

# Parish Magazine

## Ashprington Cornworthy Dittisham

### April 2024

## Life in our Churchyards





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## May Magazine:

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

From the Editors .....

**Time for Subscriptions, please.**

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Please follow the instructions for payment found on the coloured A5 sheet included with this magazine. Prompt and full payment will be very much appreciated as the cost of paper has risen sharply. Thank you to all readers for supporting the magazine, Kathi

# Clergy Letter

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## Running the Race Canon Deborah Parsons

At the time of writing this article, it is 34 days, 18 hours, 23 minutes and 40 seconds until the London Marathon. For vicars, licensed lay ministers, churchwardens, flower arrangers and choirs, the lead up to Holy Week and Easter can seem rather like a marathon too.

Whilst for many people, the Easter celebration ends with the Easter egg hunt and the consumption of copious amounts of chocolate, for Christians the Easter season continues until Pentecost. But there is also a sense in which the joy and hope of Easter is something that Christians try to live out every day.

The apostle Paul spoke of the Christian faith as a race and the author of Hebrews (12:1) reaffirms this: "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." The Christian journey is certainly not for the faint-hearted. It requires commitment, resilience, focus and teamwork, as the disciples and early Christian communities discovered. Just as athletes have to train to develop their physical muscles, so too we have to exercise our spiritual muscles.

In the season after His Resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples several times, encouraging them and equipping them, like a coach or trainer, until the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Counsellor, is sent at Pentecost.

I recently watched the film Nyad. It tells the remarkable, true story of athlete, Diana Nyad, a marathon swimmer, who at the age of 60 and with the help of her best friend and coach, commits to achieving her life-long dream: a 110-mile open ocean swim from Cuba to Florida, a feat she'd tried and failed to achieve in her twenties.

It's a reminder that age is no barrier to achievement and a salutary reminder that there is no retirement in the Christian journey but the simple hope that at the end of our lives we will be able to say: "I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearing." (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

*May Christ be your companion in all your journeying. Happy Easter season.*

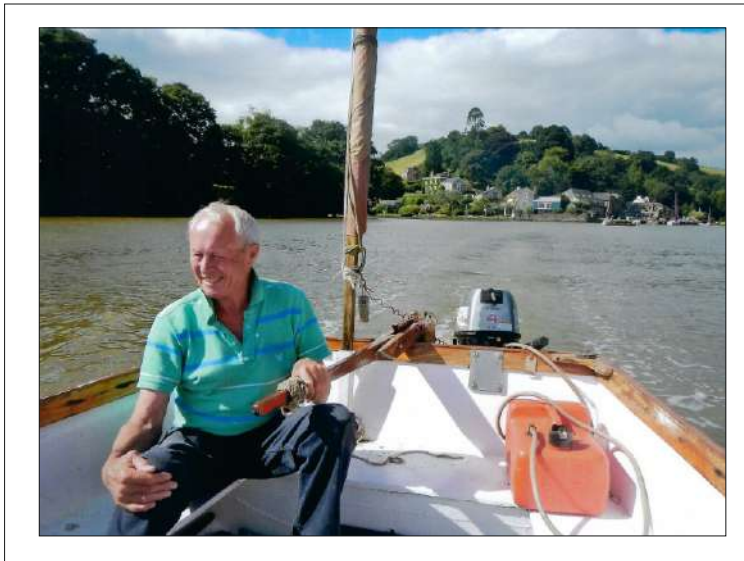
# ROGER JOBSON (1939-2024)

Roger Jobson, beloved husband of Felicity, brother of David, father of Lucy and Andrew, step-father of Charlotte, Nikki, Eloise and Emma, and loving and loved grandpa to 12 grandchildren, died peacefully on 9th March 2024.

Roger, sailor, raconteur, singer and local historian, a man of great kindness and generosity, community spirit and good humour, will be greatly missed.

His life will be celebrated at a Memorial Service on Wednesday 17 April 2:00pm at St David's Church, Ashprington, and afterwards at a gathering in The Durant Arms, Ashprington. Please dress in bright colours. Family flowers only please. Donations may be sent to the RNLI or the Merchant Navy Association.

Please send an email to [gjnhawkins@rocketmail.com](mailto:gjnhawkins@rocketmail.com) if you are planning to attend the gathering at The Durant Arms.



## The OTHER Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to stop  
beating myself for not doing  
things perfectly, the courage to  
forgive myself because I'm  
working on doing better, and the  
wisdom to know that you already  
love me just the way I am.

