Ashprington & Tuckenhay Parish Magazine

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The Couple who saved Tuckenhay Mill 50 Years Ago



The most memorable building in most rural communities is normally a church or a stately home; not an old paper mill. But Tuckenhay Mill, nestled in the valley of the River Wash with its distinctive clock tower, paper making rooms and workers' cottages, is one of the finest industrial buildings in Devon.

The Mill closed as a working paper mill in 1970 and stood idle for seven years. Lead and slates from the many roofs was stolen and the windows were used for target practice. The Mill was facing demolition for a housing estate. Peter and Kay Wheeler, who had driven past the mill on many occasions on their way from Totnes to Dartmouth, stepped in save it. Next year will be the 50th anniversary of their rescue operation.

In the 19th century Tuckenhay Mill in its heyday produced high quality handmade paper for legal documents, art paper and banknotes. Using rags rather than wood pulp to make the paper the Mill employed over 100 local people.

Peter Wheeler, a surveyor, had been involved in the restoration of industrial buildings at Camden Lock, London. He saw the potential to create a complex of holiday lets at Tuckenhay that would reflect the character of the remarkable building – and generate an income. The previous owners had hoped to demolish the buildings and use the site for development, but planners had placed a preservation order on the clock tower and the drying loft and then granted planning permission for converting the Mill to a new use.

As the scale of the necessary work became clear Peter and Kay wondered if they had bitten off more than they could chew. "I think we underestimated completely what was involved, but it wasn't totally daunting because of my experience at Camden Lock." They needed to convert one property to live in themselves so they could supervise the renovation of the whole complex. But when they moved into one of the Castle Cottages in the bitterly cold winter of 1977, they had a big shock. "There was a lot of snow that winter and it was pretty miserable," says Peter. "We had a wood burner in the kitchen and the first time we lit it all the water that had been in the building poured out of the plaster like a tap had been opened. We wondered what we had let ourselves in for." But Kay and Peter did not despair. They had the support of their neighbours, many of whom had worked at the paper mill. "Local people were delighted to see the buildings come alive again," says Kay. "Peter used local builders and craftsmen, while I found a lady in the next village who could make curtains and do upholstery. What started as a family project turned into a community one."

They persevered, converted more buildings. To reduce the cost of linen changes guests were initially asked to bring their own sheets and towels with them. "This didn't put them off," says Peter. "They seemed to enjoy the adventure with us and became pals as much as customers."



Tuckenhay Mill now has 22 letting properties ranging from the Mill House, which can take 11 people, to the Vat Cottages, where pulped rags were heated by steam enabling skilled workers to make paper by draining and pressing the pulp. Then there's the Turbine Room, the Papermaker's Cottage, the Miller's Thumb and many others.

Not to mention three swimming pools, one of them created from the reservoir that provided water to power seven waterwheels on the site, a tennis court, spa, sports hall and gymnasium.

Parents who first came to stay at the Mill as children in the seventies and eighties are now bringing their own children. And this summer's heatwave has seen occupancy at 97%.

Happy Anniversary to Peter and Kay, the Great Restorers !

PHOTO: Peter and Kay Wheeler accept an award in 1999 from the Country Landowners Association for their restoration of the Mill using original materials



Tuckenhay Paper Mill workers 1898

Article by John Hitchins and photographs supplied by Graham Hawkins

From the Editors .....

Thank you to the 56 readers who filled in and returned last month's survey questionnaire. The response proved very helpful in many ways. There was an overwhelming YES for continuing a bimonthly paper magazine financed by yearly subscriptions. In the comments much enthusiasm was shown for the local history, spiritual and farming articles in the recent magazines; and some helpful suggestions were made for future articles. So we will, as the famous man said, KEEP CALM and CARRY ON.

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We thank the Parish Council for their recent support in financing the bimonthly magazine and monthly connectors' sheet. Both publications will continue but must now be self-financing. The magazine will be financed by subscription and limited adverts and the connectors' sheet by monthly lunches in the Village Hall. Great thanks to the delivers of the connectors' sheet for taking the magazine to all households. They will continue to deliver the connectors' sheet to all households and the former distributors of the Parish Magazine will resume their rounds to deliver a magazine in February.

