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# Overview

My goodness - we're almost halfway through the year already! Where has the time gone? Maybe the continuing preoccupation with Covid has closed the mind to all those days I've hardly noticed. Now, suddenly, the year's flying by and the Queen's Jubilee is upon us!

You will find a fair amount of information about the Jubilee Weekend in the pages of this issue. From 3rd- 5th June it seems that there will be something for everyone (see p 15,16) - from Friday's fun football through to Sunday's Picnic Lunch.

June is going to be a very busy month, with many of our organisations and clubs getting back to their pre-pandemic schedules. There's the Open Gardens event on 26th June and the new village Film Nights have some blockbuster titles coming up. Whitestaunton will be hosting a Summer Concert and the Taunton Deane Morris Men in June too.

Always popular, Combe School's Summer Fayre will be held on 2nd July, and they will be pleased to see you - with your money! - at the school and on The Lawns. Cloverleaf Productions will be staging their Summer Show on 8th & 9th July and look forward to entertaining everyone with the usual mix of spectacle, songs and silliness!

If you fancy going a little further afield, there's opera in the Bishop's Palace gardens in Wells. And, after an enforced two year break, Wambrook Flower Show is back at the Cotley Tithe Barn once again on 23rd July. Let us hope that this and all of those other outdoor events are blessed with good weather.

For our local history lesson, John Phillips takes us even further back to a time when William I, or William the Conqueror as most of us remember him, was the monarch - find out more on page 26.

Finally, thank you to Donna Parsons for the cover photograph of a newly shorn sheep in the splendid local countryside.

*Lesley Cole*

Editor

**In the Garden by Claire from Combe Dingle Nursery is having a break this time due to pressure of work, but will be back in the August/September issue of Cloverleaf.**

## Sunday School Wood

At the time of writing, a sea of blue from bluebells has almost directly replaced the earlier area of yellow from the daffodils, producing another grand display. A short time earlier a large area of white was created by the display of wood anemones, the best they have ever been. This area has been increasing in size over the past couple of years, but it took a long time from the original planting. This area of white has continued with wild garlic.

Another unexpected success has been the appearance of a significant number of snake's head fritillary. Previously we have only seen 2 or 3. It is some long time since these were planted, so another case of patience rewarded.

Other flowers which look promising are the foxgloves which we are attempting to introduce (with help again this year from Anne Hunt), and rose bay willowherb. These compete well with nettles and the like, so well worth having.

Brian's patch has again been cleared, rotavated and sown with a wide variety of wild annual and perennial flowers, so we are hoping for a colourful display later in the year. The other area which has required clearing is one of the smaller patches where we have previously had cornfield annuals. This suddenly became overgrown with grass, so we are trying to clear it, with no specific plans at the present time other than to keep it usable for the future.

**Frank Warriner (Tel 67407)**



**Combe St Nicholas Primary School**  
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## Village Hall

We are sorry to report that our tabletop sale received very little support, with only 4 sellers and few buyers. The rest is good news though!

The **Film Nights** are doing well, and the next one, on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June** (not the usual first Friday, so as not to clash with the Jubilee), will be a double billing of two shorter films:

The much acclaimed and award-winning ***Belfast*** starring Judy Dench and Jamie Dornan, written and directed by Kenneth Branagh, on whose life the film is based.

An **adult** comedy cartoon, ***The Queen's Corgi***: a very funny and rather naughty PG film. Doors open at 6.30 for a 7.00 start. No charge but donations welcome!

Then on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July**, we will be showing ***Death on the Nile*** or ***Gucci***.

On **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June**, as part of the Jubilee celebrations, there will be an evening **party in the Village Hall**, doors open at 6.00pm. We hope to screen the Queen's concert live from Buckingham Palace, but if this doesn't prove possible, there will be a film show instead. Bring your own celebratory booze and food to enjoy around the tables.

And finally, don't forget the **Open Gardens** on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. Lots of gardens and the allotments will be open between 11.00 and 5.00, and Combe Café will be open in the Village Hall from 9.30 – 11.00 for breakfast and 12.00 – 2.00 for lunch (please phone Heather to book by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, tel. 01460 66743 or 07980 921 171). There will also be tea and cakes at Alterhay House in the afternoon and Pimm's at 1 Lucas Corner. Entry will be by map: £5 per adult, accompanied children free (in aid of Village Hall funds), available from the Village Hall, including free entry to a raffle to win a hanging basket.