# Ashprington News



Easter was wonderful this year with a lively service taken by Rev'd. Frances French with a congregation of over thirty people and five dogs. Chocolate eggs literally flew around the building! and the joy of Jesus' resurrection shone out after the bleakness of Good Friday. It even stopped raining for a day or two. The Church has been beautifully decorated, so thanks go to

Jill and her team for the superb flower arrangements. With the cold weather the flowers will last, so do go in to enjoy them.

Unfortunately we were unable to fly St George's flag this year for the first time in very many years. The fault was mine; due to high winds we were unable to pull the halyard as tight to the pole as usual. Either the toggle broke or it pulled out of the loop at the bottom of the flag in the wind, leaving the Ukrainian flag only attached at the top and unreachable. On Friday April 5th Dawson Steeplejacks are coming to take down the flag and replaced the frayed halyard. The flag will then fly again in support of a beleaguered nation.

Spring is a wonderful time of renewal. In the churchyard the back hedge is being cut and tidied up, a dead tree removed, and benches painted. Soon we shall have nest boxes and bat boxes in place and the swift attractor in the tower switched on. If only it would stop raining...

## **Sunday April 14th - St David's Church**

**A Community Gathering led by Chris**

**10:45-11:15. coffee/tea**

**11:15 -12:15. Community singing, readings, ideas to get us thinking, silence and prayers**

**12:15 Community lunch**

**Theme : Building our Community (part two)**

**How can the Church, as a the key centre in the village contribute to a happy community?**

**"Choosing Happiness over Perfection"**

## **Springtime news from Sustainable Ashprington**

The Sustainable Ashprington group has been busy with the help of two new members (more always very welcome, we are a jolly bunch!) Some highlights:

- -The share stall is starting to get active again now spring is here. With a lot of people kindly leaving financial donations we have decided to have a proper box and use the money for wildflower plugs and seeds for the churchyard. Please remember to donate any spare seedlings, seeds, plants, veg, preserves, etc.
- -The annual Flower and Produce Show will now include some classes on sustainability including photos and arrangements, and a class for the best home made compost, for which there is a garden token prize. Get making folks!
- -The annual toad migration saw a record turn out of amazing volunteers braving the wet and cold to help the wee critters cross safely and much greater awareness from drivers. Well done everyone.
- -We are monitoring the quality of the water on the River Dart on the first Tuesday of each month. More folks very welcome to help gather ongoing data.
- -Following the great success of the bat talk, in June we are organising a similar talk on local birds by Mike Langham who guides engaging and eye-opening bird walks at Sharpham.
- -On 7th April from 1 to 4 pm we are making bird and bat boxes in the Village Hall. All welcome, tools, materials and help supplied. We aim to have a goodly number of kits to assemble. Small donation if you can.

For contact see our Facebook page or Lyn Paterson [lynventures7@icloud.com](mailto:lynventures7@icloud.com) or [Katherine Weare katherineweare@outlook.com](mailto:Katherine Weare katherineweare@outlook.com)



# “The Defib Quiz Night:

Thursday 29th February saw over 70 local residents pool their collective brain power in aid of the Ashprington & Tuckenhay Defibrillator Fund at a Quiz Night kindly hosted by The Durant Arms.

The generosity of all involved meant that a total of £721 was raised towards the ongoing maintenance and future replacement of the two defibrilators in Ashprington and Tuckenhay.

Special thanks go to The Durant Arms for their donation of £120 and to local residents and businesses including Oak Tree Gardens (Ashprington), The Garden Room Mosaic Workshops (Tuckenhay) and The Potting Shed (Totnes) for kind donations of raffle prizes. Much gratitude is due to the Support Group volunteers who helped in myriad ways to make the event happen, Quizmaster Simon Green and Scorer Kevan Throgmorton.

Next in the calendar is an opportunity to learn how to use a defibrillator in the event of Sudden Cardiac Arrest. Residents across Ashprington, Tuckenhay and Cornworthy are warmly welcome to join a free public training event with Community Heartbeat Trust from 6-8pm on Tuesday 9th April at Cornworthy Village Hall." *Sophie*

## Peter Simpson

To those who knew him, it is with great sadness that I have to tell you that Peter Simpson died peacefully in the early morning of February 15th.

Peter is the husband of Nicky, father of Ben, Zoe and Alex. He is the only son of Heather and Sim and beloved brother of Linda, Jill and Heather Belle. The siblings grew up in Tuckenhay and loved life next to the river Harbourne which ran past their home. Remember him if you're by or on those waters. This lovely man was a lover of every part of the river.

There is to be a private family funeral, he wished that any donation be given to the Motor Neurone Society.

RIP dear man, I'm sure we will all remember him with a smile.