In the meantime.....

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all in our Parish



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February/March 2027 Magazine:

Please send articles and notices for the next magazine no later than the 20th of January. Thank you.

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Thanks to The Durant Arms for Helping to Support Our Parish

The Parish Council would like to extend its sincere thanks to The Durant Arms for hosting their annual pub quiz and for generously donating the proceeds to support our parish defibrillators and Remembrance Service.

The event was a tremendous success, raising an impressive £455 for these important community initiatives. It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout, with teams filling the venue and creating a lively atmosphere throughout the evening. The quiz was great fun, enjoyed by all, and was very well supported by local residents and visitors alike.

Fundraising events such as this not only provide valuable financial support for essential parish projects but also bring our community together in the spirit of friendship and goodwill. The contribution towards maintaining our parish defibrillators helps ensure these life-saving devices remain available when needed most, while support for the Remembrance Service helps us continue to honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country. We are extremely grateful to everyone who took part, donated, organised, and supported the event. In particular, we would like to thank the team at The Durant Arms for their generosity, hard work, and continued commitment to our local community.

Thank you all for making the evening such an enjoyable and worthwhile occasion. *Cllr. Jonny Gurr*





We recently said goodbye to my mother, Susan Widdicombe, who passed away aged 87.

Born in Kingsbridge on 21st December 1938, she spent most of her life in the South Hams and was a familiar face to many through farming, horses, Pony Club, the Parish Council and village life.

From an early age she loved ponies and horses, a passion that remained with her throughout her life. She was a keen competitor at local shows, enjoyed hunting with her father, and later bred horses herself. In 1965 she became a founder member of the local WI and went on to serve as Secretary of South Devon West Pony Club, helping and encouraging generations of young riders.

She was also deeply committed to her local community, volunteering to drive primary school football teams to matches, serving on the Parish Council and later becoming Chairman. She believed strongly in getting involved and making a contribution wherever she could.

Family and farming were central to her life. Alongside my father, she helped breed, show and sell cattle, including many memorable trips to Scotland. She had a great sense of duty to both family and farm and was never afraid of hard work.

Those who knew her will remember a determined, independent woman with strong views and a clear sense of right and wrong. One of her favourite sayings was that she was "the wife of a farmer, not the farmer's wife" — a phrase that perfectly captured her independent spirit.

She leaves behind family, friends and many happy memories. Her chosen music for her farewell was Frank Sinatra's *MyWay,* a fitting tribute to someone who always lived life on her own terms.

She is greatly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her. *Nigel Widdicombe*



Christingle Family Service

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At 4.00pm

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Jesus: the Man

Sue Holmes (Totnes Parish)

Jesus's words, as recorded in the Gospels, can be interpreted in many ways. One way might be to examine them in the light of present-day psychology.

Science has learnt that human brains are made up of different parts which evolve over time and once developed, we can choose which one is the most appropriate to use in changing circumstances, like gears in a car. The 'gear stick' in the brain that connects them is called the corpus callosum or wounded body. Sometimes people get stuck in one gear which affects their development.

Jesus showed the importance of a key 'gear' change from child-like dependency on precedents set by society's elders to personal responsibility, as when he refused to stone an unfaithful woman or argued that principles should guide behaviour when someone needed help, rather than Sabbath prohibitions.

In the West, we recognise this change as the growing independence of adolescence and the role of the individualistic 'ego'. Many believe the ego, or 'I', has become overdeveloped today at the expense of the common good, but Jesus showed its role was not the end of the story.

When it has served its purpose, the 'I' has to die, to be crossed out, in order for the next stage to live, the awakening of what psychologists call the True Self. The True Self, sometimes called the Christ Within, is the inner entity that can unify the different parts to work together for the good of the whole. Christians know this as the working of the Holy Spirit.

In Western psychology, this crossing out of the individualistic 'I' is reframed as a mid-life crisis, a time of anxiety, regression and instability. These stages can be applied to nations as well as individuals.

But now a question for scientists.

