

Parish Magazine

Ashprington Cornworthy Dittisham

March 2024

Floating Art comes to the Dart!

"The Melt" is a high profile art project coming to the Dart this summer. It takes art out of the refined confines of a gallery and directly to our landscape, making it available to a much wider set of people. The Melt also invites us to consider the difficult topic of our changing environment, which will only become increasingly more apparent.

This spring English sailor Ella Hibbert will attempt to become the first person to solo circumnavigate the Arctic by sailing boat (a 38' ketch), and the first person to do so non-stop, how she says that this "...is less about setting new world records and more about raising awareness of the increasingly rapid decline of the Arctic sea ice, and the repercussions this has on the wildlife that live there – and on the world as a whole" (her Facebook page is called "Ella in the Arctic")



As Ella journeys she will be sending local Devon artist Anthony Garratt pictures of the icebergs she encounters. From these he will then paint a series of giant canvasses, 5m long and 2.5m tall.

These canvases will be mounted on platforms which will be floated first on the Dart (from mid June to sometime in August), then they migrate to the Teign and Exe (August to September). They will be moored so that when the tides change they will swing round to show different view. On the Dart the ferries will include them in their announcements, as will GWR when the platforms move on.

Of course there is consultation and support from the harbourmaster, and so far some potential sites are near Stoke Gabriel, near Sharpham, Higher Noss, and Dartmouth Town – so there should be plenty of opportunities for us to get a chance to experience this. Also look out nearer the time for complimentary events with artworks on display, film screenings, and a talk by the artist and other guests.

There is a crowdfunder to help to support The Melt. Original oil painting and prints (50 x 40 cm) are available, brilliant in their own right, they also represent a permanent reminder of what is bound to be a highly memorable event, and each purchase helps to cover the build cost for the project. So far there is enough for two platforms, but the aim is for four.

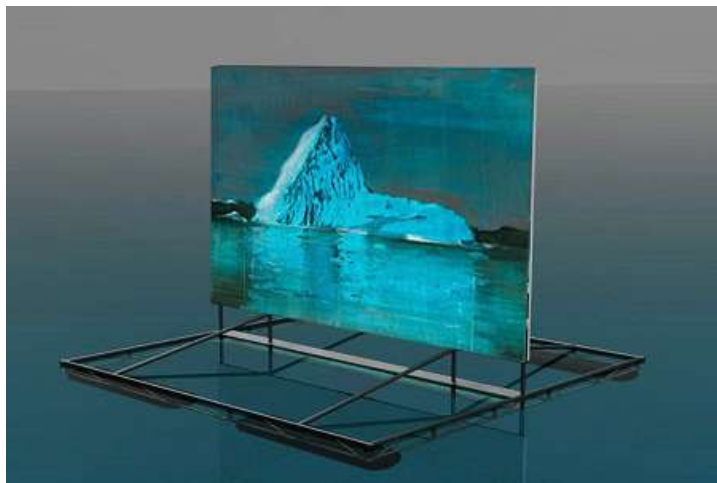
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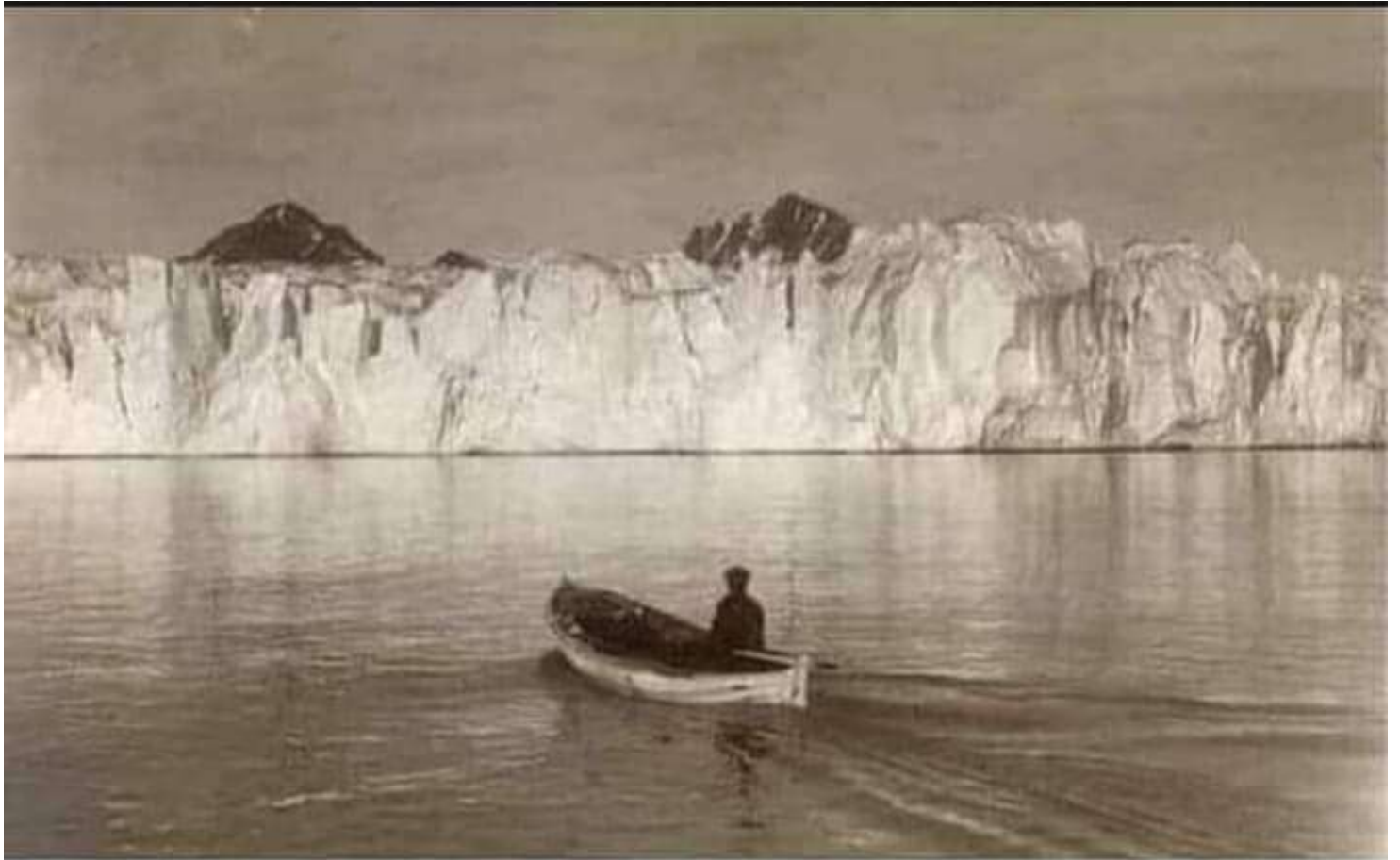
www.toallatsea.co.uk

www.the-melt.co.uk

Sune Nightingale (Dittisham)

Copyright on images of his paintings has been given by Anthony Garratt to further this project.





