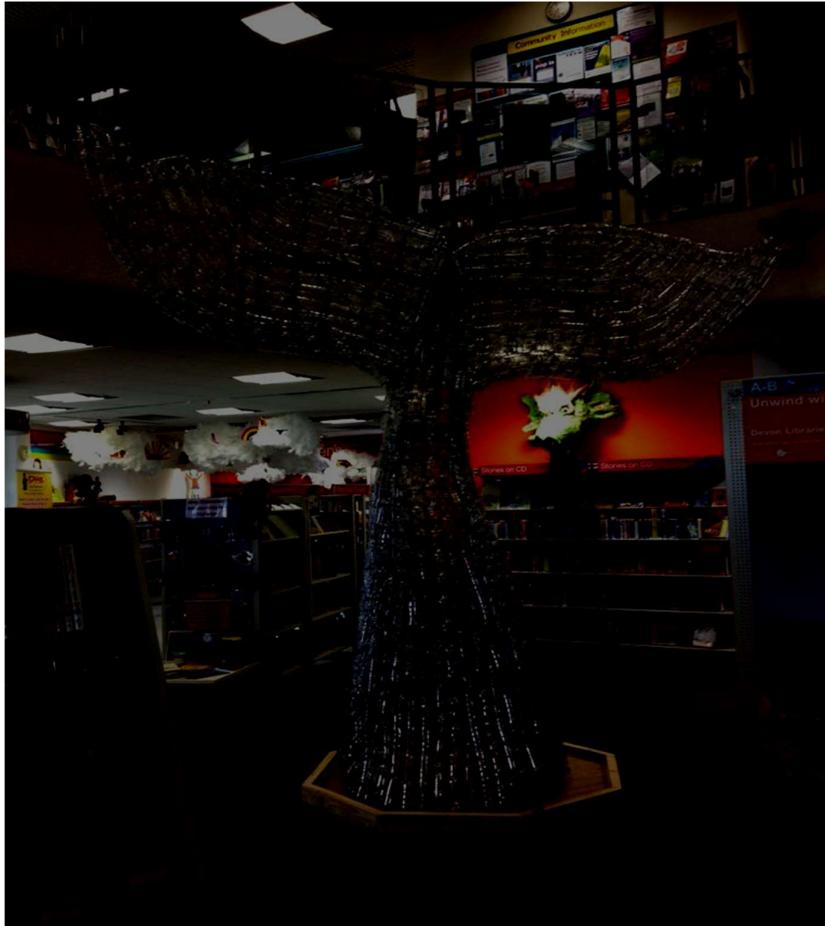


Atherington Argus

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Installation at Barnstaple Library made by local student to raise awareness about plastic waste. Go along and take a look.

Editorial Comment

Three cheers for Greta Thunberg, an inspiring young person who has taken action to try to initiate change. It is easy for all of us to 'talk the talk' but more difficult to put words into deeds. Let us all be inspired and lobby for change and action. We are all part of this world, we have all contributed to its worrying decline and we now all have a responsibility to cherish and protect it. Well done also to a local student for her installation at Barnstaple Library previously displayed at Exeter University.

My name is Jill Thorne. I am the new caretaker editor of the Atherington Argos. A great big thank you to Beccy who has been producing the Argos for the past year. She has managed to juggle looking after her family, working, being the treasurer of the Atherington Children's Playing Field Committee as well as managing the Argos. On behalf of the village: Thank you.

Walter White – A tribute from Andy Boyce



It is with great sadness that we note the death of Walter. When Jenny and I moved to Atherington in 1972, Walter and his Dad were two of the first people we met- they were working in the field opposite our house and curious to know who were. Initial conversations were sometimes interesting because both spoke with very strong Devonian accents and it took a while to pick up on some of the more obscure words. Throughout his life Walter appreciated the significance of preserving local dialects and wrote articles and poems for magazines, including giving readings.

