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The Parish Newsletter



Spring Lamb

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Well, we've had it all this winter - rain, wind, flutterings of snow, hail by the bucket-ful and even a ray of sunshine, let alone a 4.1 on the richter magnitude scale earthquake - which I thought was a colleague slamming the door in temper...lets hope the emerging daffadils are the promise of a sunny start to spring.

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DON'T FORGET

Thornbury Parish Council Meeting - 8th May & 21/08 at Woodacott Chapel at 8p.m., please come along - all welcome.

ALSO

March 22nd - 2pm onwards at Bason Farm, Bradford, Cream teas/Cakes & Tea in aid of Richard Smale running the London Marathon, raising money for Outward Bound Trust, an educational charity for disadvantaged young people. £5 per adult, £2.50 children, details 281277.



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Combined Carol Service	£117.05
(split 50/50 to Childrens Society and Methodist Childrens Charity)	
Carols on the Green in aid of the Devon Air Ambulance	£100

Our next Bag collection – will be on 22nd May so please start collecting! Bags, shoes, belts, clothes, bedding but no duvets or pillows or bric a brac please. Black bin liners will be fine it doesn't have to be the Bag collection bags. You are welcome to leave bags in the back of the church after Easter ready for our next collection in May.

A big thank you to Thelma Priest for hosting the annual Carols on the Green and providing a warm welcome to over 35 people, who were fed, watered and warmed in her house!
Thanks also to Peter Fry for providing the music, Gillian Hughes for the mulled wine and everyone for the mince pies ,biscuits & chocolates.

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2012	Rainfall	Dry Days	2013	Rainfall	Dry Days
November	184mm	9	Nov	160mm	14
December	158mm	7	Dec	165mm	9
2013			2014		
January	165mm	7	Jan	219mm	4

Totals for 2012 and 2013

2012		2013	
Rainfall	Dry Days	Rainfall	Dry Days
1511mm	149	1190	196

Flowers At St Peters

if you would like to help with decorating St Peters please let me know we are always grateful of helpers.

You can either help with Special occasions – Harvest, Easter and Christmas or at any other time to suit you.

We hope to be decorating for Easter on Sat 19th April – please let me know or just come along if you would like to help.

Thanks - Liz - 261 312



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Congratulations and best wishes to Raj & Suzie on the birth of their second daughter Elissa, a little sister for Serena. Elissa was born at 20.43 on Saturday 8th February.



Congratulations to Hannah Priest - who celebrates her 18th birthday on March 12th - Happy 18th Birthday Hannah!

A very Happy Birthday to Anne Bond on March 4th

Happy Birthday to Steve Bond on the 28th March

Best wishes to Lyndsey Priest and Jim who are moving into Holsworthy in May - we hope you will be very happy there.



Belated congratulations to Sian Howarth, who celebrated her 18th birthday in her usual style



Congratulations go to Jill Witshire & Ian Fraser on their recent marriage

Congratulations to all of you who passed your Maths exams with flying colours - you know who you are!

Congratulations to Tony Haley and Sarah Drew were recently married in Okehampton.

Our thoughts are with those who have suffered bereavements recently.

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Make your dreams come true with pots of gold in a garden full of rainbow colours...

SEEING RED

Power packed red is the ultimate scene-stealer - no wonder it's the first colour of the rainbow and folklore's colour of magic. They may be small, but feisty primulas in toning terracotta pots will kick start spring and magically transform any nook and cranny in need of high-octane colour.

ORANGE BLOSSOM

Vibrant orange planters packed full of tulips and *Bellis perennis* will give an invigorating light show until the rest of the garden warms up - and when the rainbow colours fade you can pop daisies in the borders, lift and store the tulips, and re-pot both in October for more bounty next year.

YELLOW FEVER

Yellow is renowned for stimulating mental and physical activity – just the job for busy gardeners!

Let cheerful yellow *Narcissus* “Jules Verne” blaze gold against a dark background in ageing terracotta pots or try a spontaneous arrangement of *Primula veris* “Cabrillo” in rustic containers that will sit happily anywhere, indoors or out.

GREEN LIGHT

Go for green – nature's own colour, sparkling like spring itself and bursting with all the promise and optimism of a fresh start. Team with crisp white for a restful alternative to rainbow bright hues. White contains all the colours of the visible spectrum, so indulge in a little white magic and watch your garden glow. A simple display of *Leucojum aestivum* and *Hyacinthus orientalis* in misty terracotta pots makes for a classy show for conservatory or windowsill, whilst the pure white bells of *Convallaria majaris* in a simple ceramic container create a moveable scene of serene

symmetry with a modern twist. *Trillium rivale* is a real jewel, combining fresh green leaves and pretty white blossom with diamond shaped petals and thriving equally well in a pot or in rich soil in a shady location.

