

Atherington Argus

June 2019: Free to residents of Atherington Parish: Vol. 11 No. 6



Editorial Comment

The Argos is 10 years old this month! It was started in 2009 by David Gosden who produced it for the first seven years before his sad and sudden death in 2016. David was a regular sight round the village and at events with his camera swinging round his neck weighing him down.

Villagers had gathered for the monthly lunch club and felt that Atherington needed it's own publication. Jo Hart at the village shop agreed to collect articles, as well as any monetary contributions and proof read the editions each month while David gathered photographs, edited and produced the whole thing.

What was happening in the village in 2009? The School room roof had been retiled in May and was looking smart and watertight. The village was preparing for the 'Best Kept Village Competition' and, guess what, there were County Council and European elections being held on 4th June. The newest and youngest resident had just been born, Grace Buck and the Pavilion extension had received planning permission. All in all a red letter month.

The Argos, obviously continues to run. The price of printing ink and paper continues to rise. Any contribution towards Argos costs are always gratefully received. Please hand any donations to Jo and Chris in the Village shop. Many thanks.

What has been happening in the Village in May 2019?

ACPF AGM (Atherington Children's Playing Field)

This took place on Friday, 3th May. A disappointing attendance although we did manage to attract two new members onto the Committee and a little 'new interest'. Cheese and wine was enjoyed by all after the event. We still need a Secretary. If anyone is interested in taking on this role please do not hesitate to throw your hat into the ring.

The Committee met later in the month and some exciting new events are planned for the future including a digital photography workshop and an autumn pumpkin carve and BBQ. Our most imminent event is of course the Fete on 6th July. Any offers of help will be greatly received. Please contact Beccy on 07702792598 (or email beccamiller@live.co.uk) if you feel you could assist in any way. We have an interesting line up this year. The Torrington Silver Band will be playing again and we have Really Wild Learning bringing 'live' exhibits and giving talks during the afternoon as well as many stalls and competitions.

Andy Bell Talk 11th May

Andy Bell delivered an interesting talk on the North Devon Biosphere. He was extremely knowledgeable and supplied us with some amazing information about our local area and some of the things that are happening in order to try and preserve and promote it.

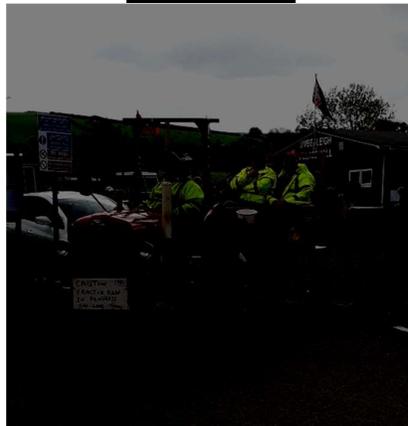
Many people also enjoyed a hearty jacket potato before the event started and we managed to raise nearly £100 for Pavilion funds.

May Fair 18th May

A big “thank you” to everyone who supported St. Mary's May Fair. The stallholders, donations for stalls and tombola, willing helpers and customers. A total of £321.65 was raised for much needed Church funds. Your support is much appreciated.

M. Maidlow on behalf of P.C.C.

▫ Vintage Tractor Run 19th May



On 19th May a memorable Vintage Tractor Run was held to raise money for the St Mary's Church Atherington Regeneration Fund. The event, which was organised by Harold Jennings and a team of volunteers, started from Umberleigh Village Hall. The 26 mile route, which covered Umberleigh, Atherington, Tawstock, Yarnscombe, High Bickington and back to Umberleigh again, raised the amazing sum of £1806 (which included £412 from the raffle).

The tractor drivers and their passengers started the morning with a welcome hot drink and a selection of homemade cakes. The weather was perfect: not too hot, with some sunny intervals and a gentle breeze. There were 57 tractors taking part and they followed the prearranged route which Harold had meticulously prepared. The convoy

was led out by Tony Drayton, with Harold (who was wearing a jaunty bowler hat) at the rear, to ensure that no problems occurred en route. Marshals were placed along the roads to guarantee that everyone followed the correct course.

On the days leading up to the event, a team of volunteers were busy shopping, cooking and preparing the dining hall. In addition to the many cakes at the start of the Run, the finish consisted of a cooked lunch of Cottage Pie with accompanying vegetables; plus an incredible choice of homemade desserts (or a selection of cheeses and biscuits for those who preferred it).

One of the problems facing the team was knowing how many people to cater for, and as the date drew nearer (and the weather forecast became more promising) the numbers of confirmed diners started to rise. In the end 120 diners attended although 150 covers were made to be on the safe side. Nevertheless, the extra amount baked wasn't wasted, as some of the pies were bought up by guests, as were some of the remaining cakes and puddings.

