



East Down and Arlington News - JUNE



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR VILLAGE HALL

JUNE CHARITY COFFEESHOP 6th June. Contributions of cakes ,savouries and help by all. Do come along to support this event in aid of Devon Air Ambulance Charity and meet friends and neighbours to discuss local events and news over a mug of freshly brewed coffee or tea with homemade cakes and savouries. See you there!

FLOWER AND CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

26th May – 2nd June

Hannah Bowden & Sophie Lerwill

9th – 16th June

Pam & Mandy Perrin

23rd – 30th June

Linda Watt

VILLAGE HALL -- REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Cleaning Rota – June – Shirley Lerwill

Seniors Keep Fit – Mondays 10 – 11 am Carol Thomas 850464 or Pat Bunch 850215

Table Tennis- Tuesdays 7.00 pm, Peter Bunch 850215

Art Group – Wednesday 2-4 pm Margaret Smith 850727

Intensive Fitness Class - Wednesday 6.00 -7.00 pm John Denyer 07402 920720/07341 336689

Indoor Short Mat Bowls –Thursdays 2.00 – 4.00 pm– Rod Crossman 850704

Yoga – Thursdays 7.00 – 8.30 pm - Ali Crossman 07762 056514

Monthly Events

Parish Council – 3rd Monday 7.30 pm (Meeting Room) Margaret Done 850432

Blackmore Gate YFC –1st Tuesday 7.00 -10.00 pm, Amanda Smyth 850808

Coffeeshop - 1st Thursday 10.30 - 12.00 noon Peter Bunch 850215

Extras This Month

Trustees Quiz Meeting 24 June 19.00-22.00

FUTURE DATES FOR THE DIARY

Concert in St James Church Arlington - July 6, watch this space!

Tractor Run - July 13th

The summer quiz will be on 19th July starting promptly at 19.30pm.

The Produce Show will be on Sunday 11th August.

Bingo - 26th October

60's/70's/80's Disco will be on 23rd November.

ART GROUP Went back to basics at their Wednesday May 8 meeting when the 10 participants were treated by Arlington Court resident Artist Ann Hyde to an exposition on basic drawing skills concentrating on perspectives plus some ideas on water colouring techniques. The group has visiting tutors for a small extra payment per head but otherwise learn from each other at the weekly sessions on Wednesdays 2 – 4 pm where other budding or established artists are always welcome at the nominal weekly coast of £2 per head to cover the use of the Village Hall, with shared half time refreshments.



May Coffeeshop held at the Village Hall on Thursday 2nd filled the meeting room to capacity as the main Hall was used for voting in the local elections. Hosted by Lis Kempf and Ann Norton, who provided or procured a tempting array of cakes and savouries for the customers to choose with their freshly brewed coffee and tea, the event raised the excellent sum of £59 in donations to add to Village Hall maintenance funds while the 100 club draw favoured Mary Bowden as first prize winner with 2nd prize to Jean Dunham. It was decided that the June 6 Coffeeshop would be run in aid of Devon Air Ambulance and all would contribute food and together help run the event.

Summer Season of Services commences Sunday June 2 at St James Church, Arlington with a Team Communion Service for all starting at 11.30 am to be attended by Bishop Jackie of Crediton, followed by refreshments and the opportunity for a picnic, treasure hunt for the children and a walk over to Loxhore Church for the energetic. See attached or ring Rev Rosie Tel: 01598 711962 for any further information.

Entertainment at Arlington Music, song and variety by local artists, families and children. Arlington church, 7 pm July 6. Entry £5 a head, children free, with optional seasonal refreshments of Pimms with strawberries and cream for suggested minimum donation of £5. Proceeds in aid of Arlington Church maintenance. Entry on the door or further information from Edward or Hazel Mather 850598.

Tractor Run Earlier than usual this year, on Saturday July 13, J.P's vintage Tractor Run starts in the afternoon and runs into the evening with the procession setting off around 4 pm. A great day out for everyone and an opportunity for the farming community to meet together at the Perrin family's annual event at Lower Viveham Farm. Bar, BBQ and evening Disco. Bouncy Castle for the kids. Proceeds to East Down Church maintenance.

