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## Startrek across Exmoor and the Nightwalk at Tamar Lakes

Just wanted to let you know that after a wonderful donation from Marg & Richard Atkin following their 25th Wedding Anniversary Party, £85 online sponsorship and with Gift Aid on top we have raised over £1000 for our Startrek Challenge that we did back in March this year. We have reached a fantastic target and hope to achieve it again next year. A huge thank you to all our sponsors from **Carolyn Smith, Marg Atkin, Lisa Cornish and Ali Moulder** - we couldn't have done it without you.

We recently enjoyed a lovely evening walk twice around Tamar Lakes taking part in the Nightwalk - again we thank our sponsors for the monies raised in aid of the North Devon Hospice and Chemotherapy Unit.

We will be taking part in the Autumn Challenge over Dartmoor this September - please contact any one of us if you would like to sponsor us for this event in aid of Devon Air Ambulance.

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## Bradworthy History Society

Our next Open Morning is on Saturday 6th June from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm in the Collacott Room, Bradworthy Hall.

Thanks to a generous grant from Bradworthy Parish Council we now have internet access at the Hall and shared use of a fully equipped office. Email enquiries can be addressed to:

Bradworthyhistory@hotmail.com

Come and see our most recent acquisition, an 1877 Family Bible kindly donated by a local family, themed displays and Mr Collacott's collection of posters, photographs, newspaper cuttings and ephemera. Hear about our "Talking Village" project and how we hope to preserve the memories of today for future generations. Refreshments will be available and we look forward to seeing you.

If you are unable to make it on the 6th June, visitors are welcome to call in Wednesday mornings, between 9.30 am and 12 noon or at other times, by arrangement.

*Daphne, Sarah, Margaret, Jackie and Lin.*

More than 120 people came to the **Safari lunch** held on 31st May in aid of the Church. Many thanks to the Taylor family for organising the event, as well as the helpers and especially those who opened up their homes for the day. An early estimation predicts a profit of £1000.



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## The Believer and the Non-believer

It was one of those visits which make the heart glad. A council flat — nothing grand — but everything in it attractive and comfortable. They had decorated it themselves with bright modern wallpapers. He was a skilled tradesman doing a job he enjoyed, and this brought in a good steady income. As we sat and talked she did the ironing — an attractive girl — and between them both was an obvious warmth and affection. They had married young and worked through the early difficulties, which they admitted to with a disarming openness. Two children came in, a delight to behold; then warm goodnight kisses all round before going to bed. A family with everything going for them: thanks be to God. They also happened to say, just by the way, ‘I’m afraid we’re not at all religious.’

It’s strange isn’t it, how some people are religious and others aren’t. For those who believe, God is the most important fact in their lives. Everything comes to be bathed in this light. Yet other people seem to get by quite happily without it. Some religious people in the past used to accuse non-believers of being sinful. Of course no one is perfect, but this is obviously untrue if it implies that the non-religious are worse than the religious (as David Jenkins used to say, “All people sin, but religious people sin religiously”!). There are good people with no religious faith, and horrible people who have faith and not much else. More often today though we hear the other view — that it’s religious people who are the odd ones out. They are insecure so they need some comforting belief to hold on to, or they have nothing much else in life and religion gives them something to live for. It’s true, of course it is, that many people first discover the reality of God when things are going badly for them; either because of personal tragedy or because of a general niggling sense of dissatisfaction with their lives, but is this because religion is a substitute or because unhappiness can bring out the deeper side of our nature?

Why some people believe and others don’t remains a bit of a puzzle. No doubt it has something to do with education. Good religion like other good things has to be taught. Sometimes it isn’t taught at all, at other times it’s taught so badly that people are put off for life. But it’s more than this. Religious people say faith is a gift, and perhaps we get given this gift, or the opportunity to take it, at different stages in our lives. For some the decisive period is during our teens when idealism can be at its highest. For other people it is middle age. Carl Jung noted that a very high percentage of his patients were middle-aged, and that the cause of their breakdown was fundamentally spiritual. For years before they had put all their energies into outward things, building a career or raising children, and now the neglected inner side was pushing through, often disturbingly. Perhaps those good people I visited who said they weren’t at all religious have yet to reach the crucial point in their lives. I don’t know, for here there must always be mystery. My prayer today is a simple thank you for all that is happy, humane and responsible in such people. Some unbelievers will regard such prayers as so many useless yearnings. Well, so be it. The Welsh poet R. S. Thomas has a poem called ‘The Priest’ whose last verse goes:

‘Crippled soul,’ do you say? looking at him  
From the mind’s height; ‘limping through life  
On his prayers. There are other people  
In the world, sitting at table  
Contented, though the broken body  
And shed blood are not on the menu.’  
‘Let it be so,’ I say. ‘Amen and amen.’

