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For those with a bit of spare time, please consider lending a helping hand to the Bank Youth Project, the Parish Magazine, or DASH. Discover more about these opportunities in the pages ahead, and be sure not to miss the wonderful photographs sent to us by our talented readers.

See you in March.

Judy ☺



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Equipped with a bright, safe workspace and a wide range of tools, they can tackle anything that needs mending from toasters to toys, hi-fis to hedge trimmers, and chairs to china.

Fitting out the premises at the **Old Umber Works, Chuley Road, Ashburton**, has been funded by generous donations from sponsors *Glendinning, Grey Matter, Tuckers, Howdens, Falcon Digital, Recycle Devon, Teignbridge District Council* and *Devon County Council*, whose representatives celebrated the opening and had a chance to see some of the work that goes on.

Brian and Gill Raynor showed their intricate repairs skills on "Kathleen" a beautiful 24" gaff cutter with fibreglass hull and plywood deck made by *Albatross Model Yachts* of Paignton. The exquisite pond yacht was brought in by Professor Tony Bolton, needing damage repairs to hull, rudder, mast, as well as re-rigging. He has generously donated the boat for auction, the proceeds to go towards running the workshop.

"We are a charity and rely completely on donations from customers that bring in things for repair," said Nigel Ward, Chair of the Repair Workshop. *"Some items only take minutes to fix, others days. It can be almost impossible for people to get domestic appliances fixed nowadays due to manufacturers' deliberate policy of non-accessible construction. But our volunteers don't give up easily, and we have a very high success rate!"*

Volunteer Charles Hill-Smith constantly pits his wits against the steady stream of toasters, kettles, and similar appliances that come into the workshop. *"We have a large set of specialist tools which can be used to get past the 'blocks' that the makers put in,"* said Charles. *"If I can't figure something out, one of the other repairers will help."*

The need for a workshop became apparent with the popularity of the once-a-month sessions that were not enough to cope with demand. Volunteers needed somewhere to work and storage of items incoming and repaired became critical.

"We are victims of our own popularity, but in a good way," said volunteer Michael Cranmer. *"Since our first meeting in 2018 we have dealt with thousands of items that would now be in landfill, an achievement that gives me great satisfaction."* The sentiment was echoed by Roger Croad, Chair of Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee, Devon County Council, who said, *"What the team are doing here is truly inspirational."*

The Ashburton Repair Workshop is open every Wednesday 3-6pm, and the Repair Café open on the first Saturday of each month at St Andrew's Hall. Customers are encouraged to chat over a tea or coffee and learn how their repair is being done. More volunteers of all ages are welcome too!

See www.ashburtonrepaircafe.org.uk for all information, where items can be booked in a specific time slot and their progress tracked, and donations and Gift Aid can be made.



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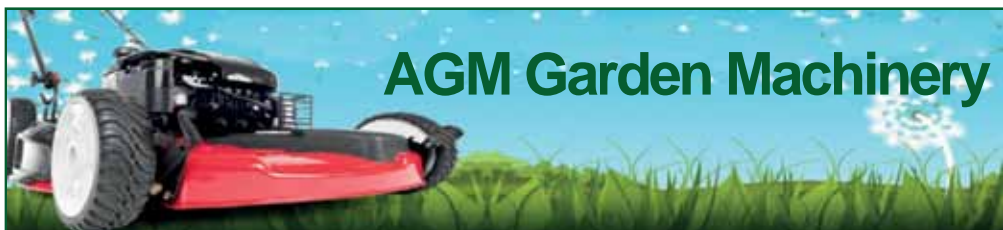
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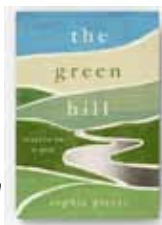


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The Green Hill: Life after publication

Sophie Pierce is a writer from Ashburton whose memoir about the sudden death of her son Felix was published in March 2023. Here she reflects on the aftermath of publishing such a personal book.



Writing and publishing a memoir about such a personal and traumatic loss might seem a strange thing to do. But I am a writer by trade and, for me, it was a way of trying to process what had happened, and also, hopefully, provide some insights into grief.

Felix, who was 20, died suddenly and unexpectedly in 2017. His death was put down to SUDEP - Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy.

My book is, of course, about loss, but it is also about love and joy, and the wild landscapes of Devon which have played such a powerful role in my life since Felix died. The "Green Hill" of the title is his burial place at Sharpham Meadow above the River Dart, from where you can see both the moors and the sea: both places where I feel a profound connection with my son.