How could Jesus understand the working of the unseen inner world of the brain 2,000 years ago so well that he could shine a light to illuminate the future of human development, at a time when even the physical workings of the body were largely a mystery?







YES
MORE POPPIES !







Thank you to the Monday Craft Group for knitting over 100 poppies displayed this year at the Church Lychgate.
Design for the hanging inspired by Ali Soper and executed by an extended team of knitters - it was a sensation.



Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2026

Message from Stuart

Another amazing Remembrance Sunday turnout this year. A quick headcount put attendance at over 120 people, so thank you all for showing your support.

I would like to make a special mention of Tony James, who put in a tremendous amount of time and effort preparing for the event when I was unable to do so. Thank you, Tony, for all your hard work and dedication.

This year, we were honoured to welcome a visitor from Canada who wished to lay a wreath, which I thought was particularly special. Wreaths were also laid by representatives of the Red Cross, the three Armed Forces, local young people, the Recreation Field Committee, the Waterman's Arms, the Parish Council and St David's Church.

The wonderful poppy display at the Church lychgate, created by our talented crafts team, looked absolutely fantastic. Thank you to Jennifer, Ali, and everyone else involved for all your hard work.

I would also like to recognise our local pubs, whose support helped raise the funds needed to make the event possible. A huge thank you to the Durant Arms, Waterman's Arms, and The Maltster's for providing accommodation for the piper, John and bugler Matt, as well as hosting fundraising events throughout the year. You truly are at the heart of our community in every way.

This was Matt the bugler's eighth time playing for us and John the piper has been with us three times. Liz Waterson has led the Remembrance Service at the Memorial and in the Church for countless years. The There But Not There figures from 2018 were grouped in the choir this year.

As we look ahead to next year, I would like to once again thank everyone who helped, contributed, and turned out to support such an important occasion.

Lest We Forget, Stuart

ASHPRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of the Meeting Held Thursday 5th November 2026 @ Ashprington Village Hall – 7.30pm

Present Cllr R Rogers (Chairman), Cllr K Throgmorton, Cllr J Gurr, Cllr STrivella, Cllr L Stocks, CllrT Green.

Planning Applications / Matters. Applications received from South Hams District Council –

a) Application no 2911/26/VAR – Stancombe Linhay TQ9 7DY – Application for variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 1676/26/LBC.

No objections, all in agreement.

Decisions received from South Hams District Council -

a) No Objections – Trees works in a Conservation Area – Application no 2573/26/TCA – High Walls TQ9 7UW – T1 Bay Tree – Crown Height reduction 2.5m.

b) Conditional Approval – Application no 2340/26/HHO – 4 Brooking Barn TQ9 7UL – Two storey rear extension.

c) Conditional Approval – Application no 2166/26/HHO & 2167/26/LBC – Ashprington House TQ9 7UW – Extensions at the rear replacing existing single storey structure and to the west, replacing garage.

d) Conditional Approval – Application no 1989/26/HHO – Ashprington House TQ9 7UW – Installation of a solar photovoltaic array.

e) Prior Approval required and refused – Application no 2544/26/PAA – Land at SX 816566 Ashprington – Proposed agricultural track works following determination of 1789/26/AGR.

f) Discharge of Condition Approved – Application no 2516/26/ARC – Stancombe Linhay TQ9 7DY – Approval of condition 4 (Drainage) of planning consent 1675/26/HHO.

g) Conditional Approval – Application no 1923/26/FUL – Dart Vale Fish Farm, Tuckenhay TQ9 7HR – Erection of 3no replacement outbuildings.

A full copy of the minutes can be found on Ashprington & Tuckenhay Noticeboards and the website ashpringtonandtuckenhay.co.uk Clerks Details – Sharon Raggett 01364 654607 clerk@ashpringtonandtuckenhay.co.uk

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We use the precious green space of our gardens in many ways, for recreation, relaxation, maybe growing food. Alongside these important uses we are becoming increasingly aware that our gardens are spaces we share with wildlife and how vital that is. The RHS highlights that gardens support over 50% of the nation's butterflies, amphibians, and reptiles, and more than 40% of our bird and mammal species. The UK's gardens are larger than all of its National Nature Reserves combined, making them as important for wildlife as they are for our own wellbeing. These green spaces are a corridor and lifeline, providing habitats and food sources for various species. They offer the perfect opportunity to connect immediately with nature, reducing stress and improving our mental and physical health.

