

Doultling Cranmore Dean & Prestleigh

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019

31st March

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Family Service 11.00 am Sunday 31st March in St. Aldhelm's Church. Come along and join us for this very special celebration. Flowers provided for gifts.

3rd April

LUNCH AT ST ALDHELM'S

Our next 3 course lunch will be on Wednesday 3rd April 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm. Vegetarian & gluten free options are available. We are always pleased to welcome newcomers. Please let Mike or Edwina know if you're able to attend, no later than Monday 25th March. Transport is available: ring Mike on 344140. We look forward to seeing you.

5th April

BATCOMBE FILM 'WAJIB' (15)

Friday 5th April, at Batcombe Memorial Hall. See page 8 for more details.

7th April

MESSY CHURCH ON SUNDAY

Messy Church in St. Aldhelm's Church on Sunday 7th April 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm. See page 4 for more details.

9th April

DOULTING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Prestleigh Inn, Prestleigh, Tuesday 9th April at 7.00 pm followed by Parish Council Meeting at 7.30 pm.

9th April

SLWI: 'Brothels and Vice'

Talk by Sheila Colton, on Tuesday 9th April, in Cranmore Memorial Hall. Details p7.

18th April

FILM 'THE WIFE' (15)

Thursday 18th April, at Ditchheat Memorial Hall. See page 8 for more details.

14th to 21st April

DETAILS OF EASTER SERVICES AT ST. ALDHELM'S CHURCH

See page 4.

23rd April

ULTRAFAST BROADBAND MEETING

Tuesday 23rd April in Cranmore Memorial Hall, 7.00 pm. See page 6 for more details.

23rd April

EAST MENDIP GARDENING CLUB

'Putting The Right Plant In The Right Place', Tuesday 26th March at 7.30 pm Oakhill Village Hall. Details page 7.

24th April

DOULTING VILLAGE HALL AGM

in the Community Room on Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm. Page 4 for details.

1st May

LUNCH AT ST ALDHELM'S

Our May lunch will be on Wednesday 1st May. Please ring Mike or Edwina if you're able to attend, no later than Monday 29th April on 01749 344140.

5th May

MESSY CHURCH ON SUNDAY

Messy Church on Sunday 5th May in St. Aldhelm's Church 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm.

11th May

ULTRAFAST BROADBAND MEETING

Saturday 11th May in Doultling Village Hall, 10.00 am. See page 6 for more details.

14th May

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Doultling Village Hall Tuesday 14th May at 7.30 pm.

All You Need Is Love

Reports of deadly knife crime have shocked and saddened. The media have been very quick to approach leaders and experts in both education and policing to ask what can be done to address this tragic trend. The problems of excluded pupils, lack of specialist resources, drug and gang culture have been discussed at length. No doubt all are important factors but what is missing from this picture?

The one central factor in all this that I haven't heard mentioned even once is... family. Time and again it has been shown that chaotic family life has a significantly detrimental impact on children and is a contributing factor in substance abuse, crime and violence in the lives of young people.

Now, I'm no expert. I'm sure the picture I've just painted is overly simplistic. Yet, if there is even some substance to the research I've tried to summarise, surely family life should be front and centre in discussions about how to address this devastating problem.

So, why is family not part of the discussion? I fear the reason is that contemporary culture is so committed to secular individualism that the media dare not face the reality of the impact such individualism is having on the next generation. To imagine that I can live my life my way free of consequences is naive and selfish. In contrast, Jesus lived His whole life not for Himself but entirely for others including you and me. His call for us to do the same (Mark 8:34-36) seems strangely at odds with His promise of a 'full' life (John 10:10). But what if a truly full life can't be found in living 'my life my way' but only in looking out for the good of those around me when there is a cost in doing so? Is that not a genuine expression of life giving, life affirming, life sustaining sacrificial love? The solution therefore, isn't 'out there' with the state but here with me and you and with all those we love sacrificially.

Jonathan

MESSY CHURCH AT ST. ALDHELM'S

Sunday 7th April 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm at the church. This is an event for parents, carers and children of all ages. If you would like to come, or have more details, please phone Joy Lees by Friday 5th April on 01749 880260. All children **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or carer. A contribution for the 'pot' would be much appreciated but is in no way obligatory. Do come along and join us.

