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# Overview

## *Cloverleaf needs a new editor!*

After 20+ years editing Cloverleaf, I am going to retire. Writing this piece should have been my final job. However, the current state of the housing market means that I'll probably be around for a while longer. I'm moving to live nearer to my daughter in Yorkshire, and that means finding someone else to edit the magazine - you may have seen posters or ads on Facebook..

Although it can be fiddly fitting everything in, it's not that difficult and only occupies a few hours every **two months**. Ideally it would have suited someone who already had some desktop publishing experience, but our printer has kindly offered to use his skill in that area, providing all the magazine items can be supplied to him in the right format. So, the new Editor just needs to be experience with Word and have a really good knowledge of how to use it. Any other talents, such as photo editing, would be a bonus.

Of course, there would be no magazine without the loyal band of regular reporters on village activities plus the very welcome occasional contributors. They widen our knowledge with lots of interesting information on a many and varied range of subjects, and I'm very grateful that they have continued to send in their copy - usually on time! - for so long. Liaising with this group is a very important part of the editor's role.

We also need someone **once a year** to sell the advertising - so that Cloverleaf can continue to be provided to everyone free of charge. I've been doing that job as well, but it would make sense to split the role. Most of the advertisers respond to an email approach, but a few still need contacting by phone.

It's important to point out that, like the many other roles in village activities, there is **absolutely no payment** other than necessary expenses such as postage and stationery, attached to either of these 'jobs' - doing them is simply a labour of love!

If you are interested in either role and would like to chat/learn more, please do not hesitate to call **01460 61896** or email **csnparishmag@btinternet.com**

*Lesley Cole*

Editor

## *In the Garden..*with Claire Stenhouse at Combe Dingle Nursery

It's been 13 years since I decided to take the plunge and open my own plant nursery. And I've never looked back, well I did try but it seems a bit of a blur having small children at the time and still helping on my parents' dairy farm until the cows were sold in October 2020.

I feel extremely lucky having spent most of my working life in horticulture and rarely has there been a day that I have not looked forward to going to work. Over time I have learned that August is one of my quieter months. It's the month that most of you are holidaying or enjoying just being in your gardens and other years I would say August is too hot for gardening. I have been making the most of this and having some time with the shop shut. I have enjoyed some wonderful times away with much loved friends and family. However, part of me kicks myself for leaving my garden when it should be at its best. But the most part of me comes back with fresh eyes and the passion for my garden and my business reignited. September has given us some of the best weather we have had all summer.

Now I have a list of jobs I would like to see achieved. Repairs and maintenance, Plans/ dreams for the future (always a LONG list) and cooking and preserving the bountiful harvest that awaited me. I seem to have a flush of annual weeds which I am clearing before they set seed. Perennial weeds I try to get as much root out as possible.

While it is dry dig potatoes and store in a cool place where no light can get to them. Any damaged potatoes should be used first as they won't keep. I have had great success with some new varieties and will be sure to stock them again in the spring. I always love to hear your growing successes, failures and tips. It is great to pass this knowledge on and to try out other methods. It also helps me to know what varieties grows well here and which to stock in the future.

Autumn jobs feel a long way off with the lovely September we have been having. However, nights are drawing in and we will soon be clearing the lawn of leaves and storing them for leaf mould.

Bulbs are in the shops now. Get in early to get the most choice and to pick the healthiest bulbs. They are some of the easiest things to grow and give such pleasure next year and most will be for many years to come. Many of my customers have said it's like being in a sweet shop. You can understand why when you see people planning in their heads, counting out bulbs and scribbling notes on their precious brown paper bags.

## THERE'S WAS A HOLE IN OUR ROOF!

Dear All,

**The Village Hall Committee is delighted to be able to say, the hole in our roof is no more!**

You will recall, our 111-year-old roof was in dire need of some serious TLC. Well, it's now better than new with two layers of insulation AND a new breathable and waterproof membrane sitting just under the rehung tiles.



