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Front Cover - **Galmpton Windmill** from painting by **George Bedford** 1850-1920.

Editorial ~ Whatever Next!?

I think we were lulled into a false sense of security with a 30-mph limit on Dartmouth Road, Galmpton gateways, and pedestrian footways, but then...

Windy Corner Traffic Scheme

Exchange common land for a piece of verge we already have access to? This is to widen the road and speed up the traffic only recently slowed by the 30-mph limit. Galmpton and Churston residents will find it more difficult to get in and out of their villages safely, particularly at the Langdon Lane and Bascombe Road junctions.

Bloor Homes Development

They now want 90 houses, but on a greater density than the local average. Also, they plan to build a 50-apartment extra-care home for the elderly with millions of pounds of tax-payer funding. Trees with preservation orders will be felled. The extra traffic will only exacerbate our village congestion.

Churston Golf Clubhouse

The golf club want a new clubhouse to be built on an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), which also has other rural conservation orders. The access road is planned to tarmac over an historic trade route, and will only add to the local traffic misery.

Brokenbury Sports Complex

Now the Sports Council intends to build a 17 acre sports hub, with floodlit stadium, shooting range, etc. This will be sited on Bascombe Road behind the Brokenbury Water Works. More traffic chaos, noise, and light pollution!

Do You Want These?

Several organisations exist to represent your views:

Churston, Galmpton & Broadsands Community Partnership Page 14
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Galmpton Floral Days 2010

8:00 am Sunday 5th September it was pouring, 9:30 it was drizzling, **BUT** at 11:00 when **Skills Day** officially opened the sun broke through to greet the first of **300+** visitors that came to enjoy **ALL** that was on offer. There were: **500+** exhibits in **4 Shows**, **Handicraft & Cookery** demonstrations, **Floral Art** displays, **Plant & Pantry** stalls, **Music**, **Refreshments**, and standing-room only **Songs of Praise**. It is wholly impossible to list all who contributed, but a very **BIG** thank you goes to everyone involved.

Cup Winners: **Flower Show:** Jacqui Wilbraham, Margaret Parsons, Zoe Bishop;
Vegetable Show: Philip Pascoe; **Craft Show:** Mary Bond, Sara Seymour;
Cooks' Show: Juliet Memery, Neil Greenslade + Alice McMahon; **Children's Awards:**
Overall Challenge Cup: Thomas Curry; **Nursery / Reception:** Isobel Burton;
Years 1/2: Mia Blackburn; **Years 3/4:** Samuel Curry; **Years 5/6/7:** Imogen Oares;
As a bonus, £1197.64 was gathered to add to £1208.30 from **Opn Gardens Day**.
After expenses, and reserves for next year, £1205 was donated to village causes.
Acknowledgement to **Eric Lloyd & Co** for their invaluable continuing sponsorship.

2011 is our **10th Anniversary** and we mean to mark it! On **17th October** the **BIG BULB PLANT** saw 2000 bulbs planted along **Langdon Lane** as it crosses the common. **Sun 3rd April** will be **Welcome to Spring Day** with a flower show, Words & Music, and possible open gardens. **Sun 4th Sep** will be **Skills Day**. Watch out for posters and don't miss the schedules.

Brixham U3A

Chairman: K. Samuels: 883344

Publicity: Margaret Scott: 852904

Brixham University of 3rd Age is a friendship club that meets at **2 pm** on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month at **Brixham Rugby Club**. Join us for a cup of tea or coffee and you will find out more about our activities & speakers.

If interested please contact:

Chairman: K. Samuels 01803 883344

Publicity: Margaret Scott 01803 852904

Grand Christmas-Card Sale and Coffee Morning

Thursday 11th November 9:30 am to 12-noon

Charity stall held at **Brixham Yacht Club**

in aid of the **Rowcroft Hospice** and

Brixham Branch of the Royal British Legion

Opened by **Doug Mounce** from **BBC Radio Devon**

The Friends of Churston Library Events

Bonfire Night Coffee Morning in Churston Library

Fri 5th November 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Only Fair-trade coffee and tea are served. All free of charge.

Day trip to Cribbs Causeway Shopping Mall Bristol

Mon 22nd November Depart Brixham 8:15 am & Churston 8:30 am

Do all your Christmas Shopping under one roof. Along with **M & S** and **John Lewis** there are lots of other well known High Street stores.

Christmas Coffee Morning in Churston Library

Sat 18th December 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

This, our last coffee morning of 2010, is our favourite, and we hope you will join us in the library where there will be lots of Christmas "goodies" on offer!

A Very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year to You All

The Friends of Churston Library would like to thank all their members for the wonderful support they have given throughout 2010 and also say thank you to all those who are not members but have supported us on our trips.

Galampton & Churston Local History Group

Chairman: John Risdon: 844102

Treasurer: Gary Deare: 842148

E-mail: johnrisdon@heritage-southdevon.co.uk

Friday 26th November 2010

"Sailing Trawlers of Brixham"

Illustrated Talk by Bill Wakeham

To be held in **Galampton Village Institute** at **7:30 pm**.

Members free entry ~ Non-members **£2.00** ~ Refreshments from **7:00 pm**.