EASTER SERVICES AT ST. ALDHELM'S CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY 14th April **Family Service** at 11.00 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY 18th April at 7.00 pm
Candlelight Agapé Supper and Holy Communion for the whole Benefice at St. Aldhelm's Church. There will be a list at each of the churches for you to 'sign up', if you would like to attend, or telephone Joy Lees by Monday 15th April - 01749 880260.

GOOD FRIDAY 19th April **MEDITATION** 10.00 am

EASTER DAY 21st April 11.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
followed by **EGG HUNT**.

Do come and share this joyous morning.

DOULTING VILLAGE HALL AGM

DOULTING VILLAGE HALL AGM will take place in the Community Room on **WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL** at 7.30pm.

Please come along and see what is happening in **YOUR** village!

We would very much welcome new members to the Committee. If you do have a few hours to spare please contact Sarah Goff at Chair.dvh@gmail.com for more information.

GLEBELAND NATURE NOTES

March 18th. The fine sunny weather at the end of February lulled us into thinking spring had arrived early. The wildlife thought so too, and were displaying an interest in breeding. A pair of Blackbirds have set up territory in the copse, and no other Blackbirds are coming to feed in the garden. Blackbirds start their breeding early, and, along with the Song Thrush, have been singing for the last few weeks, being first heard back in February.

Of all the songsters, the Blackbird has the most beautiful 'musical' song: after a spring rain shower, their notes shine out as clear as a bell.

Wood pigeons and Collared Doves are 'billing and cooing'. And the Robins, as part of their courtship, it seems, are chasing each other.

It was a bit of a shock when March came in with a lion roar - a very active jet stream feeding in wintry storms. (I think we've been relatively lucky just here.)

Despite the strong winds, a Magpie pair have been nest-building near the Leylandii top and I was surprised at the length of sticks that were being flown in and woven into an untidy ball.

The Magpie is a controversial bird: bold, intelligent and attractive, but also a predator of small birds' eggs and chicks in spring. But it becomes itself prey for Sparrow Hawks and other birds of prey.

Looking forward now to March going out as a lamb - and to hearing the summer migrants: the Chiffchaff should be here soon. Maybe it is already? Yes! Heard today! (21-3-19) MH

TOP TIPS

Getting ready for spring...? Make sure your tools are ready, too!

RUST REMOVER

Materials: *Distilled white vinegar* *3-in-1 oil* *Large old jar*
Old cloth *Wire wool* *Old garden gloves* *Wire brush*

Pour the vinegar into the jar. Put the rusty tools in and leave to soak overnight. Then, wearing your old gloves, take out the tools onto an old cloth, and rub with the wire wool or wire brush. This will clean away the rust spots. Finally, for a nice, bright, clean, finish, dab some oil on a piece of cloth, and rub the metal with it.

ULTRAFAST BROADBAND SERVICE COMING TO CRANMORE & DOULTING

TrueSpeed is a local infrastructure and internet service provider who are building a brand new, sustainable broadband service to homes and businesses throughout the South West. Unlike other providers, they deliver fibre-to-the-premises broadband guaranteeing every connection with minimum speeds of 200 Mb/s for both download and upload speeds

The neighbouring villages in Stoke St Michael, Leigh On Mendip & Downhead are currently having their entirely new, ultrafast network built and now, TrueSpeed are looking to bring their service to residents and businesses in the Cranmore & Doultong area.

To find out what speeds you are currently receiving and to make a comparison against what TrueSpeed offer please visit www.speedtest.net. The speeds will be lower and also fluctuate throughout the day as the network is shared with other houses in the community. TrueSpeeds service will ensure that does not happen as each house will have their own dedicated connection with speeds never dropping even at peak times. They also provide the landline service with the ability to retain the same telephone number. With unlimited data the cost of the residential package is £47.50 per month with the option of adding call plans. Currently they offer the first 30% a free standard installation saving £120.

For businesses they can provide speeds up-to a full 1 Gigabit of speeds at a fraction of the cost than usual broadband providers.

