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WELCOME FROM THE EDITOR

Look at the back page of this issue (if you haven't already done so)! This shows that we are living in uncertain and troubling times. The thought of cancelling village events is indeed disturbing, especially as this issue contains accounts of two very successful events when we really did feel like a community. The opportunity for more such events has now been removed because of the all-pervasive threat of Covid-19, the Coronavirus.

This pandemic has really taken over our lives, and we all now face being confined to our homes for at least 12 weeks, with only slight concessions being made (shopping for food and helping the vulnerable). Selfish behaviour has led to these latest restrictions and it is imperative that we all take them seriously.

If we do observe these restrictions faithfully, we can hope that our village remains untouched by this plague and that there is a better feeling in two months' time when the next issue appears.

In the meantime, we can only offer our best wishes to all our residents

and hope that, with mutual support, we can all survive this.

We hope that you will be able yourselves, or can find a helpful neighbour, to pick up your copy of this issue from the bus shelter.

As ever, all contributions to the magazine are always very welcome, and we will always try to find room for them. If you have anything that you would like to appear in the next issue, please send it to me, and I will be happy to include it. Handwritten material can always be typed up, but it is best if you can send contributions by email to jgoldham@btinternet.com.

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FRIDAY 8TH MAY.

THERE WILL BE CELEBRATIONS
TO MARK THIS EVENT,
COVID-19 PERMITTING.

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

CORONAVIRUS AND YOU

The Parish Council is recommending that all Government guidelines are followed and to be more socially aware of our friends and neighbours who may be more vulnerable than yourself. Community support at this time is vital for the elderly and people living alone.

If you think that you will need help with shopping, or picking up prescriptions, etc., and cannot do these things online, then initially contact a neighbour. If the neighbour cannot help, then they can call someone else who can (the jungle drums will help!). One of your Parish Councillors will do their best to help by suggesting options for you, and my number is in the Tamerton Times and I will always help if I can.

Simon Beesley, Chair, NT Parish Council



How to Beat Coronavirus

- Stay at home apart from to buy *essentials* or to exercise
- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- 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
- Stay 2 metres (3 steps) away from other people, if you need to go outside.
- Avoid touching your face if your hands are not completely clean

PUZZLE PAGES

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Your turn!

- 1 Ring – Wax – Wedding
- 2 Fund– National– worthy
- 3 Cage – Freedom - Pilot
- 4 Motor – Path – Water
- 5 Carbon – Interest – Organic
- 6 Turtle – Exams - Tudor

ADULT WORD LADDER

Change one letter at a time to arrive at the answer

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LADIES' SKITTLES

The season is now over for our Ladies' Skittles team. In a season notable for injuries and illness, we have welcomed a couple of new young players – Steph Colwill has stepped in at short notice more than once and Chantelle Cottingham (probably the league's youngest player) has found a more permanent role in the second half of the season. Thanks to both.

The A team finished in the top half of the league, with the B team just below half way. This after a successful last fixture (local derby!) at Clawton, where we took all the points and then enjoyed their generous refreshments.

The 5 Founders Cup competition (for 6 highest average players) took place on Saturday 7 March. Unfortunately, our ladies were knocked out at their second match.

The Individual Cup Game for individual players with the team highest average, was contested on Friday 13 March – not an auspicious date. We were represented by Fliss Roberts who, in a close match, lost by one pin. Unlucky.

An enjoyable end of season celebratory meal took place at the Brendon Arms, with the following awards presented:

Most 7's scored: Angela Macknight

Most 9's scored: Maralyn Bailey

Most Spares: Fliss Roberts 54

(Runner up: Wendy Colwill 41)

Highest Average: Fliss Roberts 57.88



MENS' SKITTLES

The 2019/20 season is nearly over, with mixed results. The A team have struggled in the 3rd Division of the league, whilst the B team are high in the 3rd Division table having taken 19 points from 20 in the last five weeks. We will probably finish 3rd or 4th on aggregate out of ten teams.

John Spry represented us in the league Individual Cup but lost to Highampton.