We would all like to do what we can, but it is not always clear exactly what to do on our specific patch. So you might like to call experts at Transition Town Totnes, who are offering a completely free, no strings, consultation service to help you tweak your garden to be more wildlife friendly.

Paul, or one of his trained mentors (some of whom are also part of the Sustainable Ashprington team), will come along in person to have a look at your patch. You will together discuss what you would like to achieve, taking into account how much time and resources you can realistically put in, what you already use the space for, and the layout and aspects of your garden. You will end up with an agreed written plan for what you might do next. This plan might include advice on appropriate planting, to help pollinators and provide food, shelter and nesting sites. It might identify some areas to leave undisturbed, with longer grass and seed heads, and where you might create habitats such as log piles and water features. It might help you to work out where to site and build structures such as compost heaps and bird, bat or hedgehog boxes. It will all be entirely up to you.

If you are interested contact paul@transitiontowntotnes.org. For more information on the work TTT does to encourage wildlife and nature look at https://www.transitiontowntotnes.org/projects/30x30

If you want more informal advice then do contact Sustainable Ashprington. Lyn Paterson lynventures7@icloud.co or Katherine Weare katherineweare@outlook.com



The major works at St David's Church are finally coming to an end. All scaffolding has been removed from the east exterior wall exposing the excellent repointing done by Sylvester Wex over the summer. Apart from the increased weatherproofing of the wall, which will protect the Herbert Read oak panelling in the sanctuary, the visual improvement is wonderful. The pointing unifies the stonework and uplifts the church.

Inside the church Thomas has dug out all the putlog holes on the south side and removed the hydraulic lime that was poured in fifteen years ago to fill the gaps between the inner and outer walls. The result of this gap filling was that each putlog had become a funnel directing any water ingress into the inside of the tower. The holes have been partially filled with lime mortar and small stones and left open on the inside to help the south wall dry out. A breathable paint had been applied to the interior of the south wall of the tower after all traces of Portland cement and gypsum plaster were removed. Thomas has also identified further points of water ingress round and under the clock face and fixed them. Soon all scaffolding will be removed from the interior of the tower.

Kathi has scraped and repainted the Victorian cast iron radiators, cleaned and polished woodwork at the east end and hopefully cured the salt efflorescence in the south aisle. The church will be ready and sparking in time for Christmas.

Many thanks to Nick Mallalieu for donating a bench which has been installed beneath the tower overlooking the cremation plot and a fine view of the village.

The Remembrance Service at the War Memorial was a moving tribute to the seventeen Ashprington men who never came home and are buried in Commonwealth War Graves in Israel, Baghdad, France and Belgium as well as in this country. They died that we might live free. There were over one hundred people at the War Memorial and over sixty at the following service in the church.

The Christmas services are as follows: Carols by Candlelight on Saturday 19th December at 5:00 pm
Christingle on Thursday 24th December at 4:00pm
Christmas Day service 11:15 am

Carols will be sung outside the Durant on Wednesday, 23rd December at 6.30pm by the Community Choir. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and join in.

Coastal Companions



Ten years ago I was diagnosed with blood cancer - multiple myeloma - and several fractures in my spine left me three inches shorter. Thankfully, the treatment was successful and I have now been in remission for over seven years. During that time, I discovered that walking was the best medicine for both my weakened spine and my state of mind. That's where our cocker spaniel Nutmeg comes in; my steadfast companion, keeping me on track - both physically and emotionally.

Our much-loved local walk begins at Little Dartmouth where the South West Coast Path curls along the cliffs towards Dartmouth. We park in the National Trust car park at Little Dartmouth and head downhill to Warren Point and stop at a bench. Nutmeg jumps up next to me and together we spot yachts bobbing on the water, perhaps a kestrel or cormorant, and occasionally seals basking on the rocks below the cliff. I love this peaceful corner of South Devon. Sitting beside Nutmeg with the sea stretching ahead of us, the world seems to slow down - for a while, everything feels perfectly still.