What has all this all cost? Well, the roof/insulation costs are working out at around £25,986. We did find the old chimney that served the open fireplace in the old Committee Room was in poor shape, so we took the opportunity to remove it down to below the roof line and we ended up replacing the asbestos tiles from over the committee room. The cost of Solar Roof Panels and 10kwh battery fitted, is round about £21,120.

As you might expect, we went looking for some help with funding this project. We had been hoping for a £12,000 grant from the ACRE Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund, but after a lot of form filling and rushing around getting letters and paperwork from various bodies, we were unsuccessful due to the lease we have with the Church not meeting the grant criteria!

With the Parish Council having very kindly pledged us £5,000, we turned to asking you our community for help, and my word you didn't disappoint us!

The Football Club, Cloverleaf Productions, The Bowls Club, the Art Group, the Book Club and The Ilminster Ukulele Clubs Show, the Horticultural Society along with many, many of our community members all came forward with donations, in total we raised over £11,840, and the donations are still trickling in I'm glad to say. So, a **BIG THANK YOU to you** all, and here's to a warm, dry and energy sustainable village hall for many years to come.

**Please feel free to contact Ian our Treasurer on 01460 64098 or you can email [csnvillagehall@hotmail.com](mailto:csnvillagehall@hotmail.com) for more information or if you would like to make a donation as well. Many thanks for taking the time to read this and for your support for our lovely little Village Hall, a real community asset to be proud of.**

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A relatively quiet few months, apart from some planning applications, some slightly controversial in design, but notification has just come in about the site at Cuttiford's Door/Mount Hindrance for 295 dwellings + relocation of Chard Football Club and associated pitches. This originally was discussed back in 2012, went to appeal in 2014, and outline permission finally granted. Amended details have now been submitted for discussion.

A request for cricket nets has been made, and although too late for this year, prices and sites (Combe Wood Recreational Field) will be considered. It would also be helpful if residents would let us know if they would support this facility.

Grateful thanks are extended to Lesley Cole for producing this very helpful magazine every 2 months, and we wish her well with future plans

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Anne Hunt – Parish Clerk, Tel. 01460 61296**  
**combestnicholaspg@gmail.com website – [www.combestnicholas.org.uk](http://www.combestnicholas.org.uk)**

### *Film Nights for October & November*

#### **October 5th - Allelujah**

Based on Alan Bennet's play of the same name, this is a warm and deeply moving story about old age., starring amongst others, Jennifer Saunders and Judi Dench.



#### **November 3rd - Mrs Harris goes to Paris**

In 1950s London, a widowed cleaning lady (played by Lesley Manville) falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, deciding she must have one of her own. To pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris that will change not only her own outlook -- but the very future of the House of Dior.

*Our Village Hall Film Shows are not to be missed*

**Doors open at 6:30pm with ice-creams on sale and the film starts at 7pm.**



## Underway Meade

Writing this article as the thermometer reads 28°C, it is hard to believe that after a nondescript summer, we are now over a week into September and evenings are already drawing in!



### ***The wonderful Wessex Water volunteers who helped to make the Meade sheep-ready!***

Despite the poor summer, the vegetation has grown with enthusiasm and so we were delighted to welcome the Wessex Water volunteers in August to help us prepare the mound for the sheep and strim the path edges and hedges which were causing obstacles, not to mention nettle stings and bramble scratches, for any visitors trying to walk round.

As mentioned in the last issue, after Chris had kindly repaired the fence, the sheep returned on Bank Holiday Monday and wasted no time setting to and gobbling up grass and even nettles on the Mound. There are ten of them this year, including Tim the ram, (he's the one with the impressive horns!) 4 ewes and 5 lambs, though the latter are growing fast and will soon be difficult to distinguish from their mums! As usual we check them out every morning, so you may well hear them making a racket when we arrive as they enjoy the sheep nuts we entice them down with, and there is usually a bit of a tussle to see which one can get the most!



### ***Tim's magnificent horns!***

Thanks to Bill, Luke and Steve who have carried out some tree thinning in the woods recently as there were a few dead ones, plus some have been attacked by fungus, so for safety reasons we had to fell them. The plus side is that we can use the branches for path edging and may well be able to make some more benches in due course. Also, opening up the under storey to more light may



encourage more flowers to grow, such as bluebells and snowdrops.

