

Atherington Argus

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Atherington's Village Fete

Next Weekend

6th July 2.00pm



Editorial Comment

Compiling news for this month's Argus I realise what an active and caring little place Atherington is. It contains many people who are working hard to make the village a better environment for everyone. The Playing Field Committee raise funds to improve the facilities we have and also to instigate events for community interest and enjoyment. SMART are striving to raise money for our historic church so that it continues to be a focal point, teams are working to restore the Conservation area after

the builders have run rough shod over it and now people are actively trying to raise enough money to replace the defibrillator.

We owe these hard working people our gratitude. Thank you.

PS Please remember that any donations towards the cost of producing the Argos will be gratefully received. Jo and Chris are happy to collect these in the village shop.

Village Fete - 6th July 2019 at Atherington Children's Playing Field

As you can see from the front cover the fete is nearly upon us. This is the Atherington Children's Playing Field's Committee's major fund raising event of the year. Please come along and support us and drag any family members, friends and neighbours along too!

If you volunteered to help set up we will be starting from 5.00 pm onwards on Friday evening and again on Saturday morning from 10.00 am.

An array of events and activities are planned.

Really Wild Learning, Fancy Dress Competition, Torrington Silver band, Cream teas, Stalls, Games, Vintage vehicles and more

..... children's games, the very competitive shopping trolley challenge (a bottle of gin is at stake here), a coconut shy, BBQ, smashing china, tombola, bric-a-brac, ice creams, plants, the 'lucky bottle' game, alpacas, bouncy castle, the 'egg throwing' challenge, and much more

Also there are competitions to enter:

50p entry fee per category to be paid on the day to the registration point

- Fancy Dress – 3pm Judging
 - Adult
 - Children

- Plate Face Mask (Children’s entries only) – 3.30pm Judging
 - Create a funny face on a paper plate using whatever materials you have to hand
 - Must be created in advance with the child’s Name, Age and a contact number written on the back of the plate

- Decorated Plant Pot – 3.30pm Judging
 - Up-cycle a plastic plant pot using whatever materials you have to hand.
 - The pot does not have to be filled.
 - Must be created in advance with the applicants Name, Age and contact number written on the bottom of the pot – we recommend using a sticker.

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

We would still welcome offers of help, donations of prizes for the raffle & tombola, and cakes, plants and produce for the stalls which can be dropped off at the Shop beforehand or brought to the Pavilion in the morning.

Traders welcome - £10 per plot. Contact Becca on 07702792598

Local News

Chittlehampton District Council Elections

These took place on 13th June and Ray Jenkins (Conservative) was duly elected

Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Tuesday, 18th June. Various local issues of concern were brought up including lorries turning in Tray Lane, parking outside Coronation Cottages, the paintballing site behind Chantry Hill, a memorial for Walter White, the Conservation Area, and issues highlighted in the recent accounts' audit. The new District Councillor, Ray Jenkins, was welcomed. Richard Edghill reminded about the availability of grants and a new Parish Councillor was elected by the current councillors, Kevin Pickard.

The Parish Councillors are now: John Frayne (Chairman), Andy Boyce, Carol Norman, Jonathan Andrew, Vic Wardle, Julie Franklin-Baker and Kevin Pickard.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 16th July at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

SMART NEWS

St. Mary's Atherington Regeneration Team (SMART) consists of a group of Atherington residents who wish to work together (with the wider community) to raise the necessary funds to maintain our beautiful Grade 1 listed Parish Church.

SMART is a sub-committee of the St. Mary's Parochial Church Council, although any monies raised by SMART will go explicitly towards the repair and maintenance of the Church building and its curtilage.

SMART was recently formed because, although Church attendance numbers have declined, the building (due to its architectural significance) still needs to be regularly maintained, and its facilities reviewed. Over the next few months we are planning to repair the Church wall: and then over the next few years raise more money to fund central heating, kitchen and toilet facilities – so that the building can be used for large village social events such as concerts, art exhibitions, theatrical performances, etc (ie events that would be too large for the Pavilion).

The first SMART fund raising event recently raised over £1800 from a Village Tractor Run held locally. Other events are planned as well as applying to larger charitable organisation for financial funding.

Atherington has an excellent past record for community fund raising; eg The MUGA, plus the playing field equipment, the Pavilion and its contents (for which we won Community of the Year Award for the South West in 2012) and since then the car park in the playing field, a cycle track and more recently the Community Memorial Garden.

At the Fete on Saturday, SMART will have a stall and we will be conducting a questionnaire asking what you would like to see happen to the Church. If you have a moment, please come and share your views with us.

Atherington Children's Playing Field Committee

Fete, fete and more fete. Come along on 6th July and have fun

Community Garden

There will be one gardening morning in July on Saturday, 13th at 10 am onwards. Come along and make a difference. Let's get this garden finished. Tea and cake provided!

