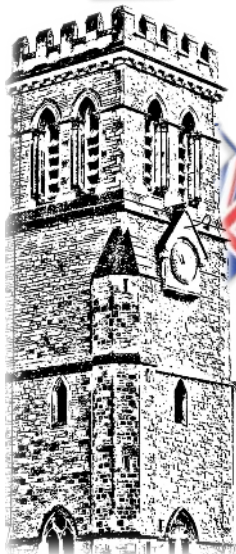


# Beer Parish News

June 2022



## ***BEER BALL***

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

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## ***Calendar for June 2022***

**Sunday Services are held regularly at 9.30am:**

We welcome Christians of all traditions to share in the bread and wine of Communion. Large print orders of service are available. An induction loop is fitted. Gluten free communion wafers are also available. Please let the church members on duty know of any special needs.

**First Sunday**    *5<sup>th</sup> June - Pentecost (Whit Sunday)*

9.30am    Morning Praise – a service of hymns, readings and a talk, led by our Worship Team

**Second Sunday**    *12<sup>th</sup> June - Trinity Sunday*

9.30am    Holy Communion – with hymns, readings and a sermon

**Third Sunday**

9.30am    Morning Praise – a service of hymns, readings and a talk, led by our Worship Team

**Fourth Sunday**

9.30am    Holy Communion – with hymns, readings and a sermon

**Also...**

Midweek Communion

Every other Wednesday at 10.00am.

We also share more and more services with our friends at Beer Congregational Church. Look out for details.

*Our Sunday services in Beer are often broadcast on Facebook.  
If you can't come to church, 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 - be considerate!***

## From Justin...

Hello!

As May turns to June on the march into summer, the sun forces new life up from the earth, lighter mornings and evenings, stunning sunsets and twinkling stars glimmer in the clear night sky as we sit upon the seashore of our beautiful coastal parishes. It's like a symphony of light and warmth that buoys our spirits.



The first weekend of June in 2022 also marks two very significant events. The first of these is the Queen's platinum Jubilee, for which celebration events are being planned in communities across the country. Across Seaton and Beer there are many activities taking place throughout the extended bank holiday weekend from Thursday through to Sunday, offering a chance to meet friends, old and new, and bring our communities together.

This is the first time that any British monarch has celebrated a Platinum Jubilee, and after 70 years on the throne very few of us will even be able to remember anything other than living in Elizabethan times.

The Queen's reign has been marked by almost unimaginable changes in society and in the world. Her coronation was credited with kickstarting the television age, now screens are just about everywhere. Her first Christmas broadcast in 1952 was only on the radio, her latest in 2021 could be watched on TikTok or heard on Amazon Alexa!

The Queen has been a constant presence in an ever-changing world and it is testament to her humility and service that, though scandals may have rocked her family and a great number of her governments, the Queen herself remains steadfast and an inspiration to many including me.

Though the majority of her coronation was shown on television, there was one moment that was deemed too sacred to broadcast (even that is a decision that you can't imagine television executives making today!). This was the moment when the symbols of her status – the crimson robe, the diamond diadem, the coronation necklace – were removed, and the Archbishop of Canterbury anointed the new Queen with holy oil.

The Queen has spoken since of how this moment was the most significant in her life, as she dedicated herself to a life of service, as one called to follow the example of Jesus who himself gave his life for others. Throughout her reign, the Queen has been public about her Christian faith and how it has both sustained and inspired her, evidently displayed throughout her life in her words and actions.

It is fitting then that the other significant celebration taking place on the first weekend in June is the feast of Pentecost. This is when we remember the gift of God's Holy Spirit to the Church, that Spirit of love and service which binds all people together and fills each and every one of us with the guiding presence of God.

The early Christians, after receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, dedicated their lives to one another. As the Acts of the Apostles puts it, "All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them."

As we approach this weekend with its multitude of celebrations may we all be inspired – whether by the Holy Spirit, by the many years of humble service of her Majesty the Queen, or both – to dedicate our lives to the service of our fellow people, in our own communities and around the world.

