

PYWORTHY POST

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Above: Evelyn's walkers visit Crinnacott Farm.

What's in your paper this month:



More on Climate change.



Halloween themed Line Dance Party for all this month.



Annual Village Show report & photos



Nature Notes is all about Spiders!

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Pyworthy Village Hall presents.....

**Halloween Themed Line Dance Party
for ALL!**



Saturday the 31st October

in the Village Hall at

7pm until 10ish.

£7 per head.

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Raffle in aid of Pyworthy Post.

Please contact Brenda to book a place

Tel: 01409 253015 a.s.a.p.

Tickets also available on the door.

Welcome to the OCTOBER EDITION

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By Marion Ravn, editor,
Another busy month has flown by.
The Annual Village Show was a great success this year. You can see a collection of lovely photographs on pages 30 and 31.

This month there are plenty of activities for both young and old. Amanda is hosting another Children's Craft and Sensory Session on the 24th, this time with a Halloween theme. Brenda is also treating the village to a Halloween-themed Line Dance Party Night for everyone (see pages 2 & 32). Fancy dress is optional for both events, and they promise to be great fun!

The Village Hall social evenings will go ahead as usual this month. On Friday 9th there will be a game of *Play Your Cards Right*, while on the 16th we will launch a brand-new Games Night. Come along, join in the activities, meet new friends and enjoy a few drinks.

The Church will be holding a special family Harvest Service on Sunday 4th October. They will also be collecting non-perishable goods to be donated to the Food Bank in Holsworthy. It is a very worthwhile cause, helping less fortunate members of our community. Don't forget to book early for "*Not the Cowboys*", who will be entertaining us in the Village Hall this December. This popular event sold out quickly last year. For booking details, please see the contact number on page 58.

Have a great month, and we'll be back with more news next month.

Keep the news and articles rolling in.

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CHURCH NEWS



By Gill Johns on behalf of St. Swithun's Church

"Count your blessings one by one" – this was one of our favourites in Pyworthy Ladies Choir. I still miss my Wednesday evenings singing over in the Village Hall but have some lovely memories with continuing friendships, singing in concerts and even winning a couple of competitions!

As I start to write the Church News for October, I remember the 25th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Another memory but one that is tinged with sadness for so many lives lost.

Autumn is definitely here, the swallows have been building up their strength to head south and marrows and soon pumpkins will be appearing in the shops. Hopefully there has been enough rain to give our farmers hope for the future. We look forward to our Family Harvest Thanksgiving here in Pyworthy on 4th October when our church will be decorated as a "coat of many colours" and await the generous donations from you all. Tinned items will all head to the Foodbank in Holsworthy for which many thanks in advance. The service will be a Eucharist tailored for All Ages with crafts for the children to do under the expert eye of Amanda – they always come up with beautiful contributions. We look forward to seeing you all. Thanks to Amanda the Children's Corner in church is very well equipped and welcoming to any family who comes in during the week. Amanda's next Craft & Sensory Session

is in the Village Hall on **Saturday 24th October** from 2pm to 4pm where the theme is Halloween with Fancy Dress optional!

Handbell ringing practice is carrying on every Sunday at 11am after the morning service. We look forward to hearing the end result of all this hard work by The Country Clangers towards Christmas.

With the ever-increasing cost of filling our cars up for shopping expeditions or hospital visits could we be helping each other by car-sharing for local shopping or offer to get a few items for a neighbour? Just a thought.

Getting back to counting my blessings, I only have to go outside into our back garden to see the beautiful Devon countryside with Dartmoor and Bodmin Moor in the distance, listen to the birds and breathe the fresh air. Indoors I thank heaven for the bird table outside the back window where I can see numerous birds of all shapes and sizes emptying the feeder as fast as anything! There's also a fair bit of squabbling, but so there is in all human families! I also give thanks for my family, for love, for health and enough food to eat.

I came across this little prayer which says it all:

Dear Lord, let my heartbeat keep good time, let me grow old the slow way, with all my faculties and most of my hair. Amen.



The Church Harvest Festival is on the 4th October – see page 33.



Remembrance will be marked in Pyworthy – see page 41 for more details.

United Benefice of Holsworthy

Rector: Revd Alison Hardy, Churchwarden: Liffy Lowes & Janet Grant



Benefice Services for OCTOBER

<http://www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk/services/benefice-calendar/>

Worship and Prayer in the Holsworthy Benefice – OCTOBER 2026				
Date	Bridgerule	Holsworthy	Pyworthy	Hollacombe
Sunday 4 th October	11.00am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Family Harvest Service	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 11 th October	11.00am Morning Prayer	11.00am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist	3.00pm Evensong
Sunday 18 th October	-	11.00am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 25 th October	11.00am All Age Sung Eucharist	11.00am at the Church of St. Peter & St. Paul - Café style service.	9.30am Morning Prayer	-
	9.30am – Pancrasweek – All Age Service			

Church Bookings

To book a Wedding, a
Christening, or a Funeral, or for
anything else, please contact:

Revd Alison Hardy, email:

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Tel: 07780295752.

Benefice administrator:

Libbi York – email:

Holsworthybenefice@icloud.com

Tel: 07717750198.



Pyworthy Village Hall News

Martin Brennan, Chairman

Village Hall Roof Replacement Update

We are pleased to report that work on the new roof is now underway. Weather permitting, we expect the project to be completed within the next few weeks.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience and apologies for any inconvenience caused while the work is being carried out. Although there may be some short-term disruption, this is a major project for the Hall and one that is likely to benefit the community for the next 40 years or more.

We are still welcoming donations towards the project and helping to replenish the Hall's reserves, which have been used to ensure the work could go ahead before winter. Every contribution, however small, is greatly appreciated. **Bank details opposite.**

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Each month we are focusing on a club held in our Village Hall.

This month see page 8 for more information on the Creative Craft Club, which is held twice a month in the Village Hall.



Lots of clubs & events taking place in our Village Hall. See page 7 for a list of regular clubs on offer.



VILLAGE HALL FLAT ROOF FUNDRAISING

Please give generously!

If you would like to donate toward a new flat roof for the Village Hall, you can do so via:

HSBC: - Pyworthy Village Hall Committee

Sort Code 40-24-25

Account No- 41018248

Alternatively, for further details, please contact **Martin on 01409 691096.**

It goes without saying your continued support of the Village Hall — is really very much appreciated.

Dates for your Diary Village Hall Meeting



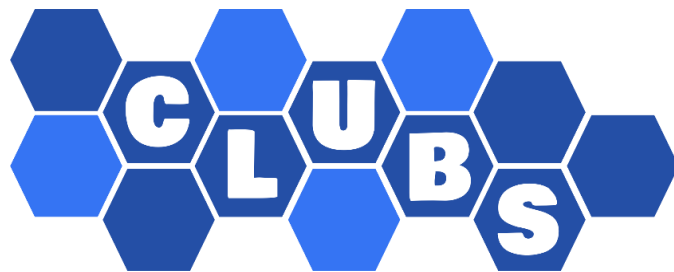
**Wednesday 30th September,
starting at 7.30.**

Everybody welcome.



Potters Fish n Things

Just to let you all know that Olly will be at the Hall on the **Third WEDNESDAY of each month this year.** **Potters are, however, taking a sabbatical for the month of October but will be back after a well-earned rest on Wednesday 18th November.**



Village Hall Social Club Evenings!



This month our Social Evenings
are: **Fridays**

9th & 16th of October!

Don't forget to come along and
join us for Beer or whatever takes
your fancy.

**'Play Your Cards Right' game on
the 9th October. Also, enjoy our
Games Night on the 16th October.
More details can be found on
page 8.**

**Doors/Bar Opens
at 7pm until late.**

**Everybody is welcome, come
along and have a good time.**



**See page 38 for easyfundraising.
How you can help our Village Hall,
while you shop online.**

What's on at the Pyworthy Village Hall.....

Mondays: Line Dancing Club:

Beginners:

5.30pm – 6.30pm

Beginners/Improvers,

6.30pm – 7.30pm

Intermediate, 7.30pm -9.30pm.