Felix and Sophie on a Dartmoor walk

Looking back over the months since publication, I feel both gladness and sadness. Sadness that I had to write the book in the first place, but also gladness that I have managed to put a difficult subject - grief - 'out there'. At times it has been hard talking about the issues raised in the book, but I have had some wonderful, hopeful conversations as a result, and I have realised that grief connects us all.

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I took Barbara to Newton Abbot Hospital later that day where her wounds were re-dressed by a very sympathetic nurse called Abi.

On Wednesday 22nd November Matt returned to our home to enquire how she was and gave her a box of chocolates. That is chivalry of the top order and Barbara and I would like to express our gratitude to Matt.

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Adrian Daw



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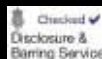
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"Buckfastleigh Foodbank gratefully receives food from the public directly and through donations at the Co-op, Tesco and Morrisons," says Foodbank manager Kevin Mitchell. "Firms such as Riverford, Hylsten Bakery, Holne Community Shop and Voyager Coffee also support us generously.



*Kevin Mitchell
Buckfastleigh Foodbank manager*

"But in the last six months food donations from the public have dropped by around 50%, mostly because people are struggling to make ends meet," he said, adding, "This means we have to purchase more of our food, using funds set aside to help provide winter warmth.

"We appreciate not everyone can help, but if you are able, please donate food to us, however little you can afford. Non-perishable groceries are needed the most."

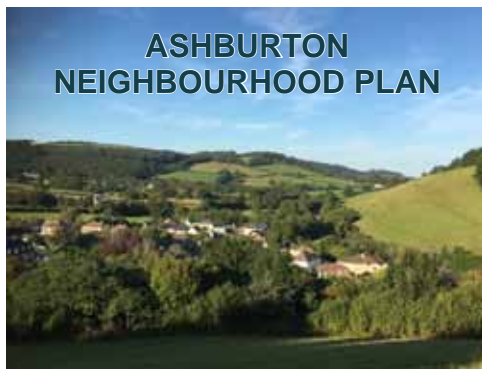
People can donate to Buckfastleigh Foodbank in Ivybridge Tesco Extra; South Brent Co-Op and St Petroc's Church. In Buckfastleigh the Co-Op, Brainwave and St Luke's Church take donations.

The Foodbank includes a free café and Citizens Advice, and is at St Luke's Church on Fridays from 10am to 12 noon.

*Buckfastleigh Foodbank
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ASHBURTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



It's that Neighbourhood Plan again..... and things are on the move.

As you will know by now, central to your Consultation responses was the need for more affordable housing in Ashburton. However obvious that may seem to us all, it cannot be put forward simply as the desire of the residents. It will be acceptable only if we can produce hard evidence of need. Such a survey is expensive and beyond local means to fund. To our great relief *Teignbridge District Council* and *Dartmoor National Park* along with our *Town Council*, who agreed unanimously to contribute, are now prepared to carry out the research. In other words, they have put their pennies where their Plan is. That's the good news, the downside is that it all takes so much time to carry out properly.

Meanwhile, we can assure the Council that its Neighbourhood Plan sub-committee is beaver away to present the other topics, highlighted in your consultation, in appropriate planning format. Among these are sections on *Heritage*, *Natural Environment*, *Economy Employment and Business*, *Arts and Culture*, *Tourism*, *Sustainability* and more. You will be able to read all of these and comment upon them before they go forward for approval. After all, it's your plan, your town and your future. Happy New Year.

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We wish all our visitors and volunteers a happy and enjoyable New Year in 2024.

As you are probably aware the museum is now closed until the first week in May 2024. However, our website, Facebook page and email are always available for information, latest updates and of course hearing from you, the people of Devon and also those further away.

Over the last year, we have recruited two new Trustees to join our team and for that we are very pleased and grateful, thank you. We are however hoping to recruit additional volunteer stewards to help run the museum in 2024 and beyond. The stewards are needed to help with the ongoing operation and support of the museum, especially to provide guidance for the many visitors at this very valuable asset for the town and its residents. Please do consider helping us, as we need people to keep this museum alive now and in the future.

Many thanks.