Earlier in the season we won the George Jenkins Memorial Trophy at the Crown and Sceptre in Holsworthy. The players were Lee Marshall, Chris Roberts, John Spry, Simon Beesley, Peter Battersbee, Martin Fish.

In the Front Pin Cup (John Hockin Memorial Cup), also held at the Crown and Sceptre, we were given a bye to the semi-final where we played Halwill AB. We came out winners 263-254 with top scorers Fliss Roberts 71, Martin Fish 54. In the final we faced another 1st Division team in Kilkhampton. Against all the odds we won 235-219 with top scorers Fliss Roberts 57, Martin Fish 48. The team was: Lee Marshall, Kim Roberts, Fliss Roberts, Simon Beesley, Martin Fish. We are now holders of the John Hockin Memorial Cup and a special thank you must go to Fliss, not just for her scores but also for her encouragement to the others. As she told us, we were only in it to win it!

We had a really good game at Northlew, scoring 437. We also had some great scores at the same place:

Lee Marshall with 147 in one game, Chris Roberts with 145 in one game, Fliss Roberts with 125 in one game, John Spry with 125 in one game. Chris Roberts with a 27 spare (pictured opposite), Fliss Roberts with a 26 spare, Tina Battersbee with a 25 spare. Highest average is Fliss Roberts with 61.05

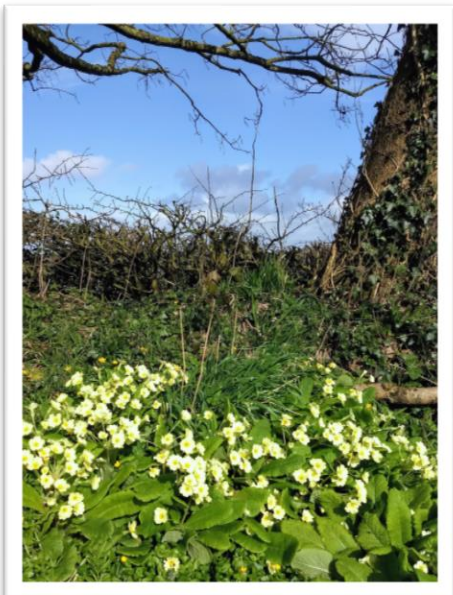


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HOW HAND SANITISERS PROTECT AGAINST INFECTIONS

As coronavirus continues its spread, panic-buying has cleared shelves in shops of hand sanitisers and a variety of other items. However hand sanitisers play a key role in fighting infections so it is important that we understand their function and how they work and indeed consider whether the alternatives such as simple soaps are equally effective or better.

What's in these sanitisers and how effective are they in comparison to hand washing? Does it just come down to convenience as a 'quick fix' when it is simply not practical to wash one's hands? Let us take a look.

Hand washing has been a custom for centuries. But it was only in the mid-1800s that Ignaz Semmelweiss, a Hungarian doctor, established a link between hand washing and preventing the spread of disease. Semmelweiss identified that doctors washing their hands before baby

deliveries drastically reduced the number of women who died after childbirth.

Today, we have a range of options for hand hygiene. Bar soaps, liquid soaps, antimicrobial soaps, and of course hand sanitisers. As coronavirus spreads, the key advice has been to make sure you regularly wash your hands. But will just using a hand sanitiser do instead? To answer that, we need to take a look at what's in hand sanitisers.



Generally, they come in two varieties: alcohol-based and non-alcohol-based. The alcohol-based sanitisers usually contain ethanol, the same alcohol found in beer and wine. Other alcohols used are isopropanol (commonly known as rubbing alcohol), and, less commonly, propanol. Usually, alcohol-based hand sanitisers contain between 60-95% alcohol. Manufacturers add other ingredients for various reasons.

These include additional agents which are active against viruses or bacteria, such as chlorhexidine or benzalkonium chloride. These ingredients are also key in non-alcohol-based sanitisers. Ingredients such as glycerol stop your hands from drying out. Hydrogen peroxide, added in small amounts, prevents bacterial contamination of the sanitiser.

