

Beer Parish News

July 2022

This month and next we look forward to...

...Summer!

Lifeboat Weekend

Church Week

an Art Exhibition

great films

the August Flower Show

Beer Regatta

a fabulous tribute concert

and more - may the weather be with us!



St Michael's... ...and Village

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St MICHAEL'S CHURCH



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Calendar for July 2022

Sun 3rd July	9:30am Morning Praise	<i>Trinity 3</i>
Tues 5th	6:00pm Choir practice	
Wed 6th	8:30am Open the Book	
Fri 8th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	
Sat 9th	10-12noon Coffee/cakes/raffle in church	
Sun 10th	9:30am Communion Service	<i>Trinity 4</i>
Mon 11th	1:00pm Worship Team meeting followed by 2:00pm PCC Meeting 7:30pm QUIZ night in church BYO	
Tues 12th	6:00pm Choir practice 7:30pm Bell ringing	
Wed 13th	10:00am Communion service	
Thurs 14th	2:00pm "Questions of Life & Faith" Colyford Hall	
Fri 15th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	
Sun 17th	9:30am Morning Praise	<i>Trinity 5</i>
Tues 19th	6:00pm Choir Practice 7:30pm Bell Ringing	
Wed 20th	8:30am Open the Book 7:00pm Compline at SEATON	
Fri 22nd	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	
Sun 24th	9:30am Family Communion	<i>Trinity 6</i>
Mon 25th	2:00pm Beer School Year 6 Leavers' Service	
Tues 26th	6:00pm Choir Practice 7:30pm Bell Ringing	
Wed 27th	10:00am Communion Service Seaton	
Fri 29th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	
Sat 30th	2:00pm Seriously Occasional Singers	
Sun 31st	9:30am UNITED Communion at BEER	<i>Trinity 7</i>

*Our Sunday services in Beer are often broadcast on Facebook.
If you can't come to church, you can watch and hear them there,
either live or later at a time convenient to you!*

From Justin...

Rev's Ramblings

I am sure you will have noticed an ever-growing abundance of different vessels moving across the sea in our coastal communities. Kayaks and dingies, canoes and swimmers, as well as the increasingly popular stand-up paddle board. On a particularly hot early morning run, I am often tempted to leap right into the water for a swift cool off.



Though I have memories of being 'encouraged' by my Marine Instructors into the freezing-cold November Sea for an impromptu PT session, I also recall special holidays as a child on the south-east Devon coast, where, come rain or shine my brothers and I would be in the sea. I must say there is no place in the world I would rather be right now than here in our wonderful coastal parishes.

Whether boats, boards or bodies, you can tell a lot about a vessel by the type of 'wake' it leaves in the water, such as its depth, width, size, power and speed. When a solid object like a swan or a boat moves through the water, it displaces the water creating a special type of wave called a 'wake.' The wake is caused by the surface of the boat pushing the water out of the way.

A great tip for swimming in a race in the open water is to position yourself in the 'wake' of someone in front, either directly behind them, or at their hip, following in the area of their displaced water. This is known as 'drafting' and the energy saving is exponential. It works in a rather similar way, when you observe a large group cycling (instead this time with air rather than water).

Throughout the gospels we hear Jesus calling people to 'follow-me.' He calls us to be his disciples, that is his followers. He is saying 'keep close to me,' 'walk with me.' To follow Jesus is to stay in his 'wake.' It is a place of strength, of peace, of comfort and the safest place to be in the storms, on the mountain tops and in the valleys that we may walk through in life.

Perhaps like me, sometimes you find yourself moving a few paces ahead of Jesus, trying to get to the place you think you should be too quickly. Or perhaps falling back behind Jesus, looking back to the past and still holding onto yesterday? Maybe you find yourself drifting away from Jesus' side from time to time?

Part of discipleship involves our daily walking with Jesus and keeping close to him. We can nourish this through prayer, through scripture, our worship and being 'church' together as people of faith. This also includes actively pursuing those things we each feel personally enables us to 'connect with Christ', for example silence, stillness, solitude, or finding space to simply 'be' with Jesus. At a time when so much has changed in our lives, I believe intentionality is vital for us all in this new season to either re-establish old or discover new rhythms for our spiritual health.