Tuesdays: the Rural Art Group,
2.30pm until 4.30pm

Tuesdays: Line Dancing Club,
Intermediate, 7.30pm -9.30pm.

Tuesday evenings: Men's Skittles
Team. Playing at home & away.

Wednesdays: Beginners Ballroom
dancing & Latin class, including
Sequence dancing 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

Thursdays: Gill's Golden Gang,
10.00am – 11.00am.

**Thursdays: Coffee Mornings –
1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month.
Starting at 11.10am.
Everybody welcome!**

**Thursdays: Creative Craft Club –
2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month,
from 2.30pm until 4.30pm.**

Thursdays: Ladies skittles

**Open evening on the
1st October at 8pm.** Have a
go and see if you are any
good. Refreshments
provided.





The Creative Craft Club- held in Pyworthy Village Hall



The Creative Craft Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Thursdays, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

We are a friendly and informal group, mainly made up of ladies who enjoy crafting and having a good chat at the same time. Bring along any craft project you are currently working on, whether its knitting, crochet, embroidery, card making, beading, sewing, or any other creative hobby.

It's a wonderful opportunity to share ideas, swap tips, learn from others, and enjoy the company of like-minded people. The club is also a great place to make new friends in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Although based in Pyworthy, the club is open to anyone from the surrounding areas. Simply bring something to work on, a drink, and enjoy an afternoon of creativity and conversation for just £2 per session.

For more information please phone Marie Heard on: 01409 254924.



Join us at
Pyworthy Village Hall
for a fun **GAMES NIGHT**
on Friday 16th October.

PLAY ♥
♣ YOUR
CARDS ♦
♠ RIGHT

Lots of board and card games to choose from
plus skittles and darts.

Doors and bar opens at 7 pm.



Join

Gill's Golden Gang

**Strength & Balance Exercise Class
for the over 55's!**

Held at:

Thursdays.

Pyworthy Village Hall

10.00am to 11.00am.

Halwill Baptist Chapel Hall

12.45pm to 1.45pm.

Contact Gill Aston on: 07854677784
for more information.

Coffee Morning



VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING GROUP

**Come along and join us at
11.10am on the 1st & 3rd
Thursdays each month.**

**Meet new friends, enjoy a coffee,
and have a good chat.**

For more information phone:

Brenda on: 01409 253015 or

Marie on: 01409 254924.

Now held in the main Village Hall.



**NEW MEMBERS ARE
VERY WELCOME!**



Classes are held at
Pyworthy Village
Hall every week!



Line Dancing Classes

**Our Line dancing classes are
held on: Mondays in
Pyworthy Village Hall.**

Beginners:

5.30pm – 6.30pm.

Beginners/Improvers:

6.30pm – 7.30pm &

Intermediate level:

7.30pm – 9.30pm.

Tuesdays: Intermediate level,
7.30pm – 9.30pm.

All classes cost just £5.

**Come and join us, we are
a very friendly bunch.**

For more information call

Brenda on:

01409 253015

**NEW Complete beginners class starting in
November, see page 37 for details.**



Climate Change or Climate Doom!

By Alan Beat of Bridgerule

A brief history of climate doom

In her Nature Notes column last month Bryony Rylett implores us to believe in a "climate crisis". In response, I've sketched a brief history of predictions made by climate alarmists during my lifetime.

1958 - The submarine USS Skate made history by surfacing within the Arctic ice cap, close to the North Pole. The *New York Times* reported that the world was growing warmer and predicted the Arctic would become ice free "within the lifetime of our children".

1967 - The *Los Angeles Times* newspaper reported professor emeritus Paul Ehrlich of Stanford University as claiming that "it is already too late to avoid a long period of famine" which would peak in 1975 leading to global disaster and the possible extinction of the human race.

1970 - The *Boston Globe* newspaper reported James Lodge, a scientist at the national centre for atmospheric research in Colorado, predicting "a new ice age in the first third of the next century". Dr S. Ripley of the Smithsonian Institute predicted that "in 25 years somewhere between 75 and 80 percent of all living animals will be extinct".

1974 - *Time* magazine carried the headline "Another Ice Age?" while

the *Guardian* headlined "Space satellites show new ice age coming fast". There was consensus amongst climate scientists that global temperatures had fallen sharply and that this was cause for alarm. In response the US government set up a Subcommittee on Climate Change.

1978 - The *New York Times* reported that an international team of specialists found "no end in sight to 30 year cooling trend in northern hemisphere".

1982 - By this point some scientists were observing that the global cooling trend had reversed and the planet was now warming. Prominent environmentalist James Lovelock warned that climate change would mean that "most of the surface of the globe will change into desert. Billions of us will die and survivors will gather around the Arctic".

1988 - James Hansen, director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS), testified before a US Senate committee that global warming was real and called for "a sharp cut in the burning of fossil fuels". Later Hansen predicted that New York's west side highway (ten feet above sea level) would be under water within 40 years.

1989 - Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, aiming to break Britain's reliance on coal miners for power generation, **continued on page 12...**

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urged the United Nations (UN) to support the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), create a global framework on climate change, impose binding protocols on carbon dioxide emissions and invest in climate computer modelling. Fossil fuels, especially coal, were reframed as destroying the planet. Noel Brown, director of the UN Environment Programme, predicted that "entire nations could be wiped off the face of the earth by rising sea levels", identifying a 10-year window of opportunity to solve the greenhouse effect before it moved beyond human control.

1992 - Thatcher was a prime mover behind the Rio Summit at which the UN Framework Convention of Climate Change (UNFCCC) was established with the aim of stabilising greenhouse gas emissions globally.

2000 - Dr David Viner, senior research climate scientist at the University of East Anglia, predicted "children just aren't going to know what snow is" as within a few years, snowfall in Britain would become "a very rare event".

2004 - US President Bush was advised by the Pentagon that "climate change will destroy us" according to the *Guardian* newspaper. Britain would be plunged into "a Siberian climate" by 2020. Major European cities would be sunk beneath rising seas as "mega-droughts, famine and widespread rioting erupt across the world". These predictions were endorsed by numerous experts including Sir John Houghton, former CEO of the Met Office, and Sir Robert Watson, former chair of the IPCC.

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Professor Sir David King, the UK Government Chief Scientist, told a Parliamentary select committee hearing that "Antarctica is likely to be the world's only habitable continent by the end of this century".

2006 - The influential film "An Inconvenient Truth" was released featuring Al Gore, former vice president of the United States, expounding his views on the dangers of global warming due to greenhouse gas emissions.

2007 - Al Gore and the IPCC shared the Nobel peace prize for their work in "promoting awareness of man-made climate change". Gore predicted the Arctic would be ice free within 7 years.

2008 - James Hansen said "the Arctic is the first tipping point and it's occurring exactly the way we said it would" and predicted it would be ice free within 5 to 10 years.

2009 - Britain's Prince Charles warned we have "just 96 months to save the world". Prime Minister Gordon Brown claimed "we have fewer than 50 days to save our planet from catastrophe".
2017 - The *Guardian* carried the headline "Great Barrier Reef is damaged beyond repair and can no longer be saved, say scientists" claiming that man-made climate change was responsible.

2018 - Activist Greta Thunberg predicted that climate change will "wipe out all humanity unless fossil fuel use stops within 5 years".

And so on

This is but a tiny sample of the alarmist claims that have dominated the media throughout my lifetime - but nothing, literally nothing, predicted has come to pass. Arctic ice cover is the same

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as in 1958. Global food harvests have risen to almost eliminate hunger. Sea level continues to rise at the rate of 8 inches **per century** with no sign of acceleration. Snowfall is still happening and the Great Barrier Reef has record high levels of coral cover. You can only cry wolf so many times and this is why most ordinary folk have simply stopped listening.

Well said Alan – would anybody else like to have their say in the debate on Climate Change?

‘Super El Niño’ is officially here, scientists say. What can we expect?

What is El Niño?

The ocean and the atmosphere are inextricably linked. That’s why forecasters look closely at ocean temperatures and conditions to help predict future weather patterns around the world.