**Village Hall Committee**

### Combe St Nicholas Parish Oil Co-Operative

The oil co-operative enables residents of the Parish to obtain heating oil at bulk discount prices. The minimum order will be 500 litres. There will be deliveries every two months.

**Cut-off date for July will be Monday 4th.**

Please check subsequent issues of Cloverleaf or the Parish website (**[www.combestnicholas.org.uk](http://www.combestnicholas.org.uk)**) for the following months. For more information, please ring the number below. Please note there is no fee for membership or placing an order.

**To place an order, please contact Kay on 01460 261234 or by email to [motcombe@btinternet.com](mailto:motcombe@btinternet.com) (stating contact details and amount required).**

## Underway Meade

In late March we welcomed a team of 8 volunteers from Wessex Water. It was a very hot day for the time of year, but they worked hard and succeeded in clearing the mound and path edges of brambles, strimming the stream



edge, spreading chippings on all the woodland paths and replacing the netting on the bridge to make it nonslip again.

We held our AGM in May, returning to our normal month after two years of disruption due to the pandemic. We discussed future plans and it was agreed that it would be good to install an interpretation board giving information about the site's history and wildlife. This was something that had been suggested when we did our original consultation survey back in 2016 and was raised again more recently. It was decided that we would make a bid to the Somerset Community Fund for some money to help with this and seek funding from other sources as well if needed.

We also discussed the concern we have for our Ash trees which are, like many others around the area, beginning to show signs of suffering from Ash dieback. This is a very serious disease caused by a fungus which can result in leaf loss and crown dieback in affected trees and can lead to the death of the tree. We agreed that we would seek professional advice to decide what action we might need to take and to reserve some of our funds to deal with it.

Along with other groups in the village, plans for the Jubilee Weekend are now well underway (no pun intended!) and as mentioned in the last issue, Underway Meade will be hosting a village "bring your own" picnic on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. There will be live music, light refreshments to supplement your picnic and a make your own crown competition with both adult and children's categories. Do come along, meet the neighbours and have a fun afternoon.

Lastly, we hope to arrange another moth event sometime in July, so watch out for posters and Facebook for further details.

**Lynn Osborne, Chair, Combe St. Nicholas Parochial Trust.**  
**Tel: 01460 62015 Email: [lynnosborne99@gmail.com](mailto:lynnosborne99@gmail.com)**



## Wadeford Charity Book Club

May's book sale was affected by some pretty mucky weather to be honest. Those stalwarts that did attend would have noticed a lot of new stock, allowing us to refresh several key sections.



Indeed many of these book donations have been in "as new" state, quite possibly unopened! Where else can you get a mint condition, £25 cookery book, for just 50p?

To allow us to make room, some of the older stock will be passed on to other charities, some overly tired books will end up at the recycling centre. Nothing lasts for ever of course. Remember, if you want us to keep offering this service then please come along. The "use it or lose it" rule applies!

Our next sale will be on Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Village Hall as ever, free entry of course. All proceeds to Prostate Cancer UK and Coeliac UK. If you'd like us to collect your book donations, please call Moira on **01460 261950**.

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The first will be on **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June**. The great news is that this event is part of the **Somerset County Council restart and recovery scheme**. This means that this is the perfect opportunity for local traders, makers, and businesses to have a stall at one of our well-advertised events **free of charge**.

So, if you are a new business starting out or just getting back into the swing of things after lockdown then this is a fantastic opportunity for you to get yourself out there and show your stuff. There will be forty stalls on the day selling some of the best products the local area has to offer. If you want to get in touch about applying for a stall, then email me at:

**Sean@enosisevents.com.**

This will also be a wonderful shopping opportunity for the people of Chard and surrounding areas, so please feel free to pop in and look around. The event will be free to enter for all. So come along and see what is on offer.

## OPERA COMES TO SOMERSET

Opera comes to Somerset this July with glorious works by Puccini and Rossini. In partnership with Project Factory CIC, Opera Brava, Britain's leading outdoor touring opera company, is bringing *Tosca* and *The Barber of Seville* to the beautiful grounds of The Bishops Palace in Wells.



