

Beer Parish News

April 2022



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Calendar for April 2022

Fri 1st	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	
Sun 3rd	9:30am Morning Praise	<i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>
	12:30pm Rehearsal for Licensing service	
Mon 4th	2:00pm PCC meeting to ratify reports for APCM	
Tues 5th	11:30am Funeral Service for Mrs Sheila Driver 7:30pm Inauguration of new Priest in Charge	
Thurs 7th	2:00pm Lent course "The Joy of the Gospel"	
Fri 8th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	
Sun 10th	9:30am Communion Service	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
Mon 11th	12:30 "Soup for the Soul"	
Tues 12th	Commemoration of Polish Airmen 12:30 "Soup for the Soul" 6:00pm Choir Practice	<i>see elsewhere for details</i>
Wed 13th	12:30 "Soup for the Soul"	
Thurs 14th	12:30 "Soup for the Soul" 6:30pm Maundy Thurs Communion Service	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>
Good Friday	TBA	<i>Good Friday</i>
Sat 16th	RBL Re-dedication of War Memorial	<i>see elsewhere</i>
EASTER DAY	7:30am "SonRise" service Top cliff followed by breakfast 9:30am Family Communion	EASTER DAY
Tues 19th	6:00pm Choir Practice 7:30pm Bell Ringing	
Sun 24th	9:30am Family Communion <i>With Wedding Blessing followed by Annual Vestry Meeting & APCM</i>	<i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>
Tues 26th	6:00pm Choir Practice 7:30pm Bell Ringing	
Sun 1st May	9:30am Morning Praise	<i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>

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 lifted but we still need to Stay Safe - and keep others safe too!

BEER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Calling all Photographers!!!

Summer Show (Photography classification):

Classes are: a) sunrise/sunset; b) flowers;
c) view of Beer; d) portrait; e) trees; f) insects.

Autumn Show (photography classification):

Classes are: a) winter scene; b) fruit and veg;
c) fungus and lichen; d) birds; e) activity.

WORLD DAY of PRAYER 2022

Thank you everyone who came along to our World Day of Prayer worship on March 4th. It was a very moving service, particularly in the light of the sadness and suffering in Europe. Songs, prayers and stories were shared. A minutes silence was held as we remembered Ukraine, followed by their National Anthem.

The retiring collection of £185.00 will be sent to World Day of Prayer Charity UK. Last year the charity made over 50 donations and grants to various charities and organisations for current or future projects. More information can be found on their website. www.wwdp.org.uk

Future Themes: 2023 from **Taiwan** - 'I have heard about your faith' . 2024 from **Palestine** - 'I beg you, bear with one another in love' . 2025 from **Cook Islands** - 'I made you wonderful' . 2026 **Nigeria** - 'I will give you rest, come' .

Please join us next year 2023 Friday March 3rd. We have our planning meeting later in the year when the host church will be confirmed for Seaton, Beer and Axmouth.



A small local group who meet regularly in order to grow in the practice of Contemplative Prayer in the Christian tradition. We welcome people of ALL denominations, or none. Currently operating as "THE JULIAN GROUP AT HOME"

We invite you to join us virtually on the second Monday of each month at about 7.20pm by downloading and following an "order of proceedings" available from the Coastal Church website. For more information contact: Sue Price, Reader at St Gregory's Seaton on 01297 22314

ALTAR GUILD

On 1st March 2022 the AGM was followed by an ordinary meeting held by the Altar Guild in St Michael's Church. All the current officers were willing to stand again and were duly re-elected -



Chairman: Pat Bewick; Vice chair: Yvonne Hawker;

Treasurer: Jenny Ross; Secretary: Haze Barber.

Plans are being made for future events - Lent Lunch will be a joint venture with St Michael's and Congregational and will be held in the Congregational Hall on March 17th at 12 midday.

March 27th joint Mothering Sunday Service is held at the Congregational Church at 10am – all welcome.

We are all looking forward to up and coming events and hope you can all join us

Date of next meeting: March 29th 2022



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<https://beervillage.co.uk>

BEER ACTION GROUP Community Hub - coffee morning
- every Monday 10am - 12.

