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Holsworthy Rural Policing Update – 15/9/15 – 23/11/15

The following incidents have occurred:

Pyworthy: CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO A WINDOW

Tetcott: LANDROVER DISCOVERY HAD BEEN STOLEN AND LATER FOUND

Bradworthy: CRIMINAL DAMAGED TO A VEHICLE

BURGLARY, ENTRY GAINED FROM REAR SHED. SEVERALL ITEMS HAD BEEN TAKEN: RED HONDA MOTOR CROSS BIKE, MOUNTAIN BICYCLE.

St. Giles on the Heath: SHARP STONE WAS USED TO DAMAGED THE WALL AND AIR VENT

Clawton: A FIREARM WAS USED CAUSING DAMAGED TO AN EGG BOX

EGG THEFT

Pancrasweek: CRIMINAL DAMAGED TO A VEHICLE

Milton Damerel: TELEPHONE KIOSK HAS BEEN DAMAGED BY UNKNOWN MEANS

Please be mindful that during the festive season to make sure that you don't display your presents under your Christmas tree in view nor when you do your Christmas shopping to remember not to display it in the car in view to the opportunist.

Selecta DNA and Smart Water are a colourless liquid that fluoresces yellow under ultra-violet (UV) light and contains a unique forensic substance. They provide proof of ownership, linking property to the rightful owner and criminals to a crime scene. The products are waterproof and robust that it can't be removed by any detergent. It's very easy to apply and I recommend people to mark their belongings and make sure to take their serial nos. at the same time. The products are unique to each bottle.

Both products are available online <https://www.selectadna.co.uk/> and www.smartwater.com/

The products are suitable for indoors and outdoors use. The products can be mark to any items you wish to mark, including: farm machinery, horse tack, lawn mowers, stone works, granite, stable equipment, trailers, quad bikes, metal infrastructure, jewellery, computers or any other items.

Please remember not to leave your valuables in your vehicle, and to keep your vehicle secure at all times.

Don't hesitate to ring the Police on 101 for non-emergency or 999 if you see a crime taking place.

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For more information please contact us on 01409 253942 or admin@devonwheels2work.co.uk, or visit our website <http://www.devonwheels2work.co.uk>.

The organisation is a CIC social enterprise which subsidises the rental scheme through a motorcycle and accessories showroom and workshop, open to the public.

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St Stephens Church Services

6th December - 10.30 am

Morning Prayer (Abbots Bickington)

13th December - 11.30am Sung Eucharist (Putford)

16th December - 7.30pm Carol Service (Putford)

20th December - 11.30am Sung Eucharist (Putford)

3pm Carol Service at Bulkworthy

25th December - 11am Short Communion (Putford)

27th December - 10.30 am

United Benefice Service (Putford)

Please see church notice board for January services.

Don't forget to watch out for the display of Christmas lights at Wedfield cottage on the Bideford road. As in previous years, Jeremy and Hayley will be happy to receive donations which are given to Childrens Hospice South West.

Devon County Council surveys

The County Council has issued a **Community Survey 2015** inviting the public to let them know of any changes in services which are affecting quality of life for residents. The survey is available on their website (www.devon.gov.uk). You can ring 0845 155 1015 for more information or to access the survey in a different format. Closing date for comments is 7th January.

A separate survey **Your Community, Your Choice** is asking for opinions on the 2016-17 budget. The main question is where savings could (or should not) be made. This survey will close on 29th January.

Learn Devon

There will be 2 hour "taster" classes in French and Spanish at the Bideford Arts Centre early in December, and a "Learn Devon" gift voucher worth £3-£10 can be claimed by everyone enrolling on any spring term (non qualification) course, provided they sign up before 23rd December.

The course brochure is available from www.learndevon.co.uk.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

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Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Sunday Service was very well attended. Wreathes were laid by representatives of Army, Navy and Air Force and the service included readings from servicemen's letters and topical poems. We appreciated the involvement of all the family members who attended, particularly James Morrish, Alan Takel and Ruby Martin who were kind enough to contribute readings. Malcolm played the organ and was accompanied by brass instruments played by Pam Melville with Louisa, Edward, Hannah and Josephine Vine.

The service continued outside for the re-dedication of the lychgate and war memorial. Although not late in the day it was so overcast that the band, who remained in the doorway of the church, appeared illuminated as they played the national anthem.

A cream tea was provided and this also provided an opportunity for family members to share photos and memorabilia of their relatives. This was a special afternoon—Pat Martin's efforts in publicising the restoration and event encouraged an excellent attendance including family members who might not otherwise have come and the Taylor family and friends produced some fine cakes. Finally a word of thanks to Richard Freeman who got so damp outside that his service sheet became illegible!

Sutcombe Community Primary School News

As part of our "I'm Alive" topic, before half term, the children at Sutcombe School enjoyed a visit from Mr Flack who is a Paramedic. Mr Flack taught them very

important first aid skills such as how to bandage a bleeding, how to put someone in the recovery position and how to put someone's arm in a sling. The children also learnt how and when to call for an ambulance and got the opportunity to look around the ambulance car. The children were also lucky enough to meet PCSO Mark and PCSO Emma from Holsworthy Police Station to learn about road safety linked to their safeguarding assemblies. The children learnt the motto "Stop, look, listen, think" to help them remember how to cross the road safely. They also got to look around the police vehicles and try on the police uniform. The children's new topics are "Space and Beyond" in Class 2 and "Celebrations" in Class 1. Linked to the children's topic the children had a visit from Mr Barber who brought in his planetarium to teach the Class 2 children about space and the Class 1 children about sound and light. The children in Class 1 have been learning all about the Hindu festival Diwali and have been busy making rangoli patterns in art and non-fiction books all about Hinduism in literacy. The children are now looking forward to a visit from a Hindu to learn even more information and traditions later in the term.