We continue on the steep coastal path, where Nutmeg becomes my own determined little Sherpa, urging me onwards with unwavering enthusiasm, occasionally glancing back as if to say, “Come on, we can do this”. Once the gradient eases, she becomes a dog-shaped search engine for smells, investigating every rabbit trail, pheasant feather and suspicious clump of grass.

I love the maritime history of this scenic nook of South Devon, with place names like Deadman's Cove and Warfleet Creek. As we navigate the cliffs, I daydream of smugglers and sailors slipping through the Dart estuary under moonlight.

Eventually, we descend to Compass Cove, a secluded beach tucked beneath the cliffs that feels wonderfully untouched. In summer, I often swim in the sea while Nutmeg remains firmly on dry land, bafflingly suspicious of water for a spaniel. Instead, she busies herself digging furiously for buried treasure.

Returning to the trail, feeling refreshed, we arrive at the woods where Nutmeg explores, nose down, hoovering up the earthly aromas. The path leads us to the 14th century Dartmouth Castle and even older St Petrox Church, both perched high above the River Dart. On one occasion, we watched a radiant bride arrive for her wedding at the church and I thought what a romantic location to get married.

From here, we take a small ferry to the centre of Dartmouth. Nutmeg has to be carried into the boat of course, but once on board, she sits up alert and inquisitive - particularly when we pass two grey seals basking on a pontoon. Gliding on the water with Nutmeg with the river life and passing boats is simply joyous. The ferry owner describes the journey as 'one of the best-loved small boat trips in Britain'. I think he might be right.

Back on dry land, we head from the riverfront to Dartmouth's old market for an al fresco lunch at the Greek Delight cafe where moussaka or chicken souvlaki are my favourites. It's an ideal pit-stop for us away from the crowds of tourists. My other dog-friendly haunt in Dartmouth is a second hand bookshop, where I can browse freely as Nutmeg is spoilt with treats from the owner.

And then it's time to make our way back, this time on foot past Warfleet Creek and onto the castle. If we are ambling, I might stop for a cup of tea at the castle's cafe, but Nutmeg is normally keen to get home, so we take the more direct farm track away from the cliffs - serenaded by birdsong from the hedgerows all the way to the car park.

OUR MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

It can come as quite a shock when an old flame makes unexpected contact after over 50 years and especially when she was the love of your life. Exactly this has just happened and I have to say she is still absolutely beautiful and, dare I say it, even more stunning that when we were together all those years ago.

Now totally restored and rebuilt after a decade long restoration by her dedicated owners, my 1952 Jowett Jupiter has come out of the shadows and is ready to stun the world once more. Still bearing her original number plate and fully refreshed in a light blue finish, this rare classic will outlast most of us today I suspect.

I heard from the Jupiter Club some years ago that my old car was being restored and contact was made with the Jowett enthusiast husband and wife from Worcestershire. We have kept in touch and I hope to visit one day next year. But I have been advised to be very cautious. More later!

This was my first road legal car and I had previously owned a Jowett Javelin in a car club plus my parents also once owned a Javelin so the brand was in the blood. I used it to commute to The City of London from Kingston, Surrey each day when a student undertaking further education. Despite the traffic, the car never let me down and I only sold it when I joined the motor trade full time. I cannot imagine such a journey today in any car let alone a classic.

Jowett brothers formed the firm in 1901 making bicycles then V twin engines for machinery. Like so many businesses of this sort such as Singer, they went on to manufacture motor vehicles concentrating mostly on light commercials and then small cars until WW2. Their reputation grew as makers of sturdy reliable yet simple low cost vehicles, based always in Bradford.

During the war, a radical departure from the old ways came about with the employment of designer Gerald Palmer who created the streamlined Javelin. The body was aerodynamic and rounded with a stylish fastback which, for a four door saloon of the time was novel. It featured advanced engineering such as torsion bar suspension, a unitary body and a new high performance engine with low centre of gravity for improved handling. At launch in 1947 with a top speed of 80mph, it was way ahead of the competition who were still churning out pre-war designs to get going again.