Friday 21st January 2011

Change from membership published programme

"Stories from a National Trust Ranger"

Illustrated Talk by Mike Ingram

To be held in **Galampton Village Institute** at **7:30 pm**.

Members free entry ~ Non-members **£2.00** ~ Refreshments from **7:00 pm**.



(or Daddy or Grandma or someone else special!)

A range of carefully structured, lively and fun, weekly music classes for babies aged from 12 weeks, toddlers, and pre-school children

The new term starts on **Monday 1st November** when we will have Christmas themed classes involving Santa, The Christmas Fairy and lots of Jingle Bells in our Toddler classes, whilst in the Preschool classes this year we will be basing our Christmas celebrations around The Nativity. And of course our Jolly Babies classes will be extra Jolly this festive season too!



☎ Carol on (01803) 842839 to join a group at Marldon, Churston, or Stoke Fleming, and see the website for more details.

First Class *FREE* to all new families if you mention *THE GAZETTE*

www.musicwithmummyandcarol.co.uk

IT'S PANTO TIME AGAIN!

BRIXHAM THEATRE

Brixham Operatic And Dramatic Society present

**SNOW WHITE AND
THE SEVEN DWARFS**

Wed 23rd to Sat 26th February 2011

Nightly at 7:30 pm Saturday Matinée at 2:30 pm

Theatre Box-Office

Tel: 07974 406 186

Tel: 01803 850 899

Braeside Neighbourhood Nursery

1 Braeside Road, Paignton, Devon TQ4 6BX

www.braesidenighbourhoodnursery.co.uk

E-mail: braeside-n@tiscali.co.uk

Telephone: 01803 557012

The **Braeside Neighbourhood Nursery** is a long established private Nursery owned by **Mr & Mrs Ashby** for the last **21** years.

We are open all year except Christmas and Bank Holidays, operating on **Monday to Friday** from **7:30 am to 6:00 pm**.

We offer care in separate units for different aged children from **0 to 5** years. This enables us to structure the day for that particular age group.

Our baby rooms are large and bright with separate facilities for eating, sleeping, and playing.

The rooms for all other age groups are set out to encourage the children to learn through play, allowing them to develop at their own pace.

The pre-school group is in a separate building where the staff prepare the children for school. Also the children in this unit are taught basic **French**.

All our staff are trained nursery nurses with **NVQ2 & NVQ3**, and training is always ongoing. They follow the guidelines of the **Early Years Foundation** and plan each child's development individually.

We accept all methods of payment i.e. **Education Funding, Tax Credits, Child Tax Credits, Working Tax Credits**, and **Child Care Vouchers**, etc.

For any enquires please contact us on the above numbers and ask for the **Nursery Manager, Denise Harris**.



Churston Ferrers Grammar School & PTA

Head-teacher: Robert Owers

School Reception: 01803 842289

Quiz Night

7:30 pm on Friday 28th January 2011

Tickets on the door ~ BYO and Refreshments Available

Other Winter Activities

Except for the Christmas holiday 20th December 2010 to 4th January 2011

Scrapbooking Club

Alternate Wednesdays 7:15 - 9:15 pm

Phone **Shelley French** on **855473** for more information.

Galmpton Old Boys 5-a-side Football

Every Wednesday at 8:00 pm

Phone **Pat McMahon** on **845618** if you wish to join.

Community Sport Winter Programme

November 2010 - March 2011

~ Badminton Club ~ Fitness Suite ~ Sports Hall ~ Gymnasium ~

Phone **Leon Berry** on **07855 475054** from **6:00 - 9:00 pm** weekdays,
or E-mail leon.berry@churston.torbay.sch.uk for full details.

Churston Community Computer Club

post@tatewise.co.uk

Chairman: **Mike Tate: 844901**

Secretary: **Mike O'Donnell: 844013**

Treasurer: **Brian Taylor: 844558**

The club is open to residents of **Churston Parish** and surrounding districts. We meet at **Churston Ferrers Grammar School** from **4:30 to 6:30 pm** on **Thur 4th** and **Wed 17th November**, **Thur 2nd** and **Wed 15th December**, and **Thur 6th** and **Wed 19th January**.

Just enter through the school **Main Reception**, go up the stairs on the left, and find **IT Suite Room 20** along the corridor to the left.

For a mere **£10** joining fee, we advise on **FREE** or **LOW-COST** alternatives to expensive security software, office products, photo / image editing, etc., and grant access to the school PC network, all **Microsoft Windows** based.

Also we have a laptop PC on which we give demonstrations of the software we recommend, often via the school overhead projector facilities.

The school has also granted the club access to their **Online Classroom** at <http://moodle.churston.torbay.sch.uk/course/view.php?id=409>

Note: **Churston Library** offers **free PC tutorials** on **Thursday** afternoons and **free online** access to **Ancestry UK** for family history researchers.



Greenway

Community Forum for Greenway – Have Your Say

In operating our historic properties and looking after the countryside we recognise the National Trust have an impact on the lives of local residents. We would like to create a forum for people interested or concerned about activities at Greenway to meet and discuss them. To this end, we invite you to attend the launch meeting of the forum.

Greenway Community Forum

Thursday 11th November 7 – 9 pm

Galmpton Village Institute, Greenway Road, Galmpton

For info please contact Community Engagement Officer, Carly Mays.