**Universe Observatory
15 February at 23:24 ·
Arctic Sea - image taken in the same place and
the same season after 105 years**

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April Magazine:

Please send articles and notices for the April magazine no later than the 20th of March. Thank you.

From the Editors

What to put in the magazine? That is the question.

For some issues the editor and production team have to do some intense searching and even beating of the bushes. But most often it just arrives, there, on an email (so thank you to Sune Nightingale for this month's front page). Or it comes by facebook (thank you to a former teaching colleague for the picture of the glacial melt). Or the Exeter Diocesan news (thank you to the House of Bishops for taking their stand). So, this month, not an easy read but ... "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5.

Below is a list of coming events for Ashprington, Cornworthy and Dittisham. Further details can be found within the magazine. This is not a complete diary for the three villages.

Diary of Events: March

3 March, Sunday, 11:15 St David's Church, Patronal Festival.

8 March, Friday, 5-7pm view art works Dittisham VH. Works for sale at Dress to Impress Dinner on 9 March for UNICEF.

9 March, Saturday 10-4pm Mosaic Class, Ali Soper, Tuckenhay.

10 March, Sunday 11:15am, Mothering Sunday service for all the family, St David's Church.

13 March, Wednesday, 7:30pm Cheese and Wine Concert St George's Church, Dittisham (Lyric Chamber Orchestra)

13 March, Wednesday, 7:30 Cornworthy Cinema Club.

15 March, Friday, 10am Drive through Cornworthy then Ashprington for Rose O'Brien.

17 March, Sunday, 5pm Pie Night, Cornworthy VH.

31 March, Sunday, EASTER DAY

April: *not complete list*

7 April, Sunday, 1-4pm, bird/bat box making for all the family, Ashprington VH.

9 April, Tuesday, 6-8pm VETS meeting with training for all in Cornworthy VH.

14 April, Sunday 10:45 St David's Church Community Gathering with Chris, Part II

Statement from the House of Bishops on the war in Gaza

13/02/2024

House of Bishops makes call for immediate ceasefire and release of hostages

With the onset of Israel's ground offensive into Rafah, we call for an immediate ceasefire. The relentless bombardment of Gaza and its huge cost in civilian lives and civilian infrastructure must stop. The manner in which this war is being prosecuted cannot be morally justified.

We urge Israel to adhere to the ICJ order and to ensure that Palestinians have access to food, water, healthcare, and safety, that have long been denied to them. We welcome the Foreign Secretary's recent call for an immediate pause in the fighting and would also welcome further representation to the Government of Israel about the way that it is exercising its right to self-defence and to affirm adherence to international law.

We continue to advocate for the release of the remaining hostages and an end to the missile attacks on Israel by Hamas. All sides must begin to imagine a future beyond this conflict for a just peace for Israelis and Palestinians. This war can't result in the consolidation of a system of occupation that has for too long denied Palestinians their rights and freedoms.

As we consider the impact of the current conflict in the Middle East on community relations here in the UK, we again condemn all antisemitic and anti-Muslim sentiment. We are horrified by the growing threats and abuses of Jews on university campuses, in our neighbourhoods, and online. We appeal to our communities to be safe for all people whatever their nationality, ethnicity or religion. For our own part, we commit to working alongside our fellow faith leaders for the common good, despite and with our differences.

The House of Bishops (General Synod of the Church of England)



The House of Bishops is one of three Houses that make up the General Synod. The House of Bishops led by The Archbishop of Canterbury and comprising more than 50 Bishops of the Church of England meets twice a year to discuss issues such as ministry, mission and national issues that affect the Church.



Clergy Letters

What does the word Lent mean?

The word "Lent" comes from the old English, "lencten," which means "spring." In Middle English is derived the words, lenten, lente, lent; related to the Dutch, lente, the German, Lenz, also meaning "spring." In Old German lenzin, lengizin, and lenzo are related words, which probably comes from the same root as "long" and referring to "the lengthening days," as the earth moves from the winter solstice toward the spring equinox.

So much to be found in a small word and so many other words written about it. With Easter in mind please read and enjoy the piece from our late Cliff Berdinner dug from the archive 2016.

Loving God,
your Son, Jesus,
calmed the storm
that frightened the disciples.

You keep us safe too,
even when we are afraid.
Show us how to follow you, and help us
to be there for one another.
Teach us to share whatever we have fairly
so that we, and our whole global family,
may look to the future with hope.

Amen.

Prayer: Catherine Gorman / CAFOD

Lent is a time of penitence, of turning to Christ and choosing once again to follow him. We go into the desert, to find time and space with God, and to face all that would distract us from his love. Pope Francis describes Lent as a season of grace, a time of conversion. Conversion is not solely a one-off event, but a lifetime of choices, and turning. In this season, may our conversion to Christ be renewed, may we open ourselves to his revelation and to his message of freedom: 'For freedom Christ has set us free ... do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.' Gal 5:1

Bishop Jackie

It's just a thought: from the late Rev'd. Cliff Berdinner.

Hello again, here's a funny story about a parrot. Roger, the parrot, was being very abusive to his mistress, swearing and calling her names. So she said, 'If you don't behave better I shall put you in the freezer to cool off'. But nothing changed, so in the freezer Roger had to go. After five minutes his mistress took him out and Roger stopped swearing and saying bad things. 'That's better Roger', she said, to which the parrot replied, 'There's a chicken in there, he does look poorly, what did he do'?

This little story is interesting because what the mistress did represents a universal human phenomenon that when someone is guilty of an offence that someone deserves to be punished.