Bob Heath

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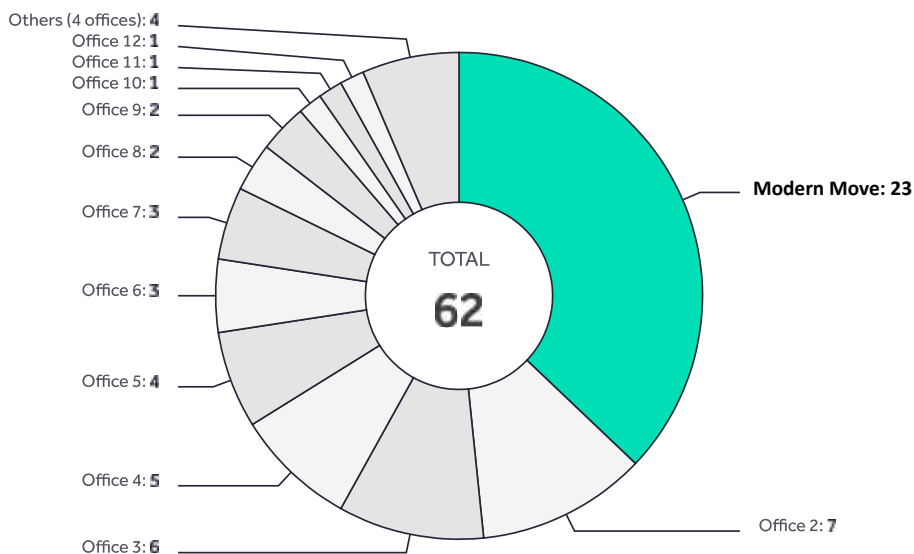
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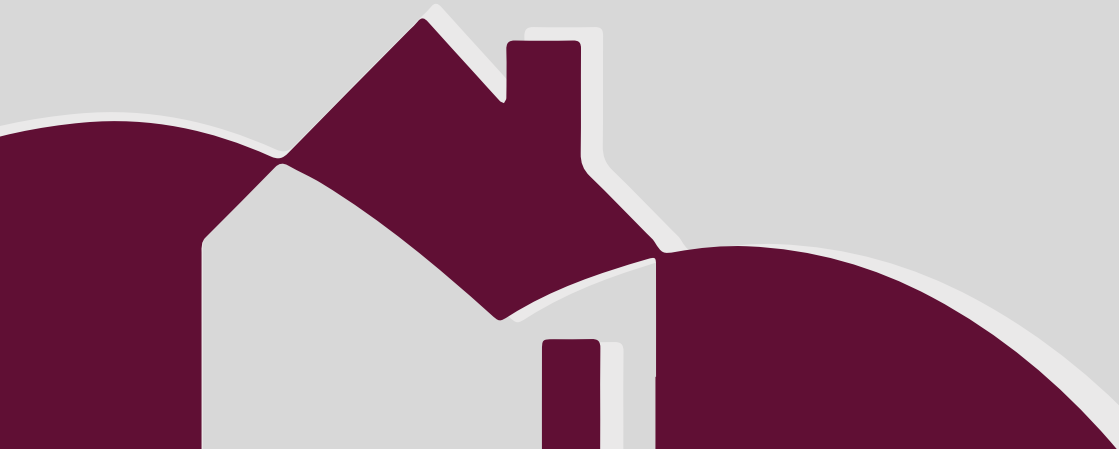
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THE LEGEND OF BOWERMAN'S NOSE

There are many outcrops of granite on Dartmoor; some are massive and awe inspiring such as Vixen Tor but none are more strange than the tall column of rock known as Bowerman's Nose. The following story has long been told on Dartmoor to explain how the tall, human looking column came to be where it is.



Many, many years ago there lived on the Eastern part of the Moor a man who was known as Bowerman the Hunter. Bowerman was a tall, powerful man who owned a pack of large, fierce hounds and whose chief delight was in hunting on the moors he loved so well. Besides being a keen hunter, Bowerman was a jovial kindly man who was generous to the poor people of the Moor and who was popular and well liked by everyone who knew him, or at least, almost everyone. At that time on Dartmoor there were many witches who held their meetings in secluded spots on the Moor and terrorised the local people who were afraid of them. All except Bowerman who was afraid of no one, "not even the Devil himself", he used to say, which the local people used to think was tempting fate and the Devil. The witches disliked Bowerman partly because he wasn't afraid of them but mainly because he encouraged others not to be afraid. Indeed the witches were just a bit afraid of Bowerman because of his great strength and of his pack of fierce hounds who went everywhere with him.

One dark autumn evening Bowerman was out hunting with his pack, hot on the scent of a hare. Just as they looked like catching it, the hare turned into a narrow valley, closely followed by hounds and by Bowerman himself. Now this valley was one where the witches used to hold their Sabbaths and they were in the middle of their weird rites when suddenly hare, pack, and Bowerman himself burst in upon them. The



hare ran on through, the dogs barked and the hunter roared with laughter as he continued the chase, leaving the witches shrieking with rage.

