Beer Parish News December 2021

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

but please remember

Whose birthday it is!



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Calendar for December 2021

Tues 30th Nov 6:00pm Choir practice

7:30pm Bell ringing practice

Thurs 2nd Dec 10am Puffins Pre-school Nativity

Fri 3rd 10:00am Mickey's Music Makers

Sun 5th 9:30am 9 Lessons 7 Carols Service 2nd Sunday of Advent

Tues 7th 6:00pm Choir Practice

7:30pm Bell ringing practice

Wed 8th 10:00am Communion Service at BEER

Fri 10th 10:00am Mickey's Music Makers

3pm ~ 8pm Festive Fun Weekend begins

Sun 12th 9:30am Communion Service 3rd Sunday of Advent

5:00pm Carols on the Cliff

Tues 14th 6:00pm Choir Practice

7:30pm Bell ringing

Wed 15th 7pm Service of Compline at SEATON

Thurs 16th 4:00pm Wedding Ceremony **Fri 17**th 10:00am Mickey's Music Makers

Sun 19th 10:00am JOINT Communion Service at SEATON with Bishop Jackie
4:00pm Christingle Service 4th Sunday of Advent
Please come dressed as your favourite Nativity character

Tues 21st 6:00pm Choir Practice

7:30 Bell ringing practice

Wed 22nd 10:00am Communion Service at BEER

Christmas Eve 11:30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 9:30am Communion Service Christmas Day 6:30pm JOINT Advent Carol Service at SEATON

Sun 26th 10:00am JOINT Carol Service at Beer 1st Sunday of Christmas

Sun 2nd January 9:30am Morning Praise 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Thurs 6th Jan 6:30pm Evensong at SEATON to celebrate Epiphany Sun 9th 9:30am Communion Service Baptism of Christ

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

Stay safe - keep others safe too!

Questions of Life and Faith

Questions of Life and Faith at 2pm on the second Thursday of the month is attracting a mixed group from our local churches. We meet in Colyford Memorial Hall and the next session will be the 9th Dec. A donation of a £1 or £2 is welcome to meet costs, but not essential. The most important thing is to come with questions that matter to you and open them up to share views and insights. All welcome.

Karen Curnock

Colyford Memorial Hall 9th December, 2pm

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Many thanks to the Children's Society box holders for this year's donations. The magnificent sum of £831 was raised for this very worthwhile charity.

Pat Edmunds



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

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

Meeting held in St Michael's Church on 2nd November 2021

Coffee after the Sunday services has started again and going well - more like old times!

The Harvest Festival service in the church went well and all the donations from the service and Beer school were taken to St. Petrocs Charity they were extremely pleased with the generous amount of gifts and very grateful. Pat B thanked everyone for their kindness and contributions.

Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 14th November at St Michaels Church

Craft Fair on 10th December 2021 to be held in St Michael's church 3-7pm which will include stalls arranged by Sue Ball and the Altar guild committee will be providing refreshments, raffle, tombola and mulled wine and it will lovely if you can all join us.



Date of next meeting: 30th November 2021 10am



This is the new Royal British Legion logo.

Our branch here in Beer has told me that they had a very good response to this year's Poppy appeal - I hope to have a full report from them next month.

Editor



Saturday, 18th December in the Minster, Axminster **7.00 pm. CONCERT** by the Axminster and District Choral Society of Handel's Messiah with professional orchestra and soloists. Conducted by Judy Martin. Tickets £15.00 to include programme. Covid precautions will be followed including wearing of masks as appropriate and not attending if suffering from a cold or other symptoms. Ticket price will be refunded on return of ticket if potential Covid symptoms prevent attendance. BYO cushion and refreshments! Tickets may be purchased online via the link on the website, https://www.axminsterchoral.co.uk/ or direct from Members.

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Seaton & District Hospital League of Friends would like to thank Beer Action Group for their continued support this year and for raising an amazing £2133.44 for our at home end of life palliative care service, which was known as Seaton Hospiscare@Home service until 30th

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September 2021. We would like to thank all the team, but especially Annie Boalch, for all their hard work and commitment, it is greatly appreciated by the League and those who benefit from the service.

Unfortunately, Hospiscare have been unable to continue to provide the 24/7 all year-round service that the league originally commissioned and ceased being the service provider for our at home end of life palliative care service at the end of September. The League remains committed to providing our community with a palliative care service for those wishing to remain in their own homes at the end of their life and we have been actively seeking another service provider. We are pleased to advise that we are now in the final stages of negotiations with a new service provider and are confident of a positive outcome which will enable us to continue providing a home nursing service for Beer, Colyton and Seaton patients.