*Gillie Tubbs*



## Avenue Cottage, Ashprington

This year Avenue Cottage Gardens will be open again for the NGS on **Friday 10th and Saturday 11th May**. As well as the lovely views of Sharpham and the river we hope that many of the splendid rhododendrons and scented azaleas will be at their best. There are many rare and unusual shrubs to admire, and we are always happy to give them a name if required. There will of course be tea or coffee and home made cake. To help us stagger the numbers we use the NGS system for booking a timed slot which can be done on the NGS web site. Here you can also find the list of nursing and garden related charities that the money raised nationally goes to. Of the £3,403,960 raised last year Devon raised the biggest sum for a county and we have been tasked with repeating this.

*Richard*

**To book a time slot use:** <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/31093/avenue-cottage>



# Dittisham News

## at St. George's Church Dittisham

An Evening of English Music and Verse

Commemorating 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Operation Tiger



Saltash Town Band

John Hobbs - Baritone

Jacqueline Palmer - Mezzo Soprano

Wensleigh Palmer - Organ and Accompanist

**FRIDAY 26 April**

at 7.30pm Bar from 6.45pm

Tickets £15 John Wells 01803 722414

All Concert Proceeds to St George's Church

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THE ROYAL BRITISH  
LEGION



# Dittisham Village News

By the time you read this Easter may already have happened, the clocks will have gone forward and we look forward to some spring sunshine, and longer days.

We were delighted to welcome the Lyric Chamber Orchestra back to our village for a wonderful concert in St George's Church. The Art Auction and Dinner in the Village Hall raised an incredible £15,509 for UNICEF with some promised donations still to come in. This is an amazing amount, due to the collaboration of Marina Pusey and Caroline Drew, together with all the other helpers and caterers, and everyone who so generously donated their works of art and those who bid for them.

Table tennis in the Village Hall is always looking for new players. It's a fun evening so come along between 6.00 and 8.00pm every Thursday evening.

We're looking forward to the Annual St George's Day Concert in the church on Friday 26th April – look out for the posters around the village. The WI Meeting on Wednesday 10th April is an open meeting and welcomes Calancombe Estate Vineyard & Winery.

Don't forget the West Dart Bus runs all through the Spring 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 March Draw of the Dittisham Village Hall 100 Club were: £50 Mrs M Pain, £30 Mr P Unitt and £20 Mr & Mrs M Dampier.

*Nicky Mouldsdales*

## Have your say!

A number of residents have tripped up or slipped down the Jubilee steps which link The Level to Lower Street and the issue has been raised over the past few years at the Parish Council meetings.

Devon County Council (DCC) were contacted, as the steps are their maintenance responsibility (South Hams District Council are responsible for sweeping the surface). DCC assessed the steps and as there were no logged incidents they couldn't justify expenditure to install railings there. DCC has said a handrail would have to be paid for by DPC – both initial cost and ongoing maintenance cost. The steps are not DPC's responsibility but it is allowed to step in. DPC considered the options available to improve safety of the steps and it was agreed to ask the Parish Lengthsman to use a salt based weed treatment four times a year and to clear the steps of vegetation on a regular basis. 'Slippery when wet' warning signs were put up on the walls at the top and bottom of the steps.

The request for railings was forcibly raised by residents at the PC December meeting in 2022 and the Parish Council agreed to look into cost management options including railings. After an onsite meeting with a contractor about the positioning of the rail and 'ball park' costs; discussions with the owners of the walls on either side; research into railings on steps in Dartmouth and finally advice from SHDC Development Control (the steps are in the Conservation Area) the 'mock up' railing ideas are out for public consultation.

Many thanks to Cllr Unitt for leading on this project.

**It is proposed that:** The handrail crosses over from the churchyard side to the other just before the first entrance to Church Cottage and the rails and uprights will be round, black in colour and fixed to the ground, not the walls.

Please feed back your thoughts on the proposal for the Parish Council to finance this type of railing on the steps and to be responsible for maintaining them to the Parish Clerk:

[parishclerk@dittishamparish.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@dittishamparish.co.uk) tel: 01803 722417

If it is considered that this is a good way forward then the project will be costed and residents will be consulted as to whether the PC should progress with the installation. Feedback can also be received at the Annual Parish Meeting on 17th April when the proposals will be on display





# Cornworthy News



We are all looking forward to Easter on March 31 and, hopefully, some sunny spring weather. The flowers are struggling not to be beaten flat in our gardens, but somehow we managed to gather together enough daffodils and camellias for bunches of flowers to be offered to everyone at our well-attended Village Worship on Mothering Sunday. Many thanks to Marilyn for organizing them.

