

# Beer Parish News



## January 2021

**UPDATE** (post printed version)  
Devon is now in Covid Tier 3



### HAPPIER NEW YEAR!

St Michael's.....*and* Village

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# St MICHAEL'S - JANUARY 2021

*The Church under Coronavirus restrictions*



[www.coastalchurch.org.uk](http://www.coastalchurch.org.uk)

*We are asking all who come into our church buildings to wear face-masks. Thank you.*

*St Michael's Church is open 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.*

**Church life this month at St Michaels & St Gregory's**

*proposed services* - check the website above for any enforced changes

**Sunday 3rd January - Epiphany**

9.30am	Beer	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Seaton	Holy Communion

**Sunday 10th January - Baptism of Christ**

9.30am	Beer	Holy Communion
11.00am	Seaton	Morning Prayer

**Sunday 17th January - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

9.30am	Beer	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Seaton	Holy Communion

**Sunday 24th January - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

9.30am	Beer	Holy Communion
11.00am	Seaton	Morning Prayer

**Sunday 31st January - Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

9.30am	Beer	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Seaton	Holy Communion

**Sunday 7th February - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

9.30am	Beer	Holy Communion
11.00am	Seaton	Morning Prayer

*Turn to page 5 for further help and other resources.*

**STAY SAFE - COVID HAS NOT GONE AWAY!**

## *Jeremy writes...*

I have never really been in the habit of making New Year resolutions. Some people do and find it helpful in developing the resolve to see some change in lifestyle through. Others see the challenges of a New Year as not a good time to try and change things, saving their resolutions for what seems a more opportune moment.



Whatever your personal view of resolutions, in hindsight, last January was possibly not the best time to make them. Covid was then an infection seemingly limited to China: nasty but not too much to worry about, and certainly, within the bounds of what we had seen before. Oh, the innocence of youth!

However, I would suggest that the Spring lockdown was a good time for resolutions. After the initial turmoil and time to adjust, for many there was time and space to reflect. Many chose to respond to their new world by increasing their exercise, learning a new skill, or otherwise making an adjustment in their lifestyle that may well have been too demanding in the normality of everyday living. That's not to ignore the great many for whom lockdown was an increasingly demanding trial: facing the uncertainty of unemployment; the ever-closer threat of domestic abuse; the fragile edge of mental health. But, for those with some new-found capacity, there was the opportunity to change and grow.

It has long been realised that in order to change ourselves we need two things: the stability granted by the possession of a few basic factors – food, shelter, health and the removal of immediate threat; and, the capacity – both in time and mental capacity – to reflect on who we are.

Jesus sometimes took time out from the busy round of speaking and healing to make time for such reflection. He used it as an opportunity to recharge his batteries and check his compass: was he still on the “right

track” or did he need to change priorities? He encouraged his disciples to do the same. It wasn’t holiday, rather work of another kind.

So, my challenge to myself and to you: Don’t make any New Year’s resolutions this January. There’s too much uncertainty ahead and you will need your strength to navigate it well. Instead, make one simple resolution to take time, when your life takes on again a semblance of normal (whatever that may mean to you) to take time out, to create a space that is healing for you, and to reflect. Then in the light of what you learn to resolve to grow.

We enter 2021 with the uncertainties of a post-Christmas Covid rebound, the continuing wonders of Brexit, and whatever personal concerns you may have in your own lives, both great and small. So I close with the words of the poet Minnie Haskins, quoted by George VI in his 1939 Christmas speech; 'I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied, "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."' Whatever 2021 brings I pray that for you it will bring the continuing unfolding of the story of God-with-us, Emmanuel.

Best wishes, *Jeremy*

**Information about the life of our churches**, resources for those in need and in lockdown, and access to services can be found at;

- [www.coastalchurch.org.uk](http://www.coastalchurch.org.uk)
- Facebook “St Gregory’s Church, Seaton”, and “St Michael’s Church, Beer”
- A national telephone line with recorder readings, prayers and hymns can be reached on 0800 804 8044
- A weekly service can be joined by telephone. Call 0333 011 0616 between 10.45 and 10.55am on a Sunday morning to join in. You will need the access code 575 7045 #. The call should cost no more than a normal call on your line. The service starts at 11.00am and lasts about 25 minutes.