BLUEBIRDS

Bright as a spring sky, blue has the shortest wavelength of the three primary colours, yet conversely adds length and depth to garden arrangements. Marry with extrovert yellow for high impact, vibrant designs to send you over the rainbow.

Instant arrangements should be way up high on a gardener's tricks list – set a clay pot of delicate muscari above cut muscari nestling in a willow basket and provide a rustic background and additional pots for textural contrast. For a dream you can dare to dream, stand shiny blue glazed containers full of fragrant *Hyacinth* “Delft Blue”, sweet *Anemone* “Violet Star” and dainty *Iris reticulata* “Harmony” against matching blue trellis for a stairway to heaven, then put the clouds far behind you with snazzy ceramics bursting with *Narcissus* “Jack Snipe” and *Hyacinthus* “Delft Blue” and “White Pearl”.

INDIGO JONES

Noble indigo symbolises wealth and its paler shades encourage romance, so celebrate your good fortune with a truly feminine design - a standard *Wisteria sinensis* teamed with a sweetly fragrant *Syringa* “Josee” and contrasted sharply with a vivid pink *Rhododendron* for an indulgent rainbow of colour.

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At the Church

2nd March	4 pm Holy Communion
9th March	9.30 am Family Service
16th March	4 pm Evening Prayer
23rd March	9.30 am Holy Communion
30th March	9.30 am Mothering Sunday
6th April	6.30 PM Holy Communion
Thurs 10th April	9.30 am Holy Communion
13th April	10.30 am Benefice Holy Communion at All Saints Bradford
Thurs 17th April	7.15 pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
20th April	6.30 pm Holy Communion
Sun 27th April	9.30 am Holy Communion
4th May	6.30 pm Holy Communion
Thurs 8th	9.30 am Holy Communion
11th	9.30 am Family Worship
18th	6.30 pm Evening Prayer
25th	11.30 am Rogation Service at Kingsford Farm

Thornbury Parochial **Church Council Annual Meeting** will be held on Monday 28th April 2014 at Barn Cattery, South Wonford at 10 am by kind permission of Sara & Roger Lawes – everyone welcome.

At Chapel

March

2nd	11 am	Mr E Boundy	Woodacott Chapel
9th	11 am	Mrs C Forster	Woodacott Chapel
16th	9.30 am	Mr J Hawkins	Woodacott Chapel
23rd	11 am	Mr J Guy	Woodacott Chapel
30th	11 am	Mrs S Risdon	Woodacott Chapel

April

6th	11 am	Mrs E Squires	Woodacott Chapel
20th	11 am	Mr C Drew	Woodacott Chapel
27th	11 am	Rev Street -	Sacrament Woodacott Chapel

May

4th	11 am	Rev Greetham -	Section Service Woodacott Chapel
11th	7 p.m.		Evening Concert - details from Mrs I. Fry, 261322
18th	11 am	Rev J.Wilson	Woodacott Chapel
25th	11 am	Mrs Bowden	Woodacott Chapel

Holsworthy Hamlets & Parish Criminal Activity

Property being stolen in the Brendon Fields area of Thornbury

Sometime between Wednesday the 22nd of January and Wednesday the 5th February 2014, Fencing, a gate and metal sheeting have been stolen. If anyone has been offered or have any information regarding these items/theft, please contact PCSO Raquel Rowe at Holsworthy Police Station via the 101 no. quoting crime no. CH/14/54. Thank you.

There have been several notifications of people being offered tools from an Irish man, selling from his transit van – please notify the police via 101, if this happens to you, as soon as possible. If you are able to take down the number plate of the van, this would be hugely helpful, but do not put yourself at risk by making this obvious.

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Recording and digitally photographing the grave-stones in Thornbury's Church and Chapel.

There is an increased interest in family history which includes not only information about our ancestors but also about the environments in which they lived and the context of their lives. To support this, many places are recording their gravestones and monumental inscriptions. For example Bradford and Cookbury have both had their inscriptions recorded and made available and recording those in Thornbury will complete the picture.

There are many families that are common to the parishes of Thornbury, Bradford and Cookbury. Families moved and intermarried and so the burials in the churchyards represent the whole community and demonstrate movements over time. I hope to be able to relate the inscriptions to the censuses of the parish as well as to the burial records, and to provide resources to the genealogy community in the area. In the future I would also like to carry out an Oral History project using the names of the local families as a starting point and this project will provide information for this future idea.