E-mail: carly.mays@nationaltrust.org.uk Tel: **01803 661856.**

Traffic and Parking Report

General Manager Robyn Brown offers an apology on behalf of the property, for the recent incident involving a full-size coach delivering people to Greenway. We understand this caused disruption on Greenway Road. We would like to reassure residents that the visit by the coach was unplanned. Unfortunately, they did not contact us in advance, or research access to the property. Having realised their mistake, the driver did not return to collect the two people dropped off, and they left by taxi.

This brings us neatly to another matter, of taxi traffic to and from Greenway. We have monitored numbers of taxis passing since this was raised by the GRA in the last *GAZETTE*, and are aware that there are some taxis passing to go to the Quay and Maypool, whilst some also come to Greenway. On occasion, some visitors have arrived to us by taxi, and some who have walked or come by ferry and are unable to return due to rain, time, or tiredness, have taken a taxi to leave the property. These trips do not exceed the car quota for the year.

Following consultation with the community and Kingswear and Dittisham PC's, plus our experience of opening last year, we have successfully reduced the number of cars being booked and those parking on the lane. Taxi arrivals are included with our weekly count which remains substantially below allowable levels, thanks in part to the vintage bus. For your chance to find out more, please come to the **Greenway Community Forum**.

Galmpton Village Institute

Chairman: John Risdon: 844102
Treasurer: Steve Davies: 843583
Registered Charity: 300839

Secretary: June Symes: 842121
Hall Bookings: Babs Renwick: 843364

Report of Committee Meeting on Monday 20th Sept

Chairman's Report

Howard & Mat Dempsey inspected the roof and reported it in good repair. **Bancrofts** serviced the boiler, and **Brian Helley** painted the front railings. Other maintenance issues reported last time have been remedied. There had been some recycling waste management problems, but now resolved. The next committee meeting will be at **7:30 pm** on **Mon 24th January 2011**.

Churston Fat Stock Show

10:30 am Thursday 4th November
Lupton Barton Farm, Hill Head, Brixham

Come and support your local farmers who produce the finest beef and lamb in your area.

The **Churston Fat Stock Show** has been going since the **1950's**, when it was held in the then **Market Field** next to the **Manor Inn**, which also had a monthly stock market. After this the ground was built on, and the show went to **Churston, Waddeton**, and now at **Lupton Barton**.

The show is well sponsored by local farmers, and also **Savill's Butchers**, **The Manor Inn**, and **Churston Farm Shop**.

The Manor Inn holds a judges and prize-winners meal after the show.

Galmpton Pre-School Fundraising Committee

Children's Christmas Fayre
on Sunday 21st November from 11:30 to 3:00 pm
at Beverley Park, Goodrington Road, Paignton



Bouncy Castle ~ Refreshments
Santa Claus ~ Face Painting
Handmade Christmas Cards
Fun for all the family ~ FREE entry



Trade stalls available at **£10** per table ~ Contact **Tracey 405256** for details

Churston with Galmpton Ward

News From Your Ward Councillors

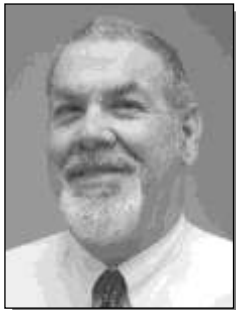
As usual we have been busy in the Ward looking after the interests of our residents. These are some of the issues we have dealt with recently:

- We have received many representations both for and against the proposed development of the **Churston Golf Course**. These we have passed on to the appropriate departments.
- We were as surprised as you when we saw the **Sports Council's** proposals for the fields behind the **Sewerage Works**. This land has been designated for recreational use in the local plan. Not having any knowledge of this, we at once set about finding where it had all started. This is a scheme put forward by the **Sports Council** not the **Authority**. It has not been consulted on locally, nor has any lease or approval yet been given. Both your Councillors have said this scheme is "**well over the top**" and consultation must take place. A meeting has taken place between **Councillors, Officers**, and the **Community Partnership** to ensure full consultation takes place. This will ensure we get the right facility for that area.
- The **Gateways** for the five entrances to **Galmpton Village** have been completed. We are trying to get bulbs etc planted to enhance them.
- Please contact us with any of your problems. We are here to help!

We hold a surgery at **Churston Library** on the **1st Saturday** of each month (except January) from **10:00 am** to **12 noon**. No appointment is necessary.

We pledge to continue to work for all the residents in our Ward. If you cannot attend a surgery in person please phone or E-mail either of us.

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Derek Mills



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Councillor
Anna Tolchard



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Galmpton Residents' Association News

Protecting Village Life

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Webmaster: Richard Boyles

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No Way Out

Residents following the local press may have become bewildered by the amount of proposed development announced in the area in the last year. So far we have the **Bloor/Golf Course** development, housing on employment land at **White Rock** and **Roselands/Parkbay**, hundreds of houses in **Brixham**, and the latest proposal is to build a huge **17-acre** sports multi-pitch hub at **Brokenbury** quarry, complete with sports stadium and parking.

The **GRA** committee have great reservations that this amount of development is sustainable, as the road and social infrastructure just cannot cope. There appears to be great inconsistency between the **Torbay Council's** Employment, Transport and Sustainability policies. We have raised our concerns with **Torbay Council Planning** and await a response.

