

Doultling Cranmore Dean & Prestleigh

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2019

30th September

ARTS & CRAFTS re-starts in Doultling Village Hall 10.00 am – 12.30 pm.

See page 6 for details.

2nd October

LUNCH AT ST ALDHELM'S

Our next 3 course lunch will be on Wednesday 2nd October 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 30th September. Transport is available: ring Mike on 344140. We look forward to seeing you.

3rd October

COFFEE MORNING

Doultling Village Hall Community Room Thursday 3rd October 10.30 am to noon. Details page 4.

6th October

MESSY CHURCH ON SUNDAY

Messy Church in St. Aldhelm's Church on Sunday 6th October 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm. See page 4 for more details.

8th October

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Prestleigh Inn, Prestleigh, Tuesday 8th October at 7.30 pm.

11th October

BATCOMBE FILM: 'WOMAN AT WAR'

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17th October

DITCHEAT FILM: 'FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS'

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19th October

HARVEST HOME SUPPER

Doultling Village Hall Saturday 19th October 6.30 pm. Details page 4.

22nd October

EAST MENDIP GARDENING CLUB

'Flower arranging from the garden' on Tuesday 22nd October at 7.30 pm in Oakhill Village Hall. Details on page 8.

25th October

BATCOMBE FILM: 'BLACKKLANSMAN'

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31st October

COFFEE MORNING

Doultling Village Hall Community Room Thursday 31st October 10.30 am to noon.

31st October

FAMILY HALLOWEEN DISCO for Pre and Primary school age children.

Cranmore Memorial Hall 6-7.30pm Thursday 31st October. Details page 6.

3rd November

MESSY CHURCH ON SUNDAY

Messy Church on Sunday 3rd November in St. Aldhelm's Church 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm.

6th November

LUNCH AT ST ALDHELM'S

Our November lunch will be on Wednesday 2nd. Please let Mike or Edwina know if you're able to attend, no later than Monday 4th November: ring 01749 344140.

12th November

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Doultling Village Hall, Tuesday 12th November at 7.30 pm.

16th November

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St Aldhelm's Church Christmas Bazaar in Doultling Village Hall on Saturday 16th November. Details page 4.

I've been thinking a lot about death lately. My father died on September 4th. He was 91. A week later, I took the funeral of a vibrant 39-year-old - in many ways still in the prime of life. Despite the inescapable fact, we aren't very good at preparing for our end. As Autumn approaches, as leaves turn to gold and brown and begin to fall, let these signs of the seasons speak to us practically and spiritually.

After our son was born, my wife and I realised the importance of wills. Without any clear instruction, our son's fate would lie in the hands of secular professionals. Fine though they may be, we have firm preferences which are now documented. But it's not just who raises our child. A failure to face the reality of our death means that we may fail to take care of many things which can add uncertainty to the grief of surviving loved ones. This is not easy. I am not prone to tears but writing my will moved me deeply, yet it was necessary that I care for my son as I should. This Autumn make sure your will is up-to-date. A further practical consideration concerns the arrangements for services and being laid to rest. Again, these things can be upsetting which is why few give thought to them. However, let me give you another perspective. When I visit recently bereaved families to offer comfort and to plan services, in cases where simple instructions have been left, there is considerable relief. Leaving the choice of hymns, songs, Bible reading, burial or cremation, etc. to the next-of-kin, however, can add stress to grief. Where such wishes are written down, the relief is palpable.

Secondly, while we don't know all the details of what lies beyond death, the Bible tells us quite enough to know that it is how we respond to Jesus now that will determine the precise nature of the life to come. For all who trust in Jesus as Saviour, bodily resurrection is assured. In 1 Corinthians 15, the Apostle Paul uses the image of planted seed to explain the process of death and resurrection. He says, '35 But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" 36 How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. 38 But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body... 42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable...'

This year let the seasons speak to you. As Spring follows Winter, resurrection to eternal life follows for all who trust in Jesus. For, when you accept and trust that His death paid for your sin, His resurrection is proof to you that one day you too will rise again. Such faith in Jesus means you can face your future with sure and certain hope and can, therefore, prepare well now, sad though it may be. But, in so doing you will show care for those you love.