There is generally a feeling of rightness about this. We call it, justice, and it is the way a society endeavours to maintain order, fairness and security. Hopefully, today, justice is done with sensitivity and understanding.

This principle of punishment for the wrong doer is frequently found in our Bible. In the Old Testament God is portrayed as a judge and a Law God whose love for his chosen people is conditional upon their total obedience. Anyone breaking God's law was in for a bit of punishment. But there was little sensitivity or mercy here for the adulterer, the thief or a rebellious son who could be stoned to death. God's conditional love became Jewish orthodoxy which not only controlled the way they lived their lives but also who was allowed to worship - and ladies, even wearing trousers were forbidden!

In the New Testament God is generally thought of in a different way, as a God of grace and mercy which is clearly demonstrated in the ministry of Jesus, but the old Jewish idea of a God of rewards and punishment lingered on and found its way into the church creeds. The teaching about God's judgment and Heaven and Hell reached its height in the Middle Ages where getting to Heaven was dependent upon keeping all the rules, although I think the giving of a few indulgences may have stopped Hell from getting too full.

The idea of God's love as conditional is still with us today especially in the idea of the Last Judgement with its everlasting consequences. This has often troubled people, even frightened them and caused some folk anxiety about loved ones who have passed on.

But In our later conception of God we are coming much more to understand God's love as perfect and unconditional. I think this is the true meaning of 'Grace'. Perhaps it is a concept of God's love that is beyond our ability to fully understand because it is so completely contrary to our natural desire for compensation. A mother's love for her child is perhaps the nearest love that never seeks a reward. But others too have loved wastefully, as one writer puts it, and supremely we see this in ministry of Jesus Himself.

God's love without requirements is not some sentimental romantic notion but an understanding that God does not love us for our performance, either good or bad, but simply because God is love. And that love is around us and within us whoever we are and wherever we go; neither is it for some but not others.

To allow into our consciousness this understanding that we are loved and not judged, is our resurrection, now, in this life. I am sure that such love can but draw out our own love for God,

Crownley Woods - our precious Community Wood

Crownley Wood, opposite The Maltsters Arms, was purchased by a combined effort of about 35 villagers from Tuckenhay, Ashprington and Cornworthy and donated to the National Trust in 1990 under the energetic leadership of Anthony Harrison.

Originally access was by boat only. But thanks to the then footpath warden Laurence Green and owners Peter and Liz Mantle there is a "permissive path" over their field from the Sewage Works, just below Ashprington on the road down to Bow Bridge. This beautiful wood is open to anyone to walk in or have a picnic or barbecue under the shelter where there is a fire grate, table and seats.

Every year we try to arrange two work parties in the Spring and Autumn to help with any job the National Trust wants done such as pathway clearing, maintenance of the steps, etc.

Ski Harrison is the local link with the National Trust and is in contact with Richard Snow of the National Trust to arrange a Saturday in March or April for a work party. The days are always good fun with a community picnic lunch under the shelter.

William Carlyon has in the past organised the work party. He sadly is leaving the village. So we need a volunteer coordinator and volunteers for the work party. Please contact Ski Harrison if you are interested Tel. 01803732466. Email antski1945@gmail.com



A Bird Box and Bat Box Making Workshop Sunday 7th April from 1pm - 4pm Ashprington Village Hall

All welcome (children accompanied by an adult, please). We will be making boxes to house birds/bats for our own gardens as well as Ash Meadow and the Churchyard.

Tools, materials and help will be provided and an optional donation to Sustainable Ashprington is asked to help with costs.



There will be a supply of art materials with which to decorate your bird box or you are invited to bring your own items to make a very special box.

Refreshments provided.

Millpond Junction toad patrol 2024

This year to date a great band of volunteers have managed to rescue over 400 toads, over 50 newts and a few frogs. The migration is possibly not yet over as weather patterns this year have been unusual and have possibly confused our amphibian friends!

There have been lower numbers this year so far, around half of last year's result. Collecting data for Froglife is crucial and there are 803 groups around the country doing the same thing. This is helping to gather information for the national scientific database, monitoring species behaviour.

A huge thank you to our growing group of volunteers....Graham, Ali, Cathy, Michael, Oli, John, Andrea, Sheila, Nigel, Nick, Sue, Caroline, Chris and Daniel. Also the 2 Katherines and Jemima! To Ian and Pat who have just joined us. A big thanks also to Karen and Malc for consistently checking the roads for us late at night!!

Our heartfelt thanks go out to our local drivers for taking our project on board and for having been considerate and kindly throughout!

Lyn Paterson (project coordinator)

Mike Pearey (project manager)



A Haunted Parish by Laurence Green

My ninth and latest book was published last month. It results from a lot of research and reading and was great fun to write. Let me quote the blurb on the back cover:

In the picturesque North Cornish parish of Goonperran, Revd. Tim Tremaine finds himself haunted by more than just his enigmatic past. As a young vicar, Tim hopes to leave behind old shadows, but they relentlessly claw their way back, threatening to unravel the life he's building. Amid these personal struggles, malevolent paranormal forces mount a sinister campaign against him and his fiancée Elizabeth. The very soul of Goonperran and the neighbouring parishes he inherits hang in the balance. As Tim grapples with this chilling power play, his Cornish tenacity and the core of his character face the ultimate test. Dive into a gripping tale of faith, love, and the spectral battles that seek to determine the fate of haunted souls and hallowed grounds.

This stirring contemporary story of Cornish gothic is available from the Eastgate Bookshop in Totnes and both the Community Bookshop and Browser in Dartmouth as well as on Amazon. Buy this book and give yourself the willies...

CORNWORTHY CINEMA CLUB

7.30pm WEDNESDAY 13 March 2024

@ Village Hall Admission: £7 Certificate: 12



LIGHT REFRESHMENTS & ICE CREAM AVAILABLE
(BRING YOUR OWN WINE/BEER!)

Ponies arrive at Sharpham to assist rewilding

Two ponies have arrived on The Sharpham Estate to help with rewilding. The Konik ponies are mimicking wild horses that roamed the lands thousands of years ago, nibbling and browsing vegetation and keeping a check on plant growth naturally. The ponies join Belted Galloways and Mangalitza pigs as part of a National Lottery Heritage Fund project Wild For People – restoring nature on former farmland near Totnes, South Devon.



How do grazers help rewilding?

