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Devonshire Honey Cake



Ingredients 225g unsalted butter 100g dark muscovado sugar 3 large eggs, beaten 250g clear honey, plus about 2 tbsp extra to glaze 300g self-raising flour

Method 1. Preheat the oven to fan 140C/ conventional 160C/gas 3. Butter and line a 20cm round loose bottomed cake tin. Cut the butter into pieces and drop into a medium pan with the honey and sugar. Melt slowly over a low heat. When the mixture looks quite liquid, increase the heat under the pan and boil for about one minute. Leave to cool for 15-20 minutes, to prevent the eggs cooking when they are mixed in. 2. Beat the eggs into the melted honey mixture using a wooden spoon. Sift the flour into a large bowl and pour in the egg and honey mixture, beating until you have a smooth, quite runny batter. 3. Pour the mixture into the tin and bake for 50 minutes-1 hour until the cake is well-risen, golden brown and springs back when pressed. A skewer pushed into the centre of the cake should come out clean. 4. Turn the cake out on a wire rack. Warm 2 tbsp honey in a small pan and brush over the top of the cake to give a sticky glaze, then leave to cool. Keeps for 4-5 days wrapped, in an airtight tin

BEAFORD'S BIG BIG BREAKFAST WAS HELD ON SATURDAY 18 Th APRIL AT BEAFORD VILLAGE HALL

What an amazing turn out! Eggs were being cracked, bacon sizzling and toasts popping out of the toasters. Everyone was served with their delicious breakfast by our own Mrs Overall, Michelle. Dave the head chef was helped by Martin, Jo and another Jo who were run off their feet with cooking and serving. The eggs which were free range were kindly donated by Mark Bowen from Roborough and were delicious. A group of cyclist turned up after doing a hectic ride around the area and needed the sustenance of a Beaford Big Breakfast. In all 56 breakfasts were served, a monumental achievement. Thanks to all those involved for organising the event. When's the next one?



SPRING MARKET SUCCESS

Thanks to all the stallholders, villagers, and the local community for coming along and supporting our Spring Market on Saturday 11th April At 8am, when the hall was opened-up, members of the committee were greeted by keen stallholders waiting to set up an array of varying stalls. At 9:30 all the traders were ready for the start of the market, and the delicious aroma of freshly cooked bacon and sausages filled the room. There was a slow (but steady) trickle of customers for the first hour. But at around 10:30 there was a mass influx of customers all desperate to have their thirst and hunger quenched. The 'stampede' in the kitchen lasted until almost closing time. Once our visitors had been 'fed & watered', next on their agenda was to browse the market stalls and, buy tickets for the (back by popular demand) raffle. In summary, the Spring Market was a huge success that was enjoyed by all. For those with a Facebook account, here's a link to a short reel filmed by one of our stallholders of the morning (Permission was sought from the individuals included within the filming)

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1FcSSBQeFb>

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BEAFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY SOCIAL EVENING

Held on Bank Holiday Monday April 6 th A large number of villagers arrived on Bank Holiday to socialise and have a glass or two before some went back to work, and lucky others who didn't. Many people were playing board games and became very competitive by the shouts and screams. Favourite games were Scrabble and Jenga. All round it was a fun evening

Beaford Bowling Update

What a fantastic winter season both Beaford teams have had playing in the Merton Winter League. The Bandits, skipped by John, just missed out on promotion from division 3 by shot difference. The Beacons, skipped by Steve, had to wait for the last game of the season to be played, on the last day of the season, to discover if they were to become Division Two champions. It finally turned out that they had done enough during the season to win division 2 on shot difference. Congratulations to everyone!

This means that next season Steve's team will be playing in division 1!

At the Merton League AGM on Wednesday night 15th April Steve collected the winners trophy on behalf of his team.

Looking forward, the summer season is due to start in May and the club have decided to enter the North Devon and North Cornwall Summer league. The format is completely different to what we have been playing previously, but we will be up for the challenge.

At this year's Bowling Club AGM which was held on Wednesday 22nd April, John and Gloria decided to step down from their roles in the club. So all the club members would like to thank them for all the time and hard work they have put into making the club what it is today.

We wish them well.

