

Beer Parish News

October 2021

*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set the bonnying more,
And still more, late, the reddest berries,
Until they think whereon to swell their cells,
For summer has o'berlaid their clammy cells...*

Keats

St Michael's.....and Village

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St MICHAEL'S CHURCH



[St Michaels Church Beer](https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelsChurchBeer)

www.coastalchurch.org.uk

Village summer season about over, but covid has not gone away!

Stay safe - keep others safe too!

Calendar for October 2021

- Fri 1st** 10:00am Mickey's Music Makers
- Sun 3rd** **9:30am Harvest Festival**
- Tues 5th** 6:00pm Choir practice
7:30pm Bell ringing practice
- Fri 8th** 10:00am Mickey's Music Makers
- Sun 10th** **9:30am Communion Service** *19th Sunday after Trinity*
- Tues 12th** 6:00pm Choir Practice
7:30pm Bell ringing practice
- Wed 13th** **10:00am Communion Service at BEER**
- Thurs 14th** 2:00pm Questions of Life & Faith at Colyford Memorial Hall.
All Welcome
- Fri 15th** 10:00am Mickey's Music Makers
- Sun 17th** **9:30am Morning Praise** *20th Sunday after Trinity*
- Tues 19th** 6:00pm Choir Practice
7:30pm Bell ringing
- Wed 20th** **7:00pm Compline service at SEATON**
- Fri 22nd** 10:00am Mickey's Music Makers
- Sun 24th** **9:30am Family Communion** *Bible Sunday*
- Tues 26th** 6:00pm Choir Practice
7:30 Bell ringing practice
- Wed 27th** **10:00am Communion Service at SEATON**
- Sun 31st** **10:00am JOINT Communion Service at BEER ~ ALL SAINTS**
6:30pm JOINT All Souls Service at SEATON commemorating:
"Those we love but see no longer" Names will be read out

NB. Our Sunday services in Beer are often broadcast live on Facebook.



News & Views from St Michael's and St Gregory's Churches

Something different this time: a report on the **Big Church Picnic** which was advertised in our last edition. Looks like a great time was had by all !

Editor

After the BCP (Big Church Picnic!)

The autumn sunshine encouraged people and smiles, amidst the vibrant blooms and stunning blue sea views of the Pecorama gardens in Beer . September 19th was the second choice of date, but turned out to be a first class selection!



A great team effort, brought together crafty fish decorating (wooden fish!); garden touring; train riding (on the Beer Heights Light Railway!); playground

playing; paper boat making and at least one invigorating game of senior table tennis!





Gathered to eat, we colourful picnic-ers resembled a modern take on a famous biblical scene - though numbers present were more like 150 than 5000. Young and old, from different churches and communities enjoyed a happy day together.



For the final worship, people offered their gifts of music, prayer, and drama, and donations were made in the region of 250 pounds to Christian Aid.

I do hope we might be able to make this an annual event: so let me know if you'd like to be involved in planning the next one!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped,

Shuna :)



NEXT MEETING.....

6TH OCTOBER (ZOOM 7.30 PM)

**SPEAKER: AMY BALL, CASTING DIRECTOR
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Walking Group



All Welcome



For information please call: 01297 21864 or 01297 599157

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

From the 7th Sept meeting held by the Altar Guild in St Michael's Church.



Coffee will restart after Sunday services commencing on the 12th September, it will be lovely to have this social side back again. ☕

Congregational Church will go ahead with their harvest lunch on Sept 26th 2021 but St Michael's church has chosen not to have a lunch this year, but will hold a Harvest Service on 3rd October 2021. For this, St Michael's has decided to ask for items that can be donated towards either Beer school's chosen charity or St Petrock's (for the homeless)

A "wish list" which will be displayed on the church notice board and any donations will be gratefully received.

Date of next meeting: 2nd November 2021 10am



Julian Meetings usually take place on the second Monday of each month, 7.30 for 7.45pm at St Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Road, Seaton. We are a small group who meet regularly in order to grow in the practice of Contemplative Prayer in the Christian tradition. Julian Meetings welcome people of ALL denominations, or none.
For more information contact:

Sue Price, Reader at St Gregory's Seaton on 01297 22314



POPPY APPEAL 2021

This will be my ninth and last village duty as the Poppy Appeal Organizer on behalf of the Royal British Legion so our

local branch is looking for an enthusiastic successor. So what does this voluntary post involve? Well, I think it would be best for anyone who wishes to take up the post if we met and I can go through what is entailed and be ready to help out in the first year.

Last year we raised £ 3, 646-19 via street table top sales and collections in our always helpful local shops. As you will recall, the pandemic had started and furlough was in full swing. The village saw many visitors who were very generous with their financial support as were the ever dependable village residents.

