

BEAFORD BUGLE



APRIL

Beaford Short Mat Bowling Club Update

As we enter into the last couple of weeks of the winter league season, Beaford Beacons are anxiously waiting to hear if we have won this year's Division 2 league. But in the meantime, we have secured promotion to Division 1 next season. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kim, Lorraine, Jim, Lee and Phil for their commitment over the winter which has made it a successful and fun season.

Congratulations must also go to the Beaford Bandits. Although they just missed out on promotion from division 3 into division 2 on shot difference, they finished 3rd which has also made it a successful season. This division is mainly supported with players new to the game who wanted to participate in this year's winters league games so thanks must go to Angela, Jackie, Jayne, Michelle, Andy, Mick and John for all their hard work.

Once again well done to everyone who has been involved with Beaford SMBC this winter season.

Steve



The 'Bracelets' story

Hello,

Our names are Walter, Wyatt and Henry and we are the Triplets of Daniel and Clare Brace, and this is our story.

We were conceived through IVF at Fertility Exeter following four years of failed natural conception. It was on the second 'frozen' round of treatment where two embryos were implanted. One split in two which created Walter and Wyatt (identical twins) and one remained as Henry (singleton). It was a complicated yet straight forward pregnancy under the care of both Barnstaple and Exeter hospitals, where many appointments and scans were undertaken.

Following the incredible care of Exeter, we were born on 12th September 2025 at 34 weeks and 6 days.

Walter was first born at 1.34pm weighing 3lbs 8oz

Wyatt second at 1.36pm weighing 4lb 2oz

Henry third at 1.37pm weighing 3lb 7oz.

We went straight to Exeter neonatal intensive care unit where we spent the next 7 days building our strength. We were in separate incubators for about 4 days whilst Wyatt needed a little extra help on CPAP to help with his breathing. On day 5 we were all just on feeding tubes and sleeping in a cot together. On day 7 we travelled back to Barnstaple special care baby unit where we learnt to bottle feed over the next 7 days before being able to come home on 26th September 2025.

We are now 25 weeks old – almost 6 months and keeping mummy and daddy on their toes. We sleep ok at nighttime so are giving them some rest, with usually just 1 feed in the night. They have us on a tight feeding and nap schedule during the day to try and keep us in line.

Nanna neet neet has helped to organise a coffee morning to help raise funds for both Barnstaple and Exeter's baby care units and Fertility Exeter as a huge thank you to everyone who was involved in our journey so far. Any donations are very much appreciated as many other families across Devon will benefit from your generosity, so thank you for joining us in raising money for this wonderful cause close to our hearts!

With love and happy playing,

Walter, Wyatt and Henry

P.S. We don't mind if you would like to take photos, however, please do not post us or our story on social media. As you can imagine we get lots of attention being triplets and it can get quite overwhelming, so please be patient with us 😊

Dan, Claire and the triplets would like to thank everyone for the kind support and donations given for the coffee morning held in aid of Exeter & Barnstaple Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. An amazing £550.00 was raised and they are now going through their wish list ready to buy the items the unit needs. Thank you also to the Village Hall

AND THEY'RE OFF!

AT THE GLOBE

Betting slips at the ready!

Form book already imprinted in their brain!

Drinks flowing, and the bookies starting to count their ill-gotten gains!

This was the evening of February 20th at The Globe in Beaford for the Grand Race Night in aid of Beaford Tennis Club the excitement was palpable and friendships forgotten as the money flowed, sometimes into the coffers and sometimes out nevertheless everyone had a good if not profitable night some bet on their favourite horses names, some on the number of the horse (number 5 was consistently bet on, and consistently lost) other had a 'system' and bet on every horse in every race, but the real winner on the evening was the Tennis Club, which was the aim in the first place so it was a very successful race meeting, Jim provided a running supply of drinks and Sam provided a very tasty supply of pizzas throughout so we all went home full and happy.

MC Mike announced that the Tennis Club had made about £300 so thank you to everyone who attended.



From the Rector

It's said that the richest game in world football is the playoff final to gain promotion from the English Championship to the Premier League. Such are the riches available in the Premier League that many clubs will do everything in their power to get there. Sadly, it looks like my team, Watford, will not this year be one of the teams contesting this lucrative match, although Wrexham, for whom I have a soft spot after ministering in the town for 8 years might just make it.

Jesus told two parables about giving up everything, not to gain a place in the Premier League, but in God's kingdom. He told of a man who discovered treasure buried in a field who sold all his possessions so he could buy the field and own the treasure. He also told about a merchant who saw a pearl of such great value that he sold everything he owned to buy it. You can read these stories in Matthew 13.44-46.

At the beginning of April, we will be celebrating Holy Week and Easter. We will remember how God's son, Jesus, gave his everything for us; dying on a cross that we might have eternal life. In one sense there is nothing we need or indeed can do, other than in thankfulness accept this eternal life as a free gift. But in another sense, accepting this gift costs everything; it means dying to a life lived for self, and instead living a life for God. St Paul understood this better than most. He knew from personal experience that "the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6.23) but nonetheless "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on

toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" Philippians 3.13-14).

