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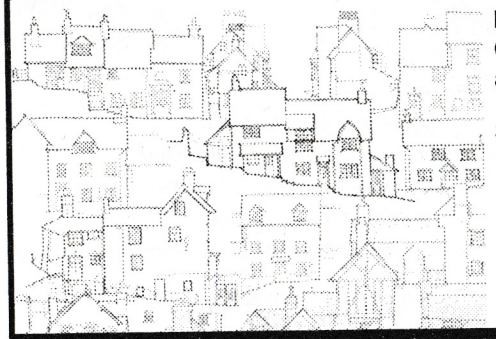
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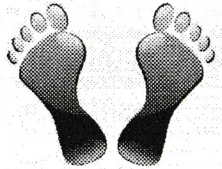
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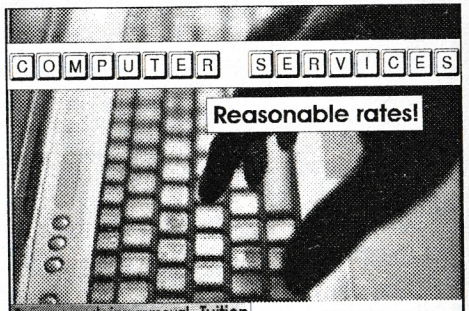
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From the Revd Chris Martin

Dear friends,

My Dad has a lawn bowls trophy named after him. Since his death in 1999, teams across the Vale of Glamorgan compete for the Alun Martin Cup. My now 92-year-old Mum presents it to the winners, while one of my brothers or I usually says a few words. It is a positive way to remember Dad, who was a good bowler himself, although nearly 30 years on, few of today's winners know him.

Recently I took Mum out for Sunday lunch (which wasn't as nice as her home cooking….just in case she gets to read this!) We reminisced about Dad, and I found myself choking up with tears—not a good look over a gravy dinner. It surprised me after all these years. But grief is strange: just when we think we are all right, a thought, a smell or a memory can ambush us, and the pain of loss comes (literally) flooding back.

I don't think we ever simply "get over" losing someone we love. The ache may soften and life may grow around the loss, but the person still matters. Christian hope does not deny that pain or hurry us through it. Jesus wept at the grave of Lazarus. Yet the Christian hope is that death does not have the final word: in Christ, love is stronger than the grave, and those who have died are held securely in God.

November gives this hope particular expression. On All Saints' Day, 1 November, we give thanks for the communion of saints—known and unknown—who have gone before us and whose lives still bear witness to God's grace. Our Remembering Loved Ones service later that day offers a more personal space to name those we miss, light candles, entrust them again to God's keeping, and honour the tears that may still surprise us years later.

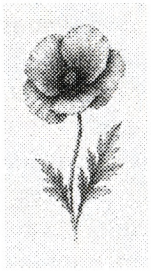
On Remembrance Sunday, our remembering widens as we honour those, unknown to most of us, who died through war and conflict, and pray for the peace they did not live to see.

Whatever our journey through grief looks like, it's not one we travel alone. We can grieve and remember together, holding fast to the promise that in God's renewed creation every tear will be wiped away and death will be no more.

Every blessing,
Chris

Services at Stoke Gabriel

Sunday 1 st November All Saints
8:15am BCP Holy Communion
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Wednesday 4 th 10:00am Holy Communion



Sunday 8 th Remembrance Sunday
8:15am BCP Holy Communion
10:55am Royal British Legion Service
Wednesday 11 th 10:00am Communion by Extension