Conservation Area Update

The front hedge and grass of the Conservation Area have recently been cut and volunteers have been weeding and removing moss from the slope and concrete plinths. Other willing parishioners have offered to strim along the back hedge, cut down the brambles and apply some TLC to the bench and picnic table.

The back hedge does need cutting badly; however, due to nesting birds, we will have to wait until September to do it properly. After that we can see how much damage has been done by the tree felling and assess the length of any temporary fencing needed to fill the gap caused. As soon as the foxgloves have finished, we can take a closer look the grass area and repair the ground as necessary (If needed, wood for a raised bed, some planters and top soil have been offered).

Once this work has been completed , we hope that the area will return to its former tranquil setting.

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. Competition is hotting up. Sadly the slugs or pigeons desimated our entry while we were away on holiday so you have even more chance of winning!

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

Cookery Corner

Kill for Cake

8 oz butter or margarine, 5 tbsp golden syrup, 2 oz cocoa powder, 4 oz seedless raisins, 1 lb sweet biscuits crushed.

Topping – 8 oz plain chocolate

Put butter or margarine, golden syrup, cocoa powder, raisins in a pan and heat gently until butter melted. Remove from heat. Stir in crushed biscuits. Press into a well greased 25 cm x 30 cm tin and leave in a cool place to set.

Melt chocolate and spread over cake. Leave to set, cut into portions and remove from tin.

Try this at the gardening morning on the 13th July!

Adopt a Kiosk Scheme

Don't forget to give the Parish Council your ideas for the village telephone box. If anyone would like to take on the organisation and running of this scheme please contact Andy Boyce.

Replacement of defibrillator

The total stands at £280. We need to reach £1800. The next event to raise money for this important piece of equipment will be a Safari Lunch.

Save the Date

On Sunday September 29th there will be an Atherington and Umberleigh joint venture in aid of the defibrillator fund

A four course Safari lunch has been planned.

There will be 4 venues:

The Church

The Pavilion

Umberleigh Village Hall

...and a Mystery Location

Plus entertainment along the way

All for the amazing cost of £15 per person

More details to follow

However, if you would like to reserve a ticket or would be able to help in any way – please contact Pauline Alford 07568146360 or Jenny Boyce 560404

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.

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

Services

Sunday 14th July at 4 p.m. Family fun and worship in the church hall.

Sunday, 28rd July Holy Communion at 6 p.m. in the church

Sunday 14th July 'Encounter' at High Bickington Community Centre. This is a cafe style worship event. 7 pm for 7.30 pm.

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

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

Mobile Library - Next in the Square Tuesday 23th July: 15.05 – 15.35
The van stops at the Church gate.

Atherington and Umberleigh WI

The next meeting of the WI will be on 9th July in Umberleigh Hall at 7.30 pm. There will be a speaker from the RNIB on the topic of 'Talking Books'. All visitors welcome.

Contact Margaret Maidlow – 01769 560498 Visitors always welcome

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 25th July and they will be going to The Jack Russell in Swimbridge.

Other News

Nick and Joslyn

It is with sadness that we had to say goodbye to Nick and Joslyn last month. They have decided to leave the village to be closer to their family. They will be greatly missed in the village. Before they left, they kindly donated their 'professional BBQ' to the Atherington Playing Field. This will be a great asset to the village and we are grateful for their generosity.

Whiddon Fish and Chip Wagon

Unfortunately I have to report that the Whiddon fish and chip wagon will no longer be stopping at Umberleigh. They have decided that due to staff shortages and the lack of demand at the Umberleigh site it is not viable for them to continue.

However 'Miles' Van still stops at Warden's Close in High Bickington every Tuesday from 4.30 pm.

Recap of July Dates

2nd 10.30 – 12 am pop in for coffee and cake Umberleigh Christian Fellowship

6th July Village Fete!!!

9th 7.00 WI at Umberleigh Hall

14th 4pm Family Fun and Worship in Church Hall

14th 7.30 pm 'Encounter' High Bickington Hall

16th 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting in Church Hall

23rd Mobile Library

25th Luncheon Club

28th 6 pm Holy Communion in St Mary's Church, Atherington

Post Bag

Please feel free to send your ideas, concerns, recommendations to the Argos at atheringtonargus@outlook.com.

So where were all your letters?????

Holly's Household tips

Vinegar is a wonder product – use it to clean windows (just add 2 tablespoons to a some warm water and see for yourself), massage onto legs to help shrink varicose veins, remove cooking smells from microwaves by heating a quarter cup of vinegar with one cup of water..... More next month.

Dave's ...Did you know?

Greenland sharks have the longest known lifespan of all vertebrate species (estimated to be between 300 -500 years old)

Gertie's Gardening tips

Google 'bowdens Garlic wash recipe' to find an eco friendly slug repellent.

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	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
Sports Massage Therapist	Abi Hanafin	07866 686021
Thatcher	Ian Rose	01769 560031
ThatchIt Thatcher	Toby Rose	07935 066041 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>

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

Hire of one of Atherington's Halls

For availability and rates contact: -
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