Any donations or bequests we receive for the Seaton Hospiscare@Home service will be treated as restricted funds and will only be used to fund an at home end of life palliative care service.

The League relies on fund raising and kind donations to enable us to buy equipment for Seaton Hospital and to be able to fund an at home end of life palliative care service. None of this would be possible without help from people like Beer Action Group. We really do appreciate Beer's support for the League of Friends.

Kind regards,

Lycia

LYCIA MOORE, MANAGER SEATON & DISTRICT HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

PROJECT FOOD

"The food brings a smile to all our faces" wrote John, a single father of two who struggles with his mental health. He said he had found the recipes we sent him with our free fruit & veg boxes very helpful: they had inspired him to cook with his children, enabled the family to try new foods, and given them all a positive and rewarding activity to do together.

Over the years, Project Food has repeatedly been told that eating a nutritious diet is a preoccupation of the middle-class and that those on a low income don't care what they eat because they don't have that luxury. We have always known that this is not the case. For the last 18 months people have unequivocally been telling us that even when they are struggling financially and/or mentally so much that they rely on free food parcels, they really do care what they and their families eat.

A good diet is so fundamentally important to good health that we absolutely must find ways of supporting people on low incomes to eat well. If we do not, we simply reinforce existing inequalities in society by only giving access to better food - and therefore access to better health - to the better off. At Project Food, we want to break this cycle.

We have always understood that why someone eats what they eat is a very complex issue: it depends on many different factors including knowledge, skills, the accessibility of nutritious food, self-esteem, confidence, motivation, family, and culture. Our new premises at Axminster Hospital provide us with an exciting opportunity to work with many more people on a tailored basis and help them whatever their individual needs and difficulties.

As coronavirus restrictions continue to ease, we are looking forward to reaching even more of the most marginalised in our community, such as families who are struggling to feed their children and people who have serious and debilitating mental health problems.

We will be enormously grateful if you can support us. To donate, please go to www.localgiving.org/charity/projectfood. Thank you.

Registered Charity no. 1173120 Yours sincerely, *Victoria Parry*

Project Food is a local charity based in Axminster. It was originally set up in 2006 under the name "Health and Local Food for Families (HALFF)". Fditor





Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI

We are delighted to report that our Annual Autumn Sponsored Walk has raised £709.40. Big thank you to Alastair plus Teresa for coming on the walk with me.

Our lovely RNLI Shop at Jubilee Gardens is now closed for the Winter. Huge thank you to all our Shop and Branch Volunteers and to everyone who has supported us during 2021. If anyone has any requests for Christmas cards, calendars and diaries please contact me on 01297 23040 (leave message) or email wac500@hotmail.co.uk We are planning to re-open our Shop at Easter 2022 or may be earlier.

At the time of writing our report we are planning to attend the Mariners' Hall Coffee Morning plus take part in the Seaton Carnival Christmas Parade on Saturday 27th November.

During December we are going to Christmas Fairs with our Christmas cards, calendars, diaries and gifts. Come along and see us. On Wednesday 1st December we are at Colyton Christmas Fair. On Saturday 4th December we are at St. Gregory's Church Seaton, Christmas Fair. On Sunday 5th December we will be at the Axe Yacht Club AGM with our stall and presenting a Certificate of Thanks for their fundraising and support. On Friday 10th December we will be at the Christmas Fair at St. Michael's Church, Beer. On Saturday 18th December we will be having our Christmas Collection at Tesco Seaton.

Looking forward to 2022: On Saturday 29th January we will be having our SOS Table Top Sale at the Mariners Hall. On Sunday 6th March we will be assisting at the Grizzly Race Day Water Station at Beer Head Caravan Site. On Saturday 2nd July and Sunday 3rd July it is our Beer Lifeboat Weekend.

We send everyone our best wishes and have a lovely Christmas 2021.

from Wendy Cummins Secretary, and all at Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI



Beer Arts Groups (BAGs)

BAGs Cabaret Night at the Dolphin was a resounding success with a full house and much enjoyed by the performers and the audience.

Sam Carling got the show underway with some well-chosen jokes. Humphrey Sitters, accompanied on piano by Andrew Daldorph, followed with some comic Flanders and Swann songs. David Fripp enchanted us with four beautiful guitar pieces including flamenco, Beatles and ABBA. Gayle Chapple performed an hilarious Pam Ayres poem. Then Chris Gradwell, with Andrew Daldorph, ended the first half with wonderful Debussy and Gershwin pieces.

Sandwiches and chips were served in the break.

