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# Ogwell

## Parish Magazine

So it's goodbye from me and Paul, pictured right with our dog Rocky. This is our last issue as editor and advertising manager after eight years producing the magazine. But it's not the end of the magazine, as I am delighted to say a new team are taking over and will introduce themselves in the next issue.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the contributors, the delivery team and the advertisers. Producing the magazine is a big team effort and we couldn't have done it without lots of support. I've learned a lot about Ogwell and Ogwellsians as editor, and enjoyed the challenge of filling the pages with local news and events. I'm sure the new team will bring fresh ideas and new energy. I look forward to seeing what they do.

Please note, if you were planning to attend the Parish Council meeting in October it has had to be cancelled as too few councillors are available to attend. The next meeting is on 9th November.

As autumn approaches I'm enjoying the regreening of the fields and gardens after the long hot summer and looking forward to the Quiz Nights in the village hall, and fireworks on the Green on 6th November. But with the price of heating oil so high and volatile I'm not looking forward to putting the heating on, and we are considering investing in a heat pump. Of course, electricity will be expensive too, but VAT on bills is being suspended from 1st October to 31st March, and there is a £9,000 government grant available to switch from oil-based heating to a heat pump (£7,500 if you switch from a gas-fired boiler). Wishing you all the best.

*Pauline Wynter, Editor*



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# Play Areas, Jolly Sailor, Prison Update

## Parish Council Report for August 2026

A well attended meeting in August heard from District Councillor Richard Daws that the NA3 planning enquiry was continuing with discussions on the drainage scheme, which does not seem to be sufficient to protect Wolborough Fen (see pg 9). It was agreed that a new bench would be installed at Dawes Close Play Area and noted that a parishioner wished to help fund the bench and dedicate it to a friend. It was also agreed we would ask Kier Construction for a contribution and check whether the prison workshop still made benches as it had done in the past. Still on the subject of play areas, some repairs are being carried out at Dawes Close and we are looking at the possibility of a couple of items to replace recently removed worn out play items on the green. Regarding the possible future of the Jolly Sailor, Cllr Reynolds reported that a former resident of Ogwell, Simon Oaff, had been in touch to say he was negotiating a deal to acquire the site from Heavitree Brewery and develop it in line with the planning consent. Following on from the June meeting called to discuss safeguarding parish land, the working party set up to discuss the matter has not proceeded and the Chair brought a resolution that the Parish Council accept the boundaries as shown on the Land Registry document for the green, and regarding a small parcel of unregistered land adjoining the green, we do not see this as an area of concern as it does not form part of our registered Title Document. These items were voted upon with four councillors in favour, one abstention and one against. Sadly, following the August meeting, two Councillors, Michael Lant and Tim Carey,

sent in their resignations. They will both be greatly missed, having contributed to the Parish Council over many years. We thank them for the time they have given to Ogwell and wish them both the best for the future. We are now down to six councillors out of a possible full complement of 10. A casual vacancy procedure will need to be followed before we can consider any possible new councillors and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Separately from the meeting the clerk attended one of the open events in Denbury Village Hall set up by Kier Construction to keep residents up to date with progress on the redevelopment of Channings Wood Prison. Progress could be seen from views taken by drones, and it was explained that what seemed like new ground work, which has been alarming some residents, was building up the lower part of the site with material taken from work on the site, rather than remove spoil off-site. Kier said it is on track to finish towards the end of 2027 and confirmed that both Kier and the prison authority are making every effort to inform employees of the need to respect the limitations of the local road network. The next full Parish Council Meeting will be on November 9th at 7pm in the Memorial Hall and as usual we welcome any parishioners who would like to attend. We are unable to hold an October meeting as too few councillors are available to make it quorate.

