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Sunflower Challenge Presentation
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Editorial

Now being into the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, September was an almost uneventful month. It has resulted in fewer pages in this edition of the Argus. October is the month when our churches celebrate Harvest Festival. Also, days get shorter and nights longer, with British Summer Time ending on the 30th of this month.

Temporary traffic lights outside Springfield on Easter Hill remain, only new dates for closure of the road to undertake repairs having been issued.

This month's good news is that the future of Devon's library service is assured. Details are on page 4.

The issue of radio controlled drones was raised at the meeting of Atherington Parish Council and reports of livestock escaping from fields and causing damage to property. A little Argus research at one or two websites has resulted in guidance, setting out the law and the do's and don'ts. It is hoped flyers will ensure they fly their devices responsibly in the future.

Just a few weeks ahead will be Bonfire Night and Remembrance Sunday then the run up to Christmas before starting another year.

Let us hope the weather will stay fair and warm and the winter will be mild.

David Gosden (Editor)

Front Cover Picture

Winner of the 2016 Atherington Argus Sunflower Challenge being presented with the Challenge Shield and Winner's Cup by Tony Kneil and Chris Hart, joint winners of the competition in 2015.

Norman's sunflower was 13' 9" tall.

HIRE ONE OF ATHERINGTON'S HALLS

For availability and rates contact

St. Mary's Parish Church Hall,
by the church - Mrs. Maidlow
01769 560498

The Pavilion, in the Playing
Field - Mrs. Montague 01769
560529

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Chris reports yet another quiet month in Atherington and because there was no Police report available at the Parish Council meeting on the 20th of September just a few notes appear in this column.

A message was received from the police regarding a missing person but he was found the same day so a pretty swift outcome resulted.

Scams and nuisance text messages continue to plague residents, one of the latest announcing you have won a number of Marks and Spencer

vouchers with £80 and a telephone number is provided so you can claim them. This scam is easy to detect as the figure is given as 80£.

Probably calling the number will result in a hefty phone bill, the caller being directed to a premium number.

Finally there is a warning about stolen Irish (Northern) bank notes. Some time ago a bank in northern Ireland was raided, the wrongdoers getting away with a considerable amount of paper money. As the notes were new and un issued they were easily cancelled but are now appearing in circulation in England. Recently three shops in South Molton have been caught out by them so the rule is not to accept NI paper money which ever way it is offered.

Help keep Atherington safe by being vigilant and reporting anything suspicious to the police. Don't forget to let Chris at the Village Shoppe know.

Ride and Stride Coffee Morning

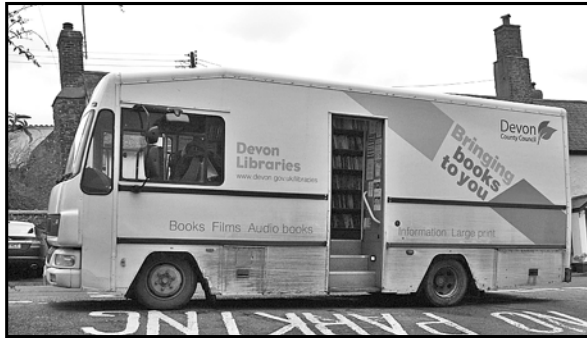
The coffee morning was held on the 10th of September in the Church Hall Morning coffee and light refreshments plus light lunches were on offer. This year it was well supported

The annual Ride and Stride Day, held on connection with the Devon Historic Churches Fund raised £270.

A Reminder to Dog Walkers

There is an infection which if caught by livestock may cause harm resulting in infertility. It may be carried by dogs. To reduce the risk of this happening please keep dogs on a lead and keep to foot-paths when walking through fields. It is important also to always Scoop the Poop.

LIBRARY SERVICE - FUTURE ASSURED



Over the last few years the future of the Devon Library Service has hung in the balance what with reduced use and limited funds. Recent changes mean Devon libraries, including the mobile service, are now on the up with a rosy future ahead.