Every Blessing,

Jonathan

Services for October 2019

Shepton Mallet

Cranmore

Doultling

Wednesday 2nd October		15.00 Evening Prayer	
Sunday 6th October	09.15 Holy Communion 11.00 Morning Worship and Holy Communion	09.30 Family Service	11.00 Holy Communion 16.00 - 18.00 Messy Church
Sunday 13th October	09.15 Holy Communion 11.00 Morning Worship with Youth and Children's Groups	09.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service
Sunday 20th October	09.15 Holy Communion 11.00 Morning Worship with Youth and Children's Groups 16.00 Service of Light	09.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion
Sunday 27th October	09.15 Holy Communion 11.00 Morning Worship with Youth and Children's Groups		11.00 Family Service

Parish Office: Peter Street Rooms, Peter Street, BA4 5BL

Opening Times: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.00 - 13.00

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COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursdays 3rd & 31st October, 10.30 am - 12.00 noon
Doulting Village Hall Community Room

Everyone welcome - including all children! (Plenty of toys to play with.)
Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat. You can also make a quick visit to the
Mobile Library van when it arrives at 11.30.

MESSY CHURCH AT ST. ALDHELM'S

Sunday 6th October 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 4th October 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.

HARVEST HOME

SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER at 6.30 pm

IN DOULTING VILLAGE HALL

3 Course Meal with Entertainment & Licensed Bar

Adults £8 Children £4 Family Ticket (2+2) £20

Food will be served promptly at 7.00 pm

Tickets from John Lees Tel 01749 880260

PROCEEDS IN AID OF DOULTING CHURCH FUNDS

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St Aldhelm's Church will be holding a Christmas Bazaar in Doulting Hall on **Saturday 16th November** from 10.00 am till 1.00 pm. There will be a variety of stalls and games including Hamper Raffle, Christmas gifts, plants, Bric-a-Brac, cakes, toys and bottle stall. Father Christmas will be in his Grotto.

Refreshments will be available throughout.

There are still some tables available at £6 each. To book ring Geoff & Mel on 880681 or Mike & Edwina on 344140.

QUIZ NIGHT on Friday 22nd November in Doulting Village Hall.
Watch for details next month.

GLEBELAND NATURE NOTES

Friday 13th September - A friend told me of a Hummingbird Hawkmoth she'd seen, and as it was a beautiful sunny afternoon I took myself off to the Glebe to check out the Buddleia bush by the slip stile. (This bush has been revived by the rain we've had over the last month and is having a second flowering.) Many butterflies were flying around it and supping from the Buddleia 'bars'. I hadn't even written down a single name when I spotted a Hummingbird Hawkmoth flying from flower, to flower probing for nectar with its long proboscis (tongue), its wings a blur of orange as it hovered in front of the flowers. Once on an earlier occasion, I caught up a Hummingbird Moth, in my bug pot. There was quite a buzz coming from the pot before I released it outside.

While watching the moth as it worked its way round the bush, I recorded the butterflies I saw - Large and Small Whites, Red Admirals, Small Tortoiseshells and Painted Ladies.

Among other insects, I noticed a hoverfly - *Rhingia Campestris* - a rather undistinguished looking insect, until you notice its 'beak' extending forwards from its face. It houses the long tongue needed to probe for nectar in the deeper tubed flowers, like Red Campion.

There were also Forest Shield Bugs flying, around and crawling on the leaves and twigs. These bugs are omnivorous, feeding on both plants and insects. Also on the Buddleia were bright ginger Carder Bees, Buff-tailed Bumble Bees, Flesh Flies and Green Bottles.

This last month, I've been really lucky with moths, catching them up from my lighted window - Setaceous Hebrew Character and Shuttle-shaped Dart, both quite common, though I'd not seen either before. 2015, however, was my very best mothing year.

A pair of tail-dipping, wing-flicking Chiffchaffs foraged for spiders around the greenhouse and fences as I wrote part of my notes.

The Glebe's trees and shrubs have fruited well. Nuts can be found on the ground well away from the Hazels, and the Grey Squirrels are collecting for their winter larders. Soon, winter will be knocking on the door. MH

Family Halloween Disco for Pre and Primary school age children

Thursday October 31st in Cranmore Memorial Hall

6.00 pm - 7.30 pm

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Free Squash and Nibbles (with Wine available to adults)

Professional DJ with great dance tunes, games and party fun!

Please come in spooky fancy dress.

This is an event funded by Cranmore Community Group with funds raised from the annual street fayre.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Monday 30th September Arts & Crafts re-starts in the Community Room at Doultling Village Hall 10.00 am - 12.30 pm

£3 per session including coffee/tea

Come & join us for our informal weekly meetings, bring your own Art, Craft or Sewing project - enjoy a chat & a laugh - a great way to start the week.