El Niño is characterised by warming of the ocean surface in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. It’s one of three states scientists observe; La Niña, conversely, happens when sea surface temperatures are below average, and neutral conditions are defined when neither El Niño or La Niña are present and surface temperatures are about average.

These three states together form the “El Niño-southern oscillation” (Enso), which tends to develop during spring in the northern hemisphere and shifts every three to seven years, according to the U.S. National Weather Service.

Warming and cooling at sea surface during El Niño and La Niña can range from 1C to 3C, and have enormous effects on precipitation, drought, heat and climate disasters in different regions.

During Niño years, the winds that would push warm waters to the west soften or shift direction, enabling the surface waters in that part of the Pacific to warm. Characterised by temperatures at least 0.5C above the norm, these conditions hugely affect the weather and often push global temperatures to new heights.

Climate scientists are quick to point out that each event is unique and there’s considerable variability between them, in intensity and outcomes. But Enso predictions can help people around the world prepare for coming shifts in extreme weather – an essential tool in a warming world.

This information was published in The Guardian on the 11th June 2026.

Be prepared for the winter:

- ✓ Check your gutters and drains are clear of leaves and debris
- ✓ Secure garden furniture and other loose outdoor items
- ✓ Test torches and stock up on spare batteries
- ✓ Keep a power bank charged in case of power cuts
- ✓ Give your vehicle a winter check, including tyres, lights and screen wash
- ✓ Make sure you know where your electricity and water shut-off points are.

PYWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL
Here are the contact telephone
numbers for our Parish
Councillors:

Ros Skinner: Chair
01409 254159 or 07800667842

Andrew Parrish: Vice Chair
01409 254303

Nick Lock: 01288 381529
or 07989595372

Rob Moores: 01409 254192

Angela Skinner: 07794 344117

Martin Brennan: 01409 691096

Andrew Beaven: 01409 253509 (after
7pm).

For general enquires phone:
Simon Davies, Clerk to the council
on: 07989747416.

Email address:

pyworthy@yahoo.co.uk

Holsworthy **Food Bank**

You can donate tinned food,
packets or boxes of food.
Unfortunately, fresh produce
cannot be accepted.

**Donations can be left in the box at
the back of St. Swithun's Church,
Pyworthy, which is open every
day. Thank you.**



J. Mansell 07896 945889

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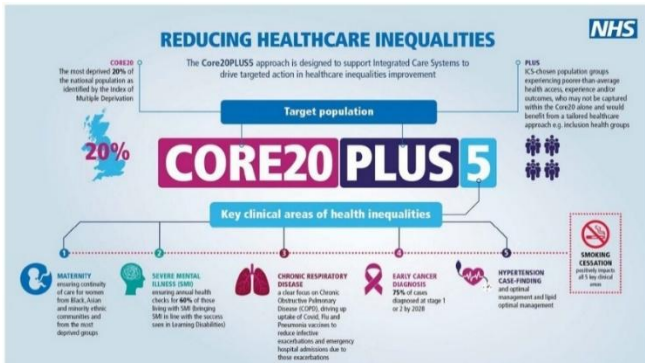
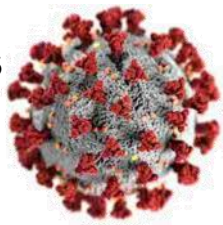
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Episode 12

My COVID Diaries

The final chapter

By Mark Marriott



Above: The national strategy for reducing health inequalities

This is the last instalment of my COVID diaries, we'd started in December 2019 and it was now July 2023, I'd spent 42 months working 15 hour days battling with the virus, vaccinations, NHS England and the Government, and I was exhausted. This last instalment is a collection of episodes that were scattered across the vaccination programme so there's no particular timeline, just a series of stories that we experienced.

Phase 1 of the vaccination consisted of a series of cohorts, starting with residents in care homes for older adults in cohort 1, then people aged 80 and over, plus frontline health and social care workers in cohort 2, then people aged 75 and over and so on until we reached cohort 9 of all people aged 50 or over. Phase 1 roll out began in December 2020, and continued until April 2021, when Phase 1 boosters would start and Phase 2 for other age groups began; there were 3 phases in all until the whole population was eligible and they would continue to

leapfrog each other with primary vaccinations and boosters in waves every 3 months. Meanwhile, while we were busy trying to keep up with ever changing rules and Government announcements, and providing hundreds of thousands of vaccinations, NHS England started to do its most favourite thing in the world – counting and measuring.

Phase 1 had been a success in the South West, Dorset had achieved a 92% vaccination rate of the whole population, Gloucester was even better at nearly 94% and was the best in the country. No other health programme has reached so many people. The West Country as a whole (Bristol, Bath, Gloucester, Devon, Somerset, Cornwall and Dorset) had averaged over 90%, but other systems hadn't done so well: Manchester achieved 65%, Birmingham 63% and London 62%. So, with the three biggest cities failing to meet the herd immunity target of 75%, the enormous counting and measuring machine in NHS England sprang into action to find out why, and they soon discovered the root cause: health inequalities. In diverse populations, many ethnic groups don't engage well with the health system and the great and the good will tell you it's because of inequality; that ethnic minorities are excluded or not catered for appropriately so don't, or won't, engage; I might draw some flak for this but in many scenarios that just isn't the case. The problem is that the great and the good take the performance of diverse cities, then blame it on the health system and overlay it across the whole of England, so we ended up in the ridiculous **continued on page 16...**

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situation where national public health professors were telling health systems which groups we should concentrate on because their numbers said so. On one national call Dorset was called out publicly about our achievement in our worst performing group, our Bangladeshi population, where we had only achieved 68% uptake – still more than any of the big cities best performing group, but we had no inequalities plan for that particular group and needed to write one quickly or suffer the wrath of the NHS inequalities team. What they didn't know was that we had an excellent dataset called One Dorset and we'd already assessed our Bangladeshi population, which numbered just over 180 residents, we even had all their addresses, so when I pointed out that our 32 unvaccinated residents didn't need an inequalities plan, we just needed a nurse to visit 10 addresses, the assembled group of professors went very quiet.

What we did find in Dorset, however, was that there were pockets of localised low uptake and when we dug into each pocket more closely, we found different drivers for inequality. Some remote villages had no local service, having to travel to neighbouring GPs to get a jab; some deprived city centre areas either had no bus service, or the residents couldn't afford a bus to get to the vaccine centre; some communities were largely ethnic minorities and had multiple reasons why not to engage, but very few were ethnic reasons; two localities were prisons where prisoners rebelled by refusing a jab, that was

1100 people on their own. As a result of our inequalities work we developed what we called a hyper local inequalities plan, where each pocket of inequality was assessed and specific solutions developed for them ranging from mobile units, pop up centres and foreign language days where we bussed non-English speaking communities from their homes to the large vaccination centre, staffed with nurses who spoke their language. We were asked to go on tour and present what we had found, but even still, the great and the good wouldn't accept it as an answer to health inequalities, because they knew the real cause was ethnic bias, and Dorset just couldn't accept it – even though our inequality numbers halved in 6 months. What was an eye opener though was Bristol, who like us were achieving over 90% uptake, but unlike us had a high level of diversity. Bristol already had a strong health inequalities programme, but because the vaccination programme touched so many people it opened up the possibility to engage with communities that never existed before. By going and talking to real people (unlike the public health professors and their data) Bristol discovered some fascinating issues that were ethnically based but not as a result of health inequality: many Caribbean men had been led to believe the jab would make you less virile, many Bangladeshi women couldn't speak or read English and were not allowed to engage with public bodies by their husbands; many Africans like Somalians, Nigerians and Ghanaians still had witch doctors in their communities who had declared the

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vaccination to be bad; many ethnic groups lived in closed communities and chose not to engage beyond their own group; and many were financially or socially deprived and found engaging hard. Bristol came up with some really innovative ideas to tackle the various inequalities they'd uncovered like teaching Caribbean barbers to talk about the vaccine, language specific vaccination sessions (we pinched that one!), even don't-ask don't-tell vaccination booths where people could be vaccinated with no one else knowing, but Public Health England weren't listening so they learned nothing.

