

Atherington Argus

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(Thank you to Jo Hart and Sarah Cooper and Bernard Thorne for the cover pictures of the presentation of the Sunflower shield to Chris Hart, Beaford exhibition and Jenny Boyce and Pamela Alford who organised the Safari Lunch)

Editorial Comment

'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' - first line of To Autumn by John Keats

John Keats' poem is a celebration of autumn. He loves the way summer merges into a more gentler heat and light. He celebrates the productiveness of the season with the ripening and swelling of fruit, vegetables, nuts and seeds.

Despite the recent rain and wind autumn is a beautiful, colourful and bountiful season steeped in atmosphere, scents and nostalgia. Let us celebrate it.

Keats was born in 1795. He died at the age of 25 in Rome where he is buried. Today he is recognised as one of the great English Romantic Poets.

Photographic Workshop – Saturday, 5th October 2019



Get the best out of your Digital Camera

Sat 5th Oct, 10 am, £5 pp

at the Pavilion, Atherington

Inc bacon roll and hot drink

Bookings please contact Vic, or Jo and Chris in the Shoppe

Vicwardle@blueyonder.co.uk

ST. Mary's Church Atherington

www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org

Services

Sunday 6th October at 4 p.m. Harvest Service (see below)

Sunday, 27nd October Holy Communion at 4 p.m. in the church

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH,
ATHERINGTON**

FAMILY HARVEST SERVICE

**SUNDAY, 6th OCTOBER
AT 4 P.M.**

**Followed by a bring and share tea
and auction of produce
in the Church hall.**

All welcome.

Future date for your Diaries - 30th November in the Pavilion St Mary's Christmas Fair, from 10.30 to 2.30 pm. Refreshments and light lunches available.

Beaford Arts Exhibition 14th and 15th September

I hope you came along to the church and enjoyed the display of historical photographs which had been gathered by Beaford Arts focusing on Atherington and the surrounding area. (See also front cover)



Church Coffee Morning - 14th September

The coffee morning in September raised £216, which is split 50-50 with the church and Devon Historic Churches Trust. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Sunflower Competition

Well done Chris Hart for winning this year's Sunflower Competition. Please see picture on front cover. Thank you to everyone who entered the competition. All the sunflowers were truly magnificent.

Parish Council – Meeting 17th September

Present were 4 Parish Councillors, County Councillor and 2 members of the public.

Much of the time was spent discussing the usual highway problems; inappropriate driving (speed), potholes, bollards and surface damage. The Parish Clerk continues to write to Highways but with no success. The only update we have from Highways is that they are proposing to replace the metal bollards with flexible ones. Please see the response from them below.

Highways response

The bollards were reset earlier this year but were knocked over within weeks. I currently have no plans to upright them again simply to have the same scenario repeated.

The highways act imposes no duty on the authority to protect property, if funding is available I will be looking at replacing them with a simple deformable unit that will act as a guide but will flex upon impact.

The Parish Council is challenging this decision; properties should be protected from damage caused by oversize vehicles if Highways are not prepared to put size and weight restriction on roads through small villages such as ours.

It will help to keep protective bollards if you contact highways
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>
using the following reference:

Subject: Devon Highways – Update – ENQ191248439

Highway Comments, Enquiry

Location: Road from Eastacombe Farm to Rose Cottage, Atherington

A Parish Councillor is meeting with the North Devon Area Highways Manager to discuss the specific problem of restricted visibility caused by overhanging trees at the first 'big dipper' on the Torrington road. To date, highways claim it is not a problem. The collapsing manhole near the lay-by at the bottom of Easter hill (LH side of the road as you approach the village) has been logged as urgent.

The issue of dogs in the playing field was discussed and an update will be provided by the playing field committee at the next PC meeting. The relationship between APC and ACPF committee was discussed; it was asked by ACPF that independent advice be sought regarding the perceived problem with VAT reclaim.

Phone Box- The Parish Council is still looking for someone to investigate the purchase of the kiosk from British Telecom with a view to putting the replacement defibrillator in it when the Church Hall is sold.

Remembering Walter White- briefly discussed and to be finalised at next meeting.

Beaford Arts Production

The Man Who Planted Trees

2nd November at 7.30 pm at the Pavilion

This is an award winning, internationally acclaimed and captivating adaptation of Jean Giono's wonderful environmental cult classic. An inspiring and unforgettable story that shows us the difference one man (and his dog!) can make to the world.

A production for adults and children. See the flier included in this edition of the Argus for more information. Please come along and support this event.

Apple Pressing Experience
Lemons Farm, Atherington



Use our apples to pick, pulp, press and pasteurise your own apple juice in our orchard overlooking the beautiful Taw Valley. Experiences last 3 to 4 hours and include a ploughman's lunch or afternoon tea. Guests can take home all the apple juice they press to be enjoyed as delicious juice or to be made into scrumptious cider.