For further info please contact Liz Pamment on 01749 880321

DOULTING PRODUCE AND HANDICRAFT SHOW NEWS

What a wonderful show we had again this year and our thanks go out to everyone who exhibited, spectators and all who helped in so many ways. Unfortunately we are sorry to announce that four members of the above committee have resigned for various reasons after many years service for which we thank them. This leaves us with only two members.

If there is anybody who would like to join the committee with a view to continuing the show in its present form please contact me or Dorothy Ford. It is essential we know before December 1st (preparation for the show starts early) otherwise a FINAL free show for all will be held next year.

June Stott (Hon. Sec) Telephone No. 01749 880378

FLORAL ACRE FLOWER FARM OPEN DAY

Thank you to everyone who visited Floral Acre Flower Farm during our open weekend in August. The sun shone and we raised a massive £196.85 for Dorothy House Hospice, which was fantastic.

Best regards, Alison

BATCOMBE FILMS

THE JUBILEE HALL, BATCOMBE, BA4 6HE

DOORS OPEN 7.15 pm, SCREENING 7.45 pm

This month we are showing two films:

Friday 11th October 2019

WOMAN AT WAR

dir. Benedikt Erlingsson / 2018 / 100 mins / 12A

In Reykjavik, choir mistress Halla appears to lead a quiet and routine existence but her happy disposition hides a secret double-life. Known by the alias 'Woman of the Mountain', she is a fierce, committed environmental activist trying to protect the stunning landscape against the local aluminium industry. Just as Halla is planning her boldest operation yet, a letter arrives which changes everything. Part thriller, part black comedy, this film is an intelligent story told with warmth, wit and quirky touches.

BBFC Insight: Infrequent moderate injury detail
(Icelandic with subtitles)

Friday 25th October 2019

BLACKKLANSMAN

dir. Spike Lee / 2018 / 132 mins / 15

BlackKlansman tells the astonishing true story of one of America's riskiest undercover investigations, in which African-American police detective Ron Stallworth applied for membership to the Ku Klux Klan. Posing as a racist extremist over the telephone, Stallworth (John David Washington) infiltrates the KKK's inner circle but has his colleague Flip Zimmerman (Adam Driver) pretend to be him for face-to-face meetings. An unflinching examination of race relations in 1970s America, this biting satirical true story is still very relevant and won director Spike Lee the Grand Prix at Cannes Film Festival.

BBFC Insight: Racist violence and language, very strong language

Free parking ~ Licensed bar ~ Tea & coffee

Hearing loop ~ Wheelchair access

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

Ditcheat Big Screen Presents

FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS (12a)

Thursday 17th October

A fast-living, cynical London music executive (Danny Mays) heads to a remote Cornish village on a stag weekend where he's pranked by his boss (Noel Clarke) into trying to sign a group of shanty singing fishermen (led by James Purefoy). He becomes the ultimate 'fish out of water' as he struggles to gain the respect or enthusiasm of the unlikely boy band and their families (including Tuppence Middleton) who value friendship and community over fame and fortune. As he's drawn deeper into the traditional way of life he's forced to re-evaluate his own integrity and ultimately question what success really means.

Genre: Comedy, Drama, Musical & Performing Arts

Directed By: Chris Foggin Written By: Piers Ashworth, Meg Leonard

Jubilee hall, Ditcheat: Doors Open 7.00 pm, Show starts 7.30 pm

Licensed bar & refreshments

Tickets: £5

In Advance: Maryland farm shop, Ditcheat or Anne 01749 860444

EAST MENDIP GARDENING CLUB

October 22nd in Oakhill village Hall at 7.30pm Katherine Kear will talk about *'Flower arranging from the garden'*.

She will demonstrate 4 or 5 different designs and these will be raffled at the end so you will have a chance of winning a beautiful arrangement to take home.

Katherine is a National Demonstrator, Speaker and Teacher for NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies). She is a British Master Florist, and designs flowers for every occasion. She has also written several books and won a gold medal at Chelsea in 2016.

Katherine will bring copies of her flower book and small selection of flower arranging accessories and containers for sale.

Visitors £3

Teas 50p

Items for inclusion in the November 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 25th October 2019.

Please note that telephoned copy will not be accepted.

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