

Beer Parish News

March 2022



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Calendar for March 2022

- Sun 27th Feb 9:30am Family Communion** *Sunday next before Lent*
Tues 1st March 10:00am Altar Guild Meeting
6:00pm Choir Practice
7:30pm Bell ringing practice
- Wed 2nd 10:00am Communion Service** *with Imposition of Ashes*
Thurs 3rd 2pm "The Joy of the Gospel" Lent Course 1st Session at Endsleigh
Fri 4th 10:00am Mickey's Music Makers
11:00am World Day of Prayer service at SEATON METHODIST CHURCH
- Sun 6th 9:30am Morning Praise Service** *1st Sunday of Lent*
Tues 8th 6:00pm Choir Practice
7:30pm Bell ringing
- Wed 9th 10:00am Communion Service**
Thur 10th 2pm "The Joy of the Gospel" Lent Course 2nd Session at Endsleigh
Fri 11th 10:00am Mickey's Music Makers
- Sun 13th 9:30am Communion Service** *2nd Sunday of Lent*
Tues 15th 6:00pm Choir Practice
7:30 Bell ringing practice
- Thurs 17th 2pm** "The Joy of the Gospel" Lent Course 3rd Session at Endsleigh
Fri 18th 10:00am Mickey's Music Makers
- Sun 20th 9:30am Morning Praise** *3rd Sunday of Lent*
Tues 22nd 6:00pm Choir Practice
7:30pm Bell Ringing
- Wed 23rd 10:00am Communion Service at St Gregory's, SEATON**
Thurs 24th 2pm "The Joy of the Gospel" Lent Course 4th Session at Endsleigh
Fri 25th 10:00am Mickey's Music Makers
Sat 26th 2:00pm Posy making at Congregational Hall
- Sun 27th 10:00am JOINT Mothering Sunday Service at CONGREGATIONAL**
Tues 29th 6:00pm Choir Practice
7:30pm Bell ringing
- Thurs 31st 2pm** "The Joy of the Gospel" Lent Course 5th Session at Endsleigh
Sun 3rd April 9:30am Morning Praise *5th Sunday of Lent*

NB. Our Sunday services in Beer are often broadcast on Facebook. You can watch and hear them there, either live or later at a time convenient to you!

Covid restrictions may have relaxed but we still need to Stay Safe - and keep others safe too!



One Bag. Big Difference.

Back for its seventh year, our 2022 Great British Spring Clean takes place 25 March – 10 April. This year the message is simple. Join our #BigBagChallenge and pledge to pick up as much litter as you can during the campaign.

Each year during the Great British Spring Clean, we see more and more #LitterHeroes join us. The past two years have really emphasised why local places matter, and how people are prepared to show they care.

25. March - 10. April 2022

BEER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AGM
To be held in the Congregational Hall
Thursday 10th March 2022 at 7.00pm

Lent course - "The Joy of the Gospel"

A six-session study course in sharing faith which will be held on Thursday afternoons during Lent at 2:00pm at Endsleigh, Barline. Please let Gayle know if you would like to attend.

World Day of Prayer 2022

As a single World Day of Prayer organisation, the three voices of England, Wales and Northern Ireland have come together to present this years' service, recognising our differences but also our common ground. Our neighbours, Scotland and the Republic of Ireland, both have their own World Day of Prayer organisations.

The theme of the service is 'I Know the Plans I have for You', and two significant parts of this service involve the lighting of seven candles - to celebrate hope - and the distributing of seeds - as a sign of hope.

Each year a team of women from our local churches, use the resources and worship supplied and printed by the World Day of Prayer organisation, to invite YOU to join them in song and prayer. ALL are welcome!

Date: Friday March 4th

Time: 11.00 a.m

Venue: Seaton Methodist Church, Valley View Rd, SEATON

ALTAR GUILD

Last met on 1st February, but no news received for this edition.
...Let's hope they are all well, they should be busy again now that Covid regulations have been relaxed!