The witches were very angry indeed and, once they had settled down, plotted their revenge. One of the witches, Levera by name, had the power to turn herself into a hare and this she did placing herself where Bowerman and the pack would find her, while the rest of the evil brood prepared an ambush. Bowerman and the pack, having lost their prey in the witches' valley, were casting around when they picked up the scent of Levera who was in the guise of a hare. The pack gave tongue and took up the chase closely followed by the delighted Bowerman. Levera led them a chase such as Bowerman had never experienced; hour after hour across the rough peaty moorland, up hills and over tors, across streams and through river valleys the chase went on, sometimes only yards from the prey and sometimes almost out of sight. At last, when Bowerman and his pack were almost completely exhausted, the trap was sprung. Levera slowed down, almost allowing herself to be caught then suddenly turned abruptly round the side of the tor where the witches were hidden, followed by Bowerman and his hounds. The exhausted hunter suddenly found himself surrounded by a horde of evil, shrieking witches who combined to cast a powerful spell turning Bowerman and his hounds to stone where they stood. You can still see the stone figure that was Bowerman with his pack of stone hounds scattered around just as they were that fatal day and sometimes, when the night is misty or moonless people claim to have heard Bowerman and his pack following some quarry.

This is not the end of the story however. The people of Dartmoor were so angry when they heard of the fate that had befallen their friend that they too forgot their fear of the witches and determined to drive the witches out of Devon for ever. The witches, realising what a hornet's nest they had stirred up mounted their broomsticks and were carried on the wind over the Bristol Channel into Wales. That is why, even to this day, many Welsh women wear tall, pointed witch's hats and why there have never since been any evil witches in Devon.

(See our Bowerman's Nose front cover image photographed by Devon Blackstone.)

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I was honoured to be sworn in as the 1203rd Portreeve of Ashburton on 28th November 2023 together with my Master Bailiff, Martyn Brooks.

This was followed by the Portreeve's Sunday church service. I would like to thank The Right Reverend Dr Mark Rylands for his support and guidance to produce this wonderful service and The High Sheriff of Devon, The Right Reverend Dr Nick McKinnel, for his perfect address to the congregation.



L-R: Martyn Brooks (Master Bailiff), Right Reverend Dr Nick McKinnel and Kath Pugh.
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During my year as Master Bailiff I was privileged to be invited as the Standard Bearer of the Ashburton Branch of the Royal British Legion to attend the Coronation of King Charles III. During this I met a number of people, but would like to especially mention Arlene Reid (Area Standard Bearer for British Legion Scotland) and Tony Hooman (National Parade Marshall for British Legion Scotland), both of whom I was delighted joined me for the parade and service.

As Portreeve, I will be holding fundraising events to support my two chosen charities, *Moorland Community Caring* (their Dementia aspect) and *The Parent and Teacher Association of Ashburton Primary School*, raising funds for new playground equipment.

Dartmoor Lodge is once again supporting the Portreeve's charities with a *Portreeve's Pick* or two on its menu, from January 2024. So, while you are having a delicious lunch or dinner supporting a local business, you can also help support my chosen charities.

My first fundraising event will be in March, more details to follow.

In addition to my charities I would be delighted to support any events you are holding. If you would like to get in touch please email me on

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The production of the Parish Magazine for Ashburton, Bickington & Buckland is temporarily postponed whilst a new editorial team is being formed. We are very much hoping that 'Around Ashburton' readers might step forward to help. If you are interested, please call Barbara Dunball on 01364 652710.



I would like to raise a toast to Ashburton's Church Magazine. Well, to all Church Magazines, there must have been one for almost every parish. Once.

Here were the details of a vibrant community, who was doing what when.

How it went, recorded for the reader for the next month's issue.

Information on what to... and how to.... And who to, too.

Words from the vicar, Bible studies, the local branch of A.A.

Details of events at Rotary, the W.I. the Toddlers' playgroup.

Words of wisdom and fun cartoons.

For ours we particularly thank Judith Lewis and Gill Sheridan for both presentation and content.

It is glorious to have, 'Around Ashburton' too now, the two complimenting each other. Thank you, Judy Marshall. Also, thank you to everyone who has contributed to either.

Yet, please may a perceptive young person pick up some old copy of the Church Magazine and think: 'Hey! There's room for this, too!'