A highlight of the evening was as Martin Cox presented Chris Gradwell with an 80th Birthday cake decorated with musical notes. (See picture)

We all then settled down for the main event, Music Deco which features Kate Walker on vocal, Andrew Daldorph on piano and Chris Gradwell on clarinet and saxophone. They treated us with a wonderful medley of tunes and songs from the Art Deco period and beyond. Kate Walker entranced and amused us all with a rendition of Mad About The Boy, involving a number of quick costume changes. After an encore we dispersed much uplifted by a brilliant night of fun and first-class entertainment. We promised ourselves that we would make this an annual event.

Please note, if you would like to be involved in next year's event please contact us at beerartsgroup@gmail.com

Beer Arts Groups' next event is the members-only Christmas Party, including dinner and a panto at the Dolphin on Thursday 16th December.

A Merry Christmas to all.



Fine Foundation Centre

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The weather has turned autumnal after a warm spell in early November. As a result the leaves have recently shown us their fantastic colours before falling from the trees. If you go for a walk

in a beech wood at the moment you'll be able to enjoy the orange, red and yellow colour scheme while listening to the rustle of the dead leaves as you go along. Keep your eyes open for fungi too as these are very much in evidence too. The bracket fungi create architectural interest on trees while smaller toadstools hide amongst the fallen leaves. We had some large flat orange toadstools in the garden recently, and we've seen a wide variety of smaller fungi on many of our walks.

If you have leaves falling in the garden, rake them up and store for at least a year, after which you can use them as mulch. We tend to use builders' dumpy bags, but black plastic sacks will do the same job. Make sure that you dampen the leaves before securing the bag, but make some holes in it with a fork so that the contents won't become water-logged.

Beer Village Heritage will be taking part in a project to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Jurassic Coast's inscription as a World Heritage Site. The Jurassic Coast Trust's plan is to ask people to answer a question about a specific pebble from various beaches. For Beer, Mike Green will start off with a piece of flint, as the first question posed is "what is the most common pebble on your beach?" I wonder how he will fit in all the possible stories about flint? Will he talk about warm seas and sponges, or will he discuss knapping and the many uses of flint. He has less than a minute!

The East Devon Local History Group held it's annual meeting recently. Most groups are slowly coming out of purdah and organising activities again. Those which have museums reported on the season. It was interesting to hear that most said that although they welcomed fewer visitors, their income remained much as usual. It appears that people have been very generous with donations. A similar story comes from a round-up with other Information Centres along the Jurassic Coast. As always, these meetings produce a variety of ideas for activities and projects. Hopefully we will be able to capitalize on some!

The Fine Foundation Centre is now open at weekends although David Newton is working inside, mending pots and other equipment, and is happy for you to look around. 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 "Blowin" project, asking the question "why did you move to Beer?" You can contact her on: ruthtoohoots@gmail.com.

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.

As I write this I'm looking forward to the first of the Branscombe Project's talks on November 29th in the Branoc Hall. The second, looking into John Ford's estate book, is on January 31st. They start at 1930hrs, with free entry. A donation as you leave is appreciated.

Beer Village Heritage will organise their traditional Beach Clean on New Year's Day, when we'll meet at 1100. It's an ideal way of blowing away the cobwebs.

Ruth and Wendy are continuing to re-cycle your crisp packets There is a collection points outside of the Fine Foundation centre as well as in the telephone kiosk. Wagg N Purr has sadly stopped collecting cat food pouches as the sponsorship on which the recycling centre relied has stopped. However, Pets at Home are currently running a trial recycling programme for them. So I suggest that you continue to collect and store pouches so that you can take them to Axminster when it joins the scheme. At the moment the nearest shop is at Yeovil.

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 Jaggers, or contact us on 01297 625445, 01297 20858 or at beervillageheritage@yahoo.co.uk

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- · 4pm 6pm Father Christmas at the Craft Fair
- 5:30pm Christmas Tree Light Switch On accompanied by Gayle Chapple and Choir
- 6pm 8pm Children's Disco in the Mariners Hall supported by Beer Parish Council Community and Tourism Team

There will be a Tuck Shop inside the hall and a food offering outside supporting Beer Scout Group.

For the over 18's the bar will be open.

Throughout the evening Beer business' will be offering a warm welcome into their shops to browse freely for those first Christmas gifts or maybe even those last-minute ones too, for those that are super organised!

You may find that the hospitality of the local business' has become very generous at this time of year; with the possibility of a festive offering.



SUND AY 12 TH DECEMBER

CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT - 5PM

Led by Gayle Chapple, the Jubileer will be lit up by candles as we gather to sing Christmas Carols. If bad weather is forecasted, we will convene in the Mariners Hall.



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on

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Peace is one step. One conscious breath. Be your attention here, now.

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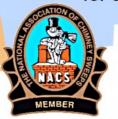


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