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Beer Parish News



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St MICHAEL'S - JULY 2020



- We are slowly coming out of lock-down! -

From late June, St Michael's Church was opened for a few hours a week for you to come in; shelter from the weather; enjoy the peace and calm; and pray if you wish to: Wednesdays & Sundays – 10.00am to 12.00noon.

Now, starting on Sunday 5th July there will be a weekly service in St Michael's, Beer, at 9.30am.

It will be a simple, fairly short service as for the time being we are not allowed to have communion, nor to sing. Covid still rules!

In addition, resources for prayer remain available on the website and we will continue to produce and share services online -

Coastal Church website. www.coastalchurch.org.uk

Clergy are available to contact as usual, and will do their best to provide pastoral care and to visit where needed.

Jeremy and Simon can be contacted either by phone or email as in the Church Directory. Please do not contact our retired clergy as they fall into the "vulnerable" category.

STAY SAFE - COVID HAS NOT GONE AWAY!

No broadband or smartphone?

Friends and Neighbours in the same boat?

DailyHope is a freephone line of hymns, reflections and prayers. It is provided free by the Church of England for anyone who may have need of it.



Jeremy writes...

I never thought I would become institutionalised, but I have been. Of course, there are those who believe all clergy belong in an institution, and they may have a point.

Certainly, there were some strange characters with me at theological college; a bankrupt, the manager of a sausage factory, a general, a (former) terrorist, a diplomat (read spy), and a couple who owned a sizeable part of Leicestershire; and that was just the “normal” ones. What I mean is; during

lockdown things have become simple and certain. There have been clear rules and clear punishments for transgressing them (unless you’re part of the government team of course). What I was allowed to do and what was expected of me was unambiguous - just as in an institution. And now that’s in the past.



In July we take a great leap into maybe not the unknown - because we all remember a world before - but the uncertain. And that can make us feel uneasy. The world of July, with open shops and pubs, will have many echoes of normality, but it will only be an echo.

There will be constant reminders that this is not as it once was; that a threat lingers; and, that we will only slowly emerge into a new normal. The past is truly that, and it will never return. In time we hope the economy will recover, replenishing our capacity to support families and communities, and also to bolster our resilience to further challenges that might arise. We were told during the worst of the past three months that we were all in it together. I am not sure that was ever quite true, but I hope we will be willing to build a future where risk and reward is more equitable.

In June we began to reopen our church buildings so that people could come and sit, reflect and pray. In July we will begin simple services. From Sunday 5th July there will be a weekly service in St Michael’s, Beer, at 9.30am. For the time being we are not

allowed to have a communion service, nor to sing. So, the service we offer will be necessarily shorter and simpler, which may suit some, and we will not be able to offer coffee afterwards. Actually, we shall be offering a service of a similar format to the one we have been sharing online through the Church website and Facebook page, and we shall continue to produce and share the online service. We're also going to try something new: It has become clear that there are those in the community who would like to be able to access a Church service, but either cannot attend in person or lack the technical ability to make use of internet offerings. I'm looking at using a teleconferencing facility to allow people at home to access one of our services being held in our church buildings.

Once I have a number for them to ring into all they will need do is call, using any telephone and at the appropriate time, and they will be able to hear the service happening live in a church building, and join in should they wish. We will have orders of service available to distribute to those we know about who would wish to participate in this way. So, if that's you, please let myself or Gayle know.

My best wishes to you and yours,

Jeremy

St. Michael's Bookshop

VARIED SELECTION of secondhand books

at our bookstall in St Michael's

After lock-down

^ Please bring us any books and DVDs
which you wish to donate.



**GOOD paper backs and good small hard back
books only please! - No Readers Digest volumes,**

no large hard backs, and no magazines as we do not have room to
store them.

*When our period of lock-down is finally over, please remember
St. Michael's Bookshop and donate us your best books and DVDs
so that others can experience the pleasures you have enjoyed.*

FIDELIO turns 17 this year.

I have posted a birthday card for him and a cheque towards WORLD VISION's work with other needy children.

because of CORVID there are delays in his card reaching him...It is first flown to BOLIVIA, then a cyclist rides into the mountains, then lastly a community worker walks over mountain tracks to Fidelio's village.

Children living in Bolivia – one of Latin America's poorest nations – face economic hardship, lack of access to schools and poor nutrition.