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*Tosca* will be performed on 14<sup>th</sup> July, followed by *The Barber of Seville* on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

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# Combe St. Nicholas Parish Council

## The Lawns Play Area

Work has now been completed for the new play equipment and the children seem to be enjoying it. Care must be taken when using the Sky-rail.

## Election

9 nominations were received to fill the 11 Parish Council seats. Councillors will be co-opting 2 people at the May meeting to fill the vacancies. Many thanks to Tony Sauer (who did not seek re-election) for all his hard work and information during his time as a Councillor.

## Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee

Various events are taking place from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June See separate items

## Dogs Mess

Such a shame this topic has to be mentioned nearly every time' This time owner/s have bagged up the mess but then thrown it over into someone's garden!! Others bag it and then leave it hanging up in bushes. It is highly dangerous if cattle or sheep get hold of these bags as the Vet would have to be called and so expensive for their owners. There is a bin in Lucas Lane, near the junction with Frog Lane. Another at the top of Church Path. one in the village centre and another on the bottom gate to Underway Meade SSDC will only empty and collect 4 bins Please take any mess home to your dustbin if you can't get to these bins.

Meetings are still being arranged re setting up the **Flood Resilience Scheme/ Flood Wardens.**

Information is being sought re the costs and possibility of providing Speed Indicator Devices in an effort to ensure drivers keep to the speed limit All drivers are requested to drive sensibly on the lanes

Work should commence towards the end of June to repair part of the public footpath from Court Mill Lane to Pudleigh.

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June and, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022. 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Anne Hunt – Parish Clerk, Tel. 01460 61296**  
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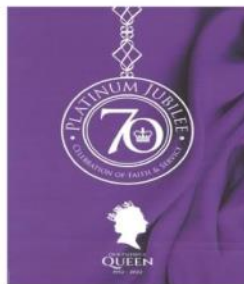
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# Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

*Bank Holiday Weekend 3rd - 5th June*

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**Saturday Morning 4th June - Dedication at the Lawns**  
***At 11am Reverend Georgina will officiate at***  
***The Queen's Commemorative Tree Planting***  
***&***  
***Dedication of the new Play Equipment***

**Saturday 4th June History Exhibition of Village Memorabilia**  
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**Saturday 4th June Village Hall Party**  
***Doors open 6.30pm***

**Queen's Concert from Buckingham Palace screened live or film show**  
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**Sunday 5th June Picnic Lunch and Crown Competition**  
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Like most primary schools in the area, we experienced lots of absence with Covid at the end of the Autumn and throughout the Spring term. In spite of this, we have managed to complete lots of project work and extra- curricular activities. Here are a few for you to see:



**Horrible Histories Project**



**Project on Chocolate – Frida Kahlo Art**



**Panto trip to The Theatre Royal, Bath**



**Visiting the Eden Project**



**Visiting The M Shed in Bristol**



**Yrs5/6 reading to Nursery/Hedgehogs**

**Our Project this term is 'Coasts'. We are looking forward to a visit to the seaside!**

Thank you for your continued support.

**Christine Maxwell and the Combe School Team**

## Flower Workshops

Summer is the time for beautiful flowers in your home and garden. Hydrangeas are one of these beauties, but do you know how to look after them when they

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Oh, and if the colour isn't quite what you like after drying, just spray them with floral paint, step back and admire your results!

Coming up soon are these summer workshops:

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**Saturday 25 June 2022**

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## June

Thu	3	2pm-4.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Fri	4	5.30pm	<b>Fun Football Match</b> - Combe Football Club
		7.30pm	<b>Live Music &amp; BBQ</b> - Combe Football Club
Sat	5	11.00am	<b>Queen's Commemorative Tree Planting &amp; Dedication of new play equipment</b> - The Lawns
		11.30am-4.30pm	<b>Local History Exhibition</b> - Combe Church
		7.00pm	<b>Queen's Jubilee Concert</b> - Village Hall
Sun	5	10.30am	<b>Songs of Praise</b> - Combe Church
			See Church Services
		12-2pm	<b>Village Jubilee Picnic</b> - Underway Meade
Wed	8	7pm-9.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Thu	9	7.30pm	<b>Combe Folk Dance Club</b> - Village Hall
Fri	10	2pm-4.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
		7.00pm	<b>Film Night</b> - Village Hall
Sun	12		See Church Services
Mon	13	10am & 2pm	<b>World Circle Dance</b> - Village Hall
Wed	15	7pm-9.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Fri	17	2pm-4.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
		7.30pm	<b>Ukrainian Welcome Evening</b> - Village Hall
Sat	18	3.00pm	<b>Summer Concert</b> - Whitestaunton Church
Sun	19		See Church Services
Wed	22	Outing	<b>Women's Fellowship</b>
		7pm-9.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Thu	23	7.30pm	<b>Combe Folk Dance Club</b> - Village Hall
Fri	24	2pm-4.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Sat	25	10-12.30pm & 2-4.30pm	<b>Flower Workshop</b> - Village Hall
Sun	26		See Church Services
		12pm-2pm	<b>Combe Café Sunday Lunches</b> - Village Hall
Mon	27	10am & 2pm	<b>World Circle Dance</b> - Village Hall
		7.30pm	<b>Parish Council</b> - Village Hall
Tue	28	8.00pm	<b>Taunton Deane Morris Men</b> - Whitestaunton
Wed	29	7pm-9.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Fri	29	2pm-4.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall



# your diary

## July

Fri	1	7.00pm	<b>Film Night</b> - Village Hall
Sat	2	12-3.00pm	<b>Summer Fayre</b> - Combe School & The Lawns
Sun	3		See Church Services
Mon	4		<b>Cut off date - Oil Co-operative</b>
		10am & 2pm	<b>World Circle Dance</b> - Village Hall
Wed	6	7pm-9.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Thu	7	7.30pm	<b>Combe Folk Dance Club</b> - Village Hall
Fri	8	7.30pm	<b>Cloverleaf Summer Show</b> - Village Hall
Sat	9	7.30pm	<b>Cloverleaf Summer Show</b> - Village Hall
Sun	10		See Church Services
Mon	11		<b>Cut-off date for Oil Co-operative</b>
Wed	13	7pm-9.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Sun	17		See Church Services
		3.00pm	<b>Summer Songs of Praise</b> - Whitestaunton Church
Wed	20	2.30pm	<b>Women's Fellowship</b> - Methodist Rooms
			<i>Garden Meeting</i>
		7pm-9.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Thu	21	7.30pm	<b>Combe Folk Dance Club</b> - Village Hall
Sat	23	2.30pm	<b>Wambrook Flower Show</b> - Cotley Tithe Barn
Sun	24		See Church Services
Mon	25	10am & 2pm	<b>World Circle Dance</b> - Village Hall
		7.30pm	<b>Parish Council</b> - Village Hall
Sat	30	10-12.30pm & 2-4.30pm	<b>Flower Workshop</b> - Village Hall
Sun	31		See Church Services
		12-2pm	<b>Combe Café Sunday Lunches</b> - Village Hall

## Ukrainian Welcome Evening

**17th June at 7.30-9pm at Combe Village Hall**

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## *...and Whitestaunton*

### **Taunton Deane Morris Men**

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, at 8pm, Taunton Deane Morris Men will be returning to dance by the Old School House in Whitestaunton. We had a very enjoyable time in 2019 and would welcome your support again as we celebrate one of England's oldest traditions. We will be moving on to dance at the Five Dials Inn, Horton, at 9pm.



The first written reference to Morris dancing dates from 1448 when 'morrysh dauncers' performed for the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, in London. The first record of Morris dancing in Somerset is at a church ale in Glastonbury in 1580. Early records suggest links with religious feast days, festivals and pageants (and occasional riots!), but its origins, purpose and significance are really all a matter of speculation. The dancing and music has been continually changing since the 15<sup>th</sup> century - it has survived plagues, Oliver Cromwell and world wars and we have no intention of letting Covid19 finish it off.

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## **A Moment in time** with John Phillips

Early one morning in the Spring of 1086 seven men set out from Whitestaunton. The Estate manager (the Bailiff) and six of the main tenant farmers (villains) had been summoned to South Petherton or another major Royal or Ecclesiastical centre to give evidence under oath before 4 Commissioners appointed by the King, William I. Eight jurors of the hundred of South Petherton (4 Frenchmen and 4 Englishmen) sat with the Commissioners.

A couple of months later they had to make a similar journey to confirm their evidence before another 4 Commissioners, including the Bishop of Durham, none of whom were from the region, as William was checking there had been no local bias in the first returns. The King wished to know the value of every inch of his realm to ensure he received all his feudal dues. He found Somerset short of over £110 in geld alone!