Sunday 15 th Second before Advent
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Wednesday 18 th 10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 22 nd Christ the King
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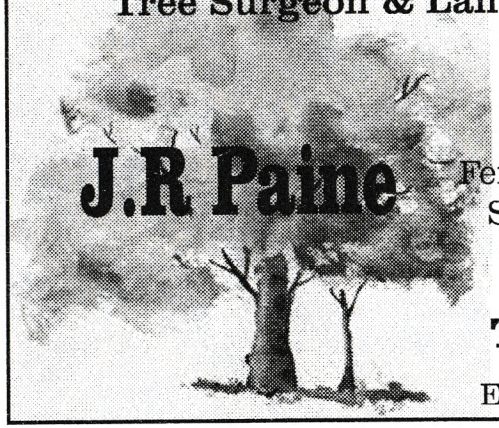
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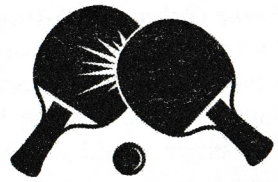
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Unfortunately this will be our **final Coffee Morning of the year.** Christmas is coming and all of the commitments it brings to our lives at this very special time of the year. **A warm and friendly welcome** will be awaiting everyone who joins us at our November Coffee Morning. Please come and join us. Our coffee mornings offer various beverages - Coffee, Tea including de-caff options (Oat Milk is also available).We have toasted teacakes, and a variety of homemade cakes and biscuits, all available throughout the morning. (We always have a gluten free offer) Why not bring a friend to enjoy your coffee with - or you may make some new friends to have a chat with? We have a mezzanine area with seating which gives lovely views of the river. We look forward to welcoming you all. Those who have been before and those who may be thinking of trying out our coffee mornings for the first time. A little early, but we (the cafe team) would like to wish you all a very happy, joyous and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We look forward to welcoming you all in 2027! *Sue Clement*

Table Tennis Club



The newly formed Table Tennis club is open to new members! Meetings continue to be held each **Monday afternoon from 1400 to 1700.** If you are interested in playing come and join our very friendly group. Everything is supplied so no worries about what you may need, or your playing ability. Everyone is different, and all are welcome! If you would like to come and watch or 'try' a game you are very welcome. No experience necessary! No age limitations, young or old! We have a viewing area above the tables and refreshments are available if you don't want to play but enjoy watching others play. *Contact Sue 782565/merryclement@gmail.com*

Bellringing News

31 October 2026 - Ring Leaders' Gathering at South Brent

Held several times a year, this informal meeting will start with ringing from 9.30-10.30 and the meeting runs until 12.00 and is for those with an interest in bell ringing, especially tower captains or those with responsibilities. It offers a question-and-answer session with advice on bell maintenance, safety, recruitment, retention and training of ringers along with any general guidance. It is valuable for both experienced ringers and those new to the role, and gives an opportunity to learn basics and from what works well in other ringing chambers. Refreshments will be available.

Ringing for Remembrance Sunday – 8 November

On Remembrance Sunday, 8 November the bells will be rung from 10:00 to 10:50 ahead of the 10:55 service. At 11:00, the National Service of Remembrance will also take place at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London. This national act of remembrance commemorates the contribution and sacrifice of British and Commonwealth servicemen and women, both military and civilian, from the two world wars and later conflicts. Members of the Royal Family, Government and Opposition leaders, the Armed Forces, faith communities and Commonwealth representatives will gather to pay their respects and ensure that those who served are not forgotten. Members of the public may watch the ceremony from the pavements along Whitehall and Parliament Street, and the service will also be broadcast on BBC, Sky and ITV.

Devon Association of Ringers AGM 2026

This year's AGM will be held on **Saturday, 14 November** at North Tawton starting at 2pm. Several important matters will be discussed for approval by affiliated towers.

Stoke Gabriel Bell Ringers' AGM

Our ringers' AGM is usually held in November to elect officers for the coming year and to discuss various matters, such as organising a Christmas dinner in January (to avoid the busy holiday period) and planning group outings. To encourage attendance, the meeting is held on a practice night, and we aim to keep it brief so ringing can follow.

Ringers' Carol Service – Buckfast Abbey Sunday 6 Dec, 6pm

The Devon Ringers' Carol Service is different and will take place at Buckfast Abbey on Sunday 6 December at 6 pm, with ringing available before and after the service. Everyone is welcome—ringers, friends, and anyone curious about bellringing. The service typically features music, an orchestra, a choir, and handbell performances, all organised by bellringers. Close to home, and plenty of parking, so do come along and let me know your thoughts on the service!