You may have seen that I chose a typical representation of “the journey of the Magi” for this edition’s cover. That leads me to write a little about some interesting words from this month’s church calendar - Epiphany and Candlemas.

Epiphany marks the visit of the three Magi, or wise men, and Candlemas coincides with the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. The church has specific dates for both these events although they are often celebrated on the nearest Sunday.

**Epiphany** is 12 days after Christmas on 6th January (or January 19th in some Orthodox Churches which have Christmas on 7th January) and is the time when Christians remember the visit of the Three Wise Men, Magi, or Kings. It is also when we remember when Jesus was Baptised, aged about 30, and started his teaching. Epiphany means 'revelation' and the visit of the Wise Men marks when Jesus was 'revealed' to the gentiles whilst his baptism is seen as the revelation of Christ as both fully human and fully divine.

Across the world there are numerous customs and traditions associated with Epiphany. For example, in Austria and parts of Germany some people will, this year, chalk over their front door

“ 20\*C\*M\*B\*21 “

as a reminder of the Wise Men that visited the baby Jesus. It's made from the year split in two with the initials of the names often given to 'the three wise men' - Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar - in the middle. It's meant to protect the house for the coming year. Of course, many of the traditions there and elsewhere involve food!

**Candlemas**, also known as the 'Presentation of Christ at the Temple', is when we remember the time Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to give thanks to God for giving them a son. It comes on the 2nd of February, forty days after Christmas, and for many people it marks the end of the Christmas celebrations. It was traditional on this day to bless the candles to be used in churches during the coming year or to be given out to people for them to use in their homes or for private prayers: hence the name “Candlemas”.

*Editor*

# BEER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



## Beer WI December Report

At the beginning of December another successful Zoom meeting was held with 19 members, some in Christmas jumpers and Santa hats, attending. Following a rather disjointed singing of Jerusalem the national annual resolutions were discussed. These could be voted on on-line.

This was followed by an entertaining Christmas Quiz organised by Alison King resulting in much laughter and exposing gaping holes in our Christmas knowledge.

As we were unable to host our usual Over 65s Christmas lunch this year, WI members Ann Robinson and Dee Spence-Thomas came up with the idea of Christmas gift bags.

On the date which should have been the lunch 100 Christmas Gift Bags were packed with a variety of seasonal food items, a patchwork coaster, handmade Christmas decorations and a card. These were then all delivered around the village.

The food items were sourced from The Village Stores and Woozies and were stored and packed in the Congregational Hall. A huge thank you to everyone for their help in making this project possible.

We have been overwhelmed by the responses of the recipients who have thanked the WI, saying how much they were cheered by the bags and that they were very much appreciated. This has made our efforts all worthwhile.

There will be no formal WI meeting in January but hopefully an informal catch up in the new year via Zoom

*Wishing all readers and WI members a very healthy and happy 2021.*

If you wish to know more about Beer WI please contact Jackie on 01297 21864 or Penny on 01297 599157.

# Beer Regatta Old Programme Project

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If so please contact Helen Follett on 07817 934903 who is managing this project for the Committee.

Many thanks for your help.

Long Live Regatta!