World Vision has been working in Bolivia for the past 35 years and is currently helping 110,000 girls and boys in 1,300 communities. **Child sponsors in the UK are particularly supporting families in the Bolivar, Tacopaya, Khantati [where FIDELIO LIVES] and Mosoj Punchay areas.**

World Vision's photographers traveled around the world this year to tell stories of children and their families.

Hope shines a light in the darkness. It's infectious, even healing. But what is there to be hopeful for? Let's look at the year ahead with 20 reasons to have hope in 2020 – and how to pray them into reality.



Elizabeth Molony



Altar Guild

We hope that the Altar Guild ladies will be able to resume their duties before too long. In the meantime let us pray they are keeping well and safe in these difficult times.



MARINERS' HALL, BEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Mariners' Hall continues to be closed under the Covid-19 emergency legislation which will be lifted on July 4th. This means that the Hall may be opened for some activities, as long as it is safe to do so. The committee will meet on Monday 6th July to look at ways of ensuring that the building is as safe as possible for users, with particular emphasis on how to manage the necessary cleaning regimes. People who use the Hall should expect to have more information early next week as to if and when they can resume their activities.

The Committee will use Government guidelines to decide which users can be allowed to return and how social distancing should be maintained. Events for large groups will not be permitted for some time to come, unfortunately, and there may be additional expectations of hirers in terms of managing their activity in a Covid-19 safe fashion.

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Beer Film Society

In these unusual times, we shall be holding our **AGM** using the Beer Action Group Skype link.

The AGM will be at 6pm on Monday 6 July and to join us, please use the following link: <https://join.skype.com/gdeoe6HUhhez>

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, our film programme has been suspended until further notice, but you can find some weekly suggestions for films on television on our website:

www.beerfilmsociety.org.uk

We hope you enjoy them. Stay safe!



CONGRATULATIONS SIMON !

Many of you will know Revd. Simon Hitchcock who has served our churches so well for the past few years. First as a loyal member of the congregation, then deacon, and latterly as curate. The news is that he is now our Associate Priest.



Jeremy says "It has been great to work with Simon over these past years: firstly as someone exploring a vocation; then as someone in training; and then as a deacon and priest completing his title post. The good news is that Simon has now completed this training to Bishop Robert's satisfaction, and is licensed here as Associate Priest. All of which means we get the benefit of Simon's ministry with us into the future."

Strange Times

Dear Neighbours all, at Nine that day,
On yonder neighbour's lawn I lay.
Raising glasses, not too few,
To bid new foreign friends adieu.
Strange tale to tell of furloughed stay,
Forced to stop in Beer, away
from Oklahoma where they dwell,
Departing Thursday if all's well.
Our neighbour, due to travel far,
Had let his house to family four.
In March his plans were brought to nought
Because of Covid, as you thought.
But US family there already,
Their plans too were now unsteady.
Locked-down as one their stay extended,
That eve was when this story ended.

To all whose plans have been changed, for better or worse!

Editor

BEER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



WI Report July 2020

Like many village organizations, we are watching the gradual easing of lock down with interest.

At the present time we are not anticipating being able to meet before the Autumn but we traditionally take a break over the summer, so hopefully the situation will be clearer by then.

Beer WI have been very active and managed to update our technical skills to meet weekly via “ZOOM” to give support, relate personal news, enjoy virtual visits to homes and chat from the comfort of our armchair!. We have tried informally, to keep some of our interests such as Book Club and Writers group ticking over and are looking at how these smaller groups can get going again within the changing guidance.

Jean Bartlett, Ann Robinson, Wendy Egerton and other members have been involved in many of the BAG community craft projects, sewing bags, headbands and masks for the NHS and local Nursing homes and masks are currently available in the Top Shop for a donation to Seaton Hospice at Home. Penny Stopher has raised over £80 by selling plants for the charity and we hope to have another sale a bit later in the summer when surplus, fresh garden produce is available.

On June 14th we should have been at a celebratory event at Exeter University to mark the 100 years of the Devon WI Federation. Instead, we were encouraged to have a “Devon Cream Tea,” in our back gardens and a few members managed to do this with one or two others. It obviously wasn't the same but I am sure we will make up for it when conditions allow.

In the meantime, if you wish to have contact with us or would like to know more about our group, please contact our President, Jackie Goddard, tel 01297 21864 or email, jackiegod@live.com



Fine Foundation Centre

Beer Village Heritage

Reg. Charity No.1087162

Another month into 2020 and we now know the answers to some of the questions posed last month.