Kay Graymore
Ashburton resident



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Much of our success has been down to the unwavering support of our Trustees, some of whom have been part of BYP's Management Group since the early days, and who have steered us through good times and bad. But time moves on, and we are now looking for some new local heroes to step up and help support our work with young people. You don't have to know 'all about youth work', or commit huge amounts of time, you just need to have an interest in the wellbeing of our younger folk - the town's future - and some spare time and ideas. You might be an ex-member or parent who has experienced BYP; you could have professional or personal skills to offer; and we are particularly keen to find someone with finance experience/interests, as our Treasurer shortly steps down after five years. Please do think if you or someone you know might enjoy this kind of role.

Thank you!

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Save the date: Performances will be 15th, 16th March Manaton Parish Hall, 19th Winkleigh Village Hall, 20th Buckfast Southpark Hall, and 22nd, 23rd Moretonhampstead Parish Hall. For more information, please head to the company's website:

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Whilst we love growing food, this idea really captured our imaginations and we feel it has such potential to bring a bit of happiness around at a time when it is most needed. Growing and sharing a little bit of joy.

So, this year we are going to be focusing on filling our garden with flowers and invite you to join us. We will share how this project will work, but for now we ask anyone who would like to be involved to get in touch. We welcome your time to help grow on flower plug plants, or to sign up to be part of our 'flower delivery service'. Maybe you have a little bit of spare flower growing space at home you would like to dedicate to the project.

We will continue to meet twice a week and dates will be confirmed as the season progresses.

So if you would like more info, or to express an interest please visit our facebook page 'Growing Space' and message us.

Other events - we will be raising money for Ashburton Swimming Pool by holding a *Go Big Cream Tea* over the Easter Holidays. Look out for posters and for information on our facebook page.

Quick final note - a thank you to Jane Bark who has illustrated our beautiful new logo which we will be printing on bags and clothing to help us stand out around town!

The Rotary club of Ashburton & Buckfastleigh are pleased to have been able to support

the initiative to donate Christmas puddings, provided by the members to both the food banks in Ashburton and Buckfastleigh. With the current economic climate, food banks have found that their donations have dropped by around 50%. This has meant they have had to purchase some of the food they donate, using funds that they had set aside to help provide winter warmth.

The idea of donating Christmas puddings came to the attention of Geoff and Diana Fitch when they were visiting the Rotary Club of Paignton during Scatter Week. On this visit they also had an opportunity to meet up with John and Marion who had come to help with Ashburton & Buckfastleigh at their Attrax exhibition in the summer.

Scatter Week is when several of the club's members visit other Rotary clubs, always a great opportunity to exchange ideas. In addition to Geoff and Diana visiting Paignton, club president, Val Browning and Philip Vogel went to St. Ives, Graham Smart to Newton Abbot and Mike Swift and Philip Darby to Dartmouth. Every club gave them a really warm welcome.

Recently the club has been delighted to welcome Graham Hooper and on his first visit it was great to meet members' wives along with Associate Member, Sandra Coleman.

There have been some very informative and entertaining speakers, including Rtn. Geoff Randall of the R.C. of Torquay explaining about his experience as a scientist working in the environment. The club also welcomed Daniella Hopkins from Children's Hospice, South West, explaining about the work of the hospice. She had recently become a Rotarian, joining the club in Newton Abbot.

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Margaret, Chair
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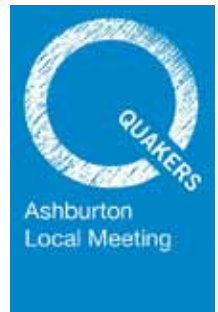


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WILDLIFE DIARY

By Naturalist and Conservationist
PETER EXLEY

Exotic winter visitors to look out for



The nights may be long, the days dark, but there is still colourful and beautiful wildlife to be seen in the mid-winter months. And this winter is looking like it could be a really good one for exotic visitors.

I've just spent the last few weeks photographing some of these up on the Moor. On a chilly, damp morning, I was at Emsworthy, Devon Wildlife Trust's wonderful reserve just near Haytor. The hawthorns are dripping with deep red berries (or to be precise, pomes, a type of fruit such as apples and pears), the heaviest crop I've seen in years. Suddenly a flock of birds erupts from the bushes, chacking-chacking noisily as they drop into a nearby tree.

These are fieldfares, large members of the thrush family with a beautiful purply-blue head and rump, deep russet wings and a strongly marked chest. Amongst them are a few smaller thrushes. Some are brownish with distinct white eyestripes - redwings. But there are also much darker birds. At first sight they look like our familiar blackbirds, but a closer look reveals a bright white collar on one. These are ring ouzels, true upland denizens, prompting one of their old country names – the moorland vicar! All are visitors from the north, the fieldfares and redwings from Scandinavia, the ring ouzels possibly from northern England and Scotland.