Summer Quiz Never fear, the quiz is near. It carries on under new quizmasters commencing 7.30 prompt on July 19. With the entry fee still only £7.50 per head to include a 2 course meal of Quiche and salad followed by crumble and ice cream. Teams of up to 6 people should contact Rod Crossman Tel: 850704 unless already booked in.

If you have, have had or know of an event within the parishes of East Down and Arlington and want to share it with others, *please let me know by the 20th of each month* so it can be included in the Village News and/or weekly in the North Devon Journal. I can be contacted by e-mail - peter.bunch562@btinternet.com – ADDRESS – Arlington Old School, Arlington, Barnstaple, EX31 4LW – Tel: 01271 850215. If you know of someone who does not receive the Village News or have recently moved into the parish, let Ray – email eastdownnews@gmail.com have their email address to receive regular copies.

PETER BUNCH



Prayer Walks 2019

From Ascension Day and beyond, our churches will deliberately be committing time to pray in each of the parishes which we serve. It is both to pray for our communities, but also with our communities – all are invited to join us wherever you can – or let us know what you want us to pray for if you cannot join us.

Thursday 30th May	7.00pm	ASCENSION DAY SERVICE (travelling by car) starting from Challacombe Post Office and ending with a short candlelit Holy Communion service in a mystery location. PLEASE NOTE the change of start time – and that this will not be followed by a meal, so PLEASE EAT BEFORE COMING.
Sunday 2nd June	11.30am	Holy Communion Service at Arlington, led by Bishop Jackie of Crediton
	12.15pm	Treasure Hunt and other activities suitable for children, and a bring and share picnic. Park in the National Trust Car park if you can (£3 charge). Entry to the Court is free if you are coming to this church event, or if you are a National Trust member. Parking in the church car park can be arranged if required.
	2pm	A short walk to Loxhore Church, scavenger hunt along the way, and a lift back if required!

Prayer Walks

During the month of June we will be walking and praying in each Parish. As we walk we will bring to God the people and communities we pass, and the issues which many face. Please bring suitable clothes and footwear, be prepared for mud, hills and weather! Join us for as many or as few walks as you wish, we especially encourage you to join in with another Parish as well as your own.

Times of these walks are to be confirmed in the next issue of the magazine. They are likely to be:

- Sunday 9th June** **3pm – An after lunch stroll... (2km)**
Meet at **Loxhore Cott (by the gates by Arlington Court Lodge)** We'll walk across Cott bridge, over Cott Down (with views) to Ford Farm – and then up the hill again to the church. We'll put the kettle on in Shirwell church for a cuppa.
- Friday 14th June** **7pm – An evening woodland walk, to walk off those fish and chips! (2km)**
Meet at Bratton Fleming Church, we'll head down the road by the sports club and onto the footpath which takes us down a muddy path to the stream, and then up through Stoke Woods to fields and a view and then to Stoke Rivers church. We can arrange lifts back again. (Sunset is at 21.30)
- Sunday 23rd June** **3pm – An after lunch stroll through woods (2km or 3km)**
Starting at the church in East Down (parking there or in the village hall car park) we'll head to a footpath which takes us down over a bridge and up again through woods, past ponds to Patchole, then (for those with energy) on to Kentisbury church for a cup of tea. We can arrange a lift back to East Down.
- Sunday 30th June** **12pm – A wander through ancient Challacombe (2km)**
Meet at **Challacombe** Church, following our 11am team service of Holy Communion. We'll walk from the church via the (disappeared) medieval village and through the wonderful beech woods into 'new' Challacombe, stopping on the way for a picnic, weather permitting... if the weather is too bad we'll walk quickly and dive into the pub! We can arrange a lift back to the church if required.

Please ring Rosie Austin 01598 711962 for details of all the walks.

IF YOU WANT US TO PRAY FOR YOU OR SOMEONE YOU CARE FOR, PLEASE LEAVE A PRAYER REQUEST IN THE BOXES IN ALL OF OUR CHURCHES.

On your way, please pray for