For all his working life Walter was a market gardener and was very well known for his stall in Barnstaple Pannier Market. In later years as his health started to decline, he concentrated more on growing flowers, particularly daffodils.

Walter's other passion in life was civic duty and for many years he was District Councillor for Newport/Bishops Tawton and after boundary changes for

Chittlehampton ward until the time of his death. As a long serving member of Atherington Parish Council he did his very best to support and preserve our local community. His support in gaining grants for the development of the playing field and its pavilion, the defibrillator and other village amenities should not be underestimated. Walter always represented our communities as an Independent, so that he could act in the best interest of parishioners and not be tied to Party lines. During my time as a Councillor it became clear to me that Walter was extremely knowledgeable about the workings of local government- particularly the intricacies of the planning system.

During the latter years of his life Walter continued to carry on with his Civic duties even though he was becoming increasingly unwell. The last few weeks of his life were spent in the care of North Devon District Hospital, where he continued to run his election campaign for District Councillor from his bed. I met with him a few days before his death to go over polling lists, distribution of flyers etc; it seemed he was on the mend and very much on the case. It came as something of a shock to hear a few days later that he had died.

A good friend to our village and surrounding parishes; he will be sadly missed.

Andy Boyce

[A look back at April](#)

Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee Morning - 6th April

This was a fun community event. The children enjoyed searching for coloured eggs to fill their egg boxes and were all rewarded with a chocolate egg prize. Several games and competitions took place inside and a few people braved the weather to set up their car boots outside.

This was a joint event with the church. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make the morning a success. We raised nearly £400 which was split between the two organisations.

Big thank you to Sarah who took on the brunt of organising the event.

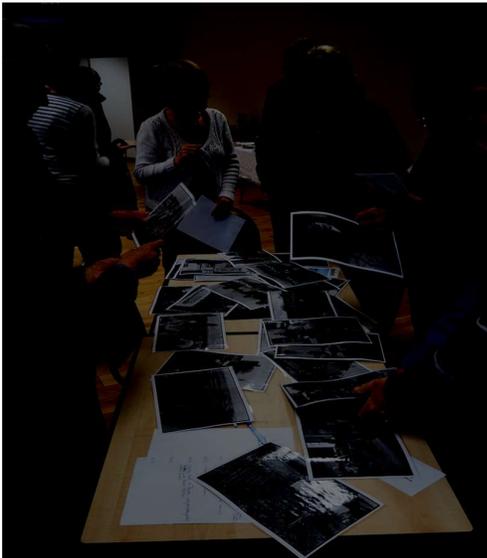
Community Garden

Two gardening work days were arranged in April, one at the beginning of the month and one at the end. Only myself and long suffering husband attended the first but thanks to everyone who came this Saturday. Many hands do make light work and much was achieved.

There is also now a new addition to the garden, an archway spanning the stepping stones which hopefully will provide height and structure for climbing plants.

Bring and Share afternoon tea - 28th April

A lovely community afternoon organised to remember some of the village's residents who passed away around Christmas and before took place this Sunday. People enjoyed looking at old photographs and remembering events and people from the past (as well as their own younger selves!) Mary played the piano which has been donated to the Pavillion by Jack Birkhill's family and trees and shrubs were planted in the community garden in remembrance of loved ones. A Crataegus (May) tree for May Woolacott, Verburnum Davidii for David Gosden, Clematis Jackmanii for Jack Burkhill, Climbing rose (Starlight Symphony) and small rose for Rosie Glover, a Prunus Serrula for Commander Thomas Crease and a Cornus Kousa for past members of the Rose family. The afternoon was rounded off with an enjoyable tea.





Events in May

Atherington Children's Playing Field

AGM

Friday 3rd May

Doors open 7.30pm. Meeting 7.45pm
@ The Pavilion. All welcome!

Wine and Cheese evening

We need your support!

We are a small committee who organise village events and develop & maintain the Playing Field and Pavilion.

Feel unable to join a Committee but willing to volunteer or support events?? Great - Come along and share ideas.