TrueSpeed pride themselves on being community focused and believe everyone should be able to access reliable broadband. That's why in every village and town they connect, they are committed to providing the local school and village hall with free broadband for life.

They require a certain percentage of the community to sign up for the service to be able to bring it to our area and to find out more they have arranged the following events:

Tuesday 23rd April – Cranmore Memorial Hall – 7.00 pm start

Saturday 11th May – Doultong Village Hall – 10.00 am start

The meetings consist of a 20 minute presentation followed by a question and answer session.

If you cannot make it to either of the meetings please call Neil Rogers, the local Community Engagement Manager on 07948 348805 or email neil@truespeed.com.

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING UPDATE

We reported last month that the Charity Coffee Morning held on Thursday 21st February raised £292.40 for the Elim Connect Centre for their Community Outreach Project. Further donations increased the figure to £310 and a cheque for that amount has been sent to them.

SLWI – ‘BROTHELS AND VICE’

Tuesday 9th April at 7.30 pm in Cranmore Memorial Hall

Our next meeting will be an absolutely excellent talk on 'Brothels and Vice' by Sheila Colton, who is an ex copper with the Metropolitan Police.

As well as an interesting amusing insight into this niche world, Sheila will also chat about life after 'The Vice'. Should be an eye opener at 7.30pm Cranmore Memorial Hall!

Wine and non-alcoholic drinks available.

Advance notice: May 14th meeting is our AGM. If any members would like to stand for election of any principle officers please make yourself known to the present committee.

Visitors £4.50 Membership £42.

Belong to something special, make friends and have fun.

EAST MENDIP GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday 23rd April 7.30 pm, Oakhill Village Hall.

Our next meeting on April 23rd at 7.30pm, in Oakhill Village Hall, is '*Putting The Right Plant In The Right Place*' with Sally Gregson. (Essential advice for all gardeners!) Sally is a local gardener, prolific writer, with many publications and lectures under her gardening belt.

This should be an enlightening evening.

Visitors £3, membership £10.

Please come and join us.

BATCOMBE FILM

Friday April 5th : 'WAJIB' (15)

Our final film of the season is a comedy-drama set in modern day Nazareth. 'Wajib' means duty in Arabic and refers to the Palestinian custom of delivering wedding invitations by hand. Abu Shadi's daughter is to be married and as he and his émigré son drive from house to house, they talk and bicker all the while but gradually reveal the many layers of their relationship and complexities of their lives. (Arabic with subtitles) BBFC Insight: Strong language

DOORS OPEN 7.15 pm, SCREENING 7.45 pm

To book guest tickets, join or for further information, please contact
Ann Biddle 01749 850307

Free parking ~ Licensed bar ~ Tea & coffee
Hearing loop ~ Wheelchair access

DITCHEAT FILM

April 18th at Jubilee Hall: 'THE WIFE' (15)

After nearly forty years of marriage, JOAN and JOE CASTLEMAN (Glenn Close and Jonathan Pryce) are complements. Where Joe is casual, Joan is elegant. Where Joe is vain, Joan is self-effacing. And where Joe enjoys his very public role as Great American Novelist, Joan pours her considerable intellect, grace, charm, and diplomacy into the private role of Great Man's Wife. Joe is about to be awarded the Nobel Prize for his acclaimed and prolific body of work. Joe's literary star has blazed since he and Joan first met. THE WIFE interweaves the story of the couple's youthful passion and ambition with a portrait of a marriage, thirty-plus years later--a lifetime's shared compromises, secrets, betrayals, and mutual love.

Tickets £5 from Maryland Farm Shop or Anne Robson (850444)

Doors 19:00 - Film starts 19:30

Trailer and online tickets: www.ditcheatvillagehall.org.uk

Items for inclusion in the May 2019 newsletter should be emailed to dcdpnews@gmail.com or hard copy can be sent to: Parish News, c/o 19 Chelynch Park, Doultling, Shepton Mallet BA4 4PL to arrive no later than midday on Friday 19th April 2019.

Please note that telephoned copy will not be accepted.

The Doultling Website www.doultlingvillage.wordpress.com is a source of further information.