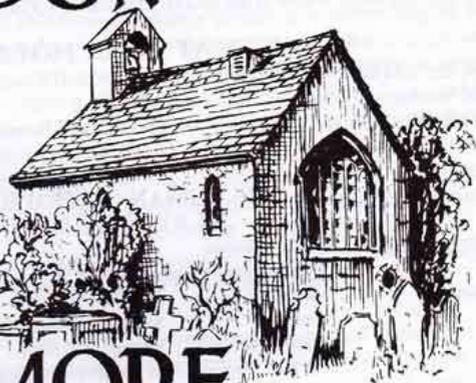




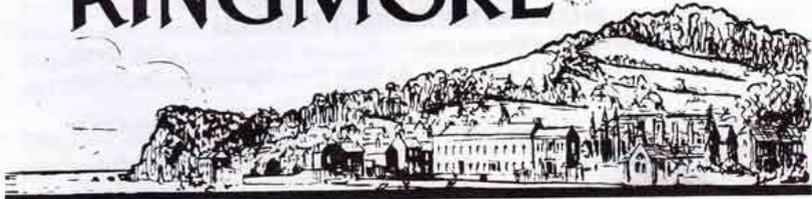
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April 2020

FROM THE RECTORY

CORONAVIRUS AND CHURCH

In the light of guidance received from the Church of England there will be no services in our churches until further notice.

The churches will remain open for private reflection and prayer between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm every day. You are invited to pause at 12.00md every day, wherever you are, and pray for this very difficult situation.

Enquiries regarding weddings, baptisms and funerals (or any other queries about church and services) should be addressed to the Rector, the Reverend Annie Church on 01626 873173 or revannie@hotmail.co.uk

If you, or anyone you know, needs help with shopping, collection of medicines or would simply like someone to talk to on the telephone, please contact Lesley Bill on 01803 324150 who is coordinating this offer of help. Please also contact Lesley if you are able to offer your time to help others.

Most importantly we still have to pay our bills and care for our buildings so I respectfully ask that those of you who regularly give by cash or envelope, to put aside your offering each week and bring it to the church when we resume our usual services. Alternatively, please think about giving by Standing Order. You can contact your Parish Treasurer for bank details – if you don't know who this is or their contact details, please contact Reverend Annie who will be able to help.

There is a daily update about churches on the Church of England's website – here is the link www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches or you can simply Google 'Church of England coronavirus.

That wonderful month of April has arrived! The gardens are full of colour, the birds are nesting and spring is definitely in the air. We shall soon be regularly smelling that lovely fragrance of newly mown grass and looking forward to some long lazy summer days (wishful thinking!). As Lent draws to a close we will leave behind those times of soul searching as we prepare to celebrate the most important part of the Church's year. This year

On a more helpful note – should you find that you have to self-isolate we have people who would be happy to shop for you or just talk on the telephone so that you don't feel so isolated. If you would like to make use of this offer please contact Lesley Bill on 01803 324150 or rosshell1@btinternet.com. Lesley will coordinate on your behalf. Wishing you all a very happy and blessed Eastertide.

With love from the Rectory, Annie

SHALDON METHODIST CHURCH APRIL 2020

In the light of guidance received, there will be no services in our church until further notice.

Enquiries regarding weddings, baptisms and funerals (or any other queries

about church and services) should be addressed to, the Reverend Catherine Wagstaff on 01626 774598

FRIENDS OF HOMEYARDS BOTANICAL GARDENS IN SHALDON

We are sorry that Easter event for children has sadly been cancelled this year due to health considerations.

We have welcomed some new volunteers in March to help with weeding and planting more varied heathers on the pond bank and some snowdrops, aconites and bluebells around the gardens.

We will sadly not be opening for teas etc. at the castle for the foreseeable future. We are still awaiting hearing from Teignbridge council as to plans to deal with the problems at the castle and the cave.

Don't forget our website which we hope will make communication more enjoyable and effective for many and includes our regular blog. Please don't worry if you don't use the internet as we will continue to report in the Parish News. The address is « shaldonbotanicalgardens.org »

This links with our new Facebook page « Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon ». We welcome photos and other items of interest.

Volunteer gardening continues and subject to safe distancing and the need to follow ongoing changes in health advice we are now feeling very energetic and have begun meeting on EVERY TUESDAY weather permitting starting at 10 am. Meet at the gardener's hut with gloves and suitable boots if you can. Tools are provided. All welcome. You can do as much or as little as you like.