We were constantly looking for ways to improve uptake and as Phase 2 began to roll out, Phase 1 boosters started, and it was declared that a "full course" of the jab was a primary and booster, so the Government was encouraging people to get both. However, it wasn't the Government that drove the numbers up, it was the threat of having your holiday cancelled. Most countries would now let you travel to them, and if they were not on the Government red list you could book a holiday – provided you'd had both jabs, so there was a mad rush for people to get jabbed. There were some very unpleasant instances where staff at vaccination centres were confronted by angry wannabe holiday makers who had been refused their second jab because their first was too close; protocol said 90 days apart but it could be prescribed as a one off 28 days apart, but that needed to be booked in advanced to make sure we had a prescriber on duty. To overcome this,

we produced a "vaccinate for your holiday" planner on NHS Dorset's website, where people could enter the date of their holiday and the planner would tell them when and how they should book their jabs, the planner got that many hits it crashed, so I ended up going on the sofa on South Today on the BBC (Dorset's version of Spotlight) to explain the rules about foreign travel. It still didn't stop the website crashing though.

In September 2022 the UK received its first bivalent vaccine, meaning it could treat two variants: the original "wild" variant and the ever-growing Omicron variant (strains of which are still with us today as the virus has settled in its mutation cycle), so the Government started a new campaign to get boosted with the new jab, or have your first one if you hadn't already. The new push reignited all the old anxieties and negative influencers and the wave of protests and antivax sentiment started again. To my astonishment a midwife in Dorchester was brought to my attention who was advising pregnant women not to have the jab because it would harm their child. I was furious, there was, and still is, absolutely no evidence of this and as a healthcare professional she should have known better, so I immediately asked the Trust to investigate. They discovered she was an agency midwife and so couldn't do anything about it, I asked them not to take her on an agency shift again, but they refused saying they didn't have enough midwives. I was bounced from pillar to post trying to get her reprimanded, but no one would do it, eventually she was struck off by

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the NMC when a patient complained she'd pressured her not to take the jab. I still find it astonishing the lengths the NHS will go to to not manage troublesome staff, and you see the product of it almost daily, the latest being the deplorable story of an oncology consultant misdiagnosing patients. My time with the vaccination service drew to a close in July 2023 as the NHS merged the service into its mainstream offer and I was part of the interview panel to appoint my successor. The team had overseen the delivery of over 3 million jabs to over 90% of the population, the fifth best in the country and something no other health programme had achieved in the history of the NHS. I'd been surrounded by a staff of volunteers, nurses, doctors and vaccinators who had left their normal roles to help get the country back on its feet, some came out of retirement and some retrained as vaccinators, we even had a retired professor of neurosurgery and an MP jabbing. As well as the front-line team my office had to suffer me for over two years, my office manager had stepped up from a role two grades below and my deputy had returned from a well-earned retirement after nearly 50 years in the NHS; both had been excellent and we wouldn't have been as successful without them. As a parting gesture I wrote them both up for awards explaining that they had done everything from managing 3 million vaccinations for the whole population, down to organising individual appointments for new borns. I passed the nominations up to

the NHS England regional team and spoke with them on the phone; I explained that there were just 7 systems in the South West and wouldn't it be great to see 7 vaccination deputies and 7 vaccination office managers on the steps of Buckingham Palace representing the South West – there were only 36 in the country, as well 36 people like me doing their best to pull the country out of the pandemic. The Regional Director asked me to leave the nominations with her and she'd consider how to proceed. That was 3 years ago and I'm still waiting to see my team get the awards they deserve, I guess that just about sums up my time over COVID: immense pride in the professionalism of the teams and what they achieved, and intense frustration with the NHS and Government who asked them to do it. Throughout all of this Carol was in the background, she was the strength I didn't know I needed but was always there, without her I couldn't have done what I did, and maybe the real heroes of the pandemic are those closest to the people on the frontline, caring when they were ill, and comforting after a long shift, quietly encouraging them to keep going when others would have stopped. Giving praise through the triumphs and encouragement through the struggles, knowing that you are doing your best to get the country back on its feet. Hundreds of Carol's up and down the country deserve our thanks, without them the pandemic could have gone on for years.

Well, that's it, thank you for following my diaries, I hope they've rekindled some

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memories that seemed so long ago but weren't. As I packed my bags, I had a call from the Home Office saying they'd been given my name by NHS Dorset. They were commissioning a barge, the Bibby Stockholm, to be an asylum seeker clearance centre, and were going to moor it in Portland Harbour. Could I design the health services on board for 1,000 migrants they said. That's another story, but if you see me in the pub or the village hall, buy me a drink and I'll tell you all about it.

Well, a big thank you to Mark for his recollections of his service and experiences with the NHS during the Covid years, which we've enjoyed over the last 12 months.

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Name: John Vowler

Age: 79



John Vowler

Occupation: With his wife Rondi, owning and running Parnacott House, a self-catering holiday home with a license to hold weddings. Before working in hospitality John taught English, for 40 years, in various secondary schools around the country, including White Hart Lane Secondary School (now Mulberry Academy), London, where his pupils included skin heads. His last job was at Budehaven Community School where many pupils were surfers and lifeguards.

Place of Birth: Hampstead, London.

What is the best thing about Pyworthy?

"It's a beautiful little village. When I was young it had a village shop and post office. I used to drive there with my father (a devout Anglican) who attended St. Swithun's where he would read lessons. I have tremendously happy memories of the village".

What one thing would you change about Pyworthy and why?

Yes, to the school returning. I would like to see it as a community school combined with a Post Office and shop and for it to be a welcoming gathering place.

Describe yourself in 3 words:

Family-orientated. Determined. Patient and hopeful.

How do you like to spend your free time?

"I don't have much free time, but I enjoy reading fiction and biographies, dog walking and in an amateurish way playing in my greenhouse, growing vegetables.

What one thing have you always wanted to do, try or learn?

To gain a pilot's licence.

If you could meet anyone living or dead, who would it be?

John Keats, poet (1795 - 1821). I rate him after Shakespeare as the greatest poet writing in the English Language.

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community
Focus



Thanks go to Bryony
Rylett for your research.



John Vowler

If you won a million pounds, what would you do with the money?

Ensure a degree of financial security for my family, more tree planting, donate to charities I support and encourage children to read more.

If you were granted three wishes, what would they be (extra wishes excluded):

1. Good physical and mental health for family and loved ones.
2. Acquiring a rescue Miniature Schnauzer.
3. Seeing Trump and Putin permanently retired from public life.

If you had to flee your home at very short notice, due to a fire for example, what three items would you take?

1. My wife and any pets.
2. A box file containing legal documents, I.D. and family photographs.
3. The computer.

What three things delight you?

1. My wife and family
2. The natural world, particularly birds.
3. Live music and theatre.



Trafalgar Day

Trafalgar 1805

Nelson's Crowning Victory



Trafalgar Day is an annual celebration observed on **October 21st**. It commemorates the victory of the Royal Navy against the French and Spanish naval forces at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. Lord Horatio Nelson became one of Britain's best-known war heroes after the Battle of Trafalgar. The British fleet that he commanded consisted of warships built of wood, driven by sails, and equipped on both sides with cannons.

The Battle of Trafalgar was significant, confirming the superiority of the British Royal Navy and marking the death of Admiral Horatio Nelson.

Men's Skittles



Men's Skittles!

Pyworthy has a Men's Skittles Team, which meet on Tuesday evenings. If you would be interested in joining them, please contact:

Andrew on 07531186466 or 01409 253509.

Training will be given!

LADIES SKITTLES at PYWORTHY VILLAGE HALL

Clawton Ladies Skittles club are moving to Pyworthy and will be playing at Pyworthy Village Hall from now on.