Most of the village events planned for this summer have been cancelled or postponed. However, we're delighted to see that the shops are beginning to re-open, having recently been given the go-ahead by the government. Welcome back! The Parish Council has a number of plans to help to revitalise the village by making use of the public realm areas. With the hospitality industry being allowed to re-start in early July, we expect, and hope, that our visitors will return.

Beer Village Heritage is discussing the issues which are involved in re-opening the Fine Foundation Centre. As both the centre and the Bomb Shelter are unattended there are obvious problems with cleaning regimes, not to mention monitoring distancing. Both venues would need to change their displays and remove all the hands-on material. Hopefully a compromise can be found. The Trustees will also consider whether it will be possible to offer some rock-pool safaris during the summer. Again, this would involve limiting numbers and would depend on our volunteers being prepared to lead the sessions.

Our on-line sessions through the HUB, hosted by BAG, have been fun, although not particularly well attended. We've sown some seeds in jam jars which has enabled us to see the root system develop. Fossils and stones from the beach have been popular, and we talked about the story of the skimming stones. Subjects as varied as identifying leaves to pirates and pottery have kept us amused. We moved the time to 1100 on Thursdays – do join us.

Once again, please keep cats indoors at night (or at least at dusk and dawn) during July. The baby bats are just beginning to come out of the roosts, and their flying skills haven't been honed as yet. As a result they are likely to plummet towards the ground where cats can catch them easily.

The tawny owls are very vocal at the moment. Henry had an interesting encounter with one during day's light last week. An adult owl stayed sitting on the fence while Henry collected the camera and took a series of photographs, with the bird appearing to be interested in what he was doing. We're seeing lots of swifts and swallows swooping over the garden, particularly during the evening. They, like the bats, enjoy the midges and moths!

Talking of moths, the mullein moth caterpillars are chewing their way through the woolly silvery leaves of the mullein plants. If desperate they are able to survive on figwort leaves, so we've left some of those plants in the garden too. Just a little helping hand to ensure the survival of the species.

It'll soon be time to be on the look-out for glow worms. Unfortunately they don't light up until about 2300, so keeping a daily record can be a bit tiresome. The juveniles can be really annoying as they will "light up" for a few seconds and then switch off for a minute or so. It means that you can catch a glimpse of one which then disappears before you can check that you really did see a little glow.

Just a reminder that we plan to have an exhibition in the Fine Foundation Centre on our Covid-19 Experience in due course. It'll follow the same format as the "Blow-ins" and "Memories of the Coronation" with a loose-leaf folder holding your thoughts and memories. It could be a piece of prose or a poem. It could be a song or a picture. It could be a photograph or a diary. Just send your contribution to: beervillageheritage@yahoo.co.uk or to norahbeer@btinternet.com.

Ruth is continuing to add to the "Blow-ins" folder, so do send your thoughts to her at: ruthtoohoots@gmail.com. Richard Scott is asking for stories about the village and the inhabitants for his Tales of Old Beer project. You can send your contributions to him on: rscottbeer@outlook.com.

If you haven't looked at it yet, Mike Green's latest book, talking about the coast of East Devon, is on the website. Enjoy the I-Spy! Don't forget that there are a number of downloadable walks on the website. You might like to try them as part of your exercise programme - see <http://www.beervillageheritage.org.uk>

Crisp packet collection is back in operation so do make use of the collection bag outside of the centre. Many thanks to Ruth and Wendy for keeping this service going.

Keep well.

If you'd like to know more, just ask one of our regular helpers such as Nick Jones, Mike Green, Chris Jones, Carol Green, Trevor Wood, Jean Wood, Henry or Norah Jagers, or contact us on 01297 20858 or at beervillageheritage@yahoo.co.uk





GARDEN GATE FLOWER SHOW

Thursday 6th August

(or Friday 7th if bad weather on first date)

“JUST FOR FUN”

- i.e. no prizes -

The idea is to display your exhibits: garden produce, handicrafts, or whatever, on a table by your garden gate and people will walk round the village to admire them.

Watch out for more details on posters, social media, etc.