I am seeking some financial support from Torridge's Town and Parish fund and would like to establish a small group of interested people to carry out this recording. We will need to:

- Identify or make plans of the graveyards
- Give each gravestone a unique reference number
- Transcribe and digitally record all of the information contained on, or related to each stone
- Photograph each stone to record this information.
- Transfer all of the information into a computer database
- Get copies of the burial register and cross reference the information contained in them to that on the headstones
- Produce a hard copy of the information contained on the headstones as a register to leave in the church and chapel.
- Place a link to the Register on to the Thornbury Hamlets website.
- Think about producing CDs of the images to sell to raise money for church and chapel funds or as the village sees fit.
- Identify families to be involved in the future Oral History project.

I need support from others in the hamlet to do this so if anyone wants to be involved I would love to hear from you. Please contact me on 261804 or at meg@taylor.it.

Meg Galley-Taylor

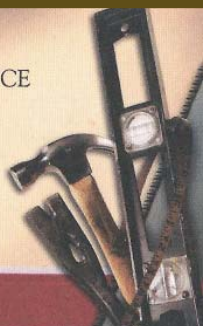
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A day in the life of Lynden Hughes

First of all I would like to take issue with the word 'day'. I work shifts!!! Which the dark rings under my eyes testify to. If you have seen the sign I attach to the front door when I am sleeping off night shifts then please interpret it as 'Don't ring the door bell', 'Stop your dog from barking' and 'Don't mow your lawns and fields'. To be honest though I don't hear anything through my ear plugs !!

I could not help but have a little smile when I considered the title 'A day in the life of... ' for as a police officer with 20 years' service I have always viewed my role as giving me the opportunity to see the whole of life in one day, every day. The vast array of issues that affect us at different points in our lives are but moments for us individually over the course of a lifetime, but for police officers those issues are seen and dealt with all day, each and every day.

I currently hold the position of Critical Incident Manager (CIM) covering North Devon, West Devon, East Devon and Exeter. There will always be 4 CIM's on duty at any one time with the others individually covering Cornwall, South Devon and Plymouth. The role sounds impressive but basically when you strip it down I am effectively a problem solver that links different parts of the organisation together to deal with critical incidents. I also have responsibility for quality assuring service delivery, in other words making sure officers do the right things at the right time and to the best of their ability. I could be called to and asked to oversee basically any type of incident but they generally tend to be of a type that are more serious in nature. I also have responsibility for overseeing the management of missing person enquiries but particularly those that have been graded at the highest of risk to themselves or others.

When I am on duty I cover an area from Hartland to the Dorset border and from the Somerset border down as far as Yelverton near Plymouth, an area that is bigger than some

individual police forces. When on duty I have to be contactable at all times whether through my police radio or my police mobile phone. I also have a radio in my car allowing me to be able to monitor two out my three radio channels at the same time. If a critical incident occurs I will generally be made aware through my police radio so for example if I am in Bideford and an incident comes in for Axminster I would change my radio setting from the North Devon channel to the East Devon channel and initially manage the incident over the air from Bideford. With every critical incident I have to make a decision as to whether I need to supervise at the scene. Given the large geographic area I cover I have to judge if my input is better served by travelling to the nearest police station to access a computer terminal and remotely managing or travelling sometimes over an hour to an incident that may have been dealt with by the time I get there. It is a judgement call that is based on the

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seriousness of the incident, its complexity, how protracted it will be and importantly if it's very nature is likely to undermine public confidence or diminish community reassurance. If the incident is likely to attract media interest then my role also requires me at times to speak to the newspapers, radio and sometimes television. As part of my detective course we actually had media training and that was when I was first told that I had a face that was better suited to the radio!

The CIM role needs to be delivered at the rank of Inspector as at this rank the law specifically gives me a wide range of legal powers and authorities. For example if someone is in custody for an offence and it is believed that there is evidence at a location where they live or over which they have control then I can give an authority for that premise to be searched. If officers are investigating an offence or they have intelligence that evidence regarding an offence is at a particular location then they would have to apply to a magistrate for a warrant. A magistrate will only consider their application if an Inspector has given an authority for that application. I also have the power to authorise the taking of intimate samples from prisoners and intimate searches (they also have to consent to this) and the power to authorise the taking of non-intimate samples (such as fingerprints) by force if necessary. Persons in custody have a number of rights, some of those rights I have the power to delay or refuse. There are some powers that you never look forward to having to use. For example when a child is taken into police protection the CIM becomes responsible for the management of that protection for the next 72 hours. These are just a few of the powers and authorities I have but what links them all together is that I am legally accountable for making these decisions. Every time I use one of my powers I have to consider the full circumstances of the matter at hand and whether their use is legal, proportionate, necessary and non-discriminatory. It is important that my decision making rationale is recorded as I could be asked to account for a particular decision at the future trial of a defendant. Any evidence obtained as a result of

a wrong decision could be excluded by a judge and therefore could result in a case collapsing. Thinking through your rationale at 4 'o' clock in the morning is a challenge, believe me. The most important power that the constables and sergeants think I have is the authority to authorise their overtime!