We are keen that ladies from Pyworthy should join us, and we are holding an open evening at Pyworthy Village Hall at 8pm on **Thursday 1st October.**

We would really welcome anyone interested coming along and meeting us and having a go on your alley - absolutely no experience needed

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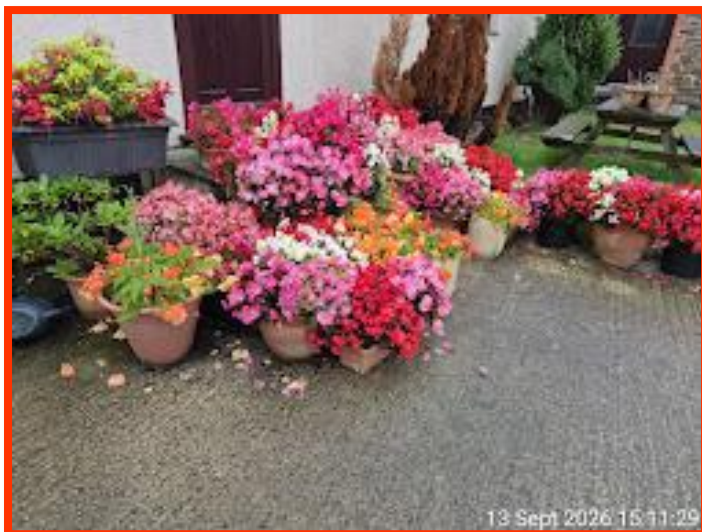
By Mike Godfrey, keen gardener

Unlike last year July and August were extremely hot with very little rain, which had a dramatic effect on the size and quantity of crops, particularly on farms. Since then we have had a sizeable amount of rainfall and miraculously the grass has greened up and the rain combined with the warmish weather have caused it to grow quite vigorously. I suppose it has similarly impacted on our garden crops, although I have very few garden crops this year due to seeds consistently failing to germinate. If the weather continues like it is for the next 2-3 weeks, I may be able to get a second cut of haylage. Unlike myself, you are all hopefully still harvesting your garden produce, looking at the produce that was entered for the fruit and vegetables for the Village Annual Show, size and quantity were slightly better than last year in most cases. Following last year's absolutely bumper harvest of fruit, this year many of my trees are bereft of any fruit and those that do have some fruits have about 10% of last year crop and generally the fruit is smaller. There are, however, some exceptions, I have an eating apple, cooking apple and a plum tree, which according to aerial photos are at least 60-70 years old. These seem to be totally unaffected by the drought and are producing quite reasonable crops and are all that I would call a reasonable size. It just shows that if you select a local variety and they get their roots right down, then when they encounter difficult growing conditions, the old

varieties do the best.

This year has been particularly disappointing for me with runner beans, carrots, beetroot and parsnips totally failing to germinate or grow, despite multiple sowings, with different seeds, in different ground, sown by different people, at different periods, both inside and outside polytunnels- just what is going on? I am now on my forth sowing of runner beans and although they are producing a crop, it is much smaller than normal and they are now clearly suffering from a viral attack, which will curtail their crop and hasten their end. The gardening issues I have outlined have steadily got worse over the last two or three years and I don't seem to be finding any answers. At this rate I might as well give up gardening because it is becoming a very negative and demoralising pastime. If anyone has any thoughts, ideas or suggestions, they will be gratefully received. (email address at the bottom). I too will be giving some very serious thought over autumn and winter, with a view to reversing this unexplained decline in our home-grown food productivity. One positive factor that has arisen from having a wildlife pond is that we managed to breed an enormous amount of tadpole from the frog and toad spawn. These have in the main become adult toads and frogs and are dealing very well with the slug and snail population. We have frogs and toads of all sizes everywhere – you do have to be very careful where you tread!! As usual my Begonias have been flowering very well and are going strong right up to now, see recent pic. They seem to be unaffected

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Above: my Begonias are still looking beautiful outside our front door

by diseases, drought or the other unknowns which seems to be attacking everything else.

Jobs for October

Just in case you are looking for something to do, here are some jobs that you may need to get to grips with during October:

- As always, keep weeds under control; don't let them get on top of you. Don't forget the good old Hoe or if necessary, the strimmer to stop weeds going to seed. Remember one year's seed equates to seven years weeds.
- Make sure that you regularly pick your ripe crops, including all your soft fruit, to get the best from them. Apples and Pears that are ripe will generally if you hold it in the palm of your hand and lift and twist it slightly.
- Towards the end this month it will be preferable to pick all the unripe tomatoes and ripen them off on a windowsill.
- The next month or two are ideal times for selecting and planting

new fruit trees but be sure that you select a variety that is compatible with this area and is either self-pollinating or there are other compatible pollinators in the immediate area.

- This time of the year is also the best time to start planting bulbs. They look best if they are cast over the ground where you intend them to be planted. Wherever they fall, this is where they are planted. This gives the best effect. Bulbs should be planted about 6in (150mm) deep. If you want Hyacinths in time for Christmas, they are best planted now in multipurpose compost or perhaps purpose made bulb vases.
- Make sure that you continue to dead head your flowers to keep many plants flowering while the weather permits, roses that have finished flowering, should be trimmed back by about half their height to prevent root damage due to wind rock during autumn and Winter.
- Help pollinators by planting late flowering perennials such as Rudbeckias; helieniums; aster and sedums to provide a source of nectar and pollen before winter sets in.
- Prepare the ground and plant onions 5-10cms apart, at a depth that leaves the tip just showing above ground. Cover with fleece to protect them and prevent birds from pulling them.
- Make a wildlife wigwam from grass cuttings and a few sticks; make sure that the grass is well packed down to prevent it from blowing away. Top up with hay if necessary and it will be an

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ideal habitat for creatures to overwinter in.

- You could build bug areas by stacking twigs, logs and hollow bamboo cane off cuts. Together with pinecones, pots, leaves and a few tiles it will create the perfect habitat for insects to overwinter.

If anyone needs to contact me, then please contact me on 01409 253401 or 07798 647041 or by e-mail at mikecrinacott1@gmail.com.



Above: my old fruit trees have coped well this year



Above: my Runner beans are still struggling on despite the virus



Above: at least I can grow a potato with a face and tail!



So, who is letting the side Down!

Reminder to dog owners – I have been asked to remind people to pick up after their dog(s). Parts of Pyworthy village are become quite unpleasant places to walk. It only takes seconds - please bag it and bin it!

Holsworthy History Society



The Holsworthy History Society met on Thursday 10th September and Marion Kneebone gave a very interesting talk on Roadford Reservoir also known as Roadford Lake.

Discussions for a new reservoir began in the early 1970's but it was not until 1984 that the Government finally gave permission to build the reservoir, which was to be fed by the River Wolf. It was to be located part in Broadwoodwidge, part in Germansweek and part in Bratton Clovelly and as a result 13 properties, including farms, were compulsory purchased. This had an impact on the local environment and the school in Broadwoodwidge lost several children who, as a consequence, had to move out of the area. The reservoir was finally completed in 1989 though it did take a year for it to be filled.

Not only does the reservoir provide drinking water there is a visitor's centre, water sports park, trails to walk around the lake, a café and car parking. A venue well worth visiting.

The History Society will **next meet at 7.00pm on Thursday 8th October** in the Manor Suite of the Holsworthy Memorial Hall when Kay Napier will be giving a talk about research she has done on local burial sites.

All are welcome to join us.

All are welcome, membership for the year is £25 payable by either cash, cheque or BACS (preferable) or £5 for visitors.

For more information about the History Society contact:

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By Margaret Stacey



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Amazing Facts!

Research by Mike Godfrey

For 48 years after tinned food was invented, people who wanted to eat it had to use a hammer and chisel to open it. The can opener wasn't invented until 1858

The screwdriver was invented 100 years before the screw, it was originally used to extract nails

Margaret Thatcher was part of a team that invented Mr Whippy ice cream

70% of all animals in the jungle rely on figs for their survival

The citizens of Kuwait celebrated the end of the first Gulf war by firing weapons in the air, .20 Kuwaitis died as a result of bullets falling from the sky

The Boa Constrictor is the only living animal whose common name is exactly the same as its scientific name.