Organised by Beer Action Group

[Covid restrictions have forced Beer Horticultural Society to cancel their summer flower show which would normally be on this day]

So many events have sadly had to be cancelled this Spring and Summer, especially everyone's village favourites like the Flower Show and Regatta. As we slowly but steadily return to “normal” - whatever normal will be post Covid - we need events to look forward to, things to brighten our spirits, simple pleasures to make our lives worthwhile. Rest assured, there will be no shortage of such in Beer, our very own little piece of Heaven !!!

Editor

The Mullein Moth

The Mullein Moth, *Cucullia verbasci*, is a large brownish coloured moth with a wingspan of up to 5 cm and a heavy body. They are not uncommon although it is the larval stage (caterpillar) that you are more likely to notice. They are large and have very striking yellow black and white markings. The caterpillars feed on mullein - verbascum - and don't mind if it's a wild plant growing as a weed or one of the cultivated varieties you might be nurturing in your garden. Here's a photo of a Mullein moth caterpillar on a wild Mullein plant in our garden, taken just last



month (June 10th). The larvae will also thrive on figwort and buddleia if there are no verbascums about. Left undisturbed, a few of these caterpillars will demolish a large verbascum plant in just a day or two. A larger infestation on a buddleia can strip it bare.

[Beer Congregational Church](#)

Following the government's announcement, we are delighted that the first church service will be on Sunday the 5th of July at 10am. Many precautions will be in place to make sure the church is as safe as possible, including cleaning before and after the service, social distancing and hand sanitization. Names of people who have attended will need to be noted in case the virus is transmitted.

In addition, the back pews are open for private prayer during the week and are cleaned daily.

You can visit our website www.beercongregational.church at any time to listen to or read talks from Rev Nigel Freathy.

Allotments Update 28th June 2020

Potential famine on the allotments look likely to have been avoided for the time being, as more unsettled weather developed through June. Around 24 hours of rain over 18th/19th produced 52mm (just over 2 ins) in the East Beer weather station's rain gauge, with a further topping up towards the end of the month as low pressure became established across the UK. Luckily, the flood barrier (four sandbags) across the top gate of the allotments opposite Greg L held up, and although he tells me it was touch and go, the evacuation plan for his leeks and purple sprouting plants didn't need to be activated. However, along with the rain, we still saw a spell of warm, sunny days, with the mercury reaching the dizzy heights of 25.6 C on 24th, the hottest day so far this year, and with 30 C widely seen further inland.

Now just past the longest day, and already the odd muttering heard from doomsters and gloomsters about nights starting to pull in and chain saws needing a service prior to commencement of winter logging. However, lots of good growing and harvesting still to come, currently some nice summer cabbages being cut, peas being harvested, and early young carrots now ready. First tomatoes and cucumbers being picked back in the greenhouse, but outdoor ones will be a while yet. The later planted potatoes now looking really good after recent rains and should produce a good crop, unlike those put in in early March which are now dying off due to lack of meaningful rain through April and May. Runner and climbing French beans now looking bonny, lots now reaching the top of the supports, and starting to set. Courgettes also now being cut, and doubtless the odd marrow-sized one will soon appear on those plants not regularly checked. Pumpkins also now setting, the two plants on the communal weed heap are sending out some long vines, we may let these grow down over the cliff, hopefully the fruits can then be used by Kim as a navigation aid when homeward bound.

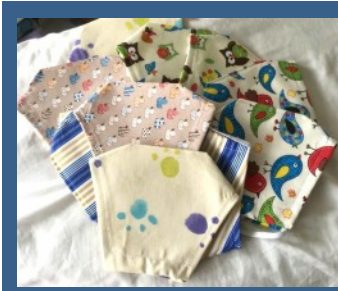
Some of the more unusual vegetables spotted on plots this year include rainbow beetroot and carrot (probably as a thanks to NHS and Care workers), seakale (now devoured by the pigeon population), yellow & black courgettes, and butternut squash. Nice to see a bit of variety appearing, and we're always looking for something new to try. However, although a warming climate will broaden the range of potential crops, Clinton Estates are unlikely to look favourably on recent suggestions for a date palm grove, mango orchard, and sugar cane plantation, and anyway, we'll all be in serious trouble if these can thrive in East Devon.

Keep digging, and most of all, enjoy your gardenin'

Old Compost Heap

Beer Action Group - BAG - continues to be very busy and supportive of us all during these strange and worrying times, but with more or less weekly Newsletters being issued it is simply impossible for a monthly magazine like *Beer Parish News* to be fully up to date. These next few pages are my selection of items from the two recent issues of *Beer Talks* which I hope you will find interesting and useful...