Thanks also to Ian and his trusty "Little Grey Fergie" for regularly mowing the main meadows for us, to Bill who keeps the grass paths and picnic area mowed with the sit upon mower, and to Stuart who collected a donated hand mower which will be used in the Wild Play area and who has also helped with maintenance as needed.

The Combe Critters have now started up their new season with sessions on the third Wednesday of the month. We are beginning to plan our winter maintenance tasks now, so watch out for posters asking for community help such as bramble bashing. If anybody has any chippings (not prickly ones!) we would be glad to have them for spreading on the paths. We also look forward to welcoming the Neroche Woodland volunteers again. We are so lucky that they enjoy visiting us to help with various tasks in the Meade and we can always keep them busy!

Thanks as usual for all your support, keep enjoying the Meade and don't forget to come and say hello to the sheep!

**Lynn Osborne, Chair, Combe St. Nicholas Parochial Trust.**  
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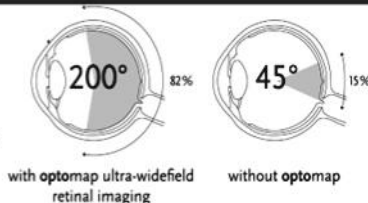


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If you have anything to donate towards a shoebox or if you have empty shoeboxes waiting to be covered with Christmas paper, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you to those people who have already given me items and left lots on my doorstep anonymously. If you feel that you can fill a whole box I have leaflets available giving details of 'How to pack your shoebox'. I shall also put ready wrapped shoeboxes into the Parish Church, as I have done in the past.

If you are unable to put together a whole shoebox but would like to help, then I should be very grateful for any fillers which you know would be useful in a shoebox, as I shall be running my own 'mini warehouse' at home, completing shoeboxes. Last year I sent 103 filled shoeboxes from my house to the main warehouse. Donations of empty shoeboxes, wrapping paper, knitted hats, scarves and gloves and wool for knitting would be most welcome.

Thank you so much for your support.

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### August 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Place was **Pat Poole.**

2<sup>nd</sup> place was **Sue Lloyd.**

3<sup>rd</sup> place was **Kevin Douglas.**

### September 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Place was **Rob Dart.**

2<sup>nd</sup> place was **Lynn/Steve Osborne.**

3<sup>rd</sup> place was **Missy Croucher.**

**A very big congratulations to them and an even bigger THANK YOU for your support.**

If you haven't joined to help raise money for your village hall, then please call Ian on **01460 64098** or email **csnvillagehall@hotmail.com** to get your application form and start joining in the fun and you could become a WINNER! as well.

## Wadeford Charity Book Club

Well, despite competition from another event in the village, the September Book Sale was a very busy affair. There were huge quantities of book donations again, possibly doubling our stock on the day, but also plenty of people seeking out their autumn reading material



For your diaries the next sale is **Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>**– yes, just one book sale before Christmas.

Our policy is never to say no to offers of books, but if you do have a van load, or if you need us to collect, please give us a call on **01460 261950** beforehand.

Free entry, remember, and we are open 2pm – 4pm, with a request you get there by 3.30pm – we still have a lot of tidying up after our visitors have left!

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# Sunday School Wood

## Extra Help Needed!

The existing deleted, team need additional hands just to deal with day to day maintenance, let alone future development. We are increasingly restricted by the ravages of age, so please think about joining us on Tuesday mornings for an hour or two.

We seriously need to consider whether just to concentrate on day to day maintenance, or whether we can develop. With that in mind, thanks to Sam and Henry at Hallfield House for the offer of yellow rattle seed from their existing meadow, and the help in picking it. Unfortunately, most of the seed had already dropped, but we did collect some which we will sow in Brian's patch. Must try earlier next year.

Allan Johnston has just made a good job of replacing the sign listing the native trees planted in September 1995. Thanks Allan. The new seat in memory of Audrey and Ken Miller is now well installed, and looks great.

Unfortunately, Brian's patch did not develop as well as hoped. Maybe next year!! We have some flower seeds left over from this year, so hopefully we can get them sown.

