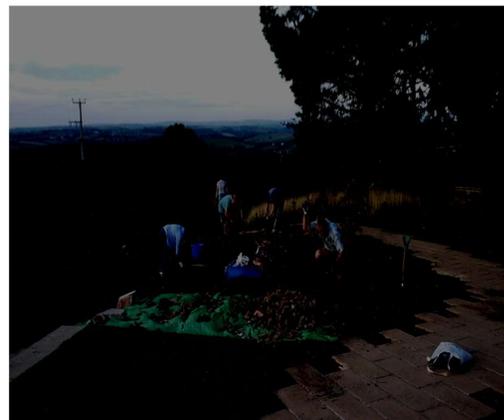
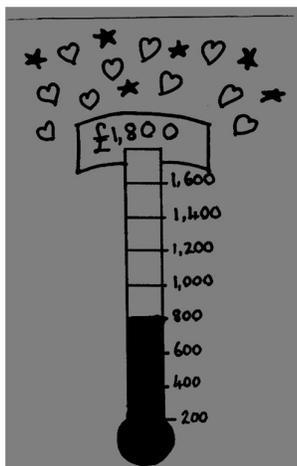


# Atherington Argus

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**Donations towards the cost of producing the Argus will be gratefully received. Jo and Chris are happy to collect these in the Village Shoppe and Post Office.**

**Thank you to Andy Boyce for sending in the magnificent photo of the village buzzard, Jo Hart for the gardening club photo and Jill for the sunflower.**

## Editorial Comment

My little, humble hero has been in the news again recently. Greta Thunberg is sailing the wild seas in a carbon neutral vessel to attend a climate change conference in America. She was asked on Plymouth Docks what difference could one person make to such a global issue. She replied that every single person can make a difference and all the small things we do add up.

This small but very articulate 16 year old girl is going to address the UN. She has already inspired school children to take action, she practices what she preaches and she is keeping this crucial issue in the forefronts of our minds.

Climate change is in evidence all around us with catastrophic events occurring in many parts of the globe. Ironical then that fracking has restarted in parts of the UK. Not just a worry because of the earthquakes this process seems to generate but one must ask the question why this emphasis again on fossil fuels when we should be concentrating on alternatives.

## Parish Council – Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> August

The meeting was attended by five Councillors, District Councillor Ray Jenkins and County Councillor Richard Edgell and parishioners.

### **Matters raised by the Public:**

- 3 month trial to allow supervised dogs into the playing field. Opposition to this policy was expressed. Comments will be fed back to the playing field committee at their next playing field meeting.
- The White Hart has been advised that the clanking drain cover owned by South West Water will be replaced on the 2nd September. Temporary traffic lights will be in operation.

**Matters arising from the July meeting:** None

**Highways:** No news on bollard outside Bonds Farm. The pothole where lorries turn by the Church has been reported to Highways. Parishioners are urged to report highways issues on the Devon County Council Website. It is easy to use: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>. The more complaints they receive the more likelihood something will be done!

**Planning Applications:** 70240, creation of additional parking at number 2 Coronation Cottages. Comments and objections considered. Councillors recommended approval of the application subject to the usual conditions as determined by the Case Officer.

**Atherington Children's Playing Field:** Jon Frayne presented his Playing Field Relationship Document to be discussed at the next Playing Field Meeting. The aim is to resolve the identified issue of VAT reclaim.

**Defibrillator fund.** A cheque for £415 was passed to the Parish Clerk.



SMART NEWS

*SMART - St Mary's Atherington Regeneration Team*

Please continue to send in your completed surveys if you have not already done so. They can be posted in the secure small postbox within the Lychgate or you can complete the survey online by following the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PPW2Z3Z> which is also on the facebook page.

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[smartchurch@outlook.com](mailto:smartchurch@outlook.com)

[Find us on Facebook @smartchurchatherington](#)

Chittlehampton Twinning Association – (of which there are 8 Atherington members) welcomed approximately 50 French members from Baron-sur-Oden in Normandy from Thursday evening, 22<sup>nd</sup> August until Monday morning. They enjoyed a reception at Umberleigh on the Thursday, a visit to Dartington Glass and Rosemoor on the Friday, a Treasure Trail and Buffet meal on Saturday. This is an annual event and next year the Chittlehampton group will be off to France.