Beer Talks! Selection from Editions 14 & 15 (16th June 2020 & 2nd July 2020)



Some of the lovely face coverings in children's fabrics...

Welcome!

Welcome to the 14th edition of Beer Talks! We hope you are well and keeping safe!

We wanted to take a moment to say that we are very aware just how hard Beer village 'sewers' have been working and sewing over the last 12 weeks.

They have been absolutely amazing and we know that their efforts have been much

appreciated by our local health and care workers.

For some sewers, a small break from their production line was, and maybe still is, needed, but if you would like to take part again or if you are new to the task, there are supplies at Helen Turberville's, so please give her a call on 07817 078004.

Finally, the call from RD&E for more face coverings has gone out to lots of communities so please don't feel pressured at all!

Thank you!

Notices

- A message from **Seaton Foodbank:** "We have, and are being, well supported by the people of Seaton and the surrounding villages, both with money, food etc. We have been able to help many more households than usual who are living with food poverty, but we are concerned that not all are being reached because of current restrictions". If you do need help with food issues, please contact Lee on 07890 948262 who will be able to assist you.
- Our many thanks to the **Beer Film Society** for their fabulous film recommendations – I'm sure we all appreciate their efforts!

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A message from the new owners of Beer Village Stores, Nigel and Karen:

"In answer to customer questions, yes, we are doing food deliveries for anyone shielding, unwell or vulnerable, or even special circumstances like just having had a baby... We have a new facility to take payment over the phone by debit or credit card. The best telephone number to use is 01297 21782.

Our opening times are:

Mon-Friday 7am-6pm

Sat 7am-5pm

Sun 7am-4pm (from next Sun 21st June)

Hope to see you soon!"

Notices

- **Beer Congregational Church** is now open from 09.00 – 16.00 every day. Social distancing guidelines must of course be followed at all times. The church will be cleaned each evening.
- **St Michaels' Church** will be open on Wednesdays and Sundays from 10.00 – 12.00 for the foreseeable future. Social distancing applies as usual.
- Remember to decorate your houses and gardens with **bunting!**
- Many thanks to **Charlotte Gibbs** for organising the fabulous Treasure Hunt! It was a huge success!
- My sincere **apologies** to Bev Giles for calling her Bev Gibbs last week! Too many glasses of wine on my part, obviously!

...I hope you have been able to see all the editions of *Beer Talks*, either online or delivered to you by your local coordinator. It really is amazing what has been accomplished over the past three and a half months...



Notices

- Keep growing for the **Beer Garden Gate Flower Show** on 6th August! Classes will include:
 - ✓ Most Unusual Planter – Outdoor;
 - ✓ Most Unusual Planter – Indoor;
 - ✓ Best Carrot Print;
 - ✓ Best Painted Pebbles;
 - ✓ Best Display of Roses in an Unusual Vase...A full list of classes will be available shortly.
- **Lee's Emporium** is still open between 10.00 and 19.00 for food collections;
- We have supplies of the Beer craft group's face coverings (for a small donation). Please contact Kim Vine on 07767 778248 or Helen Turberville on 07817 078004 to get yours.

Welcome!

Welcome to the 15th edition of Beer Talks! We hope you are well and enjoying our new found freedom – long may it continue!

As we all start to get back to a form of normality, Beer Action Group will be winding down some of its activities. Don't worry, we will be still there for all the really important stuff such as supporting the vulnerable in our village, making sure there are food supplies for those who need them and also, of course, coming up with great crafting activities for all to enjoy!

Rest assured, if we need to ramp up BAG support again at

any time in the future, including further lockdowns, we will be able to do so very quickly. In the meantime, if you find that you need additional help as things develop, please do contact Lee on 07890 948262 as usual and she will do her best to help you.

Finally, we do hope that one day in the not too distant future, we will be able to have a proper, face to face, Beer village knees up but at the moment we are still a way off this. Until then, stay safe and enjoy this much valued freedom in our incredibly beautiful and kind village!

Thank you!

...compiled and published by BEER ACTION GROUP, *Beer Talks* has been a lifeline to many in the village during these troubled times. It is though the dedication and enthusiasm of so many volunteers which...