The Royal British Legion is now 100 years old so this year there will be a change in how Remembrance Sunday is organized. Our chairman, Mike Gurton, and Richard Scott will be reading out the names and it is hoped that they and the wreath layers will assemble at the Scout Hut and join the Cubs and Scouts on their parade and march with them down to the war memorial. The annual church service will still conclude proceedings. Nearer the date posters will appear on village notice boards as in previous years confirming all the relevant timings.

The passing of George Bastone marked the end of an era. We as a village no longer have any record of anyone who served in World War Two and survived. The thought did occur to us that there may be servicemen who served in other conflicts since then – Korea. Suez, Afghanistan, Falklands to name a few. We do know that Gary Aplin served in the Merchant Navy and holds the Falklands Medal. Any information will be treated in strict confidence and not be published without the express permission of the former service person and/or his/her relatives.

I took over the baton from Pat Bewick in 2012 and the records she gave me indicate that she was Poppy Appeal Organizer from 1997 until then – some 16 years which is a fantastic record of voluntary service. From that time onwards we the Village collected £ 55,855.75 for RBL central funds. So thank you for your generosity. Last year's total was £3646.19.

So as you can see we have a good record of supporting the Royal British Legion and we now need a volunteer to take on the post from me to whom I shall give as much assistance as he/she wants for as long as he/she wants.

Peter Anderson, Poppy Appeal Organizer, Beer Branch, Royal British Legion.



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BRANSCOMBE

This year there will be a

**Christmas Craft Fair in St Michael's Church
Friday December 10th
3-7 pm**

...More details to follow



Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI

Volunteers from Seaton Beer and District Branch are delighted to be out again with our stall at events in our area selling RNLI Christmas cards and gifts. We have been to the Seaton Carnival Car Boot Sale, Seaton Carnival Street Fair plus St Gregory's Church, Seaton Autumn Fair.

Our Shop at Jubilee Gardens is doing very well and it is wonderful to see our customers again. At the present time we are open from approximately 10am to 4pm seven days a week (subject to Volunteer availability and weather). Additional Volunteers are always needed and welcome. If you can help at our Shop or with fundraising, please come and see us at the Shop, or at the events we attend. Our contact details are as below for the sponsored walk. Alternatively go to volunteering@rnli.org.co.uk Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Our next branch event is our Annual Autumn Sponsored Walk that is to be held on Sunday 17th October. The route is from the Money Acre Cross junction on the road to Honiton. The directions to the start of the walk are take the B3174 towards Honiton. Turn right at the Farway Common junction. Money Acre Cross is the second junction on the right and there is a large layby opposite. Our route takes us down through Farway, Northleigh, Colyton and Colyford to Seaton and the distance is approximately ten miles. Registration is at 9.45am and we depart at 10am. This route was first walked in 1989 and that time we caught the tram from Colyton to Seaton and then walked to Beer. In 2006 and 2012 we walked from Money Acre Cross though to Colyford or Seaton.

Additional walkers are always needed and welcome to join us on our walk raising funds for the RNLI. Sponsor forms and route details plus additional information for the day are available by

telephoning (01297) 23040 (leave message) or email wac500@hotmail.co.uk. Walkers can join us on the day in return for a donation to the RNLI. We will once again be having Justgiving.com page open nearer the time.

Thank you for your support.

Wendy Cummins

Secretary Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI



*Wendy standing in the layby
opposite Money Acre Cross*

Fine Foundation Centre

Beer Village Heritage

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When I'm deadheading the dahlias I've noticed that a few of the stems are black with a thick cluster of black-flies. They are there because their eggs have been moved there by ants who subsequently "milk" the black-

flies for their sugary secretion. Beer benefits from another example of the ants' farming activities. We all like to see the delicate ivy-leaved toadflax decorating our stone walls. The seeds from the plants fall to the ground where they are collected by the ants who carry them back up the wall and plant them into suitable cracks. I have a suspicion that after the next Mass Extinction, the ants will take over the world!

It was lovely to hear that glow worms have been spotted in Jubilee Gardens, after an absence of several years. A friend has described how, in the 1960s, she and her friends would spend summer nights sleeping on Monmouth Beach, at Lyme Regis, and watch hundreds of glow worms twinkling on the cliff. Thank you all for retaining a "wild" section in your gardens; the benefits are really showing with the increase in insect life. More butterflies will mean more birds.