By the time this Newsletter is circulated, our own dear Rose O'Brien will have been driven through the village to say goodbye in her own inimitable way. We also must announce the sad news of the passing of Roger Jobson on March 9th, who was a friend to many in the area. Our condolences to Felicity and her family. A memorial service will be held in Ashprington St David's on the 17th of April at 2:00 pm.

We hope you all have a blessed and peaceful Easter and Easter season.

*Paula and Caroline*

## Cornworthy Village Photo Archive 2000 - the Millennium

In 1977 Silver Jubilee Year, Mervyn Stanley took black and white photographs of everyone who lived in Cornworthy Village. These are held in the archive.

Nearly 25 years ago Sue Stevenson updated the project and took photos of every person living in the village to mark the beginning of the new millennium and these photographs have also been kept in the Cornworthy archive.

So, to update the archive we have volunteers who have offered to visit every household in Cornworthy to take new photographs and update the record 25 years on for 2025.

During June on Saturday mornings we will be calling on every house to ask permission to take your photograph. If we miss you, then we will leave a note and ask that if you want a photograph to be taken we can arrange another time. Just let us know if you don't want to have your photograph taken.

Rebecca Stevenson



## Invitation to light a candle

You may have seen in St Peter's Church recently a new addition to the Lady Chapel (the small chapel to the right of the altar). It is a prayer candle stand, as a focal point to hold our community's prayers.

Everyone is very welcome to come any time and light a tea light to place in the stand. This may be for a special intention or for something which is on your heart – whether for a person, an issue or problem, a sadness, or a joy. It may be helpful in a moment of need or worry to pause and rest in the presence of God. There is also a prayer notice board at the back of the church, where prayers can be written if you would like to share them. In every church service we pray for the wider village community, and for those who may be unwell or need prayer support.

The Lady Chapel is a special part of the church. Inside, you will see a small altar formed from stone from Cornworthy Priory. On the altar is an aumbry or tabernacle, which contains the Sacrament consecrated at the previous Holy Communion service in our church. The presence of the Sacrament is indicated by the lamp overhead, which is lit day and night. The tabernacle also contains some water from the River Jordan, in which Jesus was baptised, and which flows from the Sea of Galilee. Above the altar is the beautiful Angel's wing.

Whilst God is with us all everywhere, we believe that God's presence abides with us in a special way in the Sacrament, and that this silent, gentle presence is a great blessing and a source of strength, comfort and grace. Whatever our spiritual journey, and whatever our inner understanding of the sacred, we may have experienced moments of encounter or deep peace, and a sense that we are not left to face our troubles alone.

**With thanks to the generous bequest of Gladys Tope, which included funding the prayer candle stand.**

*Sarah Prime, parishioner, St Peter's Cornworthy*





## Cornworthy Village Hall

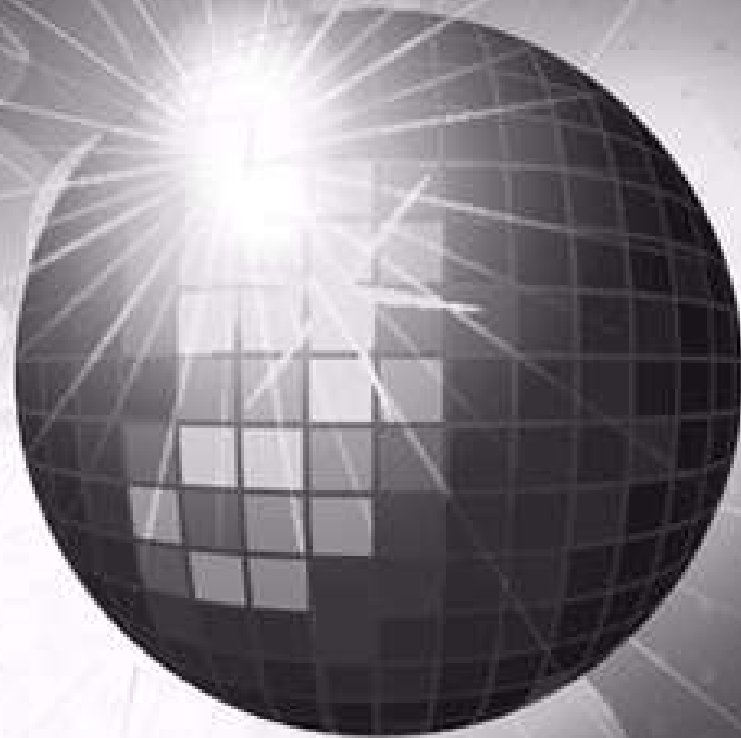
### Folk Night on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February