Holsworthy Library



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Also, Holsworthy Library on Facebook and Instagram

What's On At HOLSWORTHY LIBRARY October 2026

- **Bounce & Rhyme**, Thursday 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd - 2:15pm-2:45pm. Songs and stories for children 0-4 years old. Term time only.
- **Devon Family Hub Drop In Advice Session**, Thursday 1st - 2pm-4pm. Free family advice & guidance to anyone with a child aged 0-19 (up to 25 with SEND). Call 0800 5385458 Mon-Fri 10am-4pm for advice & guidance if you can't make the sessions.
- **Friends of Holsworthy Library fundraising quiz and cream tea** at Chilsworthy Village Hall. Saturday 3rd - 2pm for a 2:30 start. Contact the library to book a table.
- **Sew Together**, Monday 5th & 19th - 3:30pm-4:30pm. Bring your own hand sewing project (or knitting etc). An informal and supportive group rather than a class or lesson!
- **Gardening Cuppa and Chat**, Wednesday 14th - 2pm-3pm. A monthly meeting to talk all things gardening. Everyone welcome.
- **Using Library Apps Coffee Morning**, Thursday 15th - 10:30am-12pm. Drop in to learn more about using the Libraries Unlimited app and Borrowbox whilst enjoying a cuppa!
- Free Half Term drop in activities: Monday 26th 2:30pm-4:30pm crafts, Wednesday 28th - 11am-4pm. Lego Challenge. Thursday 29th 11am-4pm. Board Games & Biscuits.

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Pyworthy Village Show 2026



Pyworthy's 10th Flower, Produce and Craft Show

By Angela Skinner, Show co-ordinator

Our very successful 10th village show was held on Saturday 5th September. Thirty exhibitors entered an amazing 395 entries which was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all who came along in the afternoon. Despite the exceptionally dry summer, the recent rain helped to boost the number of entries in both the Vegetable and Flowers/plants sections which surpassed the previous three years. The judges, who kindly gave up their Saturday morning, had a very difficult task with so many outstanding entries. We definitely have some very talented people in our village. Unfortunately, there were less children's entries this year, but their exhibits were delightful and enjoyed by all. Certificates were again presented to the winner of each section as chosen by the judge and congratulations were expressed to our overall children winner, Faith Heard and to the overall adult winner, Chris Samuels. Refreshments and a raffle were enjoyed by all those in attendance and £296.22 was raised for Pyworthy Village Hall.

Thank you all for your support, it is very much appreciated.



The overall winner of the adult section was Chris Samuels. Congratulations to Chris!





Some of the lovely children's entries are featured below.



Congratulations to Faith Heard who was overall winner of the Children's section.





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Pyworthy Rural Art Group

Pyworthy ART



The classes have started in the Village Hall, so why not come and join us on Tuesday afternoons, 2.30pm until 4.30pm. Come and learn how to paint or refresh your painting skills. All abilities are welcome. It's a nice, friendly group, so I look forward to seeing you.

Our programme for October:

Tuesday 6th October – a dog portrait in pastel colours

Tuesday 13th October – autumn landscape in pastels

Tuesday 20th October – still life in watercolours (fruit & veg)

Tuesday 27th October – flowers in watercolour (wet into wet technique).

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50th Anniversary, 4th October 1976 – The InterCity 125 High Speed Train service began operating in the UK.

60th Anniversary, 21st October 1966 – The Aberfan disaster, South Wales. A colliery spoil tip (also known as a slag heap) collapsed and fell onto the village. Worst hit was Pantglas Junior School. 116 children and 28 adults were killed.

70th Anniversary, 17th October 1956 – Britain's first nuclear power station, Calder Hall in Cumbria, was officially opened. It closed in March 2003 after operating for nearly 47 years.

125th Anniversary, 2nd October 1901 – The British Royal Navy's first submarine, HMS *Holland 1*, was launched. It remained in service until 1913 when it was lost while under tow. It was recovered in 1982 and is now on display at the Royal Navy Submarine Museum in Gosport, Hampshire.

SEPTEMBER'S PYWORTHY POSER QUIZ

ANSWERS:

1. Colchester.
2. Beef fat.
3. A lighthouse.
4. 24ft.
5. Uruguay.
6. Bachus.
7. Ruth Ellis.
8. Queen Victoria.
9. Atlantic.
10. The Bering Strait.



How did you do? Why not try this month's quiz on page 33.

Good luck from your Pyworthy Pilgrim.



Pyworthy Church Christmas Fair

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🌅 Sunset time: 18.52pm GMT

🕒 Length of day: 11 Hrs 37 mins.

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Fake "WhatsApp Gold"

By Brian Meadows of Nofix-Nofee

A message from Devon and Cornwall Police

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REMINDER

**Turn your clocks
back by 1 hour, on
Sunday 25th
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Evelyn's Walks Update

*By Evelyn Sharman,
Group Organiser*



Above: an enjoyable autumn walk in the Pyworthy and Derril areas.

On Monday 14th September, we met at Crinnacott Farm in Pyworthy with kind permission of Mike Godfrey & his family. It was lovely to see everyone & be able to share some homegrown produce before we set off. We followed the footpath that was well marked with way-markers & the grass had been cut so we couldn't possibly go wrong. The route took us through some woodland & there was a fallen Willow tree that we managed to take a little detour around. In the process, we walked through vegetation which obviously included Mint as there was a beautiful minty aroma all around us. We crossed the little wooden footbridge that took us over Derril Water & brought us out at the edge of a grassy meadow. It wasn't immediately obvious, but we espied a little galvanized gate in the hedge opposite. It was reassuring to see another way-marker so we knew we were on the right track. We were pleasantly surprised to discover that the grass between the paddocks had also been cut which made it easy walking. When we reached the gate at the far end, we were at the entrance to Northmoor & Southmoor Farms. By turning left, we joined the lane that goes towards North Tamerton. A little road bridge took us over Derril Water again & then we turned left & walked up quite a steep

hill towards Yeomadon. Apparently, the Sanders family used to live there & they have left a lasting legacy in the Parish of Pyworthy. Obviously, that's where the park got its name from when you think about it. We needed to choose the correct field entrance & we couldn't actually locate a footpath sign in the hedgerow but having been on the walk before, we knew which one it was. We crossed a couple of fields, one of which had a crop that none of us could identify, even those from a farming background so there was no hope for me. We deduced that it was some sort of mixture that will probably be harvested soon & used as fodder for livestock. With this in mind, we circumnavigated the field around the perimeter & crossed another little wooden footbridge over a stream. This brought us into a field with solar panels on either side. When we reached the tarmac, we turned left which brought us back to Crinnacott Farm where we were greeted by a very cute Pygmy goat. This is a lovely circular walk which took us a couple of hours. We all agreed that the weather had been kind to us **continued on page 41.....**

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& in reality, we really hadn't needed jumpers or coats. One of us had pink cheeks to match their pink waterproof jacket.

The next walk will be on Monday 12th October. We will be setting off from the Village Hall in Clawton at 10am. You are very welcome to contact me for more information.

If you would like further information, you are welcome to contact me.

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What is Trick or Treating?

Everyone's favourite Halloween tradition involves excited kids and enthusiastic adults dressing up in costumes and going door-to-door. At each house, they call "trick-or-treat!" in exchange for sweets or the odd trick! It's a festive mix of fancy dress, community fun and little treats all wrapped up in an evening of spooky adventure.

Pyworthy has many elderly residents who may be afraid of groups of people coming to their door in the evening. Please pre-arrange your Halloween visits to avoid stress to others.

REMEMBRANCE 2026 – what will happen in Pyworthy.....

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on Sunday November 8th; Remembrance Day falls on November 11th, a Wednesday. For several years now, in Pyworthy, we have held services on both days to remember all those who gave their lives so that we might be free.

The service on Sunday 8th November is held during our usual Sunday service at which a wreath is laid in church in honour of those who gave their lives for us. This service is held at 9.30am; it is not possible to hold it later. Personally, I rather like to be back at home to watch the service at the Cenotaph in London. On **Wednesday November 11th at 10.55am**, weather permitting, we hold a short Service of Remembrance out of doors at the memorial plaque by the Lych gate. A wreath of poppies is laid at the foot of the plaque itself. If you look at the sundial memorial, you will see that it remembers all who went from Pyworthy in two World Wars, to fight for their country.