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

**Pre-School** is now operating 8am-4pm term time, catering for children from 18 months. Some places are still available at the time of writing. Further details from Lisa on 01626 365894 or [ogwellpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:ogwellpreschool@gmail.com)

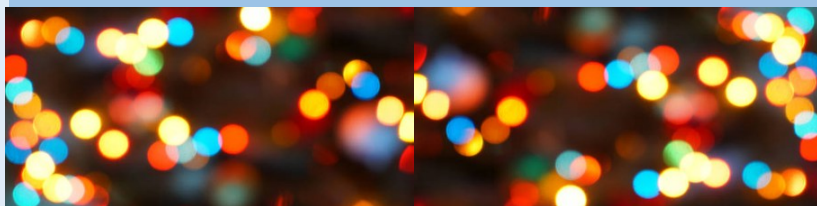
**Improved Access** to the Jubilee Suite along the side of the building, for when the pre-school is in session.

**Improved Storage** for current and potential users of both the Jubilee Suite and Old School Room.

**"Spring Clean"** has taken place to improve the ease of use of the kitchen facility prior to our proposed remodelling/refitting that we hope to carry out next year subject to funds.

## Looking Ahead...

The **Christmas Lights Event** will take place on Friday 4th December, doors open 5pm as we welcome Canada Hill School choir and Ogwell Village choir to provide musical entertainment from 5.30pm in the Jubilee Suite before the traditional countdown to the switch on of our lights at 6.30pm.



## Further events/New groups

We are hoping to say more in the next magazine about other events and groups that will support our financial drive to carry out work in the kitchen next summer.

If you have anything you might like to trial at the Hall, please get in touch with Carla on 07977 281335 or [carlaglanvilleomh23@gmail.com](mailto:carlaglanvilleomh23@gmail.com).

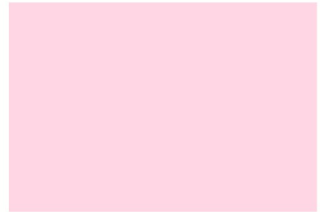
If you want to get involved in support of the Hall, please come along to our AGM being held at 7.30pm on Monday 26th October at the Hall.

*Peter Farrell, Secretary,  
Ogwell Hall Committee*





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# The Battle Of Wolborough Fen

The long term future of Wolborough Fen depends on the outcome of the planning inquiry that concluded in September. District councillor Richard Daws told the August Parish Council meeting that



after many years of campaigning, the issue had finally gained national relevance, and the legal team acting for the campaigners “are telling us the likelihood of a positive outcome are higher than we had anticipated”.

Wolborough Fen is part of Decoy Country Park. It is a Devon Wildlife Trust nature reserve and is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) because of its rare wetland habitats and wildlife, developed over thousands of years. The Fen depends on both the quantity and quality (chemical composition) of the ground water that feeds it. Even small changes could gradually damage the rare habitats that make the Fen nationally important. It was because of these risks that the outline planning permission for the Wolborough Barton development given in 2020 requires the developer to demonstrate that their drainage scheme will not harm the Fen.

The planning inquiry dealt with three appeals but the crucial one concerned the Wolborough Fen SSSI protection measures, focussed on whether Vistry, the developer, has proved that their surface water and mitigation measures will be sufficient to protect the Fen.

The developer’s barrister argued that the development does not lie within the fen's catchment, that run-off drains safely elsewhere, and that Natural England, a government adviser, has repeatedly confirmed it has no objection to the development proceeding.

Teignbridge District Council’s solicitor told the inquiry the developers had not taken sufficient measures to ensure the development would not damage the fen's ecosystems. Counsel for the Rule 6 Parties (Wolborough Residents' Association and Devon Wildlife Trust) pointed to “numerous fundamental flaws” and argued the Government-appointed planning inspector hearing the appeal could not be satisfied there would be no adverse effect.

Cllr Andrew MacGregor’s statement to the inquiry argued that every reserved-matters application relating to the development since 2022 has wrongly treated the surface water catchment as a stand-in for the groundwater catchment, even though Natural England has never endorsed that substitution.

The inspector’s decision is expected this autumn although no date has been set. He could allow the appeals, which would mean the development goes ahead on the submitted drainage plans; he could dismiss them, forcing a redesign of the drainage scheme; or allow the appeals with substantially tightened conditions and monitoring.