We spent a lovely day at the new Riverside halt on the Tramway recently. This is an area of decking built alongside the estuary and was an ideal spot for watching all of the activity in the area. When the tide was in, the dinghies were racing and there were canoes and paddle-boards a-plenty. As the water ebbed away, the wading birds were out in force, with a little egret coming right into the bank below us. The halt will feature in the timetable next year, so do make time for a day out on the tram. A second new halt will set you down in the Wetlands, giving lots of new opportunities.

Seaton Jurassic is currently closed while EDDC sorts out some fundamental problems with the building. As we've previously reported, Devon Wildlife Trust has decided not to continue to manage the centre and has handed back the lease. Elsewhere in this magazine you'll find an infographic giving a snapshot of their time at Seaton Jurassic and what they have achieved.

Kate Ponting is still keen to welcome volunteers to help with clearing Himalayan balsam. The volunteer team will meet on Wednesday 13 October. Hopefully there will be enough interest to set up other dates/sites and tackle new areas in Beer. If you're interested, please contact Kate for full details on 07917 104250 or kate.ponting@clintondevon.com

The Fine Foundation Centre is busy, with a stream of visitors. The display cabinet under the centre which was broken into has been mended. The thief had broken the lock, leaving the glass intact, which was a blessing. However, the lock posed a number of problems. Once it arrived from China,

it took several hours of delicate manoeuvring to fit the new barrel. We're very grateful to Peter Durrance for all his help, patience and expertise.

Needless to say, we will be less keen to share any rare fossils and the new exhibits will be more common. However, it means that when the centre is closed you can still see a variety of exhibits in the cabinets facing the beach under the FFC. You can also take part in the "I-Spy" in the area outside, as well as enjoying walks in the locality. You can find all the walks and the "I-Spy" on our website: <http://www.beervillageheritage.org.uk/> . Ruth is continuing with her "Blow-in" project, asking the question "why did you move to Beer?" You can contact her on: ruthtoohoots@gmail.com. You can send your contributions for Richard Scott's "Tales of Old Beer" project to: rscttbeer@outlook.com .

Beer Village Heritage, at long last, became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation at the end of June. This should simplify the reporting regime for the Treasurer, so many thanks to Eric Cozens for steering us through what seemed a tortuous procedure!

David Morling's project on the old churchyard is now available on the Beer Memories Museum web site (<https://memories.beervillage.co.uk/>). If you click on the "Locations" button at the top of the page, "Old Cemetery" should appear in the alphabetical list. In that Location there are three objects: the photo, the description of the project and the spreadsheet, all of which are downloadable. Do contact David if you'd like to get involved.

Ruth and Wendy are continuing to re-cycle your crisp packets There is a collection point outside of the Fine Foundation centre as well as in the telephone kiosk. 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.

As always, we welcome new members, along with new ideas for activities and discussions as well as for the displays in the Fine Foundation Centre and Bomb Shelter. If you'd like to pay your subscription (currently £3 per year) why not put the money in an envelope and pop it into the box in the Post Office. Please write your name and contact details on the envelope.

If you'd like to know more, just ask one of our regular helpers such as Nick Jones, Mike Green, Chris Jones, Carol Green, Henry or Norah Jagers, or contact us on 01297 625445, 01297 20858 or at beervillageheritage@yahoo.co.uk

Stay well.



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FOR ALL**

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7,500**

**more than
150
species of
flowers!**

**Huge thanks to
our volunteers!**
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15,225hrs

**...garden trails
have been enjoyed
and prizes claimed**

From
**Saturday Craft
to DinoDay** we
loved running

**Schools loved
to visit** and we
have greeted...

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Beer Parish Council News

September 2021

Our last Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 6th September at the Mariners' Hall. The published schedule of meeting dates may be subject to change in the coming months due to Covid restrictions and the need to meet in the Main Hall rather than the Balcony Room, to enable social distancing. Please check with the Clerk if you need confirmation re dates Clerk.beerparishcouncil@googlemail.com

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wed 13 Oct, 7.30pm in the Main Hall.

EDDC Asset Transfer

The revised draft Heads of Terms are to be made public after they have been presented to the EDDC Cabinet on 7th October. The re-scheduled PARISH MEETING is now planned for Wednesday 27th October, 7.30pm in the Main Hall. This meeting is open to all of the electorate and will provide a further opportunity to discuss the asset transfer proposals. If successful, the transfer of assets will take place in April 2022.

As stated earlier, meeting dates may be subject to change due to Covid restrictions.

Live streaming of Parish Council meetings

The council is considering options around the live streaming of future face-to-face Parish Council meetings to raise awareness of parish matters and to encourage community engagement. We need to ascertain if the equipment that we already have will suffice or whether we need to apply for additional grants for new equipment.

