

# BEAFORD BUGLE



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Reporting on local activities here in Beaford from the previous month and letting readers know what to look forward to in the following month.

There is a well-informed local reporter submitting her articles and local clubs and societies can advertise and report on their news. The village hall enters their posters, and the Rector publishes events at the Beaford Church. So, lots of contributors towards the editing and printing. The Beaford Bugle is looking for someone to take over the editing and printing from May ready to produce The Beaford Bugle 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

Therefore, if you would like to take on this voluntary task for Beaford community please contact Ellie Pearce - [elliepearce.77@icloud.com](mailto:elliepearce.77@icloud.com) For further details. Thank you



# A Special Coffee Morning

To show the family's appreciation for the care that what shown to Clare and Dan when they were expecting the triplets and after their birth, we are holding a coffee morning at the village hall on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 10am until 12 noon** to raise funds for the Exeter and Barnstaple Neonatal Unit. As well as coffee, tea, squash and biscuits, there will be a raffle a cake and bake stall and Name the Teddy.

Please join us, if you can.

Your support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you

Anita Heard



We would like to remind any new parents and Grandparents about the Parent Community Hub that is on during term time at the village hall on Friday mornings from 9am till 11am. Anyone is welcome, you can just be part of the community and can join us for a chat and a cup of coffee or tea.

# A FOND FAREWELL

To Louise Dunn nee Bright formerly of Beaford who passed away in February, some may know Louise as your Avon Lady, or for her lovely cakes and scones that she used to make and sell at Beaford coffee morning in the village hall. Louise grew up in Beaford went to the primary school, married her husband Adrian in Beaford Church, she was an avid supporter of Beaford Village Hall, and joined in any local fund raising. Louise will be sadly missed.



Also to Ian Silcock of Beaford, Ian lived in Beaford for about 12 years enjoying his retirement, Ian started his career in the Navy as a sub mariner, moving on to work in Canada, Africa, France to name a few destinations as an engineer. During his time in Beaford he was very supportive to Beaford Village Hall, The Autumn Show, Remembrance Sunday service in Beaford Church each year and many of the local businesses. Ian will be sadly missed





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# NEWS FROM SHORT MAT BOWLS

On Friday 20th February Beaford were requested to host an important semi-final event for the Merton bowling league between 4 teams. This is the response we received from them on Saturday 21st February.

Good afternoon John, Steve and the members of Beaford Short Mat Bowling Club,

## **MERTON KNOCKOUT CUP SEMI-FINALS - A** **THANK YOU**

On behalf of the Merton Shortmat Charity League Committee, all of whom were playing in the matches last night, and the players from Wick, Westward Ho! and Great Torrington, may I say express our thanks to you all for playing host to the Knockout Cup Semi-finals.

Your venue is first class and ideal for shortmat matches such as these. The effort and preparation put in by you all was pivotal to the great success of the evening, and the excellent refreshments that followed were most enjoyable. And those little extras, such as the welcome signs on the doors and the bowl of sweets placed around further contributed to the occasion.

I have no doubt that Beaford, now a proven 'finals' venue able to host the big matches, will be uppermost in our minds through the coming Summer season and beyond.

Thank you all, once again,

**Charlie Simmons**  
**Competition Secretary MSMCL**



And whilst not seeking out times or trial (Jesus taught us to pray that we would not be led into such times) we need to be realistic that trials and temptations will come. Being ready to face the well will help us stand firm and grow. Sometimes facing testing times or even temptations can force us to seek the Lord and his help, help us to experience more of his love and grace, and help us to our grow.

## **Mission Community services and events**

### **Worship evening**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, High Bickington Community centre,**

**7.00pm** Modern worship and reflections on the cross

Refreshments from 6.30pm

### **Being a good friend to those who are bereaved**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, Alverdiscott village hall; 11.00am – 3.00pm**

An event led for us by national charity Care for the Family, to help us understand bereavement and how we might be a good friend to those who have lost a loved one. Everyone welcome. Please sign up with [revgary@tworiversmissioncommunity.com](mailto:revgary@tworiversmissioncommunity.com).