If anyone is interested in joining please contact Jenny Boyce on 560404

[Atherington Children's Playing Field Committee](#)

The committee are due to meet again in September. The trial of allowing dogs on the field continues. Thank you to those who have sent comments about this. We welcome views both positive and negative. Please email me at the Argus or [atheringtonpf@hotmail.com](mailto:atheringtonpf@hotmail.com)

I include a reminder of the rules previously outlined

1. Dogs will NOT be allowed in the fenced off play areas.
2. Any dog on site is the responsibility of the owner at all times and it is the owner's responsibility to pick up any mess and take it home to dispose of.
3. PLEASE DO NOT PUT IT IN THE BINS PROVIDED ON SITE. These are emptied by volunteers.
4. Owners must be aware of where their dogs are and what they are doing at all times.
5. If people are playing football or using the field for any organised recreational activity this will always take precedence over dog exercisers.
6. If any dog excrement is found on the field the trial will be stopped and the playing field will revert to a 'no dog area'. This will be a three strike policy. So dog owners be vigilant.

Community Garden - A gardening evening took place on Friday, 23rd August. It was lovely to see some new faces and everyone worked hard to finally finish clearing the site. Thank you to everyone who turned up. (See photo on cover)

The next gardening session will be on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> September in the evening from 6.30 pm onwards. This will incorporate a BBQ and anyone who has contributed in any way to the gardening effort will be most welcome. Please let Jill know so she is able to gauge the catering needs. Thank you. (You can either email the Argos, call Jill on 560096 or text message 07934380219)

### Stock take

Thank you to Jenny Boyce who did a recent stock take of kitchen equipment in the pavilion. A number of items were missing. These were as follows :- 1 large plate, 6 side plates, 2 bowls, 10 cups, 1 pepper pot, 6 forks, 1 soup spoon, 12 teaspoons, 1 serving spoon, 2 lids – one from the Horwood Hot pot and one from the Stellar steamer. It is always possible that these were taken home by mistake after an event or function. Could you please check your cupboards just in case. Many thanks.

For better, for worse?

A Course for married couples

The Marriage Course is a seven-evening course. After a light meal, helpful talks (delivered by DVD) present the subject matter for each session, and at various points in the evening each couple, sitting at separate tables, with music playing to ensure privacy, take time to discuss the issues under consideration. Some of the topics to be covered are: Building Strong Foundations, The Art of Listening and Communicating, Resolving Conflict, and The Impact of Family - Past and Present. There is no public discussion of experiences or problems – these are for each couple to consider privately at their tables – though help is available if requested.

The Marriage Course will begin at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25th September 2019 at Umberleigh Village Hall, and run weekly till 13th November, with an interval in the half-term week, 23rd October.

More information on the course can be found at <https://themarriagecourses.org> or by telephoning Chris Pouncey on 07977 930045 or Samantha Thorne on 07526 581245. Please register your interest in taking part by emailing [cmgpouncey@hotmail.com](mailto:cmgpouncey@hotmail.com) or [samforsnf@gmail.com](mailto:samforsnf@gmail.com)

Replacement of defibrillator

The total now stands at £815 (see front cover)

Thank you to two anonymous donors who between them gave £400 towards the fund. We need to reach £1800. The next event to raise money for this important piece of equipment will be the Safari Lunch at the end of September.

If anyone has ideas or would like to hold an event to raise money for this please contact Jenny or the Argus. Remember that this is a community asset and could one day save YOUR life.

Defibrillator Training

There will be a Defibrillator Awareness session at Umberleigh Village Hall on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm presented by Richard Oaten from the South West Ambulance Service. All welcome to come along to this free session.

ATHERINGTON AND UMBERLEIGH DEFIBRILLATOR FUND  
invites you to a



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH

From Midday \* Four courses \* Four venues  
(bring your own drinks)

The Church: drinks/canapes  
The Pavilion: starters  
Umberleigh Village Hall: Main Course  
and  
A Mystery Location for desserts, tea and coffee

Enjoy the entertainment along the way

\*\*\* Only £15 per person \*\*\*

To reserve a ticket or with offers to help  
Please telephone  
Pauline Alford 07568146360  
Jenny Boyce 01769 560404

### Sunflower Competition – Judgement Day

The annual judging of the village sunflowers took place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Despite injuring his back at gardening on the Friday evening an heroic Mr. Hart lugged ladder and rule round the village to measure this year's entries.

Only 4 competitors managed to keep their sunflowers alive to battle it out with their magnificent blooms to try to win the coveted shield. As an independent adjudicator I thought I had stepped in a John Wyndham novel.



Picture 1 - 4<sup>th</sup> Place Sarah – 9'10" - shortest in stature but definitely situated in the most aesthetic setting peeping out majestically between the runner beans.  
Picture 2 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Harriet – 10'2" - Last year's winner but unfortunately not quite high enough this year. However, truly the most ingenious grower using netball post to secure in place.