Fine Foundation Centre  
Beer Village Heritage

**FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JAN, 11AM**

**Come and join us to  
welcome the New Year with a  
socially distanced**

# **Beach Clean**

**on**

# **New Year's Day 2021**

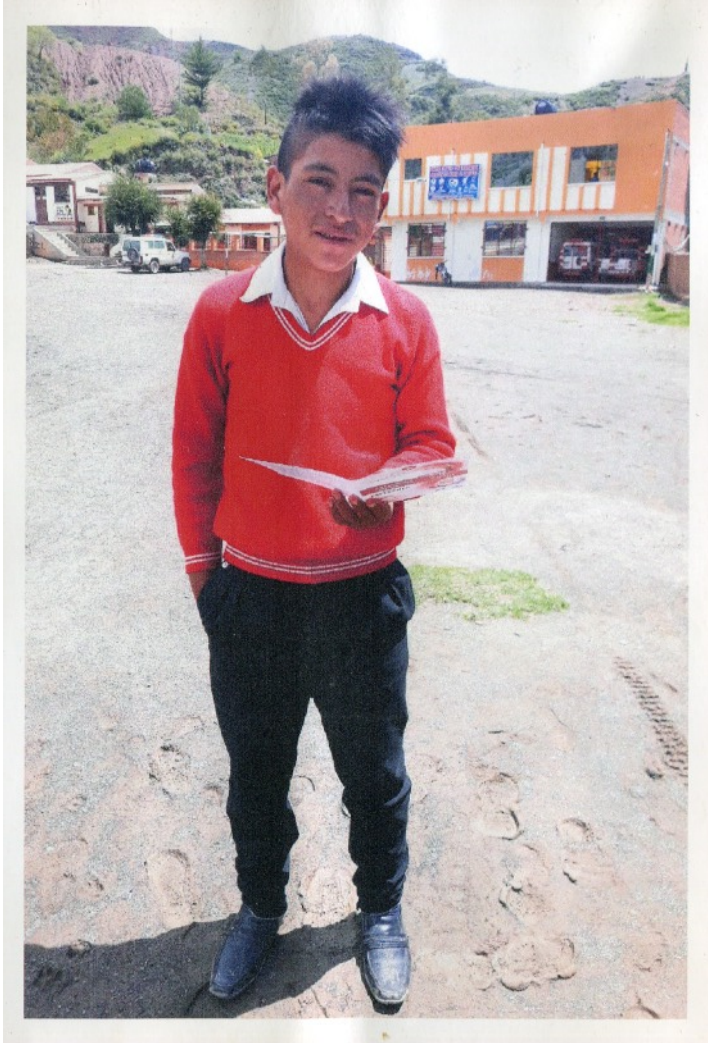
**Meet at 1100  
at the  
Fine Foundation Centre**

*SEE YOU THERE!*



## FIDELIO

World Vision wrote to St Michael's recently with Fidelio Perca Toco's Annual Progress Report 2021.



He is now 16 years old. Currently he is in Secondary school in Khantati, south-east Bolivia, studying Grade three. St Michael's has been supporting him for a number of years now.

World Vision community workers have repeatedly seen Fidelio to monitor his well-being. Currently he is in good health. This year Fidelio and his family participated in and benefitted from:

**Blankets:** he received new blankets to keep him and his family warm.

**School books:** He received books and study materials to help him with his education and personal development

**Food/Grocery provisions:** to support his nutrition and health.

**Child Protection awareness:** He learned ways to prevent and report any child protection issues towards him, his friends or family members.

With St Michael's help we'll continue to support children and families here, empowering them to give their children a better future, especially the most vulnerable.

## **THANK YOU FROM WORLD VISSION'S STAFF & VOLUNTEERS.**

“Our greatest achievement this year has been the improvement of children's reading skills through education campaigns.

Our greatest challenge is the number of teenager pregnancies in our community. With your help, we will continue to raise awareness and address this problem.

Thank you for your continued support which helps children to stay motivated. It gives them the opportunity to share their joys, experiences and achievements.

May God reward you for your efforts.”

**Eduardo Eloy Mamani Inca** [Manager of Khantati Area Programme]

***Progress tracker 2006...we arrived*** *And began to work with the most vulnerable.....*

- ***TODAY....****We're planning on leaving when we know the change you've helped to make will continue after we go.*



## Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI

As our Christmas Collection for Saturday 19th December at Tesco was cancelled, we obtained a Street Collection Permit from EDDC. On a mostly sunny and stormy morning committee member Ann and I went collecting in the great outdoors at Seaton. Ted 1 came too in his sleigh pushchair. Due to social distancing rules a collection bucket was attached to the sleigh. My shopping trolley was decorated with a flag plus tinsel and had a collection bucket attached and was pushed by Ann. We collected along the seafront and around town. We were very pleased to be out and



about and people were very pleased to see us. The collection buckets were put in quarantine with the money to be counted a few days after the collection. The total collected will be announced in the February Beer Parish News.

