

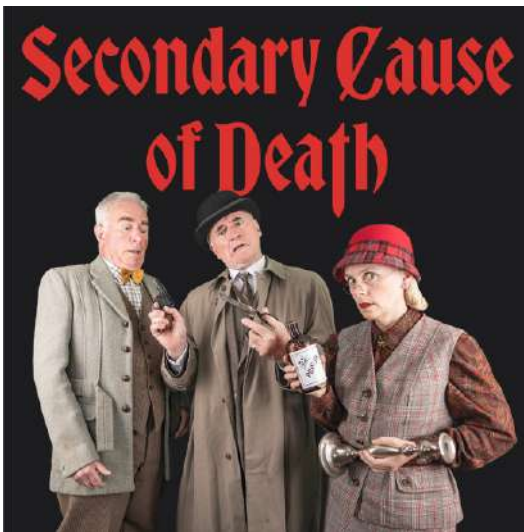
# Parish Magazine

## Ashprington Cornworthy Dittisham

### October 2024

## DRAMA ON THE DART!

Dittisham Village Hall plays host to a comedy thriller



So.... Was it the housekeeper in the library with the candlestick? Or the colonel in the drawing room with the kitchen scissors? Or how about the cook in the corridor with a revolver? A dangerous killer is on the loose in Bagshot House Country Hotel and we're soon going to be running out of body-bags. Only a very special someone can save the day - a detective of razor-sharp intelligence and dazzling intuition is required. Enter our old friend, Inspector Pratt...

Audiences from last year's super-successful touring production of Peter Gordon's hilarious crime spoof 'Murdered to Death', brought to Dittisham Village Hall by Camp Theatre Company, are in for another treat this autumn. Its madcap follow-up, described above, is *Secondary Cause of Death* - and promises to be every bit as funny.

With more than a nod to 'Cluedo' in the script, there are also in-jokes aplenty for Agatha Christie fans. 'Murdered to Death' featured mild-mannered elderly sleuth Joan Maple, a tongue-in-cheek homage to Christie's Miss Marple. In 'Secondary Cause of Death', Joan's bossy sister Cynthia is in charge of the

action, organising a Murder Mystery Evening for the hotel guests. 'Murder is never a game,' she barks crossly. 'Serious business!'

Bagshot House is snow-bound, which means the murderer is still on the premises – one of Agatha Christie's favourite set-ups. It's a classic party trick from the Golden Age of detective fiction – the 'Closed Room' tradition, where a crime takes place in a cut-off location that no one can escape from. (Then There Were None' and 'Evil Under the Sun' - were set on Burgh Island).

All of which means that the hapless Inspector Pratt definitely has his work cut out. What's more, it's 1939. Storm clouds are gathering over Europe, Bagshot House's guests include an army captain and a suspicious Polish count. And someone, somewhere, is up to no good with an exploding cigar.

This will be Camp Theatre Company's sixth visit to Dittisham, hosted as ever by the Ditsum Players. Founded in the Cornish village of Menheniot ('Camp' stands for 'Completely Amateur Menheniot Players'), the acclaimed community theatre company is now in its thirtieth year. 'Secondary Cause of Death' will be its seventieth production, and Director Steve Jefferies – reprising his role as Inspector Pratt – will be heading up a cast of nine, three of whom are new to the Company this year.

Excitement for the tour is already running high across the Tamar, with the run kicking off on 24 October in Menheniot itself. Dittisham, on 2 November, will be venue number four and - says Steve – it's always an especially popular stopover for the cast on account of its famously enthusiastic audiences and rather-longer-than-usual drinks interval ...

Does your book club fancy a little light reading to dovetail with a trip to the show? There's plenty of 'cosy crime' to choose from at the moment – with best-sellers rolling hot off the press from ex-Communard, the Reverend Richard Coles and everyone's favourite quiz host, Richard Osman. Or try Kate Atkinson's brilliant new novel, 'Death at the Sign of the Rook', which is set (you've guessed it) at a Murder Mystery Evening in a country house hotel. But, really, there's no need to do any homework before your visit. Just buy your ticket well in advance (it's sure to be another sell-out), take your seat .... and watch out for exploding cigars!

*Linda Cookson*

Camp Theatre Company will perform *Secondary Cause of Death* in Dittisham Village Hall on Saturday 2 November at 7.30pm.  
Tickets £12 from Gail Mosley (07710 740812, or email [gailatdeedas1@gmail.com](mailto:gailatdeedas1@gmail.com))

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## November Magazine:

Please send articles and notices for the November magazine no later than the 20th of October. Thank

From the Editors .....

Wishing all readers a happy autumn of golden fruitfulness.

We have had many contributions from readers in the last few months - always a boon to the editor and a joy to other readers who often comment. Please keep the contributions coming !!

# Clergy Letter

## We Shall be Changed!

Tony Gregg, Licensed Lay Minister

Joy of joys! After so much hard work and a great deal of effort, we learn that St. Mary's, Totnes has successfully been awarded a substantial Heritage Lottery Grant, which will help to make this glorious building a place "fit for purpose."

Huge congratulations to all those involved. We understand the plan is to close the building after Christmas for at least 6 months while work goes on, so no services or events will be possible in the building. This is going to mean very big changes, not the least that worship will have to be in other churches in our Totnes Team.

Change! This can be very worrying, indeed, even threatening for some people. In his book "Finding Stability in Times of Change" Richard Frost explores this in a very readable way, using the story of Jesus and the storm at sea as a reference point.

For me, this was doubly emphasised by an article I read very recently by Richard Rohr. He says this: "The inner process of change and growth is fundamental to everything, even our bodies." We see this in nature itself where changes occur in the seasons, in plant life, in human growth itself. This is the way that life perpetuates itself in ever-new forms; through various changes that can sometimes feel like death. And, of course, this pattern can be scary, though it is the very essence of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Religions tend to idealise and protect the status quo or the supposedly wonderful past. So often this is only to protect power and privilege. Richard Rohr writes, "We often worship old things as substitutes for eternal things." It is so easy to think of things as they were "back then" - you know - in the good old days of old - when God was really God, and everybody was happy and pure. Did they really ever exist?