In Christ

*Justin*

## ALTAR GUILD NEWS

Meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at St Michael's Church. The Church Week beginning Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July planning to hold a coffee morning in the church and hopefully a quiz on Monday evening 11<sup>th</sup> July. This will be confirmed nearer the time and information will be posted on the church board. No other news to report from the meeting, the Altar Guild team continue with their support.

**Date of next meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 @ 10am**



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**





# THURSDAY 2ND JUNE

BEER FILM SOCIETY

6.45PM - MARINERS HALL



Beer Film Society bring to the Mariners Hall 'A Queen Is Crowned' - the only official feature-length colour record of the Coronation in a brand-new high definition restoration narrated by Sir Laurence Olivier.

Doors open at 6.45 with film to start promptly at 7.30pm.  
FREE Entrance.

Please bring Picnics. The Bar will be open for drinks.

LIGHTING OF THE BEACON

9.45PM - CHARLIES YARD

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The specially designed Queens Platinum Jubilee beacon will be lit at 9.45pm and join over 2000 others to celebrate The Queens Platinum Jubilee!

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FOR ALL**

# Beer Film Society



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

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at the Mariners` Hall

Doors open at 6.45pm. Film starts 7.30pm.

Bar available.



## BELFAST

(2021) Cert. PG-13

An Oscar-winning film from director Kenneth Branagh  
BELFAST is a movie straight from Branagh's own experience. A nine-year-old boy must chart a path towards adulthood through a world that has suddenly turned upside down. His stable and loving community and everything he thought he understood about life is changed forever but joy, laughter, music and the formative magic of the movies remain.

Members £5. Non members £7

Numbers limited - to book tickets email

[beerfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:beerfilmsociety@gmail.com)



**CINEMA  
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# Fine Foundation Centre

## Beer Village Heritage

Reg. Charity No.1087162

Hurrah! There is now water in two of the fish tanks and we plan to make use of the Spring tides next week to find a few critters to populate them. The

Trustees decided that the reorganisation of the tanks should wait until next winter. Filling the tanks is always a bit fraught, but this year everything went swimmingly and the process was made much easier by using the landing stage – thanks Paul.

The Centre is open daily, with one of the Trustees unlocking the door when on their early morning dog-walk. If you'd like to help by closing the building at the end of the day, please get in touch. Ten years ago we ran a project asking people for their recollections of the Queen's Coronation in 1953. Her Platinum Jubilee gives us an opportunity to re-visit those memories. If you can add to the collection in the folder which is in the Centre, we'd be delighted.

Beer Village Heritage is continuing to contribute a monthly "Pebbles People" video for the Jurassic Coast Trust's celebrations for their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Have a look at: <https://jurassiccoast.org/the-jurassic-coast-turns-20/> and click on the videos in the YouTube section. During the summer we're inviting everyone to decorate a luggage label, tie it onto a stone with a hole through it and add it to a collection at the Centre. The decoration, in words or pictures or both, should reflect what the pebble means to you. You should take your photo with your stone and your artwork and make sure that you tag **#JurassicCoastTurns20** when you post it onto social media. Hopefully you will all take part! The contributions so far have been really imaginative. They include drawings, photos, poetry and prose.

Congratulations to the Beer 2014 Group on the official opening of the Memorial Avenue. It marks the culmination of a huge amount of work by the members, particularly Richard Scott, and the village can be rightfully proud of what they have achieved.

*...continued, Beer Village Heritage*

I'm rather pleased that May is coming to an end. "No Mow May" is all very well, but the paths which we keep through the longer grass are very overgrown with the tall wild daisies (which I call Esther reeds) coming into flower. We've also discovered a slight downside to the increase in insects – the cat has collected a tick. So we need to make sure that we are wearing trousers as well as socks and shoes when out in the garden. So far this hasn't been a problem as the weather hasn't been conducive to shorts and sandals!

Baby bats are still at risk of crash landing or flying too close to the ground, so please continue to keep your cats indoors overnight during June. If you have access to a bat detector, this is a good time of year to listen for these fascinating mammals and try to identify them.