Ash Hill play park

The new play and sports equipment has been installed and the park is now open again. The equipment has been funded by s106 funds. There is some making good required to the ground around the new equipment sites and the council has this in hand. New benches will also shortly be installed at the play park. The play park has been super busy since re-opening and we are delighted that the children are enjoying the revamped facilities. Huge thanks must go to Cllr Louise Vine and Cllr Rick Dormor who have worked so hard over many years to access the funding and deliver this fantastic new play equipment for the children of Beer.

Environment

We have held discussions with residents with regards to potentially making a small garden area within Ash Hill play park which will be both designed and maintained by local residents.

Traffic Survey

The council is planning to appoint a consultant (grant funded) to conduct a village wide traffic/parking survey in Beer. We are aware that there are lots of issues that need addressing. The contract will shortly go out to tender and we anticipate that the work will commence mid-November/December. The survey will include public consultation.

East Devon District Council Public Toilet Review

We are aware that there are issues with the cleanliness and maintenance of the toilets on the Jubilee. These issues have been highlighted to EDDC. We have been informed that before the proposed asset transfer goes ahead, these problems will be addressed. EDDC is currently conducting a public toilet review – for further information and to take part in the consultation use this link [Public Toilet Review - East Devon](#)

Brook Cleaning

We are asking for volunteers to assist with clearing weeds and debris from the brook. The brook must be well maintained as it is an essential part of our flood defences. If you would like to help out, please speak to an existing councillor or contact the Clerk.

Housing Survey

Mo Westlake and Cllr Jess Bolton are in the process of putting together an informal Beer Housing Needs Survey to ensure the data we have is as up to date as possible.

Assets and Property

There has been a request for another defibrillator to be sited in the middle of the village in addition to the one on the beach and at the football club.

Tree Root Damage

We are aware of problems with tree roots damaging paving and footpaths and potentially being a trip hazard. The council will review and prioritise the necessary works and may be able to secure funding via the Parish Paths Partnership scheme.

Beer Arts Group(s)

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We all love our village, our "little bit of heaven"
Can you spare an hour or two occasionally to help
keep our village up to scratch?

Beer Parish Council is keen to set up a register of people who are willing to help with such jobs as sweeping up leaves and debris on the Jubilee and rubbish on the beach, cleaning the shelter windows, clearing the brook in the autumn, or any other jobs where we can make a difference.

**If you would like to be a Volunteer please
contact us in one of the following ways:**


*Send a message via our Facebook page

*Tel: Cllr. Mandy Graham on 20369

*Email the Parish Clerk clerk.beerparishcouncil@googlemail.com

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to meet and what tools to bring.**





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Children's
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Adults
& Children

Baking

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Arrangements

Preserves

Chrysanths
& Charms

Photography

Autumn
Hues

Fruit &
Veg classes



2021

Some insights ascribed to the most popular scientist in the Twentieth Century - for all those who still believe that spirituality and science are incompatible.

“Concerning matter, we have been all wrong. What we have called matter is energy, whose vibration has been so lowered as to be perceptible to the senses. Matter is spirit reduced to point of visibility. There is no matter.”

"Time and space are not conditions in which we live, but modes by which we think.

Physical concepts are free creations of the human mind, and are not, however it may seem, determined by the external world."

"Time does not exist – we invented it. Time is what the clock says. The distinction between the past, present and future is only a stubbornly persistent illusion."

"I think 99 times and find nothing. I stop thinking, swim in silence, and the truth comes to me."

"The intellect has little to do on the road to discovery. There comes a leap in consciousness, call it intuition or what you will, the solution comes to you and you don't know how or why."

"A human being experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings as something separated from the rest, a kind of optical delusion of consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty."

"Our separation from each other is an optical illusion."

“When something vibrates, the electrons of the entire universe resonate with it. Everything is connected. The greatest tragedy of human existence is the illusion of separateness.”

“Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one.”

Albert Einstein



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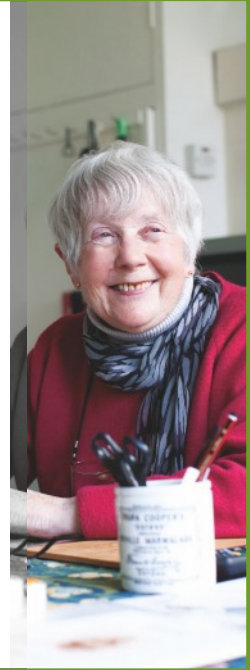
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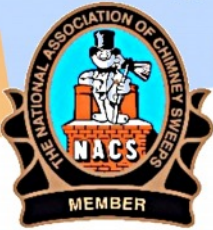

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