As I write though, there are exciting sightings coming in of another northern visitor - waxwings, or to give them their full, more exotic name, Bohemian waxwings. The size of a thrush but with a smart crest, biscuity plumage, stubby tail and dark facial patches that make them look stern, their wings have white bars, yellow patches and 6 feathers with bright red tips... from which their name derives (as if dipped in sealing wax). Their tail is every more colourful, tipped in bright yellow. They too are seeking out berry-laden trees and bushes. Waxwings are known as an eruptive migrant - most years just a few birds reach our shores, but just occasionally, vast numbers arrive, turning up all over the country.

The signs are good that this could be a waxwing year... good numbers are already turning up along the east coast. Maybe some will find their way down our way? They can turn up in some unusual places. The last eruption brought a flock feeding on the bushes in the central reservation on the A38, whilst others were frequently seen on ornamental berry shrubs in supermarket car parks.



Fieldfares. Photo © Peter Exley

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We are still awaiting the final totals from the Poppy Appeal for things like Gift Aid. However we can tell you that you managed to raise well in excess of £12,000 for the Poppy Appeal this year which is massive and we can only thank all of Ashburton for their generosity. We will confirm the final amount in the coming months once the final statement is received from the Poppy Appeal.

At the branch we are already beginning to plan next year's events - 26th January will be our annual Burns Night. Tickets for this event are already on sale so please keep an eye out for posters and on our Facebook pages.

Once again we cannot thank you enough for your generosity and would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.



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Burns Night



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WHAT IS BURNS NIGHT?

Burns Night is widely renowned as a commemoration of the famous Scottish poet Robert Burns' birthday. Every year on 25 January, this night is celebrated – and not just in Scotland but in spots around the world – with a Burns Supper showcasing the best of traditional Highlands cuisine.

HOW DID THE BURNS SUPPER BEGIN?

The first Burns supper was held in July 1801 when nine of Burns' close friends got together to mark the fifth anniversary of their friend's death. Taking place at Burns Cottage in Alloway, the night included a tasty meal (haggis, of course!), performances of Burns' work and a speech in honour of the great Bard (now known as the Immortal Memory). The night was such a resounding success they decided to hold it again (this time in honour of Rabbie's birthday), beginning the tradition we still enjoy to this day.

WHAT HAPPENS AT A BURNS SUPPER?

Everyone enjoys a hearty feast (which includes haggis, neeps and tatties, rounded off with drams of whisky), some of Burns' poems and songs are recited and tributes are made to the great Bard.


Each Burns supper is individual, but the running order normally goes something like this:

To start – everyone gathers, the host says a few words, everyone sits and the *Selkirk Grace* (Scottish prayer) is said.

The meal – the starter is served, the haggis is piped in and the host performs *Address to a Haggis*. This poem was written by Burns to celebrate his appreciation of the haggis.

Everyone toasts the haggis and the main meal is served, followed by dessert.

After the meal – the first Burns recital is performed, the Immortal Memory (the main tribute speech to Burns) is given, the second Burns recital is performed, then there's a *Toast to the Lassies*, followed by a *Reply to the Toast to the Lassies*, before the final Burns recital is performed.

To end the night – the host gives a vote of thanks, everyone stands and sings *Auld Lang Syne*, crossing their arms and joining hands at the line 'And there's a hand, my trusty fere!'.


But remember, if you hold your own, you can follow as much or as little of this running order as you like. You could even make your own additions – hold a quiz, play an epic Scottish Spotify playlist, add a ceilidh, include a treasure hunt – we don't think Robert Burns would mind at all, as long as you're having fun!

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WHEN IS IT?

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WHERE IS IT?

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Thursday 4 January

Ashburton Pensioners - Fun Afternoon including quiz and bingo. St Andrew's Church Hall, 2.30. See p.68.

Saturday 6 January

Ashburton Repair Café. St Andrew's Church Hall. 07761 045146 See p.8/50/58

Sat 6, Sun 7, Sat 13, Sun 14 January

Christmas tree recycling drop off at Groves Homes site, Chuley Road. See p.65.

Tuesday 9 January

Cafe and Pop Up Stalls. Ashburton Town Hall. 9.30-11.30. See p. 56.

Wednesday 10 January

Ashburton and District Gardening Association. Talk by Peter Savage of Bowden Hostas: 'All about hostas'. 7.45pm at St Andrew's Church Hall. All welcome. Martin Woollacott 01364 652073.