We will each have different stories and personal experiences of the last two years, that will have shaped and changed our own lives in many ways. May I encourage us individually and as the church in this new season to be Jesus' people, who share life closely with one another, come alongside one another, and welcome-in others into our church families, with open-hearts and wide-arms.

And together walk forward in the 'wake' of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, to share abundantly His gracious Good News of hope, joy and love with our communities and the world.

Grace and Peace - *Justin*



A small local group who meet regularly in order to grow in the practice of Contemplative Prayer in the Christian tradition. We welcome people of ALL denominations, or none. Currently operating as "THE JULIAN GROUP AT HOME"

We invite you to join us virtually on the second Monday of each month at about 7.20pm by downloading and following an "order of proceedings" available from the Coastal Church website. For more information contact: Sue Price, Reader at St Gregory's Seaton on 01297 22314

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

A Meeting was held on 21st June 2022 at St Michael's Church.

Church Week begins Saturday 9th July when we will be holding a coffee morning in the church **10am -12md**raffle, bring and buy stall, cake stall.....



On **Monday 11th July** we are hosting a fun quiz evening in St Michael's Church **7pm for 7.30pm start.....** bring own drink and nibbles, teas and coffee will be available.



If anyone has any donations for the raffle or bring and buy stall they will be gratefully received and can be taken to St Michael's after any Sunday service (10.45), thank you.

It would be lovely if you all could join for the above events in supporting the fundraising for our beautiful church.

Date of next meeting: 13th September 2022 @ 10am



Jubilee Weekend

...commemorative film, Beacon on Charlie's Yard, Platinum Pudding Competition, craft sessions, Children's Party, Village Street Party...not forgetting exhibitions and events staged by our local clubs...bunting and flags along Fore Street and outside many other properties - what a wonderful Village effort to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Only the Street Party was marred by the weather, but you can't have everything.

WELL DONE BEER!

Oh, and thanks to the Quilters for their amazing banners and to Nigel, Sam, Justin, Emma, and others for taking it all down afterwards!

Art at The Bomb Shelter

The huge success of their art exhibition last summer at the Bomb Shelter in Beer gave artists Barbara Vidion and Liz Upchurch the boost they needed to take their artistic endeavours more seriously. The pair now rent an art studio in Honiton and exhibit and sell their work in various venues in Sidmouth and Topsham. "Having a studio means we can paint with no interruptions...we don't have to clear everything away at the end of the day as we do at home!"

"Our exhibition last year in Beer raised over £400 for charity with a silent auction of two paintings. We were delighted with the positive response of people who came to see our work and so pleased to be able to send donations to East Devon Wildlife and The Australian Wildlife Conservancy" said Barbara.

"It will be lovely to return to the Bomb Shelter again for another week" added Liz "It's so interesting chatting to people about art. Last year, as well as people who live locally, we met visitors from all over the country, here to enjoy Beer and our beautiful East Devon coastline".

The Bomb Shelter, tucked away behind Jimmy Greens shop in Fore Street, is the venue for this summer art exhibition. Visitors can enjoy a local history display, see the bomb which fell and find out about the narrow escape Beer had during the Second World War as well as seeing Liz and Barbara's paintings.

Both artists enjoy exploring different styles and mediums in their work so there's something for everyone with an eclectic mix of art and original art work cards. "We've had such fun and learned so much through painting, it's an exciting journey! We'd like to share our efforts and hope people get pleasure visiting our exhibition."

The exhibition at The Bomb Shelter runs from **Thursday 21 July to Wednesday 27 July from 10.00am to 4.00pm** each day. For more information contact 07538 130660 .