A pair of goldfinches have set up home in one of the pittosporums and we've been watching nuthatches looking for insects in a pile of wood. Although we have several pairs of blue and great tits, none of them appear to have taken advantage of any of the bird boxes which we have put up for them. The male pheasants are strutting around the garden looking very fine in their Spring plumage. Their hens are enjoying dust baths in the flower beds – annoying when they flatten cherished plants!

Beer Village Heritage has a new Chairman, David Morling. Our regular helpers such as Nick Jones, Mike Green, Chris Jones, Carol Green, Henry or Norah Jaggars are always happy to provide more information about the organisation.

Alternatively you can contact us on 01297 625445, 01297 20858 or at [beervillageheritage@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beervillageheritage@yahoo.co.uk)

You can also find out about some of our other projects as well as our walks and "I-Spy" on our website:

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



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**R.A.O.B. BICENTENNIAL**

**200 YEARS OF CHARITABLE BENEVOLENCE**

**Meeting's Monday 8pm - 10pm**

**The Scout Hall, Marmora Terrace, Clapp's Lane, EX12 3HE**

**EnquireBeerLodge@outlook.com**

**On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm on the Jubilee, Ye Rattenbury Lodge will be presenting a cheque for £3000 to 'Honiton Devon Freewheelers' blood bikes after another year of successful fundraising. Our charity for 2022/2023 is FORCE which provides support for cancer patients and their families.**



## Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI

The month of May is the RNLI Mayday Appeal Month and on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May I took part in the Seaton Park Run and



pushed RNLI Ted 1, Rodney Bear and companions the 5k that included two times along the East and West Walks on Seaton Seafront. Our time was 1 hour, 8 minutes and 3 seconds that included stops for photographs and receiving donations along the way.

Thirty six children from Seaton Primary School entered our Colour In A Wellington Boot Poster Competition and it was judged by staff members at Pebbles Coffee House. Our Volunteers Brian, Adrian, Roger and Janet also collected during the day and details of the funds raised will be published in a few weeks.

As it write our report we are beginning to prepare for our Beer Lifeboat Weekend that is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

On the Saturday we will be having our Street Collection. We will also be having our Table Top Sale at the Mariners Hall. Bookings for table hire of £6 for one or £10 for two can be made by telephone 01297 23040 (leave message) or email at [wac500@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wac500@hotmail.co.uk)

The hall will be open to sellers at 8am and the sale will be from 9am to 12.30pm.

For the Sunday we are very pleased to say that our Beer Duck Race Day is back again and the ducks will be racing down Beer Brook from 3pm. We will be having our Duck Tombola and the Exmouth and Lyme Regis lifeboats are coming to do their displays. The Safety Team and the Inflatable Shannon will be visiting again.

On a personal note, I am delighted to say that my coach tour from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> May with Hemmings Coaches to Beautiful Bantry and Garnish Island in south west Ireland went ahead following two years of travel restrictions. On the Tuesday the day out included time at Castletownbere where the "Roy and Barbara Harding" Arun Class lifeboat that was named after our former Secretary Barbara Harding and Captain Roy Harding who was instrumental in the development of the self- righting of lifeboats and the Arun lifeboat. The lifeboat was stationed at Castletownbere from 1997 to 2004 and is still working in Iceland. The lovely Severn Class Annette Hutton is stationed at Castletownbere and I met Marney O Donaghue who was 2nd Coxwain on the "Roy and Barbara Harding" and is now Mechanic on the Annette Hutton plus the current Coxwain Dean Hegarty. it was a special visit as it is twenty five years since Barbara Harding passed away and twenty five years of me being secretary of Seaton Beer and District Branch.

We thank all our Volunteers and Supporters for their support to our branch of the RNLI as we proceed through 2022.

Wendy Cummins

Secretary Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI



# **Beer Parish Council Newsletter - May 2022**

## **New team members & farewell to others**

Beer Parish Council (BPC) are delighted to announce our newest Councillors. A big welcome to James Green, Adam Brewer, Sean Greig and Alexandra Adkin, we know they will be a great asset to the Council.

BPC would also like to extend their best wishes to Annie Dallaway, the BPC Clerk who has been on the Council for the past 11 years. She has been a much valued member of the team and we wish her all the best for the future. A big thank you also to Councillors Louise Vine and Darren Clinch who are stepping down.