WANTED - *Volunteers who can.... bake, sew, build, drive, construct, clean, grow, demolish and eat.... all very welcome!*

Saturday, 11th May

Talk by Andy Bell. Come along and listen to an expert on North Devon's Ecology. Please see flier enclosed.

Jacket potatoes with a choice of chilli con carne, cheese and pickle, or baked beans (or all three) will be available to purchase at £3.50 each (to include salad). Please give an indication to Jo and Chris in the shop if you want food although extra will be available for last minute deciders!

Food will be available from 6 pm. Talk will start at 7 pm



Vintage Tractor Run

Sunday 19th May

Departing Umberleigh Village Hall, EX37 9AB, at 10.00am
(Tea/coffee available from 9:00am)

£12.00 Entry per Tractor, including a meal
A cooked lunch on return from about 2:00pm

A warm welcome to all!

For a booking form, or to reserve a meal only (£7) please
Contact Harold 01769 560665,

Or email carolnorman.rayburrow@gmail.com, prior to 12/5/19

If anyone is able to help with the refreshments (cakes, puddings etc.) or would be able to donate a raffle prize, please contact either Carol Norman 560172 or Jenny Boyce 560404.

All proceed to St. Mary's Church, Atherington

Atherington and Umberleigh W I

WILDSIDE GARDENS

Green Lane, Buckland Monochorum PL20 7NP

Tuesday 28th May 2019

Cost: £17.50 to inc Coach and Entry

Leave Umberleigh Station 9am Return at 4pm

Stop for coffee at The Bedford Hotel in Tavistock 30mins then on to Wildside approx 11am leave at 13.00 and call into Tavistock for lunch and some retail therapy Return home at 4pm.

Pick up points: Eggesford Station 8.30, Collaton Mill 8.40, Umberleigh Station 9am, Atherington 9.15 and High Bickington 9.30

Everyone welcome including gentlemen

Please call Maureen Beauchamp 07999445489 or Daphne 01769 5601080

Other 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.

Sunflower Competition

Don't forget to register for this year's sunflower competition. Judging will take place towards the end of August.

Register with Chris and Jo in the Village Shop and Post Office.

Whiddon Wagon – Fish and Chip Van

Umberleigh Train Station 4pm – 7pm

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Tuesday 7th May

Tuesday 21st May

Tuesday 4th June

Atherington Village Fete & Dog Show



This year's fete and dog show will take place on Saturday, 6th July. In order to run the event successfully we need your help!

Can you assist with?

- Setting up
- Packing away
- Manning a stall
- Baking cakes
- Stall Prizes
- Loan of Gazebos and Parasols on the day
- Loan of Bales of Hay

Do you have new ideas of games or stalls that you would like to see?

Would you like a stall of your own? £10 for craft stalls, £40 for businesses

Please contact Becca Miller on Becca-miller@live.co.uk or 07702792598.

Community Garden

Gardening will take place this month on Saturday, 25th May at 10 am onwards and Friday evening 31st May, 6.30 pm onwards. Many hands really do make light work. All welcome. Tea and cake provided.

[Cookery Corner](#)

Traffic Light Jelly (great for children's parties)

One green jelly, one orange jelly, one red jelly

Make up the red jelly. Separate jelly cubes, add a small amount of water and put in microwave for one minute. Make sure all cubes melted then add enough water to bring quantity up to HALF A PINT. Set in fridge in a loaf tin.

When set make the orange jelly in the same way and pour over the red jelly followed by the green jelly.

Turn out onto a plate (may need to dip in a bit of hot water for a second) and then cut into sections.

Looks very pretty on a plate. No spoons or bowls needed!

Mystery Corner

Jenny and Andy Boyce had a book on cricket put through their door 'Cricket Crisis' by J.H. Fingleton. They have no idea who did this so cannot thank the person or return it or even know if it was meant for them in the first place. Perhaps the kind benefactor could contact them. Thanks.