Our landscape evolved with the help of the animals that lived within it. Ancient livestock shaped the land by eating plants, fertilising and disturbing the land. Wild boar that used to inhabit Britain turned over the soil seeking tasty roots to eat – simultaneously enabling plants to seed easily and therefore adapting the land. Aurochs (a now-extinct type of ancient cow) and Tarpan, ancient wild horses, browsed and nibbled on brambles, shoots, samplings and shrubby vegetation. By doing so, they acted as 'nature's pruners', preventing certain plants from dominating and allowing space for other species to thrive. The grazers' manure naturally fertilised the ground, ensuring soil-health & food for insects. Those insects were food for birds and small mammals, which were food for larger prey, weaving a rich 'tapestry' of nature. By bringing in modern-day equivalents to ancient grazers, rewilding at Sharpham gets an enormous boost. Konik ponies are from Poland and are descendants of very hardy Eastern European ponies.

These two are called Sylvi and Stella and have been donated to Ambios by Wildwood - a native species conservation charity, with visitor nature parks in Devon and Kent. The ponies are both 15 years old and have spent their lives grazing on nature conservation projects in the UK.

How passers-by can support the ponies:

The rewilding fields run either side of a permissive path linking Totnes to Ashprington, frequented by walkers, cyclists and dog-walkers. Passers-by can support the charity's rewilding efforts by not entering the fields and by keeping dogs on leads and out of the fields too. **People should NOT feed the ponies as this will disrupt their digestive systems.**

Pony power will help rewilding:

“We are delighted – this has been a long time coming – 4 years in the making, and actually it feels like bringing wild ponies back to these lands is connecting with our ancient ancestors, and with natural landscapes from centuries ago,” said Jack Skuse, rewilder and Ambios director. “The addition of ponies will have a major impact on the structural diversity of the vegetation – grazing the tall grasses and woody hedgerows plants – which in turn encourages greater biodiversity. This will offer vital, missing habitat for wildlife. For example, horses wallow in dry, sandy patches, which support insects who need these small sandy patches for breeding. Their addition will, we hope, support nature recovery at Sharpham, and bring missing wildlife back”

Sharpham Trust Director Julian Carnell said that rewilding The Sharpham Estate illustrated the charity's ethos perfectly –



whilst highlighting the need to support nature wherever possible. “We want to make a more mindful and sustainable world and we're doing our bit at Sharpham,” he said. “The project is called Wild for People because we recognise that rewilding has to involve people and connect them back to the land.

“When people are connected to nature, they're much less likely to want to harm it so if we can do that at the same time as supporting biodiversity, then that's a real win-win”. Around 1500 people a year come from all over the UK to stay on mindfulness retreats at The Sharpham Trust. Each retreat incorporates nature-connection techniques and retreat-participants can access the rewilding land to witness the flora and fauna there.

Ashprington News



A butterfly flaps its wings in the Amazon and a tsunami engulfs an island in Indonesia; the Ukrainian flag goes up on St David's church tower and Putin falls down the stairs in the Kremlin... Wishful thinking and most unchristian I am sure. The flag is a witness that we have not forgotten the atrocities in Ukraine two years after they began. We continue to pray for and support this brave nation as

they stand up to bullying enemies while the world turns its attention to more fashionable wars.

Spring is coming as the churchyard revels in snowdrops, daffodils, celandine, and primroses. The daffs planted for St David's Day during the pandemic (March 2021) have come through again this year and are a reminder of the overwhelming spirit of the community during that time. Grave planting and hedge cutting is being undertaken by our dedicated team from Sustainable Ashprington (Nigel and Lynne along with Katherine and Barry), whom I thank very much. Soon we shall have many more bird nesting boxes and bat boxes as a result of the workshop planned for the 7th of April. Do come for a walk on the mown (by Nigel D) path at the back of the church and if you would like to help in any way with graveyard gardening please let us know.

Our Ash Wednesday service was taken by Rev'd. Chris Harris and was followed by a bread and soup lunch with donations going to Shelterbox to provide a substantial tent to house a family who have been deprived of everything by war or natural or man-made disasters.

Our patronal festival for St David's Day will take place on March 3rd, the nearest Sunday to March 1st. St David's flag, not the Welsh dragon but a yellow cross on a black background, will fly for a week from the church tower (weather permitting) before being replaced by the horizontal yellow and blue.

The second Sunday in February, normally Village Worship, was a Community Gathering on the theme of looking after each other in love taken by Chris Grimshaw. It was stimulating and well attended. The second event on this theme will take place on the second Sunday in April with a bring and share lunch in church. There will be a special service for Mothering Sunday on the second Sunday in March led by David Davies. This will be a very special service of music and readings with activities for children. We thank the dedicated people who plan and deliver these stimulating services which not only praise God but make us think about what we can all do.

Laurence Green



GIVE A TENT FOR LENT

£500 WAS RAISED!

Thank you to all who helped to raise £500 in one day (14th Feb) for this Shelter Box appeal. St Valentine's this year was a day to remember. Starting by marking Ash Wednesday with a service in St David's for Ashprington and Cornworthy we then moved to a soup/bread lunch in the Village Hall to raise funds for a family sized tent for Shelter Box. Pat's tomato, Jill's winter veg and Kathi's butternut squash soups were memorable and, after thirds were consumed, the pots were empty. At that stage £445 had been raised for a tent which would cost £425.

The day was not over - a WI open meeting came next. Dr Peter Moore, a police surgeon told us how very well people in custody are medically looked after and how a sense of humour certainly helps a dodgy situation. The raffle and several donations along with funds from the Thursday Coffee Morning brought the total to a magic £500. Thank you to all who helped throughout the day.



Coffee & Cake
every Thursday
10:30 - 12 noon
Ashprington VH
funds to St David's Church.
WELCOME to ALL



MOTHERING SUNDAY

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO COME
ALONG AND CELEBRATE THIS
SPECIAL DAY

Sunday, 10th March at
11.15am

St David's Church

Bring a candle to light as we celebrate
the love of motherhood.
Activities for children.

Refreshments afterwards

Dittisham News

Dittisham Village News

Well I won't mention how wet February was!!!

As children we learnt that “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb” leading us to expect bluster at the beginning of the month and balminess at the end. As Charles Dickens said in Great Expectations: “those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold; when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade”.