Following on from that, we would like to welcome Jakki Henderson who has taken on the position of Clerk, we look forward to working along side her.

It was also the time to vote in a new Chair and Vice-Chair at the Annual Council Meeting. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Geoff Pook who is stepping down as Chairman. He has been Chair for the past 4 years and he has shown great devotion to BPC and we are delighted that he is staying on the Council. We would like to congratulate and welcome Rick Dormor as the new Chair and James Green as Vice, we know they will make a great team.

From the shuffle of positions, this does mean that there will be two vacancies coming up on the Council, for more information please contact Jakki Henderson via email: [clerk.beerparishcouncil@googlemail.com](mailto:clerk.beerparishcouncil@googlemail.com).

## **Jubilee Environmental Group**

BPC are currently in the process of setting up a working group to work alongside EDDC to improve the upkeep of the Jubilee



Gardens. The new EDDC Horticultural Technical Officer, Paul Fealey, is eager to get going on creating a new vision of the Gardens and has produced some great ideas of how to maintain the gardens whilst also introducing new wild flowers to encourage new wildlife and bio-diversity. If you would like to get involved and volunteer for a couple of hours a week then please do get in touch with Councillor Mandy Graham.

### **Transfer of Assets**

The Hemingway survey has now closed, thank you to all who participated. The report is currently being prepared and once complete will be forwarded on to BPC to view the results. It was agreed in this months meeting that before creating the Parish Poll we will wait until we have as much information as possible to be able to give to the public before we set out the poll. BPC have voted that once the poll results are in, they will take these votes into consideration before their final decision is made on whether to proceed with the Asset Transfer. All documents are available to view on BPC website [www.beerparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.beerparishcouncil.org.uk)

### **Coming up!**

Our Events Coordinator, Kayleigh Westlake, has been very busy and there are some exciting events coming up over the next few months which include; the "Salty Arms", Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee and Regatta Week. Please do keep a look out for information about all these exciting upcoming events.

### **Council Surgery Dates**

The next date for the BPC Surgery, which will be held at the Mariners Hall, will take place on 2nd July 2022 from 10am - 12pm. Please do come along and speak to us if you have any questions.

“In Conversation With ...”

## No. 6, In Conversation ...with John and Di Lang



Who remembers Robot Wars? Do you? Not a lot of people know this, -- and we discovered it on the day we manage to drag John and Di Lang away from dead-heading the daffs outside St Michael’s Church – the star of the show and 2004 UK Champion of Robot Wars was “Kronic the Wedgehog,” designed and built by this month’s Conversation Guests,

John and Di Lang. More of that later.

It’s an overcast March day when we manage to have a few minutes in the Anchor with the couple who more than anyone else are responsible for the trail of colourful blooms that light up Beer Village Main Street every Summer.

**John:** I’m a Beer boy. Born in 1947 in Lamorna Terrace opposite the graveyard.

**Di:** And my father was also a Beer boy, but he moved away up north. I was born in Nottingham, and we came back to Beer each year on holiday. This is where John and I met. It was a holiday romance. We’ve been married 49 years. Our two boys, Steven and David are also Beer lads.

**John:** Before I retired in 2012 I was a tool maker. I did my apprenticeship with Shands in Axminster. Then I worked for 42 years at Ceramtec in Colyton; I was foreman of the workshop there.

**Di:** And I did a couple of short stints, working at the shell shop on Seaton seafront, and then at Racal in Seaton for a couple of years.

**Q:** You two are probably the most recognised faces in the village. All those flower-troughs that span the brook, the flower beds in front of St Michaels, the pots standing at strategic points in the village, and the long-boxes hanging on the Jubilee fence– your work brightens up the whole face of the village.

**John:** Not just us. Anne and Dave Oxley and Liz Asbury and Hilary and Adrian Deakin, they all work for the Horticultural Society. And two more vital people are Audrey Tims, our fund raiser and treasurer, and Avril Cook, our Secretary. Of course a lot of credit goes to Ursula Makepeace. I’m the

Chairman of the H C at the moment. I've also been on the Regatta Committee for 50 years. And then there's Beer Football Club. I started playing for Beer when I was 13 and carried on playing till I was 35. Then I managed the Reserves. I've served on the Football Committee for more than 60 years.