The Cornworthy Village Hall Committee would like to thank Peter Howell, Donna Devaney and their team of volunteers for organising a wonderful evening of folk music in the Hall on Saturday night. All Hands on Deck from Stoke Gabriel lifted the roof with a range of traditional and modern sea shanties, encouraging audience participation at every turn. They were complemented by several other folk musicians, including the duo Paul and Chris Woodhouse, known as Time and Tide, and a male voice trio, who also sang throughout the evening. The music ranged from the jolly to the poignant, with a nod to the sea and all who sail on her. The volunteers had transformed the Hall into a music club for the evening, with cabaret-style seating and the ceiling bedecked with lights and bunting. The Hunter's Lodge Inn mobile bar kept the thirsty performers and audience members refreshed, so many thanks too to Grahame, Sue and Laura for running the bar. It was a truly heart-warming and convivial event greatly appreciated by all, with proceeds raised of nearly £600 to be split between the Hall and the RNLI.

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

# **IT'S DISCOTIME ! MAY 4TH 2024**



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**IN SUPPORT OF THE VILLAGE HALL**



# Our Motoring Correspondent

The police will have you if you drive without insurance so remember to renew on time. My own annual insurance renewal however came round recently with quite a nasty sting. It was up by 90% from £255 to £485.

What really confused me was that I was expecting a lower premium due to having earned a one year's no claim bonus on this policy, not a 90% surcharge! So, what went wrong? Who knows? I have not moved into a higher risk neighbourhood nor have I incurred any endorsements, made a claim, or in fact changed anything about the perceived risk. The worrying thing, on looking into the renewal documents, was that the insurance company will 'Auto-Renew' if I do nothing and simply deduct the full annual premium from my bank. There is little point phoning them up since all you will achieve after an interminable time waiting on a call centre, is to talk to someone who has no authority to negotiate.

The answer is to go back to square one, and start again but this time, use a comparison website such as Confused.com or Go Compare.com and also Moneysupermarket.com. These multi company search engines put your details out there in moments across the insurance industry and you get the lowest price in seconds, but you do have to spend around 10 minutes inputting your details. But that is better than trawling individual insurance companies yourself. Accuracy and honesty are vital with this process.

This use of comparing the market in this manner can also be very beneficial if, as we get older and click over certain age markers, such as 75, 85 and even 90, your supposedly friendly insurance company hikes your renewal premium for no apparent reason. It is most likely due to the perceived risk attached to older drivers. It is also a fact that some companies withdraw altogether from offering renewal when drivers reach age 90. This therefore permits the remaining firms to up their premiums knowing there are fewer options. A client of mine had his Saga car insurance premium go from £450 to nearly £700 despite no change in circumstance or adverse history. In this case, I ran through the comparison alternatives and concluded it was his 92nd birthday that triggered the hike. In the event, this was the cheapest option which I recommended he stick with.

Insurance costs drop significantly for young drivers at the beginning of their motoring career and the price curve will rise again unfortunately as drivers near the end of their motoring life. It is the price of independence.

Another tip to keep the premium down is to establish your average mileage over the last three years by checking your MOT history and only declaring that proposed mileage. Reduce your declared vehicle value to realistic levels as you will not get anything over market worth in the event of a claim.

In my case, using Go Compare, the revised renewal came in at less than last year's premium and with Tesco. Every Little Helps! [www.jollycars.co.uk](http://www.jollycars.co.uk) 01803 732211 email: [pauljollycars@gmail.com](mailto:pauljollycars@gmail.com)



## Willow Workshops Garden Plant Supports Saturday 13th April 10am - 1pm Cornworthy Village Hall

Weave a willow obelisk for your sweet peas, runner beans or just a sculptured piece for your garden or allotment. All materials provided, please bring a banana box (to make holes in) or similar for your former and a pair of secateurs. Some formers available but if you bring your own box you can use it again to make another at home.

£40 per structure with a £10 deposit to secure your place.