Jenny Boyce: 560404

Village Projects

Adopt a Kiosk Scheme

The Parish Council are still eager to hear about your ideas for the village telephone box. Please let them have your ideas.

Replacement of defibrillator

We need to raise over £1500 to replace the village defibrillator. This is a vital piece of equipment. It increases a person's chances of survival in the event of a heart attack quite considerably. The reassurance of knowing the village has a defibrillator which is kept in tip top order is well worth the money. Jenny Boyce has already made a start. The coffee morning she organised last month raised £280. If anyone has ideas or would like to hold an event to raise more money for this worthwhile cause please feel free to do so.

This is a valuable asset for all of us. You never know when you might need it. Even those we consider fit and youthful and healthy can suffer a heart attack. So come on, don't leave this to someone else, become proactive in making a difference.

Book Club

Calling all bookworms. Anyone interested in being in a book club please contact the Argos either via email or through the village shop. Meetings would be once a month to discuss the current month's book in a members home.

What's on this month

Ladies Tea Circle - Each Wednesday afternoon rotating each week around Members' homes.

St Mary's Parish Church - www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org

Services

Sunday 12th May, Messy Church in the Church Hall at 4 p.m.

Sunday, 26th May Holy Communion at 4 p.m.

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 from 10.30am - 12 noon.

A warm welcome to all.

Further details from 01271 830662 or 560057

Mobile Library - Next in the Square Tuesday 8th May: 15.05 – 15.35

WI - Contact Margaret Maidlow – 01769 560498 Visitors always welcome

Luncheon Club - Contact Tony Squires on 01769 560489 for information.

Bus Timetable - Operated by Turner Tours Route 325

Monday to Friday other than service marked **T,Th,F** which operates Tuesday, Thursday and Friday **No Service on Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holidays**

| Atherington – Barnstaple | | T,Th,F |
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| Atherington Church (Eastbound) | 08:19 | 10:19 |
| Bishops Tawton, Mount Pleasant (Northwest bound) | 08:32 | 10:32 |
| Sticklepath, Old Torrington Road (Northbound) | 08:50 | - |
| Barnstaple, Bus Station (Stand B) | 08:55 | 10:40 |

| Barnstaple – Atherington | T,Th,F | |
|--|--------|-------|
| Barnstaple, Bus Station (Stand B) | 13.30 | 16.30 |
| Sticklepath Hill (Eastbound) | - | 16.40 |
| Bishops Tawton, The Bridge (Southeast bound) | 13.40 | 16.55 |
| Atherington Post Office | 13.51 | 17.06 |

Atherington Businesses Directory

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| Ashwood Joinery | Martin Huggins | 01769 561154 |
| Atherington Acorns Playgroup Wednesday Mornings in the Pavilion | Katherine Broad | 07766 088639 |
| Avon | Linda Brayley | 01769 560572 |
| Chantry Nursery | Mr Martin | 01769 560347 |
| Daisy Park | Emma Paisey | 01769 579077 www.daisypark.co.uk |
| General Builder | Tim Rose | 01769 560410 |
| HC Rosettes bespoke Rosettes for any event | Claire Large | 01769 560556 |
| Lilcott Farm Farm Produce – Meat & Eggs | Julie & Mark | 07846 397823 |
| Pet Shop 2 Go Pet Products & Accessories | | 01769 736637 www.petshop2go.co.uk |
| Sea Breeze Painter & Decorator | Dave Scott | 01769 560758 |
| Smithy Hair Salon | Alison Montague | 01769 560046 |

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| Sports Massage Therapist | Abi Hanafin | 07866 686021 |
| Thatcher | Ian Rose | 01769 560031 |
| Thatchit | Toby Rose | 07935 066041 |
| Thatcher | | info@thatchit.com www.thatchit.com |
| Village Shoppe & Post Office | Chris & 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>

Hire of one of Atherington's Halls

For availability and rates contact: -

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

The Pavilion – in the Playing Field – Mrs Alison Montague 01769 560529

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