Q: It's fair to say there's a competitive streak in what you do?

John: Definitely. Sailing – I used to sail a Sea-Skater catamaran here off Beer beach. And also a Scorpion. Then there's chrysanthemum-growing. I used to show at Yeovil and Weston-super-Mare. We've done well in the South West-in-Bloom Competition in the past. They're pressuring us to return to the competition now. We definitely need younger people to join the Horticultural Society, specially to do the co-ordinating and the organising of the competition process.



Q: Now what about those Robot Wars?

John: Ah, well! That was back in the 1990s. I built "Kronic the Wedgehog" in the workshop, where I was foreman. We took part for several years in the television Series 4 to 7. Then we were part of the spin-off tour; it was a road show and we went all over the country. We

won the 2004 Championship. Our machine, "Kronic," was powerful enough to throw off two other competitors at a time; it could flip a 100 kilogramme weight 8 feet up into the air. We sold that machine to a competitor who renamed it Apollo and took it to America.

Di: I painted the foam spikes on it (because it looked like a hedgehog). On tour, we used to give the spikes away as mementos to children.



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Committees – Football, Regatta, Horticulture – all quiet unassuming work going on in the background, all of it effort that feeds into the fabric of Beer village. You come away from a conversation with John and Di Lang with one overall impression: Beer is incredibly lucky to have this modest, self-effacing couple giving their time not only to shaping the life of the village, but to filling Beer with colour for its residents and its visitors. One senses that the show-biz days are not quite over. Chatting done, they go back to de-heading the daffodils in a flower bed inside an old boat that's gone aground outside St Michael's.

# Beer Arts Group - Night of Fun

Our "Night of Fun" held in the Mariners' Hall  
on 29<sup>th</sup> April was a great success!

We really do have some very talented people in our village from singers and musicians to playwrights, actors, dancers and film makers all of whose talents came to the fore to provide a most enjoyable evening of light-hearted entertainment. Thanks to you all and to everyone who supported this event. As promised, the profit from the evening - **£400** - will be donated to the Ukraine appeal fund.

'A BIG 'Thank You' to all the Bizzy Bees ladies who made the amazing '550' mètres!! Of jubilee bunting, which you are seeing through the village, Chris, Helen, Lesley, Debs, Veronica, Beryl, Pat, Anne, Penny, Jackie, Pauline, Emma, Olive, Janet, and Caroline, amazing effort! Thankyou also to the mariners hall for free use to make it! And thank you to Joe, Kemp, Nigel and Richard for putting it up!

I would also like to thank the villagers that supported the Monday Hub ( run by Beer Action Group) the lady helpers were brilliant! This proved to be a great community event, after restrictions! Coming out and getting together again over a coffee and supporting the various stalls for Seaton hospice nurses ( raising over £1,500 so far this year) ( fundraising in Ladi's chemist continues) also over £5,000 here and various events for the Ukraine!

Thankyou one and All  
*Annie*



## SATURDAY 4TH JUNE



### CRAFT & CAKE

10AM - 2PM

SPONSERED BY SEAN & BELINDA GREIG

Please bring along your homemade bakes to The Mariners Hall and collect your Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022 pin badge as part of the Platinum Pudding competition dedicated to the Her Majesty the Queen!

Come along and craft a crown ready for the Street Party on Sunday. Or maybe you just fancy coming down for tea/coffee and cake...that's great too!



## CHILDRENS PLATINUM PARTY THE MARINERS HALL 6PM - 8PM

Come down to The Mariners Hall and have a boogie on the dance floor!

Royal fancy dress is encouraged!

A tuck shop will be provided by Seaton Sweets &

Treats

Bar will be open for accompanying adults!



SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

## Beer Village Street Party!

You have been invited to the Beer Village Fore Street, Street Party, to celebrate The Queens Platinum Jubilee!

From 10am until 6pm come and find yourself a seat, join in the celebrations and bring lots of treats!

Bring your family, friends and neighbours, wear fancy dress and crowns made of paper.

Throughout the village businesses will be celebrating, so look out for their posters, their ideas are exhilarating!