Alcohols are effective at killing most bacteria and viruses. They affect the structure of the proteins of which they are built, causing them to become misshapen or 'denatured'. By doing so they destroy the outer shells of viruses and bacteria, killing them and preventing infections. Though they're effective in most cases, there are some types of viruses they can't destroy. These are viruses which don't have the outer layer (known as an envelope). **Coronavirus is an enveloped virus, so alcohols are effective against it.** Non-enveloped viruses, such as norovirus, aren't killed by alcohols.

Chlorhexidine, sometimes added to alcohol-containing sanitisers, shows activity against bacteria and enveloped viruses. There's some

evidence that its addition to alcohol-based sanitisers increases their effectiveness.

Benzalkonium chloride is often used in non-alcohol-based hand sanitisers. It has some effectivity against bacteria and limited activity against viruses. It's also slow to act which means that non-alcohol-based sanitisers are generally less effective than alcohol-based ones.

So, hand sanitisers work — but are they effective? And how do they compare to just washing your hands? There are a few criteria that hand sanitisers need to meet to be most effective. Alcohol-based sanitisers are more effective than their non-alcohol-based counterparts. However, **the alcohol percentage by volume needs to be at least 60%**. Below this, they're less likely to kill the bacteria and viruses on your hands. The potency of alcohol-based hand sanitisers increases with the percentage by volume of alcohol. So higher percentages are likely to be better. However, **very high concentrations (above 95%) are less effective**. This is because proteins aren't denatured

as easily when there isn't water around.

Another key factor is the volume of hand sanitiser used. It needs to be enough to cover all areas of both hands — otherwise, you're leaving areas where viruses and bacteria could continue to linger. To coat properly your hands, you need to use about 3 millilitres of sanitiser (approximately a palmful) – more if you have large hands.

Finally, the dirtiness of your hands is also a factor. If they're covered in dirt or grease, a hand sanitiser won't be effective in removing this. Bacteria or viruses in the dirt on your hands could still remain as a result.

With these caveats, it's easy to see why recommendations have focused on hand-washing. If you wash your hands for the 20-second period recommended, it'll remove dirt, grease, viruses and bacteria.

When it comes to the type of soap, **any type will do**. It doesn't need to be a special antimicrobial soap to be effective — in fact, studies have shown that these soaps are no more effective than plain soap.

Of course, you won't always be in a position to be able to wash your hands. This is when hand sanitisers come into their own. However, when it comes down to a comparison between the two, **hand-washing is more effective**. So you can stop worrying about not being able to buy hand sanitiser right now!

*A postscript: Hand washing is very important but it must go hand in hand (excuse the pun) with avoidance of **touching of the face** (something which we all do, often subconsciously - and certainly should be resisted until you have washed your hands!). Touching of the face can lead to the transfer of viruses and bacteria to the mouth, nose and eyes.*

Some interesting research done on a group of medical students showed that they touched their faces approximately 23 times an hour during a lecture. Other studies have shown lower but not insignificant rates of face touching. If you have the urge to touch your face, then it is best done with a clean tissue which is then disposed of.

HOW HAND SANITISERS PROTECT AGAINST INFECTIONS

WHAT'S IN HAND SANITISERS?



ETHANOL



PROPANOL



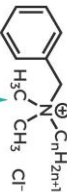
ISOPROPANOL

Alcohol-based sanitisers contain 60–95% alcohol. Most contain either ethanol, n-propanol, isopropanol, or a combination of these.

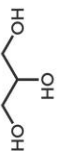


CHLORHEXIDINE

Chlorhexidine and benzalkonium chloride are also found in some sanitisers. Both are also used in non-alcohol-based sanitisers.



BENZALKONIUM CHLORIDE

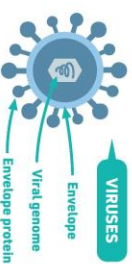


GLYCEROL

Other ingredients include glycerol, which acts as a moisturiser to stop your skin drying out. Hydrogen peroxide is added to prevent bacterial contamination in the hand sanitiser.



HOW DO HAND SANITISERS WORK?