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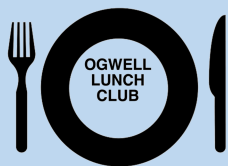
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## Ogwell 'Third Agers'

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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](http://teignu3a.org.uk)

### Ogwell meetings for October and November

Wednesday 14th October

History: Newark-on-Trent

Monday 26th October

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Wednesday 11th November

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# A Young Person's Guide To Halloween

I don't know about you but after the tiring slog of an autumn at school, I need something to look forward to in the remainder of the cold, dark days leading up to Christmas. And what is a more perfect autumnal celebration than Halloween! I adore the lights, the costumes, the general tingle of excitement in the air, and the fact that the Ogwell community has worked so hard to make every year extra special. Here are my top hair-tingling highlights of Halloween in Ogwell.

First up are the decorations. I definitely cannot talk about our local Halloween

without mentioning the amazing effort people put in to mark the spooky celebration. One of my favourite memories of Halloween was last year when I was out trick-or-treating with my neighbours and we came across a perfectly ordinary bush. We went to walk nearer to the house but, suddenly, the bush shouted BOO and jumped out at us! It turned out the bush was a man in an amazing costume who was lying in wait in his front garden. What a perfect way to surprise passers-by! And if I was terrified, some teenagers strolling past jumped a mile! It was hilarious! A bit closer to home, on my estate, a huge spider on a cobweb was draped on my neighbour's wall, with its eyes sparkling spookily in the glow of the street lamps. I wonder what's going to scare me this year!

Now let's talk about the costumes. These are definitely a highlight for me. I spend most of the year poring over what to wear. I love thinking about what accessories to pair with the outfit and what lipstick gives the perfect blood red colour. What I also love about dressing up is the fact that you can be whatever you want. I have seen a lot in my years: glowstick men, K-Pop idols, vampires, ghosts, bananas, fairies, and zombies are just a few weird and wonderful things I've seen walking the streets. Creating your ideal costume at home and searching charity shops for the things you need is a fun and easy way to celebrate Halloween in style! Even if you do end up dressed as a luminous yellow piece of fruit!

The third and final highlight has to be trick-or-treating. I love getting out in the open night air (however cold it may be) and being part of the parade of fellow trick-or-treaters, with my sweet bucket jangling beside me. I've had sweets lowered to me from balconies; I've been greeted by scary-looking, cackling witches who've been hanging from porches; I've been urged to take more sweets from people who seem to have a never-ending supply of them; and I've been enchanted by magical lightshows and frightened by scary music.

Terrific top trick-or-treating tip: always look for the houses with pumpkins outside!

I hope you all have an amazing Halloween. Bye readers!



*The Ogwell Junior Writer*



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**Delphine Knott, Headteacher, Canada Hill School**

The new school year is off to a great start at Canada Hill Primary, with lots happening both in school and beyond our classrooms. Our new Reception children have settled in wonderfully and are already becoming familiar and happy faces around our school. We are equally pleased to welcome their families to the Canada Hill community.

## **The summer homework challenge**



More than 30 of our children took part in the Summer Reading Challenge at our local library, successfully reading six books during the school

holidays. Many more children also kept their learning going at home, finding time to read, practise a little maths and keep their brains ticking over during the summer break. We are grateful to our families and our local library for helping to encourage a love of reading.

## **The term ahead**

There is plenty to look forward to over the coming months. Our annual Bookfest takes place at the end of October, with visits from authors Emma Carroll, Hayley Brown and Becky Ross. We will also be welcoming Wizard Theatre in November for a performance of Dr Dolittle. Our children will be getting out and about too. Years 1 and 2 will be exploring local history in Ogwell, Years 3 and 4 will be visiting Kents Cavern, and Years 5 and 6 will be heading to Dartmoor.



## **News from the garden**

Our school garden continues to be a hive of activity. After a wonderful summer term, when the children grew lots of produce for our school salad bar, Years 1 and 2 are now looking ahead to the autumn and winter harvest.