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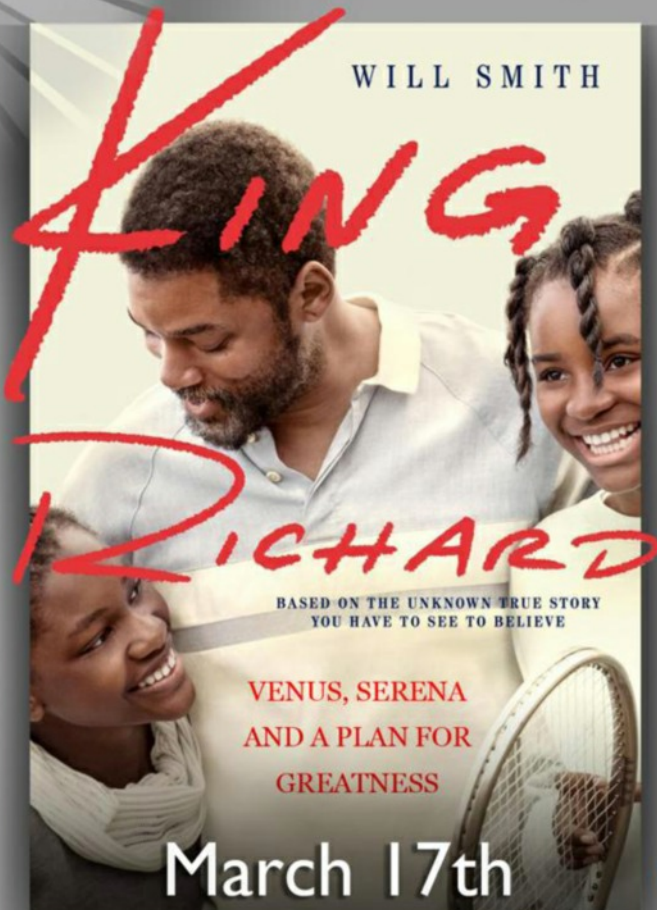


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Beer Film Society



March 17th
Mariners Hall
Doors open 6.45pm Film starts 7.30pm

Members £5.00 non members £7.00

numbers limited - to book tickets email beerfilmsociety@gmail.com

An uplifting biographical drama that follows the incredible life of Richard Williams (Will Smith), the father and coach of tennis players Venus and Serena Williams, who was stubbornly determined to write his daughters into sporting history.

Beer Parish Council News - February 2022

Hi all,

I've been informed that your Parish Councillors take it in turns to write a piece on behalf of the Parish Council for the Newsletter, so here is my first letter from Beer so to speak.

The February council meeting was exceptionally well attended, and very gratifying it was to see so many residents taking an interest in the council in action. The councillors are there to represent you the residents of Beer, it's a duty we took on when we became councillors, and you have every right to voice your queries, questions, concerns to them personally by letter, email or phone, but in a nice way please. All our contact details are available on the parish council website, so please contact us if you need to. We have three new members of the council, Sean Grieg, Alex Adkin and Adam Brewer, to welcome and who will be joining us at the next meeting to discuss the minutiae of detail such as floppy gate posts, strimmer repairs and rusty poles that need dealing with, in addition to the larger concerns such as the state of the Jubilee and the Asset Transfer project.

I know a lot of people are very passionate about the state of the Jubilee and the Parish Council has raised this issue with EDDC StreetScene and we wait upon their action. You are all of course at perfect liberty to complain to them yourselves. I agree it's a disgrace. Someone showed me an old postcard from Beer, and it is a picture of the Jubilee in its pristine condition. It was a great advertisement for Beer, now it's just an embarrassment. Make your comments known to EDDC it may help move things on.

The next council meeting is on the 9th March, and a large public attendance is more than welcome, there is always a public participation slot at the start of the meeting, and if you wish to speak to the council directly you can book a speaking slot with the clerk of the council a few days before the meeting. Very sorry but it's not a turn up and speak event.

Please keep a lookout for the EDDC officer approved Heads of Terms document on the Parish Council website which will explain more fully what the Transfer of Assets is about. Also, for the date of the Parish Meeting where you will have the scheme explained and be able to ask questions about it.

Tim Stevens email: timstevensbpc1@aol.com

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council will in future meet on the second Wednesday of each month, 7.30pm in the Mariners' Hall. A Planning meeting will follow if appropriate or take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The Community & Tourism Team meetings will take place bi-monthly on the first Wednesday of the month, starting in March.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES

The Parish Council will be holding informal surgeries at future Beer Horticultural Society Table Top Sales in the Mariners' Hall – please come along and share ideas and suggestions with councillors. Dates: 12 March, 15 April & 7 May.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Parish Council has commissioned a new website to comply with the accessibility guidelines. We are currently finalising the content and hope to launch the new website shortly.

QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

EDDC has kindly offered an oak sapling to every town and parish in the district to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We are seeking a suitable location for the tree in the village and will let you know more in due course.

EAST DEVON SUSTAINABILITY MONTH JUNE 2022

News from EDDC Climate Change Officer:

This June we will see the first district wide sustainability month being held across East Devon. If you are a community group, resident or business and would like to find out more including how you can take part, then please contact Catherine Causley at East Devon District Council at environment@eastdevon.gov.uk

Already there has been interest from repair cafes, sustainability groups and local businesses. So, let's make June a month for really making a difference and showing off the great work and projects that are underway in East Devon. You can run a talk or a demo, host a litter pick or nature walk, maybe you have an EV or solar panels and would want to share your experience of these technologies. Maybe you are a business that has made great strides at improving your environmental performance and would like to conduct a tour of your business to let new customers know. Whatever your idea, I would love to hear from you!

Fine Foundation Centre

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We hope that you have all survived the recent storms with only minor damage. Our wheelbarrow went for a short flight and a greenhouse lost a couple of panes of glass. Other than

that, garden furniture was rearranged and some plant pots up-ended. March and September are traditionally known for their equinoxial gales and we expect February to be wet – it has always been known as “February Fill-Dyke” rather than windy. If you’re a fan of Flanders and Swann you’ll know that their take on the annual weather pattern is that it rains all the time! For the record, the highest gust of wind which we recorded was 62.4 mph. So, will March come in like a lion or a lamb?

One of the modern signs of Spring is the clutch of conferences which are called at this time of year. The first one was “Jurassic January” which is run for the tourism industry along the Jurassic Coast. As usual it was interesting and informative, with Alistair Handyside reporting on some of the lobbying work which he undertakes with the All Party Parliamentary group on Tourism. Their new chairman is Simon Jupp, MP for the Sidmouth end of East Devon. The government is about to launch a consultation period on the idea that there should be statutory registration for all short-stay self catering accommodation. The motivation for this includes the issues around Business Rates versus Council Tax as well as ensuring that holiday-makers can rent a self-contained holiday home, confident that it has passed all safety checks. Please contribute to the consultation if you can and encourage anyone who has a holiday let or AirBnB accommodation to take part too.

Other speakers at the meeting talked about lessons learned during the pandemic. Having timed entry to attractions may reduce the number of visitors but was appreciated because it gave a more leisurely and enjoyable visit. In most cases, visitors are spending more in gift shops and cafes so that the overall income is similar to that pre-pandemic. Another lesson has been the need for sites and attractions to be more accessible. Some of the visitors over the past couple of years have been new to being out-of-doors and didn’t know what was expected of them or how to behave. We all saw what happened at Durdle Door. It has brought into focus the fact that accessibility isn’t just a case of making paths suitable for wheelchairs and prams. We need to understand how to make those with hidden disabilities, such as loss of hearing or a mental health issue, feel confident to visit the coast and enjoy our cafes, beaches and views. Even getting across the message that high-heeled shoes are probably not the best footwear for Beer beach can help someone to enjoy their visit much more!

The East Devon AONB’s event for Ambassadors was as interesting as ever. We are constantly amazed at how much such a small team can achieve. The Government has finally produced their response to the landscape review – the Glover Report. It has put paid to the suggestion that the East Devon AONB could be joined to the two in Dorset as well as the Blackdown Hills and

become a new National Park. Instead, AONBs would have similar status and aims – and hopefully finance - to National Parks and work in conjunction with them along with National Trails and National Parks Association. Together they would be known as Protected Landscapes with a core function to drive nature recovery as well as to connect people to place. The lessons learned from the current Farming in a Protected Landscape project will be important for the future. All of the proposals are subject to consultation at the moment, so do take part as it could have repercussions for all of us in Beer.