Steve

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Saturday 13th June 9am to 11.30 am

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Farewell from the curate

It is with great sadness but also with a huge amount of gratitude that I am bidding you all farewell this month. When I arrived in the summer of 2023, I had no idea how much I would come to love these 10 parishes, and how much they would feel like home. From the moment that I arrived I was made to feel welcome and was enabled to slot in as if I had been here forever.

Over these last three years I have learned a huge amount, I have grown in both confidence and knowledge, and that is down to the willingness of our congregations to let me try things out. I have received positive and constructive feedback, and this has helped me to discover what works and what doesn't. You have all given me an opportunity to lead different services in different places, I have observed many of you leading worship and learned something from each one of you.

Each community that I have served has had a different flavour, and I have enjoyed the variety, what I have also appreciated is how much you all support and care for each other. I do hope that you know how wonderful you all are, 'fearfully and wonderfully made' (psalm 139.14a)

As I move on, I will be doing so with memories of a wonderful curacy, it has been a happy three years in which my family has grown to include Danny, an extra poodle and a hamster.

Rev Ally is being licensed as vicar of Bishops Tawton and Newport on Monday 27th April. We wish her and her new parishes every blessing for the future.

Ascension Day – 14th May

We are holding two services in the mission community to celebrate the feast of the Ascension. All are welcome to join us:

10.30am: High Bickington church

6.30pm: Yarnscombe church



We said goodbye and thank you to our to rev ally on 29 th March The Beaford church was filled with parishioners from all over the parish on the 29th April to say a very sad farewell to our Rev Ally who has left us to be licensed as interim vicar in Bishops Tawton and Newport. She has been so much part of our mission community as curate since June 2023. She has been a strong influence on many people in Beaford and Holywell. As well as leading services she has contributing to our mission community by serving as a governor at Beaford school and not forgetting conducting baptisms, funerals and weddings. Together with her husband Danny the service to say goodbye was very emotional for everyone, especially The Reverend Gary Owen who worked so closely with Ally while she was preparing to come a Reverend. The service was a wonderful selection of hymns and prayers that all meant something special to Reverend Ally, it was very moving indeed. Presentations were made from many parishioners including Jill Underhill., Sara Copson. Ruth Castle also thanked Ally for her support on Movie Quiz night in the village hall. Rob Pearce also handed Ally a present from all the church supporters. Everyone then decamped to the village hall to have finger buffet a glass of fizz and wish our Reverend Ally much happiness in the future in her own parishes.

We Will Miss you





BEAFORD VILLAGE HALL

COMMUNITY SOCIAL EVENING

MONDAY 4th MAY

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THANK YOU-

To everyone who enjoys the monthly Bugle, I have produced this little magazine for the last four years and feel now is the time to hand it over for someone else to have a go, unfortunately even through I have advertised the voluntary position no one has come forward therefore this is the last Bugle from me.

There is still opportunity for someone to either take over or set up a new style community news magazine/news letter.

The paper version of the Bugle has halved in numbers from 200 down to 100 saving paper and ink and only delivered to those who want it, otherwise it has been available on the village Hall website www.beafordvillagehall.com

Therefore, if you run a group or society at the village hall you will be able to have your news published on the website by contacting Martin at the website.

Ellie Pearce

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GARDENING TIPS FOR MAY

- Protect plants if night frosts are forecast
- Water plants that need it regularly
- Prune spring flowering shrubs when finished flowering
- Take soft wood cuttings of shrubs
- Lightly trim box and other formal hedging
- Prune clematis montana after flowering
- Plant out Dahlias at the end of the month
- Protect your plants from slugs
- Clear out spring bedding and harden off summer bedding
- Feed fish regularly
- Sow and plant out tender vegetables at the end of the month
- Continue successional sowing of vegetables
- Ventilate green houses and conservatories and think about permanent shading for the summer
- Sow or turf new lawns before it gets too dry
- Sow biennials for next years spring bedding
- Inspect plants regularly for signs of pests and diseases, and nip potential problems in the bud.
- Finish planting evergreen shrubs
- Feed and weed lawns to encourage good growth
- Protect cherry trees from birds with bird friendly covers
- Protect crops from carrot fly
- Tie in climbers regularly
- Divide early primulas after flowering

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