

Denbury Diary




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FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER

6pm

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

- Church Services see inside**
- Thursday 1st**
Advent Windows begin
Coffee Drinkers, Hostess - Jean Duggan
- Tuesday 6th**
Stitchers 7pm in the Church Cottage
- Thursday 8th**
Coffee Drinkers, Hostess - Denise Burningham
- Monday 12th**
Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 14th**
Coffee Mates 10.30am - 12 noon, Church Cottage
- Thursday 15th**
Coffee Drinkers Hostess - Mary Bishop
- Friday 16th**
6pm Carols on the Green
- Sunday 18th**
4pm Carol Service with Denbury Christmas Choir
- Thursday 22nd**
Coffee Drinkers Hostess - Mary Griffin
- Saturday 24th**
4pm Crib Service
9pm Christmas Eve Communion
- Sunday 25th**
10am Christmas Day Holy Communion
- Thursday 29th**
Coffee Drinkers, Hostess - Kaaren Lambert
- January 2023**
- Monday 2nd**
10.30am Full peal to be rung by Exeter, Cathedral Ringing team. (approx 2.5 hrs)
- Tuesday 3rd**
Stitchers 7pm in the Church Cottage
- Thursday 5th**
Coffee Drinkers Hostess - Jan Bryan
- Monday 9th January**
3-5pm T Pot Senior Citizens New Years Party
Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 11th**
Coffee Mates 10.30am - 12 noon, Church Cottage
- Thursday 12th**
Coffee Drinkers Hostess - Viv Allen
- Tuesday 17th**
Stitchers 7pm in the Church Cottage
- Thursday 19th**
Coffee Drinkers Hostess - Suzi Donabie, Church Cottage
- Thursday 26th**
Coffee Drinkers Hostess - Carol Nield

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Purchase your tickets in advance from imwdavey@gmail.com or tele 07767 771590




SAVE THE DATE

2022 Christmas waste and recycling

Normal day	→	Revised day
Mon 26 December	→	Weds 28 December
Tues 27 December	→	Thurs 29 December
Weds 28 December	→	Fri 30 December
Thurs 29 December	→	Sat 31 December
Fri 30 December	→	Tues 2 January
Mon 2 January	→	Weds 4 January
Tues 3 January	→	Thurs 5 January
Weds 4 January	→	Fri 6 January
Thurs 5 January	→	Sat 7 January
Fri 6 January	→	Mon 9 January
Mon 9 January	→	Tues 10 January
Tues 10 January	→	Weds 11 January
Weds 11 January	→	Thurs 12 January
Thurs 12 January	→	Fri 13 January
Fri 13 January	→	Sat 14 January

Please put your bins and boxes out as above. If we are delayed, leave your boxes out and we will return as soon as possible.

 **Garden waste collections will stop on Fri 23 December and resume on Tues 10 January**

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Real Christmas trees Recycle your tree at one of our recycling points in January. Locations and dates are available online.

IS THIS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE DENBURY DIARY?

We are looking for a new editorial team to take over the Diary for 2023 but so far we have no takers.

The Diary has been providing information to village residents for many years, it would be a shame if it had to stop, below is a bit more information about what is involved. Perhaps you have some ideas of how to improve it or streamline the process so that it could continue in some form going forward.

How long does it take?
About a day a month in total to put it together.

How is the printing done?
A local company prints and staples the copies, the advertisers fees cover the cost of printing.

Who delivers it?
We have a great team of volunteer distributors who help us get the copies to people who have asked for one, there are also copies at pick up points around the village.

Will I need training?
It is quite straightforward to do but we can offer a handover if needed.

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Archive Group Exhibition

There was an amazing turnout for the Archive Group Exhibition on 5th November, despite the awful weather. The display of old photographs with contemporary images alongside were much commented on, and a lot of interest was generated by the pictures and exhibits on the Church bells' restoration and re-installation. The files of village memorabilia attracted so many people sometimes there wasn't enough room at the tables where they were displayed. People were so engrossed that we had far fewer requests for tea and biscuits than expected. I think everyone would agree it was an excellent afternoon.