Surely, this leaves the present moment empty and hopeless - not to speak of the future.

I believe that God goes on creating things from the inside out, so they are forever developing, growing, and changing. Our whole history is one of evolution and can be one of transformation.

Equally I believe that we have been given a God-sent opportunity at St. Mary's for regrowth and transformation. Think of this as a fallow period from which can come forth new shoots and blossoming.

I remember when Coventry Cathedral was reconsecrated it was likened to a phoenix rising from the ashes. My prayer is that St. Mary's may do the same.

*Fundraising continues. Grant applications are being prepared and sent in (showered in prayers), individuals are still generously donating and we are planning more exciting events. Every amount helps! You can donate by visiting*

*[www.stmarystotnes.org](http://www.stmarystotnes.org) or telephone*

*Fr Jim on 07775356652*

## Prayers for Harvest Festival spoken at St Peter's Church

Lord of the harvest, at this time of abundance, we thank you for the amazing fecundity of our precious planet, with its astonishing variety and beauty. Teach us to discover the value and awe of all of your Creation, and help us to do what we can to restore and care for the wonderful gift that we have been given. We deeply lament the dozens of species, born from your amazing energy and creativity, which are lost to extinction on a daily basis. We pray that the urgent cry of the earth may be heard at this crucial time, and that decisions may be made which respect and restore the earth and the whole natural world.

*Lord, in your compassion, hear our prayer.*

God of revelation, at this time of the feast of St Matthew, we give you thanks for the Gospels and the holy scriptures of the New Testament. Thank you that, against all the odds, these astonishing manuscripts have survived, have been translated for all, and are so pregnant with meaning on many levels. Thank you that these texts can dynamically speak to us in our own situations today, and that you can speak through them into our hearts and our lives.

*Lord, in your compassion, hear our prayer.*

God of wisdom, we pray for a rich harvest of your wisdom from above. May your wisdom fall upon national leaders and all in positions of authority in these uncertain and difficult times. Breathe your harvest of peace, gentleness, and purity of heart upon all, and let your light illumine the way. Inspire us all to be the stewards of each other, of all creatures, and of ourselves that you would desire us to be.

*Lord, in your compassion, hear our prayer.*

God of consolation, we pray for all those who are victims of violence, war, famine, hardship, and all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones. We pause to remember communities who are suffering, who live in fear, or who are left to mourn. We remember in spirit all those who suffer in any way. Loving God, you know the anguish of the sorrowful, and the cry of the broken-hearted. Comfort the hearts of all who suffer, bring them your consolation, and be for them a safe resting place. Carry us, God of tenderness, when we do not have the strength to carry ourselves.

*Lord, in your compassion, hear our prayer.*

We pray especially for dear members of our own community, for Your blessings and deep peace. May we be a healing balm in each other's lives, especially in the most difficult of times. May all feel the nourishment and tenderness of your presence sustaining and supporting through it all.

*Lord, in your compassion, hear our prayer.*

Within this holy place, we join our prayers to those which have been laid down here over centuries, and to those of the whole church.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen*

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

## Grave Gaffes and Monumental Mistakes. Part Two: Uncorrected Errors

To err is human, to forgive divine.  
I trust that the instigators of the following mistakes, 'set in stone' have been forgiven.  
They certainly make life interesting.

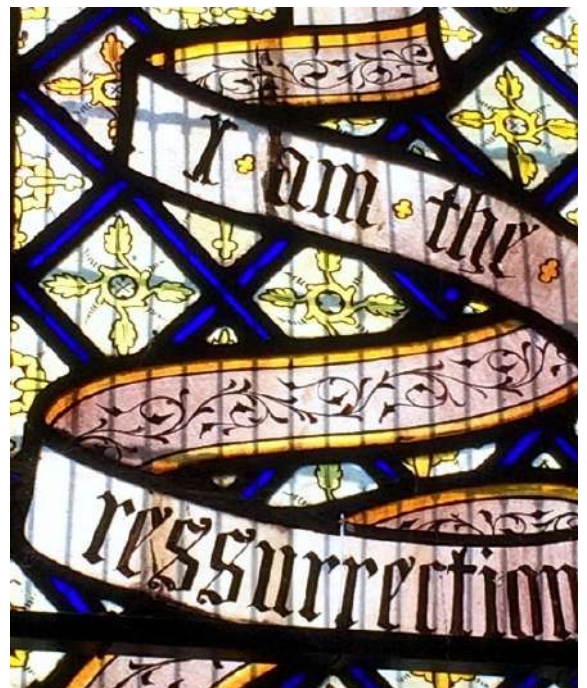
Rattery Churchyard War Memorial.  
In all fairness the extra 'L' was added to the correctly inscribed 'grateful' when it was repainted.



Grave in Holy Trinity Churchyard, Buckfastleigh.  
Is that really how you spell 'Belgium'?



Grave in Ashprington Churchyard.  
There is a 'Guilford' in Connecticut  
but that isn't where he died!



Window in St David's Church, Ashprington  
. 'Ressurrection'? Are you sure?

Keep reading the stones and send in  
any errors you may find.



This year's Up the Creek Tuckenhay Regatta, held on Saturday 14th September 2024 was a roaring success, bringing together the local community for an afternoon of fun and friendly competition on the beautiful Bow Creek. From fabulous fancy dress costumes to dramatic finishes, the Regatta once again reminded us of the spirit and charm that makes Tuckenhay and the surrounding villages such a special place. Canoe Adventures once again supported us with their magnificent canoes and support crew. <https://canoadventures.co.uk/South Hams>. SUP WALK Adventures supplied their giant paddle boards to fit whole teams on. <https://supwalk.com/> Dart Harbour supported us with a community grant and checked in with us on the day to make sure we were ok. <https://www.dartharbour.org/> with exciting music accompaniment to add to the dramatic finals. The Strete Pirates and Harbygirls took home the Tuckenhay Mill Cups this year along with prizes generously donated by our marvellous hosts the Maltsters Arms. <https://the-maltsters.co.uk/> Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, or simply came along to cheer! We look

forward to seeing you all next year for more fun Up the Creek!

Follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/UptheCreekTuckenhayRegatta/> and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/tuckenhayregatta/> speak to Clare Beach on 07584176583 [clare@azuraevents.co.uk](mailto:clare@azuraevents.co.uk) for more details.



Dear Editor, I recently received a copy of the article on Adolphus William Cox, sent to me by a relative who has connections with Tuckenhay and the papermill.

Adolphus was my great uncle, my grandmother's oldest brother. The photo you have in the article is from my Ancestry Family Tree and my grandmother is the lady in the centre standing between her mother and father. It was taken at Wookey Hole when Adolphus was recovering from his wounds.

My great, great grandfather Henry Cox took the family to Maidstone to work in the paper mill there. The family returned to the west country. My great grandfather, Adolphus Frederick Cox and family went back to Wookey Hole and his brother Frank Cox went to Tuckenhay to the paper mill there.

It is a fascinating journey in family history for me to learn more about my great uncle and thank you for publishing his story in your magazine.

Kind regards, Pat Meech



# Ashprington News



September has taken us gracefully into autumn. Church services have continued with the usual pattern of Holy Communion and Village Worship. The wedding of Amy and William was a great success with the church full to bursting.

Early in the month the churchyard hosted pilgrims led by Sam Whernam on a fine Sunday afternoon. All the oak logs from the

felled oak tree have been removed, thanks to Tom Lee who took the chunks too heavy to lift. We must now decide what tree to plant to replace it and exactly where to put it.

We continue to host streams of visitors in the church and churchyard. I would like particularly to thank the opening and locking up team who are regular and faithful.

Finally it is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Simon Grierson who lived for sixty years in the village. There will be a memorial service in the church, to say a proper goodbye, on Saturday 19th October at 2.00 pm. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Harvest Festival is on Sunday the 13th October. This year we are supporting the Totnes Food Bank with our Sunday collection and asking for non-perishable food to be brought to the service or left in the Church porch before the 13th.

*Laurence Green.*

## HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION At St David's Church



Supporting Totnes Food Bank with the collection taken at the service and donations of non-perishable food to be brought to the service or left in the Church before the 13th.

**13th OCTOBER AT 11.15AM**

Coffee served from 10.45am

## INFORMAL VILLAGE WORSHIP

with the community choir

**BRING & SHARE LUNCH TO FOLLOW**

**ALL VERY WELCOME**

# Simon Grierson 1945 – 2024.

Simon's death came as a severe shock. We thought he would be around for ever...

He lived in Ashprington for sixty years at The Wheelhouse, although the wheel fell to pieces many years ago. After leaving school he crewed yachts in the Mediterranean and the West Indies, returning home to look after his mother who suffered from rheumatoid arthritis from a young age. His father had left for Spain when Simon was quite young.

Simon was master of many trades: engineer, mechanic, boat builder, storeman, cook, sailor, gardener, house renovator, removals expert. He even helped remove the machinery from Tuckenhay Mill when it stopped the production of handmade paper.

He had a great interest in travel, maps, and history and an encyclopaedic memory. He witnessed two murders in Marseille and Monaco. His French was good and love of good company legendary. I remember going to his twenty-first birthday party.

A few years ago Simon had a triple heart bypass operation that prolonged his life but not his quality of living. He had many friends and was a very faithful and attentive friend. Having no interest in material gain and he lived simply but was extremely generous. He made no demands on anyone and was very grateful for any help as he grew older.

I am convinced that he knew that his life was coming to an end. He rewrote his will and had it signed and witnessed ten days before his death. Most relieved to have put his affairs in order, he had peace of mind during the days before his death.

Everyone who knew him was shocked that he had gone. He was an institution, staggering into the Village Hall on a Thursday morning with one eye closed against foul weather. I used to call him 'The Ancient Mariner'. He enjoyed good conversations with many people, revealing an impressive depth and breadth of knowledge on very many diverse subjects. One of the most unassuming and generous of men, he will be greatly missed for a very long time.

**He requested a simple funeral in St David's Church and the launch of his ashes into the River Dart at Dartmouth. Simon's memorial service will be on the Saturday the 19th October at 2:00pm. Please don't come wearing dark colours. We shall be celebrating his remarkable life.**

*Laurence Green*

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## Sustainable Ashprington – Tips for Autumn



Autumn's early morning nip is upon us, and there's some key prep you can do in your gardens this autumn to help your local wildlife survive the ensuing winter.

Avoid the urge to cut back and tidy too much. It's more beneficial for nature to leave any decaying plants intact, as they create a cosy layer for garden mammals and insects to snuggle down in when winter hits. Hollowed stems and seedheads also provide a safe insect hidey-hole from frosts. If you have any dead wood in your autumn garden, or if you're already sweeping up rust coloured leaves, gather them into a pile in a corner of your green space – again insects and small mammals, including our struggling hedgehogs, will thank you for creating a snug home for them.

Look after your ivy. Ivy is an all-round winner for nature because its evergreen leaves offer crucial shelter for birds and insects even throughout the colder months, when other natural cover is thinning out. The berries are a crucial, calorie-rich source of food for your feathered garden friends, just when they need that extra energy hit to enable them to maintain their body temperatures. If you do one thing this autumn, nurture and pay homage to your garden ivy.

Get in stocks of bird food. Nature's hedgerows are now studded with blackberries and other fruit – a veritable paradise to garden birds. Birds will always favour feeding directly from nature's pantry, so whilst food stocks are bountiful you will naturally see a drop in garden feeder visitations. However, do keep their food and water sources topped up, because as soon as temperatures drop and the berry crop dwindles, your favourite garden birds will be back to your feeders in abundance. They rely on your high-energy, high-fat winter food to fuel them through the colder months. Don't forget to clean them regularly.