Taking place daily from 23 September to end of October.

Price - £40 per person (under 5s free)
25% discount if you mention 'Atherington Argus' when booking
For more information call Tino on 07739 339274

Atherington Children's Playing Field Committee

The trial to allow dogs on the playing field continues until the end of October. We have had a mixed response to this. The Committee are due to meet again in November when a decision will be made. If you have a view on the matter it is important that you respond in writing. Jo and Chris will collect letters in the

shop, you can email; atheringtoncpf@hotmail.com or atheringtonargus@outlook.com . We want to receive responses whether they are for or against so that a balanced decision can be made. So far we have only received three letters – one being very much against the issue because of the dog owners not picking up mess adequately, putting bags in the bins and the danger of toxocariasis and two wanting a more modified approach of allowing dogs in the field on leads only. Apart from this, verbal disquiet has been expressed regarding owners not watching their dogs and just turning up and letting dogs out from their cars in the morning. Unfortunately it is difficult to collate and assess properly until views are in writing. If you feel strongly one way or the other please take a few minutes to write or email. Thank you.

The playing field is a community asset. We are keen to do what the community want.

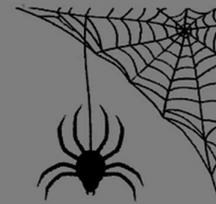
Community Garden

Work has continued in September. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped. Hopefully over the autumn months the raised bed can be installed along with some more planting and the bird bath/drinking cups. We do still need to cut the wild area and keep on top of the weeds.

There are no scheduled work times in October, but hopefully there may be one or two over the winter months to keep the garden tidy. Everyone is welcome to come along and help. These are social occasions (as well as working events) and there is always a chance for a cup and tea, cake and 'natter' during the sessions. At the last session earlier in September a BBQ was enjoyed by all.

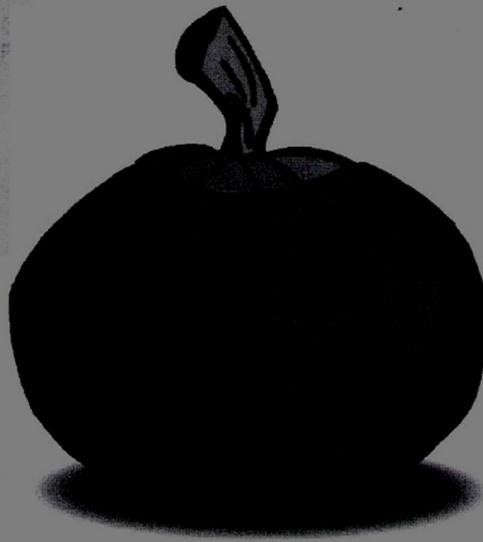
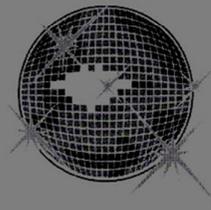
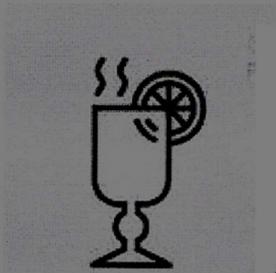
Halloween and Pumpkin Carving - 26th October

This year's seasonal pumpkin carving event will start at 4.00 pm and will culminate in a BBQ and disco where hopefully the wonderful carved exhibits can be seen in their full glory. See the poster below and enjoy a truly spooky evening which will be fun for all the family.



Halloween Pumpkin Carving, BBQ and Disco

Sat 26th October - 4pm to 7pm



£2 per pumpkin - Prizes for best carving (adult/child)

Fancy dress, spooky games, BBQ,
refreshments, hot mulled cider but why not
BYO bottle too

All proceeds to Atherington Children's Playing Field

To reserve a Pumpkin please contact Tino: 07739339274

Poetry Corner

Feasts

by Shirley Hughes

**Apples heaped in market barrows,
Juicy plums and stripy marrows.**

**Grains of barley Carefully stored,
Feasts of berries, Nuts to hoard,**

**And ripe pumpkins, yellow and green,
To light with candles at Hallowe'en**

30th November – a talk about Devon hedgerows and trees

This promises to be an interesting talk and includes latest information from the Forestry Commission on Ash Dieback and other diseases affecting our precious trees. The talk will be £2.50 but you can also come along and enjoy a delicious filled jacket potato and salad before the event all for £6 (including talk)

More information will be included in next month's Argus.