Christians know that the most precious thing in the world is a relationship with God through Jesus. If this is not yet something you've experienced, please speak to someone at church, or get in touch with me. We'd love to point you in the right direction.

Rev Gary.

Easter services

There are three mission community services on Maundy Thursday (2nd April). Most churches have services or activities for families on Good Friday, and every church has a service on Easter day. To find a service for you visit

www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org/whats-on/easter-2026

Beaford Church Services

Maundy Thursday 2nd April 7pm inc. communion

Good Friday 3rd April 2pm reflections

Easter Sunday 5th April 9.30am inc. communion

Sunday 12th April 9.30am morning worship

Sunday 19th April 9.30am holy communion

Sunday 23rd April 9.30am St Georges Day service

Sunday 26th April 9.30am morning worship

Alter Flower Rota

5th & 12th April Veronica Hammett

19th & 26th Joy Collins

Winner of the 200club for March

1st Prize £25.00 Sam & Spencer

2nd Prize £15.00 Veronica Hammett

3rd Prize £10.00 Tony & Sara Copson

Thank you all for your continued support

Next Church Coffee morning in Beaford Village Hall

Saturday 25th April 10am – 12pm

Next Youth Group in Beaford Village Hall Monday 16th

April @ 6.30pm

Next Bible Group in Beaford Village Hall Monday 13th

April @ 9.30am

RECEIPE FOR APRIL



Devonshire Junket

Popular since the 13th century, Junket makes the most of Devon's rich cream and milk

Ingredients

- 600ml full cream milk, or single cream
- 1 heaped tbsp caster sugar
- 1 tbsp brandy
- 1 tsp rennet
- Nutmeg

Method

1. Heat the milk until gently bubbling, then dissolve in the sugar, stirring constantly.
2. Add the brandy, rennet and a generous grating of nutmeg. Pour into a large bowl, or four individual dishes, and allow to cool at room temperature.



Quiz Night at Beaford Village Hall 14th March

What a fabulous turn out there was for Anita's quiz. Everyone was eager to win the quiz, and all tried to rack their brains to answer the questions. The sets of questions were varied from the periodic table, travel, general knowledge, guess the titles of songs but the funniest was the last set of questions where everyone had to choose between items and as there was no correct answer no one could possibly pick the right answer. Of course, my team didn't pick the right answer every time. The quiz was won by team Noddies a curious bunch of people who kindly donated their winnings back to the village hall. A big thank you for that amazing gesture. The bar was very busy with quizzers as they felt alcohol would or could encourage the brain to work faster. Maybe?? Thank you to Anita and the Village Hall committee for organising this fun event. Looking forward to the next quiz night



BEAFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY SOCIAL EVENING

MONDAY 6th April

BAR OPENS 6.30PM TO LATE

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BEAFORD VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 11TH APRIL

9.30 UNTIL NOON

VISIT OUR AMAZING STALLS

Riverside Plants

Shed in the Hedge (Home made savoury)

Beaford Guides Tombola

Amy's pantry in the car park

Resin & Soy Wax Melts stall

Cushions form Aideene and Janet

The Tattooed Crafter printed gifts & artwork and ***MANY MORE***

Cafe

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

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BEAFORD VILLAGE HALL
SUNDAY 19th APRIL

Bar opens at 6.30
Eyes down at 7pm
10 games £1 a strip £10 a book

SNOWBALL PRIZE £50

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to take the short course –

Instructions – Click on Register, Join existing team, Devon & Cornwall, Devon North & West, Torrington-Beaford, then follow online instructions or give Rob an email on pearce.77@btinternet.com for more information.

GARDENING TIPS FOR APRIL

- Spray roses against blackspot
- Tie in the new shoots of climbers
- Divide perennials
- Stake tall growing perennials
- Protect young growth from slugs and snails
- Deadhead daffodils
- Plant new aquatic plants
- Sow or turf new lawns
- Feed established lawns
- Sow greenhouse crops such as tomatoes
- Prick out or pot up seedlings before they get leggy
- Last chance to cut down any dead growth left over from winter
- Plant summer flowering bulbs
- Sow sweet peas
- Prepare trenches for runner beans
- Get ahead and plant up hanging baskets if you have space under glass or shelter

BEAFORD GARDEN TOUR

A date for your Diary – Sat 6th and Sun 7th June

There will be a Flower Exhibition in the Church Plant Sale
Cream Teas will be available at selected sites in the village.
Beautiful, unusual, large, small, quirky, traditional, cottage,
new, old and more gardens will be made available to view.
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THE GLOBE INN BEAFORD

An amazing event occurred at The Globe between 20th and 22nd March, Jimmy and Sam had organised a fantastic beer festival along with some tasty food and entertaining musical acts.