Arrive from 10.30am for tea and coffee. Bring your own packed lunch. This event is free, but a donation on the day to cover costs would be welcome.

### **Mission Community Afternoon tea and choral evensong**

**Yarnscombe church, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Tea and scones from 5.30pm. Choral evensong at 6.30pm

Music led by the Two Rivers Choir Sermon by Rev Gary Owen to celebrate the feast of Thomas Cramner, archbishop, writer of the Book of Common Prayer and martyr

### **Feast of the Annunciation BCP communion**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, High Bickington church, 10.30am**

## **Mission Community Quiet Day**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, Stables cottage, Nethergrove, High Bickington, 10.00am – 3.00pm**

We shall be exploring the theme of Holy week and the cross, through worship, silence, bible readings and craft.

It will be a shared lunch. Let Rev Tracey know if you are coming and what you might bring to share at lunchtime

## **Goodbye and Thank you service for Rev Ally**

**Beaford, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 4pm**

Rev Ally, who has served as our mission community curate since her ordination in June 2023 will be licenced as interim vicar in Bishops Tawton and Newport on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026. All are welcome to the licencing service in Newport Church at 7.00pm.

We have been truly blessed by Ally and her ministry amongst us. Whilst based in Beaford, she has ministered across the mission community. As well as leading services, some of Ally's main contributions to our mission community have been serving as a governor at Beaford school, leading collective worship predominantly in Beaford and Holywell, conducted many baptisms, weddings and funerals, and leading youth group. She has turned her hand to many other things as part of her training, and she is now fully equipped to lead her own parishes.

We will be saying 'goodbye and thank you' to Ally, Danny and the girls in a short service in Beaford church on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 4.00pm. This will be followed by a glass of fizz and a finger buffet in Beaford village hall from about 4.45pm. Everyone is invited to join us at church and/or the hall.

## **BEAFORD CHURCH NEWS-**

### **200 club winners for February –**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £25.00 Roger Stares No.142

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15.00 Kim Hamilton No. 103

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10.00 Ken Chandler No. 26

### **Sunday Services –**

1<sup>st</sup> March 9.30am Morning Worship

8<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am Morning Worship

15<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am Mothering Sunday Service

22<sup>nd</sup> March 9.30am morning Worship

29<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am Morning Worship

# OUR COMMUNITY

# Café

## held on the 14<sup>th</sup> February

The aroma of frying bacon and sizzling sausages lured the Villagers of Beaford to our Community Cafe this Valentines morning where along with eggy butties and a good catch-up everyone enjoyed a thoroughly delightful morning.

Despite it being just a cafe and not the usual market Marlene was there with her 'white elephant' stall and other stalwarts had their goods for sale, in the car park was a newcomer, Amy's Pantry a mobile grocery shop that sold all sorts of tasty local farm meat from G. E, Honey & sons Parkham and veg. (she promises to be there every second Saturday of the Month so it's another goodie to look forward to) It has been decided that The Markets will only occur every 3 months or so (Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter) but it still seems a popular occasion for villagers to meet and have a good old gossip.

**The next cafe will be on  
14<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 until noon**

## **Eyes were down for Bingo on**

**15th February in Beaford Village Hall**

**The hall was filled with anticipating bingo players who were all trying to win the £55 SNOWBALL. A shout of Bingo was called and the £55 snowball was won by Lynn Frame. Now the snowball reverts to £50 awaiting another lucky winner on the next bingo evening which is on:**

**19th APRIL eyes dobbers at the ready for  
7:00pm start. Bar opens at 6:30p**



**COMMUNITY**

**Cafe**

**BEAFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**14<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**9.30 UNTIL NOON**