Frank Warriner (67407)

## Weather watch – local rainfall report



Period	2023 Actual	2022 Actual	10 Yr Ave 2003-2012	10 Yr Ave 2013-2022
July	126	9	95	50
August	84	39	88	87
Jan - June	473	365	472	565
TOTAL	683	413	655	702

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

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We stage twenty weekly talks each year; ten during the autumn and ten during the spring. These begin at 10.15 a.m. and generally last for about 60 minutes with time afterwards for questions. Teas and coffees are available from 9.15.

It is our policy to provide a balanced programme of talks and to encourage, where possible, local experts to share something of their knowledge and enthusiasms with us. Talks are not limited to local interests and each programme will include subjects which range over a wide spectrum of knowledge.

Our 2023 autumn programme will include Cider Country, 500 years of Trompe L'Oeil, Travels in Morocco and the Western Sahara with the Nomads plus much more.

We currently have vacancies for the year 2023/24. Membership costs £25 per year which includes all 20 talks. Visitors are very welcome at £3.00 a visit, (includes a free coffee/tea), provided there are seats available.

If you are interested, please contact the Secretary, Sue Morley - tel 01460 53378 or email [suemorley@talktalk.net](mailto:suemorley@talktalk.net) or the Membership Secretary, Lesley Lusby on 01460 57914 or email [nlc40@hotmail.com](mailto:nlc40@hotmail.com)

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## **Combe St. Nicholas Annual Show**

On behalf of the Annual Show Committee, I'd like to thank everyone who supported the Show, either by entering or attending on the day. Special thanks go to Claire Stenhouse for her trophy sponsorship, Paul at Castle Rosettes in Sticklepath and last, but certainly not least, the Combe Community Group for keeping everyone well fed and watered.

We had concerns about how well it would be supported after a four-year gap, but were pleasantly surprised. It shows once more how good an opportunity it is for all ages in the community to come together. We will start planning next year's Show soon. Let's make it even better than this year's!

**Rob Grimmond 01460 261234**

## Excerpts from the Churchwarden's Report

Our monthly coffee mornings are proving to be a great success and at May's coffee morning we introduced 10 craft stalls. June's coffee morning had 3 craft and then in July we had 2 craft stalls. August's coffee morning was a great success with 10 craft stalls; it certainly is very popular with Combe residents to meet up over a cup of coffee and a slice of cake.

Bishop Michael presided at our Benefice Holy Communion in May. It had already been organised for the Benefice churchwardens to meet with Bishop Michael in St Mary's church rooms the following day, when we shared a meal provided by Rev Ann, Georgina and John; our Lay Reader Ruth was able to join us. We were later joined by all 4 PCC's (Chard, Wambrook, Whitestaunton and Combe) where we were able to chat freely with Bishop Michael.

Rev Ann Kember's last service took place last Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> July. It was an uplifting service but very emotional, starting with children from Manor Court School performing two songs and giving Ann a framed picture of a koala as 'apparently, she told the children she wasn't allowed one when she was a child'! She was also presented with a framed hand drawn picture of our five churches, drawn by local resident, Peter Tucker. She has now taken a new post in Suffolk. We are now officially in an interregnum.

In September Rev Deborah and Brian the donkey took our Songs of Praise around the village. Then, in the afternoon, we had the Farey family concert joined by the Protheroe family for the Lion Sleeps Tonight (Wimoweh, Wimoweh)! There were 80+ people who stayed for a delicious cream tea.

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## Chard Macular Society Support Group

The Chard Macular Society Group has recently relaunched, and would like to welcome people living with a macular condition, or central vision loss to join them.

Age-related macular degeneration affects over 700,000 people in the UK. Friends, family members, and anyone wanting to learn about the support that is available, can come along to the group.

Meetings are now running on the first Friday of the month, at 11am until 12.30pm. The full meeting address is: Baptist Church, 9 Holyrood Street, CHARD, Somerset, TA20 2AH.

Please contact Jo Fishwick, South West Regional Manager to find out more about the group, on: **07947 373 244**.