Our Shop at Jubilee Gardens is still closed due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions as it is very small inside. We are aiming to re-open at Easter or in early Spring. Our wonderful Shop Managers have retired and we are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to job share this very important position. Details can be obtained by emailing [volunteering@rnli.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@rnli.org.uk) or contact me by email [wac500@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wac500@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone (01297) 23040 (leave message) or see any of our Volunteers.

At the present time due to the Covid-19 restrictions still in place we have decided to downgrade our SOS Table Top Sale on Saturday 31st January 2021 to a Coffee Morning or just have our own stalls. This is due to the limited number of stall holders that we can have in the Mariners Hall. We will be inviting all our regular stall holders and advertising for additional stall holders to come to our Beer Lifeboat Weekend Table Top Sale on Saturday 4th July.

We send our best wishes to everyone and look forward to and hope that 2021 is a better year.

From,

*Wendy Cummins* (Secretary)

and all at Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI

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Covid quips:

"Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom."

"Wearing a mask inside your home is now highly recommended. Not so much to prevent Covid-19 but to stop you eating."

"2020 was a unique Leap year. It had 29 days in February, 300 days in March, and 5 years in April..."

# Fine Foundation Centre

## Beer Village Heritage

Reg. Charity No.1087162

The shortest day has come and gone, and we've celebrated Christmas in our own particular way. Some of us will have stayed in our own festive bauble, and others will have taken the opportunity to join other

baubles. Whatever you did, I hope that you have all had an enjoyable time over Christmas, and that you have stayed safe

With 20/20 hindsight, what would you have done differently over the past 10 months? The start of the New Year offers the opportunity for reflection. A lot of people have found that they have explored their neighbourhood far more recently. Several friends have commented that they have discovered local footpaths and walks even after living in the same area for 30 years or more. It appears that more folk have noticed what's going on around them when they've been out walking. So they watched the leaf buds on the trees and plants unfold, and later change colour and fall. They watched the birds in their gardens, and began to recognise their various calls. Let's hope that this appetite for being in the moment with Nature will continue, even once our lives have been turned to "re-set" after our vaccinations.

Beer Village Heritage starts the New Year with the Beach Clean which has become something of a tradition. That was our only actual event in 2020, as the pandemic arrived while we were preparing the Fine Foundation Centre for opening. We have hosted a number of on-line sessions which attracted mainly 5 – 7 year-olds during the summer term. The objective was to talk about Beer and the local environment. We covered topics ranging from stones and fossils to pottery and pirates to bats and Lego to bean seeds and identifying leaves. The project to give Activity Bags to every child at the local school gave us the impetus to create a challenge which involved the youngsters in thinking about the beach and their reaction to it. We also produced a new I-Spy which is based on the area at the top of the beach, outside of the centre.

With our Bat Friendly Beer hat on we contributed some quizzes and model making kits to the Activity Bags, and were involved in some on-line discussions and talks during Bat month. Giving a short talk to 150 invisible delegates at the conference was a challenge! With our Jurassic Coast Trust hat on we've made some videos about stones, fossils and the local geology and a third-year student is helping us by designing a rock-pool guide which we can offer to people who have been on a rock-pool safari.

The repairs to the centre should be starting soon, and the Trustees are hoping to rearrange some of the exhibits before we are able to open to the public again. As always we are very grateful to the fishermen, the Fish Shop and Coco for all their support. Ruth has continued with her "Blow-in" project, asking the question "why did you move to Beer?" You can contact her on: [ruthtoohoots@gmail.com](mailto:ruthtoohoots@gmail.com).



You can send your contributions for Richard Scott's "Tales of Old Beer" project to: [rscottbeer@outlook.com](mailto:rscottbeer@outlook.com). The "Lockdown in Beer" exhibition can be seen in the Bomb Shelter which is open when possible.

Mike has been busy throughout the year and is making great progress in identifying a series of paths linking the East Devon Way with the South West Coast Path. The first one, which starts/ends outside the Self Shelter has already been agreed and way-marked. You can find it, and a number of other walks, which are downloadable, on: <http://www.beervillageheritage.org.uk/leaflets-walks-maps>. This time of year can be very depressing. Being out-of-doors and keeping your body and mind active can help in combatting this debilitating illness. Our website, [beervillageheritage.org.uk](http://www.beervillageheritage.org.uk) is one way of finding out more about Beer and the local area, and having fun with a variety of activities.