The evidence they heard from the men of Stantone, as it was then known, was recorded in the Domesday Book and is the first, and remarkably detailed, record of the manor.

*"Ansgar the Breton holds Stantone of the Count of Mortain. Alweard held it in 1066 and it paid tax for 3 hides. In demesne (Ansgars manor farm) are 1 ½ ploughs and 6 slaves; and 18 villains and 4 bordars with 3 ½ ploughs. There is a mill without rent and 260 acres of woodland and 50 acres of pasture rendering 4 blooms of Iron. It is worth 60s (£3)."*

Another fuller record of their evidence is found in the Exeter Book which tells that on the Lords farm:

*"There is 1 riding horse, 7 beasts (cattle) and 16 swine and 59 sheep and 13 she goats"*

and the manor had been worth only £1.50 when the Count received it.

The name Stantone derived from the Limestone (White Lias) found near the manor and used for finer stonework. Quarries near the manor were a little later leased by Forde Abbey and by Axminster Abbey for stone for their buildings.

The Count of Mortain, William's half brother, had hundreds of manors in the southern coastal counties, and owned two thirds of Cornwall. Ansgar was one of his knights with several other estates in Somerset and Dorset.

The villains and bordars, smaller tenant farmers, paid little or no money to Ansgar but did "customary labour services" on the manor farm in return for their holdings, and commoners rights to pasture and woodland.

In 1479 there was still 21 Tenements, but held now by 15 Tenants at Benhayes, Cleave Hill, Howley, Copse, Pyle, Brownsey, Woodhayes, Nash Ford and Northay.



**Robert, Count of Mortain**

As late as 1534 each tenement holder in addition to rent had to mow an acre of meadow and dry and rick the grass at the manor house. Also reap an acre of wheat and set up "stiches" thereafter. All tenants, including cottagers had to work for one day reaping corn receiving meat and drink for their labour.

## Weather watch – local rainfall report



Period	2022 Actual	2021 Actual	10 Yr Ave 2002-2011	10 Yr Ave 2012-2021
March	84	4	80	92
April	23	48	56	68
Jan-Feb	125	286	203	248
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>408</b>

All measurements in millimetres 25mm = 1" = 45 gallons/sq yard

There was rain on most days during the first half of March - with the second half being almost completely dry. The traditional April showers proved to be virtually non-existent, with the rain that fell on just 11 days, rarely amounting to more than a few millimetres each time.



## *Clubs and Societies*

### **Combe St. Nicholas Football Club**



The season is pretty much over and what a fantastic year it has been on and off the pitch. There is a real sense of pride around the club at the moment and I have been very pleased to have been able to show this off over the past few weeks and months to different members of our community. Over the last few years we have seen a real shift in culture at the club and I am extremely proud to be involved in such a progressive and passionate group of people within the village and the wider community.

If you haven't been to the football club recently, we would love you to come and see what everyone has been raving about this year and the next proper opportunity to do that at the time of writing is June the 3<sup>rd</sup> where the village's Jubilee celebration 'kicks off' (pun intended, thank you!). We will be hosting the annual Combe Community Cup between a Combe XI and a Young Farmers Team who will compete for the trophy and bragging rights for another year! The game kicks off at 5.30pm and by 7.30pm we will have live music as well as a bouncy castle and other children activities for a great evening for all ages! Our kitchen and bar will also be open. Please do come and see what a fantastic community asset you have on your doorstep and hopefully we will see you more often next year!

On the pitch, I couldn't be prouder. Our three men's teams have all had a great season, all earning a cup final in their respective leagues, and the Firsts won their Somerset County League Division 3 campaign with aplomb! The Ladies have had a difficult season on the pitch but their togetherness and drive are unrivalled in their league. The whole environment at the club is wonderful and having so many guests come and give their reviews has been so pleasing to hear.

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## Yarcombe and District YFC

April was a busy month socially for the club and continuing to meet for club meetings in village halls. Also participating in pub sports which we played against Honiton Young farmers on 5<sup>th</sup> April, but we unfortunately lost.

We started the month off with our well attended Wellies and work wear themed disco on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April, by kind permission of the Perry family hosted in a shed. A good night was had by all who attended drinking and dancing the night away, raising a fantastic £5000 profit for our charity of the year. On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April as a club social, 17 members went go-karting at Exeter race world, a fun evening was had by all who attended.

