's what markets are all about.

A supermarket gives you hundreds of wines to choose from. A market gives you someone to help you choose one.

If you haven't visited one recently, I'd encourage you to explore some of the fantastic markets we have here in the South West. Totnes and South Molton are two of my favourites. Whether you're buying bread, cheese, flowers, or wine, you'll almost certainly find somebody who is passionate about what they do and happy to share what they know.

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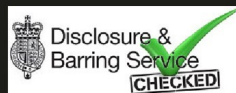
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Veganuary And My Meat Free Journey

It's more than six months since Veganuary and maybe some of you made a decision to become vegetarian or vegan that month. If so, how is it panning out for you?

For me, after 50 years of not eating meat or fish I would say going meat free is a worthwhile journey, a learning curve and sometimes a steep one!

Over the years I think there has been a real improvement in understanding what it means to be meat free, but not everyone understands, or wants to.

I'm always amused when people tell me they're vegetarian, but they eat fish. Should I tell them they're pescatarian? And would they appreciate it if I did? Vegetarians don't eat fish and they never have.

On my journey I've met people who are completely flummoxed as to why I don't eat meat (like I'm deprived in some way), some who have pitied me, and some genuinely concerned for my health. There have been others who have been derogatory to the point of rudeness, some who have laughed and ridiculed me, and others who have told me people like me will be responsible for the slaughter of hundreds if not thousands of animals if more people give up meat.

It's important to remember it's ok to have your own choices in life, you don't have to justify or explain. Comments like the one above come from lack of understanding and misinformation. Just do what's right for you and I hope your journey is filled with people who support your choices.

Navigating shared meal times has been a real challenge at times for me. How has it been for you? 50 years ago it was really difficult (thank goodness for Cranks) but it's got so much better, although I can still be taken

Veganuary In Numbers



228

People from over 228
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98%

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by surprise. Recently a good friend proudly told me she was preparing an aubergine on the barbecue for me. It was lovely of her, but I shuddered as I watched her put it right up against burgers and sausages that were spitting fat, and using the same implements she used for turning the meat to turn my aubergine. She then turned to me with a big smile looking for my reaction to her consideration of my needs.

At a moment like that you have a number of things to consider. The host, yourself, your lifestyle choice and how strongly you feel about it, and the other people you are with. What would you have done?

It's interesting how our taste buds change and accommodate a change of diet. My mother brought me up on three, yes three! spoonfuls of sugar in my tea. When I got to my teens I decided to stop taking sugar, and now I can't stand sugary tea. The same goes for giving up meat and fish.

I am happy and content not to eat anything that contains meat or fish, and hope you are looking forward to next Veganuary and take the opportunity to celebrate your journey to being meat free.

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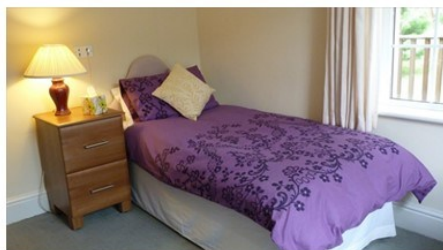
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Test Yourself With The Lunch Club Quiz

1. When did The Jolly Sailor pub burn down?
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b) April 2021
c) April 2022
2. How many fire fighters were present at the peak of the fire?
a) 60
b) 70
c) 80
3. How many fire engines attended?
a) 10
b) 12
c) 9
4. How did Strawberries get their name?
a) Straw was used to keep the fruits away from the soil
b) Derived from the old English word Stroebeerge
c) The manner in which the plants spread ie strewn/spread/spattered
5. On average how many seeds does a strawberry have?
a) About 100
b) About 150
c) About 200
6. What year did Canada Hill School open?
1991
1993
1995
7. What did Teddy Boys wear on their feet?
a) Winkle-pickers
b) Bover boots
c) Crepe sole shoes
8. Who never sang with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra?
a) Aretha Franklin
b) Dusty Springfield
c) Tina Turner
9. What's a hurdy gurdy?
a) A fairground attraction
b) A folk dance
c) A musical instrument
10. When were Oxo cubes first produced?
a) 1897
b) 1900
c) 1910
11. In Italian what does Vespa mean?
a) Bee
b) Wasp
c) Hornet
12. In the UK, in the 1960s Mods rode Vespas. What was their signature coat style?
a) Velvet collared Crombie
b) Leather patched tweed
c) Fish-tailed Parka
13. What brand of raincoat did PM Harold Wilson wear?
a) Burberry
b) Danimac
c) Gannex
14. What is a Victory V?
a) A gravestone symbol
b) A throat sweet
c) A two fingered gesture implying success
15. What was the name of the sister magazine of The Eagle, aimed at girls.
a) Judy
b) Girl
c) Jackie

For answers see page 35

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The team have so far raised £2,200, to be split between the Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis charity and the Torbay Patients Support Group, which Jane set up. Many thanks for all the support and donations received to date. They will support research, awareness campaigns,

patient services, and national advocacy. Any further donations can be made

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direct to Peter or via the Team Jane crowdfunder page at crowdfunder.co.uk/p/janes-team-for-apf.