BEER BEST YEARS CLUB - alternating with
BIZZY BEES on Tuesdays 2 - 4 pm

Reminder - the Beer Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme closes this month.
The last day to leave empty crisp packets at the two Beer collection points is 18th April 2022.



UKRAINE BRUNCH

& Raffle

Sunday 3rd April | 10.30am-2.30pm

Mariners Hall, Beer

CASH ONLY

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includes Hot Drink or Juice

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FOR ALL**

Beer Film Society

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Thursday 21st April 2022 at the Mariners' Hall
Doors open at 6.45pm. Film starts 7.30pm.
Bar available.



A funny, uplifting tale based on an actual life. Chinese-born, U.S.-raised Billi (Awkwafina) reluctantly returns to Changchun to find that, although the whole family knows their beloved matriarch, Nai-Nai, has been given mere weeks to live, everyone has decided not to tell Nai-Nai herself. To assure her happiness, they gather under the joyful guise of an expedited wedding, uniting family members scattered among new homes abroad.

Members £5. Non members £7

Numbers limited - to book tickets email

beerfilmsociety@gmail.com



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Beer Parish Council News April 2022

ASSET TRANSFER UPDATE

The Parish Council would like to provide some additional information about the planned Parish Meeting and the potential Parish Poll regarding the Asset Transfer.

The Parish Council understands that there is some community interest in a referendum for the electorate to decide whether the asset transfer goes ahead in Beer.

The Parish Council and EDDC are in agreement that that there are no legislative provisions allowing for a binding referendum to be called to determine this matter.

The Parish Council and EDDC are in agreement that a Parish Meeting should be held to enable further explanation and debate about the asset transfer proposals.

A Parish Poll may be called before the conclusion of the Parish Meeting which will enable all members of the electorate to vote on whether they think the asset transfer should go ahead. The wording of the question for the Poll must be decided at the Parish Meeting and must involve a Yes/No response.

The Poll will be organised by the EDDC Returning Officer, no earlier than 14 days after the Parish Meeting and will include voting in person at the Mariners' Hall. All local government electors for the parish can vote in the Poll, whether they attended the Parish Meeting or not. The Parish Council will meet the cost of the Poll – we are advised this will be approx. £500.

The outcome of the Poll is no more and no less than an expression of the views of the electorate of the parish who have voted in the Poll. It is not legally binding although the outcome of the Poll will help to inform the Parish Council's final decision as to whether or not to formally approve the Heads of Terms and associated documents and proceed with the asset transfer.

The timing of the Parish Meeting is important and it has been agreed that it will not take place until the Heads of Terms and associated documents have been made available to the public. The Parish Council regrets to advise that due to the proposed viability report and the requirement for further scrutiny through EDDC committee process, the Parish Meeting cannot take place until August/September 2022.

The latest Asset Transfer Report, presented at the BPC meeting on 9 March 2022, is available on the BPC website.

<http://www.beerparishcouncil.org.uk>

In May 2021, HemingwayDesign were appointed by Beer Parish Council (using the Coastal Community grant) to develop a Vision and feasibility study for three key seafront opportunity sites – Jubilee gardens, the play area and Charlie’s Yard. The draft Vision Document is available on the Parish Council website. HemingwayDesign has now produced an online survey based on proposals in the Vision Document. The survey will be disseminated as widely as possible amongst the business and local community and visitors. Please use the link below to take part in the survey (which also includes a link to the Vision Document). The survey is also available on the Parish Council website and Facebook page.

<http://www.beerseafrontvision.co.uk/>

HemingwayDesign will collect and analyse the survey data and reassess the original Vision Document accordingly. Further to this, HemingwayDesign will visit Beer during the Easter holidays to provide an on-site consultation day and the results of this will feed into the final Vision Document which will ultimately be presented to the village for approval.

The proposals in the Vision Document are not specifically tied to the asset transfer proposals for Beer but are general aspirations for the development of village assets.

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. Beer’s oak sapling has been planted at Ash Hill play park.



A weeping silver birch has been planted in Pig's Path, courtesy of a kind local resident, David Boxford. David is a regular user of the path and wished to contribute to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Canopy. Thanks to Kevin for helping with the planting of this tree and also of the oak sapling donated by EDDC at Ash Hill play park.