Road Building on the Common

All **GRA** resources are now focussed on fighting the attempt by **Torbay Council** to acquire part of the **Common** to extend the filter lane and install a new bus stop.

Many thanks go to those who wrote, E-mailed, and phoned their opposition to the Council to the **Planning Inspectorate**. We will update you with news of the campaign as soon as this is available.

We have engaged legal advice already and would be grateful for financial contributions to the fighting fund. For details please E-mail our **Treasurer**, Peter Royle at tres@galmptontorbay.org.uk.

Deferred “20 Is Plenty” Speed Limit Campaign

Referring to the previous paragraphs, as the fight to save the Common builds up, we have reluctantly had to defer the proposed **Autumn Poster** campaign, probably until next year. Thank you to the **26** residents kindly offering their gardens to display the posters. We have your details and will contact you again once the campaign is re-launched. Anyone else who would be interested in displaying a “**20 Is Plenty**” poster, next year, should E-mail their details to the secretary@galmptontorbay.org.uk.

Galmpton Residents' Association News

New Galmpton Bus Service

Last April, a resident asked, at the **GRA AGM**, whether a bus service, into the village, could be organised. At *THE GAZETTE* publication date, the new service should be up and running and credit is due to the **Mayor**, our **Councillors**, and **Devonian Motor Services** for sorting this out so quickly. Please support the service as it is a commercial venture and can only survive if it is adequately supported. **Senior Citizen Bus Passes** are accepted. For further details, including a timetable, please see **Page 16**.

Greenway House

The **National Trust** are holding a **Community Forum** on **Thursday 11th November 2010, 7:00 - 9:00 pm** at **Galmpton Village Institute**, for people interested or concerned about activities at **Greenway**, to meet and discuss them. Although we have received E-mails regarding Greenway traffic concerns, the volume is less than last year. We would encourage anyone with concerns to attend the meeting and air your views. See **Page 9**.

2010/11 Subscriptions

The **2010/11** annual **GRA** subs are due once again. We have kept the subs at the **£2** rate, held for the last 15 years. We hope you agree that this is a bargain, so much so, that we hope you'd want to make a contribution to our **"Protect the Common"** legal fighting fund! The **GRA Committee** are indebted to the many dedicated volunteers who help us collect the funds, across the village, every year. Thanks also to **Peter Royle**, our Treasurer, who organises the collection for us and accounts for it so professionally.

And Finally

The **GRA Committee** is a group of dedicated volunteers, all of whom live in the village. Committee members willingly give many hundreds of hours of their valuable spare time trying to make the village a better place to live.

Although we frequently receive thanks and praise for our work, we also occasionally receive E-mails from residents demanding us to take up an issue on their behalf. Whilst these requests are often deserving causes, we more often than not have to decline, as we simply do not have the resources available to take these issues on. Please bear this in mind before contacting us. Where we are able, we try to help by offering advice. You could alternatively try the local **Community Partnership**, see next page.

We are always looking for more volunteers to support **GRA** projects, so please E-mail the **secretary@galmptontorbay.org.uk** if you can help.

Churston, Galmpton & Broadsands Community Partnership

Tel: 07791 598091 Chairman, Ken Pritchard ken@villabazaar.net

<http://www.cgbpartnership.co.uk>

www.torbay.gov.uk/communitypartnerships

Public Meeting Wed 15th September

A busy agenda as usual, with presentations about the proposed road improvements at **Windy Corner**, and the proposals for sports facilities on the **Brokenbury** site at the junction of **Bridge Road & Bascombe Road**.

With regard to **Windy Corner** the Community Partnership has made a submission to the planning inspectorate questioning the proposed land exchange and we are also investigating the prospect of further consultation on the scheme itself. We await answers to both.

On the subject of **Brokenbury** we have agreed a consultation process with **Torbay Sports Council**, which we hope will help everyone understand the initial proposals and have a chance to contribute ideas as to what should or shouldn't happen on the site. This starts with a site visit on **Saturday 23rd October**, 12 noon – 2 pm, access via the field entrance in **Bridge Road**.

Communication

In our continuing efforts to improve communication we have now launched our **website**. The address is at the top of this page. Please also keep an eye on the two notice boards. One is at **Churston Broadway** and the other is in **Churston Road** near the phone box. Also, if you want to be added to our E-mailing list please drop me a line.

If you have (or know of) a site where you could put posters up to advertise Community Partnership events and information please let us know.

Next Public Meeting

Wednesday 15th December

7:00 pm in Churston Ferrers Grammar School Hall

communitypartnerships

we don't just talk - we do!

Residents Against Golf Club Sell-off

R.A.G.S.

The battle enters a new phase:

- **R.A.G.S.** has submitted a new **1,000** signature **Petition** to force the **Mayor's** decision back to **Full Council** for debate. This has succeeded and a decision on the **Churston Golf Club** lease has been deferred until after its presentation at a special meeting of the **Full Council**.
- This **Council Meeting** will take place before the **16th November**, and **R.A.G.S.** will inform you once the date is known, so we can rally support.
- **Brixham Community Partnership** has joined the other Partnerships in pledging support to **R.A.G.S.** fight against a planning application.
- **R.A.G.S.** is informed that **Bloor Homes** is about to submit a planning application for **90** houses plus a **55**-apartment extra-care facility.
- **Torbay Council** has still not satisfactorily answered our two complaints against the **Council's** conduct.
- **R.A.G.S.** focus is presently upon alleged **Council** misconduct and maladministration, which we have brought to the attention of the **Executive Head of Governance** at Torbay Council.
- **R.A.G.S.** has marshalled support from environmental and community organisations, which will become evident once plans are submitted.