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Skies Over Denbury

What to see in the sky in December...

Well this could be my last 'Sky News'! Remember that all the meteor showers I have previously mentioned usually happen at the same time each year and there are useful apps that can keep you up to date with what to look for but I will try to post any big events on the Facebook page if I can.

13th/14th December – Catch the peak of the Geminids meteor shower

The Geminids are one of the best meteor showers of the year thanks to bright, abundant, and multi-coloured meteors.

The peak of the Geminids is on the night of the 13th December, but you can see meteors from this shower from 4th to 20th December although the moon will rise at around 21:30 on 13th December which may affect being able to see some of the dimmer meteors, so it's unlikely you will see as many as the maximum hourly rate of 150 meteors that are usually associated with the Geminids!

21st December: The Winter Solstice

Winter is on the way with the approach of the winter solstice! The winter solstice falls on 21st December at 21:48 and marks the start of astronomical winter. The Sun will be at its most southerly point, meaning that it will shine directly above the Tropic of Capricorn and the Northern Hemisphere will have its shortest day of the year.

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Happy spotting!
Louise

A Message From Carl

I'd like to wish all my customers and friends in Denbury a lovely Xmas and New Year. After another challenging year for us all it's still a great comfort to me to work in such a friendly and kind village. Happy Xmas!

Carl The Postman



Denbury Art Club

If you have a passion for art or just want to have a go and see what you can create, why not come along to our friendly monthly art group. Each month we try something different, in the past we have tried our hand at printmaking, watercolours, acrylics, abstract art, speed drawing and even life drawing with more planned for 2023. All abilities welcome, if you would like to find out more or come along for a free taster session just get in touch, details below.

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Fri 12pm - 11pm	-	Food 12-2:30, 5:00-9:00pm
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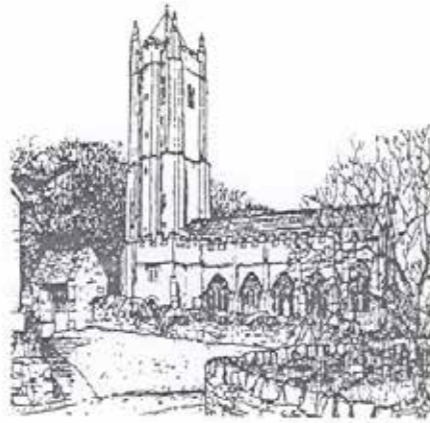


The view from Torbryan

As 2022 stumbles to a close, I am sure that very few of us will be sad to see the back of this truly difficult year. Hopes were probably quite high at the start of the year that we would be moving on from the Covid-19 pandemic, and indeed that has proven to be the case – great news! However, a number of other factors have served to severely dampen any optimism that might have caused. Clearly, the number one piece of bad news this year has been Russia's barbaric invasion of Ukraine. Associated with that has been rampant inflation in this country and the real economic hardship that so many are currently living through. 2022 may well also be the year when we started to feel the undisputable effects of our collective failure to prevent the warming of our climate.

So what is there to be cheerful about in relation to world affairs for an eternal optimist such as myself?

Well, on the first count, the jubilant, emotional scenes from Kherson in the last few days are perhaps proof that tyrannical despots such as Putin do not always get their own way. We can only hope that things continue to get worse for this man in 2023, something that



would no doubt cause things to go a great deal better for all the rest of us, especially our brave comrades in Ukraine who are suffering so much.

I have to say, it is hard for any but the most committed optimist to see many glimmers of hope in relation to our terrible disregard for the environment. As seems to be happening at the current summit, so often leaders just seem to squabble and prevaricate while the world burns. The best that can be hoped is that, by the time things

get really bad, the world will have no choice but to act.

And as for the economy, although it may not seem like it, I think this is the least of these three worries.

Despite the efforts of certain politicians to send the economy into freefall, no doubt things will pick up eventually. I would say that a certain amount of belt-tightening would be good for us but, as is always the way, it is those who most need to reign in their lifestyles who are able to continue as if nothing was happening.