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## October

Mon	2	10.30am	<b>World Circle Dance</b> - Village Hall
		7.30pm	<b>Combe Resilience Group</b> - Village Hall
Thu	5	7.30pm	<b>Combe Folk Dance Club</b> - Village Hall
Fri	6	10 -12noon	<b>Art Group</b> - Village Hall
		6.30pm	<b>Film Night</b> - Village Hall
Sun	8		See Church Services
Wed	11	7pm-9.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Fri	13	10 -12noon	<b>Art Group</b> - Village Hall
		2pm-4pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Sat	14	10am-12noon	<b>Coffee Morning</b> - St Nicholas Church, Combe
Sun	15		See Church Services
Mon	16	7.30pm	<b>Combe Community Group</b> - Village Hall
			<i>Rev Deborah Perreau - Bees</i>
Wed	18	2.30pm	<b>Women's Fellowship</b> - Methodist Rooms
			<i>Sandie Potts. " Faith Community's Response to Mayor Incidents</i>
		7pm-9.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Thu	19	7.30pm	<b>Combe Folk Dance Club</b> - Village Hall
Fri	20	10 -12noon	<b>Art Group</b> - Village Hall
		2pm-4pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Sun	22		See Church Services
Mon	23	10.30am	<b>World Circle Dance</b> - Village Hall
Wed	25	7pm-9.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Fri	27	10 -12noon	<b>Art Group</b> - Village Hall
		2pm-4pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Sat	28	10am-11am	<b>Combe Duplo &amp; Lego Club</b> - Methodist Rooms
Sun	29		See Church Services
		12-2pm	<b>Combe Café Sunday Lunches</b> - Village Hall
Mon	30	7.30pm	<b>Combe Parish Council</b> - Village Hall



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## November

Thu	2	7.30pm	<b>Combe Folk Dance Club</b> - Village Hall
Fri	3	10 -12noon 6.30 for 7.00pm	<b>Art Group</b> - Village Hall <b>Film Night</b> - Village Hall
Sun	5		See Church Services
		2pm-4pm	<b>Wadeford Charity Book Sale</b> - Village Hall
		<b>LAST ENTRIES 3.30PM</b>	
Mon	6	10.30am	<b>World Circle Dance</b> - Village Hall
Wed	8	7pm-9.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Fri	10	10 -12noon 2pm-4pm	<b>Art Group</b> - Village Hall <b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Sun	12		See Church Services
Wed	15	2.30pm	<b>Women's Fellowship</b> - Methodist Rooms
			<i>Malcolm Smith - Night Skies</i>
		7pm-9.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Thu	16	7.30pm	<b>Combe Folk Dance Club</b> - Village Hall
Fri	17	10 -12noon 2pm-4pm 7.30pm	<b>Art Group</b> - Village Hall <b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall <b>Double Bill Music Concert</b> - Combe Church
Sun	19		See Church Services
Mon	20	10.30am 7.30pm	<b>World Circle Dance</b> - Village Hall <b>Combe Community Group</b> - Village Hall
			<i>Steve Hyde - Local History</i>
Wed	22	7pm-9.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Fri	24	10 -12noon 2pm-4pm	<b>Art Group</b> - Village Hall <b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Sat	25	10am-2pm 10 - 11am	<b>St. Nicholas Christmas Fair</b> - Combe Church <b>Combe Duplo &amp; Lego Club</b> - Methodist Rooms
Sun	26		See Church Services
		12-2pm	<b>Combe Café Sunday Lunches</b> - Village Hall
Mon	27	7.30pm	<b>Combe Parish Council</b> - Village Hall
Wed	29	7pm-9.30pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Village Hall
Thu	30	7.30pm	<b>Combe Folk Dance Club</b> - Village Hall

## December

Sat	1	11.00am - 5.00pm	<b>Cotley Christmas Fair</b> - The Tythe Barn, Cotley, <i>Beautiful gift ideas, Seasonal Treats and Festive Fun</i> <i>Free Entry, Free Parking, Raffle, Tombola</i>
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In November, last year we held a meeting in the Village Hall to set out the benefits of planning ahead. We discussed how the community would cope in an emergency and invited people to set out their concerns and provide assistance where appropriate. There are real threats - don't forget the flooding!