Your R.A.G.S. Committee needs:

Financial contributions to help build up our campaign funds, which will soon require expenditure on Specialist and Legal advice.

Contact **Gerald Wills, Treasurer**

on **01803 844689** or E-mail: **grldwills@aol.com**

Keep up to date by viewing our website:

www.churstonrags.co.uk

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Galmpton 500 Bus Service

We have a village bus again! **Devonian Motor Services** started their service to Paignton in October, according to the attached timetable.

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BUS TIMES for SERVICE 500							
Tuesdays and Thursdays only (except Public Holidays)							
Paignton, Torbay Rd (dep)		10:25	11:25	12:25	M e a l B r e a k	14:25	15:25
Paignton Zoo, Morrisons		10:31	11:31	12:31		14:31	15:31
Penwill Way, Quay West		10:35	11:35	12:35		14:35	15:35
Broadsands, Brunel Road	09:45	10:45	11:45	12:45		14:45	15:45
Galmpton Glade	09:55	10:55	11:55	12:55		14:55	15:55
Paignton, Torbay Rd (arr)	10:10	11:10	12:10	13:10		15:10	16:10

Community Police News ~ Tracy Serruys

I've added a new **Surgery** location outside the **Hayes** on **Churston Road** in Churston. See the **Diary Dates** on **Page 26** for dates and times.

The Police have had many reports from residents in the last month, who have fallen victim to **Rogue Traders**, who have done unsatisfactory work of various kinds to their houses, and asked people to pay in cash. **Trading Standards** have the following advice with regard to **Rogue Traders**.

- Don't open the door to strangers – use a spy-hole or window to check who is calling.
- If you're expecting a caller by appointment, use your door chain and check their identification.
- Don't have work done by someone coming uninvited to your door. Ask friends or relatives to recommend reputable local traders.
- Most contracts made with a trader at your home have a cooling off period. Call **Consumer Direct** on **08454 040506** for advice.

Letters to The Editor

E-mail from Steve Boot ~ Traffic Issues ~ The Roundings & Greenway Road

In a way it is a shame that the yellow lines on some parts of the Roundings has been dismissed but from a cost and long term solution point of view it was probably not the most practical.

A quick and easy fix would be if people obeyed the guidance in the Highway Code. The Highway Code states that when parking a person should not stop or park "opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction". This rule is clearly flaunted on the entrances to the Roundings and Old Road (on Greenway Road side).

If this rule was followed it would allow ample space for vehicles to pass each other with ease and therefore avoid the ridiculous congestion that occurs outside the village hall and primary school each and every weekday morning and evening.

The last couple of days it has taken me 10 minutes to pull out of my drive and then another 10 minutes to negotiate the gridlock inconsiderate drivers have caused.

I have seen and almost been involved in a number of near misses at the Roundings and it is only a matter of time before property is damaged or someone is injured or worse due to peoples lack of common sense.

Maybe another solution would be to stagger the start and finish times of children at the primary school. But then again I fear this would be another impractical solution. All it requires is people to be considerate and use their common sense!

I'm sure that if these areas were monitored at the offending times by the police and parking tickets slapped on vehicles parked too close to the junction this would send out the message. A ticket on your car and the associated fine normally drives the message home.

I'm also not sure whether an insurance company would pay out for damage to a vehicle which is parked illegally.

This stupid situation is easily rectified so come on drivers, you know who you are, "Use Your Common Sense"!!!!

Letter from a worried resident of Galmpton.

It has taken a great deal of thought to put this on paper, but I have been appalled by the thoughtless of some Riders. Within the last 10 days two large dumps have appeared on the footpath used by elderly and partially sighted people. I am a responsible Dog owner and always carry poo bags whether on common land or foot paths. I get fed up with notices telling me that I can be fined up to £1,000 for letting my dog foul the path. I am not suggesting that Horse and Pony riders should carry poo bins, but a little thought for people less fortunate than themselves. To pass the latest addition you have to either, go in the road or the hedge.

While I am getting this off my chest can anything be done about the amount of litter being left by the Pupils of the Grammar School between the School entrance and the bus stops and beyond? There are Beer cans, Food packaging, Chocolate wrappers, cigarette packets and ends. Surely the school has refuse bins? I know that we are a throwaway society, but can't they be taught from an early age to help pollution of all kind. Take their LITTER HOME or to the nearest bin.....PLEASE.