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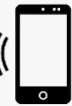


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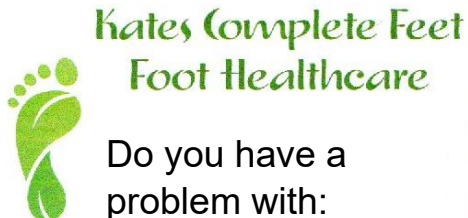
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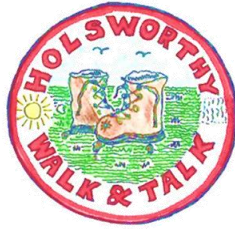
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Holsworthy Walk & Talk Group

By Gill Aston



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Kilkhampton - August 2026

As we have mentioned previously, many of our walks are in areas that have interesting histories, with the past few weeks being particularly packed with information.

Kilkhampton Castle – Also known in the locality as Penstowe Castle and was a 'motte and bailey' type castle built during the Norman period. There seems to be very little documentary evidence about the castle but it is unusual in that it is oval shaped, with a defensive ditch, which you can still walk round. Originally there would have been a wooden palisade fencing around the top, with a drawbridge of some sort to access it. Excavations have shown that whilst it is a relatively small castle it had two wooden towers which indicates that it was of strategic importance, probably guarding an important trading route.

Kilkhampton Church – Is dedicated to 'St. James the Great' and has many Norman features, although some parts are thought to go back more than a thousand years. The south doorway is a particular fine example and inside the finely carved pew ends are worth seeing. The tower contains eight bells.

Luffincott - St James's Church, Luffincott is a Grade I listed building. It stands near to the farmyard of Luffincott Barton, a mid-19th-century farmhouse and out-buildings which were part of the Tetcott estate. The church tower was re-built in 1791 and the whole church itself was restored in 1893. The interior features a barrel vaulted roof and a 14th century font. In December 1979 this church was put into the hands of the Redundant Churches Fund, now the Churches Conservation **continued on page 45..**

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Trust and is maintained by them as an example of rural tranquillity. During 1981-82 the main roof was strengthened and re-slatted, windows repaired, new drainage installed and the tower parapet rebuilt. Internal replastering and limewashing was carried out during 1983. The tower was rendered and limewashed and the walls of the church repointed in 1992.

There are also many other points of interest in and around the Luffincott – Tetcott areas that are too numerous to mention here.

If you would like to join us on any of our walks to visit local places, meet new people and enjoy the benefits of walking, our current programme of walks is available and published on our website. All our walks start at 10.30 and are **FREE**. Membership forms are available from our Volunteer Walk Leaders prior to the start of the walk or via the website.

Our website has a lot of up-to-date information, together with our current programme of walks, with the details and contact points below.

Our OCTOBER Programme of walks WITH: What3Words



Level 2 & 3 walks are every Friday at 10.30am.

All these walks aim to be completed in about 90 minutes.

OCTOBER Walks: Walk starting points as indicated below:

Friday 2nd October – Level 2: Bradworthy Dinworthy Loop, starting from The Square. Leaders: Kim & Mike J. **EX22 7TD.**

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Friday 2nd October – Level 3: Buckland Filleigh, starting from Village Hall car park. Leaders: Gill & Jan. **EX21 5HZ.**

What3Words: animal.bucket.lends

Friday 9th October – Level 2: Pyworthy, starting from Parish Hall car park. Leaders: Jacqui & Eric. **EX22 6JJ.**

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Level 3: Pyworthy starting from Parish Hall car park. Leaders: Kim & Sue. **EX22 6JJ.**

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Friday 16th October – Level 2: Bude

Efford Down, starting from Bude TIC CP. Leaders: Cheryl & Michael H. **EX23 8LE.**

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Friday 23rd October – Level 2: Cookworthy

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What3Words: wove.hooked.crowned

Friday 30th October – Level 2: Roadford Lake, starting from Roadford FREE car park.

Leaders: Kim & Paul. **EX20 4QT.**

What3Words: rides.nuance.patrolled

Level 3: Holsworthy Woods, starting from main car park. Leaders: Cheryl & Eric. **EX22 6NQ.**

What3Words: obeyed.curve.slant

Holsworthy Walk & Talk Group contact details:

Our website has lots of up-to-date information, together with our current programme of walks, details below:

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Gillian Aston 07854677784 or
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Pyworthy Poser Quiz For OCTOBER 2026..



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1. Which English County has the longest coastline?
2. In area, which are the three largest counties in England?
3. The River Dee flows through which city?
4. Within which range of hills is High Wycombe situated?
5. In 1978, which book became the most frequently stolen from British libraries?
6. Who captained England to 1966 World Cup victory and which domestic Club did he play for?
7. In 1956, what was renamed 2nd class rather than 3rd class in England?
8. What first went on sale in 1907, made in Dusseldorf, Germany (clue word: "dhobey")?
9. What did Lester Piggot lose in 1988?
10. The D-Day Allied landings in 1944 was called "Operation"?
11. Where do a football team called "Lincoln Red Imps" play their home matches?
12. Died aged 82yrs, 2012, who was the first man to walk on the Moon?
13. Queen Camilla's Christian names are?
14. Prince Albert, Consort to Q. Victoria, was born where?
15. The most beneficial "green veg" is?

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By The Pyworthy Pilgrim

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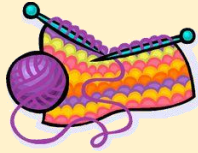
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- 21st Andrew Axford, Lyla Robinson
- 22nd Molly Ross
- 23rd Kathy Peddle, Annette Hackett
- 24th Michael Waud
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- 29th John Thripp



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Community Birthday list

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New Baby Announcement



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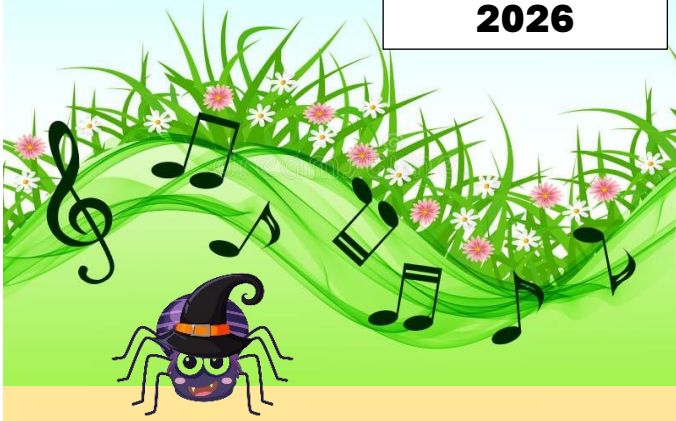
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**OCTOBER
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Nature Notes

By Bryony Rylett

“Because a community is more than just people”.

On warm, dry, Autumn days the doors and windows of our homes are often left ajar to allow fresh air to enter. Unwittingly we may also be allowing unwelcome guests inside.

These guests have left their homes, hidden in the dark and dingy corners of sheds, garages and outbuildings, to head into our houses in search of mates, some of whom are already resident, living in dark, undisturbed corners of our dwellings.

These visitors are known by their scientific name of **Arachnia**. They are the subject of numerous scary movies, nursery rhymes, folklore and legends. Now, in the month of Halloween, is when we are most likely to spot individuals of the genus, usually males, that having reached maturity are at their largest and speediest.

Most specimens we encounter belong to the **Tegenaria** and **Eratigena** family; better known by their common name of **House Spiders**.

According to the British Arachnological Society, there are five,

closely related species in the House Spider group: **Tegenaria domestica** (Common House Spider), **Eratigena atrica** (most common in northern U.K.), **Eratigena duellica** (found in Eastern U.K. and the Midlands) and **Tegenaria parietina** (the Cardinal Spider most commonly found in the south)

Eratigena saeva is the species we are most likely to see as it is usually located in the West Country and Wales.



Above: A large House Spider taking cover having been removed from a house when it couldn't show its invitation

It is thought the ancestors of today's house spiders arrived in the U.K. from the Mediterranean after stowing away in cargo.