For further information or booking  
email: [vivienne\\_turner@icloud.com](mailto:vivienne_turner@icloud.com)



# Notice Board

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## CORNWORTHY CINEMA CLUB

7.30pm WEDNESDAY 17 April 2024

@ Village Hall Admission: £7 Certificate: 15



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

## HELP NEEDED

Help is needed to deliver  
some Parish Magazines in  
Tuckenhay. If you are  
able to help (even for a  
few households) please  
contact either Ali Soper  
(732 617) or Kathi (732  
437)





Thursday 14 March 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The revised Dittisham Parish Emergency Plan was approved and is open for consultation. We are also seeking residents' views on a project considering installation of a handrail on Jubilee Steps. DPC decided to pursue an offer of land for an additional village car park and chose the

members for a joint working party with the Village Hall Management Committee. A member of the public raised the matter of discussions concerning The Red Lion minuted as having taken place in the 'closed'/non-public part of the DPC meeting. DPC clarified that as discussions involved the Lease, public discussion of what is a private legal matter is not considered appropriate. DPC are Freeholders of the Red Lion and as such have a duty to act in this capacity on behalf of the Parishioners. DPC also sought to reassure and reiterated our ongoing willingness to meet to talk matters through. The application to SHDC to Register The Red Lion Inn as an Asset of Community Value has been submitted and is being considered by SHDC who will assess the application and consider its approval. DPC conveyed our understanding that if registration is approved by SHDC this will not impact on any sale of the property currently ongoing. A request to hire The Ham for a Regatta Sports Day on 18 August was agreed. A DPC Tree Risk Management Policy was approved. It was agreed to invite residents to assist with carrying out checks of trees after adverse weather, and also of defibrillators. **SHDC Planning Decisions** 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. Raise No Objections. 0348/24/ARC Dittisham Hideaway, Dittisham, TQ6 0JB. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 7 (Lighting Scheme) for planning consent 2637/23/VAR. Approved. 0367/24/NMM Spindlewood Higher Street Dittisham TQ6 0HT. **Non Material Minor Amendment to Planning Consent** 2455/21/FUL. Approved. **New Planning Applications** 0426/24/HHO The Manse The Level Dittisham TQ6 0ES. Householder application for the creation of driveway and off road parking area including access alterations. Object with comments. 0455/24/LBC Bay Cottage Manor Street Dittisham TQ6 0EX. Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to first floor layout, replacement timber windows, internal & external remedial works to all stone walls, floors & ceilings, replacement rainwater goods/fascia & barge boards. Support. 0443/24/HHO Pump Cottage The Level Dittisham TQ6 0ES. Demolition of existing single storey garage & store (north side extension) & first floor dormer, removal of existing oil tank & slab, proposed internal alterations & extension to include 1 no proposed ground floor single storey extension South & West facing, 1 no proposed two storey extension to north to provide extended living accommodation, 1 no replacement dormer, installation of new Air Source Heat Pump & modifications to existing ground floor door & window openings. Support. 0233/24/HHO Fingals Hotel Dittisham Dartmouth TQ6 0JA. Householder application for PV cells on post 1948 garage roof. Support. 0241/24/LBC Mulberry House Dittisham Dartmouth TQ6 0ER. Listed building consent for single storey extension to kitchen, replacement of veranda with new garden room, insertion of window to rear elevation, replacement of upvc windows and doors with timber units, replacement of single glazed timber conservatory with double glazed timber, installation of air source heat pump and internal alterations. Support with comment. 0489/24/HHO Laburnum Cottage Manor Street Dittisham TQ6 0EX. Householder application for installation of a charger for an electric car (EV Charger). Support. **Finance** The Financial Reports showed a total balance of £82,751.71 and an unearmarked general fund of £28,630.56. **Payments approved:** Ham Lane hedge annual trim, £708.00 Website hosting Annual Fee £140.00 Clerk February Expenses Reimbursement £82.59 Replace slats The Ham bench £385.44 Remove bench from The Ham & reinstate surface £120.00 Extra emptying of bins on The Ham 12 July to 31 October, £144.00 + VAT Approved applications to DPC for grants: Village Hall Management Committee £3,000, St George's Church Grounds Maintenance £1,250, Citizens Advice South Hams £350. An estimate was accepted to install a railing next to the steps to Little Orchard and it was agreed to take up the optional two year extension of the Parish Lengthsman Contract. Payments made since the last monthly meeting: Contracted lengthsman work April 2023 to January 2024 £1,115.50 Safety tape for The Ham bench, £13.19 It was decided to revert to presenting the annual accounts on a Receipt and Payments basis and to correct the VAT arrangement relating to car parking receipts collected by SHDC on DPC's behalf (residents permits and RingGo transactions) as per the Report's recommendations.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 3 April 2024 at 7:00p.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](#).

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 17 April at 7:00 pm. **We look forward to seeing you there!**

## Cornworthy Parish Council



### What is the BT Switch Off in 2025?

BT Openreach has announced that in 2025, they will permanently switch off the UK's old analogue telephone network (ISDN and PSTN). This action will completely shift communications technology into a digital space and every phone line in the UK will become digital, with calls routed over internet-based technology known as VoIP or IP.