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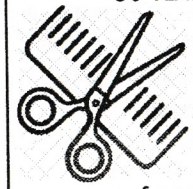
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The Young Ringers Hub is a one stop shop for all things youth ringing and is now live. This is a new website developed and funded by the Central Council of Church Bellringers as part of the Ringing 2030 initiative. The objective of the website is to enable more young people to access bellringing and keep them ringing, see https://yrhub.cccbr.org.uk/

The Young Ringers Hub consists of four sub sites, three of which are now live – University Ringing, Under 18s and the Library and the fourth, being Development, is expected to be live soon, resources permitting.

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Events and Competitions for 2026

31 Oct	–	Ring Leaders' gathering at South Brent Church 9.30-12.30
7 Nov	–	Tawstock (8) and Bishops Tawton (6) invitation
8 Nov	–	Remembrance Sunday ringing from 10 am
14 Nov	–	Devon Association of Ringers AGM North Tawton from 2pm
28 Nov	–	Lamerton Invitation Competition TBC
6 Dec	–	Devon Ringers' Carol Service at Buckfast Abbey 6pm

Michael Webster, Tower Captain, Tel: 782591

CRICKET CLUB

No Cricket Club news this month, but I would like to pay tribute to Matt Kerr from the Club who has unfailingly contributed news every month for at least three years and is taking a well-deserved break. Thank you, Matt.

Gardening Jobs for November

Not sure what to tackle in the garden this month? I did some research and this was the advice I was given so suggest you choose the route that fits your priorities as I don't think it would be possible to do all this in one month (though I could be wrong) unless you live in your garden and have no other hobbies.

The Protect & Prevent Route: Lift tubers: Dig up dahlias and begonias after the first frost blackens the foliage. **Stop wind-rock:** Prune shrub roses by half to protect roots from winter gales. **Raise pots:** Put containers on pot feet to prevent waterlogging and frost damage.

The "Plant for Tomorrow" Route: Tulips: Now is the prime time to plant bulbs for a spectacular spring display. **Bare-roots:** Plant dormant trees, hedges and fruit bushes while they are affordable **Veg:** Get garlic, onion sets and hardy broad beans into the ground now

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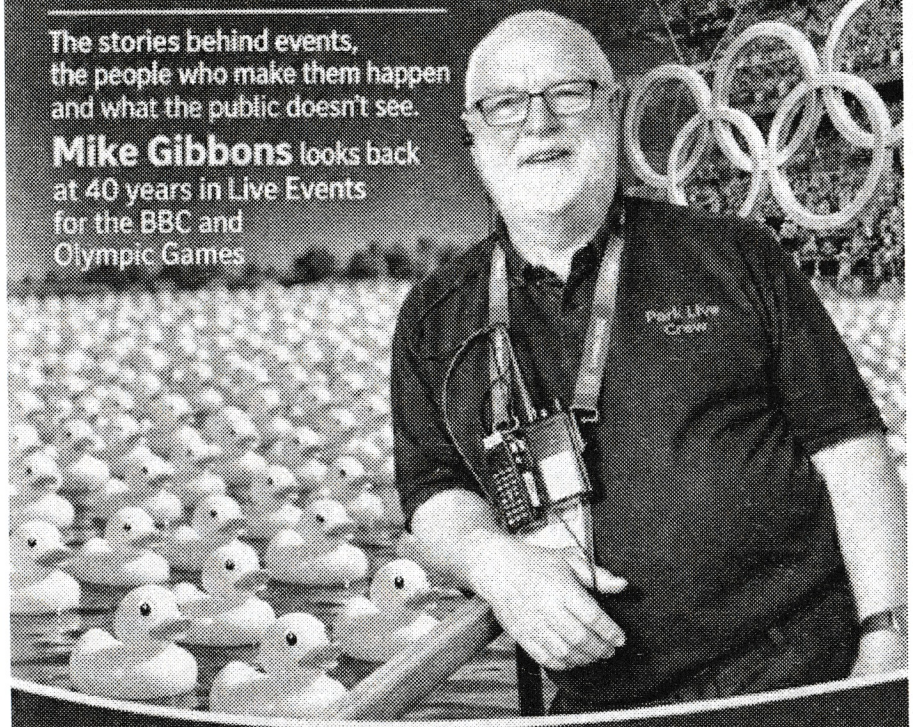
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Wednesday 11th November

There will be a short service with a 2 Minute Silence at 11.00am at The War Memorial where our Standard will be present.
If you intend to come please be there by 10.55am at the latest. Road Marshals will be in attendance.