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FOR ALL**

Beer Film Society

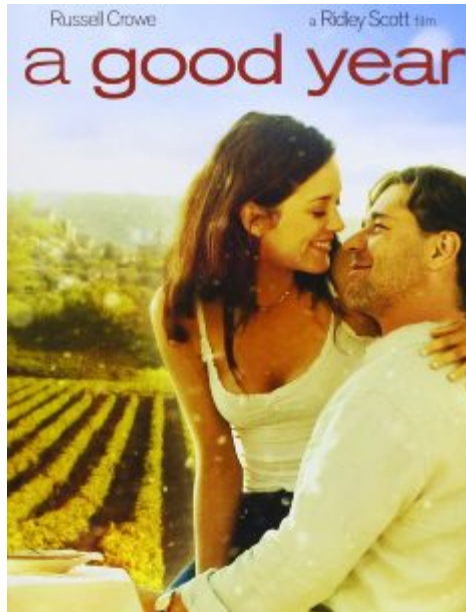
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Thursday 14th July 2022 at the Mariners' Hall

Doors open at 6.45pm. Film starts 7.30pm.

Bar available.



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Comedy-Drama-Romance

A British investment broker inherits his uncle's chateau and vineyard in Provence, where he spent much of his childhood. He discovers a new laid-back lifestyle as he tries to renovate the estate to be sold.

Directed by Ridley Scott and starring Russell Crowe, Abbie Cornish, and Albert Finney.

For this evening, to mark Bastille Day, a selection of French cheeses and crackers will be available free to members!

Members £5. Non members £7

Numbers limited - to book tickets email
beerfilmsociety@gmail.com



**CINEMA
FOR ALL**



MARINERS' HALL, BEER
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Annual Report 2021

It has been a foreshortened year due to Covid restrictions. The hall was closed for the first four months of the year but was able to operate with a reduced programme for the majority of the year thereafter. As a result the income from our usual sources of hire charges and fund raising was much reduced.

However it was decided to use the quiet period for a useful purpose and complete the programme of internal refurbishment and redecoration that has been pursued in recent years.

As a result the entrance hall, stairs and landing, and balcony room were re-decorated, re-furbished with new door furniture and signage, and fitted with new low energy lighting.

The work marks the completion of a full refurbishment of all the major elements of the hall both external and internal that the committee has overseen in recent times. This investment should ensure the hall provides a modern and comfortable environment for the village for many years to come.

It was also decided to invest in a new Audio-Visual system for the hall. As a result a new large size screen and digital projector have been installed enabling films and video presentations to be staged in the main hall. This development has already attracted the Film Club back to the hall with several successful screenings completed to a growing audience.

Government grants continued to be available due to the lockdown and these have seen us through the periods when no income from hire was possible.

Martin Ball
Treasurer

Fine Foundation Centre

Beer Village Heritage

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Ah well! The best laid plans, and all that. Some of the children from the village came on a rock pooling expedition and collected a number of species which we put into the tanks.

The fishermen added some corals and sponges, and we were all set for the season. Unfortunately, the fire in the Fish Houses meant that our electricity supply was cut, so we were unable to keep the water cool or aerated. So, the Trustees reluctantly emptied the tanks and returned the livestock to the sea. At the time of writing we are hopeful that the power will be restored fairly soon, and we will then need to wait for a suitable tide in order to refill the tanks. With any luck we will have fish back in the centre before the holidays.

The Centre continues to be open daily, although obviously with no electricity there are some limitations, especially as there are no lights. The exhibits in the display cases outside the centre are available all the time, and you can access the Beer Village Heritage walks and I-Spy on line via our website: <http://www.beervillageheritage.org.uk/>.

Do watch the June "Pebbles People" video for the Jurassic Coast Trust's celebrations for their 20th anniversary. Go to <https://jurassiccoast.org/the-jurassic-coast-turns-20/> and click on the videos in the YouTube section. Steve Rodgers shows a fascinating collection of pebbles and describes some of their uses over the ages.