The process has in fact already started. From September 2023, Openreach will NOT provide new phone lines in the UK.

This has some serious implications for rural areas, such as Cornworthy Parish. In the event of a power failure, unless you have battery backup or make special provisions, it will NOT be possible to make a call, even to 999. Ordinarily you would simply use your mobile telephone, however, the quality of signal in parts of the parish is poor and this may make it challenging. Telephone providers will be obliged to provide equipment to vulnerable individuals to ensure the landline is usable.

As part of an information gathering exercise, we'd like to hear from you - please visit <https://cornworthyparishcouncil.gov.uk/bt-switch-off/> To complete the survey. The survey is ANONYMOUS, unless you want us to contact you directly, in which case please enter your preferred email address.

For more information visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-transition-from-analogue-to-digital-landlines>  
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Cornworthy Parish Council



Thursday March 7th 2024 at 7.30 pm held in Ashprington Village Hall. Present; Cllr Rogers {Chair}, Cllr S. Paterson, Cllr K. Throgmorton, Cllr. Thompson, Cllr S. Greaves {Vice Chair}, Cllr Stocks. Also present: Michael Read, Clerk.

District Cllr J. McKay, Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda. Cllr Rogers – Planning App – 0678/24/PDM Higher Sharpham Barton Farm. Apologies M. Pearey, Tree Warden, P Macey, P3 Co Ordinator, Cllr T. Green, County Cllr Hawkins **Matters arising.** Highway Maintenance Community Fund. It was agreed that the Council would apply for funding from this fund to maintain the verges of the parish's roads. Cllrs Stocks and Thompson will prepare the bid when applications are invited. **Commemorative Tree** The Village Hall Committee were not happy with the positioning of the tree. Enquiries were made to establish whether Ash Meadow might be a better location. Ian Bentlett is happy with this proposal and it will be located next to the totem pole. Thanks go to Nigel and Lyn Paterson who are happy to move it. **Potential Double yellow lines application.** This proposal was due to be discussed as the Council sought to discourage parking at certain pinch points in the village. However, given that DCC have decided to discontinue gritting in Ashprington, the proposal will be discussed later this year. **Lengthsman** Cllr Rogers is to proceed with recruiting volunteers to clear up verges, manage drains and buddle holes in addition to the work completed by a lengthsman. **Thermal Imaging Camera** It seems that Kingswear PC do not own a thermal Imaging Camera. The parish might therefore borrow from SHDC but only if there is proven demand. **Purchase of Parish Laptop** It was proposed and agreed that the parish purchase a laptop up to the value of £500.00 **P3 Report.** Work is proposed to the footpath through Holly Villas Away Gardens which are suffering as a result of all the recent rain. Pam Macey is completing the P3 survey and Financial report and will include the cost as a grant request for this work and the remedial work to Lime Lane pending an estimate for the work. Peter Mantle of Crownley Woods is obtaining estimates for work to the bridge and steps on his access land to the woods from the National Trust. **District Councillor Report** Cllr McKay reported that the SHDC Budget has been approved. The Council's Strategic Plan has also been passed including an Affordable Housing Strategy. Work has been done on reforming the planning process and Enforcement. The Joint Local Plan is under review but unlikely to change. **Planning** 4063/23/ARC Steps Cottage Application for approval of details reserved by conditions. Part Approved/Part Rejected. 4053/23/ARC Steps Cottage. Application for Approval of details reserved by conditions. Part Approved/Part Rejected. 4026/23/LBC 1 Frogmore Farm. Listed Building Consent for reinstatement of field gateway. Approved. 0504/24/VAR 4 Orchard Close. Application for Variation of condition 2 {planning Document OHH/182} to planning consent 4680/21/HHO. Support. 4519/22/PDM Higher Sharpham Barton Farm. Application to decide if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 5 No dwelling houses. Support proposal to decide if prior approval is required. **Correspondence** A safety concern was raised by a parishioner regarding the road into Ashprington at the bend by Bowden Pillars. He suggested that a white lane be painted in the road to deter vehicles cutting the corner. The Clerk has passed on the request to the DCC Highways Officer although the area is not in Ashprington parish. An email was received from Devon Communities concerning grant availability for emergency equipment to replace or update equipment. He explained that Devon Community Resilience Forum is unable to help individual householders. **Ashprington Village Hall Report.** Two new trustees are on the committee. There has been a lot of maintenance work done on the hall during the last year but it should not need repeating for some time. Further maintenance work needs to be done and it was considered to apply for funding. There is interest to form a Pickleball Club and a trial for Badminton Club. There is a Summer Lunch on June 8th and a possible 60s/70s disco in the winter. The Commemorative tree that was planted to mark the Coronation of King Charles III needs to be moved if it is to continue to grow properly. The committee felt that there was nowhere else suitable on the green in front of the hall to reposition the tree so it was suggested that it be planted on Ash Meadow. Our longstanding and hardworking Chair, Ali Carlyon, will be moving to a new home so has had to resign her position. She was thanked for all of her work and leadership and was presented with a bouquet and a bottle of "fizz". The new chair will be Matt Redwood. The next meeting will be the AGM followed by a short committee meeting on WEDNESDAY 22nd May at 7.00pm in the hall. **Salt Marsh Wall** A hole in the wall was reported by a parishioner as a matter of concern. However, Cllr Thompson reported that Nigel Mortimer and others stated that it was quite safe and should not be an issue of concern. **Defibrillator Quiz Night,** Feb 27th. Cllr Paterson reported that the Quiz evening held in the Durant was a great success – £601.00 was raised on the evening from the quiz entry fees/raffle, plus a donation of £120.00 from the profits of the catering. The meeting closed at 9.30pm. Next Council meeting will be on Thursday April 4th, 2024 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm. Michael Read Ashprington Clerk  
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## **£10k fine for South Hams' resident's illegal tree felling**