Our next social activity was our turn to host Pub of the month, where different clubs from East Devon take it in turn to host. Many thanks to Martin Phillips at the Sidmouth Arms, for allowing us to host our pub of the month here on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. It was a well attended evening, young farmers were able to enjoy live music.

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April, we held an on-farm show & sale, where three top notch 'beef out of dairy' cattle (around 16/17 months old) were judged. Due to our members being unable to move their stock to the Devon YFC show & sale at Exeter Market, we wanted to do something on farm so members hard work could still be recognised. Well done to Lisa Johnson who came first, Henry Pearse who came second and Vicky Pearse who came third. Thank you to our judge Martyn Boucher, for judging the cattle.

If anyone has any further questions and would like to become involved with Young Farmers, please contact our Chairman Jack Tomlinson on 07712 479384, or our Secretary Emily Dunster on 07368 654447. We have our club meetings every other week on Mondays in either Yarcombe or Upottery Village hall 8pm start.

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## Combe St Nicholas Art Group

Another successful term of Friday morning meetings ended on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We meet in the Village Hall at Combe St Nicholas, starting at 10.am and finishing at midday. The cooperation of the hall committee is appreciated.

Our group is not tutor led but depends on the social interaction of members to inspire our artistic efforts. A programme for each term is drawn up in advance, as a guide to the subject to be attempted each Friday. The subjects for the term just ended varied from a waterscape (reflections), to Frogs and Spawn! The latter rather challenging as to interpretation?

There will be an exhibition of our work in the village hall on Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Please place this date in your diary, as you will be very welcome to come and see us all. Further information to follow.

The group does not meet during the summer. We start again on September 16<sup>th</sup> until December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, inclusive. This will be a 13-session term as we will not meet on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, our membership is at full capacity, so if you would like to join our group, please contact me when I will add you to our waiting list.

**David Selley (01460 61527)**  
**Email: [brambles7@btinternet.com](mailto:brambles7@btinternet.com)**

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## Combe Community Group

The Quiz arranged back in April was enjoyed by all. In May, Claire Stenhouse came armed with lots of different plants that can be used after she showed everyone how to make their own hanging baskets or pots. Lots of interesting questions – lots of different people attended – 34 altogether, so this new Group seems to be starting well. Do come and join us.

The next 2 meetings of this combined Community Group are -

On the afternoon of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June, a visit has been arranged to Sharandy's Birds of Prey Centre at Langham, avian flu permitting! Includes cream tea. There is a limit on numbers but please contact Sue Pargeter on 63445 or Anne Hunt on 61296 to be included.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm- a walking tour around the centre of Combe village where we hope to show everyone the interesting history of a lot of houses and places. Meet at the Village Hall Everyone welcome.

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# Cloverleaf Parish Pages

## Vicar's Letter

*As I write this, we are all busy preparing for the Queen's Jubilee just a short way away now. Maybe you will join with others to celebrate, maybe you will quietly do so on your own. And regardless of your personal views on the Royal Family there is something quite remarkable about a woman who has dedicated her life to serving her country, standing by the vows and oaths she made on Coronation Day and still serving at the age of ninety-six.*

*It is totally amazing to me that she still has the stamina to keep going, save for physical barriers which have become more pronounced since the death of Prince Philip. We also know that the Queen's faith is very important to her and I guess the gift of serving her Lord has been part of her help from God so far.*

*As we, prepare to be involved in the Parishes activities, I am remembering the stories I have heard in my time here so far. The richness and diversity that comes with celebration, the tremendous amount of work that has gone into Carnival and teas, children's races and Galas, all over town and village, bringing life and vitality, enjoyment and fun as we have come together in moments which are caught in history.*

*I recently sat with some pupils from Holyrood as they talked and shared with older community members, hearing the story of their experience of Coronation Day, it was again so rich and varied but precious.*

*We are in the middle of one of those historic moments which folk will ask of in the future. "What was it like, or what do you remember about the day you celebrated the Coronation of the Queen?" May it be a time of working together, being together and celebrating together for us all, carrying forward into the future the goodness and kindness of community then and now, and for me to thank God for the Queen.*

**Rev Georgina Vye.**

St Nicholas would like to thank Claire Stenhouse from Combe Dingle Nursery for the donation of daffodil bulbs, which the school children had great fun planting.