Poppy Appeal

There will be no house to house to house collections
This is due to the shortage of collectors. We have tried for several years to Increase our number of collectors but unfortunately failed in this endeavour.
The main focal point where people can purchase Poppies will be at Stoke Gabriel Stores where Roz and her Team perform magnificently.
There will be collection boxes in The Church House Inn, Emma's,
The Castle Inn and The River Shack.
The School will as usual also have a collection box .
If you are not able to reach any of these collection boxes it is possible to donate online at "Britishlegion.org.uk/poppy-appeal"
If you are a UK tax payer you are also able to fill in your details for The Royal British Legion to claim Gift Aid.
If you have any queries please contact Bronwen Baron on 01803782533 or *Robert Stewart-Bam* on 01803782243.

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STOKE GABRIEL ART GROUP

Welcome to November!!!
Did you miss us in October??? So sorry about that!!!
(MY FAULT. SINCERE APOLOGIES – Ed.)

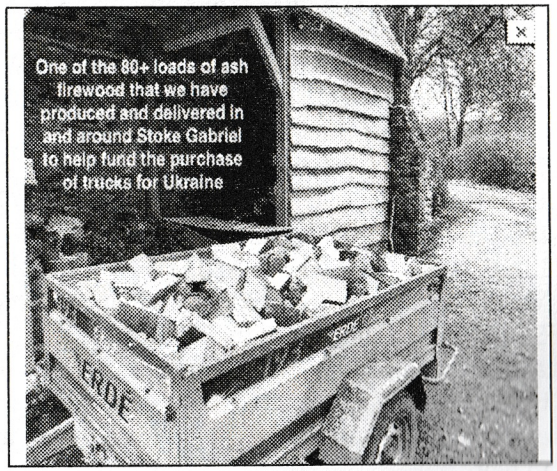
We have local artist Ashley Raddon demonstrating this month on **Tuesday 3rd November** inspiring us with his use of **Watercolours.** He tutors on organised painting holidays and runs courses and group work in Torquay. £3 non-members, £2 members includes refreshments. Of course everyone is most welcome! Throughout **November** our members will be **displaying and selling Christmas cards during the Thursday morning sessions**. Please pop in to see what we have to offer. Our members look forward to their **Social Evening on Saturday 14th** November. In **December** we will be starting to wind down to Christmas. There is no monthly demonstration. During our **last session on 17th December** we will all be designing a Christmas card during the morning where we all vote for our favourite. All money raised goes to **The Children's Hospice South West.**

Don't forget you can pop in any time on a **Thursday morning** to see how we spend our time from 9 to 12noon!

Please feel free to contact me for further information about our friendly group. For further information and details contact me by email at tucksatarvu@yahoo.co.uk Thank you, *Jackie Tucker*

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Stoke Gabriel &Torbay Police Football Club

The new season is well underway with Senior games on a Saturday. Look out on Stoke Gabriel Good Neighbours Facebook page for Sunday fixtures.
We continue to post club events on Stoke Gabriel Good Neighbours Facebook page and the Village Calendar.

Stoke Gabriel & Torbay Police FC Women's Team

After a really tough and lengthy decision, we have made the difficult choice to withdraw from the league this season. It's absolutely gutting that it's come to this, but after a lot of thought and consideration, we feel it's the right decision for the team moving forward.This isn't the end! – We're sticking together as a team, continuing to train as we take some time to regroup, rebuild and reset. Thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout this journey.