Alcohols in hand sanitisers alter (denature) the structure of proteins. They destroy the cell wall and membranes of bacteria cells, and the envelope of viruses (including coronavirus). They're less effective against non-enveloped viruses. Non-alcohol-based sanitisers also kill bacteria but are less effective against viruses.

HOW EFFECTIVE ARE THEY?



MINIMUM OF 60% ALCOHOL



Hand sanitisers with >60% alcohol are effective if applied generously. However, they don't kill all virus types and are less effective on dirty or greasy hands.



WASH HANDS FOR 20 SECONDS

Hand washing with soap for 20 seconds washes away bacteria and viruses, and also removes dirt and grease. Antibacterial soaps are no more effective.



BURNS SUPPER - 2020

The second running of the event in Victory Hall was again an outstanding success, and thanks must go to all who helped to put it together for the 70 people who attended!

“Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face, Great chieftain o' the pudding-race!”

(Translated as: “Good luck to you and your honest, plump face, Great chieftain of the sausage race!”)

The Piping in and the address to the Haggis were much appreciated by the crowd and thanks to Reggie Gough and his sons, Archie and Ozzie for the spectacle. It's a shame that we haven't got sound on the pictures!

The band, North South Divide, were once again outstanding and special thanks to Larry for getting them together for a great night's entertainment: long may it continue!





PANCAKE BRUNCH

This event took place on Saturday 22nd February, and, as can be seen from the accompanying photos, it was well attended and enjoyed by all. There was a steady flow of people from the opening at 11.30 right up to the close at 2.00pm. The wide range of fillings, both sweet and savoury was clearly greatly appreciated, and many of them went down fast. Having endured very wet and windy weather at last year's event, we were, surprisingly, quite lucky this year and it was mostly dry. The two pancake makers, Lorna Gerry and Sharon Ravenscroft, kept the flow of pancakes going without a break for the full two and a half hours. A huge thank you must go to them, but also to the many people who contributed the fillings, worked tirelessly behind the scenes and set the whole thing up. And finally, a big thank you to all those who supported this event. It was one of those occasions when the village really feels like a community, and this is important and valuable.





FEATURE PLANT



Feature Plant, April to May

Both elegant and understated Epimedium are a genus of 30 to 40 species of herbaceous perennials which grow from underground rhizomes. Their native habitat is woodland, scrub and shady rocky places with the majority of species originating from China and some also found in other parts of Asia and the Mediterranean.

Some have solitary stems, while others have a tufted habit with multiple stems growing close together. Some are deciduous while others are evergreen. The leaves are leathery and unequally heart shaped at the base with a point at the tip. Sometimes leaves are bronze tinted in the spring and will often colour well in the autumn.

The small and dainty flowers will appear from spring to early summer and are mainly saucer- to cup-

shaped, coming in shades of yellow, beige, white, pink, red and purple, often with spurs. Some *Epimedium* blossoms look like miniature columbines or tiny daffodils while others appear more like stars or spiders and species with long sprays can resemble orchids. One of the common names for the genus, bishop's hat, arises from the shape of the flowers particularly where the spurs are longer than the sepals. Other common names include barrenwort, fairy wings, horny goat weed and yin yang huo.

They make excellent ground cover under trees and shrubs with the smaller species being suitable for rock gardens. Most species except *Epimedium parralderianum* will give the best display of foliage and flowers if old leaves are clipped back in late winter or early spring, before the new flower spikes form. This can be done with deciduous varieties in late autumn.

Grow *Epimedium* in fertile, humus-rich and moist but well-draining soil in full to part shade with shelter from cold winds. Divide large clumps after flowering or in the autumn, cutting them with a sharp knife, or

root rhizome cuttings under glass in winter and plant out after all danger of frost has passed.

Keep new plants watered during dry spells over their first season. Once they have established, plants will tolerate drought, heavy shade, shallow dry rocky soils and are deer and rabbit proof.

The rhizomes of *Epimedium Grandiflorum* contain a chemical compound called icariin and have been used in Chinese medicine for over 2,000 years as an aphrodisiac and general cure-all but there doesn't seem to be much research to back up these claims.