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Exhibition:

“Beer in Lockdown”

14th July 2020 onwards

Beer Bomb Shelter

Oliver Cable has been talking to people around Beer about how they've been dealing with lockdown. Now he's setting up an exhibition in The Hub from 14 July and is looking for creative responses to people's lockdowns, whether that's writing, photography, painting (i.e. anything that can be hung on the walls). It can be a piece of art created during lockdown, or something creative that represents your lockdown.

Please contact Maddy Fripp at maddy.fripp@gmail.com if you'd like to be involved, and she will put you in contact with Oliver.

Thank you!



BAG HANGOUT

Our hosted schedule looks like this:

- **Mondays:** 1pm onwards - Children's Hour;
- **Tuesdays:** 1pm onwards – Sewers' Hour;
- **Wednesdays:** 1-2pm Chat with Gayle Chapple;
- **Thursdays:** 11am onwards - Beer Village Heritage with Kate Ponting;
- **Thursdays:** 2pm onwards - Beer Men's Shed.

Notices

- Thank you for all the donations to the **Good as New Sale** – amazing effort! There is only one more day to make donations, Tuesday 7th July from 11.30-12.30 and the sale itself will commence on 15th July. Government guidelines on social distancing etc will be in place including restricting number of people in the Hub at any one time. Many thanks to those who have organised this fabulous fundraising event!
- Don't forget, the **Beer Parish Magazine** has stacks of excellent local information and is available online as well as in printed form. If you would like your own copy delivered, please let your coordinator know and we will try to arrange this for you.

...has been, and is still, so amazing. More on that I'm sure next month. BEER ACTION GROUP may be winding down as lock-down eases but they will still be around to help us face the future!



1st Beer Scout Group -update from Nigel Groves

During this Lockdown period, 1st Beer Scouts has had to adapt very quickly to a new way of working to try and keep the interest of the local children involved with the group.

Running weekly meetings via video conferencing is not something we ever thought we would be involved with as Scout Leaders, and it's been a rapid learning curve for all those involved. But we have managed it, although a little tricky to start with and still occasionally bugged by technology issues, we are now holding weekly meetings for both the Cub and Scouts sections.

The number of children involved with these sessions is obviously lower than we expect at the Scout Hut, as sitting in front of a computer or table is not everyone's idea of a fun Scout Night but those that are able to join in are enjoying it and numbers are increasing steadily. So far we have managed stay at home camps, treasure hunts,

art lessons, cookery lessons (run by the children themselves on some occasions) and some traditional Scout Badge work that can be completed at home.

Moving on, we are experimenting with linking to other Scout Groups in the UK and abroad for live streaming events, we'll let you know how this goes.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes of a Scout Group, as with most organisations, that many people are less aware of. We still need to maintain our building in the village and run a compliant committee system to administer the group.

All of our leaders and committee members are volunteers, some with children in the group and some who are just interested in what we do. Everyone's lives have been affected in different ways due to the sudden changes that COVID-19 and lockdown have caused, and as such, this has affected their ability to support 1st Beer Scout Group in the usual way.

We need to ensure the group is in a strong position to restart face to face meetings as soon as we are given

the all clear by Scout Headquarters and to do this we need to make some alterations to our committee. Our Group Treasurer, who has helped us magnificently for the last few years is due to step down this year at our AGM (which may now have to be done virtually, as our committee meetings are at the moment) so we are looking for someone to take on this role.

Our Group Secretary now has to spend far more time looking after family matters and is looking for someone to share the role with her and finally our Group Chair, who has served the group well for over 5 years now feels that now is a good time for the Scout Group to receive an input of fresh ideas to help it move forwards as we come out of lockdown.

If you feel you could be in a position to take on any of these roles, or would like to find out more about what's involved please contact Nigel Groves, Scout Leader for 1st Beer Scouts, on 07980 437417 or by email on nigel.groves@devonscouts.org.uk to find out more.

A working knowledge of Scout Groups is not required as there is plenty of help available to anyone considering helping within a Scout Group, enthusiasm to support a village organisation is all that is required.

1st Beer Scout Group

Beer Parish Council Message

Following on from our last communication we wanted to update you on Phase 2 of the Coronavirus pandemic. Since we last wrote some schools and businesses have reopened and more will do so from the 15th June. People are now allowed to meet with up to six people from different households outside, whilst still continuing to observe the 2 metre social distancing rule. Whilst people can now visit their second homes, these must be day trips and no overnight stays are allowed. People are also not allowed to travel on holiday and stay overnight so our hotel, B&B's, caravan park and holiday cottages remain closed at present.