Looking back at February in the village, the Ceilidh in the Village Hall with a live band, caller and pasties was a great event enjoyed by all. The Regatta Village Quiz was a highly competitive occasion with the winning team only just winning at the end with one point in it. Thank you to all the organisers and helpers for two fun and well attended evenings in our beautiful Village Hall.

For their February meeting The Dittisham WI had a fascinating talk by Kayaker Rupert Kirkwood with a power point presentation of his beautiful photography. In March they will be learning about Hearing Dogs.

Don't forget to come and view the art at the Village Hall on Friday 8th March between 5.00 and 7.00pm, and it will be auctioned at the Dinner the following night for UNICEF.

Don't forget the West Dart Bus runs all through the Winter to Dartmouth weekly, Newton Abbot and The Willows, monthly. Look out for the fliers and posters and “use it or lose it”. It can also be hired and seats 16.

The winners of the February Draw of the 100 Club were: £50 Mr S Brown, £30 Mr G Hayward, £20 Ms V Benns

Nicky Mouldsdales

Maintenance – who does it?

Dittisham Parish Council is responsible for maintaining the following areas in the Parish: The Ham and the Ham carpark; Ham Lane and the Ham 'Triangle'; The Level carpark and The Old Chapel burial ground.

Every three years the grounds maintenance contract has to be put out to tender to ensure that the PC is getting 'value for money'. Several companies submitted quotes and at the PC meeting in December 2023 'It was unanimously resolved to accept the least costly quote of £3,511.31 for the next grounds maintenance contract'

The PC maintenance working group were pleased that the grounds maintenance contract was secured by South Hams District Council as their grounds maintenance team were the contractors from 2021 - 2023.

The most obvious area of maintenance is The Ham – the main grass area and surrounds are cut twice a month from March to October, but 2023 was challenging. March was so wet that the first cut was at the start of April, as the grass was quite long, the team removed the cut grass (or arisings, as they are called) which they wouldn't normally do. They also did the same in May, in time for the Coronation Celebrations. June was so dry the grass didn't grow very much so the first cut in July was not needed.

All went to plan until the rains came and the Ham was either too wet or frozen for any grass cutting in October, November or December. The team finally managed to do the job early in January! Strimming the verges and banks; trimming the hedges and trees and keeping the gullies clear are also part of the contractors' work – the PC are very pleased with the results and we know you are too from the compliments we receive!

Photo: The Ham set up for fun and Games to Celebrate The Coronation.

Ros Neale



Blackawton School News

Having welcomed the children back from the half term break we are now settled back into the spring term! Our outdoor learning has commenced with the planting of seeds. The children, with the help of Jenny Tozer, will be setting up the vegetable garden, appreciating life cycles and the benefits of home grown food. A big Thank you to Garden Time for all their support with the school garden too.

We are starting to upgrade the children's playgrounds and hope to provide additional basketball nets, floor painted games as well as refreshing the playground walls with more colour! Thank to everyone who has donated to make this possible!

We look forward to our next Bake and Book Sale - please put March 15th in your diary and pop into the school from 3:15pm to buy some of Class 2's bakes. We will have lots of great books available to buy also! All funds to Blackawton School.

We look forward to the Big School Disco at the end of term (22nd March) -DJ Crunchy Carrot will be spinning the tunes !! You can support the school by joining our school lottery! Each week there is draw to win up to £25k and lots of smaller prizes. 50% of every ticket goes directly to the school, 10% to other good causes in the South Hams and the rest to support the jackpot prize! Go to: <https://www.seamoorlotto.co.uk/support/friends-of-blackawton-school>

Conductor - Keith Marshall
Musical Director - Trish Calnan

Lyric

chamber
orchestra

Spring concert series

Dittisham

St George's Church
Riverside Road TQ6 0HS

13 March 7.30pm
Cheese & wine concert

Elgar

Introduction and Allegro

Dag Wirén

Serenade op. 11

Dvořák

Serenade for strings op. 22



Tickets £18 (concessions available) on the door or
from John Wells 01803 722414

Cornworthy News

Help us to find you more easily...

As you may know – we have 3 defibrillator machines in the parish: Cornworthy village hall, East Cornworthy postbox, Allaleigh central – entrance to Stone Barn. We also have a group of volunteers who have been trained to deliver chest compressions and use a defibrillator if someone in the parish has a cardiac arrest. If you or someone with you is having a cardiac arrest, dial 999. Then call 01803 501019 to get a local volunteer to come to your home with a defibrillator.



We are developing maps of the parish, with every property marked to help volunteers reach you quickly. We are also using a location identification system called what3words to help to identify your location. This system creates a unique reference to pinpoint a 3m by 3m square area, and importantly, does not require a mobile signal.

We have automatically generated the what3words for your location, based on the latitude and longitude of your property, but would like you to have the opportunity to amend the 3 words.

To check yours:

1. Visit <https://cornworthyparishcouncil.gov.uk/vets-defibs/> on the Cornworthy parish council website, and find your property name on the lists for Cornworthy village, East Cornworthy or Allaleigh area. Make a note of the what3words reference for your house, or copy it directly from the webpage.
2. Go to 'www.what3words.com' (on the web, or download the app to a smartphone) Enter the 3 words reference (or paste it) and it should identify your house. Happy with that? Fine. Want to suggest a change to the what3words reference? Click on the form provided in the CPC website to make a change. You might want to suggest a change towards your gateway, entrance or front door to help the volunteer who comes to your house.

If you are familiar with what3words, but know a neighbour or friend in the village who is not, please help them. If you are not familiar with what3words yourself, please ask a friend or neighbour to help you. We would like to launch the maps along with the updated what3words asap, so please make any amendments before 31st March.

Thanks for your help!

The V.E. T.S. defibrillator team.



Always a quiet time of year punctuated with village events to keep our spirits lifted and also reflect on the past year while we mark time waiting for Springsuddenly upon us with the mild weather with daffodils, crocuses and camelias in abundance!

We joined with Ashprington for the Ash Wednesday Service at St David's followed by an excellent soup lunch. Thank you Ashprington for organising this at such short notice. All donations

went towards Shelterbox. The event was aptly advertised as a "Tent for Lent" and £500 was raised.

Cornworthy Parish Council is just now creating a seriously updated Parish Directory to welcome new residents providing a wealth of information. Everyone in the Parish will receive a copy once it is complete. Another good way to keep our communities together.