Please support celebrations from local clubs and organisations, who are already busy with preparations!

There is so many ways to enjoy your day, so start planning your decorations, we look forward to your display!

We are hopeful for bright sunny weather, but if it does rain we will be in The Mariners Hall altogether.

We hope you will join us on Sunday 5th June, we look forward to sharing more details soon!





## BEER WI

The May meeting is always our AGM when voting takes place for the new committee. Generally, these are not very well attended but with the promise of a social evening and Prosecco this was the best attended meeting for a very long time.



However, once the normal business side of the meeting had taken place, and as all but one of the committee were remaining, everything concluded very swiftly. One new member agreed to join the committee, so many thanks to her.

Many Devon WIs have folded, not due to lack of members but because there is no one willing to take on the position of President, secretary or treasurer, so currently Beer is very lucky in that respect.

This year 4 members have not re-joined due to other commitments or pursuing different avenues, so many thanks go out to them for all the help and support they have given over the years.

More recently, on a perfect sunny day, 10 members visited a beautiful garden in Beer, with a guided tour by the owner. There were so many different areas of wonderful planting, some still in progress, varying levels and wonderful views of the cliffs and village from all different angles. Each member came away with a bag of plant cuttings, all with the permission of the owner, of course!

This ended with lunch at the café on the beach. What a perfect day.

All other activities are continuing with monthly book clubs, walk and lunch, fortnightly creative writing and weekly Canasta.

New members or visitors always welcome.

Monthly meeting is held in the Congregational Church Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.15 for 7.30.

For information please contact 01297 21864 or 01297 599157

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for future generations  
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## Conditioning

*You are never more essentially, more deeply yourself than when you are still.* - Eckhart Tolle

*“Stillness? Ah, but the trouble is, you see, I’m never still, am I? Why? Because I’ve got stuff to think about, stuff to be done, people to see, jobs waiting. And I’ve got to be ready for the future. Tonight. And tomorrow. The weekend, next week, next month. Things to prepare for. Decisions to be taken. Stillness? No way. When does that happen? Any moment of any day you could say to me “What’s happening?” and I’d say, “I’ve got a mountain of stuff to think about. My mind is fully loaded, my mind is constantly on the move.”*

All of which means you are always reacting and responding. You’re skidding about on the surface of daily existence, dealing with an unending flow of mental content. And it never ends. You may have moments here and there when you seem to come to a standstill, but they don’t last. To be honest, you have this appetite, this momentum, this addiction to thinking, and you don’t stop. You’re never really still. That is your conditioning.

*“Can I help it? I’m the product of the society and the culture I’ve grown up in. I’m conditioned by my race, language, upbringing, education. I am conditioned by my desires and ambitions, they’ve shaped my mind, shaped the person I am. Daily life is demanding! I’m conditioned by daily life!”*

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Many human beings live like this all the time. Rarely are they in touch with the essence of who they are, their deepest self. And yet .... beneath the noisy mind, beyond the endless train of thinking, there is the still calm dimension that is the essence of you. The essence of you has nothing to do with the circumstances of your life and everything to do with your state of consciousness.

Mind is finite, limited, conceptual, memory-dependent. Stillness takes you beyond mind. Stillness arises when you study a flower without thinking about it, when you watch clouds without judgement, when you allow presence to arise with no response or reaction. Stillness is now and is timeless. Stillness is at the core of you, and so it allows the essence of you to arise. That is why being still does you more good than is possible to put into words. Stillness opens you to wisdom beyond the limited confines of mind.



## **YOUR “LOCAL” CONTACTS**

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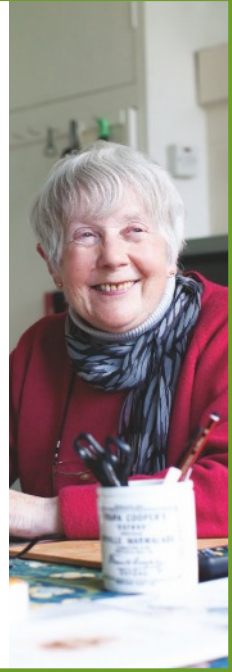
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