Yours Sincerely,

A concerned Resident

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Organisation	Contact Telephone (01803)
1 Broadlands & Elbury Residents Association	Chairman: Steve Freer 845675
2 Churston & Galmpton Ladies Club	Chairman: Elizabeth Blyde 844663
3 Churston Community Computer Club	Chairman: Mike Tate 844901
4 Churston Ferrers Grammar School & PTA	School Reception 842289
5 Churston Pavilion War Memorial Playing Field Trust	Jackie Millyard 07899 923016
6 Churston with Brixham Flower Club	Secretary: Ann Dodd 882573
7 Churston with Galmpton Ward (Conservative)	Councillor: Derek A Mills 843412
8 Churston with Galmpton Ward (Conservative)	Councillor: Anna Tolchard 859869
9 Churston, Galmpton & Kingswear Scouts & Cubs	Leader: Mara Slipper 858839
10 Dart Sailability, Noss Marina	David Edey 843239 / Bruce Symes 842121
11 Friends of Rowcroft, Churston & Galmpton Branch	Chairman: Pat Bye 842492
12 Friends Support Group, Compass House	Contact: Margaret Rogers 843425
13 Galmpton & Churston Local History Group	Chairman: John Risdon 844102
14 Galmpton & Churston Tennis Club	Contact: Stewart Hallam 845651
15 Galmpton & Churston Women's Institute	Secretary: Maggie Goldsmith 845251
16 Galmpton & Churston W.I. Circle Dance	Contact: Avice Taft 842518
17 Galmpton Barn Hall Art Group	Contact: Diane Richards 842738
18 Galmpton Barn Hall Yoga Classes	Teacher: Joan Hatelly 854694
19 Galmpton C of E Primary School & PTA	School Reception 842628
20 Galmpton Community Police	PC Tracy Serruys 08452 777444
21 Galmpton Congregational Evangelical Church	664059 / 559040 / 843446
22 Galmpton Floral Day Working Party	Co-ordinator: Jill Memery 844103
23 Galmpton Gooseberry Pie Fair Committee	Chairman: Martin Ridge 844927
24 Galmpton Monday Club	Gill Bell 842626 / Babs Renwick 843364
25 Galmpton Move to Music	Tutor: Maggi Waugh 215427
26 Galmpton Neighbourhood Watch	Schemes Co-ordinator Office 841425
27 Galmpton Old Boys 5-a-side Football	Contact: Pat McMahon 845618
28 Galmpton Parent & Toddler Group	Organiser: Lisa Croston 845525
29 Galmpton Pre-School Ltd	Village Hall 845547 / June Symes 842121
30 Galmpton Residents' Association	See Page 12
31 Galmpton Snooker Club	Chairman: Stan Bentley 842775
32 Galmpton Traditional & Swing Jazz Group	Leader: Tom Davies 607675
33 Galmpton United & Torbay Gents Youth AFC	Contact: Stewart Hallam 845651
34 Galmpton Village Institute	Chairman: John Risdon 844102
35 Galmpton West Country Embroiderers	Group Rep: Anne Simpson 782576
36 Galmpton Whist Drives Club	Organiser: Gill Bell 842626
37 Galmpton Youth Project	Organiser: Helen Boyles 845761
38 Greenway Quay & Ferry Service	Ferryman 844010
39 Lupton House Trust	Chairman: Janet Howard 845800
40 Probus Club Paignton	Secretary: Bob Life 522501
41 Residents Against Golf-club Sell-off (RAGS)	Chairman: Gerald Wills 844689
42 Royal British Legion	Standard Bearer: Ron Keeping 852631
43 Scrapbooking Club	Organiser: Shelley French 855473
44 St Mary Flower Festival Committee	Chairman: Ruby Kerslake 842376
45 St Mary the Virgin C of E Church, Churston	Vicar: Rev Ian Blyde 844663
46 The Barn Chapel of the Good Shepherd	Warden: Geoff Gadsby 858393
47 Torbay Falconers Club	Falconer: Paul Hill 310410

Diary Dates & Regular Amenities

BH=Barn Hall, **CL**=Library, **FH**=Flavel Hall, **GS**=Grammar School, **VH**=Village Hall

November 2010

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3	7:15 pm	VH Women's Institute <i>Curaçao - Island or Drink</i> by Linda Carew	
4	10:00 am	Lupton Barton, Hill Head ~ <i>Churston Fat Stock Show</i>	10
5	10:30 am	CL Friends of Churston Library <i>Bonfire Night Coffee Morning</i>	5
11	9:30 am	Brixham Yacht Club ~ <i>Grand Christmas-Card Charity Sale</i>	4
11	10:00 am	CL Broadsands Community Police Surgery	16
11	11:30 am	PO Galmpton Community Police Surgery	16
11	4:30 pm	The Hayes Churston Road Community Police Surgery	16
11	6:00 pm	Hookhills Community Centre Police Surgery	16
11	7:00 pm	VH National Trust Greenway Community Forum	9
18	7:30 pm	BH Ladies Club <i>Tidal Dart Estuary</i> with John Risdon (open to all)	
18	7:30 pm	FH talk by Paul Davies on the Albanian Evangelical Mission	29
21	11:30 am	Beverley Park Galmpton Pre-School <i>Children's Xmas Fayre</i>	10
22	8:30 am	CL Friends of Churston Library <i>Day Trip to Cribbs Causeway</i>	5
26	7:30 pm	VH History Group <i>Sailing Trawlers of Brixham</i> by Bill Wakeham	5
27	2:00 pm	BH ~ <i>St.Mary Churston Church Christmas Fair</i>	31
28	3:00 pm	St.Mary Churston Church ~ <i>Christingle</i>	31