I'm pleased to say that a number of people offered resources and other help, both at the meeting and subsequently.

We are now close to finalising the Plan and, in the next few months, will be holding two meetings in the village hall. The first, at 7.30 p.m. on Monday October 2nd, will primarily be for those who have offered help and resources. We could still use more volunteers, so, if you think you could help, you are warmly welcome to come along (and/or email or telephone me as below).

The second meeting, on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, will be a public meeting where we will officially launch the Plan and discuss how it will work. In due course, there will be reminders on posters and Facebook.

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## ***A Moment in Time* with John Phillips: Part 3**

Two months after the Battle of Sedgemoor the Lord Chief Justice, Judge Jeffreys set out to try over 1500 captured rebels for High Treason. Arrangements had already been made for about 1000 of these to be transported to the West Indies, by London merchants willing to pay about £10 a head (benefiting mainly the Queen and her ladies in waiting).

The rebels were tried in 8 days of court hearings at Dorchester, Exeter, Taunton and finally Wells where 542 were tried in one day. There the one man who pleaded not guilty was found guilty and hung that afternoon.



At the first sitting of the “Bloody Assizes” at Dorchester on Saturday 5 September, Jeffreys made it clear that pleading not guilty was inadvisable. The 30 who pleaded not guilty were tried in a morning and 29 were found guilty and Jeffreys sentenced all 29 to be to be hung on the Monday.

Jack Ketch the Royal executor, who had beheaded the Duke of Monmouth at Tower Hill seven weeks before, protested. He stated that he and his assistant butcher could only process a maximum of 13 in one day.

Hanging, disemboweling, burning the entrails before the victims (hopefully unseeing) eyes, quartering and then boiling the heads and parts in great cauldrons with salt and tar all took time. 13 men suffered this fate on the following Monday. Amongst them was Tom Smith, constable of Chardstock and Wambrook. His defense, that he was under duress when he handed militia money to the rebels, was unsuccessful.

Henry Rowe from Chardstock received the same sentence and hung with others, 8 days later at Sherborne. When Jeffreys moved on to the Exeter assize a third Chardstock/Wambrook rebel was found guilty and hung ... at Honiton on the 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Three men from Wambrook/Chardstock were sentenced to transportation. John Pinney, tried at Dorchester, 3 weeks later was on the ironically named “Happy Return” heading out of Weymouth for Barbados. There he was bought by Capt. George Terwight.

John Budge was tried at Taunton and transported from Bristol for Barbados on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1685. He was sold to a John Barston. Richard Spiller was one of the 342 tried at Wells in one day. He was transported to Jamaica on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Between 10% - 20% of the prisoners died during passage from the overcrowded and unsanitary conditions below deck. Three men from Combe were transported.

Humphrey Maundrey and Nathaniel Standerwick both from Combe were tried at Wells. Humphrey managed to escape on his way to Weymouth "somewhere between Wells and Sherborne". Nathaniel was transported from Weymouth on the "Betty" for Barbados on 25<sup>th</sup> November. He was sold to Thomas Beresford.

Leonard Staple, a 20-year-old carter, was tried at Taunton and on 7<sup>th</sup> December was transported to Barbados. He was probably from Combe. A Leonard Staple senior of Combe was reported as "out in rebellion" either killed at Sedgemoor or in hiding.

Judge Jeffreys ordered the county sheriffs to execute 86 men in 15 towns in Dorset and West Devon, and 240 men in 35 towns in Somerset. The heads and quarters were displayed on spikes prominently in these towns and adjacent parishes "as the Sheriffs thought fit".

12 men were executed at Chard's old hanging ground at Snowdon Hill. The red signpost on the Wambrook road commemorates their awful fate. Amongst them were two farmers from Uppottery, William Davy and James Dommett, Simon Cross of Wellington, Humphrey Hitchcock a cloth worker from Thorncombe and Edward Fort - the only man actually from Chard.