Gerald Palmer left the firm in 1949 for MG/Morris and became Chief Engineer of BMC designing a new range including the Magnette, Wolseley 4/44 and Riley Pathfinder. Hints of Javelin could be seen in these 1950s cars.

Sadly, Jowett struggled with body production outsourcing and reliability issues together with fierce competition from the newly formed BMC conglomerate headed by Lord Nuffield. Javelin suffered sales shortfalls and the Jupiter could never carry the firm on its own so the business closed and the factory was sold in the mid 1950s. With similar styling to Jaguar's XK120, these sports cars were innovative in the day featuring the Javelin's 1.5 litre horizontally opposed flat four engine with keen performance. They achieved great competition success in the day. Values now around £30,000-£40,000.

Growing up on Dartmoor with a Javelin as the family car certainly put this amazing looking vehicle through its paces and all would be well except when it rained, which of course it did frequently. The problem was the low slung engine electrics were adjacent to the front wheel arches causing engine failure temporarily. Pulling a caravan was no bother as long as it was dry!

A chum of mine happens to still own his 1934 Singer Le Mans from his university days and when I told him of my intended visit to see my old Jupiter, he cautioned me from actually touching it. Be careful Paul, he warned, she just might lick you back!

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Our gift to you for this Christmas and the coming year is a heartfelt prayer.
Written by Cathryn Edwards and spoken out in Church on the first of November 2026:

We pray for the church, the world and our collective humanity, mindful of the Divine Grace shown to us in our lives

On the feast of All Saints, we remember with gratitude those whose intention for good has shaped society for the better.

Grant the Church courage to stand for peace, forgiveness and communion in these turbulent and uncertain times and grant to faith leaders across the globe renewed commitment to lead with holiness and love.

Creator God, we pray for those who represent us in government in the UK and throughout the world. May they be men and women of integrity, guided by a desire for public service and a love of justice, equity and compassion for all.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for our community – our families – our friends – and give thanks for the connectivity with others which shapes our professional and personal lives.

We remember with gratitude the quiet, ordinary saints who touch our lives with kindness and patience. Help us to see our daily tasks, however small or repetitive, as an offering of love to your Divine Grace.

"Give us the quiet confidence to move through our day with a gentle hand and a peaceful heart, treating everyone we meet as an icon of your love."

Lord in your mercy

Draw near to all who are lonely, sick, or carrying heavy burdens: to those who have lost all hope. May the power of your love wrap around their isolation and grief, granting them peace and stillness through the tranquillity of your presence.

Lord in your mercy

We remember those known to us who have died. We celebrate the impact their lives have made on our lives and the connection to your love they have shown us. We ask that those who have walked the path of faith before us live now in new unbroken communion with you. Rest eternal grant them O God and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Lord in your mercy

Hold closely in your presence all those who mourn, whose grief feels beyond repair. Help us offer those who most need our compassion, tangible kindness and concern. Through the example of all the saints, ordinary and acclaimed, inspire us to care for all those in need and who have lost hope.

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

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JT GARDEN SERVICES Hedge trimming, tree work, grass cutting, weed control, lawn scarifying, all aspects of gardening. 07971712007, 01803 732755

TICKETY FLUE Female chimney sweep, qualified, professional, independent, insured. Contact Elaine 07513181267 ticketyfluesweep@gmail.com

GENERAL

BEACON ELECTRICAL Devon's largest independent electrical retailer, kitchen appliances, TV, audio, heating, 10% OAP discounts on small appliances, 15 Fore St, Totnes 01803 863448

GATHER STUDIO Tone & flow yoga, gentle pilates and more, expert teachers, beginner friendly classes, 07500962821 booking website: www.GATHER-LONGLANDS.COM, info at hello@gather-longlands.com

HOLIDAY HOST Unlocking airbnb's full potential, Boyd (Totnes) 01803 900109, boyd.rogers@holidayhost.co.uk

JOLLY CARS All your car buying and selling requirements handled with care locally. Free advice given. Paul Jolly, www.jollycars.co.uk, 07885180487, 01803 732211

LET IT OUT The flexible approach to letting your holiday home. Gail Critchlow 07889628514, Liz Baker-James 07388673228

PUBS

THE DURANT ARMS 01803 732240 info@durantarms.co.uk Happy Hour 5 - 6pm Monday to Friday 25% off drinks. Beer Festival first weekend in September. Sunday Lunch 12:15 - 14:45. Good beer, good food, good rooms.