They are growing leeks, purple sprouting broccoli and cabbages for the school kitchen, giving the children the opportunity to see where food comes from and to enjoy the fruits – and vegetables! – of their labour. They will also be planting up hanging baskets to help brighten up the school grounds.

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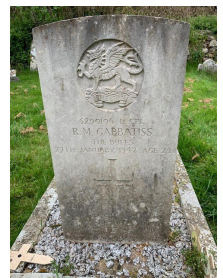
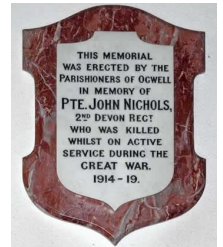
The most prominent is the **Memorial Hall** in East Ogwell, which was dedicated in 1961. It is thought the hall was originally The Old Rectory then later The Old Parsonage before becoming the East and West Ogwell Church of England School around 1853. It was rebuilt in 1874 (hence the date etched into the outside wall) and remained a school until 1957.

Ten years earlier, at a Parish Meeting in May 1947, the local community had decided to try to provide a village hall for Ogwell. Fundraising efforts over the next 10 years included whist drives, dances, raffles and fetes, and when the school was closed and the premises put up for sale another Parish Meeting held in May 1957 considered buying it. But the £477 raised was well short of the sale price of £600, and the £577 needed for refurbishment. However, a grant from the Education Authority and further fundraising enabled the Parish to buy the old school in April 1959. It was renamed The Ogwell Memorial Hall in remembrance of the "fallen in East and West Ogwell during the First and Second World Wars", and was formally opened on 15th July 1961 by Lt Col LHM Gregory.

On a smaller scale, and predating the Hall, are the marble plaques in **St Bartholomew's Church**, commemorating individuals who served and fell in both World Wars. The WW1 memorial, erected by Ogwell parishioners, is dedicated to "Pte John Nichols, 2nd Devon Regiment". The WW2 plaque simply displays the names of four men: Christopher Clements, Lloyd Matthews, Patrick Scarry and Roy Skerrit. A handwritten memorial notes when and where they died and were buried.

There is some mystery about John Nichols, according to information provided by Richard J Brine on the Devon Heritage website. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records a Private John Nickols (not Nichols) of "A" Company 2nd Battalion the Devonshire Regiment, son of George and Florence Nickols of the Jolly Sailor, and says he died on 18th December 1914 aged 20. However, the handwritten memorial records John Nichols' date of death as 29th August 2018. Richard Brine says this may refer to John Nicholls, whose family farmed in Ilsington.

One further memorial stands in the **churchyard at St Bart's**, a gravestone commemorating Roy Gabbatiss, who was buried on 31st January 1942. He was based at Rawlinson Barracks, Denbury (now Channings Wood Prison) and died in Newton Abbot aged 24. The stone is also in memory of his brother Denis JR Gabbatiss, Royal Navy, who died on 24th February 1941 aged 20. Denis and the rest of the crew were lost at sea south of Iceland when their ship was torpedoed.





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# Ogwell Tennis Club

The Tennis Club has had a good summer, and many members have made good use of the tennis court despite the heatwave.

We've spent some time recently treating the surface, weeding and tidying up around the court. Thanks should go to Anthony Jenner for coordinating this.

On Sunday 13th September we held our annual End of Summer Tournament with five pairs taking part (pictured below). It was a sunny morning and a closely matched competition. The winning pair were Debra Harris and Terry Nickels, with runners up Julia Barton and Anthony Jenner.

In other news, we are planning a social event in the New Year in early February for club members in the Memorial Hall. More details will follow in the next edition.

Currently we are holding our Club Sessions on a Saturday afternoon and on Monday early evenings depending on the daylight.

Anyone wishing to know more about joining the tennis club please contact Julia Barton.

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# Cool Sounds At The Sundowner

On Saturday 12th September we held our annual Sundowner on the village green. We had an interesting start trying to keep the wind from blowing the tents away but eventually it calmed down, the sun shone, and the view of Dartmoor was stunning as always.