*Issued: 12 March 2024*

*South Hams District Council has successfully prosecuted a resident who illegally cut down two protected trees within a woodland near Hope Cove in December 2022.*

The Council investigates unauthorised work to protected trees and where appropriate these cases will move to prosecution when a person has deliberately damaged or destroyed a protected tree, often for personal or financial gain. In this case a resident was responsible for cutting down two trees, breaching a Woodland Tree Protection Order. The resident contracted an independent gardening service to cut down the protected trees, who were unaware of their protected status. The defendant received a fine of £10,000 and was ordered to pay costs totalling over £5,000. They will also be required to replace the trees which will be protected by the same Tree Preservation Order once planted. As always, the Council's focus is to educate first to prevent any damage or breach of tree regulations. However, harm to trees, woodland and hedgerows does still happen and action will be taken where necessary to protect the beautiful environment and our rich biodiversity for the residents and visitors of the South Hams. For information and advice about trees and hedgerows and the laws protecting them can be found on the Council's webpages, social media and by Council arborists' specialist advice. For help and advice on: Trees and hedgerows, go to: [www.southhams.gov.uk/trees](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/trees) Planning, go to: [www.southhams.gov.uk/planning-guidance](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/planning-guidance)





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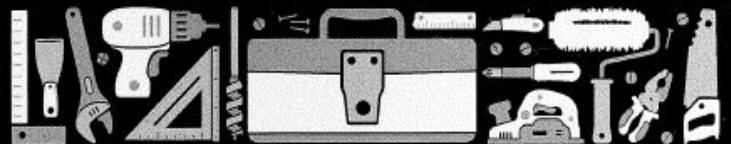
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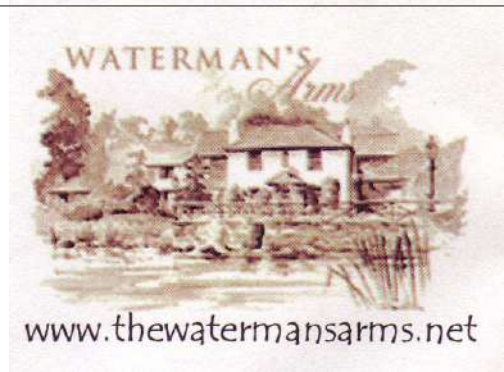
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14 April Sunday 11:15 Village Worship

21 April Sunday 11:15 Communion

28 April Sunday 9:15 Communion at Cornworthy

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

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14 April Sunday 9:15 Village Worship

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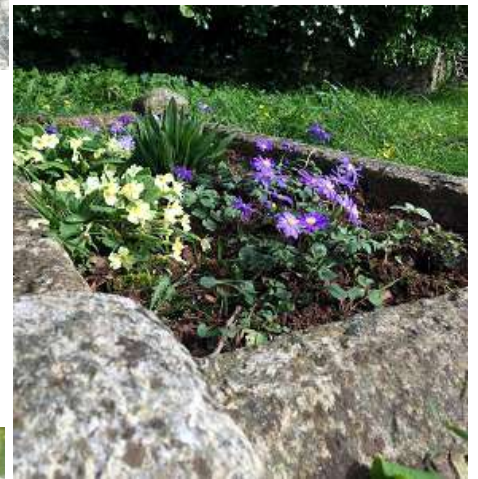
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