



A sample of *Inspirational Adventures* supporting Devon's churches in 2021
A tribute to the heart and soul of Devon

From Cheriton Fitzpaine led by the AMAZING ALICE May!!!!!!



For the Devon Historic Churches Trust



And for the St Matthew's Cheriton Fitzpaine Roof Appeal
"Raindrops Keep Falling on our Head"

1 day, 1 beautiful county, 3 walkers, 6 boots...100 miles walking target...



A dark start at 5am, combating cobwebs and startling rustlings behind the shadowy hedges before the light arrives. Then what a day ... sunshine... food stops...beautiful churches... glorious countryside, wonderful folk providing delicious homemade treats along the way and then the VERY welcome sign of nearly home after 102 miles combined walking total. The anticipation of boots off, large cups of water, large mugs of tea, and yes those all important large glasses of wine!

And the all important large total of £1235 raised
THANK YOU EVERYONE



Kingsteignton's Continued Brilliance

Including an AMAZING 2 day SILENCE from the outstanding
Jackie Edwards!



Jackie SILENTLY Serving
Cream Teas at the Open Garden,
Blue Hayes, Bovey Tracey.



Guests enjoying the Fun and Friendship with Cream Teas, Raffle, Auction
and a delightful garden setting.



A fantastically
restored 1930 Humber
on display



Father Mark's cycling adventure from
Kingsteignton to Okehampton!

AND raised over £1,400 – our 'silent' Jackie has made us all shout with delight!

The "West Hill Wonders" cycling - and 're-cycle-ing' in their Church porch!

WOW!!!! Everyone was thrilled to see the most amazing display by Rosemary Hudson, Elizabeth Thurgood and her daughter Moira in the Church porch during September.

This clever creation promoted our annual **Ride+Stride** event held on Saturday 11th September, and encouraged everyone to have a lovely day out in our wonderful Devon countryside.



Richard and Sue Bonnie, the West Hill stars had considerable pedal power 'on the day' and we give the creators, contributors and cyclists a **BIG CHEER!** **AND they raised an amazing £920!!!!!!**



"We enjoyed our ride tremendously. All round the Otter Valley in the morning, a great lunch together - as you can see and went on to Talaton and Escot in the afternoon."



The Tremendous Topsham Trio.....



“In support of the Devon Historic Churches’ Trust, three of us from the Topsham and Wear Mission Community set off on a 25 mile cycle pilgrimage around the Exe Estuary, starting at Topsham, and ending at Countess Wear.

We visited 12 parish churches and the Cathedral on our circuit. It was a pleasure to see the churches at the centres of their communities, and also in several cases to meet some of the folk who lovingly care for them.

We had a short time of prayer and reflection at each church. There was good fellowship among the three of us, and good exercise, too: we had an average age of 73 years, and there are a few hills!

*The weather was ideal for most of the trip – just a bit of rain at the end – and the scenery was, of course, wonderful. We are grateful to those who supported us, and are glad we were able to raise a total of **£690.00** for the Trust”*

Paul Jakeman

Our Energetic E-bikers from Ermington to Ugborough and back.

“Ermington Church had an ebike ride to Ugborough and back. This was well supported with donations by the congregation and the village but on the day only 5 of us did the ride.

The ride via the lanes was great fun and much enjoyed. The weather was dry and the hills were fine on an ebike!

It was a happy outing with much chat and laughter. We returned to Ermington Church for a jolly picnic lunch joined by several other members of the village who were not able to do the trip.”

Mary Burnell-Nugent

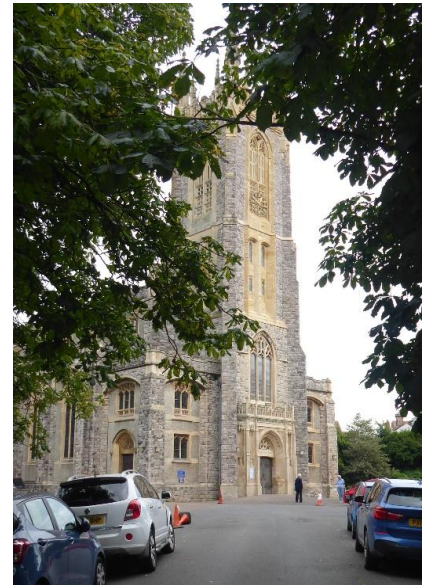


Clyst St Lawrence's Dynamic Duo

Circumnavigating the Exe Estuary!

"Each year, we try to travel a different route in our efforts to raise funds for Devon Historic Churches Trust. I think every year since starting some 25-plus years ago (12 years for Kester, who started when he was 10) we have found something memorable that we would never have seen or heard if we were not out for the Ride & Stride event. And once again this year, the trip was full of high points.