House Spiders are similar in size and

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cannot easily be positively identified without looking at their genitalia; probably not the first thing most householders consider when spotting a speeding house spider tracking along the skirting board or climbing the bedroom wall at dusk.

The temptation may be to euthanase these invaders; however, an old English rhyme cautions otherwise : “If you wish to live and thrive, let a spider run alive.”

Arachnophobia, the name given to the fear of spiders, is a common phobia. It is believed the fear is evolutionary and hard-wired into the human psyche.

Others think the dislike of spiders is genetic or is influenced by the attitude of family members towards them.

Spiders act as natural insect control by trapping and killing flies and aphids in their multitudinous webs.

Spiders thrived long before homo sapiens. In 2009 scientists discovered a piece of prehistoric amber containing a spider web dating from the Cretaceous period, 140 million years ago. Evidence shows spiders existed over 200 million years before that.

Britain hosts 38 spider families containing over 650 different species including Crab Spiders, and Jumping Spiders such as the tiny, black and white Zebra Spider (***Salticus scenicus***) that can jump 10cm; 14 times its body length.

A typical arachnid has four pairs of walking legs with a body divided into two distinct parts: the front part, known as the **cephalothorax**,

protected by a tough shield or carapace and the abdomen.



Above: A female Garden Spider pictured last Autumn in a hedge near Derriton

Unlike many other ‘creepy crawlies’ spiders don’t have antennae although some have a pair of **palps** at the front of their heads that look and behave in a similar way.

These club-like appendages help spiders to feel and ‘smell’ their surroundings and find food. They are also engaged by male spiders during courtship; a dangerous and potentially fatal activity; of more later. In front of the palps are a small pair of pincers called **chelicerae** used to tear food.

These are modified in some spiders to form poisonous fangs.

Prey is subdued and killed when venom is pumped into the victim through small holes at the tip of each fang.

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although there is a remote risk, the fangs of some larger species could pierce human skin if the creature is handled carelessly.

Despite the impression given in a myriad of films featuring giant, man-eating spiders, most spiders have tiny mouths. They cannot ingest solids; instead, they either suck the juices from food or use their chelicerae to crush and liquify it.

The difficulty of catching spiders may be due to their eyesight as most have either six or eight eyes on the front and top of their heads but may also be down to their innate speed with chunky males able to cover 50 cm of ground in one second.

Speed is of the essence, for male spiders, in courtship.

Spider reproduction is a delicate dance with the male approaching the female signalling his intentions by plucking at her web with his palps.

He may attempt his approach and have to speedily retreat many times before he subdues and entices her.

He keeps himself attached to a thread of silk, known as a 'lifeline', that he can use to escape by abseiling should she repel his affections and attack.

If she doesn't reject him, he will fertilise her by inserting one palp, containing a deposit of sperm, into her body after which he will make a speedy exit to avoid being her next meal.

If they survive male spiders may reproduce with several females however, by late Autumn, exhausted and with their energy reserves depleted their chances of escape, during unsuccessful courtship or after

mating, diminish.

Female spiders can live for several years and can survive for many months without food and water.

All spiders are carnivorous and feed on living prey, mostly insects and small arthropods.

The largest house spider in the U.K. is the Cardinal Spider, so named because spiders of the species were reputed to have terrified Henry VIII's chief minister, Cardinal Wolsey (1473-1530) at Hampton Court Palace.

It may have been that rather than being afraid the Cardinal wanted to "live and thrive" by letting the large spiders "run alive".

Fully grown Cardinal Spiders can reach a whopping 12-15 cm leg span; in contrast Money Spiders, of the Linyphiidae family, have a leg span of just 2 mm.

One of the most fascinating aspects of spider life is their ability to produce silk and make webs although not all spiders do.

The silk is made in glands in spiders' stomachs. It reaches the outside of their bodies via spinnerets located at their hind ends.

Each spinneret carries a minute 'nozzle' from which the silk emerges; it cannot be squeezed out, instead spiders use their hind legs to draw it out. This process can be seen by closely observing a spider building a web or wrapping prey.

Female spiders wrap their eggs in silk. An example of this being the medium size and fairly common ground dwelling spider **Pardosa amentata** or Wolf Spider so called because they hunt their prey and pounce like wolves.



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Spring and summer is the best time to spot female Wolf Spiders carrying small, round, white egg cocoons attached to their rear (spinnerets).

They have a strong instinct to hold on to their cocoons such that observers have noted that if the cocoon is removed (please do not attempt this) the female will search for her charge and if not found will pick up a substitute such as a small pebble to satisfy her instinctive drive to nurture.



Above: A female Wolf Spider with an egg cocoon crossing a road near Hoggs Park.

Once born the spiderlings spend a few days being carried on their mother's back before scattering to begin independent lives.

October is the peak time to spot the numerous, attractive, often dew-hung webs of Garden, Cross or

Diadem Orbweaver spiders (**Araneus diadematus**) strung across garden paths and on shrubs. Their bulbous bodies bear cross-shaped patterns of white dots.

Garden Spiders spin their silk and weave their webs at night and sit in the middle of their webs, in classic Halloween style, waiting for prey. At dawn they leave their webs to seek hiding places.

They survive until the first frosts kill them.



Update from our local hedgehog family



On behalf of the "H" family, thank you humans for your recent 'used postage stamp' donations, in particular a fantastic large box from "Albert"! The natural diet has recently improved thanks to some welcome rain and we are all well (and putting on weight!). But we understand (through a reliable source) that you are all shortly to enjoy a festive season called Christmas? Lots of mail wishing each other well etc, PLEASE save those postage stamps on the envelopes, packages and parcels. They help us to survive!

In fact, apparently, ALL surface mail stamps and labels are useful and valid. Enjoy your autumn (and remember that shallow dish of fresh water!

Harry & Henrietta & the hog family.



The paper will go to print on:
Sunday 25th October. Please
make sure your input is received
before this date, thanks.

Diary dates this month:

(Dates & events were correct at the time of printing)

Holsworthy Walk & Talk group enjoy a walk every Friday, see their programme on pages 44 & 45. Also, members take a short walk in Stanhope Park on Mondays.

Thursday 1st October – Ladies Skittles Open evening from 8pm.

Thursday 8th October – Holsworthy History Society next meet at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall, Kay Napier will be giving a talk about research she has done on local burial sites.

Friday 16th October – GAMES NIGHT at the Village Hall from 7pm, plus bar.

Wednesday 21st October – Trafalgar Day is celebrated in the UK.

Saturday 24th October – Children's Halloween Craft Session in the Village Hall. See page 36.

Sunday 25th October – turn your clocks back by 1 hour at 2am!

Wednesday 28th October – Kivells Dairy Event at 11am.

Thursday 29th October – John Sanders Park AGM meeting in Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Saturday 31st October – Halloween Line Dance Party in the Village Hall.

Forthcoming Events in 2026:

Wednesday 11th November - at the Lych gate, Pyworthy Church a service of Remembrance at 10.55am.

Saturday 21st November – Children's Christmas Craft Session in the Village Hall.

Saturday 28th November – Pyworthy Christmas Fair in the Village Hall 11am – 3pm.

Saturday 5th December - **NOT THE COWBOYS**, will be entertaining in the Hall. See details below,

Reminder!

“Not the Cowboys” will be entertaining on Saturday 5th December in Pyworthy Village Hall.

Tickets are £12 each and are already selling well for this popular event.

Purchased your tickets from:

**Angela: 07794344117,
Janet: 07799134901 or
Marie: 01409 254924.**

**The 2026
Scarecrow Trail
was a Great
Success!**

**Thank you to all
those who took
part.**

I would like to thank everyone who took part in the recent Scarecrow Trail, which brought so much joy and many smiles to all those who enjoyed the trail through the parish. Over thirty families took part with thirty-five scarecrows on display, and it was fantastic to see so many people searching for our visitors! Thank you all. Angela



The Electrician



The Worker



The Cow Girl



Mr Twit



The Wedding



Mr Hairy



The Good Guy



**Great effort
Pyworthy, we'll
do it all again in
a few years.**

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