Similarly Natural England is conducting a review of England's Heritage Coasts (the areas recognised nationally as our finest coastline and including East Devon). The review will improve understanding of the issues facing coastal areas such as ours, helping to highlight future needs and opportunities. The consultants appointed by Natural England have created an online survey to gather the views of organisations and individuals who have experience of working on the coast. If you would like to complete the survey, you can do so here: <https://forms.office.com/r/ce7i7i9vUv>. The survey will remain open for responses until Friday 11th March.

The 20th anniversary of the East Devon and Dorset World Heritage Site, commonly known as the Jurassic Coast, is being celebrated in a number of ways. Their People's Pebble videos are looking at a different aspect each month and. Beer Village Heritage is planning to contribute to the footage every time. You can find the videos via the following link:

<https://jurassiccoast.org/the-jurassic-coast-turns-20/> . If you'd like to be involved, please say so! We'd love some help with several of the subjects.

For all of you who are planning a walk on Woodbury Common, please check the car-parking situation before you go as some of the car parks (particularly Four Firs and Joney's Cross) are closed for up to 6 weeks while essential work is carried out.

Thank you to everyone who supported our white elephant stall at a recent RNLI table-top sale. It raised our profile as well as bringing in a few pounds for our funds, and it was good to be out and about again.

The committee is still hoping to be able to work in the Fine Foundation Centre over the next couple of months and re-arrange some of the displays, including the fish tanks – we're still waiting for the builder to be available. Although the Centre is closed until Easter 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 .

The Branscombe Project talk in January was by Sue Dymond who found all kinds of fascinating information in John Ford's estate book. It hadn't

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Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI

Seaton Beer and District Branch is delighted to report that we raised £443.36 that includes the sale of calendars and gifts at our RNLI Sales Stall during our SOS Table Top Sale on Saturday 29th January. The stall holders came along with a great variety of items to sell plus we had our own Raffle, Card Tombola and Bric-a-Brac stall. We sold out of bacon baps by 11am and I had to go to buy further supplies. A big thank you goes to our Kitchen Crew of Ian, Fe, Liz and Lillian, our Branch Volunteers who helped before and on the day plus everyone who came along to support us.



On Sunday 6th March it is Grizzly Race Day and we will be up at Beer Head Caravan Site with Beer Village Heritage giving water to the runners as they pass by. We will be there from 9.30am to approximately 3.30 or until the last runner passes though. Additional helpers are most welcome to come along and join us for part or all of the day at a time best for them. We hope that the weather will be fine but keep an

eye on the weather forecast and wear suitable clothing. Some refreshments will be available but bring your own too.

On Tuesday 15th March it is our Annual General Meeting that is being held in the Function Room at the Dolphin Hotel at 7.30pm. Our Community Fundraising Manager Sarah Armstrong will be coming to our meeting plus a guest speaker

from Exmouth Lifeboat Station. There will be lots of news as due to the Covid-19 restrictions in 2021 we didn't have an AGM. Additional Fundraising Committee Members, are needed plus Volunteers to help with fundraising at our events and events we attend, plus in our Shop at Top Cliff, Jubilee Gardens. Please come along to our meeting, email wac500@hotmail.co.uk for details or call in to our Shop when we re-open in the Spring.

We are very excited to say that we now have our own listing on the RNLI Website. Look for Seaton Beer and District Branch plus Find My Nearest Shop. At the time of writing my report RNLI has listed the Shop in the S's because we are Seaton Beer and District Branch. Google Maps nearly has us in the right place!!

Take care and best wishes to everyone,

from *Wendy Cummins* (Secretary)
and all at Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI



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NET Friends

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occurred to me how much you could learn about a business and person by looking at their account book. The March talk is on Monday 28th when Rose Ferraby will talk on Art and Archaeology: Digging Deep into a Landscape. Rose, who is an archaeologist *and* artist, will discuss some of the projects she's worked on, including making images for the British Museum, working with poets to think about Bronze Age barrows, and creating paintings of Mesolithic peatlands.

Elsewhere you will see that Ruth and Wendy will no longer collect your crisp packets for recycling now that Tesco's have a collection point. I understand that the Co-op at Axminster has a collection point for crisp packets and pet food pouches and the Seaton branch can also take soft plastics. So well done to Ruth and Wendy for raising awareness to the extent that the shops are taking notice, and well done for raising money for Beer School.