David Morling has given an update on the Old Cemetery Project. Stage One of the project has been to survey each headstone to describe its appearance and to note everything inscribed on it. That is, all names, relationships, dates of death, ages at death, any words about the deceased and other words expressing the feelings of the bereaved. Most of the stones have been examined and recorded. The aim is to complete this task over the summer of 2022. Those descriptions that have been recorded are available to anyone as a Word file. We have also made an Excel file which lists all the deceased in alphabetical order showing also: dates of death, ages at death and the relationships that are given on the headstones. Again, this Excel file is available to anyone who would like to have it. Some of this information is on our Beer heritage museum web pages - <https://memories.beervillage.co.uk/locations/old-cemetery>

Stage Two will be to look at all those headstones where there were problems in reading the inscriptions to see whether other techniques might be used to ensure as complete a reading as possible of each. There are many problems, such as weathering, text obscured by lichen, inserted lead letters having fallen out and so on. Many of the headstones begin with, "In loving memory of". One of the objectives of the cemetery project is to ensure that, despite the passage of time and damage to graves, we do develop a full list of the people that have gone before us so that we can remember them.

Stage Three will be to collate any further information about any of the people recorded on the old cemetery headstones to understand personal stories and to learn more of the history of Beer. He has already received one very interesting family history of people listed on the headstones. Other headstones prompt us to look deeper, for example, "Who died at sea saving others". Some of this will come from the knowledge and memories of people in Beer today and some will need research elsewhere.

The Bomb Shelter is hosting an art exhibition by Barbara and Elizabeth from 21st July. I'll send out more information nearer to the date. Their exhibition last year was very successful, and it will be good to see them back again.

Do go to Sidmouth Museum to see their special exhibition of local fossils, many of which have not been shown in East Devon before. There are some extremely rare species which are significant in understanding the Triassic period as well as being important to the inscription of the coast as a World Heritage Site. Some of the fossils which are on loan from Bristol University have been CT scanned which gives some amazing insights into the animals, most of which are fairly small. The museum has an excellent geology section, and this new display is an amazing addition. To whet your appetite, you might like to listen to one of the collectors, Bob Coram, talking about the display on the Jurassic Coast Trust's You Tube channel. One of the fossils is named after him.

Our "Hag Stone" project is gathering momentum. During the summer we're inviting everyone to decorate a luggage label, tie it onto a stone with a hole through it and add it to a collection at the Centre. The decoration, in words or pictures or both, should reflect what the pebble means to you. You should take your photo with your stone and your artwork and make sure that you tag **#JurassicCoastTurns20** when you post it onto social media. The contributions thus far are on show at the centre. They are very imaginative and include drawings, photos, poetry and prose.

Beer 2014 Group have produced an attractive and informative booklet about the project which is available at the Post Office. The booklet is free, but donations are very welcome.

Barbara Vidion and Liz Upchurch are holding an exhibition of their art work in the Bomb Shelter from Thursday 21st to Wednesday 27th July. Their exhibition last year was a great success, and we're pleased that they are returning.

Beer Village Heritage has a new Chairman, David Morling. Our regular helpers such as Nick Jones, Mike Green, Chris Jones, Carol Green, Henry or Norah Jagers are always happy to provide more information about the organisation. Alternatively you can contact us on 01297 625445, 01297 20858 or at beervillageheritage@yahoo.co.uk



beervillageheritage.org.uk



Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI

Seaton Beer and District Branch are delighted to report that our Mayday Appeal for £2022 raised a total £653.31. This included £291.96 from our Street Collection during our Mayday Welly Walk Day at Seaton Seafront on Saturday 21st May. I took part in the Seaton Parkrun and my time while pushing RNLI Ted 1



and friends in his pushchair was 1 hour, 8 minutes and 3 seconds.

Thank you to our branch Volunteers who collected, everyone who sponsored me and all who donated to our Mayday Appeal.

At the time of writing my report we are preparing for our Beer Lifeboat Weekend and we are delighted that our Duck Races can take place again. Our programme for the weekend is as follows and we hope that you can come along and support us:

Saturday 2nd July: Street Collection from 10am to 6pm. Additional collectors needed please.

Table Top Sale from 9am to 12.30pm at the Mariners Hall.

Open to sellers from 8am. Table hire £6 for one or £10 for two.

To make a reservation please message your details to 01297 23040 or email wac500@hotmail.co.uk

Come along for Bacon Baps, Tea, Coffee, Raffle, Card tombola and a variety of stalls.

Sunday 3rd July: 15th Annual Duck Race Day:

11am onwards RNLI Sea Safety Team with RNLI information and lifeboat safety checks.