Look after butterflies in the house. In the lead up to winter, you may spot a small, unmoving tortoiseshell butterfly or a peacock butterfly perched on the wall in a corner of a room. They have entered their winter dormant stage so leave them be. But if things heat up and you spot an early rising butterfly in your home between now and spring, follow Butterfly Conservation's guidance: catch the butterfly carefully and place it into a cardboard box or similar, in a cool place for half an hour or so to see if it will calm down. Once it has calmed down you might be able to gently encourage the sleepy butterfly out onto the wall or ceiling of an unheated room or building such as a shed, porch, garage or outhouse. *Just remember that the butterfly will need to be able to escape when it awakens in early spring.*

# Dittisham News

## Dittisham Music Festival 2024

This year's Dittisham Music Festival was supporting the Rowcroft Hospice, Devon Air Ambulance, Dittisham Village Hall and St. George's Church. We made over £5000 to be distributed between the various venues and charities.

Our Festival opened in the Village Hall with Donna Marie Broomfield from Exeter, giving us an hour of favourite songs from the West End and Broadway shows of the 20th Century, and was well attended. On Friday we listened to the Lyric Chamber Orchestra playing in St George's Church, and they brought a very talented oboe player, Fergus McCready, to play with them. His playing was sublime, and every eye was on him throughout, and the orchestra once again played a variety of music from Bach, Stravinsky, Marcello and Brahms very professionally, led by their conductor Keith Marshall, and music director Trish Calnan.

We were lucky to hear Fergus play before he takes up his new position of Principal Oboe in the Royal Opera House Orchestra. There were over 120 in the audience. On Saturday, with worsening weather, we ran the Open Mic in the Ferry Boat Inn, lead by Paul Hussell on cello, and other local musicians and poetry readings.

Our Rowcroft Hospice bucket collectors were out in force. In the evening back in the re-configured Village Hall, Dartmouth Rock Choir entertained us with their a capella songs, lead by their talented conductor Jeremy Kenyon. It was a complete change and good to have a local amateur choir performing.

Sunday, rain was forecast for 4.00pm, so the Village Hall was transformed into an indoor garden, set up with picnic tables, and over 70 people came and enjoyed the jazz singing of Mama Tokus with Tom Unwin on keyboard and Neil Maya on saxophone and clarinet. Great music and entertainment to finish off our weekend of musical entertainment. We are already planning next year's events . . . . .

Here are the September winners of the 100 Club:

£50 Mr J-L Benard

£30 Mrs B Thomson

£20 Mr M Coombes



**IS RETURNING TO DITSUM VILLAGE HALL  
ON SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2024**

**If you've been before you know the score.**

The legendary Chris Davis is already signed up and the Divas of the Dart are bound to insist on doing some belly dancing ( I know - we're sorry we just can't stop them. )

**Wouldn't it be wonderful though to have some new talent amongst the stalwarts of this particular stage?**

**Can you help?**

Soloists, duets, trios, quartets ... or just get together with friends and family to walk the boards and showcase your talents. Singing, acting, dancing, playing music. Anything goes - well almost!

**You have time to plan for this December**

We would love to personally invite and encourage you  
**BUT - we don't know where the talent lies!**

**Dont be shy, give it a try. You'll not find a more supportive audience for a debut.**

**And anyone who has appeared before is absolutely invited to appear again.**

**To sign up or ask any questions - contact Stella  
07951 643588 stella.stothart@btinternet.com**




# Cornworthy News

Saturday, 2nd November, 2024 - 7pm  
Bar opens 6.30pm

**St Peter's Church, Cornworthy**

*Join us for an evening of music and words, talent and entertainment, humour and joy and a raffle!*



**REVIEW**

TICKETS  
£10

SPECIAL READINGS BY LOCAL POETS:  
Matt Harvey, Simon Williams and Susan Taylor

BOOK YOUR TICKETS: <https://cornworthyvillagehall.uk/cornworthy-review/>

In aid of the new Church organ for St Peter's

**CORNWORTHY CINEMA CLUB**

7.30pm WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2024  
@ Village Hall Admission: £7 Certificate: 15

EVER FELT LIKE YOU WERE SURROUNDED BY ZOMBIES?



**SHAUN OF THE DEAD**  
A ROMANTIC COMEDY WITH ZOMBIES.

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

## Apple Day Sunday 13th October 2024 The Hunter's Lodge Inn Cornworthy

### Apple Pie Baking Competition

Please bring your entries before 12:30pm on the day for judging

Winner to be announced at 3:45pm

Bottle Raffle, could all donations please be delivered to either Rock Cottage, Cornworthy or The Hunter's Lodge, if you would like any donations collecting please contact Sue on 07966038984.

Any donations of apples for general pressing can be delivered to the Hunter's Lodge on Saturday 12th October or morning of 13th October.

The press will be available to press your own apples from 12:30pm

**(Please note, supervision will be given on using the equipment, and don't forget to bring juice containers.)**

In aid of Devon Air Ambulance and Cornworthy Village Hall

**CORNWORTHY**

**APPLE DAY**

AT THE HUNTERS LODGE

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER

1pm-5pm

**GRAND APPLE PRESSING**  
Bring your own apples and containers, take home FRESH APPLE JUICE!

Live Music  
**THE DILLY BOYS**  
High Energy Folk Band!

**BAR!**

'Bow Bells' Handbell Ringers

Clog Dancing with 'Green Willow'

**Hog Roast - Kebab-E-Q**  
Coffee - Cakes

★ **Dartington Morris Dancers** ★

Craft, Bric-a-Brac and Bottle Stalls!

'Chinese Raffle' - select a prize and buy tickets to enter

More info on Facebook: [HuntersLodgeCornworthy](https://www.hunterscornworthy.co.uk)  
[www.hunterscornworthy.co.uk](http://www.hunterscornworthy.co.uk)



We are now busy tidying up our gardens and getting ready for winter. It all feels too soon but we can now look forward to our autumn and winter events bringing the village together for the longer, darker months.

At the beginning of September we welcomed the Wild Church group for refreshments as part of their pilgrimage along the Dart and onto Ashprington and Totnes. It was a joyful occasion and the weather managed to hold fine for just long enough. On Wednesday 4th September Anne Binns' ashes were interred during a private family ceremony. A bright and windy day with beautiful views down through the valley, a precious time to remember a very special person.