To all the kind
residents of Beer
On behalf of
Save the children
we would like to thank
you so much for your
donation of

£2,770

This will make such a
difference to the
children of ukraine

We had this from save the
children!

I would like to say A HUGE
THANKYOU! to everyone! -
Donators/spenders, all
villagers and visitors that
made this total happen. We
also have £300 extra which
will be added to the brunch
(3 rd April) total! So over
£3,000 in a week was
AMAZING - Thankyou!

Annie

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



Planning is continuing for the commemorative events on 12th April, marking the crash in 1942 of a Beaufighter from 307 Squadron one mile south of Beer Head, killing the two-man crew. The squadron was a Polish unit, based at what was then RAF Exeter. Relatives of the men who died will be attending, as will representatives of the Polish Embassy and veterans' organisations. Wreaths will be laid over the crash site from the fishing boat 'Sambe', skippered by Kim Aplin, whose grandfather and great-grandfather put to sea on that night in 1942 to search for survivors.

A memorial plaque will be unveiled in the Royal British Legion Garden of Remembrance in the Jubilee Gardens, and a ceremony will be held on the coast path near Beer Head, overlooking the crash site. The 307 Squadron Project, a research group, will put on an exhibition in the Congregational Hall relating to the squadron's operations during the Second World War.

The timetable for the day is as follows:

- 0945 Raising of the Polish flag outside St. Michael's church
- 1000 Opening of 307 Squadron exhibition, Congregational Hall
- 1330 Fishing vessel 'Sambe' departs Beer beach for the crash site
- 1500 approx Unveiling of memorial plaque in RBL Garden of Remembrance, Jubilee Gardens.
- 1600 approx. Commemoration event on the coast path near Beer Head
- 1700 Exhibition closes
- 1715 Lowering of the Polish flag outside St. Michael's church

Concert by the Salamanca Band of the Rifles - Mariners Hall, 15th May, 4.30pm

The Salamanca Band of the Rifles will perform in the Mariners Hall at 4.30pm on Sunday 15th May, shortly after playing at the official opening of the Memorial Avenue. More details will be given in the May edition of the Parish News and on posters in the village.



Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI

On Sunday 6th March Volunteers from our Seaton Beer and District Branch had a great time with Beer Village Heritage on



Grizzly Race Day providing water to the runners as they passed through Beer Head Caravan Park. This year to save plastic we provided the water into the runners own receptacles instead of plastic

cups. The weather was dry and sunny but there was a chilly wind. To keep us going we had bacon baps cooked by Keith and my thirty five year old cd/tape player kept ourselves and the runners entertained with running and party music.

Our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 15th March went very well. Sarah Armstrong our Community Fundraising Manager and extended thanks to all and gave RNLI information. Reports were given from the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer from 2020 and 2021.

Dave Littlefield Community Sea Safety Officer and Hue De Souza from the Sea Safety Team gave an excellent presentation describing and



showing the work for the extension to the ramp at the lifeboat station. Erosion had caused to be a gap between the ramp and the beach so it had to be extended. During that time both lifeboats were stationed in Exmouth Harbour. The CAT Lifeboat Recovery Tractor has had a 1.5 million re-fit and we contributed to it with funds raised when it was new. Several of the crews at Exmouth over the years have received medals for bravery and rescues.

We still need a Shop Manager for our Shop at Jubilee Gardens, Beer. The position includes stock ordering and stocktaking, rotas etc. We all work together as "One Crew" and everyone will help with this and the other requirements for the running of the Shop. Additional Volunteers are also needed. We are one of the top shops without a lifeboat station and we hope to re-open the week before Easter or before. As well as raising vital funds for the RNLI we provide advice on sea safety, coastal walking and tourist information such as where are the best places to eat, where is a cash machine, Post Office or bus stop. For further details please telephone 01297 23040 (leave message) or email wac500@hotmail.co.uk.

We will be taking part in the RNLI Maday Appeal this year and as in previous years we are aiming to do a Yellow Welly Walk and Collection. Details to follow in May.

A big thank you to our Volunteers and Supports as we proceed through 2022. Also, thank you to the Dolphin Hotel for hosting and great service during our Annual General Meeting.