Don't forget that Steve Graham has set up a live stream so that you can watch the bats which are returning to the caves to hibernate. Beer Quarry Caves house one of the largest hibernacula in Europe, which is one of the reasons why underground tours are not normally allowed during the winter months. You can watch on: <http://www.beerquarrycaves.co.uk/bats/>.

You can still recycle your crisp packets by making use of the collection bag outside of the Fine Foundation centre and if your cat has food from pouches, these can be re-cycled at Wagg N Purr, Unit 2, Dolphin Street, Colyton which is open at weekends.

So, 2021 starts with many things continuing "as before". We have to recognise that it isn't easy to make plans for too far ahead. So in the meantime let's enjoy the "now". At the time of writing we have the benefit of a meteor shower (the Ursid). It has meant being out in the frosty weather at night, so not an option for everyone. At the same time we have witnessed the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn. They are now gradually moving away from one another and can be easily seen just after dusk fairly low in the sky to the South West. They haven't been this close since 1623, before Galileo hypothesised that the earth moves round the sun, rather than the other way about. Just think of all the things which have happened in the intervening years..... And more locally, the fishermen were interested to see a couple of large tuna playing in the bay recently. I wonder what more fantastic things will happen in 2021.

*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](mailto:beervillageheritage@yahoo.co.uk)





### **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

Beer Action Group would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in supporting our community over the last 9 months - you have been absolutely amazing - and it shows what an exceptionally supportive and caring community we live in - thanks one and all!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at BAG!**

### **Notices**

- On 15th December in the early evening around 5.45pm **Santa's Sleigh**, kindly sponsored by our local Lions, will process through the village spreading festive cheer. This year due to COVID restrictions they won't be taking donations but will simply glide through the village playing lovely Christmassy music and making sure you know that Santa is still coming!
- **Christmas Eve** - we would like to encourage everyone to join in with some **Community Bell Ringing** on our doorsteps from 6pm onwards. This is a really lovely initiative that is spreading right across the country so let's join in from Beer! Don't forget that everyone is invited to join in some **Community Carol Singing**, kindly organised by Lorraine Taylor-Headingly, also on Christmas Eve at 7pm. We will be starting with *Silent Night* and then going on to *Jingle Bells*. The words for both are printed at the end of this newsletter.



## Notices

- **WI Christmas Gift Bags** - we'd like to say "really well done and thank you!" to the Beer WI for their lovely initiative this Christmas cleverly adapting their usual generous Christmas lunch event for an equally gorgeous, COVID compliant alternative - Christmas Gift Bags. These beautifully crafted bags with lovely seasonal gifts inside brought a smile to many of our residents - amazing!
- A quick thank you to the **SOS choir** for their lovely singing over the last months - really uplifting! Go to <https://beervillage.co.uk/have-fun>.



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Many thanks for your help.

Long Live Regatta!

*Helen Follett x*

## **Fabulous fundraising!**

Beer Action Group have raised over £5,000 during the pandemic for the Seaton & District Hospital League of Friends, with the donation specifically for the Seaton Hospiscare@Home service.

Lycia Moore, League Manager said: "The support the League has received from the Beer Action Group this year has been incredible and we are very grateful for the monies they have raised for our Seaton Hospiscare@Home service, which is now in excess of £5,000 for the year. The monies raised will allow us to continue funding our much-needed palliative care service for people in our local community.

"The League would like to thank all the people involved, who have given up so much of their time to make and sell various items, including face masks, plants, Jams and crab pots, and organized a pop-up shop. The League would also like to thank Annie Boalch for her continued support and enthusiasm for our charity."

"The League would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in Beer a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year."

For more information on Seaton & District Hospital League of Friends or the Seaton Hospiscare@Home service, please contact the League manager, Lycia Moore on 01297 20143 or [email SeatonLOF@nhs.net](mailto:email SeatonLOF@nhs.net).