Our very dear Rose O'Brien died on Wednesday 14th February, Valentine's Day. Rose always made sure that fresh red roses were placed on Jim's grave. Friends and family were with her during her last hours. Rose and Jim were major contributors to the community and will be well remembered for all their valuable work. Our deep sympathy and thoughts are with the family.

We are now in the Season of Lent and looking to explore how we can best clear our minds going forward

*God of the desert,
as we follow Jesus into the unknown,
may we recognize the tempter when he comes;
let it be your bread we eat,
your world we serve
and you alone we worship.*

(from the book of 1000 prayers)

Caroline and Paula

Rosemary (Rose) O'Brien passed away peacefully on Wednesday 14th February surrounded by her family.

A service will be held at Torquay Crematorium on Friday 15th March at 11:30am, for close friends and family.

A small gathering to celebrate Rosemary's life will take place following the service at The Hunter's Lodge, Cornworthy.

From 10am, a drive through the village starting at the village church will commence, before proceeding towards Torquay via Tuckenhay and Ashprington.

Family flowers only and donations can be made to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Colin and Paul would like to say a big thank you to everyone that had helped Mum (& Dad) over the past few years.



Rose was the first person I met when we bought our little Cornworthy cottage in 1977. A bright smile and an invitation to join in with the summer fair came my way, a typical Rose action of drawing a new person into the unique community of Cornworthy.

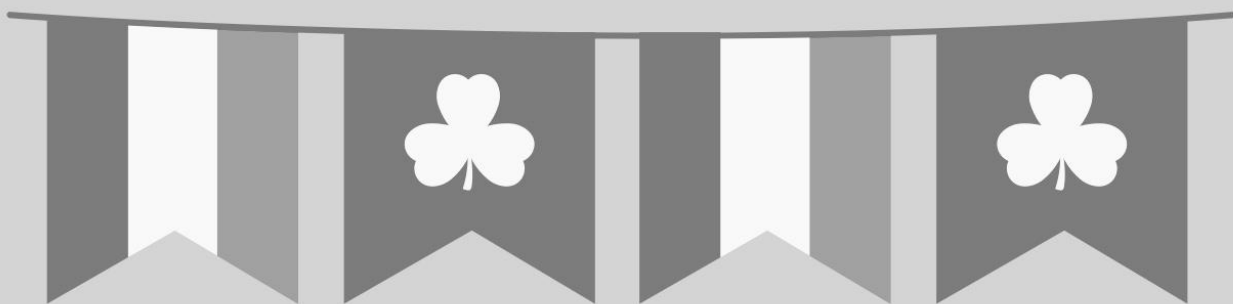
We all knew how Rose would quietly support when things went wrong, work hard providing fun for all our children as they grew and how she raised her boys in a determined way while her beloved Jim was at sea.

What I didn't know until this last year was how strong willed and brave she could be. She faced her illness with intention to fight it her way, to protect her boys from her pain and to ask for help with the lightest of touch.

We say goodbye to you dear friend, neighbour and most valued member of our community.

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The last two years have seen price drops across the board however, due to high interest rates, the cost of living and high energy costs all playing their part. But we are at the start of a new season for classics which traditionally bounce back after winter. Examples that are emerging now with potential growth include the Aston Martin DB7, Bentley Arnage, M series BMWs and Japanese hot rods such as Nissan Skyline, Mitsubishi GTO and the Toyota Supra, all of which had huge appeal when new but impossible price tags to their youthful admirers. It is now feasible to pick up any of this list substantially below £20,000 but which can almost certainly increase in time. I would never suggest one of these as your daily driver and suitable garaging space needs to be allocated. However, it is impossible not to have a huge amount of fun with any of the above and the 'Smiles per Mile' factor is immense even if you do not make a profit.

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Cornworthy Parish Council

Present: Cllr Tuppen (Chair), Cllr Bailey (Vice Chair) Cllr Hunt, Cllr Fowler, Cllr Hammond were present as was C Campos Parish Clerk. **24/01** Apologies for Absence: Cllr Finn, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Hawkins and Cllr McKay all gave their apologies. **24/02** Declaration of Councillors Interest: Cllr Hunt declared an interest in agenda item 11. Cllr Fowler declared an interest in agenda item 12. **24/03** Approval of Minutes: the minutes of the CPC meeting of 5th December

were approved. **24/04** Matters Arising from the Minutes: CPC was disappointed with DCC's response to its formal request for the reinstatement of gritting services in Cornworthy. They will continue to press for additional grit bins as an alternative solution. **24/05** Devon County Council Highways: The planned road closure from Blackdown Cross to A3122 Blackawton from 14th March to 16th March was noted. **24/06** Finance: **24/06.1** The CPC Finance report was noted and is available on the CPC website. **24/06.2** The following payments were approved: C Campos December Salary £259.20 C Campos Clerks Expenses £108.08 HMRC £228.40 ICO Subscription £35.00 Grit Bin Allaleigh £261.92 SHDC Election Expenses £964.24 Replacement Finger Post £319.32 **24/06/3** The CPC Scheme of Delegation was approved. **24/07** The Job Specification and Remuneration package for the Parish Lengthsman was approved and an applicant has been engaged. **24/08** The changes to legislation regarding Parish Councils financially assisting Churches was noted. **24/09** CPC unanimously voted to become a Friend of the Village Hall **24/10** Cllr Bailey will represent CPC on the Cornworthy Village Events Forum **24/11** Reports: **24/11.1** Clerks and RFOThe Clerk's report was received. **24/11.2** Tree WardenThe prescribed work on the oak tree has been completed. CPC wanted to thank the tree warden as the work was done at no cost. **24/11/.3** Defibs and VETS: The VETSTraining session is still being organised. The Allaleigh Defib was showing a fault due to the very cold weather but is now fully operational again. **24/11.4 Village Hall :Phase 1 works are now complete, with the new fire doors being fitted before Christmas. Further funds have been made available for phase 2. Social events booked so far include a folk night and Burns night supper and another disco for May. The village hall committee have confirmed their regular fundraising events for the year, to include dog show, pie night and Christmas fair.** **24/11.5** P3 Paths: Footpath repair works are complete for 23/24 and Surveys for 24/25 have been undertaken and the funding bid being worked up. **24/11.6 Parish Volunteers: In addition to the usual helping of friends in need and driving people to doctors' appointments etc, The tree warden cut back the oak tree and cleared the debris with the help of another volunteer; 2 windows in the village were boarded up by 2 volunteers after storm damage; Our volunteer lengthsman continues to keep street drains operating and responding to urgent overflowing drain events. Thanks to them and all other volunteers.** **24/11.7** Dart Harbour Community Group: Given that the Parish borders the river, and many people enjoy using the river, a dedicated River Dart page on the CPC website could be useful. This would include the minutes from the DHCG meetings. **The next Parish Council Meeting is: Monday 18th March at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall 100 Club Draw: 132 40 10**