Chris Cadle's Memorial took place on Friday 20th and many people attended to give their respects. During his time in Cornworthy Chris was involved in all village events generously giving of his time and expertise. A well and fondly remembered character in the village. That weekend was also St Peter's Harvest Festival Celebrations joined with Ashprington. Proceeds to Shelterbox.



**Future dates:** The Cornworthy Review on Saturday 2nd November raising funds for our replacement organ, much and varied entertainment to pique everyone's interest!

Watch out for advertisements for further details. Remembrance Sunday 10th November, proceeds to the British Legion.

*Harvest Produce*

**Halloween  
Curry Night**



**CORNWORTHY  
VILLAGE HALL**

**7pm Saturday 26 October 2024**

Join us at our Hall fundraiser for an evening of good food, a fun quiz and great company!  
(V, VG, GF options available)

**Tickets : £15**

[www.cornworthyvillagehall.uk/curry](http://www.cornworthyvillagehall.uk/curry)  
or Jilly@ Rock Cottage: 07594 604436

**DRINKS**  
Bring your own  
witches brew!!



And Christmas approaches .....

*Understand that your life lies in the not knowing as well as  
the knowing ;  
your life lies in understanding your limits; your life lies in  
letting go and allowing love, reconciliation and intimacy to  
flourish;  
your life lies in aligning yourself with that energy of  
creative gift which sustains the entire universe.  
(From Rowan Williams "What is Christianity?")*

Caroline and Paula

# WILD ABOUT CORNWORTHY

Please come and be wild about Cornworthy over a glass of something with us at a meeting 7th October at 6pm in the Village Hall. We have had a great response to our postings and stall at the Flower & Produce Show so it's now time to take it forwards. We want to tell you more about what we have in mind but, more importantly, hear more from you as to what you think we could and should do.

It looks like a community composting project would be popular. But we would need a site. Recycling: the Council's collection scheme is really good. But if we get together we can easily and cheaply recycle many other things that the Council cannot take- medicine packaging for instance.

And how about a community library of tools where we can share those things we all need but only use once a in a blue moon?

What do you think of a community residential scheme for our fellow residents, the bees, the birds and the mammals? If we get together with tools, materials, a little guidance, and in a couple of hours we could produce enough nest boxes, hedgehog houses and bee skeps to make a real difference to them.

How can we improve the diversity of our local habitats, the woodlands and hedgerows? Well, we can start by mapping them to see what we have already got and help us to work out how to make it even better.

We have started the conversation. You don't have to be interested in all of these things. You might not be interested in any of them. You may have some other ideas and we really hope you have. But we want to pick the right projects and make sure they actually get done and not just talked about.

We look forward to see you. In the meantime please don't hold back, contribute to the agenda by posting on the village facebook site or emailing us at [wildaboutcornworthy@gmail.com](mailto:wildaboutcornworthy@gmail.com).

Bill (Petheram), Becky (Fry), Simon (Stubbs), Martin (Fodder), Kit (Noble)

*Jackie Kerslake*



## Cornworthy Parish Council

Monday 16th September 2024 at 7.30pm Present: Cllr Tuppen (Chair), Cllr Bailey (Vice Chair), Cllr Fowler, Cllr Finn, Cllr Thompson, Cllr McKay SHDC and Cllr Hawkins DCC were present as was C Campos Parish Clerk. 24/62 Matters Arising from the Minutes. The matter of overhanging trees on a public footpath has been resolved by the landowner. The CPC accounts spreadsheet has been updated to show S137 items and Defib/VETS expenditure. The meeting with the DCC Neighbourhood Highways Officer will take place on 18th September. A parishioner

query regarding responsibility for hedgerows was answered by Cllr Hawkins who confirmed that it was the landowner's responsibility to maintain them. However, both County and District Councillors undertook to see if there was any assistance for landowners trying to eradicate Himalayan Balsam and Water Hemlock and report back to the Clerk. Cllr Tuppen asked for clarification about which authority was responsible for which part of the street cleaning and drain clearing operations. Cllr McKay confirmed that the small sweeper that visits the village comes under SHDC. Cllr Hawkins confirmed that the big lane sweeper and drain sucker were both operated by DCC. The Clerk will write to ask when these vehicles will visit the parish next and report back. 24/64 Planning Approval for application 2652/24/FUL was noted. 24/65 Finance 24/65.1 The CPC Finance report was noted and is available on the CPC website. 24/65.3 It was noted that any further grant applications to CPC for 2024/25 should be submitted by November 2024

24/66 CPC is keen to be involved in the South Hams Festival and take advantage of the grant funding on offer. As the theme of the event is Climate Change and Biodiversity, the WAC representative will report back after attending the SHDC Symposium on the same topic. 24/67 CPC will confirm that it is happy with the use of Cornworthy Village Hall as the parish polling station as part of the Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Places 2024. 24/68 A date for the Village Tidy Up will be chosen and publicised on Facebook. It will fall around the end of October/early November most likely 9th November. 24/69 It was decided that CPC will not join the DCC Road Warden Scheme. 24/70 CPC was delighted with its sponsorship of the Scarecrow Competition, with over 25 entries and a cost of less than £100. They wanted to pass on their thanks to all the entrants and to the judge who did an excellent job. 24/71 Reports 24/71.1 Clerks and RFO The Clerk's report was received. The draft budget for 2025/26 will be prepared during October and then shared with the Chair and Vice Chair 24/71.2 Defibs and VETS – all Defibs are in working order. 24/71.3 P3 Issues with footpaths 2, 7, 9 and 13 were all resolved after a meeting with a DCC officer. He provided a number of new signs to replace existing signage across the parish. The emphasis for next year's surveys will be to identify stiles that can be replaced with the metal gates which will increase accessibility and reduce the maintenance liability in future. Two young parishioners who are participating in the Duke of Edinburgh gold programme have asked if the parish can support them in the volunteering element of this. They could help with the surveying work including mapping stiles and circular walks. Suitable safeguarding measures will be put in place. CPC was in support of this initiative. 24/71.5 WAC – The next public meeting will be held on 7th October in the Village Hall. A Save the Date has gone out on Facebook and flyers will be placed around the parish. The meeting should establish the aims and objectives of Wild about Cornworthy. CPC will offer to sponsor the meeting costs up to £100.