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

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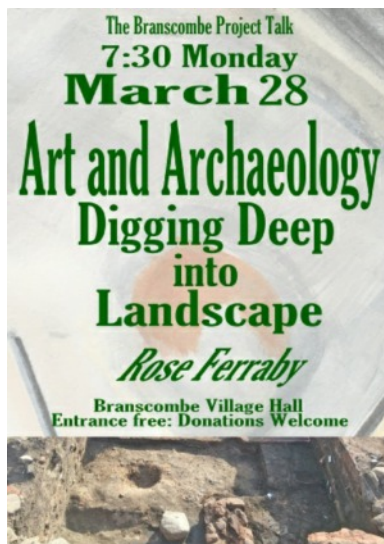


BRANSCOMBE PROJECT - Winter Talk at the Branoc Hall

Monday March 28th – 7:30

Art and Archaeology - Digging Deep into a Landscape, *Rose Ferraby*

Rose is an archaeologist and artist, and will discuss some of the projects she's worked on: making images for the British Museum, working with poets to think about Bronze Age barrows and being creative around Mesolithic peatlands.



“In Conversation With ...”

No. 3, In Conversation ...with Kevin Hale, “Bun”

Q: Kevin, we’re sitting in the best pub seat in Beer, the sea view from the high stools in the bay window of The Anchor. And yours is one of the best known faces in the village. A lot of people know you as “Bun”. Why?

Bun: When I was 5, there was a darts player on tv called Arnie Bun and my brother started calling me Bun. It spread out into the village from there.

Q: So, you’re what they call a proper Beer Boy?

Bun: I was born in Sidmouth Cottage hospital, but I’ve always lived in Beer. I went to Beer Primary when it was still the old school, then I moved with it to the new site on the hill. My connections with the village go way back: my grandad, and my father and two uncles all worked as stone masons at Beer Quarry.

Q: What happened to you after school?

Bun: Various things. After Axminster I completed a Horticultural Countryside Management Course at Bickton College. Then I worked here in this pub. I worked at Chard Junction making shower trays. After that I worked at Colyton Tannery, shifting the skins between different pits, operating the machine that softened them. And now since 2003 I’ve worked for Beer Parish Council, keeping the village clean and tidy.

Q: Yes, we’ve all seen you doing that. What are the best parts of the job?

Bun: When people tell me the village is looking smart and attractive, that’s a nice feeling. The worst part is dog mess, when it’s in the long grass and I’m strimming ... I leave it to your imagination what that can be like.

Q: And winter and summer: much change in the nature of the job?

Bun: Winter it’s tidying hedges. Summer it’s cutting back all the growth, plus of course dealing with litter.

Q: Now most people know you have a passion for birdwatching. Where did that come from?

Bun: As soon as I was able to walk, my Dad took me out into the woods and I’d notice everything: trees, insects, wild flowers. So all my life up to now I’ve been really interested in nature.

Q: But birds predominantly?

Bun: I've been birding in the Ural Mountains ('hazel hens', rare thrushes, snipe and a bear's footprint outside the tent one morning); in Morocco (migratory raptors like osprey, honey buzzards, black kites) , in Egypt and Israel. Plus of course nearer home I've been birding in the Scillies, Orkney, the Hebrides.



Q: But birding isn't the only passion in your life, is it?

Bun: No. Three years ago at the age of 46 I met and married Rhian. We met because we had the Scilly Isles in common. She was just about to visit there and I had been there. So I could tell her all about it. She loves the countryside just as much as I do.

Q: So, finally, tell us about one memorable birding experience.

Bun: Well, I'm a member of a rare bird group, and I was in the bath one Thursday evening when I got this message on WhatsApp. A "Varied Thrush" had been spotted on Papa Westray in the Orkneys. By Friday evening I was there – and I saw it! I've also seen an albatross in Yorkshire.

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And at that point we vacate our stools in the bay window of The Anchor and a visiting couple instantly grab it - the best pub seat in the village. They have no idea there's just been a sighting of the greatly spotted Beer Bun Bird.

Beer WI managed to have some meetings at the end of 2021 but the increase in the omicron covid infection meant we had to cancel our January meeting. This was due to be our New Year Party so was moved to our February meeting and with over 20 members present, each supplying a plate of party food, everyone had a lovely social evening after an interesting talk on Hospiscare in East Devon given by Toni Hiscock.