Dittisham Parish Council



Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Cllr Tucker was nominated to go into the Devon draw to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in recognition of his long and excellent service to the Parish Council. The D-Day 80

Commemoration on 6 June 2024 was discussed. The Dittisham Beacon is in the process of being replaced using local materials and it won't be ready. There are commemoration suggestions in the online guide. This will be a future item if requested. <https://www.d-day80beacons.co.uk/> Thermal imaging cameras can be borrowed from SHDC and Sustainable South Hams is providing training on their use. A plan was agreed to replace the guttering on the Village bus shelter. DPC is awaiting a revised agreement with SHDC, to give DPC permission to install a defibrillator on The Ham Toilet Block. The project was started to install a defibrillator in Capton.

DCC Cllr Hawkins reported that he has been contacted about a proposal for new housing near Laphthorne Dip and has referred the resident to the standard planning channels. It was noted that DPC has also been contacted and the resident invited to speak to a meeting of the PC. There is a consultation about the proposed devolution of DCC and Torbay Councils. Cllr Hawkins advised viewing the consultation details on the government webpage. 3,000 objections to the proposal for parking meters in Dartmouth were delivered to County Hall, and an FOI request has been made to view consultation responses. The Dartmouth Youth Club is operating again, with rollerblading on Friday night. The Youth Club is keen to take over the current RNLI premises in Coronation Park when the RNLI moves to a new site in about 12 months. The foodbank is operating a warm hub and has started to sell sanitary items at cost, which may evolve into a community pantry service.

SHDC Planning Decisions 3578/23/CLP Yew Tree Cottage, Manor Street, Dittisham, TQ6 0EX. Certificate of lawfulness for proposed single storey outbuilding. Withdrawn. 3557/23/VAR Yew Tree Cottage, Manor Street, Dittisham, TQ6 0EX. Application for variation of conditions 2 (approved drawings) & 5 (privacy screen) of planning consent 3296/22/HHO. Conditional Approval 3797/23/ARC Dittisham Hideaway, Dittisham, TQ6 0JB. Application for retrospective approval of details reserved by conditions 2 (Landscaping Scheme), 3 (Hut Finishes/Treatments), 7 (Lighting Scheme) and 10 (LEMP) of planning consent 2637/23/VAR. Discharge of Conditions - Split Decision. 0001/24/ARC Yew Tree Cottage, Manor Street, Dittisham, TQ6 0EX. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 9 (Solar Panels) of planning consent 3557/23/VAR. Discharge of Condition Approved.

New Planning Applications 0348/24/ARC Dittisham Hideaway, Dittisham, TQ6 0JB. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 7 (Lighting Scheme) of planning consent 2637/23/VAR. No comment is being made to SHDC. 0366/24/ARC Spindlewood, Higher Street, Dittisham, TQ6 0HT. Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 5 (Timber Cladding), 9 (External Lighting), 18 (Roof Slate), 19 (Hard Landscaping) & 20 (Ducts, Flues, Rainwater Goods, Vents & External Attachments) of planning consent 2455/21/FUL. No comment is being made to SHDC. **New tree applications** 4061/23/TCA Mulberry House, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0ER. T1 - T4: Apple trees - remove. T5: Holly - remove. T6: Mulberry - lateral crown reduction of up to 1m on NE and NW sides, crown reduction on upper canopy of up to 50cm. T7 - T9: Birch - remove. Comments closed 24 January. Assessed and no comment submitted.

Consultations River Dart Catchment Action Plan. Closes 16/2/24. DPC will respond about recording the salt marsh area north of The Ham car park. **Finance** The Reports showed a total balance of £86,329.94 and an unearmarked general fund of £31,810.74. Payments approved: Village Hall Hire, December 23 and Jan 24, £60.00. Sutcliffe flat seat swing chains, £135.00. Clerk Expenses Reimbursement January £32.57. Payment decisions since previous meeting: South West Water, The Quay Tap Sep - Dec 2023, £33.29. Annual Playground Inspection booked, £155.00 + VAT. Car Park Attendant October-December 2023, £500.00. It was decided to place £25,000 (approximately equivalent to earmarked replacement reserve funds) in a NatWest 95 day notice interest bearing account and £15,000 in a 35 day notice account. A plan was made on actions to take in accordance with and to manage DPC's Freehold responsibilities and liabilities. The proposal to remove the older bench from near the toilet block on The Ham was agreed and a quote accepted. It was resolved pay the contractor as quoted to replace all slats on another bench because the bench is considered dangerous. DPC will make a £50 donation to 'The Melt' floating art project and help to publicise the event. A refreshments budget of up to £80 was agreed for the Annual Parish Meeting on 17 April. The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 5 March 2024 at 7:00 p.m. We will provide a Zoom audio connection. Full Minutes, Agendas, and Parish Council contact details are available at <http://www.dittishamparish.co.uk> and on The Level noticeboard.