*...they're still firing on all cylinders...*

## INFO ON LOCAL SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS DURING THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD. ALL DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

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### BEER VILLAGE STORES TEL: 01297 21782

Open until 1300 on Christmas Eve. Closed December 25 and 26th. Closed New Year's Day. Open all other days with some at reduced hours, full details are on their door.

### ROCK VILLA TEL: 07752 113854

The Post Office will be closed from December 25th to 28th inclusive and New Year's Day. The shop itself may be open for some of this time. Details will be available on the door.

**BEER FISHERIES TEL: 01297 20297** Open until 1300 on Christmas Eve. At present due to reopen on December 28th.

### BEER PHARMACY TEL: 01297 21823

Closed December 25th to 28th and New Year's Day. Open 26th December and otherwise hours as usual.

### WOOZIES TEL: 01297 20707

Closed December 25th to 27th. Open throughout week commencing December 28th including Tuesday 29th

### CHOCOLATE AND MORE TEL: 01297 625999

Closed December 25th to 28th. May be open later in the week providing Jane hasn't sold out of stock!! Everything currently going fast!

### JIMMY GREEN TEL: 01297 625125

Open 1000 - 1400 Christmas Eve for last minute gifts. Closed December 25th and 26th. Open from 1100 to 1600 from then on.

### STEAMERS TEL: 07900 036231

Sunday lunch this week (13th December) Roast Pork at £6.00 for order and collection. Christmas arrangements to be advised. Also open Thursday to Saturday for lunch and dinner this week and next.

### SMUGGLERS TEL: 01297 22104

Open this and next Friday and Saturday evening 1800 - 2030 for eat in and takeaway. Closed over the Christmas period. Due to reopen 29th December but subject to review.

### BEER FISH AND CHIPS TEL: 01297 625774

Open Thursday to Saturday for takeaways between 1200 - 1430 and 1700 - 2000. Orders can be called through in advance. Christmas arrangements will be posted on door.

### THE DOLPHIN HOTEL TEL: 01297 20068

Currently open Friday to Sunday for lunch and dinner. Arrangements after 16th December to be confirmed

### THE ANCHOR INN TEL: 01297 20386

Open for morning coffee, lunch and dinner every day. Special pre-Christmas. Christmas Day and New Year's Eve menus are available. Booking advised.



*...to keep us informed, and to provide all the help...*

## Old Compost Heap

Allotments Update 10th December 2020

With summer and autumn distant memories, I write on a cloudy and wet December morning, although there's hints of a southerly glen across the sea from East Beer, this one of Rupert Aplin's more technical descriptions of the sky brightening up. 2020 not a bad growing season all in all, with some good spells of warm weather, and with the mercury at the East Beer Weather Centre reaching a sizzling 31.6 C on 8th August. However, June and August were also quite wet, with just over 100mm of rain measured each month, interspersed with a much drier July. Mid-September saw another warm spell, with 26.8 C recorded on 16th, but all downhill from then onwards, although we were into November before the first ground frost occurred.

Less activity now on the allotments due to more frequent wet spells, shorter days, and probably the excitement of winter daytime television for some. However, the autumn sown broad beans and peas are looking good, although Greg L seems to have got hold of some genetically modified bean seeds. His are four or five times as high as the rest of ours, and apparently the Food Standards Agency is taking a close interest, to see whether the seeds contravene EU Regulation 46722896/B part 6a. There are also some good crops of leek and parsnip coming to fruition, and Pete Croft has promised enough to ensure the Colcombe Beer Boys skittles team have their pre-match parsnip wine when the 2021 season starts. Some winter nice greens around the patches, a bit of kale still left from the autumn, and some good specimens of purple sprouting ready to provide sustenance by early spring. Carrots and beetroot are still available for pulling, although starting to get a bit hole-ified. However, the rhubarb seems to have forgotten which season it is, with many plants now starting to sprout. This is another symptom of global warming which needs to be brought to the attention of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

So, only another week or so until the shortest day, then things should start looking up, with thoughts turning to the 2021 growing calendar. Still time to get some autumn onion sets in during any dry spells, and January a good time to sow the first onion and leek seeds in the greenhouse, for an early crop later in the summer. However, it seems a re-think regarding types fruit and vegetable grown will be required in light of continued global warming, perhaps becoming too hot for things like parsnips and leeks. To this end, we are hoping to run beginners classes in yam, pineapple, and papaya growing next spring, names to Nigel, limited spaces available. What would Percy Thrower and Don Hoyle think of it all?