It was lovely 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 Holly Ebony, who along with her fellow musicians treated us to some lovely folk music which set a relaxed tone across the green. She was followed at 8pm 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. We'd like to thank all the volunteers who helped us set up and run the bar and to our food and drink vendors Loaded Fries, The Fire Train and Little Coffee Bean. Also, the face painters Jess and Kate from Face, Glitz and Glam.

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

Our next event will be Fireworks on Friday 6th November.



***Ruth, Jon, Brian, Catherine, Louise, Tim and Lucy  
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## Move To New Devon Councils Paused

The planned reorganisation of Devon's local councils has been shelved. The government announced on 7th September it was reviewing and pausing the proposed creation of four new unitary authorities in place of the current two tier district and county council set-up.

There are different views on whether the pause is merely a delay to ensure the approach is the right one, or whether the plans have been dropped altogether.

Julian Brazil, leader of Devon County Council, told the BBC he believes the reorganisation "is cancelled in the immediate future". However, Richard Keeling, leader of Teignbridge District Council, said: "The Government has paused these proposals, but it has not withdrawn them." He said the option to

legally challenge the original decision should remain open.

The government has not laid down a timetable for completing its review but has confirmed that the local elections in May 2027 will go ahead on existing council boundaries. In Teignbridge these elections will be for district, town and parish councils. The elections for Teignbridge District Council will be to fill the 47 existing seats (two in Ambrook, our local ward). Elections that were planned to the new shadow unitary authorities are currently paused.

The reason given for the government's review of the planned changes was to ensure the process would withstand any legal challenges. There is still a commitment to move to unitary authorities in due course.



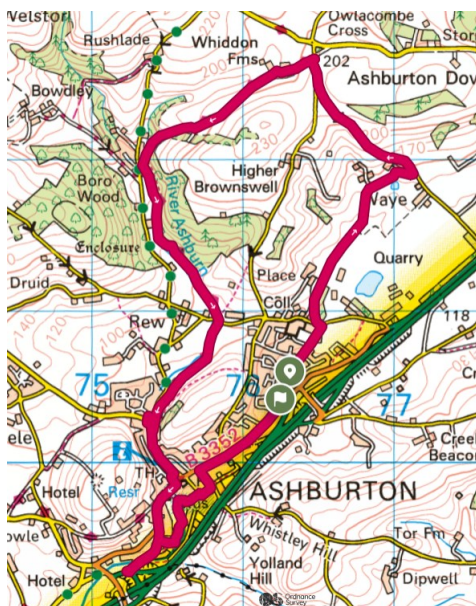
# A Walk Around And Through Ashburton

This walk takes you around the outskirts of Ashburton before going through the town to sample all that it has on offer. We start by parking by the roadside in Balland Lane, which is the road opposite the new Co-op on the way into Ashburton from the A38.

Leaving your car, walk away from Ashburton along Balland Lane towards South Dartmoor College. As you pass the school turn to the new road built to service Glendinning's quarry. This road has a dedicated footpath running along side it which you follow past the green fencing until you spot a wide footpath on your left through the gate into the woodland. This winds its way through the woods passing Waye House on your left. When you come to the tarmac road turn left and take the steady climb upwards. At the top you turn left signposted for Whiddon.

We stopped for a drink from our flask on the bench by the road. See if you can spot the 'Dartmoor letterbox'. Fine views here across the valleys and up to Dartmoor.

Walk down this road to Whiddon Farm and as you cross the farmyard the road turns into a footpath signed to your left. Follow this track gently downhill until you reach a ford. Don't cross the ford but turn left along the footpath with the stream on your right. This is a lovely part of the walk as it meanders through the woodland beside the stream – the Ashburn. You eventually come out onto a minor road where you go straight across over a stone stile into a field, over another stile and into another field. Follow this footpath along the contours of the hill until it eventually drops down some wooden steps into the outskirts of Ashburton at Great Bridge. Turn left here and walk down into North Street in the centre of Ashburton.