The old song goes 'A policeman's lot is not a happy lot' and as in every walk of life you will find some officers complaining about this and that and how everything changes for the worse. But peel away the protective cynicism that officers develop (and have to develop if they are to deal with the demands of the role) and they will admit that there is nothing that compares to the office of constable. An office that every day deals with potentially the worst that life has to offer but in dealing with it also reveals the very best within people, both public and the police. A day in the life of a police officer truly is the whole of life in one day.

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Thank you.... Thank you.... Thank you....

A big thank you to Steve Bond, Snow Warden, for placing and filling the grit bins. They are located at The Green, New Road Cross and by St Peters Church. This is particularly timely as the Highways authority have informed the Parish Council that it will not be salting the roads this year, despite the Thornbury to Shebbear being classified as a C road.

A big thank you also to Denise Mitchell, for your commitment and hard work on the "Implimentation Group". Denise has resigned after being on the committee since its commencement.

We would welcome new members to the group to help with a few ongoing projects - its not onerous work, approx 4 meetings per year - please ring Thelma on 261423 for details. Next meeting is May 9th at 7p.m. at Cross Parks - please join us!

Thanks also to Meg Galley-Taylor for the selection, purchasing and potting up of the native fruit trees for the Green and land at South Wonford. The trees, 3 x bramley apple, 3 x James Grieve, 4 x cox and 1 x mazzard (cherry - small black!) will be pampered until it is dry enough to plant them - we welcome offers of help for this, and intend to make an enjoyable planting event, along with photo's, coffee and pasties probably ! See noticeboards for details before the event.



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Message from Reverend Kathy Roberts

New Year, I think, separates the optimists from the pessimists!

What does the New Year look like to you? Full of promise..... or featuring more-of-same, or just another-year –to- struggle-thorough?

My father was not a Glass-Half-Full sort of person. He more an If-Anything-Can-Go-Wrong-It-Will sort of person. as children when we cheerily said wished him ‘Good night, Dad, see you in the morning’, he would respond like Eeyore from the depths of the thistle patch, ‘I hope so!’

Grey, wet days, floods, gales and the only bit of colour the weather warnings on the weather report! The economy is picking up, say politicians, but my bank balance says something distinctly different! All this can cause us want to put our heads under the covers, and start the year over.

Maybe it’s time to stop and enjoy the little things that often go unnoticed in the rush and pre-occupation of our lives: the sense of warm water enveloping you as you sink into a bath after a long day, the hand of a young child slipped into yours as you walk with them to the bus stop, the dogs tail wagging in high anticipation of that eagerly awaited walk, the cat sidling up to you, full of affection, willing you to go and fill the food bowl

The little things that we share with one another not only make life worthwhile, but make up a lifetime – the camaraderie of working together or playing together in a team, the shared laughter at a joke, the hug in greeting, the quiet smile of warmth and love, the affirming words when things are difficult, the cheery greeting and wave from a neighbour.

The year to come may indeed hold a basinful of stresses and strains – but it will only be a basinful. Underneath it are possibilities just waiting to be observed and experienced, if we can just open our eyes to look!

May your year be blessed with a multitude of opportunities in the ordinary things!

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Neighbourhood Watch News

Thornbury Hamlets Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Approved

I am pleased to report that our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has now been officially approved by the National body. This means that if anyone does a postcode search for their local NHW on the www.ourwatch.org.uk website then the Thornbury Hamlets Scheme will now appear as a 'Scheme approved by NHW'. This website is an excellent source of advice and information including about our local police.

News from the NHW Network

In the January Newsletter of Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network there is an interesting article about staying safe online. This is included below for information:

Be Cyber Streetwise! Are you savvy online? Perhaps not as streetwise online as you would like to be or think you are?

A new campaign to change the way people protect themselves while shopping or banking online in order to avoid falling victim to cyber criminals has been launched by the government.

www.cyberstreetwise.com gives us all some essential tips to improve our performance online and help keep important stuff safe.

This initiative aims to help us all to be a bit more streetwise online. Believe it or not most of the population are not doing enough to protect themselves, which means it's far too easy for certain unfriendly people to access your data, abuse your personal information and mislead you into uploading computer malware.

Adopting a few simple online behaviours will make you and your family safer, such as:

1. Using strong, memorable passwords
 2. Installing anti-virus software on new devices
 3. Checking privacy settings on social media
 4. Shopping safely online – always ensuring to check online retail sites are secure
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