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Thank you to Vic Wardle for the wonderful fete photographs

Editorial Comment

50 years since man landed on the moon.

It seems a long time ago now but is nothing but a blink of the eye in the life span of the earth. The earth is apparently about 4.5 billion years old. If the history of the earth is condensed into a one year period, mankind only appears in the last half hour. The industrial revolution took place in the last 2 seconds of that half hour.

There are 30 million other species on the planet today. Together we represent less than 1 percent of all the species that have ever lived since life first appeared on Earth 3.8 billion years ago. Our survival is in no way guaranteed. Humans are ingenious with highly developed thinking and scientific skills. We are social beings capable of great empathy. We do care about what is happening to the planet and other creatures that share it with us; just not enough to do anything about it. If change causes us too much inconvenience, costs too much or is altogether too much effort we would rather look the other way.

We have to start thinking more globally. We are not just people from Atherington or Devon or England or Europe we are Earthlings and what we do or don't do affects the whole planet.

<https://biomimicry.net>

Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Tuesday, 16th July. The meeting was attended by all Councillors and our new Distinct Councillor Ray Jenkins.

Matters arising from the June meeting.

- Three Councillors and a member of the public met with NWF about lorry movements through the village and the problems caused at Tray Lane. NWF have agreed to pay for the production of 'private road' signs.
- ND Enforcement is continuing to monitor the restoration of land at Fishleigh Rock; air soft site, unapproved activity.

Highways. The Parish Clerk is to write again to Highways about Bond's farm bollard, a blocked drain at Brook Cottage which causes flooding and ice on the road in the winter and several other broken/blocked drains in the village. Parishioners are urged to report highways issues on the Devon County Council Website. It is very easy to use and the more people that log problems the better the chance of getting something done;

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

The speed of traffic through the village was discussed and it was agreed to re-open discussion with highways about trying to alleviate the problem. Various initiatives were discussed including extending the 30mph boundary and trying for a 40mph limit on village approaches, particularly Easter Hill and the Torrington road up to Eastacombe. The loss of visibility due to overhanging trees on the Torrington road as people drive down the first

dipper is another problem to be resolved. Councillors were reminded that several years ago there was a Safer Atherington Streets (SAS) campaign group which carried out speed monitoring etc. but they were unable to convince Highways that measures should be taken to control inconsiderate driving.

Atherington Children's Playing Field. A brief update was given about the Fete. A very successful event, enjoyed by all who attended and which raised about £1600. ACPF presented a cheque for £100 to the Parish Council, to be added to the defibrillator replacement fund. £20 collected at the fete as private donations to the fund was also passed over.

Jon Frayne gave a brief update about the issue identified by the Parish Council Auditor concerning the reclaiming of VAT by ACPF. Discussion/investigation is ongoing with positive indications that the problem can be resolved.

Walter White. A celebration of his contribution to the village will take place later in the year; to be discussed at next meeting.

The Council are eager to gather the views of Atherington residents as to what form a memorial for Walter should take. Please send your ideas to terry@terrysqlire.com or bring them to the next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 20th August at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. The meeting is open to the public.



SMART NEWS

SMART - St Mary's Atherington Regeneration Team

Atherington 'SMART' news...

- The Survey - Please find the SMART survey included in this edition of the Argus. Atherington Parishioners and friends, please take a few moments to answer the questions which will help us decide how best to take the care of St Mary's forward. We would be very grateful if you could fill in the paper survey enclosed and post in the secure small black postbox within the Lychgate. Your survey may remain anonymous.
- SMART has a Facebook page – Or if you would prefer please complete the survey online. Follow the link, <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PPW2Z3Z> also on our facebook page. Keep up to date with planned events and news on our page. Further social media links planned... watch this space!

- Our Aim - The Objectives of St Mary's Atherington Regeneration Team (SMART) are:
 1. To support in the practical care and maintenance of St Mary's Church, Atherington.
 2. To raise and administer funds for the maintenance and improvement of the fabric its contents.
 3. To support the development of the Church building for secular events alongside regular worship.
 4. To encourage enjoyment and appreciation of the Church and its use by the whole community. The SMART team are separate from the Church PCC but liaise closely as a sub-committee helping preserve the Church and curtilage.
- Note of thanks... to Jemma Dicken for the lovely sketch of the village that we have adopted as the SMART logo, 'Thank you'.
- Team membership - Following an open meeting in Autumn 2018, and a few meetings since then (establishing aims and structure), we have 'set up' a Team. Anyone can join - a warm welcome to all!

Currently 12 members of our community have pledged their support to help St Mary's. We have formed a formal committee to manage the team and are supported by an increasing number of 'friends'. Chairperson (Margret Maidlow), Publicity Secretary (Sarah Cooper), Minutes Secretary (Abi Hanafin), Treasurers (Carol Norman & Johnathan Andrews) and Fundraising officer (Jenny Boyce), supporting team members include Penny Blower, Andy Boyce, Katherine Calpaldi, David Chappell, Harold Jennings, Becca Miller. If you are interested in joining please speak to one of the team or complete the reverse of the survey form with your contact details.

- Fundraising – began this Summer and our first project is to raise funds to enable us to restore the churchyard wall. The wall is in bad repair between the Church Hall and the lychgate. Thank you to all who took part in our game 'Pick a Brick', we raised £129.00.
- Heating system - We are also gathering information and researching the possibility of installing a heating system in the church.

Finally your views are so valuable and will determine what and how we plan for our communities' future.

Look forward to hearing from you all soon

Sarah

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Find us on Facebook @smartchurchatherington

Atherington Children's Playing Field Committee

The fete proved to be extremely successful and was very much enjoyed by all who attended. A big thank you to Beccy for all the time and effort she put in to organise the event and thank you to everyone who helped. It was a real team effort.