Our thanks for the many recent generous membership donations. Enjoy the gardens. Definitely NO April showers allowed this year ...

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Council approved its budget in a marathon five-hour session. There was more money for vulnerable children, adult social care and road drainage.

More than £43 million extra will go to essential services with an additional £23.7 million for adult care and health, £11.5 million more for children's services and £1 million more for highway drainage.

In total the council's spending will rise from £498 million in 2019/20 to just over £541 million – when you add the £539.35 million Dedicated Schools Grant it takes the council's spending over the £1 billion mark.

The average council tax bill for Devon's services will rise by 3.9 per cent to help pay for it - it means the Band D bill will rise by £55.17 to £1,439.46.

The County Treasurer said: "There are significant ongoing pressures in both adult and children's services with the greatest area of concern being the funding shortfall for children with special needs and the lack of information from Government on what they intend to do about it."

In simple terms Adult Care and Health will rise by £23.7 million to £260.26 million. Children's Services will rise by £11.5 million to £146.85 million. Communities, Public Health, Environment and Prosperity will rise by £0.93million to £39.71 million. Corporate Services will rise by £4.2 million to £36.91 million. Finally, Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste will rise by £2.8 million to £57.51 million, however £2.19 million of the Highways increase is inflation, so the additional money is at the expense of winter services.

As Chair of Scrutiny, I put forward a raft of recommendations that included lobbying Government to increase our Public Health Grant, recognising the insufficient funding for prevention work and recording our great concern about recruitment in Health and Adult Care following the introduction of a points based immigration system.

My Group, the Lib Dems, proposed an additional £4 million for highway drainage and £0.5 million for renewal of white lines - have you tried to drive round Penn Inn recently! We wished to launch a Green Devon initiative to bring forward wildlife corridors, wildflower meadows and verges as well as lobbying government to ban second homes being registered as businesses and getting small business tax relief.

However, it should be remembered that each Devon School Child is underfunded by £294 a year less than the average, that the County Council has lost £180 million in Core funding since 2010 and we will end up with a £45 million deficit by March 2021 for Special Education Needs. Austerity has definitely NOT ended.

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TEIGNBRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT MARCH 2020

Yesterday was our full council meeting at Teignbridge when we set our budget for 2020/21. Our council tax rise was set in line with inflation as is now going to be £175.17 pa, on a band D property, being a £5 pa rise on a band D property equivalent to just under a 3% rise. This figure for TDC equates to close to 9% of the total amount collected. This year Shaldon Parish will receive £36.54pa, on a band D property which raises in total £41,027 for us to run our affairs. A very different figure to what everyone pays in Teignmouth I might add. Paid to Teignmouth Town Council on a band D property is now set at £134.34 pa raising a total of £727,273 in total to run their affairs. Therefore, with some degree of pride we can now say it is cheaper to live in Shaldon rather than Teignmouth, council tax wise, to the tune of nearly £100 pa, (£97.80 pa to be precise).

At Teignbridge, I did present alternative budget ideas, with the same amount of council tax rise proposed, as we quite rightly are capped by the government from having over a £5 rise on a band D property. My idea was to take £200k less out of our revenue account by not putting quite so much into the capital spending account, to avoid what I termed unpopular measures that are set to occur one way or another, such as Sunday parking charges, charging new householders for waste bin provision and unpalatable proposed charges being levied on our eight bowling clubs, but alas the vote for staying with what was originally proposed won the day.

Yesterday I also asked our TDC leader whether he would permit SPC to have another car parking space, either in our KG5 car park or the Ness car Park, for an extra half container that SPC would like to have for storage. Alas the answer was he would have a think about this and let me know in due course, suggesting Shaldon traders would not be too pleased to lose another car parking space!

Away from the budget I hope those that oppose open cockling on Salty, other shellfish too, will make their feelings known to the Devon and Somerset IFCA who are now promoting a bye law regulating the

amount of cockles per person, that can be taken daily from Salty. That consultation finishes on the 9th March, so do make your feeling known to help get this bye law implemented.

Also please respond to the consultation which starts soon and finishes on the 10th May on the future of Teignmouth Hospital. Devon NHS have published their proposals which in reality will see the closure of this hospital unless we can find what I would term, quality evidence to keep it open. All very worrying I am afraid to say.