December 2010

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1	7:15 pm	VH Women's Institute <i>Christmas Party</i>	
4	10:00 am	VH Compass House Support Group <i>Coffee Morning</i>	
9	10:00 am	CL Broadsands Community Police Surgery	16
9	11:30 am	PO Galmpton Community Police Surgery	16
9	4:30 pm	The Hayes Churston Road Community Police Surgery	16
9	6:00 pm	Hookhills Community Centre Police Surgery	16
9	7:30 pm	Oldway Mansion Age Concern <i>Police Choir Concert</i> £5 841847	31
15	7:00 pm	GS Churston, Galmpton & Broadsands <i>Community Partnership</i>	14
16	7:30 pm	BH Ladies Club <i>Christmas Party</i>	
16	7:30 pm	FH Congregational Evangelical Church <i>Carol Service</i>	29
18	10:30 am	CL Friends of Churston Library <i>Christmas Coffee Morning</i>	5
19	7:00 pm	BH ~ <i>Carols around the Christmas Tree</i>	31
22	7:00 pm	VH ~ <i>Carols by the Floodlit Crib</i>	31
		Church Christmas Services and Carol Services	29 & 31

January 2011

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5	7:15 pm	VH Women's Institute Meeting ~ Details to be arranged	
6	10:00 am	CL Broadsands Community Police Surgery	16
6	11:30 am	PO Galmpton Community Police Surgery	16
6	4:30 pm	The Hayes Churston Road Community Police Surgery	16
6	6:00 pm	Hookhills Community Centre Police Surgery	16
20	7:30 pm	BH Ladies Club ~ Details to be arranged	
21	7:30 pm	VH History Group <i>Stories from a N.T. Ranger</i> by Mike Ingram	5
24	7:30 pm	VH Galmpton Village Institute <i>Committee Meeting</i>	10
28	7:30 pm	GS PTA <i>Quiz Night</i>	8

For contact details see (entry) in the **Organisation Directory** on **Page 25**.

Village Institute Hall

Bookings: Babs Renwick 843364

Monday Club	(24) Alternate Mondays 2:00 - 4:00 pm	<i>entry £1.00</i>
Trad & Swing Jazz	(32) Alternate Mondays 7:30 pm	
Whist Drives Club	(36) Tuesdays and Saturdays 7:30 pm	<i>entry £1.40</i>
Move to Music	(25) Term-time Wed 9:30 & 10:45 am	<i>10-wk. £33.00</i>
Women's Institute	(15) 1 st Wednesday of month 7:15 pm	<i>visitors 50p</i>
Flower Club	(6) 2 nd Wednesday of month 7:00 pm	<i>visitors £4.00</i>
Falconry Course	(47) Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 pm	<i>10-wk. £50.00</i>
Pre-School Ltd	(29) Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 9:15 -12:15 pm	
	Tue, Wed, Thur 12:15 - 3:15 pm	

Barn Chapel Hall

Bookings: Lynn Milner 843677

Stars Group	(45) Mondays 3:45 - 4:45 pm	
Yoga Classes	(18) Mondays 6:00 pm and 7:15 pm	<i>all abilities £4.00</i>
Art Group	(17) 1 st 3 rd 4 th Tue of month 9:15 am	<i>fully subscribed</i>
Embroidery Group	(35) 2 nd Tuesday of month 10:00 am - Noon	
Beavers & Cubs	(9) Tues 5:00 pm Beavers and 6:30 - 8:00 pm Cubs	
Scouts	(9) Wednesdays 7:00 - 9:00 pm	
Ladies Club	(2) 3 rd Thursday of month 7:30 pm	<i>visitors 50p</i>
Parent & Toddler	(28) Term-time Fridays 9:30 - 11:30 am	<i>entry £2.50</i>
W.I. Circle Dance	(16) Alternate Fridays 7:30 - 9:30 pm	<i>entry £2.00</i>

Churston Pavilion

Bookings: Jackie Millyard 07899 923016

Churston Ferrers Grammar, Brixham Adult Education

853302

Churston Ferrers Grammar, Greenway Road

842289

Scrapbooking Club	(43) Alternate Wednesdays 7:15 - 9:15 pm	See Page 8
Galmpton Old Boys	(27) Wednesdays 8:00 pm 5-a-side football	See Page 8
Computer Club	(3) 1 st Thur & 3 rd Wed of month 4:30 - 6:30 pm	Page 8
Except for the Christmas holiday 20 th December 2010 to 4 th January 2011		

Community Sports Winter Programme from Nov with Leon Berry See **Page 8**

Churston Golf Club, Dartmouth Road

842751

Bridge Section	Thursdays 7:30 pm	<i>Members only</i>
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Churston Library, Churston Broadway

843757

Monday & Thursday	Tuesday & Friday	Wednesday & Saturday
9:30 am - 7:00 pm	9:30 am - 5:00 pm	9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Thursday 2:00 - 3:00 pm	Free computer taster sessions , booking essential	
Councillor Surgery	(7&8) 1 st Sat of month except January 10:00 am - Noon	

Compass House Medical Centre, Langdon Lane

842284

Surgery Open	Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm & 2:00 - 5:00 pm
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Galmpton Congregational Evangelical Church