The Committee met on 15th July. A few items of note for the community to be aware of:-

1. There will be no play mornings this year in August. A big thank you to Sarah for organising these mornings over many years. There is a great deal of thought and planning needed to make them a success and Sarah and her helpers are having a well earned rest this year.
2. It was agreed by the Committee to allow dogs on to the field for a trial period of three months.

Please note that

- a) They will not be allowed in the fenced off play areas.
- b) 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.
- c) PLEASE DO NOT PUT IT IN THE BINS PROVIDED ON SITE. These are emptied by volunteers.
- d) Owners must be aware of where their dogs are and what they are doing at all times.
- e) If people are playing football or using the field for any organised recreational activity this will always take precedence over dog exercisers.
- f) 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

Thank you to Jenny, Racquel, Annie and Bernard for working hard at the gardening morning on the 13th. Much was achieved and we have nearly finished clearing the last areas of unwanted weeds. Thank you also to Sadie and Annie for more shrub contributions.

The next gardening session will be on Friday, 23rd August in the evening from 6.30 pm onwards and we will round the season off with a BBQ on Friday evening 7th September 6.30 pm onwards. 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)

Fete



This years summer fete was held on Saturday 6th July. An amazing amount of around £1600 was raised on the day. A special thank you to everyone involved in the day - from setting up and packing away to the stall holders and refreshment providers.

Thank you to Toby Rose for the use of his marquee following Torrington Hunt being unable to hire theirs. Marcus Milton for sourcing some hay bales at short notice, and Ian Rose for the collection and return of them.

The fete would not be successful without each and everyone of you in the village and surrounding area.

Next years fete will take place on Saturday 4th July. If you have any ideas for games or fundraising activities please contact me. All donations of prizes - especially alcohol for the barrow of booze and wine or water game, will be gratefully received.

Whilst feedback so far has been extremely positive. I would love to hear more (positive and negative) so that we can develop the fete further. Please contact me on the details below.

Due to the success of this year's fete the Atherington Children's Playing Field committee agreed to donate £100 towards the defib fundraiser. We feel this is a vital piece of equipment to the village and playing field.

I look forward to working with you all over the next 11 months to plan next year.

Kind Regards

Becca Miller, Becca-miller@live.co.uk, 2 Coronation Cottages

Future Events

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

Replacement of defibrillator

The total stands at £415 thanks to a donation from the Atherington Playing Field committee and money collected at the fete. 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.

Sunflower Competition

Last chance to enter this prestigious competition. There is commemorative cup at stake. You have to be in it to win it!!!

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

For better, for worse?

Many married couples experience times when their relationship is not as smooth or exhilarating as in those heady months before and after their wedding. For some, new pressures appear, or old problems come back to the surface, and all too often, in the rush of everyday life, these are left unattended, and can become serious challenges to the marriage itself.

The law requires that we give our cars annual MOTs once they reach three years old, and we put right any defects to ensure their safe and reliable performance for the next year. So imagine how valuable it would be to have a careful look at our marriages to assess just what is good and strong, and what needs attention, to make sure that we are ready for whatever life may throw at us in the future.

The Marriage Course is a seven-evening course that 1.5 million couples, of various faiths or no faith, in numerous countries, have attended over recent years. 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. With the help of exercises in their handbooks, they plan how to deal with them from now on.

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 or samforsnf@gmail.com .

Photographic Workshop – Saturday, 5th October 2019

Why not come along and learn more about digital photography and how to get the best out of your pictures. The cost of this workshop will be £5 per person to include a bacon roll and cup of tea (to fuel your creative talents). The workshop will start at 10 am and all abilities welcome.

If you are interested please contact Vic Wardle - vicwardle@blueyonder.co.uk

Pumpkin Carving and Autumn BBQ Saturday, 26th 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.

30th November – a talk about Devon hedgerows and trees

More information to follow later in the year.

General News

Evangelical Update

Congratulations to Sophie Jones and Toby Rose on the safe (if somewhat delayed) arrival of Riley-Rae Ruth Rose. Born on Saturday 7th July at 4.23pm weighing 7lb 12oz.

A warm welcome to Amy Cook and her family who have moved into Rose Cottage.
St Mary's Parish Church - www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org

Services

Sunday 11th August at 4 p.m. Family fun and worship in the church hall.

Sunday, 25th August 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 10.30am - 12 noon.

Further details from 01271 830662 or 560057

Mobile Library - Next in the Square Tuesday 20th August 15.05 – 15.35
The van stops at the Church gate.

Atherington and Umberleigh WI

No meeting in August. 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 22nd August and they will be going to The Castle at George Nymphon.

Poetry Corner

Thank you to R. Domleo for submitting the following poem which he wrote in July 2000.

Crock of Gold

Bright misty arch, faint hued, in morning sun
Framed Hemmock Copse and spanned the meadow broad
And I, had I the will to run,
Could pluck the crock of gold from out the sward!

But, wondering at the sight, rooted I stood,
Pale sun behind my back to light the scene:
A jay screeched an alarm within the wood,
Hidden in the misty, full-leaved green.

Young buzzard's plaintive mews came through the trees;
As new-fledged swallows filled the air above,
A lark rose up, high o'er the misty seas
And trilled down to his earthbound, hidden love.

Then came the faintest breeze across the field;
The arc dispersed in sunlight' brighter shine;
All nature's beauty once again revealed,
Through sound and sight the crock of gold was mine!

Recap of August Dates

6th 10.30 – 12 am pop in for coffee and cake Umberleigh Christian Fellowship

11th 4pm Family Fun and Worship in Church Hall

20th 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting in Church Hall

20th Mobile Library

22nd Luncheon Club

23rd Gardening Evening

25th Holy Communion in St. Mary's Atherington

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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