So, I wish you all the very best for 2023 – whatever happens, surely it can't be as bad as the present year!

Georgie Brendon

Notes from the Parish Council

Four members of the public attended the Meeting, but we did not have any District or County Councillors. Three of the attendees were supporting a Planning Application which was before the Parish Council, involving works to the Walnut tree with a Tree Protection Order, which lies in the garden of a property on South Street. The tree is overhanging the property, and also overhangs the garden of a property in Down View Road; there was some discussion that TDC should not have allowed the building to be created so close to a tree with a TPO, especially when the type of tree would grow in stature, as this Walnut tree has. The PC members had already looked at the tree report and had no objections to the works which were proposed.

Another parishioner brought questions about the legality of the Parish Council making decisions concerning the new village hall site, such as the creation of the orchard on part of the site. As the committee for the creation of the New Hall has disbanded, it was requested that the Parish Council take on responsibility for the site, which we own, and have been responsible for the site and the multi-court since then. It was resolved that the clerk would look into the legal side of the Parish Council responsibilities, and

that any remaining Trustees would be sought, and their permissions obtained if required. Our Chairman is one of the Trustees.

There were two requests for funding for the Church pew covers and for the Choir, but as these were requested during Public time, they have to go onto the next agenda before we are allowed to decide. Also, a parishioner had requested a further notice at the Playing Fields concerning dog fouling around the football pitches.

Permission has been obtained to be able to cut back the hedge along the path from Moorland Avenue down to the Playing Fields; this work will be carried out as soon as possible as it has been noted that it is not possible to walk on the pavement, but the grass is becoming too muddy and slippery to walk on.

It is hoped that the replacement lengthsman will find time to come and clear the buddle holes and enable our roads to drain again. The front and back of the prison roads, Shute Lane, and the very bottom of Heathfield Road have all been noted as flooding areas.

Wishing everyone a Very Happy Christmas and let's hope for a more settled New Year!

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Winter is a time of shorter daylight hours and not withstanding the challenges facing us in terms of increasing energy costs is a time incredible potential and transformation. I am in the middle of reread Wintering by Katherine May and I offer you three insights inspired by this book.

A time for letting go

During the winter we see the leaves fall from the trees revealing the new buds for the year to come. These buds are there bursting with potential ready for when the conditions are right. Winter is a time for letting go. We stop doing many things, have time to reflect and in this new possibilities are able to present themselves. In letting this natural wintering process happen we like the trees are renewed and become ready for when the time is ripe for our new potential to burst into life.



A time for resting

In the winter months dormice, hibernate however this is not simply one long sleep. Dormice approx every 10 days bring their body temperature up, wake up and check that their nests are safe and secure. Many people find they go to bed earlier and sleep for longer over the winter months. This is often accompanied by a time of wakefulness in the middle of the night. Before modern lighting this pattern of a double sleep would have been the norm. The night time hours can be a time free from the pressures of the day allowing a different type of exploration, reflection and creativity.



A time for insight

Frost and snow render the world fresh and new. It is magical as every child and adult (if we are honest) feels and knows. Even things that were less than beautiful before are made wonderfully beautiful when bejewelled with a frost or covering of snow. Over the winter months we enter into what some call a liminal space. The cold and dark invites us to see and do things differently, to slow down, to notice and gain new insight and appreciation.



There are many more wonderful insights in Katherine May's beautifully written book "Wintering: the power of rest and retreat in difficult times". I highly recommend it.

There are many community gatherings in our Churches and villages over the Christmas period and so if you fancy 1hr to sit in a pew, to receive, listen, feel, contemplate and take a break from the obligation to endlessly do why not join in. You are most welcome. Don't be surprised if you find yourself on the verge of tears or touched by something. I can't promise the lifting of all your woes but I can promise you a slither of light that might just make all the difference.