Our monthly lunches combined with a skittle competition have taken place in December, January and February at The Hind, Musbury and have been very well attended and enjoyed by everyone. The 17th March lunch is Beer WI's 97th birthday celebration and this will again be at The Hind but preceded by a visit to Musbury Pottery and Musbury church. Skittles will again take place if we can squeeze it in between all these activities.

All of our activity groups are taking place as normal. Two book groups and a creative writing group meet monthly. Also each month there is a walk on the last Friday. In February this was from Budleigh Salterton to Otterton Mill, when we were able to view the fields which will be opened to the sea next year to create mud flats encouraging birds and other wildlife to the estuary. The fortnightly canasta card group has proved so popular it is now weekly on Thursday afternoon.

Future plans include either archery or quad biking at Nescot as well as a summer coach trip in May or June.

Our next meeting at the Congregational Hall is on 2nd March with inspiring talks on "Talking Newspapers" and "Visual Impairment". The April meeting is on the 6th with a talk on "An introduction to Silk Painting", everyone welcome.

For further information contact 21864 or 599157.

Royal British Legion, Beer Branch – Tribute to Polish Aircrew, 12th April



The Polish flag will fly over the village on 12th April as a tribute to two Polish aircrew who were killed when their nightfighter crashed into the sea near the village in 1942. The flag, on loan from the Polish Embassy, will be flown from the flagpole outside St. Michael's church, and will be raised in a brief ceremony at 9.45am.

The aircraft was a Beaufighter from 307 Squadron based at what was then RAF Exeter, and was patrolling Lyme Bay to intercept German bombers en route to targets such as Bristol, Cardiff and Liverpool. It crashed into the sea a mile off Beer Head late on the night of 12th April 1942, and the incident was observed by Beer Coastguards.

The body of the observer, Mieczysław Świerż, was recovered from the sea by an RAF launch from Lyme Regis and buried in Exeter, but the body of the pilot, Roman Smok, was never found.

The Beer branch of the Royal British Legion, in conjunction with a research group, the 307 Squadron Project, plan to stage a number of events to mark the 80th anniversary of the crash.

An exhibition relating to the operations of 307 Squadron will be held in the Congregational Hall, opening at 10am, and wreaths will be placed in the sea over the crash site from 'Sambe', skippered by Kim Aplin, whose grandfather and great-grandfather put to sea on that night in 1942 to search for survivors. In addition, a ceremony will be held on the coast path near Beer Head which will be attended by relatives of the crew, local branches of the Royal British Legion and Royal Air Forces Association, and cadets from the Sidmouth squadron of the Air Training Corps. A bugler from the Salamanca Band of The Rifles will sound the Last Post and Reveille.

The colours of the Polish flag are red and white, and if anyone living in the centre of the village would like to display these colours on 12th April it will help us in extending a welcome to our Polish visitors. The time of the Beer Head event will be confirmed in the April edition of the Parish News.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the flag-raising, exhibition and ceremony on Beer Head to pay tribute to these two men from another country who died while defending ours.

- Beer Best Years
and Bizzy Bees clubs -
both back up and running in the Mariners' Hall,
alternating on Tuesdays 2-4pm.

Beer Best Years Club

Accessible and inclusive activities for those aged 50+

8th, 22nd, March, 5th April, etc.

Tea, Cake, Natter, Occasional Talks, Seated Exercise, and more! We look forward to welcoming you back.

Anyone just come along! You can just sit and chat or you can bring cake and help! This is a community event, for the community, come along and enjoy or come and help!



1st, 15th, 29th March, etc.

For crafters, sewers, knitters, etc. Enjoy your chosen activity plus tea, cake, natter as above! Just come along!

Contact Annie for more info 07968157136

NOW

Most people are obsessed with past and future.

Memories and anticipation, that's where our attention likes to go.

We revisit the past, and we visualise the future, and we do this for a large part of each day. In short, we are 'lost in time.'

Why? Because past and future are more interesting than the present.

The past provides us with identity, and the future contains our hopes and desires. The one is memory, the other is mental projection.

Neither exist as a reality. What or where is reality? Here. Now.