Ashprington Parish Council



Thursday February 1st. 2024 at 7.30 pm Present; Cllrs Rogers {Chair}, S. Paterson, K. Throgmorton, Thompson, S. Greaves, Stocks and Green, County Cllr J. Hawkins,

Also present: Michael Read, Clerk. One member of the public. Declaration of interest in

items on the Agenda. Cllr Rogers - Access to Lime Lane. Cllr Paterson, Planning App. 3179/23/HHO and Planning App - 4026/23/LBC Apologies: M. Pearey, Tree Warden, P Macey, P3 Co Ordinator, District Cllr J. McKay. Matters arising: Letter Regarding Parking/Driving in the Village A letter of concern has been received by the Clerk, concerning parking/driving in the upper part of the village. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Church, Village Hall and the Durant Arms requesting that notices be placed requesting care and consideration when parking. Gritter Access through the Village. Letter of complaint has been received from DCC: Gritting Vehicle has struggled to pass through the village due to vehicles being inconsiderately parked. Parishioners are requested to park carefully and responsibly - a gritter/fire engine needs a gap of at least 3 metres. If this continues the service will be stopped DCC have stated. DCC Response to Ashprington Parish Council letter regarding Bow Hill DCC have written in reply agreeing that they are responsible for the local highway network in Devon but that funding is an issue for the County which must prioritise its main routes. Planning: 4063/23/ARC Steps Cottage Application for approval of details reserved by conditions. Objection. 4026/23/LBC 1 Frogmore Farm. Listed Building Consent for reinstatement of field gateway. Support. 3179/23/HHO Myrtle Cottage. Householder Application for replacement of shed roof. No decision 3880/23/PHH Dart Vale Trout Farm. Application for proposed addition of single storey to Bungalow. Prior Approval Given. 2783/23/HHO 10 Orchard Terrace. Application for single storey extension and pitched roof. Approved SHDC 0200/24/TPO Askew Cottage. T1 Beech crown lift, T2 Fig sectional dismantle, T3 oak. Support. Correspondence: A letter was received from a parishioner claiming difficulty with access for contractors vehicles to Lime Lane. The Chair pointed out that he had been advised that the owner of the offending tree had been served notice by DCC that it must be cut within seven days. Ash Meadow Report: General maintenance is proceeding, but limited in the winter months to general tidy storms brought down a tree which has been sawn up and removed by one of our volunteers. However some fencing and posts have been damaged and will need to be repaired at a cost yet to be identified. CIC reporting requirements have been met with no issues raised. The £500 donation from the Tractor Fest committee will be received shortly. The Tractor Fest is to be run again on the meadow by the same committee as last year. We anticipate an even more successful event this year with more entries and more entertainment for our community. The plea for someone to run the annual sports day has resulted in Katherine Weare offering to undertake the role which is much appreciated. Composting area: The chair is continuing to investigate funding to improve and repair the composting site. The following will be part of the application although we do have £6500 available should funding not be successful. Courtesy of Robert we now have a quote of £1500 + VAT to reinforce the green waste dumping area with concrete panels and supporting beams. The old storage container is leaking and unfit for purpose. We are investigating replacement options. Locking up pilot The locking of the site during the week has continued with no real issues. Other Business/ Councillors Areas of Responsibility: Defibrillator Support Group meeting 16 January 2024 There was a good attendance at the meeting on 16th January. CHT confirmed that they own the phone kiosk but would pass ownership to the Parish Council. The heater that holds the defibrillator is not working. The emergency telephone is not working and is being repaired. A Cardiac Arrest Training session with Cornworthy Parish is being explored. Quiz night in aid of the Ashprington and Tuckenhay defibrillator appeal on 29th February in the Durant Arms starting at 7.30pm. There will be a raffle and a meat/veg chilli available at extra cost. The drive for more VETS is going well but if anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer please contact ashtuckdefib@gmail.com. The Parish Council has taken over financial responsibility. The next meeting will be on 12th March, venue tbc. Thermal Imaging Camera Loan It would be possible to loan a camera from SHDC. However, Cllr Hawkins suggested that his parish camera, Kingswear, could be borrowed with fewer restrictions on usage. Cllr Stocks will liaise with Kingswear PC. Dog Mess Reported to a growing issue in Ashprington as reported by Cllr. Greaves. Dog owners are requested please to pick up mess left in the village. The meeting closed at 9.15pm. Next Council meeting will be on Thursday March 7th, 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Michael Read Ashprington Clerk spooks49@michaelread.plus.com. Tel. 732047

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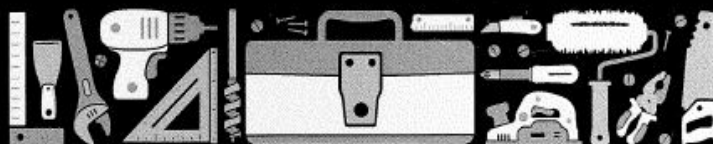
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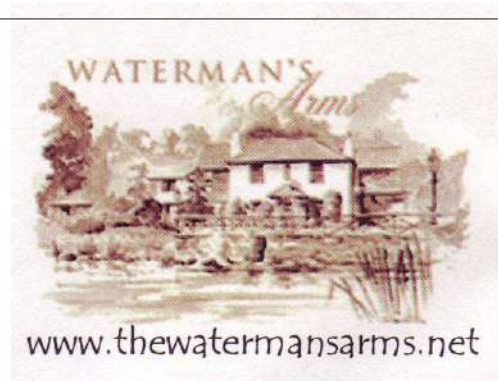
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10 March Sunday 11:15 Mothering Sunday special service
17 March Sunday 11:15 Communion
24 March Palm Sunday 9:15 Village Worship at Cornworthy
31 March EASTER DAY 11:15 Communion

St Peter's Cornworthy

Church open daily 9:30am - 4:00 pm

3 March Sunday 11:15 Communion (Ashprington)
10 March Mothering Sunday 9:15 Village Worship
17 March Sunday 9:15 Communion
24 March Palm Sunday 9:15 Village Worship

St George's Dittisham

*please consult the website a church near you for confirmation of dates and times
or contact Helen Woodman for services: 07754524449*

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17 March Sunday 9:15 Village Worship
24 March Palm Sunday 9:00 procession The Level, 9:15 Communion
29 March Good Friday 6:00pm Service of Contemplation
31 March EASTER DAY 8:00am Easter Communion

St. David's Ashprington

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ALL VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATORS

Remember in a suspected cardiac emergency FIRST CALL 999

ASHPRINGTON & TUCKENHAY

Public access (unlocked) defibrillators are situated in the
phone kiosk, Ashprington and Maltster's Arms, Tuckenhay.

Call the Volunteer Emergency Telephone System
(VETS) 01803 500535

The VETS volunteer will bring the defibrillator
and assist with CPR.

CORNWORTHY

Cornworthy : on the wall of Cornworthy Village Hall.

Allaleigh: on post at Stone Barn.

East Cornworthy: on the wall next to the postbox at
Blackness House

After calling 999, call the VETS team on 01803 501019.
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DITTISHAM

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