Harold and his team would sincerely like to thank everyone involved who helped to make this such a successful and unforgettable day. This includes the generous donations of meat, potatoes, cheese, draw prizes, cakes, puddings - and to all those who willingly gave of their valuable time. A big thank you also to Umberleigh Village Hall and Atherington Pavilion.

Community Garden

Two gardening work days were arranged towards the end of the month. Last Saturday morning a small band worked really hard on the area by the archway. It was reweeded, dug with manure, covered with weed resistant fabric and finally covered with a mulch of wood chippings. There is still a little to do on this which we hope to do this Friday evening.

There will be one gardening work day in June on Saturday, 29th from 10 am onwards. Please do come along and join in. We will next make a start on the last area beyond the astro turf area. A raised bed is going here possibly with white planting (in memory of Walter White) and a bank feature which will hopefully include a firepit.

I cannot stress enough that this is a community garden. Please come along and join in. It really does make a difference to the speed at which we can get this garden finished. Refreshments are always provided and it is an enjoyable social occasion as well as a productive one.

Atherington and Umberleigh W I

On Tuesday, 28th May the WI visited the WILDSIDE GARDENS at Buckland Monochorum. A coach was laid on for the occasion. Every one marvelled at the magical naturalistic planting and Keith Wiley's refreshing and unique approach to gardening. Well worth a visit and enjoyed by all.

The WI meet on the second Tuesday of every month at Umberleigh Village Hall. Contact Margaret Maidlow 01769 560498 is you are interested in joining.

The Event in July!

Saturday 6th July
From 2pm

@ Atherington Children's Playing Field



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

We would welcome offers of help, donations of prizes for the raffle & tombola, and cakes, plants and produce for the stalls.

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

Competitions

50p entry free 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

Other News

Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 21st May. Jon Frayne took the chair. Various local issues discussed including the emptying of Pavilion bins, tribute to Walter White, Airsoft site at Fishleigh Rock, state of roads. Next meeting will be on June 18th 2019 in the Church Hall at 7.30 pm

Chittlehampton District Council Elections will take place on 13th June. Candidates are Neil Basil, Green Party; Cecily Blyther, Labour Party; Ray Jenkins, Conservative party; Victoria Nel, Liberal Democrats

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

|

Tuesday 4th June

Tuesday 18th June

Tuesday 2nd July

Cookery Corner

Did anyone try the traffic light jelly?

Easy Cheesecake

Melt 4 oz butter or magerine and add 8 oz crushed digestives. Press into the base of a large loose bottomed cake tin. Place in fridge.

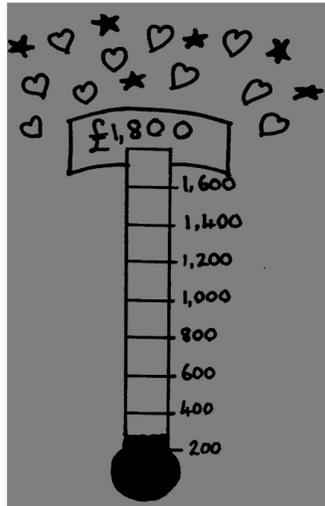
Beat/whisk 10 fl oz double cream, tin of condensed milk, 8 oz cream cheese, grated rind and juice of 3 large lemons together for at least 5 minutes. Pour onto base and place in fridge to set. Apparently this also freezes well but it never makes the freezer in my house!

Village Projects

Adopt a Kiosk Scheme

Don't forget to give the Parish Council your ideas for the village telephone box.

Replacement of defibrillator



£280 raised so far. We need to reach £1800. If anyone has ideas or would like to hold an event to raise money for this important piece of equipment which is a crucial village resource we would be grateful for your help.

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.

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

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

Services

Sunday 9th June at 4 p.m. Family fun and worship in the church hall.

Sunday, 23rd June Holy Communion at 6 p.m. in the church

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 25th June: 15.05 – 15.35

WI - 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 27th June and they will be going to Liberton.

Recap of June Dates

4th 10.30 – 12 am pop in for coffee and cake Umberleigh Christian Fellowship

9th 4pm Family Fun and Worship in Church Hall

11th 7.00 for 7.30 pm WI at Umberleigh Hall

13th Elections for Chittlehampton Ward

23rd 6 pm Holy Communion in St Mary's Church, Atherington

18th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting in Church Hall

27th Luncheon Club

29th 10 – 12 Gardening at Community Garden

6th July Village Fete!!!

Post Bag

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

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: -

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

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

News Gatherer and Co-ordinator, Jo Hart 01769 560248:

Editor, Jill Thorne 01769 560096

Email: atheringtonargus@outlook.com

Collated in house at Atherington

Facebook Group: Atherington Community page

© Atherington Argus 2019, All Rights Reserved

The Atherington Argus is a not for profit community news publication supported by voluntary contributions

Articles about News and Events in Atherington are accepted for publication in person at the Village Shoppe or in digital format (Word or pdf) to our email address above.

COPY DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT EDITION IS 28 th June

Publication date ***around*** 1st of the month