Upcoming Events:

Christmas Christingle Service at St Andrew's Church on Thursday 10th December at 6pm.

Community Christmas Dinner at Sutcombe Village Hall on Thursday 17th December at 12 noon. £5 per ticket to include a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and carols sung by the children. Please pop in to book your ticket or call the school office on 01409 241 564.

Little Owls Toddler Group

Little Owls toddler group is run every Wednesday morning from 9.30-11am in the Community Room at Sutcombe School, where parents and children from birth up to school age, meet to play, socialise and take part in a range of fun activities. It costs £1.50 a week to include a snack. Little Owls welcome any new parents and children. Please do pop along and join them.

Friends of Sutcombe School (FOSS) News

FOSS organised great Autumn Dance on the 24th October. Over 80 people attended and enjoyed their evening dancing to the band Iguana Sunset. A total of £1000 was raised for the school. FOSS also recently held their Christmas Fair in the village hall on Friday 13th November. Over 90 people attended to look and buy Christmas gifts from 15 different stalls. Everyone had an enjoyable, social evening and a total of £670 profit was made for the school.

Amy Bellew

What's on

Chilsworthy village hall

Sunday 13 December 7pm. Concert of popular/seasonal songs given by the Ladies Group Singers. Entrance £3, includes mince pie and glass of mulled wine. Children free. Profits to be shared equally between the village hall and Air Ambulance.

New Year's Eve from 8pm. Hot supper, games, dancing and socialising. Raffle.

NOTES FROM WEST & EAST PUTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY, 27/10/15

- Two of the three vacancies on the parish council have been filled by co-opting Mr Myles Thomas and Mrs Pauline Green.
- The Clerk had received an email regarding the Putford Website and notices displayed on the West Putford noticeboard. The website was up to date and the notice board (subject to space) displays the meeting agenda and draft minutes.
- DCC is £12 million in arrears with road repairs. County Councillor R. Julian invited the parish council to notify him of any major problems with roads so that he could follow up.
- DCC has purchased a new pothole repairing machine but will only use this for holes thought large enough to warrant repair.
- Tools and materials will be provided by DCC for volunteers to repair local roads, but they must have insurance. DCC will cut vegetation at major junctions but it is hoped that verges and drains will be dealt with locally.
- Councillors expressed concern about the condition of Barton Hill and Putford Bridge, and queried the allocation of road repair resources.
- £500 has been received from Cllr Julian's Locality Grant for repairs to Venn bridge.
- The community beds at Holsworthy hospital are to be retained, but it was agreed that a petition be organised to oppose the closure of beds at Bideford Community Hospital.
- TDC had invited comments on the Torridge District Local Plan including recent changes on wind energy, affordable housing and starter homes.
- Councillors agreed to allocate £100 to Holsworthy Rural Community Transport which organises the Ring and Ride service as well as the volunteer car scheme for Holsworthy and the surrounding parishes.
- Next meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 1st December, then 23rd February (at Bradworthy Primary Academy)

2015 SONGS OF PRAISE BIG SING ON 13 SEPTEMBER.

Some of you reading this will have seen Songs of Praise on the TV on Sunday 20 September and enjoyed the programme 'Tribute to a Queen'. This was one of two programmes recorded on 13 September where I was privileged to be part of a 5,000 strong choir.

Having travelled to London by train earlier in the day and settled at my hotel just 100 yards from Paddington Station, I was able to walk through Hyde Park to the Hall and see on the way, the Princess of Wales Memorial Fountain and, in the distance, the Shard, the London Eye, Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey.

It was the third time I had taken part in the Big Sing and this was, without doubt, the best one. The presenters were Aled Jones and Josie d'Arby. A group of Chelsea Pensioners were in the audience. One of the guest singers was Alexander Armstrong who sang 'I would be True'. The Adventist Vocal Ensemble with the Junior School Choir of the year sang 'Sing', first performed for the 2012 Jubilee. Lesley Garrett sang 'Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer' which was absolutely fantastic. Laura Wright sang the Jubilee Song backed by the Gospel Choir of the Year and the Cor Tri Band who accompanied Cpl Regimental Sgt Major Gary Chilton in the solo 'I Vow to Thee my Country' was very moving. But the best part had to be the fanfare of trumpets from the Prince of Wales Division at the beginning of the programme and during the singing of the first hymn 'All People that on Earth Do Dwell'. That, together with the marvellous organ was truly out of this world and so enjoyable.

We also recorded the Christmas Big Sing with presenters Sally Magnusson and David Grant which will go out on 20 December and it is definitely one to watch. Alexander Armstrong sang 'In the Bleak Mid Winter'. Shaun O'Scoffrey (of Lion King fame) sang 'Do you hear what I hear?' Blues singer Ruby Turner, accompanied by the Gospel Choir of the Year sang 'O Holy Night', one of my favourites and so beautiful. The day was made for the lady sat beside me when Ronan Keating, former member of the very popular boy band, Boyzone, sang Silent Night. The Welch School (can't pronounce the name but Aled Jones could) who won Junior School Choir of the Year was absolutely delightful.

My hotel is already booked for next year's Big Sing on 11 September.

Sue Squire