We have been as far as Somerset on a couple of occasions but this year Kester and I decided that a trip around the Exe Estuary would be our target, starting at St George's, downstream on the Clyst from our home parish of Clyst St Lawrence. From there, we headed into Topsham, where we found probably the smallest church of the day in the Gospel Church, then south along the cycle path to Exmouth, taking in the estuary scenery in lovely weather and visiting churches in Ebford and Lympstone on the way, as well as what seemed to be rock music from the other side of the estuary.



Once in Exmouth, we found a bonanza of churches and chapels close together, ranging from the magnificent Holy Trinity to the humbler but no less intriguing Exmouth Chapel, both near the centre of town. A little further out and up a (very!) steep hill is the Church of the Holy Ghost with its distinctive copper-canopied bell tower.



Lunch came from the chippy but the ferry to Starcross does not allow food to be eaten on board so we carried lunch with us and paused on the front at Starcross to restore ourselves before heading off towards Powderham, where we discovered the source of the music: the Let's Rock festival in the grounds of Powderham. As we passed the back of the main stage, Midge Ure was playing Vienna, sounding just as good as the full Ultravox line-up of the '80's (so we did pause once more for this).

Then on to St Clement's at Powderham where we enjoyed more music, this time violin and clarinet soloists accompanying the teas and scones offered by the church supporters- truly memorable for the gentle ambience, sunshine and delicious fresh jam.

Then (sigh) back on the saddles to head north across the Powderham Estate re-passing the festival where by now Kim Wilde was playing (more memories) to get to Kenton and Exminster, finally returning via Countess Wear, Topsham and back to our starting point at Clyst St George before we headed home."



Kester and John Griffiths

AND...Clyst St Lawrence created a Pop-Up-Pub!!!!

Clyst St Lawrence is a very small village of 35 houses with no community buildings except for the church and so in 2019 they decided to obtain a Temporary Events Notice from East Devon District Council and held their first Pop Up Pub in aid of our church funds.

They invited everyone in the village and the neighbouring village of Westwood and ended up with just under 100 people.

They held another pub on Christmas Day and had a similar turnout.

This August they held their third Pop-up-Pub in aid of the Devon Historic Churches Trust.



The pub is held in an ancient barn which is normally the farm workshop.

They had never heard of a Pop Up Pub until they were invited to one at Harpford and decided that it would be a good community event to hold in **Clyst St Lawrence**.

They served soft drinks, Venton's Cyder and Hanlon's beer. Venton's Cyder is made just 100 yards up the road from the farm and Hanlon's Beer was originally brewed at Great Barton Farm which is on a public footpath that crosses a couple of our fields.

This is certainly thinking outside the box and deserves a cheer!

Devon Cream Delights at Jacobstowe church



"Saturday dawned with grey skies and rain - not the weather we needed for Devon Historic Churches Day.

Having spent a wet morning visiting my Holsworthy Deanery churches, the rain had stopped by the time I got back to Jacobstowe and the sun came out to greet our first cream tea customers at 2.30pm.

Over the following two hours we

served over 50 cream teas, though there were, as always, some who preferred the cheesy scone.

For many of our visitors and indeed our helpers this was their first social event since lockdown resulting in a very jolly tea party enjoyed by all.



Thanks to the generosity of our visitors and our community £500 was raised for the Trust."

Duncan Michie, Deanery Representative

Ottery Deanery beavers away with fun on many fronts as reported by the Deanery Representative Muff Dudgeon.

Here is a sample of Delights on the Day!



Team Trucker from Buckerell

Whimple church served Cream Teas

As indeed did Salcombe Regis



And Ottery St Mary is holding a Quiz event.

AND in Aylesbeare Deanery.....



Olive Uglow, welcomes guests to the Temple Methodist Church, Budleigh Salterton for light lunches and afternoon cakes

Culmstock Church's Bungee adventures delight families and friends together with teas and lots of other treats!

Well...this was a wonderful treat for all the families in the Culmstock area – they were invited to bring their Teddies, Pandas and other cuddly friends who then had the amazing opportunity of Leaping from the Church Tower...properly harnessed and secured.....to the ground

after being hoisted in a suitable container to the top before **The BIG LEAP!**



The DHCT Teddy joined in the fun and can be seen here as he is launched from the tower.



And here is the DHCT Teddy being cuddled by the **Rev. Becky Totterdell** after successfully completing his Bungee Jump.

And here is the DHCT Teddy being awarded a **Badge of Honour** AND a **Certificate** by the organisers, whilst having a little chat to other teddies preparing to jump!