The Parish Council met remotely on the 4th June and regular monthly meetings will now resume by Zoom. The Coastal Community Team meetings are suspended at present as we are not promoting the village or running any events.

At our meeting we discussed our plans for when the village re-opens to visitors and tourists, which could be from 4th July. When people are allowed to stay overnight and come on holiday we need to be ready to welcome them and find a balance, keeping our villagers and visitors safe.

Social distancing remains our main priority as lockdown eases. The Parish Council have agreed to provide a wider pavement on a part of Fore Street to allow people to feel safe walking down to the beach. We hope that a one-way system for cars from The Dolphin Hotel down to The Anchor will help this and are in discussion with Devon County Council as to how these changes can be introduced.

We have also agreed to provide our gazebos and additional tables and chairs on the Jubilee and Charlie's Yard to allow our local businesses to make use of them. Conversations are continuing with them about how we can support them to open safely. We are also in dialogue with Squirrel, the new Seaton delivery service which so many Beer people have utilised, to open a pop-up greengrocers on Charlie's Yard occasionally.

One idea that came from you was to enable social distancing on Sea Hill and access to the beach. We are investigating with Devon County Council whether we can divide Sea Hill by a painted white line so that pedestrians can walk down on the right side (by the brook) and up on the right side (utilising the Sea Hill rope if needed) to enable a 2 metre distance. The road will of course stay open for vehicle access for the fishermen, café deliveries, etc. The footpath

that goes down to the beach from the Jubilee could also become one way down to the beach as it is narrow and this will allow people to social distance. New signage will obviously be placed to help people understand and follow the new instructions.

We're very much hoping that you all embrace and accept these changes as they are steps to protect locals and visitors, and creating the 'new' normal Beer Village. We continue to welcome your feedback and any other ideas you have which will help keep Beer safe. Please share these by emailing -

Clerk.beerparishcouncil@googlemail.com

UPDATE

COVID-19 restrictions are being eased in England from 4th July when many non-essential shops and businesses will be allowed to open provided they meet strict COVID security measures. You will be allowed to travel more freely in England, stay away overnight, and go to pubs and restaurants. Social distancing will still apply and the rules governing what you can do and what you can't - who you can visit, how many people can gather as a group, etc. - are quite complex.

In Devon the best advice is still:-

Stay at home | Protect the NHS | Save lives

We can all help control the virus if we stay alert. This means you must:

Stay at home as much as possible

Work from home if you can

Limit contact with other people

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(2 metres apart where possible)

Wash your hands regularly

Self-isolate if you or anyone in your household has symptoms or comes into contact with someone who has symptoms.

If Coronavirus cases start to increase, these new "freedoms" could be taken from us very quickly, either locally (as seen in Leicester) or nationally and we will once again be in lock-down.

Editor



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Consider that space. It's no-thinking. The voice in the head silenced. The momentum of thoughts halted. Suddenly you are aware, intensely aware, of this moment. Because you are confronted with something shocking, and you must absorb it. While it lasts, this unfamiliar space-in-the-mind has a depth to it, you find yourself vulnerable, receptive, open, newly sensitive.

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The arrival of the Covid 19 virus shook many people out of their familiar mental world. People have lost a loved one. People have lost their job. People are having to spend savings. People are having to go to food banks and agitate for free school meals in the holidays so that their children can be fed.

While some people have relished the 'holiday' from ordinary routine, others are brought to the door of despair. What did the space do for you? Has there been a blessing? Or is there fear?

The painfully unexpected shocks you into a space and silence and sudden stillness. Hold it. Hold the moment of peace. Breathe.

Occasionally, when you remember, be in the moment where there is no mind, no thinking, just being. There is a peace there. And there's no fear. Even when your thoughts are burdening you with all kinds of terrors about the future. Don't go there. You can't fix the future; you can control the here and now. Be here instead. It's peaceful here.

Coronavirus

This month it is more difficult for us to know which businesses will still be closed and which will be reopening so we have removed the lock-down symbol from nearly all the adverts. Please be sure to check online or by 'phone what goods and services they are able to offer.

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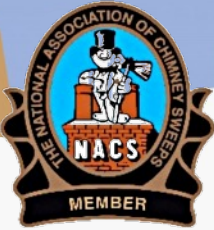
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* So please keep your contributions coming!