Thursday 11 January

South Devon Alpine Garden Society. Talk by Mickey Little - Avon Bulbs - 'Snowdrops - Fair Maids of February'. Rattery Village Hall, 2pm. All welcome. £5 for entry, tea, cake and raffle tickets.

Saturday 13 January

Bickington Community Lunch Club at the Village Hall. Midday-2pm. See p.34.

Tuesday 23 January

Ashburton u3a - talk by Nicola Knight: "The Journey of Fine Chocolate from Bean to Bar". See p.56.

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Thursday 1 February

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Saturday 3 February

Ashburton Repair Café. St Andrew's Church Hall. 07761 045146. See p.8/50/58.

Saturday 3 February

Ashburton Twinning Association - Drinks and Nibbles, Ashburton Town Hall at 8pm. Janet Lockwood-Lee 07980 616438. See p.56.

Wednesday 7 February

Widcombe History Group Talk: 'Wildlife on Dartmoor'. Passionate naturalist and artist from Buckfastleigh, radio and TV presenter John Walters, whose work features in many publications. All welcome. Church House, Widcombe, 7.30pm (doors open 7pm). Rosemary Mortimore 01364 631238.

Saturday 10 February

Bickington Community Lunch Club at the Village Hall. Midday-2pm. See p.34.

Wednesday 14 February

Ashburton and District Gardening Association. Talk by Ken Neal: 'Gardening for Wildlife'. 7.45pm at St Andrew's Church Hall. All welcome. Martin Woollacott 01364 652073.

Saturday 17 February

Ashburton Town Councillor surgery. 11am to 1pm. See p.42.

Tuesday 27 February

Ashburton u3a - talk by Professor Peter Edwards: "Canaletto, Picture, Painter par excellence". See p.56.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday 9 March

Town Council Organisations' Open Day, 10am to 2pm. See p.42.

Saturday 23 March

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- remove all snow that might fall off into the path of other road users
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- listen to travel bulletins and take note of variable message signs that may provide information about weather, road and traffic conditions ahead

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MONDAYS

Every Monday 11-11.45am Moor Social Telephone Group: Crossword with Jenny. Call 01364 712013 for details of how to join in.

Every Monday 2.30-4pm

Ashburton Food Bank at St Petroc's Cottage (opp. Ashburton Surgery). Free delivery for those who can't get to the Food Bank - please leave a message on 07767 453844.

Every Monday 2.30-3.15pm

Moor Social Telephone Group: Brenda's Quiz on the Phone. A gentle quiz just for fun. Call 01364 712013 for details of how to join in.

Every Monday 4-5pm

Ashburton Children's Community Choir for 6-11 year olds. £3. Andy 07980 680052.

1st Monday of the month 7.30pm

Ashburton RBL meeting. RBL Hut. All welcome. Martyn Brooks 07771 520621.

1st & 3rd Monday of the month 1.30-3.30pm

KnitKnuts - Ashburton Town Hall. Sarah Kehaya. 07531 227622.

2nd Monday of the month 2-4pm

Spring Chicken Group. St Andrew's Church Hall. Sally Rhodes 07799 414441.

TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday 8-9.30pm

Ashburton Community Choir. All welcome. £4-£5 or what you can afford. Andy on 01364 653603 or email asw@bigbuzzard.co.uk.

Every Tuesday (term time only)

Ashburton Rainbows (4.45pm) and Ashburton Brownies (6pm) meet at St. Andrew's Church Hall. Jacqui Bartram 07989 849741.

1st Tuesday of the Month 10.30-12

Ashburton Memory Cafe. St Andrew's Church Hall. Suggested donation £3. Contact Moorland Community Caring 01364 712013.

1st Tuesday of the month 2pm (except August) 2nd Tuesday of the month in December

Ashburton W.I. meeting. St. Andrew's Hall. Everyone welcome to join. Maureen Roose 01364 652420.

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month 2.30-4pm

Moor Social, Bovey Tracey. Afternoon Tea at Phoenix Hall. Suggested donation £4. Call Katie 07495 243494.

2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday of the Month 10-12

Methodist Church in the Community - Cafe and Market at St Andrew's Church Hall. Variety of stalls including Fairtrade, books, crafts, etc. Something for all ages! Refreshments available. Norma Carpenter 01364 653517.

4th Tuesday of the month 2.15-4pm (except July and Dec)

u3a General Meeting. Ashburton Town Hall. Refreshments 2.15, talk 2.30. Members free, non-members £4. Jayne 01364 654008. u3asites.org.uk/ashburton

WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday 10am Baby Group. St Andrew's Church Hall. Mums, Dads, Babies all welcome. Jane Ashton 07850 974286.