If *Epimedium* plants are new to you and you'd like to give them a try, the RHS have a huge list on their website: you'll be spoilt for choice.



April 2020

1	Wed	Book Club, 7.30pm
2	Thurs	Coffee Morning, Chapel, 10.30-12.00
3	Fri	Prayer Supper, Chapel, 7.30pm
4	Sat	
5	Sun	Service, St Denys', 6pm Encounter, Chapel, 7pm
6	Mon	
7	Tues	
8	Wed	
9	Thurs	
10	Fri	Good Friday Service, Chapel, 10am
11	Sat	
12	Sun	Easter Service, St Denys', 9.30am Easter Service, Chapel, 11am
13	Mon	
14	Tues	
15	Wed	
16	Thurs	
17	Fri	
18	Sat	
19	Sun	Service, St Denys', 10am Service, Chapel, 11am
20	Mon	Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm
21	Tues	
22	Wed	
23	Thurs	
24	Fri	
25	Sat	
26	Sun	Service, Chapel, 11am
27	Mon	
28	Tues	
29	Wed	
30	Thurs	

**DATES
CANCELLED
DUE TO CORONAVIRUS**

May 2020

Provisional dates (dependent on Coronavirus restrictions)

1	Fri	
2	Sat	
3	Sun	Service, Chapel, 11am Service, St Denys', 6pm
4	Mon	
5	Tues	
6	Wed	Book Club, 7.30pm
7	Thurs	
8	Fri	
9	Sat	
10	Sun	Service, St Denys', 9.15am Service, Chapel, 11am
11	Mon	
12	Tues	
13	Wed	
14	Thurs	
15	Fri	
16	Sat	
17	Sun	Service, St Denys', 10am
18	Mon	Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm
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23	Sat	
24	Sun	Service, Chapel, 11am
25	Mon	
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27	Wed	
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30	Sat	
31	Sun	

ANIMAL MATTERS

Here is another of the articles written by Evadne Hall for the Tamerton Times. This one dates from exactly ten years ago, April-May 2010.

As I write this, the sun is just rising over the mist in the valley – another glorious morning, all these sunny days and no rain! I actually heard someone say the other day that we do need some rain – the concept of not being wet and muddy is obviously so alien! Personally, I'm just so pleased at not having to wield the mop over the kitchen floor. The days seems to be drawing out rapidly now and it's a joy to get up early (really, it is!); it might still be cold but at least there is no more of that depressing creeping about in the dark.

Daisy has caused us a lot of worry this last couple of months: she seems to be having more and more problems with her remaining front leg to the extent that we were considering seeing if it would be possible to have some sort of front-end trolley made to give her support but, apart from the fact that a motorised Daisy is rather too scary

to contemplate, the thing would apparently be very unstable over anything more lumpy than a freshly-mown bowling green and therefore not really an option. Anyway, she seems to be doing well on her new painkillers and is really happy in herself.

Kai has not been very popular of late – an incident with a cheese-topped tiger bread loaf would have had him suspended from the beams by his ears if Nick had had his way. We'd been to Bude shopping and had stopped at Widemouth Bay to take Kai for a run on the beach and then gone to have a coffee at the Bay View Inn – Kai stayed in the car because he is a fidget and a liability when you're trying to enjoy your cappuccino in a relaxed and dignified fashion. When we went back to the car, he was sitting demurely on the back seat, which was, in retrospect, unusual, because he normally, annoyingly, curls up on my seat, making it sandy and generally damp. Nick went to unload the shopping when we got home and suddenly from the back of the Land Rover came a roar of rage and he emerged angrily waving what looked like a

large floppy slipper. It turned out to be the bottom of the tiger loaf. On the way home, Nick had said how much he was going to enjoy his lunch – alas, it was not to be.

The cats have been pottering about minding their own business – the oldies have not been inclined to go out much in the cold weather and have spent much of their time eating or sleeping (nothing wrong with that), but Cooper can now open the front door. Nick and I went about blaming each other for being careless before we realised who the culprit was. She's not allowed out until broad daylight so as to allow the birds time to get up and gather their wits and have a little breakfast to start the day, but she's understandably not keen on that arrangement and took matters into her own paws. She's been thwarted now as we lock the door at night – coming down in the dark to find it open was a bit disconcerting.