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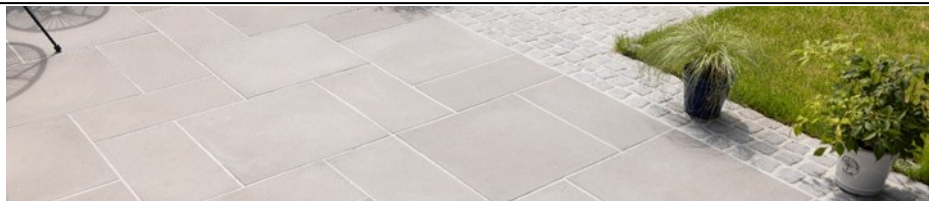
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- Cut flowers may be placed in a receptacle for flowers but we ask that you remove them after they have withered.
- Please remove all plastic / artificial flowers.

*Gwyn Hughes,
Church Warden*

Take a break on your walk

Saint Bartholomew's Church is open all day and is right next to a footpath. The kitchen is equipped with tea, coffee, milk and biscuits.

So, if you are on a walk and want a rest, come on in; help yourself to a drink and a biscuit. Have a rest and a chat. Dogs and children are very welcome. We have a well-equipped play area or they can just run around. Even if you are not walking come on down and meet up with a friend. Hope to see you soon.

*Stella Llewellyn,
Church Warden*

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Answers to quiz questions

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. (b) April 2021 | 6. (a) 1991 | 11. (b) Wasp |
| 2. (c) 80 | 7. (c) Crepe sole shoes | 12. (c) Fish-tailed Parka |
| 3. (b) 12 | 8. (b) Dusty Springfield | 13. (c) Gannex |
| 4. (b) From Streeoeberige | 9. (c) Musical instrument | 14. (b) Throat sweet |
| 5. (c) About 200 | 10. (c) 1910 | 15. (b) Girl |



Called To Ministry



Those of you who are eagle-eyed might have spotted in the news that 11 curates from around the diocese were “Priested” back in June—and I was incredibly privileged to be one of them.

My name is Jonathan Bealey, although everyone calls me Jon. I have been attending the church in Ogwell for about five years now, and we have felt so warmly welcomed by this community. Around four years ago, I became aware of a distinct call to ministry. After discerning this path, I was accepted for training in 2023 as an SSM (Self-Supporting Minister). In short, that means my ministry is part-time, and I remain a volunteer.

Following two years of study with the Southwest Ministry Training Course, I was ordained as a deacon last year. Now, having successfully completed the first year of my curacy, I have been ordained as a priest. This means I am now able to preside at Holy Communion, as well as officiate at weddings, funerals, and baptisms. Because I continue to work a full-time job as a technician up in Exeter during the week, I won't be quite as available as a full-time

curate might be.

However, there is a distinct upside to being an SSM: because I am local and live right here in Newton Abbot, the chances of me being deployed to a different parish are very small. In fact, in about five years, I will be retiring from my day job, which means I should have a lot more time to be of service to Ogwell! Looking ahead, I am especially interested in examining what more our church can do to serve the wider community. I know there are people who would love to get more involved with us but simply can't make traditional times work. Alongside several members of the congregation, I am exploring the possibility of providing fresh services at times when busy individuals and families might actually be able to attend. If you have any thoughts on this, or if you just want to say hello, please do stop for a chat when you see me around the village. I look forward to serving you all in this new chapter.