Meet Beer Coastguards (operational requirements permitting)
We will be having the Inflatable Shannon, Duck Tombola and stalls.

2pm or before bring your Duck Art drawing, painting or collage to our RNLI Shop at Jubilee Gardens.

Judging to take place after the Duck Races by a visitor to Beer.

2.30pm there will be a visit and display by Exmouth and Lyme Regis Lifeboats (subject to weather and operational requirements).

3pm the Duck Races start down Beer Brook from by the Cream Shop to Bay View Tea Rooms. Ten or more heats of twenty yellow plastic ducks will be racing down the brook and the first and second placed ducks go in the Grand Final. Prizes for the winning duck in each heat and the Grand Final are kindly donated by Beer Businesses and others from our area.

We look forward to our busy Beer Lifeboat Weekend and hope that the weather will be good for us.

Wendy Cummins

Secretary, Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI



Beer Parish Council Newsletter - June 2022

Beer Parish Council met on the 8th June

A member of the public asked to speak to recognise the commitment of the number of “young” residents who had recently joined the council. She felt that it was right that the younger generation should be more involved in the council, it is the younger generations who should be considering the implications of change and making decisions that will influence the way Beer develops in the future. She also recognised that while we need to retain the character and uniqueness of the village we must also recognise the need for change where it is needed.

Cllr Pook speaking as the EDDC councillor, highlighted that the next District Council elections will be in May 23. While this may seem an age away, it is now that the community and individuals should be thinking who would make a good district councillor or whether they would like to stand as a district councillor. Cllr Pook invited anyone considering standing to contact him and he will explain what being a district councillor requires.

There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council following the resignation of Cllr Darren Clinch and Cllr Louise Vine, the council wants to thank them for their valuable input over the years and encourages residents to put their names forward for co-option.

The council is happy to report that the installation of electrical hook up points on the Jubilee, for traders and communities groups to have safe access to power, is now progressing.

The councils Environment Portfolio lead is please to report that the traffic and parking survey is progressing to the implementation stage. The first works to improve the traffic signage is to go ahead. This will include a reconciliation of existing signs to improve clarity and reduce “sign clutter” and the introduction of new signs to improve traffic flow.

The Asset Transfer proposal is now being considered by a councillor and resident group headed by Cllr James Green. All aspects of the proposal will be examined, and subject to final sign off of the proposal by EDDC cabinet, the final proposal should be put to a Parish Meeting and Parish Poll later in the year.

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Beer

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BEER WI - REPORT FOR JULY 2022

Unbelievable but we are now half way through 2022, and when you read this the days will already be getting shorter and the nights longer.

However, we have many more sunny days, weeks, months to look forward to, ever the optimist.



At the beginning of June, we had the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with events taking place in the village. We must all say a very big thank you to Nigel and the scouts for the beacon lighting and to Kayleigh and Mandy plus their team of helpers for the street party (shame about the weather) plus the happenings in the Mariners Hall.

Before all this Beer WI managed to squeeze in a well-attended meeting with a very interesting talk on "Wildlife Friendly Garden" plus our usual comprehensive business meeting.

During the month a group of members went to Budleigh Salterton for a morning of croquet at the wonderful club there. We were coached by members before having a couple to games, really very enjoyable in lovely weather. Thank you to Anne for organising this plus the monthly walk.

All our usual activities are continuing including a gentle walk with coffee, book clubs, creative writing, canasta and a longer walk taking place at the end of June.

Our next event is our annual garden party at the beginning of July with cream teas and Prosecco, (rather a continuing theme there). Then in August Beer WI will be taking a break but as everyone involved loves their various activities many will be continuing throughout.

For further information please contact 01297 21864 or 599157

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for future generations
"THE FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH"

Application forms at back of Church
or contact Kieth Izzard, 01297 625181

“In Conversation With ...”