We had two little blue tits brought in to work one morning [*Evadne worked at the vet's*] – they had been found in the middle of the road. They didn't appear to be injured and it was difficult to work out what had happened: perhaps they had flown

into something and were slightly concussed, but it was odd that both of them were affected. One seemed to recover very quickly, and we released him within the hour but the other seemed unable or unwilling to fly far – he is now convalescing in a large aviary in a wild-life sanctuary and doing well apparently. A happy ending for both of them.

Not so the frog spawn I saw earlier this month in various small ponds or puddles in the woods – under normal circumstances, rather precarious habitats (frog parents seem remarkably blasé about perpetuating the species) – but now where there was still water it had frozen solid.

Spring really does seem to be on its way: the celandines and daffodils are really coming on and there's always such a feeling of optimism at this time of year and who wouldn't feel their spirits rise at the sight of the new lambs racing about in the fields? I've just spent ten minutes watching their antics when I should have been gainfully employed doing the hoovering. Anyway, enough of these poetic thoughts. I've just noticed that it's beginning to rain, so I'd better go and organise the mop.



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NEWS OF THE PAST

October 1968

Harvest Festival

St Denys' Church was beautifully decorated for the Harvest Festival services which began on Thursday evening when Rev Deryck Davey, vicar of Liskeard, preached to a capacity congregation. A feature of the service was the presentation of the gifts of the harvest by the senior members of the Sunday School, Linda Bluett, Ruth Purdon, Anne Purdon, Josephine Sluggett, Jane Sluggett, Guy Snowden, Rebecca Powell, David Calder and Michael Bluett. Rev D G Richards, rector, conducted the service, the organist being Miss P. Hill. A harvest supper followed in the Victory Hall at which Rev D Davey sang selections from Gilbert and Sullivan operas and a bring and buy stall helped to swell church funds.

The harvest services continued on Sunday when the Rector preached at Family Communion in the morning and Festal Evensong in the evening. Large congregations attended both services, the number of communicants being the largest in

living memory for Harvest Festival Sunday.

Peals were rung at all services and visiting ringers included 85-year-old Mr C Collicott of Bradworthy. A notable feature of the harvest festivities was the active participation of all sections of the parish, practically every family in the parish being represented at the services.

April 1981

Parish topics discussed

Mr J Gill (Chairman) presided over a Parish Council meeting in the Victory Hall. Correspondence dealt with included a request for more helpers in community work in the event of nuclear war. Concern was expressed about water in the road at Deer Bridge. This had already been reported to the highways surveyor and it was hoped action would be taken to alleviate the problem.

The Annual Parish Meeting followed, Mr Gill again presiding. The Chairman thanked Mr Bluett,

Chairman of the hall committee, for the donation towards the erection of the light for the car park.

Discussion took place as to the allocation of money left in trust until now from the Silver Jubilee Fund. As there was to be no extension to the hall in the foreseeable future, it was suggested, and approved by all present, that chairs be purchased for use in the hall.

It was decided to arrange a parish function on 29th July to celebrate the marriage of Prince Charles. Mr G Prouse proposed and Mr B Gliddon seconded that the council be in charge of the arrangements with help from various organisations in the parish. It was felt an evening's entertainment would be adequate as television coverage would be an attraction during the day.

There were two or three volunteers to help with the War Emergency Committee in the event of nuclear action. The chairman thanked all for their attendance.

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ARTICLE FROM BUSBY'S



The Root of All Evil

It never ceases to amaze me how the lure of money can completely change people. In my professional capacity, I regularly communicate with recipients of gifts under Wills. Many have been the bunfights I have had to sort out and at times referee when next of kin squabble over who should get what following the recent death of their family member. That is very often followed by attempts to get money long before the estate of the deceased can be administered and legacies paid out.