I like this poem because it respects the strength of the non-believer, in so far as it is that, and leaves the believer to go on his way firm in his own conviction.

O God, from whom all good things come, thank you for integrity, humanity, and responsibility, wherever they are to be found; and for human beings who reflect your nature without knowing it.

*Richard Freeman*

**(Church cont.)**

Recently I have been asked to explain what the different Services are in our Benefice – especially the change of name of our main Communion Service to ‘Sung Eucharist’ rather than ‘Choral Communion’. So here is a short description of each of our Services:

**HOLY COMMUNION**

This Service is a quiet reflective act of worship, with no hymns – it is usually said at 9.00am

**SUNG EUCHARIST**

The word ‘Eucharist’ means ‘Thanksgiving’ and this Service has hymns and may have a musical setting and is attended by young and old with time for reflection as well as for praise. There is Communion (Bread and Wine) and a Sermon. The former name of ‘Choral Communion’ suggested the presence of a Choir and Eucharist is a more common name these days.

**MORNING PRAYER AND EVENSONG**

These are traditional acts of morning and evening worship, with Hymns, a Psalm and Canticles. Morning Prayer is usually led by a lay-member of the Congregation while the Rector usually leads Evensong

**FAMILY SERVICE**

This Service is very informal and often involves the children. It is particularly suited to children (aged 1-99). It would be quite entertaining if the children brought along their own musical instruments and we could start an impromptu orchestra!

**St Stephens Church Service Times:**

June 7th	No service, please support Bulkworthy
June 14th	9am Holy Communion
June 21st	No service, please support Bulkworthy 11.30am Sung Eucharist
June 28th	11.30am Sung Eucharist

*Richard Freeman*

Service times to be confirmed, please check the church notice board.

**Bradworthy Pre-School** are holding a ploughmans lunch on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2015 between 12 noon and 2 pm at Bradworthy Memorial Hall. You can have a Cheese or Ham ploughmans, a choice of homemade sweet (including pavlova, gateau, crumbles, cheesecake and more) and a hot drink for just £7 . Why not make Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June lunch time different and join us at the hall for lunch. To book tickets please call Vicki Prance on 01409241518 or 07887520999 or email vicki-jprance@gmail.com. All proceeds going towards Bradworthy Pre-school, a registered charity run and managed by a parent committee independently of the school.

*Vicki Prance*

**Sunday 14th June 2015 - Tractor Run and Summer BBQ**

Meet at Middledown, Sutcombe. Tractor Run starts at 10.30am and returns afterwards for BBQ and home-made desserts. Trailer ride available.

To book in a tractor or trailer ride, please phone Emma on 01409 241810 or Brenda on 01409241754. Or just come along for BBQ from 1pm to see all the tractors. Everyone welcome.

Devon Wildlife Trust is running month-long campaign called **30 Days Wild**. “We know that a generation of children is growing up disconnected from nature – only 1 in 10 children ever play in wild places. But this is a problem that affects adults too. It can be difficult to create the right moment or to find time for nature in busy lives. We’re here to inspire people – whatever your age, wherever you live, we want everyone to feel they can take part.” They suggest some simple ideas—following a bumble bee, smelling a wild flower, recording bird sounds and putting them on your phone as a ringtone..... More ideas from [www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild)

**Notes from West & East Putford annual parish council meeting held on Wednesday 13/5/15  
in Bradworthy primary academy**

Councillors Bewes, Bond, Cornish, Mrs Drake, Mrs Lewis and Wooldridge were present. Apologies received from Councillors Mrs Clark, Pomeroy and Moulder, also County Councillor R Julian. Councillors present completed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms and Register of Members' Interests forms.

Councillor Mrs Drake was re-elected as Chairman who read and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Bewes was re-elected as Vice Chairman.

The Minutes of 27/4/15 were approved and signed as a correct record.

No members of the public present.

No Declaration of Interests advised.

Reports had been received at the Annual Parish Meeting held just before this Meeting when PCSO R Rowe had been present warning of postal, telephone and online scams among other things.

One Planning Application was considered: Revision of an already approved Application to amend the turbine at Lane Mill Farm, Woolfardisworthy where the reply agreed was 'no objection'.

Balance of the current account was advised and three payments authorised: the Clerk's salary and expenses; HM Revenue & Customs for the Clerk's PAYE and a donation to Bradworthy Primary Academy for having the Meetings there.

Members began the process of amending the signatories of the National Savings Account so that all correspondence is sent to the present Clerk.

The 2015 Statement of Internal Control was approved and signed.