SWPL EAST DIVISION HOME FIXTURES NOVEMBER

Saturday 7th - Torridgeside k.o. 3.00pm
Saturday 14th - Okehampton Argyle k.o. 3.00pm

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Saturday 12th September: Gary Munday £75 and Rollover - (Winning no.26)
Saturday 19th September: Ross Northcott £150 and Rollover -(Winning no.45)
Saturday 26th September: Both Rollovers - (Winning number 31)
Saturday 3rd October: Pro Build £150 and Rollover - (Winning number 33)
Saturday 10th October: Rob Condy-Young £75 and Mike Howarth £225 - (21)

Clubhouse is available to hire for Birthday Parties, Weddings, Social Events etc. Please contact Tim Perrin on 07736 428296 or email tim@stokeandtorbaypolicefc.com

LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AND HELP CLUB!

We are always on the look out for helpers at the club either on a Saturday or Sunday in the running of the bar or kitchen.
Also anyone who fancies helping to maintain the three pitches we have would be welcome. Please contact Vice Chairman Tim Perrin on 07736 428296 or email tim@stokeandtorbaypolicefc.com with any times you would be available to help.

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AD2

Stoke Gabriel WI

We were delighted to welcome 2 new members to our WI this month. With us they enjoyed a talk by Robert Hesketh on **Devon's Haunted Inns.** In this he described to us the various hauntings that have been recorded around the county. Of interest locally were accounts from Churston Court, The Kingsbridge Inn – Totnes, The Old Church House – Torbryan and the Valiant Soldier – Buckfastleigh, none of which, coincidentally, are now used as pubs! What became clear from his descriptions and photos, was how many old and beautiful pubs we have in our area , all with long and curious histories, some of which seemingly come back to greet us even now. Robert gave us a fascinating and well received talk.

We also took time to sign our members up for events we have planned in the near future, namely a **Christmas lunch** at South Devon College and our annual **New Year lunch**, which this year will be at Dainton Golf course. We also began our forward planning for our **Christmas party**, at which this year, we will be entertained by Village Voices.

Bloom of the month competition 1st Olga Rendall- a nerine; 2nd Rose Rowe – a rhododendron; 3rd Judy Cornish- a nerine.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas crafting afternoon, led by our member Jan Nott, who will be showing us how to make Christmas gonks! The meeting is on **Tuesday 10th November at 2pm.** *Pia Barrett*

A MESSAGE FROM MARGARET

Raymond is now recovering in the Vicarage Road care home!

Raymond went into hospital after suffering a stroke 14 weeks ago and I would like to say a **huge thank you** to everyone who embraced me with love, friendship, support and prayers.

To the wonderful chauffeurs, the delicious meals on wheels, to friends inviting me for supper, and the many supportive phone calls and cards. Also a huge thanks to the amazing furniture removers and the storers. Raymond really appreciated the visits he received from friends to Newton Abbot and Torbay hospitals - our heartfelt thanks to you all. We are so blessed to live in such a caring community!

Margaret, Raymond and the family.

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VILLAGE HALL

Hopefully those of you who have attended one of the many events in the Hall recently will have noticed how smart it is looking. All the curtains have been replaced, due to the continued support and the generosity of the Parish Council, for which we are extremely grateful.

The AGM of the Village Hall Committee will be held on Wednesday 11th November at 7pm in the Hall.

This is an open meeting and all are welcome.

We have a very loyal and supportive Committee, many of whom have been members for several years and we have been lucky to gain 3 younger members, but we remain conscious that we do not possess all the skills of modern technology necessary which could assist in the smooth and successful management of such a well equipped village facility.If you have an interest and feel inspired to join us, we would love to hear from you. At present we meet every 2 months for a short meeting. For any further information please contact me.

Evelyn Watson Secretary. evelynwatson561@gmail.com

- - - Editor's Notes - - -

Many of us have been keeping an eye on the development of the four cygnets in "our" swan family over the past months. In previous years one or all of the cygnets have come to a sticky end but this year Mr and Mrs Swan seem to have kept them well protected. What a joy to behold them out together on the Millpond, as you can see in my cover photo.

Contributions to the December magazine by 15th November please.

Georgina Foss

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