Now known as Libraries Unlimited, it has been separated from Devon County Council and is owned by its staff and the community. The service enjoys charitable status but is still financed by the County with the added freedom to develop new ways of generating income.

New branches are planned, also providing more and varied services. Already the magazine service Zinio is available providing library users with many popular magazines titles and subjects. These include music, family history, New Scientist, and National Geographic and

photography titles. Cookery and gardening feature in the list along with women's titles, sport and computing. In fact there is something for everyone and all ages.

You can borrow or have the use of up to 12 books, 4 CDs (music or audio books), 4 DVDs, 4 language courses, 3 eBooks or eAudiobooks and e-magazines (no limit) .

To have access to the free services available, including the mobile library van all that is required is that you join. To find out more either visit the mobile van which visits The Square every four weeks or pop along to the library in Barnstaple.

Next visit - October 4th 3.05 - 3.35pm in The Square.

Drones Over Atherington

Radio controlled drones (quadcopters) have been noted flying over the village. At times these are of concern to residents, frighten livestock causing them to escape from fields and resulting in damage. They are now very cheap, starting at around just £15 and may be flown by anyone but they can be a nuisance. Here are a few hints from a reputable source to keep flyers on the right side of the law.



Your remote controlled aircraft is designed for fun, but you must also remember to take due care whenever you use it. Under UK law remote controlled aircraft flown on a commercial basis or that are fitted with cameras are treated as standard aircraft. Please observe the appropriate laws when flying and also consider the safety of anyone that may be nearby. Be sure not to frighten livestock wherever they may be..

Remember

- 1. You are totally responsible for the safe conduct of each flight.*
- 2. You must keep the drone within your sight at all times.*
- 3. You are responsible for avoiding collisions with other people or objects – including aircraft, plan your flights beforehand if necessary.*
- 4. You must keep your drone at least 150m away from a congested area (such as residential streets, town centres etc).*
- 5. You must not fly your drone within 50m of a person, vehicle, building or structure, or over groups of people at any height.*
- 6. If you intend to use your aircraft (with camera) for any kind of paid work you must obtain permission from the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).*
- 7. Never fly your aircraft near any airport, airfield or power installation (such as substations and pylons) This is not a toy, these are aircraft and subject to UK Aviation Law. Anyone breaking the law can face criminal prosecution.*

Go to www.caa.co.uk/uas for the full details on how to use your aircraft safely.

If your remote controlled aircraft is capable of taking images please also observe the following:

In accordance with Data Protection legislation (Data Protection Act 1998) consent should be obtained from any individual who is the focus of a video recording in order to process his/her personal data fairly. Where a recording involves individuals other than the main players, then, in some circumstances, the images of other individuals may constitute personal data and the data protection regime may come into play, particularly where the video conveys information of biographical significance to the individual concerned. However, where filming takes place in a public place, the fact that a passer-by is captured in the film in the background and is able to be identified by individuals who know him/her does not in itself make the image personal data and consent is unlikely to be required to put the video on YouTube or incorporate it in an Open Educational Resource (OER).

For any more information on this see the following website for all information on the data protection act

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/29/contents>

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are published at the discretion of the Editor and subject to available space
The writer's name and address must be supplied.

Raymond, Elaine, Derek, Karen & Family Would like to Thank everyone for their Kind messages of sympathy on Maureen's passing, a Big thank-you also to Mike Clarke, Margaret Maidlow & also Libbaton Golf Club for Kindly doing the refreshments after the service.

The retiring collection amounted to the sum of £400.00 pounds which was split between the MacMillian Nurses & The British Lung Foundation, which will be spent in our local area.

Elaine & Derek Jones

From Brian and Mary Burgess

Umberleigh Christian Fellowship invite you to our Harvest Festival on Sunday October 9th at 11.00am and if you are able to stay a bring and share lunch afterwards.

Also Mr. Dick Chamings is leading a Bible study series on the book of Philippians each Tuesday evening in October at 7.30pm.

A warm welcome to come and join us.