THE WATERMAN'S ARMS 01803 732214 info@the-watermans-arms.co.uk TQ9 7EG Gayle, Paul & family welcome you to our riverside inn with locally sourced food, quintessential bed and breakfast.

Clergy

Team Rector, Totnes Team Ministry

Team Rector : Rev'd Jim Barlow 07775356652
fr.jim@totnesrectory.co.uk
Licensed Reader, Liz Waterson, 07790694329,
liz.waterson29@gmail.com
Rev'd Chris Harris chris@totnesrectory.co.uk
Jim's day off is Tuesday

St. David's Ashprington

Churchwarden:
Laurence Green, 8 Holly Villas TQ9 7UU 01803 732437.
Churchwarden Emeritus:
Richard Soans, 2 Twin Cottages, Tq9 7UZ, 732536.
Treasurer
Kathi Green, 8 Holly Villas, Ashprington. 01803 732437.
PCC Secretary
David Davies, Morlanda , Ashprington. TQ9 7UL 01803 732109.

Church Calendar

St David's Ashprington

website:
https://ashpringtonchurch.org/
Church open daily 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

29 November Sunday 11:15 Communion
first Sunday of Advent
6 December Sunday 11:15 Communion
13 December Sunday 11:15 Communion
20 December Sunday 5:00pm Carols and Readings at Saint Peter's Cornworthy. No service at St David's
24 December Christmas Eve 4:00pm Christingle at St David's Church. Christingles are provided.
25 December Christmas Day 11:15

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3 January Sunday 11:15 Communion
10 January Sunday 11:15 Communion
17 January Sunday 11:15 Village Worship

Bob the Bus aka. Totnes and Rural Community Transport

Times from Cornworthy: 8.55am from Village Hall returning 12.45pm opposite Seven Stars and then back to Totnes from Cornworthy 13.15pm
Time from Ashprington: 9.05 from the bus shelter.
OAP Bus Pass is valid payment.
WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY ONLY

Village Directory

Ash Meadow, Recreation Field: Ian Bentlett
ianben.7070@gmail.com

Ashprington Parish Council:
Clerk Sharon Raggett 01364 654607
clerk@ashpringtonandtuckenhay.co.uk

Ashprington Village Hall: Matt Redwood
redwoodsat32@aol.com
Ashprington WI: Linda Redwood (secretary)
redwoodsat32@aol.com

Choir: (Thursday evenings) David Davies,
daviddavies1949@hotmail.com
Coffee Morning (Thursday 10:30- Noon)
Ashprington Village Hall
kcgreen67@gmail.com

Community Connectors: Ian Bentlett
ianben.7070@gmail.com

Craft Group: Monday 10:30 Village Hall
Jennifer Strickland
jenniferqstrickland@gmail.com

Indoor Bowls: Wendy Moor
wendy.moor@btinternet.com

Sustainable Ashprington: Katharine Weare
KatherineWeare@outlook.com
Swift Project - camara/phone set up:
N. Mallalieu, nick.mallalieu@gmail.com

Totnes Caring Rides: Pat Read
patread47@gmail.com

West Dart History Group: wdhg.org.uk
https:www.wdhg.org.uk

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

Remember in a suspected cardiac emergency FIRST CALL 999

ASHPRINGTON & TUCKENHAY

Public access (unlocked) defibrillators are situated in the phone kiosk, Ashprington and Maltster's Arms, Tuckenhay.
Call the Volunteer Emergency Telephone System
(VETS) 01803 500535
The VETS volunteer will bring the defibrillator and assist with CPR.