Picture on front cover - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Steve – 10'2.5" - A wonderful line of sunflowers adorned the back of Steve's bungalow of all heights. Pipped at the post this year but certainly owning one of the most beautiful specimens.

So who won?.....

Picture 3 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Chris – 10'7" - a wonderful plant on a sturdy stem. In sunflower terms head and shoulders above its competitors.

Well done Chris and thank you to all the people who took part. Presentation of the shield will take place in September.

## *Church and Beaford Arts Event*

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September in the Church Hall from 10.30 am. Coffee morning and light lunches in aid of Devon Historic Churches Trust.

This organisation is very supportive of churches looking for grants from which we have benefitted on a number of occasions. From the money raised we receive 50% back for church funds.

Over the weekend of the 14/15<sup>th</sup> September there will be an exhibition by Beaford Arts of archives of Atherington in St. Mary's Church. Refreshments will be available both days.

We hope you will support this event which will be of interest to both long term residents and new residents to Atherington.

Photographic Workshop – Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019



Get the best out of your Digital Camera

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10 am, £5 pp

at the Pavilion, Atherington

Inc bacon roll and hot drink

Bookings and enquiries please contact Vic

[Vicwardle@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:Vicwardle@blueyonder.co.uk)

Pumpkin Carving and Autumn BBQ Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019

This year's seasonal pumpkin carving event will start at 4.00 pm and will culminate in a BBQ where hopefully the wonderful carved exhibits can be seen in their full glory. More news about this nearer the event.

Beaford Art Production – The Man who Planted Trees, Saturday 2nd November

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. Food available on the night. More information to follow.

*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

30<sup>th</sup> November – a talk about Devon hedgerows and trees

More information to follow later in the year.

Atherington Acorns return after the summer break on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. This group meet every Wednesday 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. Why not come along and join in the fun.

St Mary's Parish Church - [www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org](http://www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org)

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 4 p.m. Family fun and worship in the church hall.

Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September Holy Communion at 6 p.m. in the church

Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September Encounter at High Bickington Community Centre. This is a cafe style worship event. 7 pm for 7.30 pm.

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

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 - Next in the Square Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September: 15.05 – 15.35

The van stops at the Church gate.

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 19<sup>th</sup>September and they will be going to the Crealock Arms at Littleham.

Atherington and Umberleigh WI - The next meeting of the WI will be on 10<sup>th</sup> September in Umberleigh Hall at 7.30 pm. The speaker is the granddaughter of a nurse who served in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. Her grandmother wrote of book of recollections of her experiences. This should be an extremely interesting and poignant talk. All visitors welcome.

Contact Margaret Maidlow – 01769 560498 Visitors always welcome

**Poetry Corner - Thank you to R. Domleo for submitting another poem for this month's Argus which he wrote in 2014**

#### The Bar

There's a BAR with beats within it, which is easy on the ear

And the bar where we may learn to enjoy a “half of beer”

And both of these can bring us a measure of good cheer.

There are 'BARS' which sign the weather, which tourists hope are high

And those which form a cyclone when wind and rain are nigh.

There's the wrecking BAR to help us when we prise something apart

And the BARS shaped into shafts, which harness horse to cart

And then there is the big “BAR-IRON” to help us dig the holes

**To accommodate the gate posts, the stanchions or the poles**  
**To form the frames of barns, which come in many forms**  
**Providing storage for our crops, against the winter storms.**  
**So, be it the aesthetic, which brings pleasure to the brain**  
**Or its very many uses, which help to take the strain,**  
**Give credit to the simple BAR and toast it with champagne!**

**Bus Timetable - Operated by Turner Tours Route 325**

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

<b>Atherington – Barnstaple</b>		T,Th,F
Atherington Church (Eastbound)		10:19
Bishops Tawton, Mount Pleasant (Northwest bound)		10:32
Barnstaple, Bus Station (Stand B)		10:40
<b>Barnstaple – Atherington</b>		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	01769 561154
Avon	Linda Brayley	01769 560572
Chantry Nursery	Mr. Martin	01769 560572
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 379823
Pet shop 2 Go (petshop2go.co.uk)		01769 736637
Sea Breeze (Painter and decorator)	Dave Scott	01769 56078
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](http://www.saferatheringtonstreets.org.uk)

**Atherington Conservation Area** – [www.athconv.wordpress.com](http://www.athconv.wordpress.com)

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

**Atherington Children's Playing Field** – [Atheringtoncpf@hotmail.com](mailto:Atheringtoncpf@hotmail.com)

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