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## *Clubs and Societies*

### **Combe Art Group.**

After Friday meetings in the Hall came to an end in May we continued with a programme of outdoor sketching which has taken us through the Summer. A varying number of members took part each week and despite the changeable weather we only missed one Friday because of it. We found a variety of venues including Perry's Cider, Hornsbury Mill, Dillington House, Cricket St Thomas, Chard Reservoir and a member's garden. We resumed our Fridays in the Hall on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00. to 12.30.

We have some vacancies for new members so if you would enjoy a relaxing morning in good company with a pen, pencil or paintbrush to hand please use the contact information below. We are a mixed Group of varying ability and with different approaches. Topics are suggested although some people prefer to work on their own ideas.

For further information contact: Ian Whitehead. Tel. **64607**, email **ibandavidwhitehead3@gmail.com**, Audrey Ketcher Tel. **261628**, email **audiek18@gmail.com** or any other member of the Group.

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### **Combe Community Group**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October Rev. Deborah Perreau will be telling us all about keeping Bees, and all the connections these marvellous creatures make to keep our planet alive.

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November Steve Hyde, who has lived in Wadeford all his life, will be sharing old photos and lots of very interesting local history with us.

Everyone very welcome to all meetings. **7.30pm in the Village Hall. £3** entry including refreshments.

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The 2023/24 season has well and truly begun and Combe Ladies have started the year with a bang! Earning their place in the end of season Chairman's Cup Final at the end of last year, the Ladies had to wait until September to finally play and they certainly made the wait worth it! Glastonbury FC hosted the game against Berrow Ladies and despite going 1-0 down in the first three minutes, the Ladies were excellent and controlled the match for the remainder, winning 4-1! Gary Biss's Ladies should quite rightly be delighted with their efforts and should start the season with confidence and optimism.

For the men, it has been a summer to forget at Combe FC after what has been a brilliant last two years. Our First Team manager and the majority of players have crossed the A358 to Ilminster, with our teams all moving up one to fill the void. The start to the season has been tough, but I am pleased with the commitment and hunger that remains in the players who are still giving it a good go! Results aren't going our way as it stands but we hope over time we can settle and provide the village with some great football once more. Please do support the lads who are working hard to keep Combe FC a great place to play football within the local area.

Despite the results, Combe FC continues to make positive steps for the future. I am thrilled that Avishayes Combe Youth are now 100% based at Combe FC after having stints at Avishayes and Forton. I would like to thank the Avishayes Combe Youth Committee and their volunteers in helping this to happen, and to the Hine family for helping to accommodate such an important asset to the club. We will have plenty of games on up the club over the season across all year groups so please come and support the amazing youngsters, who will hopefully be the future of Combe FC!

We loved hosting a Christening and 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party over the last month, it has been great to see so many different faces in the village and beyond coming to use our facilities. Please contact **[combefc@live.co.uk](mailto:combefc@live.co.uk)** if you have any interest in hiring the space for an event.

We hope to see you at the club soon!

**James Gilbert**  
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## Yarcombe & District Young Farmers



It has been nice to see the sunny weather make a return at the start of September. The month of August into the start of September has seen the club meet to discuss upcoming events and enjoy many social activities attending various clubs discos in the local area at many of these events pulling TOW.

Several members from the club enjoyed a club social afternoon to Sheppy's cider in Taunton on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August. They enjoyed learning how the cider is made exploring the orchards and seeing the process and of course sampling the great cider on offer!



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> September we had a club social bike ride where we cycled through the Blackdown Hills stopping at local pubs for a drink in the sun, we started at the Flintlock car park, onto the candlelight, then onto the York and then finally cycled to the Sidmouth Arms. A great afternoon was had by all who attended.

Upcoming we have our annual harvest supper on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at Barleymow's Farm Shop, 7pm for 7:30pm, to celebrate the years achievements. Followed by our AGM on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, where we are also hoping to present the cheque to Hospiscare for all the money raised the past year.

As the young farmers year is coming to an end for our officers, we have had a great year fundraising for charity, many social activities, involved in sports and competitions. Keep an eye out for our new members meeting - anyone is welcome to join us ages 15-28 - to be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at Yarcombe Village Hall 8pm

### ***You don't have to be a farmer to be a young farmer!***

It's a great way to meet new friends and get involved in competitions and having fun.