When the events in the past happened it was now. When future events actually happen it is now. Now is where your life is being lived. Now contains the whole of your life. Everything that happens in your life happens in now. Now is the field on which the game of life is played. How would it be if you were to focus your attention on now? How would you do that? It would involve holding your attentive awareness here in this present moment, in noticing all the things around you, and noticing the sights, sounds, smells, tastes and textures that are present in this moment. It means waking up and being fully present here and now, and holding yourself there.

If you are able to do this, it would mean that your thoughts and actions, would arise out of a connection with a source of intelligence greater than the mind. It would open space in you, and the unforeseen.

In the queue for the supermarket till. In the doctor's waiting room. In a traffic jam. Listening to someone. Daily life brings you many occasions when you'd like to leap over the present moment because it's not very interesting, nothing is happening for you to engage with. You want to get to the next moment, or another moment in the near future because it promises to be much more engaging. But these moments of seeming emptiness are doorways: *Come In ... Here is the present moment ... Enjoy being in Now ... Savour this very moment ... Notice the Beingness in everything around you Notice you are alive! ... Breathe ...*



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REGATTA 2022 NEEDS YOU! VACANT POSITIONS – PLEASE READ!



Beer Regatta needs some new people to join and start to support the work done by the existing Committee in order to have a healthy future. Following the AGM, we are delighted to announce we have filled the positions of Minute Secretary and Shadow Vice Chair. However, we still have the following vacant positions - none of these roles are 'rocket science', and the current Officers are all planning to continue to be a part of the general Regatta Committee after stepping down so will be able to help and support newcomers for many years to come. We hope the list of responsibilities will help to persuade you to help us!

Chairman

Plan the Agenda for Committee Meetings with the Secretary, approx. 6/7 meetings per year, chair the meetings, check the minutes before they are distributed and write a report for the AGM. Host the Opening Ceremony and introduce the Regatta Openers

Member of the Regatta Emergency Committee, with the President, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The rest of the role is down to the individual to develop and carry out as they see fit

Secretary (from 2023, shadow Kate this year)

Plan Agenda with the Chair, check the minutes and work with the Minute Secretary
Deal with correspondence and write letters as required. Organise the contact and admin for certain events, the hall and village site bookings, the required insurances and any other necessary paperwork

Treasurer (from 2023, shadow Lynne this year)

Count and bank money collected during the week. Organise prize money given out at events. Keep careful records of income and expenditure and prepare the accounts for the AGM. Pay event organisers and other admin costs

Head of Publicity (from 2023, shadow Helen this year)

Plan and manage the Facebook posts and liaise with the Regatta Photographer who is also admin for the Instagram account. Manage the Regatta Website (WordPress) – not a live website, just occasional updates. This role could be done by someone else so please come forward if you are happy to do the social media but not the website.

Fancy Dress Organiser

We need someone to take on organising this event please – we will support you with what needs to be done

Volunteers (no need to come to meetings)

Could you sell some Grand Draw tickets, spend an hour on the gate at Sunday Funday, help marshal the rafts or just be prepared to give an hour of your time during the week?

A Call Out to all Village Clubs

Could you organise your own event under the umbrella of Regatta?

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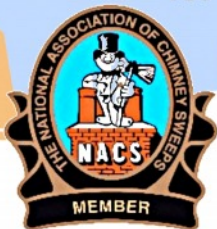

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"When Terracycle launched The Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme with Walkers in December 2018, there was no nationwide solution for recycling flexible plastics, such as crisp packets. When I set up our local collection points in April 2019 our community immediately embraced the scheme and demonstrated just how much people wanted to recycle their packets!

With your help, we have collected nearly 50,000 and earned Beer Primary School £300.

Terracycle have given the packets a second life, turning them into new products like outdoor furniture and playgrounds. Not only this, but your actions have helped change the way others think about recycling.

Over the past year, more and more flexible plastic recycling points have been established at supermarket locations nationwide. Your nearest ones being Tesco's & Co-op in Seaton. Consequently Terracycle are closing the scheme so the Beer Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme will close this April.

The last day to leave crisp packets at the two Beer collection points will be 18th April 2022.

I cannot thank you enough for your dedication and support over the past three years. Although I will be out of a 'job' it really is a good thing that the collection of flexible plastic has become mainstream. Please continue to recycle at Tesco's & Co-op as much as possible."

Thank you, *Ruth* xx

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