Rev'd Jon Bealey
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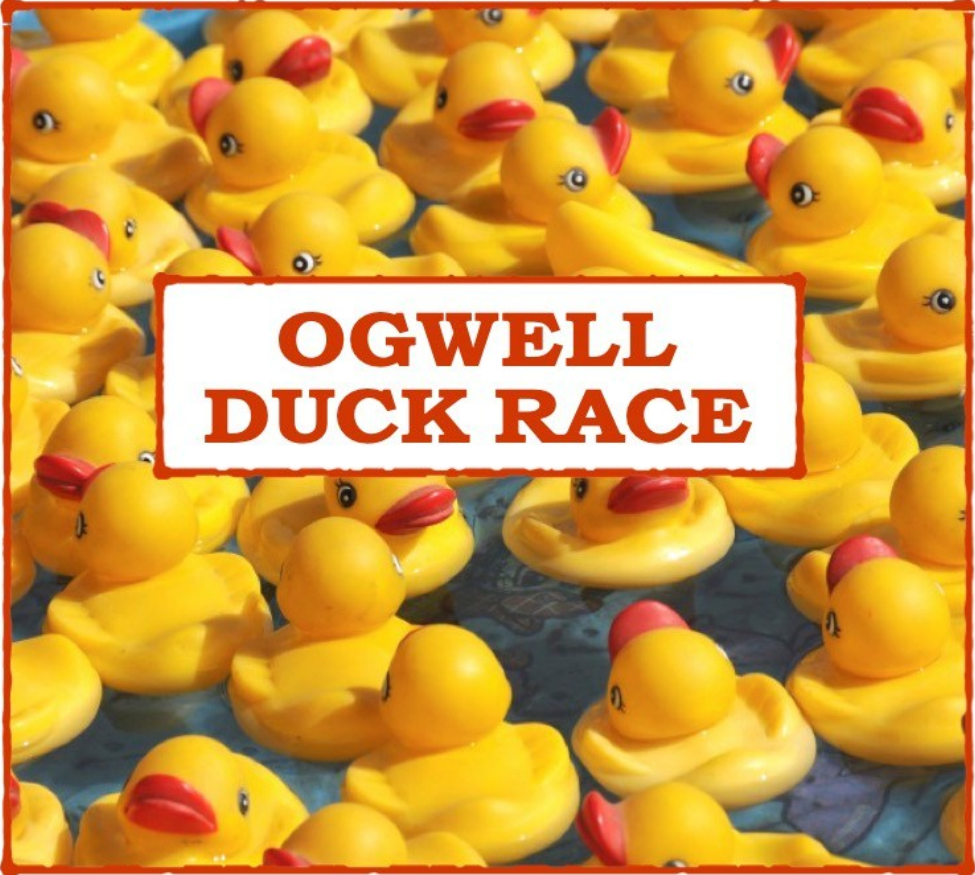
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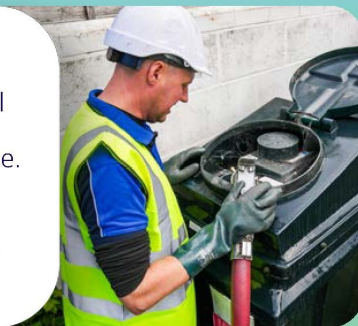
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What Price Rare Bird Eggs?

Book Review: *The Impossible Thing*, by Belinda Bauer (2025)

The *Impossible Thing* opens in the year 1926 at Metland Farm on the Yorkshire cliffs.

Life is hard for Enid Shepard after her husband abandons her when baby Celie is born with pale hair and blue eyes unlike his own. The family scrapes by, Celie is unloved, starved and uncared for, except by Robert, the farm hand, who takes Celie under his wing and protects her from the horrors of daily life.

At 6 years of age, Celie shows an incredible talent for climbing - dangling on a rope from the treacherous sea cliffs to steal Guillemot eggs for rich collectors. Being underfed and skinny, she can climb into the tiniest cliff overhangs, unlike any other child. In a harness that Robert puts together, Celie retrieves the impossible: rare red Guillemot eggs, even as squawking sea birds peck at her thin arms and the sea thrashes wildly on the rocks far below. The eggs are a truly stunning colour never seen before, and egg broker George Amber is prepared to pay huge sums of money for them.

The egg collection changes everything for Celie and her family as its sale helps them pay back rent on their tiny cottage.

The illegal theft of bird eggs triggers obsession, murder and a crime that will keep you enthralled with this book.

Fast forward to 2020 and Patrick Fort, a young man who thrives on routine, comes home to find his friend Weird Nick, and his Mother tied up and robbed. The only stolen item is a carved box, containing an incredible scarlet Guillemont egg that Nick found in his attic and briefly listed on eBay to make a few pounds.

Nick and Patrick set out to get the egg back



and their hunt pulls them into the cruel, obsessive world of illegal bird egg trafficking. The trail leads to the Natural History Museum and a priceless collection of Metland bird eggs lost to history.

Meanwhile the RSPB officer Finn Garrett arrests the prolific egg collector, in the Brecon Beacons, after two long years of surveillance.

The time lines collide as Patrick discovers what makes the red egg so valuable that it has been stolen again and again.

The book is gripping and tense and kept me engaged from beginning to end. It also introduced me to the world of the illegal trade in bird eggs which I never knew existed.

The Ogwell Bookworm

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