The Save the Beach campaign at Teignmouth I believe is also interlinked with us to some degree and we should be concerned with the loss of so much sand and shingle on Shaldon foreshore from opposite Shaldon House to the Ness headland. I believe far too much material is dredged from our sand bar and taken too far away to just off Sprey Point which is enlarging the natural cycle of sand movement, leading to the fact that currently, there is not only almost no beach where described, but also little to no beach opposite and around the Point Car Park in Teignmouth.

Chris Clarence

SHALDON PARISH COUNCIL

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As we are coming to the end of the financial year, we would like to thank you all for your support in these different times for Parish Councils. This year our main outlay has seen us maintain the flowers and beds to an extremely high standard which I am sure you all appreciate. With the help of one of our Councillors we have cracked on with the weeding and keeping the streets in order. We have repaired three of the very long-standing benches. We continue to run the beach and really do appreciate your help on our beach clean day. This year's will be on the 4th April 2020 at 10am looking forward to seeing you. We have a Councillor who has taken on pothole repairs which makes a big difference on such a local Parish level. We have replaced over £2K worth of our village flags which are a welcome sight at many of the villages events and continue

to run with a Councillor at the helm the Teignmouth & Shaldon Bonfire Event. We have supported by way of donations many organisations to assist with their ongoing challenges. Of course, we provide all the Christmas Trees. We have a very successful changing room at KGV playing fields and we are now replenishing our savings, so we have a small amount of reserves, our Clerk keeps us in order. So, here's to a successful 2020 on a very reasonable budget.

SHALDON BOWLING CLUB

Opening day for the bowling club was due to take place on Saturday 25th April, this has now been **cancelled** due to the coronavirus.

Club members will be kept informed of the situation, the club's website will also have further information www.shaldonbc.co.uk

SHALDON TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

The Blue Cabin will be closed for the foreseeable future.

We have our plans in place for the coming season and can do no more at present than keep our fingers firmly crossed.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ADVICE FROM THE NHS

GOVERNMENT ADVICE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE IS THAT WE SHOULD ALL STAY AT HOME, AVOIDING ANY SOCIAL CONTACT WITH PEOPLE OTHER THAN THOSE YOU LIVE WITH, ONLY UNDERTAKE ESSENTIAL JOURNEYS, TO SHOP FOR ESSENTIALS, TO COLLECT MEDICATION, OR TO TRAVEL TO WORK IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO WORK FROM HOME.

COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It's caused by a virus called coronavirus.

Stay at home if you have coronavirus symptoms

Stay at home if you have either:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

Use the 111 online coronavirus service to find out what to do.

Only call 111 if you cannot get help online.

How long to stay at home

- if you have symptoms of coronavirus, you'll need to stay at home for 7 days
- if you live with someone who has symptoms, you'll need to stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person in the home started having symptoms

If you live with someone who is 70 or over, has a long-term condition, is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, try to find somewhere else for them to stay for 14 days.

If you have to stay at home together, try to keep away from each other as much as possible.

Read our [advice about staying at home](#).

How to avoid catching and spreading coronavirus (social distancing)

Everyone should do what they can to stop coronavirus spreading.

It is particularly important for people who:

- are 70 or over
- have a long-term condition
- are pregnant
- have a weakened immune system

DO

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze

- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- avoid close contact with people who have symptoms of coronavirus
- only travel on public transport if you need to
- work from home, if you can
- avoid social activities, such as going to pubs, restaurants, theatres and cinemas
- avoid events with large groups of people
- use phone, [online services](#), or apps to contact your GP surgery or other NHS services

DON'T

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- do not have visitors to your home, including friends and family

If you're at high risk

The NHS will contact you from Monday 23 March 2020 if you are at particularly high risk of getting seriously ill with coronavirus. You'll be given specific advice about what to do.

Do not contact your GP or healthcare team at this stage – wait to be contacted.

It should be noted that there is a lot of mis-information on social media, if you need information about the current situation go to trusted sources, such as www.nhs.uk, www.gov.uk, the BBC news channel or web site, ITV news, and of course there are hourly updates on local radio BBC Devon

If you are aware of anyone who may need assistance due to self-isolation or is in an 'at danger group' due to age or health please try to help them with their day to day needs.

If anyone is willing to co-ordinate a group that would monitor the situation in the village that would be a great help.