Every Wednesday 2-4pm (weather permitting)

Growing Space Community Garden (behind RBL Hut) Sarah Kehaya 07531 227622.

Every Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm

Incon Singers 4 part harmony choir. St Lawrence Chapel. Any interest in joining please call Jane 07818 844346.

1st Wednesday of the month 10am-12

Ashburton Library 'Knit and Yarn'. All welcome, bring knitting/crochet, enjoy coffee/chat.

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month 12-2pm

Moor Social, Buckfastleigh Soup and Pudding Club. Suggested donation £5. St Luke's Church, Plymouth Rd. Buckfastleigh. Contact Moorland Community Caring 01364 712013.

2nd Wednesday of the month 7.30pm

Ashburton & District Garden Association. Talk at St. Andrew's Church Hall. All welcome. Martin Woollacott 01364 652073.

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month 12-2pm

Moor Social Ashburton. Afternoon Tea. Ashburton Town Hall. Suggested donation £4. Contact Moorland Community Caring 01364 712013.

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2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month 2-4pm

Ashburton Textile and Stitch, St Lawrence Chapel. All levels of ability welcome. More info from Wendy Major. 01364 653533.

THURSDAYS

Every Thursday 10-11am

Ashburton W.I. Keep Fit. Town Hall. Non members most welcome. Meg 01364 652688.

Every Thursday 10.30am to 12pm

Ashburton Community Folk Orchestra, Ashburton Arts. All acoustic instruments and different levels of ability welcome. David Faulkner 07967 121985.

Every Thursday 2.30-4pm

Ashburton Food Bank at St Petroc's Cottage (opp. Ashburton Surgery). Free delivery for those who can't get to the Food Bank - please leave a message on 07767 453844.

Every Thursday 7.30pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Ashburton at St. Lawrence Chapel.

Every Thursday 8pm

Ashburton Singers. The Studio, Ashburton Arts Centre. More info: 01364 654033.

1st Thursday of the month except August.

Ashburton Pensioners' Association Social Meetings. St. Andrew's Church Hall, 2.30pm. New members and guests always welcome. Gill Sheridan 01364 653384.

3rd Thursday of the month 7.30-9.30pm

AWOL (Ashburton Women Out Late). Chat, learn, make new friends, share laughter. £5 inc. refreshments. Jane Billing 01364 653068.

FRIDAYS

Every Friday 9-11.30am Hedgehogs Group for parents/carers/toddlers. St. Andrew's Church Hall. Snacks for children, breakfast for adults. Denise 07454 386557.

Every Friday 10-11am

Ashburton W.I. Keep Fit. Town Hall. Non members most welcome. Meg 01364 652688.

Last Friday of the month Film screening at Ashburton Arts. ashburtonarts.org.uk

SATURDAYS

Every Saturday 10-12pm (weather permitting)

Growing Space Community Garden (behind RBL Hut) Sarah Kehaya 07531 227622.

Every Saturday 1- 2.30pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Ashburton at St Lawrence Chapel. Frank 01364 654977.

1st Saturday of the month 10am-1pm

Ashburton Repair Cafe. St Andrew's Church Hall. West Street, Ashburton.

SUNDAYS

Every Sunday 10.30am

Quaker Meeting, Quaker House, Foales Court, off North St. Ashburton. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome. Jacqueline Wilding-White 01364 621266.

1st Sunday of the month 10.30am

Methodist Morning Worship. Ashburton Town Hall. Sarah Kehaya 07531 227622.

2nd Sunday of the month - Methodist

Worship Alternates: Informal Worship 10.30am, Town Hall, **OR** Moor Church, outdoors, 2pm - contact Sarah Kehaya 07531 227622 to confirm or see FB.

2nd Sunday of the month 3.30 - 5.30pm

East Dartmoor Knitters. Coljan, Ashburton. Bring knitting or crochet project to work on. Lovely bakes on sale. Terri 07595 736489.

3rd Sunday of the month 6.30pm

Methodist Celtic Reflective Service. St Petros, Ashburton. Sarah Kehaya 07531 227622.

4th Sunday of the month 9.30am

Methodist Breakfast Church, St Andrew's Hall, suitable for all ages. Croissants, muffins, coffee, music, activities and conversation. Sarah Kehaya 07531 227622.

5th Sunday of the month

Mission Community United Service. Methodist/ Church of England. Contact Sarah Kehaya on 07531 227622 for details of venue and time.

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