Safari Lunch

The long awaited Safari lunch took place this Sunday and a lovely meal was enjoyed by over 90 people in four locations. At 12 O'Clock people began arriving at the church for drinks and canapies before wending their way to the Pavilion for the starters. The main course was enjoyed at Umberleigh Village Hall and finally a magnificent array of sweets and tea and coffee awaited the participants at Little Hall. Piano playing by Juliette Boyce and a three piece group Palmcourt Trio provided enjoyable music along the way.

A Message from Pauline Alford and Jenny Boyce

We would like to say a big thank you to all of those people who helped to make the defibrillator fund raising event on Sunday such a wonderful success. This thank you includes all of those who gave their time and money as well as the many locals who supported the event itself. The reponse was amazing, and although it is too soon to give an exact figure the results will be brilliant. As soon as a final balance is available we will post the information on the local notice boards.



Defibrillators save lives. They increase a person's chance of survival and can be used by lay people with minimal or no training. It is a wonderful asset to have in a rural community.

General News

Atherington Acorns

Atherington Acorns is a baby and toddler group for children from new born up to pre-school age which meets every Wednesday morning in the Pavilion between 9.30 and 11 am.

It is a thriving group with families from Atherington as well as the surrounding area. A great place for mums and dads and youngsters to meet new people and make lasting friendships.

Umberleigh Christian Fellowship – The Church by the Bridge

Sunday Services at 11am.

Pop in for coffee and cake on the first Tuesday of the month 10.30am - 12 noon.

A warm welcome to all. Further details from 01271 830662 or 560057

Mobile Library – the mobile library is continuing for the time being. It will be in the square on **Tuesday, 15th October** 15.05 – 15.35

Atherington and Umberleigh WI

Some members of the the WI travelled to Tavistock this month to meet up with their twinned WI, Sir Joshua Reynolds WI from Plympton. The weather was beautiful and a delicious lunch at the Bedford Hotel was followed by a guided tour of Tavistock Abbey and other places of interest.

This months WI will take place on **Tuesday, 8th October** at 7.30 in Umberleigh Village Hall. All visitors welcome. Contact Margaret Maidlow – 01769 560498.

Luncheon Club

Contact Tony Squires on 01769 560489 for information. All welcome. The Club meet every 4 weeks to sample different venues. The next date is **17th October** and they will be going to The Stag's Head at Filleigh.

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A big warm welcome to Rev Gary Owen, the new Rector of the Parish. He will be busy meeting people over the next couple of months from the various parishes and there will be a special service and social event in Atherington at the end of November. More details in next month's edition.

Cookery Corner

Mushroom Pate - 5 oz butter, 8 oz button mushrooms, 1 small onion, 4 oz full fat soft cheese, 1 tsp lemon juice, pinch nutmeg, salt and black pepper.

Melt butter, add mushrooms and onions and cook until soft. Place in blender with other ingredients and puree until smooth. Chill until set.

Bus Timetable - Operated by Turner Tours Route 325

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday service only. **No Service on Bank Holidays**

Atherington – Barnstaple		T,Th,F
Atherington Church (Eastbound)		10:19
Bishops Tawton, Mount Pleasant (Northwest bound)		10:32
Barnstaple, Bus Station (Stand B)		10:40
Barnstaple – Atherington		T,Th,F
Barnstaple, Bus Station (Stand B)		13.30
Bishops Tawton, The Bridge (Southeast bound)		13.40
Atherington Post Office		13.51

Atherington Businesses Directory

Ashwood Joinery	Martin Huggins	01769561154
Atherington Acorns Playgroup	Katherine Broad	07766088639
Avon	Linda Brayley	01769 560572
Chantry Nursery	Mr. Martin	01769 560347
Daisy Park (daisypark.co.uk)	Emma Paisley	01769 579077
General Builder	Tim Rose	01769 560410
HC Rosettes	Claire Large	01769 560556

Lilcott Farm	Julie and Mark	07846 397823
Pet shop 2 Go (petshop2go.co.uk)		01769 736637
Sea Breeze (Painter and decorator)	Dave Scott	01769 560758
Smity Hair Salon	Alison Montague	01769 560046
Sports Massage Therapist	Abi Hanafin	07866 686021
Thatcher	Ian Rose	01769 560031
Thatchit (thatchit.com)	Toby Rose	07935 066041
Village Shoppe and Post Office	Chris and Jo Hart	01769 560248

Contact Jo Hart if you would like to add your Village Business or Group to the list

Other Contacts

Safer Atherington Streets Group – www.saferatheringtonstreets.org.uk

Atherington Conservation Area – www.athconv.wordpress.com

Parish Council - <http://atheringtonparishcouncil.org.uk/index.html>

Atherington Children's Playing Field – Atheringtoncpf@hotmail.com

Hire of one of Atherington's Halls

For availability and rates contact: -

St Mary's Parish Church Hall – Mrs Margaret Maidlow 01769 560498

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