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

Old Compost Heap

*...and assistance we might need during these difficult times...*

## Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, All is bright  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.



Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven  
afar, Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-  
lu-ia! Christ the Saviour is born!  
Christ the Saviour is born!



Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy  
light! With the angels let us  
sing Alleluia to our King!  
Christ the Saviour is here,  
Jesus the Saviour is here!

Silent night, Holy night! Son of  
God, love's pure light Radiant  
beams from Thy holy face, with  
the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord at thy birth, Jesus  
Lord at thy birth.



*...This bumper edition of “Beer Talks” was intended for Christmas...*

## Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow  
In a one horse open sleigh  
Over the fields we go  
Laughing all the way  
Bells on bobtail ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to laugh and sing  
A sleighing song tonight!

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh! what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh, hey  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh! what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh

Now the ground is white  
Go it while you're young  
Take the girls tonight  
And sing this sleighing song  
Just get a bobtailed bay  
Two forty as his speed  
Hitch him to an open sleigh  
And crack! You'll take the lead

Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In one horse open sleigh, hey  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In one horse open sleigh  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In one horse open sleigh...



*...but I thought we should have it here, too, to cheer us into the New Year.*



***A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!***



*So stay safe, keep well, keep busy...and do have a happy New Year  
despite whatever it may bring!*

Editor

**Let's hope this happens!...**

*...There are thoughts of having a "Drive In Carol Service" where we could all sit in the safety of our cars and sing carols as loudly and as out of tune as we like...*

Well something of the sort did happen - an outdoor carol service took place on Peco's car park on the afternoon of Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Just a pity it could not have been advertised earlier and more widely as we can't all spend every day searching through Facebook. Oh well, we did catch some of the singing drifting across the valley and wondered where it was coming from. Would have loved to have been there!

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## **Beer Film Society**



Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the film programme has been suspended until further notice. Hopefully we will be able to resume screenings not too long into the new year.

In the meantime we will continue with the weekly TV film guide, assiduously compiled by Ros, which you can find on our website: [www.beerfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.beerfilmsociety.org.uk)

Membership of Beer Film Society costs £10 per annum, and then members pay £4 entrance at each regular film they attend. Non-members may also buy tickets on the evening for £6.

For further information, please contact [BeerFilmSociety@gmail.com](mailto:BeerFilmSociety@gmail.com)



# For 2021

- Return everything you borrow
- Stop blaming other people
- Clear out cupboards and give clothes to charity
- Listen more, talk less
- Be on time; don't make excuses
- Let someone cut in ahead of you in the queue
- Be alone each day
- Leave greatness to others; be so small no one can see you
- Accept that life isn't fair
- Know when to keep silent
- Go a whole day without criticising someone
- Live in the present
- Don't sweat the small stuff – it's all small stuff
- Life is fleeting; wake up to now



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Online services are still available but we are delighted that our Support Centre is now open again, with strict COVID-safe measures in place to protect staff and visitors.

The nurses we fund at the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital are also still able to deliver vital chemotherapy and we have worked closely with the RD&E to develop a new cancer hub in Ottery St Mary.

What has been considerably affected is our income. So many events have been cancelled or postponed and we have had to close our charity shop for significant periods.

**Coronavirus**

## SUPPORT OUR LOCAL SHOPS AND BUSINESSES

Although many businesses, amenities, and attractions had re-opened in one form or another, the new lock-down means they may be again out of action. Covid restrictions can change rapidly, so check online or by 'phone what goods and services businesses are currently able to offer.

**UPDATE** (post printed version)  
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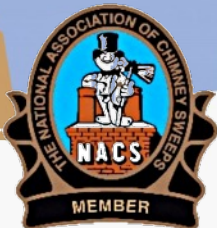
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*A  
Very Happy New Year  
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Things can only get better (eventually).  
Take care, stay safe, and enjoy  
what each moment may bring.

*Editor*

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