Wendy Cummins

Secretary Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI



Fine Foundation Centre

Beer Village Heritage

Reg. Charity No.1087162

Beer Village Heritage has lost a good friend in Cocoa, whose death was announced recently. For several years he has been a stalwart in opening the Fine

Foundation Centre every morning. This included switching on the computer which was a huge achievement for Cocoa who had a great dislike of computers! We will miss him. Our thoughts go out to Audrey and the rest of his family.

March has seen Beer Village Heritage members enjoying helping with the Grizzly. The weather was kind and we found that some of the new arrangements worked really well. Axe Valley Runners got our vote for deciding not to use one-use plastic cups and to encourage all of the runners to carry their own cup. Most did, and we had some paper ones for emergency use. We found that filling cups and water bladders worked best if we used a jug and funnel as we could be more accurate and reduce the wet foot/trousers potential. A standpipe on the opposite side of the track from the one which we usually use reduced the risk of helpers being mown down by runners. And we were well looked after by Keith who provided our traditional bacon butties.

Our plans for re-opening the centre are still on hold pending the builder coming to make some internal changes. We are hoping to be able to have the fish tanks operating again this year, but would like to make them more visitor friendly. Watch this space! 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.

We are continuing to contribute to the Jurassic Coast Trust's celebrations for their 20th anniversary. Each month we are making a short video relating to pebbles on the beach and you can find them on: <https://jurassiccoast.org/the-jurassic-coast-turns-20/> . Mike talked about the most common pebbles on Beer beach in January and local building materials in February. Priscilla discussed the inspiration which she finds in pebbles for the current video and Norah will be showing Beer's most common fossil in April.

The Jurassic Coast ambassadors have just re-started offering training sessions for tourist businesses, so if you would like your staff to learn the basics about the area contact Mike or Norah. It can be really helpful when your customers ask about the World Heritage Site and can be seen as “soft” added value. Sessions can be tailored to your needs, and can be done with groups or individuals. The first one this year has been with Seaton Tramway.

The February Branscombe Project talk by Patrick Dillon put forward some intriguing ideas about the origins of the Uffington White Horse. He left the audience looking forward to a follow-up talk on his visit to Mongolia and further observations of wild horses there. The April talk is on Monday 25th April and will be by the In My Back Yard group – A Sustainable Future: making it green and local.

Don't forget that Ruth and Wendy are no longer collecting crisp packets for recycling. Tescos have a collection point and I understand that the Co-op at Axminster has a collection point for crisp packets and pet food pouches while the Seaton branch can also take soft plastics.

If you can bear to leave your grass uncut for a little longer it will help to encourage insect life in your garden, which will have a knock-on benefit for birds, bats, butterflies etc. Having said that, the pollen in daisies is very welcome. Now is also a good time to sow wildflower seeds, so why not make a wildflower patch in your garden. Use a container if space is at a premium.

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



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“In Conversation With ...”

No. 4, In Conversation ...with Annie Boalch

This month we are in conversation with the force of nature that is Annie Boalch. How are we to harness the whirlwind? First we pin her down in the bay window of The Anchor and we ply her with coffee. Then, whoosh – we’re off.

Annie: How do I come to be living in Beer? Well, I come from just a bit further along the South Devon coast. It’s an old Brixham family that I come from, my Dad had several irons in several fires. (No surprises there, then.) Sadly, though, he died on the day he retired. Shortly after that Mum, having two sisters in New Zealand, took off to join them, and I went with her, aged 20. I spent the next two years travelling and working, mostly in Catering Management. Much of it was in Australia, the Great Barrier Reef, and Perth. But coming to Beer – that came about because I answered an ad in The Lady Magazine. I know! What about that! General Assistant in The Anchor Pub and Hotel in Beer. I applied, and heard nothing, so I rang up and said “Well? Are you going to interview me or not, because I’ve got other options.” So back came the answer, rather warily : “Okay, you’d better come along and we’ll interview you.” So, I got the job – and then what happened next was I married David. The rest is history. But I have to say, there were some things I was quite sensitive about at that point. There were David’s three lovely girls, aged 6, 8 and 10. And the Anchor being a popular pub meant that I met a lot of people in a short time. David’s parents were really kind and welcoming to me, and they were both very involved in the village, so it was also through them I got stuck into the life of Beer. I did feel, though, I needed to tread carefully in those early days.