Peace and good wishes

Andrew

St Mary the Virgin, Denbury. December Services



9.30 am **Sunday December 4th** **Second Sunday of Advent**
Celtic Morning Prayer

9.30 am **Sunday December 11th** **Third Sunday of Advent**
Holy Communion

4.00 pm **Sunday December 18th** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Carol Service with the Christmas Choir

Christmas Weekend

4.00 pm **Saturday December 24th** **Christmas Eve**
Crib Service
9.00 pm **Christmas Eve Communion**

Sunday December 25th **Christmas Day**
10.00 am **Holy Communion**

Weekly **Wednesday** 9.15 am (Celtic Morning Prayer) - Online using 'Zoom'
For the Zoom password, email: rev.andrewdown@gmail.com
Thursday 9.15 am **Morning Prayer (Common Worship)**
10.15am **Holy Communion**
Tuesdays 6th & 13th 7pm **Mission Community Compline (Ipplepen)**
Friday 16th December 6pm **Carols on the Green**

The Church of St Mary the Virgin is open daily from 9am to 5pm for private prayer and reflection.

January Services

Christmas to Epiphany including Baptism of Christ, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Candlemas

Sunday 1st January **Christmas 2**
9:30 am Celtic Morning Prayer

9:30 am **Sunday 8th January** **Baptism of Christ**
Holy Communion

Sunday 15th January **Epiphany 2**
No Service in Denbury: Travel Sunday. Communion available in Woodland (9.30am) & Ipplepen (11am)

9:30 am **Sunday 22nd January** **Epiphany 3**
(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)
Holy Communion

10:00am **Sunday 29th January** **Epiphany 4**
(Presentation of Christ in the Temple: Candlemas)
Mission Community Service St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

Weekly: As December

FOR REGULAR SERVICES PLEASE SEE THE BEACON MAGAZINE

St Mary the Virgin, Denbury – Contacts are listed inside back cover

Church News

When writing about the book "Wintering" in his letter, Andrew quotes the writer in talking about "the power of rest and retreat in difficult times". These are, indeed, difficult times for many, but we hope that the message of Christmas, of light and joy, and the renewal promised through the Winter of new things to come, will bring comfort and ease. Originally started in another "difficult time" of Covid, the Denbury Advent Windows will be shining out again this year. Literally a building cascade of light day after day in the darkest part of the year.

And, although done as a community "Thing", it reflects the church season well. The time of reflection, preparation and anticipation that is Advent. All fairly solemn in the Church liturgy, but that doesn't stop us breaking out into joyful song as Christmas comes nearer.

Come and join us for Carols on the Green on Friday 16th (6pm), for

mulled wine and mince pies. We'll be collecting for No Limits Cafe and Hub CIC. The day before we'll be singing at Brambledown, also starting at 6pm. Do join us if you can. Then on Sunday 18th at 4pm, Chris Eastman's Christmas Choir will be leading our annual Carol Service. This year, unlike last year, the congregation will be allowed to join in!!

The Christmas Services for Denbury start with the Crib Service. Last year, with a sense of starting afresh, we tried a different time. This - we were told by quite a few disappointed parents! - was the WRONG time!! So we are reverting this year to 4pm. Do please, pass the word! Our Christmas Eve Communion will be at 9pm - still welcoming in the new dawn of Christmas, but not quite so late... a bit like the 8pm Holy Saturday Service heralding Easter Day. Then on Christmas Day itself, as the song goes - Come and Join the Celebration! At 10am.

Partly because the Church Christmas

season carries on to February 2nd, but mainly because this Diary is a double edition, don't forget to check out the January Services.

Epiphany/ the Baptism of Christ is on the 8th, when the Three Wise Men (and Camel!) come to the Crib. Then on 29th January, which is a 5th Sunday, there's a Mission Community Service here in Denbury, at 10am.

Things inevitably get a little quieter after Christmas, but the Annual T Pot Senior Citizens New Year Party will take place in the Cottage on Monday 9th January, 3-5pm. All most welcome. So, as we wish you a Happy New Year, a truly Happy thought occurs....

We will be ringing in the New Year this time!! Yesssss!

PS Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Craft and Coffee morning in November, by making beautiful items to sell or by eating cake (!). £291 was raised for church funds! Thank YOU!

Rachel Belringer

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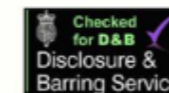
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