It was noted that the TAP (Town & Parish Fund) would be in operation again during this financial year. Councillor Mrs Drake was concerned that the Parish Council had a Grant Giving Policy but that the Council was not in a financial position to give grants. As the Policy was reviewed and adopted at the February Meeting, due to Standing Orders, the decision cannot be rescinded for six months and the item will be on the August Agenda.

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 25 August in Bradworthy Primary Academy at 7.30pm.

*Sue Squire*

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**Recent Planning Applications and Determinations during March to May 2015**

**Ref. No: 1/0179/20115/FUL** Construction of agricultural workers dwelling along with access and drainage works at Mambury Farm, East Putford, Holsworthy EX22 7UH. Received: 18 February 2015 Validated: 3 March 2015 Status: Permitted.

## Putford Cricket Club 2015 Fixtures

Wednesday 17th June - Beaford C.C - Away - 6PM  
Sunday 28th June - Halwill C.C - Home - 2PM  
Tuesday 7th July - Holsworthy C.C - Home - 6PM  
Wednesday 15th July - Beaford C.C - Home - 6PM  
Tuesday 28th July - Holsworthy C.C - Away - 6PM  
Wednesday 5th August - Hatherleigh C.C - Away - 6PM  
Sunday 9th August - Halwill C.C - Away - 2PM  
Sunday 16th August - Colin Walter Memorial Game Against Holsworthy - 1PM - Holsworthy Cricket Club  
*Ryan Walter*

## Woolsery Tennis Club

We have entered two ladies team into the North Devon League again this year - our A team, Denise Baggott, Ali Moulder, Lesley Taylor and Jane Walter, have played almost half their matches already, winning 2, losing 1 and drawing 1. They are currently lying mid table in Division 2. Our B team, Shirley Grills, Diane Pomeroy, Jacky Walter and Karen Robinson, have yet to play their first match in Division 3 although they have played one Pete Stacey Cup Match which they narrowly lost after an incredibly long battle and several tie breaks. We wish them well with their match next week.

If you would like more information regarding the tennis club please contact Lesley Taylor on 07816888026 or sjlataylor@btinternet.com

## What's on

June 20th North Devon Ramblers walk from Hartland Quay. Meet at 10.30am for a 12 mile walk. Details from 01271 863727

## Chilsworthy village hall

Saturday, 6 June. Quiz Night. Tables of 6. To book a table ring M. Webb on 01409 253125. Ploughmans supper. Bar open. £5.00 per person. Doors open at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start.

Saturday 13 June. 10th Anniversary Tea and Fete. Family fun, races, games, etc. Afternoon tea. Bar open. From 2.00 p.m.onwards

## Announcements

Wishing a dear Husband, Dad and Grandad a Happy Birthday. Sid Wilson will be 90 on 4th June. He was born at Barnard Castle and moved to Putford when he was 14 years old. He has worked at Kismeldon, Iddlecott, Cory and Nutton farms and is now enjoying retirement in Woolsery. With lots of love from Jane, Marg, Bob, Rich, Claire, Mark, Joe, Dan & Maisie and Becca & John

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## The Summer Garden

One of the most noticeable plants that you see growing in the gardens of Devon is the Hydrangea or changeables to some people; they produce these wonderful displays of red, pink, blue or white flowers in these big florets of flowers. But there is more to Hydrangeas than you can think. The name of Hydrangea comes from two Greek words 'hydor' meaning water and 'angeon' a vessel for storing dry or liquid substances. The vessel is supposed to come from the shape of the seed capsule. Hydrangeas grow naturally in eastern Asia, in eastern North America and towards the western seaboard of Central and Southern America. The main area of occurrence is eastern Asia, as in the temperate zones of Tibet, central and southern China and Japan.

The first Hydrangeas introduced into England were the American plant *Hydrangea arborescens*, which came from Pennsylvania in 1736. In the gardens of China and Japan have been growing Hydrangeas a lot longer before any records were kept, but the first to reach Europe was brought from China by one of Joseph Bank's plant hunters, which was presented to Kew Gardens in 1798. This plant was first called *Hydrangea hortensis* and was later renamed 'Sir Joseph Banks'. Within Japan, the popularity of Hydrangeas increased during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Since, however Japan was closed to foreigners from 1639 to 1856, access to Japanese plants was restricted. But with the establishment of the Dutch East India Company's trading post in Nagasaki Bay, Japan, the first plant hunters came into the country. The first Hydrangeas came into Europe in the 1830s including the most common species that we see growing in this country *Hydrangea macrophylla* (the common mop headed Hydrangea).