24/71.6 Parish Volunteers – The next big event is the Cornworthy Revue which will be held in St Peter's Church to raise funds for the New Organ Appeal.

**The next Parish Council Meeting is: Monday 18th November at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

**100 Club Draw: September 58 89 66 October 116 126 30**

## Notice Board

### An appeal for accounts of ghost sightings.

Have you ever seen a ghost, spectre, spirit, phantom, phantasm, revenant, spook, shade, wraith, duppy or ha'nt? As a result of the excellent Tractorfest in Ash Meadow in Ashprington I met the people from Ukrainian Action. They are a group from Stoke Gabriel who buy and restore pickup trucks and generators. When these items are donated so much the better! Experienced drivers then drive loaded trucks to Poland for collection and delivery to Ukraine to help build up the infrastructure damaged by Putin's aggressors.

I volunteered to drive a truck to Poland and am now raising money to sponsor this. My plan is to ask you, the loyal readers of the Parish Magazine, for written accounts of ghost sightings that happened to you. I am surprised by how many people I talk to claim to have had ghostly or psychic experiences.

This is not a serious research project, nor is it a joke. It is for entertainment and interest. If you send me your accounts by email on [8hollygreen@gmail.com](mailto:8hollygreen@gmail.com) or by letter to my address on page 2 of this magazine I will read them and edit them but will not change the contents. You may either donate your true stories anonymously or put your name to them. I will respect your anonymity if you wish.

I will put your accounts together to form a book which I will then sell to raise money for the delivery of a truck with a generator and other much needed donated supplies.

When the book is completed and printed I will have a launch in Ashprington Village Hall to which everyone will be invited and the book will be sold. There will also be a short talk about Ukrainian Action, a nationwide non-political charitable organisation.

I await your creepy, chilling, and fascinating accounts from all three parishes. Laurence Green  
[8hollygreen@gmail.com](mailto:8hollygreen@gmail.com)

## A Decade in Army Aviation

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Friday 25th October

7:00 for 7:30 pm

a talk to raise funds for the Royal British Legion in the run up to Remembrance Sunday.

Given by  
Captain Tom Lee, Army Air Corps



# Our Motoring Correspondent: Paul Jolly

Glorious Goodwood lived up to its name this year at the Revival meeting, an annual celebration of all things to do with classic cars and the racing era up to 1966 when the circuit ceased car racing events.

I cannot recommend a visit more highly if you have never been and, despite the dreadful weather, this year was as spectacular an event as you will find on the European calendar. Indeed, as this picture shows, even the public car park hosts millions of pounds worth of classic automobiles simply parked up while their owners lap up the racing around the circuit. Period dress is de rigueur and the visitors fully embrace an earlier time and style, becoming part of the show.

This year, Goodwood became the permanent home for the famous Tyrrell shed. Legendary GP team owner Ken Tyrrell launched and ran his eponymous F1 racing team from a small shed in Ockham Village, Surrey. It's been saved from demolition and now permanently resides next to the circuit. It was in this ex-military issue shed where the Tyrrell Racing Organisation built race cars including the World Championship winning cars for Jackie Stewart in 1969, 1971 and 1973. It was the sole factory building until 1976 and also produced the famous 6-wheeled F1 Tyrrell car.

Only in Britain can you find a Knight of the Realm and a Duke to formally open an old shed. On the Sunday morning of the Revival meeting, The Duke of Richmond, owner of Goodwood, and Sir Jackie Stewart, held an opening ceremony with ex Tyrrell race driver Martin Brundle, retired Tyrrell mechanics and other staff, together with members of the Tyrrell family in attendance. Never before will the shed have housed so many guests, keen to witness this unique event.

This was a very special moment for me personally as I had been a guest of the Tyrrell Team back in 1969 at Monza when Jackie Stewart won his first World Championship. To be reunited with so many of the Tyrrell family and others from that particularly significant race was highly memorable. And all because of an old wooden shed.

The squally rain showers created difficult racing conditions for all the drivers, remembering that it is hard enough just to keep these things on the track with little in the way of driver aids such as traction control or anti-lock brakes. Add to that steamed up windows and next to useless wipers with drivers wearing heavy overalls and cumbersome helmets. It's a wonder any meaningful racing actually occurred. But it did.

The star of the show for me was a certain Austin Healey 3000 which was outgunned by vastly more powerful Aston Martins, Ferraris, AC Cobras and EType Jaguars, yet which went



on to a remarkable 10th place out of 28 entrants in appalling rainstorms. The driver exhibited stunning sideways car control under utterly dreadful conditions with Aston Martins hounding every turn yet he kept it on the track despite the relentless pressure.

Classic cars like this Austin Healey are owned by all manner of enthusiasts up and down the country and this particular owner happens to live in one of our three parishes for good measure!

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## Dittisham Parish Council



Wednesday 04.09.24 at 7:00 p.m. The complete draft minutes are posted on the PC notice board opposite the Red Lion Inn and published on the PC website: [dittishamparish.co.uk](http://dittishamparish.co.uk) Present: Cllrs Nightingale(Chair), Bond(Vice-Chair),