No. 7, In Conversation ...with Barbara Farquharson

This month we are talking to Emeritus Professor (retired) of Archaeology and Anthropology, (that’s history and human beings to you and me) Barbara Farquharson. Long before she relocated over the hill from Branscombe to come and live in Beer six years ago, Barbara was a well known local figure passionate about landscape and about history. She was one of the founder members of the Branscombe Project whose motto was ‘Where Memory Meets History’. The Project has recorded people, put up exhibitions, written booklets and books, and set up annual winter talks. People can find out about their ancestors from the website. Over many years, a wealth of illuminating detail about the landscape and the circumstances, thoughts and feelings of people living and dead has been celebrated. It’s an archive of inestimable value.

Q : So Barbara, what about coming to live in Beer? How and why?

Barbara : Forty years ago my husband Jan, son Sam, and I moved from London, first to Exeter, then to Branscombe. Jan was involved in community drama and panto. My own enthusiasms revolve around people and the past, people and landscapes. Some years after Jan died, John (Torrance) came to live in Beer and then with me in Branscombe. Six years ago he and I returned to Beer.

Q : Your instinct to find roots in landscape is deep-seated in you?

Barbara : I think I try to compensate for a sense of displacement. I suppose it stems from events in my very early childhood. My mother was a German Jew. She escaped to England in 1938 and I was born in 1939. But then she took me back to Berlin hoping to persuade her mother to leave. The Gestapo arrived, my mother escaped down a fire-escape, and her mother committed suicide. I was incredibly lucky – an English woman, a Quaker, travelled to Berlin, scooped me up and brought me back to England on the last plane out of Germany before war was declared. I don’t know who she was, but I owe my life to her. My mother was run over when I was in my twenties and so there are many mysteries, many questions that I never got round to asking. I didn’t have a very happy childhood, and I always had a sense of not being ‘in place’, of being a refugee. After South Hampstead High School, I went to Kings College London and studied Geography, then to the Institute of Archaeology, and I ended up lecturing in the Anthropology Department at University College London.

Q : Many people will have fond memories of your beloved partner, John Torrance. You had many years together, first in Branscombe, then in Beer. And with him you’ve done a lot more burrowing-down into the

making of a local East Devon landscape.

Barbara : It's been just over a year since John died. It was so lovely working with him – we learnt so much from each other. In the last year, when John knew that he had cancer, he put together a book of his poems, and he and I wrote the first draft of a book about John Stuckey, the avaricious eighteenth century landowner who built the grand house at Weston. It burnt down and only a fragment now remains. I'm hoping, one day, to pick up where we left off.

Q : Would you say you have a restless drive to find out about people and their lives?



Barbara : Yes, probably! I do have a genuine fascination for people and the way they make and are made by the landscapes they inhabit, but I also think part of our Project work has been personal for me. It's a way of putting down roots, of finding myself – at last – 'in place'. For John, it was more a dispassionate fascination with walking a landscape, getting to read what the humps and bumps were all about, and then working in the archives. It is very interesting the way people share common landscapes, and yet undoubtedly engage with it and colour them in different ways. I love that!

Q : You must have taken part in some memorable 'digs' in your time? Is there one that stands out in your memory for any reason?

Barbara: I suppose the most exotic was digging on the temple site of Meroe on the banks of the Nile in the Sudan. But the one dearest to my heart, was working with a group of amateur French archaeologists digging a Neolithic multi-chambered burial mound in Normandy. I remember so vividly gently excavating the skeleton of young woman with a tiny child pressed up against her.

Q : You've commented that Beer village has a vitality and a communal spirit. Do you think landscape still shapes lives?

Barbara: Of course – yes! There are so many people who have lived in Beer for generations. Fishermen, farmers and farm-workers, stone masons ...They've worked the land, and responded to it, in so many different ways. So there's a continuity, but there's also a lovely energy brought in by 'blow ins'. To me, it's the mix that makes it such a lovely place to live.



QUIZ NIGHT

**Bring your own
drink & nibbles**

**Monday
11th July**

Raffle

7 for 7:30 start

in

**St Michael's Church
Beer**



**Teams of 4
(but we can be flexible!!)
£3 per person**



BEER BUFFS

**Monday 6th June ,
Ye Rattenbury Lodge
presented a cheque
for £3000 to 'Honiton
Devon Freewheelers'
after another year of
successful fundraising.**

Beer Buffs nominated
charity for 2022/23 is

FORCE, a cancer charity providing support
for cancer patients and their families.