There are lots of different species of Hydrangea, which have different leaf shapes and flower shapes, there are even climbing species. Some of the most outstanding species are as follows:

***Hydrangea anomala* ssp. *petiolaris***; a climbing species which is deciduous and has white lace capped flowers. Plants can grow up to 50 – 60ft and have self clinging aerial roots a bit like ivy. Plants can be grown on north facing walls or even into trees. The flowers are produced in June and can last for weeks, but in a very dry season the flowers do not last as long.

***Hydrangea arborescens* 'Annabelle'**; the first plant was introduced in to Britain in 1907. A spectacular shrub which produces huge, white drumstick flower heads, which start from mid-July until late in to the autumn. One problem with this plant is that the size of the flowers can cause stems to bend in the rain. The shrub increases by underground suckers, which are not invasive.

***Hydrangea asper* 'Villosa'** introduced to Britain by E.H. Wilson in 1908; this plant can be very variable and a good clone, this plant can be one of the best Hydrangeas that you can grow. Plants can grow to 10ft x 15ft with pink lace cap flowers and the flower colour will not change with the soil pH value. The leaves have a hairy feel. This type of Hydrangea are best grown with protection from the winds, like the base of a wall.

***Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Harry's Red'**; a lovely late flowering mophead with compact stocky growth. It has numerous small flowers which are a deep cerise in colour in soils of 6.5pH.

***Hydrangea paniculata* 'Grandiflora'**; first grown in Japanese gardens and introduced into the west by Siebold. Instead of the normal flower structure of mophead or lace capped flowers, these plants have large panicles of creamy white flowers with a deep pink eye, from July to September. Plants can be left un-pruned and will produce large vigorous shrubs, but if space is a problem plants can be pruned to keep them in bounds to the area you have, with the added advantage of larger flowers.

***Hydrangea quercifolia* 'Snowflake'**; this is one of the best oak leaved varieties of Hydrangea, plants are best grown in a sheltered position in full sun. Flowers are produced on long slim panicles of white flowers, which will change through to a deep pink as the flowers become older. The shades of colour can be captured by drying the flowers for making indoor flower displays. But the main show comes in the autumn when the leaves become a scarlet/purple colour. A great plant for any garden.

*Richard Hart*

## **Jobs to do in June/July in your garden**

Plant out annual summer bedding plants now the risk of frost has passed.

Plant up containers, hanging baskets and planters. If you have them growing on in a greenhouse move them outside to their final position, but do this over a number of days so that the plants can get a

customised to the new conditions. Make sure that the containers/baskets are watered regularly to stop them drying out and remember to keep dead heading the plants to encourage flowering. Feed them every week with a weak solution of tomato fertiliser and watch out for any signs of pests and diseases.

Continue to thin out drifts of hardy annuals if they're overcrowded, the thinned out plants can be used to increase the area of the plants or to use them in other areas of your garden.

Lift and divide clumps of snowdrops and bluebells once the leaves start to yellow, once the leaves have gone totally yellow it is too late to move or divide the clumps

Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of bulbs, making sure that they are planted at the correct depth, because if the plants are planted too shallowly because the bulbs will go blind and you will miss those lovely flowers next year.

Keep newly planted trees and shrubs well watered whilst they establish, this is especially important if the weather becomes drier in the coming months and this is even more important if you have planted any new plants next to your house or building because they are often in rain shadows.

Now there is space on windowsills again, think about sowing biennials for next year.

As soon as your sweet peas start to flower, keep picking them to encourage more blooms. Keep the plants watered and by feeding them on a fortnightly basis will also help with the encouragement of the flowers

Dead-head your roses if they are repeat-flowering types. Otherwise leave the seed heads on for decoration. When dead heading it is better to cut back the stems to a nice new shoot, by doing this you will get the roses to flower quicker.

Dead-head and cut back oriental poppies after flowering. Cutting them close to ground level will stimulate new foliage. And if you are lucky more flowers later on in the summer.

Towards the end of June, if your hardy Geraniums have finished flowering cut them back to encourage new foliage and flowers, the plants are best cut back to the ground.

If you have not already staked any tall or floppy perennial plants it is not too late to prevent wind damage.

Prune out overcrowded or dead stems of evergreen Clematis such as Clematis armandii after it has finished flowering to maintain a good shape.

Harvest flower heads from your lavender plants to use in baking or as a garnish to your meals.

Lastly for anyone who enjoys gardening Milton Damerel has started up a Gardening Group, meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month with the meeting being held on the 15<sup>th</sup> June with a talk by Edger Pett on Gardening on the cheap, which will be held at Edger Pett's garden. For more information please contact Patricia Palmer (email [patpalmer48@btinternet.com](mailto:patpalmer48@btinternet.com)) or Nigel Fry on 01409 261400.

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