I have seen saints suddenly turn into sinners. I have seen gentle-tempered people become super aggressive. I have seen lambs turned into wolves. Underneath it all has been a seismic shift in placid

personalities and all because the lure of money has had its effect.

I was therefore interested to see the recent case of Anita Border. She made a Will and appointed a “good neighbour” called David Loveday to act as the sole Executor of her estate. Who better to trust than somebody she saw regularly and who always came across as such a sincere and pleasant gentleman? In her Will she gave £110,000 to his partner Emma Cullen and £110,000 to her friend of many years Parminder Gibbs.

Sadly Anita died in August 2015, and it then fell to Mr Loveday to fulfil his legal role, bring in the estate assets, and then pay out beneficiaries as the Will provided. Emma Cullen got her £110,000, and Mrs Gibbs began to worry very considerably when she

received nothing. Loveday fed her a tissue of lies, prevarication and delaying techniques to the point where she really smelt a rat. She had to go to the High Court and apply through the Court to get possession of her rightful inheritance of £110,000. She also asked the Court to remove Loveday as the Executor of her friend Anita's Will as he had betrayed his position of trust.

It was through those proceedings that the Court discovered that Loveday had in fact spent the money on himself buying himself cars and holidays and also paying off his own personal debts.

The Court locked him up for six months when he refused to tell the Court where the money had been spent. The Court imposed a further sentence of 43 months when he admitted to the fraud which he had committed. In this fact-finding exercise, the Court tried to discover where the money had been placed as Loveday had alleged it had been put into an ISA – but that proved to be nothing but a hoax.

Sadly for Parminder Gibbs, she and her husband had to take out a re-mortgage on their home to pay their legal fees. They would have

expected to be reimbursed from Loveday. However, serious doubt had been cast on whether any money at all could be recouped because of the nefarious actions of this unprincipled individual.

Anyone preparing a Will must be 100% sure that the Executors they nominate can be trusted 100%. This is another good reason why the safest action most times is to appoint a solicitor to act. Even were a solicitor (heaven help us) to be dishonest, the likelihood is that any losses will be fully reimbursed as a consequence of a solicitor's duty to ensure that indemnity insurance is in place.

Dumbing Down

My wife and I met at Durham University. I was studying English. She studied Anthropology – which is probably why she had an interest in me! When it came to doing our finals, it was no surprise to see that in our two subjects combined there were only two people awarded first class degrees. First class degrees were highly exceptional and throughout all of the University subjects, the total of students

getting first class degrees was probably under 5%.

Recent official figures have revealed that more than a quarter of students now graduate with first class honours degrees. That figure is a staggering 44% higher than a mere five years ago. In addition, far more students are also being awarded a next-best 2:1 degree. This meant that last year three in four graduates gained one of the top two grades.

It would appear that the same dumbing down exercise is now prevalent in my profession. Lisa Dixon is Deputy Head of the Kent Law School. She has gone on record as saying that her 15 year old daughter managed to score almost 50% in the initial section of the solicitors' qualifying exam. This was despite doing absolutely no preparation, and even worse, having no knowledge of the law! It seems that the girl scored 48% in the first 25 questions of a practice paper which tests "functioning legal knowledge". Mrs. Dixon said that her daughter was able to answer the questions by using "logic, common sense and understanding multiple-choice formats". Her daughter scored 48% by spending no more

than 30 minutes answering the question. The Solicitors Regulation Authority has confirmed that the pass mark for the paper would likely be between 55% to 60%.

Speaking to solicitors involved in choosing candidates for trainee contracts, one can see how dumbing down helps. Applicants who have not got a first class degree or 2:1 degree are simply not considered – their application forms are discarded at the very start. But if 75% of graduates achieve these grades, one must assume that anyone not reaching these levels is likely to struggle in such a demanding profession. The problem for recruiters is far from straightforward. If three in four students get these top grades, how do you distinguish the best from the ones who simply scraped through? How do you really spot a high-achiever? It seems to me that whatever grades you leave University with, climbing up the greasy pole remains as difficult as it ever has been.

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ST DENYS CHURCH

All services in the Church of England have now been suspended until further notice.

However, in the unlikely event of services being resumed in May, here are the services for that month.