If anyone has any further questions and would like to become involved with Young Farmers, please contact our Chairman Will Vining on 07850605542. We have our club meetings every other week in either Yarcombe or Upton Village Hall 8pm start.

***Natalie Sampson***

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*The willow trees near my friend have suddenly, over the last couple of days, started to go very yellow whilst the trees around still hold the rich green with no signs of change....yet.*

*The blackberries were ready for picking in August, a most unusually early time I think. I am struck this year by the colours in nature afresh and how we are all part of a flow in creation, we cannot help but be part of the moving from one season to another, part of the changes we cannot control or stop, each bringing its own richness, its own fruits, its own unique outlook on life.*

*The hay was brought in for harvest and we turn towards giving thanks for what we have received, especially living in this wonderful part of the county.*

*At the same time, we hold in our minds those who are suffering, through the stresses and strains of their lives, for those who have lost everything and their loved ones in floods and earthquakes. Part of the balance in the seasons and our lives, is to find in our own ways, the time and care for not only ourselves, but those who are struggling and suffering, a way to reach out for them as we would hope they would reach out for us, a responding in care and love. That where possible we may move together rather than alone through one season into the next.*

*Rev Georgina*

## Church Services across the Benefice

OCTOBER	Combe	Wambrook	Whitestaunton	Chard
<b>Oct 1<sup>st</sup></b> 17 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	<b>10.30 am</b> Harvest Family Service	<b>9.15am</b> BCP Morning Prayer		<b>8.00am</b> Holy Communion  <b>10.00am</b> Harvest Festival Songs of Praise
<b>Oct 8<sup>th</sup></b> 18 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	<b>10.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> Harvest Festival	<b>6.30pm</b> Harvest Festival	<b>10.00am</b> Holy Communion with Childrens Society Shared Lunch
<b>Oct 15<sup>th</sup></b> 19 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	<b>10.30am</b> Service of the Word with the Methodists at the Parish Church	<b>6.00pm</b> BCP Evensong	<b>9.15am</b> CW Holy Communion	<b>8.00am</b> Holy Communion  <b>10.00am</b> Service of the Word
<b>Oct 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 20 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity St Luke	<b>10.30am</b> Holy Communion			<b>10.00am</b> Holy Communion
<b>Oct 29<sup>th</sup></b> 4 <sup>th</sup> before Advent Bible Sunday	<b>10.00am</b> Benefice Service at Chard			

## Church Services across the Benefice

NOVEMBER	Combe	Wambrook	Whitestaunton	Chard
<b>Nov.5<sup>th</sup></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> before Advent	<b>10.30am</b> Family Service with Shoeboxes	<b>9.15am</b> BCP Morning Prayer		<b>8.00am</b> Holy Communion <b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship
<b>Nov 12<sup>th</sup></b> Remembrance Sunday	<b>10.55am</b> Remembrance Service	<b>10.55am</b> Remembrance Service		<b>10.55am</b> Remembrance Service
<b>Nov 19<sup>th</sup></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> before Advent	<b>10.30am</b> Morning Worship at the Methodist Church	<b>6.00pm</b> BCP Evensong	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>8.00am</b> Holy Communion <b>10.00am</b> Service of the Word
<b>Nov 26<sup>th</sup></b> Christ the King Next before Advent	<b>10.30am</b> Benefice Holy Communion at Combe			<b>10.30am</b> Benefice Holy Communion at Combe  <b>4.00pm</b> BCP Evensong

BCP Communion: 4th Wednesday of the month at 10.30am at Combe

### ***Wambrook Flowers and Cleaning***

#### *Altar Flowers*

Oct 1

Penny Luther

#### *Cleaning*

Hilary Owen

### ***ALL DECORATE FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL***

Oct 8 & 15

Ally Eames

Carole Fowler

### ***Sat 14th October AUTUMN CLEANING & MAINTENANCE MORNING FOR ALL***

Nov 5 & 12

Penny Luther

Wendy Ffyfe

Nov 19 & Dec 3

Elsbeth Hunt

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