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

#### Births:

Felicity Hopkins

Combe

#### We give thanks for the lives of:

Doris Wheadon

Combe

Shelia Saunders

## Whitestaunton Church

### What's On June and July 2022

All are warmly welcomed to join us for our services and community events

#### Services

Sunday 12 June	6pm	Evensong
Sunday 19 June	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 July	6pm	Evensong

#### Sat 18 June 3pm

#### Summer Afternoon Concert with Cream Teas.

Tickets £8.00. under 12s free. Raffle for Church Fabric Fund.

#### Tuesday 28 June 8pm Taunton Deane Morris Men

#### Sunday 17 July 3pm

#### Summer Songs of Praise and Pimms/Fruit Cordial with Whitestaunton Church Choir

### Whitestaunton's Wilder Churchyard

The PCC would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped at the Church Tidy Morning in May. Thank you also to our fantastic voluntary team of grass cutters who cut the grass in May. Due to the success of last year's project, we have decided to leave the back bank unmown again until early September and also a strip of grass around the perimeter of the whole churchyard. The aim is to allow more wildlife to thrive and to create a pollination corridor. The rest of the churchyard will be mown as usual.

#### To watch a talk about our project: go to: Section 5:

<https://www.somersetwildlife.org/events/wilder-churches>

### Wildlife spotted Spring/Early Summer



Mining Bee

Dark-bordered Bee-fly	Common Shiny Woodlouse
Small Tortoiseshell Butterfly	Dandelion
Red Admiral Butterfly	Groundsel
Red Mason Bee	Ivy-leaved Toadflax
Buff-tailed Bumblebee	Herb Robert
Hairy-footed Flower Bee	Hairy Bitterness
Pill Woodlouse	Germander Speedwell
Rough Woodlouse	Shepherds Purse

## Church Services across the Benefice

JUNE	Combe	Wambrook	Whitestaunton	Chard	Ham
<b>June 5<sup>th</sup> Pentecost SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.30am</b> SONGS OF PRAISE	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion BCP		<b>8.00am</b> Holy Communion  <b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship	<b>6.00pm</b> BCP Evensong
<b>Sun. June 12<sup>th</sup> Trinity SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion CW	<b>6.00pm</b> BCP Evensong	<b>10.00am</b> Holy Communion	
<b>June.19<sup>th</sup> Trinity 1 Father's Day</b>	<b>10.30am</b> Service of the Word at the Parish Church	<b>6.00pm</b> BCP Even- song	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>8.00am</b> Holy Communion  <b>10.00am</b> Service of the Word	<b>6.00pm</b> BCP Evenson g
<b>June 26<sup>th</sup> Trinity 2</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Holy Communion Benefice Service at Chard for John's First Eucharist				

**BCP Communion: 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10.00am at Combe**

For enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact the clergy. If you would like us to visit you or just want a chat please do not hesitate to contact me.

Rev Georgina

## Church Services across the Benefice

JULY	Combe	Wambrook	Whitestaunton	Chard	Ham
<b>July 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>Trinity 3</b> <b>Thomas</b> <b>The Apos- tle</b>	<b>10.30am</b> Family Service	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion BCP		<b>8.00am</b> Holy Communion  <b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship 10.30 @St Mary's	<b>6.00pm</b> BCP Evensong
<b>July 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 4</b>	<b>10.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion CW	<b>6.00pm</b> BCP Evensong	<b>10.00am</b> Holy Communion	
<b>July 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 5</b>	<b>10.30am</b> Service at the Methodist Church	<b>6.00pm</b> BCP Evensong	<b>3.00pm</b> Summer Songs of Praise	<b>8.00am</b> Holy Communion  <b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship	<b>6.00pm</b> BCP Evensong
<b>July 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 6</b>	<b>10.30am</b> Holy Communion			<b>10.00am</b> Holy Communion	
<b>July 31<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Trinity 7</b>	<b>10.30am</b> Holy Communion at Whitestaunton				

## Wambrook Flowers and Cleaning

### Altar Flowers

June 5 & 12

Jacqueline Cosby

June 19 & 26

Elsbeth Hunt

July 3 & 10

Mary Perry

### Cleaning

Lynne Campbell

Naomi Knight

Steph Walsh

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