Golding, Green, Hawke, Neale, Pope and Unitt; DCC Cllr Hawkins and SHDC Cllr McKay. Apologies for absence received from Cllr Golding. Both Cllrs McKay and Hawkins had a lot to report – here are just a few items: The South Hams Festival is being planned for June/July 2025. The theme will be climate change and biodiversity. Matched funding up to £1000 can be claimed by the PC to put on a local event. If you have any ideas – let us know. One suggestion is to put forward the ongoing nature recovery project for the whole of the Ham area for inclusion at the festival. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is still in consultation and SHDC will be appealing the suggestion that the housing formula indicates that 875 new houses per year need to be built in South Hams (up from 550). Both Cllrs were very aware of the need for social/rental housing for local residents. Renewable energy: SHDC will concentrate on encouraging PV's on all suitable buildings. Cllr Nightingale suggested that the planning department and conservation officers should produce a guide as to which approaches and solutions might be acceptable for owners of listed buildings or buildings in Conservation areas. This would be encouraging instead of prohibitive, mean that less time and effort are wasted, which can instead be focused on the already challenging task of upgrading our older properties. The site for the Dartmouth composting scheme will be in part of the car park at Jawbones. Several local organisations have agreed to be involved and there have been offers of volunteers who will be required to make it a viable project. Dartmouth Youth Club will have to move from Ivy Lane (due to be sold by auction) and will be using the Ballroom in the Guildhall until such time as a new venue can be found. They have their sights on acquiring and developing the RNLI building on Coronation Park once the RNLI have moved to their new base near the Higher Ferry. Maintenance: This year there has been an issue with the Hemlock water dropwort which is especially prevalent around the gullies of The Ham. In the past it has been strimmed back before it goes to seed but SHDC, following issues raised in Totnes about the plant being very poisonous, would not allow their maintenance team to carry out this work. Therefore the plant has died back naturally. The PC consulted Ed Parr Ferris (Devon Wildlife Trust) and he has suggested that planting damp loving plants could help to limit the amount of HWD that grows. Yellow iris and purple loosestrife are just two of the plants that will be introduced to the area. The West Dart Bus is getting too old and unreliable and needs replacing. At a recent meeting of the volunteer drivers it was felt important to get a community view as to whether we should continue and if so how. It was resolved to set up a Working Group to consider what actions and responses could be taken in the Parish with regard to the West Dart bus. Cllr Hawke; Cllr Green and some residents will make up the group. Jubilee Steps Project – The PC has requested quotes for the railings and their installation. Planning Applications: The PC resolved to support the following applications: 2406/24/HHO Pump Cottage The Level Dittisham TQ6 0ES 2450/24/LBC and 2451/24/HHO Mulberry House Dittisham TQ6 0ER 2419/24/FUL Downton Lodge Dittisham TQ6 0JD The following SHDC Planning Decisions were noted: 2062/24/LBC Myrtle Cottage, Manor Street, Dittisham, TQ6 0EX - decision not yet known Approved 2293/24/TCA 27 Dittisham Court Dittisham TQ6 0HT 1: Conifer removal. 2075/24/LBC Higher Dart Cottage, Manor Street, Dittisham, TQ6 0EX. 1965/24/ARC Bozomzeal Manor Bozomzeal Dittisham TQ6 0JG Conditional Approval 1253/24/HHO 1 Glendale Manor Street Dittisham TQ6 0EY 1476/24/FUL Fairholme, Riverside Road, Dittisham, TQ6 0HS Correspondence: Email from visitor about provision of dog bins by the pontoon. The PC responded to explain the lack of bins on Manor St. SHDC Localities Officer asked if there were any problem spots in the Parish and a need for any notices. Cllrs Bond and Neale asked for signs to be put on the litter bins to encourage their use for litter and dog waste and to raise awareness about the antisocial nature of fly tipping. This has been actioned. We also asked for the 'report it' map for bins in the Village to be updated. Administration: The PC Clerk is currently on sick leave and the following Cllrs have been appointed to cover her absence: Cllr Neale appointed to the temporary role of 2nd Clerk / 2nd Proper Officer Cllr Green appointed to the temporary role of 2nd Financial Officer. The situation will be reviewed at the October PC meeting. An update was received and discussed about the possible Community offer for the Red Lion Inn.

## Ashprington Parish Council



Thursday September 5th 2024 at 7.30 pm held in Ashprington Village Hall. Matters arising: Highway Maintenance Community Fund. Cllrs Stocks and Thompson have now submitted a claim to DCC Letter from Meg Booth, Head of Highways at Devon County Council. Meg

Booth wrote to the Parish Council concerning the withdrawal of the gritting service for the parish. The contents were discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should respond pointing out the considerable amount of effort the parish has undertaken to try and keep access open to the gritter. She did offer to arrange for additional Civil Parking Enforcement in the autumn. Cllr Hawkins offered to write to Meg Booth on behalf of the parish asking that the service be resumed in the winter due to the efforts the parish has made. VAT and Storage Container. The Clerk was asked whether VAT would be recoverable on the purchase of the container – the Clerk confirmed it would. The Ash Meadow group will have expenditure on new railway sleepers. It was suggested that Cllr McKay might grant up to £500 towards the cost and that Ash Meadow could explore the possibility of funding from the Rural Income Prosperity Fund. Gov.uk Domain. Parish Councils have received advice that they should apply for Domain.uk status. Grants of £100 plus VAT might be available for until February 2025. Over 500 councils have already applied. The advantages are said to be Legitimacy, Cyber Security and control. Cllr Paterson agreed to look into it. Repair/ Remedial work to the Tuckenhay Bus Shelter and War Memorial Cllr Stocks queried when the work on the above might be completed. The Chair confirmed that now that the summer is over, there will be time for the work to be completed under the direction of himself and Cllr Throgmorton. It was not deemed necessary to employ contractors to carry out the work. The verge just above Crownley Woods needs attention and the Chair requested that Cllr Green and Cllr Greaves might help. Cllr Paterson was asked to check out whether Sustainable Ashprington might assist with planting wild flowers. Tree in The Cemetery A tree in the cemetery planted in lieu of a headstone is causing concern due to the spread of its roots affecting nearby graves. It was agreed that the tree needed to be pruned to prevent any more damage. P3 Report: Pam Macey pointed out that the "bridge" in Crownley Woods needed some remedial work. Cllr Green offered to assist.