Q: (A moment to take a breather.) Yes, so then—

Annie: Yes, so then David was very involved with the Sailing Club, he organised the International 14s here in the village with competitors coming from all over the world including Japan and Australia. So that was all very exciting. I was for 15 years a Governor at Beer Primary School, and during that time I found myself propelled – largely by Doreen Harding and Jean Allen – into



fund-raising for Cancer Research and for FORCE, and for Children's Hospice South-West. We did the 24 hours Relay-for-Life event up at the football ground. That raised an incredible £54,000. We continued doing that for the next 3 years and raised £15,000 in each of those years. When Lockdown hit us we set up the HUB. This raises funds for Hospice Nurses who visit homes. Beer bags is another fund raiser. Then we started the Beer Diary and the Beer Directory—

Q: Can we pause for a moment, Annie? There's quite a lot of energy involved in all this activity, - where do you think that comes from?

Annie: D’you know what? I really admire my Mum. She was inspirational. She was strong-minded. She was resilient. She would take on projects and get them off the ground and—

Q: Got it. Say no more.

Annie: I have to say, I’m also very proud of my own two children. Theo is a commercial pilot, flying in and out of the Channel Islands; and Amelia manages a super hotel in Topsham.

Q: Okay. So, then back in Beer village...?

Q: Yeah, so on one of my visits to New Zealand to see my Mum I saw the local chaps going to what they called a ‘Men’s Shed’ where they fixed things and made things. I thought what a good idea it was and how that might fit into Beer village. Of course, as we know, Chris and Martin and friends took up the idea and what an asset that is to our village.

Q: I’m wondering if there are quiet days when Annie is not out with the Sea-Swimming group, or out with the Walking Group, or attending Busy Bees, where they’re sewing bunting for the Jubilee, or organising the Best Years Club, or going to Dance Fit? Any days, at all when there’s not much on...?

Annie: Yes! There are. I can’t quite think of any times like that right now, but they do come. What is occupying my mind at the moment is the cancer charity FORCE. This provides support during treatment, it focuses on recuperation and mental health for people affected by cancer. So if there are future events in the village aimed at raising funds for this, then I’m up for it. Of course, any project or fundraising effort would not be possible without the support and guidance from all my friends, and of course David.

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Annie Boalch is up for it, indeed. Any charity organiser in the vicinity of Beer is going to be very fortunate if they manage to get Annie on board. You name it, if it helps people along in this life, then Annie Boalch will be ‘up for it’.

The Beer 2014 Group

Official Opening of the Memorial Avenue

Sunday 15th May



Much delayed by the pandemic and other factors, the Beer 2014 Group is pleased to announce that the Beer Memorial Avenue in the Beer Head car park will be officially opened by Lord Clinton at 2pm on Sunday 15th May.

The Salamanca Band of the Rifles will play at the ceremony. Two minutes silence will be observed, and a bugler will sound the Last Post and Reveille.

The Avenue commemorates all those from Beer who served in the First World War, both those who died and the survivors. At the opening ceremony the names of all the pre-war residents of Beer known to have served in the armed forces, on merchant ships, as nurses or as Red Cross volunteers (i.e. all those mentioned on plaques in the Avenue) will be read, to ensure that they all receive recognition, many of them for the first time. Any members of the original families who would like to read out the name of a relative on the list should message the Beer 2014 Group on Facebook, or contact Richard Scott on 07870 891581.

We hope as many people as possible will attend the ceremony to mark the culmination of four years of work to bring the Memorial Avenue plan to fruition.

Following the ceremony the Salamanca Band will perform in the Mariners Hall, starting at 4.30pm.



It is with great sadness that we report the death of Sheila Driver who died recently. Sheila was a member of Beer WI for over 65 years. She had served on the committee as president and secretary and was still on the committee up until 2020. She will be greatly missed.



Early in March we had talks from 'Talking Newspapers' and Visual Impairment' which were interesting and very relevant to an aging population. During this meeting members brought along old, broken and discarded jewellery as requested by February's speaker from Hospicare. These can be then used by volunteers to produce saleable items.