The Lodge will be holding their annual
fundraising Tombola and Prize Draw on
'The Jubilee' on Saturday 27th August in
support of FORCE. Many great prizes
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The search begins for Devon's Best Young Landscape Artist 2022

Young artists aged 18 and under can now compete for the title of Devon's Best Young Landscape Artist 2022. Devon CPRE, a South West branch of the countryside charity CPRE, held the competition for the first time last year and was impressed with the quality and quantity of entries from across the county.

The charity is inviting budding young artists to showcase their creativity by capturing Devon's unique and precious landscapes in the medium of their choice. There are two entry categories - one for teenagers and one for younger children - with cash prizes for the winners.

The competition is simple to enter with cash prizes for each age category. Full details of how to enter can be found on the Devon CPRE website. The deadline for entries is Friday, 30 September 2022.

www.devoncpre.org.uk

“Don’t just do nothing, -- sit there!”

When you are in contact with the deepest part of yourself there is a stillness, an alert awareness. Other people will see this in you, they will sense your inner peace and that will awaken their own deeper awareness. The depth of peace that you bring into the world, which is your gift to life, comes out of your deep sense of stillness, which is spaciousness.

Spiritual awareness doesn’t come out of mental activity, it is not conceptual. It is a realisation. Every human being is an instance of universal intelligence. Though very many people have no realisation of this because they are trapped in reactive, responsive, emotional, judgemental, self-regarding thinking. They are conditioned by their past; they are unable as yet to allow the alert awareness that arises when one is completely still and present.

Learn from other creatures, other life. Your dog never spends a moment thinking about the past; your dog is here, now, always. Cats outdo Zen Masters. Zen Masters do one thing at a time, with their whole attention. Cats go a step further by not doing anything, and not doing it all at once. The flower you study in detail, its pattern of petals, its heavenly scent, is showing you complete stillness and presence.

There is a timeless dimension of consciousness deep within you that is beyond words and beyond thought. It cannot be arrived at through discussion or through concepts. It is realisation, an awakening out of the incessant stream of obsessive and compulsive thinking.

You arrive at this awakening by taking your attention within, and becoming aware of your own awareness. This is in essence who you are:- a conscious field of awareness, the space in which the world arises. Everything else is the accumulated content of your mind; it is not you.

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The past and the future are like projected images on a screen – not real. Only the present moment is real. If you are suffering in the present moment, embrace it gently. Allow it to be what it is. Resistance to *what is* intensifies the suffering. Refusing to allow your suffering to be fully here means there’s no one left to deal with the pain and calm it down and understand it and transform it and heal it.

Can you realize that there is a dimension within you that is infinitely more vast than thought? If you can transcend the content of your mind, then you no longer find your identity in your name, your body, your culture, your life-story. When you are still enough inside, when the noise of incessant thinking has subsided, then you may sense a hidden harmony present in the world, an order, a sacredness in nature – of which you are an integral part.●

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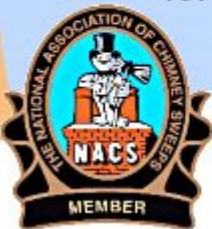


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What a great shame: our sincere commiseration goes out to all affected by the recent arson attack on the fish huts. I am told the insurer has given the go-ahead for repairs and refurbishment of the buildings but that will be scant recompense for the loss of equipment, stock, (and memorabilia) destroyed by fire and water damage. Our fishermen's livelihoods and those of other traders who used these premises were hit hard, not least by the loss of the electricity supply to the winches. A temporary supply is now in place, thanks to Paul Vine, until such time as full refurbishments can be completed.

Thank goodness the fire did not spread uphill to the fish shop or down to the diesel tank and Heritage Centre!

If you want to see a YouTube video of the incident go online to <https://youtu.be/rF9mTdI9-z8> (My "Photoshopped" picture above of flames superimposed on the aftermath is just an impression as I do not wish to risk infringing any YouTube copyrights!) *Editor*

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