The beers were as usual an eclectic mix of tastes and flavours chosen by Jimmy from local breweries, ranging from dark strong stouts to fruity lager style beers, Sam was in charge of the delicious tasting food which ranged from Pasties and Fajitas on Friday through Toasties and huge barbecued sausages on Saturday and a traditional roast or Pulled pork rolls on Sunday.

The gathering on Saturday evening was really exciting and it was great to see the place packed with locals and visitors alike all having a jolly good time, singing and dancing to Hoodoo Man.

On the Friday there was a fabulous performance by the Community Rock Choir followed by The Bicycle Repair Man who entertained everyone as usual in his own inimitable style, Sunday it was Dave Smith who brought the weekend to a close cheering everyone up despite the fact that it was closing time.

It was great to see so many people both young and not so young enjoying themselves in the pub, lets hope there are more nights like this.



Do you enjoy The Beaford Bugle?

The Beaford Bugle is looking for someone to take over the editing and printing from May ready to produce The Beaford Bugle 1st of June. Therefore, if you would like to take on this voluntary task for Beaford community please contact

Ellie Pearce - elliepearce.77@icloud.com

The paper version and online version is produced monthly, funded by local business advertisers and Beaford Village Hall.

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



Apr-26		MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
1st	WEDNESDAY	VH KEEPFIT 10.30am		VH SHORT MAT BOWLS 7pm
2nd	THURSDAY	GARDEN WASTE	VH Sewing & Quilting 1pm	CHURCH MAUNDAY SERVICE 7pm VH SKITTLES 7pm
3rd	FRIDAY		CHURCH GOOD FIDAY SERVICE 2pm	
4th	SATURDAY	RECYCLING		
5th	SUNDAY	CHURCH EASTER SERVICE 9.30am		
6th	MONDAY		VH SHORT MAT BOWLS 2pm	VH SOCIAL NIGHT 6pm
7th	TUESDAY			VH PICKLEBALL 8pm
8th	WEDNESDAY	VH KEEPFIT 10.30am		VH SHORT MAT BOWLS 7pm
9th	THURSDAY			VH SKITTLES 8pm FOUR NIGHTS @ THE GLOBE 8.30pm
10th	FRIDAY	VH Parent Hub 10am-12pm- VH SPRING MARKET 9.30-12pm		
11th	SATURDAY	BLACKBAG & RECYCLING		
12th	SUNDAY	CHURCH SERVICE 9.30am		
13th	MONDAY	VH Church meeting 9.30am	VH SHORT MAT BOWLS 2pm	
14th	TUESDAY			VH GUIDES 5.30pm VH COMMITTEE MEETING 7pm VH VH PICKLEBALL 8pm
15th	WEDNESDAY	VH KEEPFIT 10.30am		VH SHORT MAT BOWLS 7pm
16th	THURSDAY	GARDEN WASTE		VH SKITTLES 7pm
17th	FRIDAY	VH parent Hub 10am-12pm RECYCLING		
18th	SATURDAY	VH BIG BREAKFAST 9-12pm BOOKINGS ONLY		
19th	SUNDAY	CHURCH SERVICE 9.30am		VH BINGO 6.30pm
20th	MONDAY	VH Church meeting 9.30am	VH SHORT MAT BOWLS 2pm	VH YOUTH GROUP 6.30pm
21st	TUESDAY			VH GUIDES 5.30pm VH PICKLEBALL 8pm
22nd	WEDNESDAY	VH KEEPFIT 10.30am		VH SHORT MAT BOWLS 7pm
23rd	THURSDAY			VH SKITTLES 7pm FOURLEAFLET'S @ THE GLOBE (Bookings only)
24th	FRIDAY	VH Parents hub 9am BLACKBAG & RECYCLING	LUNCH CLUB @ THE GLOBE 12.30pm	VH CARPARK Pig & Olive Pizza 4.30-8pm
25th	SATURDAY	VH Church coffee morning 10am-12pm		
26th	SUNDAY	CHURCH SERVICE 9.30am VH CRAFT DAY 10-4		QUIZ NIGHT @ THE GLOBE 7pm
27th	MONDAY	VH Church meeting 9.30am	VH SHORT MAT BOWLS 2pm	
28th	TUESDAY			VH GUIDES 5.30pm VH PICKLEBALL 8pm
29th	WEDNESDAY	VH KEEPFIT 10.30am		VH SHORT MAT BOWLS 7pm VH PC AGM MEETING 7.30pm
30th	THURSDAY	GARDEN WASTE		VH SKITTLES 7pm



BEAFORD'S

BIG BIG

BREAKFAST

SATURDAY

18TH APRIL

9AM UNTIL NOON

AT BEAFORD VILLAGE HALL

Large Breakfast £10

2 sausages, 2 rashers of bacon, 2 eggs, 2 hash browns,
baked beans or tomatoes, mushrooms, & 2 toast
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