District Cllr report Cllr McKay reported on a number of initiatives undertaken by SHDC. These include; attempts to take over the Cider Press Centre to turn it into a showcase for local produce. SHDC are supporting attempts to assist Schumacher College through its current problems. Attempts to create artisan workshops at the old Carpenter Oak Site. Supporting the South Hams Festival. Administering a Green Fund to help Biodiversity. NPPF Consultation. A statutory Government instruction to build 850 houses up from 550. Supporting South Brent Woodland Project funded by DEFRA. Housing Support Fund has been extended. Attempts made to revitalise the South Hams Markets including Totnes. Planning: 1915/24/HHO East Perchwood. Application for side and rear extension to existing dwelling and alterations to parking area. Conditional Approval 1993/24/ARC Steps Cottage. Application for Removal of Details. Discharge of Condition Approved. 1822/24/CLE Coombe Park. Certificate of Lawfulness. Certificate of Lawfulness Approved. Correspondence: email from Sustainable South Hams. Email from SHDC on the proposed South Hams Festival Ash Meadow: General maintenance work parties are proceeding well, although we are getting potential issues coping with the amount of green waste being left on site. Thanks to all volunteers who have attended. Tom Lee and Roger Marsden have shown interest in becoming committee members. The exercise equipment has now been serviced but it is thought we may have a bearing problem which may require further attention on the walker. The new chips are now all in place on the climbing frame. Thanks to Chris and Barbara for completing this. The suggestion that we close the CIC is still under discussion. We have taken our own public liability insurance protection. I was advised that work/ activity/events which were undertaken by the Ash Meadow Committee would not have Public liability protection. I now undertake a weekly check which I record. The long grass, retained for wildlife protection in the orchard area, has been mowed by Nigel and other volunteers and more volunteers are required to help with raking up the grass. Composting area: we have not been able to progress the building of our new concrete barriers for the green waste deposit area. CCTV is being considered. Issue one: As mentioned above we have had a huge amount of green waste deposited in the last two months which I believe was largely from our local contractors depositing waste collected from local gardens. We may have to consider restricting or charging for the use by contractors. Issue two: The very old sleepers holding the shredded compost bays are disintegrating and we may consider replacement. This would be an expensive task and also a considerable challenge. I would like to think, in view of the community benefit and environmental benefit this may be something the Parish Council will consider funding. I estimate it to be in the region of £3500 if we were able to use concrete panels and posts. Activity on the site: Kevan's committee who arranged the Tractor Fest ensured it was a huge success despite wet weather. It is planned again for next year. Over £3000 was raised and donated £800 each to Chernoble Children, the Difib fund and Ukraine Action Charity ( they also received other donations on the day including a generator ) and £500 to Ashmeadow for which we are extremely grateful. I have sent an email thanking the committee. Bonfire night is being planned, details to follow This is

planned for parish residents only, and may be a bonfire but with BBQs and games for all the family. Finances. Still a healthy situation with a further £3600 being held in the Parish council account which has been donated by SHDC. We also sent £2475 to the parish council which was used for the purchase of the container (owned by the PC) to enable the PC to reclaim VAT. We are working now on funding for replacement of the climbing frame. Other Business/ Councillors' Areas of Responsibility Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday. A green wreath will be supplied by Mike Pearey. The Clerk was asked to provide a wreath for the children of the parish to lay. It was pointed out by Cllr. Greaves that Ashprington has one of the largest turn outs in the South Hams. The Council agreed by a unanimous vote to donate £200.00 for the Poppy Appeal. The meeting closed at 9.15pm. Next Council meeting will be on Thursday October 3rd, 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Michael Read Ashprington Clerk [spooks49@michaelread.plus.com](mailto:spooks49@michaelread.plus.com). Tel. [732047](tel:732047).



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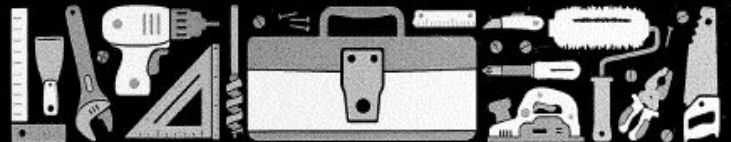
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*Jim's day off is Tuesday and Deborah's day off is Friday.*

### Benefice of Dartmouth and Dittisham

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## West Dart Bus (Dittisham-Dartmouth, Willows, N'ton)

FREE TRANSPORT - but need to book to make certain of pick up.

9:50 from Dittisham Bus Stop - return 12:30 from drop off

Dittisham to Dartmouth Fridays

Dittisham to The Willows 1st Wednesday each month

Dittisham to Newton Abbott on the last Wednesday each month.

To book ring: 01752 690444

The West Dart Bus is also available for hire.

## Bob the Bus aka. Totnes and Rural Community Transport

Times from Cornworthy: 8.55am from Village Hall  
returning 12.45pm opposite Seven Stars and then back to

Totnes from Cornworthy 13.15pm

Time from Ashprington: 9.05 from the bus shelter.

OAP Bus Pass is valid payment.

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY ONLY

## Calendar for this month

### St David's Ashprington

website: <https://ashpringtonchurch.org/>

Church open daily 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

6 October Sunday 11:15 Communion

13 October Sunday 11:15 Harvest Festival Celebration

20 October Sunday 11:15 Communion

27 October Sunday 9:15 Communion (Cornworthy)

### St Peter's Cornworthy

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

6 October Sunday 11:15 Communion (Ashprington)

13 October Sunday 9:15 Village Worship

20 October Sunday 9:15 Communion

27 October Sunday 9:15 Communion

### 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

6 October Sunday 9:15 Village Worship

13 October Sunday 9:15 Communion

20 October Sunday 9:15 Village Worship

27 October Sunday 9:15 Communion

## St. David's Ashprington

### Churchwardens:

Richard Soans, 2 Twin Cottages, Tq9 7UZ, 732536.

Laurence Green, 8 Holly Villas TQ9 7UU 01803 732437

### Treasurer

Kathi Green 8 Holly Villas, Ashprington. 01803 732437.

### PCC Secretary

David Davies, Morlanda, Ashprington. TQ9 7UL 01803 732109.

## St Peter's Cornworthy

### Churchwardens

Caroline Hunt 4 Green Close, Cornworthy 01803 732 626

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### Treasurer

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### PCC Secretary

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## St George's Dittisham

### Churchwarden

Penny Mathews 07894221543

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### Treasurer

John Wells Lapwing Cottage, Manor Street, 01803 722414

### PCC Secretary

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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.**

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

### DITTISHAM

Public access (unlocked) defibrillators are located outside

The Red Lion Inn and The Ferry Boat Inn

Also on the wall of the toilet block in the Ham Car Park

For any maintenance issues with the defibrillators, please  
contact Cllr. Richard Bond on 07813171773.