Atherington Children's Playing Field wish to thank Mrs Annie Umpleby and all those who kindly organised, supported and participated in the Queen's 90th Birthday Cricket Match held in June at High Bickington. The charity cricket match raised an impressive £600 of which the children of the parishes were to benefit and Atherington Children's Playing Field was gifted £300. The money has been used to purchase a new basketball backboard and hoop. The basketball facilities are freely accessible within the Multi games area. Many thanks again to all

Sarah Cooper

Easter Hill Road Closure - New Dates

Installing drainage pipes and land drains by Springfield on Easter Hill has been rescheduled over two weeks in October. Dates are :

Monday 17th - Friday 21st and Monday 24th to Thursday 27th.

Happenings in October

At The Playing Field

12th, 7.30pm Film Club. *Safe House*
Ladies Tea Club matinee at 3pm

21st, 7pm - Bingo. Eyes Down 7.30
Raffle and Refreshments.

29th, 10am - 12 noon Halloween Coffee Morning.
Cake Stall, Children's Games, Raffle and Refreshments *Awards
for those in Fancy dress* £2 per pumpkin carving

November

5th Bonfire night and Fireworks
More information in the next edition.

At St Mary's Parish Church

2nd, 5pm - Harvest Festival followed by Bring and Share
supper and auction.
Everyone welcome to this annual autumn service.
Please note the earlier than usual start.

At Uمبرleigh Christian Fellowship

9th, 11am - Harvest Festival followed by bring and share
lunch. Everyone welcome at this annual autumn service in the
church by the bridge.



ATHERINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH

Contact Chris Hart
at The Village Shoppe in The Square
Telephone 01769 560248



What's On This Month

Each Wednesday afternoon - Ladies Tea Circle.

St. Mary's Parish Church

Vicar : Rev. M. Clark, Tel 01769 560870. www.tworiversteam.org.uk

2nd, 5pm - Harvest Festival

9th, 11 a.m - Family Service (in Church Hall)

23rd, 6.30pm - Holy Communion.

Umberleigh Christian Fellowship - The Church by the Bridge.

9th, 11am - Harvest Festival followed by Bring and Share lunch.

Every Sunday at 11am - Morning Service and Sunday School, everyone

Welcome. Contact Brian and Mary Burgess, 560057.

Mobile Library. 4th 3.05 - 3.35pm in The Square.

W.I. 11th - Contact Margaret Maidlow - 560498. Visitors always welcome.

Luncheon Club, 20th - The Castle, George Nympton, EX36 4JE, 12 noon for

12.30. Contact Tony Squire on 560489 for information.

Atherington History Club - Contact Lillian Riley, 560732.

Parish Council Meeting. Tues 18th 7pm at St Mary's Church Hall.

Contact Parish Clerk, Terry Squire on 01598 710526 or District Councillor

& Parish Council Chairman : Walter White 01769 560303.

Atherington Businesses

Village Shoppe and Post Office, Chris and Jo Hart. 01769 560248

Anthony Hart - Hartwood Tree Surgery - Tree & Garden Work. 07766 833160

Smithy Hair Salon - Alison. 560046 :: Martin Huggins - Ashwood Joinery. 561154

Dave Scott - Painter and Decorator. 560758 :: Ian Rose - Thatcher. 560031

Emma Paisey - Home & Garden Gifts, Cards. 579077. www.daisypark.co.uk

Tim Rose - General Builder. 560410, : Chantry Nursery - Mr Martin. 560347.

David & Margaret Large - Chartered Accountants, 560556

Atherington Acorns Playgroup, Rebecca Leach 560685 : Avon Lady - Linda Brayley, 560572,

MinxyMoo Hair & Beauty, Becca Miller. 07702 792598

Pet Shop 2Go - Pet Products & Accessories www.petshop2go.co.uk, 01769 736637

Atherington Pavilion Project, Jenny Boyce, 560404. www.atherington.wordpress.com

Safer Atherington Streets Group - www.saferatheringtonstreets.org.uk

Atherington Conservation Area - www.athconv.wordpress.com

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