May 2020

03/05	6.00pm	Evensong
10/05	9.15am	Holy Communion
17/05	10.00am	Morning Service
24/05		No service
31/05	10.30	Deanery Service at St Mary's, Launceston

Priest in Charge:

Rev Dr Peter Knight (01566 777607)

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James Oldham (271391)

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Susan Turnock (271483)

Please note that, from April, the evening service on the first Sunday of the month will be at 6.00pm and will continue at this time until the clocks go back.

There are no diary dates at the moment, because of all the uncertainty, but we may have one for you in the next issue, if things

have improved by then. Watch this space!

Facebook

St Denys' church is now on Facebook! You can find our community page at St Denys Church North Tamerton.

It would be fantastic if the residents of North Tamerton could support this page and view it occasionally. I update it weekly.

Remember, please support your church while it's still there...

METHODIST CHAPEL

All are welcome at all our services and events

APRIL

Thu 2 nd	10.30 -12.00	Coffee Morning
Fri 3 rd	7.30pm	Prayer Supper
Sun 5 th	11.00	Service with Rev. Neil Street
	7.00pm	Prayer Supper
Sun 12 th	11.00	Easter Sacrament Service Mike Reeves
Sun 19 th	11.00	Service with Andrew Pitt
Sun 26 th	11.00	Café Church

CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

MAY – (To be confirmed)

Fri 1 st	7.30pm	Prayer Supper
Sun 3 rd	11.00	Service with Rev Neal Street
	7.00pm	Encounter with Ken Wakefield
Thu 7 th	10.30 -12.00	Coffee Morning
Sun 10 th	11.00	Service with Courtney Drew
Sun 17 th	11.00	No service. Join Whitstone with Mrs Muriel Hodges
Sun 22 nd	11.00	Café Church
Sun 31 st		No service. Join Bude at 10am or Holsworthy at 11am

After the flood pictures earlier, a few reminders that spring is here.



PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS

1	5	4	7	8	3	9	2	6
3	6	9	5	2	1	7	8	4
7	2	8	9	6	4	1	5	3
8	9	3	2	4	5	6	1	7
2	4	1	3	7	6	5	9	8
6	7	5	1	9	8	3	4	2
9	8	7	6	1	2	4	3	5
4	3	6	8	5	9	2	7	1
5	1	2	4	3	7	8	6	9

WORD FIT ANSWERS

- 1 – RUBY
- 2 – TRUST
- 3 – FIGHTER
- 4 – CYCLE
- 5 – COMPOUND
- 6 – MOCK

ADULT WORD LADDER

COOK BOOK BOOT BOLT BELT MELT	BROOK CROOK CROON CROWN FROWN FLOWN	PRANK PLANK CLANK CLINK CHINK CHINA	HIRE MIRE MORE MORN MOAN LOAN
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JUNIOR WORD LADDER

CASE CAST LAST LOST LOSE/POST POSE	MOCK SOCK LOCK LACK LACE	HARP HARD LARD LORD LOUD	CAKE BAKE BIKE BITE SITE
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Anagram Answers

- 1 YACHTING
- 2 BATHING
- 3 OARSMAN
- 4 TADPOLE
- 5 LIFEGUARD
- 6 BULLRUSH
- 7 CANOEING
- 8 SALMON
- 9 ROWING
- 10 REEDBED

Tammy the Tortoise can be found on Page 15 hiding in the limes

Code Puzzle Answer:

Q = 3

X = 5

? = 8



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Announcement

The Village Hall Management Committee has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Spring Fair and Craft and Produce Show.

These events are planned over the long term and involve an enormous effort by organisers and participants over that time. This is a precautionary measure to prevent that effort being wasted.

As I write this announcement, the Government is predicting that the elderly and vulnerable will be asked to self-isolate for a period when the epidemic is at its peak. It seems quite likely this period may correspond with these village events.

I hope the epidemic will not have serious outcomes and that the village will return to these events with renewed enthusiasm and support next year.

*Peter Willetts, Chair,
North Tamerton Village Hall Board of Trustees*