During March as well as our regular group meetings some members went Birdwatching by boat on the Ex and some received beauty treatments at Exeter College all organised by Devon WI.

In March we enjoyed a visit to Rosemary Jacks Pottery in Musbury where she gave a pottery demonstration followed by a visit to Musbury Church with their wonderful medieval figures and beautiful stained-glass windows. We then had an excellent lunch at The Hind, Musbury to celebrate Beer WIs 97th birthday when surprise gifts were exchanged.

With covid increasing in East Devon we hope that the planned events for April will still go ahead. As well as our monthly meeting with 'An Introduction of Silk Painting' many members are attending a local group meeting hosted by Seaton WI.

In April there is a planned trip to Escot for an archery course as well as the monthly book clubs, lunch and walk, fortnightly creative writing and weekly Canasta.

New members always welcome.

Monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Congregation Church Hall at 7.15 for 7.30. Date of the next meetings - April 7th and May 4th.

For information please contact 01297 21864 or 01297 599157.

ADVERSITY

Adversity comes to everyone in life, sooner or later, in some shape or form. This is a time of colossal adversity for very many humans, more loss than it's possible to imagine. The loss is everything: home, loved ones, way of life, security.

What does this do to a person?

When it appears that that you've lost everything in life

– everything –

but you're still breathing, that is when you find in yourself what is left. And what is left, if you have lost all the things that made up your life?

What, at that point, do you see within yourself? What is at the root of who you are? This is a transient world: everything is in a process of alteration. What is there in you beyond the world of shifting forms? What is eternal? And what is infinite?

This is when adversity becomes a step towards enlightenment. World falls away. What then – if it is not covered over by anger and reactive thinking – is revealed? Presence. The alert awareness of Now.



You cannot alter what is happening in the world. But you can control how you respond. You may wish to act in some way that helps people who are afflicted. In that case be sure that the peace you wish for is first installed in you. Violence polarises thought and behaviour, it drives thought to extremes. Be sure that your contribution to the world arises out of that unshakeable inner peace that is the core of the intelligent life of the universe. Be part of that.



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BRANSCOMBE PROJECT - Monday April 25th Winter Talk at the Branoc Hall

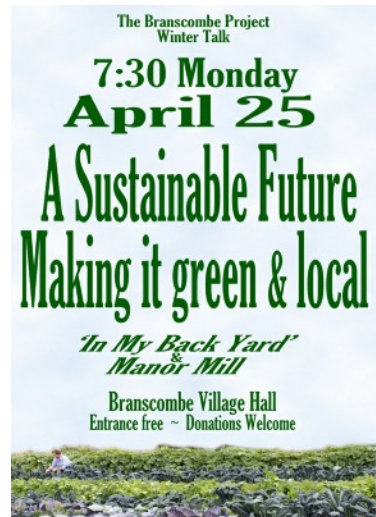
A Sustainable Future: Making it Green & Local
In My Back Yard, Manor Mill, the National Trust
and AONB.

Before Lockdown, we'd talked with Laura and Jon
(Bulstone Springs), Joe and George (Elbow Farm),
Jenny and Ian (Natural Branscombe), Nicky
Westlake (Manor Mill) about small-holdings and
organic farming in Branscombe and Beer.

We'd also talked with Rob Skinner from the
National Trust and Chris Woodruff and Pete
Youngman from the AONB.

With Lockdown local produce became
increasingly important. The Co-operative which
had been in the pipeline became a reality and 'In
My Back Yard' got under way.

We will show the exhibition intended for 2020 and the people we'd talked with will
give their first-hand accounts of what happened in Year One of the Pandemic.



The Branscombe Project
Winter Talk

**7:30 Monday
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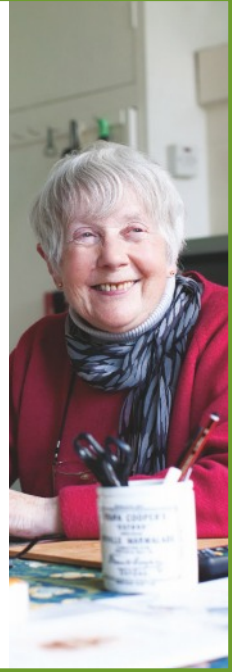
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