**Our kitchen will be open for bacon,  
sausage and egg baps. Hot drinks and  
homemade cakes**

**Enjoy a breakfast**

**Meet up, have a chat and catch up**

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# QUIZ NIGHT

**BEAFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**SATURDAY 14TH MARCH**

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Mar-26		MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
1st	SUNDAY	9.30am Church Service		
2nd	MONDAY	VH Church Meeting 9.30am	VH SMB 2pm	VH SMB 6.30-10.30pm (match)
3rd	TUESDAY	VH Warm Hub 10am-12pm	VH SMB 1.30-5.30pm (match)	VH Guides 5.30pm VH Pickleball 8pm
4th	WEDNESDAY	VH Keep fit 10.30am	VH Beaford School 12-3pm	VH SMB 7pm
5th	THURSDAY	GARDEN WASTE green bin	VH Sewing & Quilting 1pm	VH Skittles 7pm
6th	FRIDAY	VH Parent Hub 9am Recycling		LADYINA'S @ THE GLOBE 8pm
7th	SATURDAY	VH coffee morning and cake sale for NICU Barnstable & coxeter Hospitals EVERYONE WELCOME 10am-12pm		
8th	SUNDAY	9.30am Church Service		
9th	MONDAY	VH Church meeting 9.30am	VH SMB 2pm	VH SMB 6.30-10.30pm (match)
10th	TUESDAY	VH Warm Hub 10am-12pm	VH SMB 1.30-5.30pm (match)	VH Guides 5.30pm VH Committee Meeting 7pm VH Pickleball 8pm
11th	WEDNESDAY	VH Keep fit 10.30am		VH SMB 7pm BRITISH TAPA'S NIGHT @ THE GLOBE (bookings only)
12th	THURSDAY		VH Church safeguarding training 11am - 2pm (open to anyone)	VH Skittles 7pm FOLK NIGHT @ THE GLOBE 8pm
13th	FRIDAY	VH Parent Hub 9am Recycling & Black Bag		
14th	SATURDAY	VH coffee morning @ The Community Cafe 9.30am - 12pm		VH QUIZ 7pm start. BAR OPEN 6.30pm
15th	SUNDAY	9.30 Church Service (Mothering Sunday)	PIGHERS DAY ROAST @ THE GLOBE (bookings only)	
16th	MONDAY	VH Church Meeting 9.30am	VH SMB 2pm	VH Youth Group 6.30pm
17th	TUESDAY	VH Warm Hub 10am-12pm		VH Guides 5.30pm VH Pickleball 8pm
18th	WEDNESDAY	VH Keep fit 10.30am		VH SMB 7pm
19th	THURSDAY	GARDEN WASTE green bin		VH Skittles 7pm
20th	FRIDAY	VH Parent Hub 9am Recycling		SPRING BEER FESTIVAL @ THE GLOBE with THE BICYCLE REPAIR FIAR
21st	SATURDAY			SPRING BEER FESTIVAL @ THE GLOBE with THE HOODOO MAN
22nd	SUNDAY	9.30am Church Service		SPRING BEER FESTIVAL @ THE GLOBE with DAVE SMITH
23rd	MONDAY	VH Church meeting 9.30am	VH SMB 2pm	
24th	TUESDAY	VH Warm Hub 10am-12pm		VH Guides 5.30pm VH Pickleball 8pm
25th	WEDNESDAY	VH Keep fit 10.30am		VH SMB 7pm VH Parish Council meeting 7pm
26th	THURSDAY			VH Skittles 7pm
27th	FRIDAY	VH Parent Hub 9am Recycling & Black Bag		LUNCH CLUB @ THE GLOBE 11.30pm
28th	SATURDAY	VH Church coffee morning 10am-12pm		
29th	SUNDAY	9.30am Church Service	4pm Ally's Good bye Service	VH Ally's Goodbye Tea 5pm QUIZ NIGHT @ THE GLOBE 7PM
30th	MONDAY	VH 9.30am Church meeting	VH SMB 2pm	
31st	TUESDAY	VH Warm Hub 10am-12pm		VH Guides 5.30pm VH Pickleball 8pm