843446

Flavel Chapel	(21) Sunday Worship 11:00 am and 6:30 pm
Flavel Chapel	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, Thursday 7:30 pm

St Mary the Virgin C of E Church, Churston

Vicar 844663

Sung Eucharist	(45) 1 st & 3 rd Sun 9:30 am and 2 nd , 4 th & 5 th Sun 11:00 am
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The Barn Chapel, Greenway Road

Wardens 858393 & 842233

Said Eucharist	(46) Sunday 8:00 am and Thursday 10:00 am
Said Evensong	1 st Sunday of month 4:00 pm

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Flavel Chapel Newsletter

Elders: Colin Thompson: 664059

Written by Colin Thompson

Walford Catling: 559040

Village Contact: 843446

Gratitude!

Recently there was a report on the television about the number of species of plants that were becoming extinct or in danger of disappearing from the face of the earth, and it ran into thousands. Evidently there is a natural wastage, as it were, where for no discernable reason plants do die out. But the purpose of the report was to highlight the number of plants that disappear due to the irresponsible activity of man.

The presenter pointed out that plant life was essential to maintain the existence of mankind, and all other creatures on the earth.

We learn from the Bible in Genesis that from the beginning the Lord God gave mankind all that was needed to preserve life on earth. We also read that the Lord God gave man the responsibility for the upkeep and care of God's world, and that the animal kingdom as well as man was dependent on God's provision.

Genesis 1:29-30, And God said, see I have given you every herb, that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food.

We make no excuse for modern man's irresponsible actions in the world, for all such mismanagement mankind will suffer the natural consequences, and finally be answerable to God. Yet in spite of all the selfishness of man, and his misuse of God's world, we give thanks for the Lord's gracious promise of provision for us, *Genesis 8:22, While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and winter and summer, and night and day shall not cease.*

So in common with many of God's people we give thanks for the harvest which he has provided, which puts food on our tables and sustains our life that we may love and serve Him.

Dates for your Diary

On Thursday 18th November at 7:30 pm in Flavel Chapel Hall

Paul Davies will speak on the work of the **Albanian Evangelical Mission.**

Carol Service

Thurs 16th December 7:30 pm followed by light seasonal refreshments

Christmas Day 10:00 am

Galmpton Congregational Evangelical Church, The Roundings

Please refer to **Page 27** for the times of our regular services.

Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Churston

Vicar

Reverend Ian Blyde Tel: 844663

Churchwardens: Geoff Gadsby Tel: 858393 and Beryl Simpson Tel: 842233

From Churston Vicarage

I find it incredible that we are already beginning to plan for Christmas. The year has really flown by. I am sure that there has been a great deal going on in all our families, some good, some not so good. But whatever has happened this is where we are, for better or worse.

Just being a Christian and going to Church does not exempt one from the daily round of tasks and ups and downs. What it does do however is ensures whatever happens we are not alone. On our journey we always have a guide and a special friend with us to share our experiences.

Christmas is often a time of contacting friends, some of whom we are in danger of losing touch with and sometimes its only those "Christmas letters" that come with the cards that tell us what our friends have been up to over the year.

For some, Christmas will just be a time for self-indulgence and buying things they don't really need. For others it's an opportunity to re-establish our relationship with Jesus by celebrating his birthday. And for others still a time for strengthening an already well established friendship. However you plan to spend your Christmas, can I suggest building in some time to spend with Jesus in prayer and worship. We are offering a whole range of services in Galmpton and Churston over the Christmas period as a glance down the **Calendar** opposite will show. After all, who wants to be greeted with the phrase so often heard when we meet someone we have not seen in a long time "It's been too long.....".

Friendships need time and patience to develop. Why not establish yours with Jesus over the next few months. As Charlie Brown once said "We can never have too many friends".

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Don't forget, our **Christmas Fair** as usual needs quality goods for the stalls e.g. Jewellery, Books, Jigsaws, Cosmetics, items suitable as Gifts, Christmas Decorations, Toys, and of course Cakes, Mince Pies, Biscuits, Jams and Chutneys, etc. Prizes for the Grand Raffle please and especially we need you to come along, have a cup of tea and homemade Shortbread, meet your friends and find some Christmas bargains. Any of the above can be left at the Church, Barn Chapel, or given to the Churchwardens.

Any queries please phone **Jill Burton** on Paignton **556114**.

Calendar

- Sat 27th Nov 2:00 pm Barn Hall Churston Christmas Fair
- Sun 28th Nov 3:00 pm Churston Church Christingle
- Fri 10th Dec afternoon Churston Church Galmpton School Christmas Service
7:00 pm St.Marys Square Brixham Town Carol service
- Fri 17th Dec 2:15 pm Churston Church Women's Institute Christmas Service
- Sun 19th Dec 6:30 pm Churston Church Service of 9 Lessons and Carols
7:00 pm Barn Chapel Outdoor Carols around Christmas Tree
- Fri 24th Dec 4:00 pm Churston Church Crib Service
11:30 pm Churston Church Midnight Mass
- Sat 25th Dec 9:00 am Barn Chapel Said Eucharist
10:00 am Churston Church Sung Eucharist
- Sun 26th Dec Barn Chapel No Service
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