The town has seen a distinct change in character over recent times and sports a number of antique shops and deli's, but my favourite shop is still the Aladdin's cave that is Church's, the ironmongers at the end of North Street on the left.

At the junction with the main road turn right along West Street and see what events are coming up at the flourishing Ashburton Arts Centre. Note the Exeter Inn opposite which claims to be one of the oldest pubs in England. Have a wander into the church of St. Andrews which has gravestones marking Napoleonic French prisoners of war who died in Ashburton whilst on parole there from the prison at Princetown. Continue down West Street and then fork left down Old Totnes Road and keep an eye out for a small entrance on your left which marks the Well dedicated to St. Gudula, the patron saint for people with weak eyes!

Continue past here over the Ashburn river until you are almost at the A38 dual carriageway feeder road, where you turn left down a signed footpath. This path runs parallel to the main street of Ashburton and is the line of the old railway track, through the woods and beside what remains of the engine shed for the old railway station.

At the end of this way keep a look out for a small shop called Creamo's, which sells possibly the best ice cream I have ever tasted! Made on the premises using local produce and changing flavours it's a 'must' if you can catch them open.

Now you have a choice of route. Either turn right at Creamo's towards the A38 and then left down a narrow alleyway and follow the maze of little alleys through an old part of Ashburton, passing the primary school turning right to pass the swimming pool then turning left to come out on the main road by



the War Memorial. Or turn left at Creamo's, up Station Road towards the main road with a right turn there along East Street again arriving at the War Memorial. As you walk up Station Road keep a lookout for the small entrance on your left for 'Rafikis', a splendid vegetarian cafe that does delicious cakes. After the War Memorial its simply a matter of continuing along East Street until you can turn up Balland Lane and back to your car.

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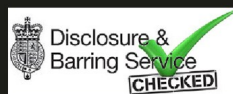
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## Ensemble Mirage 22nd November 3.30pm-5.30pm Programme

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# The Dark Side Of The Moon

Book Review: Artemis, by Andy Weir (2017)

The problem with much of science fiction is that it expects you to suspend your belief in the here and now and accept the author's vision of a far flung future with mysterious aliens, interstellar fusion drives and any manner of futuristic fantasies.

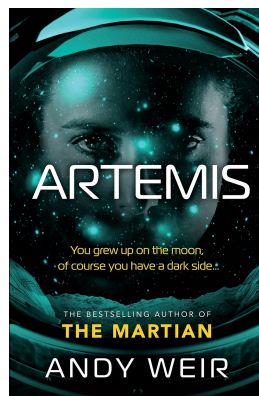
Andy Weir starts from a different perspective. You may know him as the author of 'The Martian', made popular by the film of the same name starring Matt Damon, which explored in some detail how to survive against all odds in a hostile environment.

Using our current scientific knowledge as a base, in 'Artemis' he explores in detail how a lunar colony would survive and operate. His genius is that, while giving us the science based logic for this strange world, he weaves an exciting and involving human story that keeps you on the edge of your seat.

The book's central character, Jazz, is short of money and is persuaded to operate on at least the shady side of the law. Her adventures don't always go as planned as she gets caught up in a conspiracy for the control of the moonbase and the whole book strives towards an exciting climax.

Andy Weir worked as a software engineer and his parents were an electrical engineer and a physicist. He draws on his experience and background in his books. The success of his first book 'The Martian', initially self published, enabled him to take up writing full time. His third book, 'Project Hail Mary', published in 2021, again explores science solutions to a major disaster facing the earth and has been turned into a film released this year, starring Ryan Gosling.

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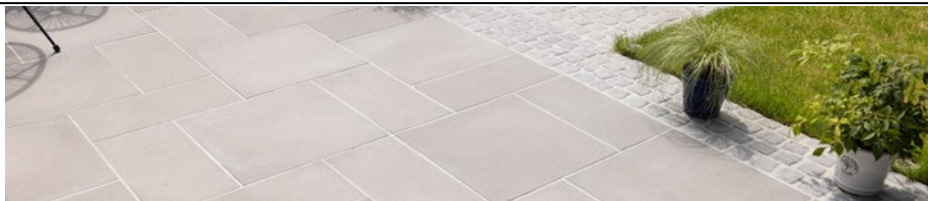
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**Stella Llewellyn,**  
**Church Warden**

## The Rain Came And The Sun Shone For The Duck Race

You would have to be crazy to plan a duck race during the longest, hottest, heatwave we have ever had. But we were! The River Lemon was down to a trickle. Then it started to rain. At first the water just soaked into the ground but eventually there was enough water for a plastic duck to float.

The day of the race brought sun; duck owners flocked to Holbeam Mill. The heats took slightly longer than usual but the ducks were helped on their way by a gaggle of little boys. Whilst they were waiting, people drank tea, ate cake, batted the rat, threw balls at eggs and did amazing things with umbrellas.

Many thanks to Nick and his son and daughter-in-law for their kind hospitality and hard work. Also, to Sam and her extended family who produced the tea and cakes. Thanks too to those who cooked, transported, and ran games. And especially to all you who bought ducks.



**Stella Llewellyn**



# What Are We Really Searching For?

Harvest means different things to different people. For our local farming families, it comes after months of gruelling work, drought, and the constant threat of livestock diseases like Bluetongue. For those not directly involved with agriculture, harvest might feel more like a pleasant seasonal tradition.

Yet underneath these different routines lies a question that touches every one of us: When is enough actually enough?

In modern life, we are constantly pushed in two opposing directions. On one side, consumer culture tells us that security comes from acquiring more: more things, more financial cushioning, better status. On the other side, many face the reality that simply having enough for basic food and heating feels like an uphill struggle.

In Jesus' famous Sermon on the Mount (found in Matthew's Gospel, chapters 5 to 7), He spoke directly to people facing these exact anxieties. He offered a radical vision of how to live without fear:

- **To those weighed down by worry:** Jesus pointed to the wild birds and the lilies of the field, reminding us that God knows our basic needs for food, water, and clothing—and that our worth is not measured by what we accumulate or lack.
- **To those seeking peace:** He taught us to pray simply for "our daily bread"—asking for what we truly need for today, rather than hoarding for tomorrow.
- **To the whole community:** He taught that when we place loving God and caring for our neighbours at the centre of our lives, the anxiety of chasing "more" begins to melt away.

Harvest is a moment to step off the treadmill of modern life and remember our shared humanity. None of us creates the soil or commands the rain; we are all ultimately dependent on God's grace and on one another.

That dependence calls us to action. In the spirit of caring for our neighbours, our churches across the parish collect donations of dry food, toiletries, and essentials at our Harvest service to support our local foodbank. Sharing what we have ensures that those facing hardship in our region receive practical support and know they are not forgotten.

You don't have to wait until Christmas or Easter to cross the threshold of your local church. Whether you are seeking quiet space, wrestling with big questions, or simply looking to connect with your neighbours, the doors across all our parish churches are open to everyone, regardless of where you are on your journey of faith.

This year the Harvest Festival service will be celebrated at All Saints Church, Highweek, on 27th September at 9.30am. Come as you are to give thanks, support those in need, and discover the lasting peace that comes from trusting in the One who provides for us all.

*Rev'd Jon Bealey  
Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell*

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A decorative poster for autumn concerts at St Mary's Denbury. The poster features a central banner with the text "AUTUMN CONCERTS AT ST MARY'S DENBURY SUNDAYS AT 2PM". Below the banner, two concert dates are listed: "Sunday 4th October" with the duo "Harbottle and Jonas" and "Sunday 15th November" with "Geoff Lakeman". The poster is framed by a floral border and includes illustrations of various musical instruments: a violin, an accordion, an acoustic guitar, a flute, a drum, and a banjo.

# AUTUMN CONCERTS

## AT ST MARY'S DENBURY

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