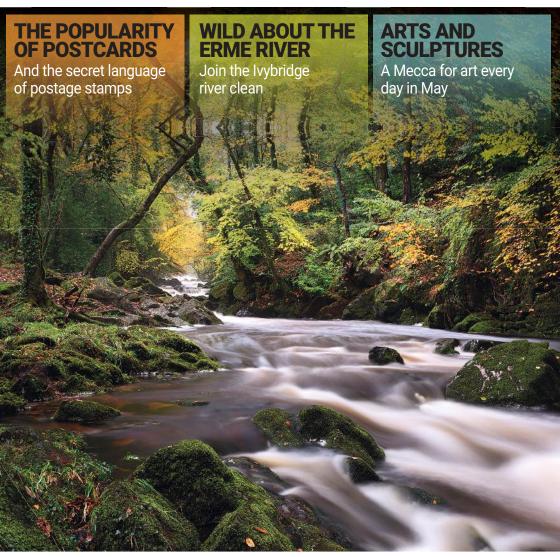
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The 20-strong team has two single-seater batterypowered cars called Vector and Spare Parts, with a

third in production called Rustiane.

The students are members of the college's Girls in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) club, where they learn mechanical and electronic skills.

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### Do you have an article or story, or details of an event, you'd like to share in the imag?

It may be a charity fundraising quest, a report about your club or a personal achievement whatever, we'd like to hear about it! Please email us at info@ theimag.co.uk The deadline for the May issue is 30th April.

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### IT'S A JAM-PACKED **ISSUE**

Welcome to the latest issue of the imag, which is packed with informative and interesting local articles.

Among the features this month is a look at the history of postcards and the 'secret language of postage stamps', a profile of a local group working to build dementia friendly communities and an explanation of what happens when plastics break down in the environment.

There are also details about how you can help remove plastic and other rubbish from the River Erme by taking part in a river clean (see 13).

Three members of Ivybridge Royal British Legion, each of whom face significant health issues, are embarking on a major fundraising challenge for the Poppy Appeal this April and May - details of their 300-mile Poppy Trek are on page 34.

In other news, there are details of another free defibrillator and CPR training organised by Ivybridge Rotary Club (page 35).

I hope you enjoy reading this issue.

Steven - editor

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### POSTCARDS AND THE **SECRET LANGUAGE OF POSTAGE STAMPS**

By Andrew Jewell

At the beginning of the 20th century the printing of postcards was a booming industry. Entrepreneurs in Ivybridge didn't pass up the opportunity to capitalise **upon the craze. which had** the postcard soon became been sweeping the nation for some 30 years.

Charles Smallridge, a local shopkeeper at 54 Fore Street, was one. Described as a grocer, draper and wine merchant, he developed his own local postcard business. The printing was undertaken message, the somewhat by Frederick Andrews, a stationer and fancy dealer (gift shop owner) across the road at 15 Fore Street.

Postcards were introduced in Britain from 1870 and initially took the form of plain backed pre-printed cards. Although named 'Post Card', they were not really considered as such and are commonly referred to as postal stationery cards. This new form of communication was initially greeted with a degree of opposition. It was deemed that any message so written could be read by employees of the Post Office and, perhaps worse, by servants working in the home or establishment. Furthermore, it was widely considered that to send a message bearing only a halfpenny stamp was somewhat insulting. These new cards were also hated by those who



The specific angle of the postage stamp had a secret meaning such as 'I love you' or 'when shall I see you?'

considered that letter writing preserving.

Despite all the negativity, popular and vast quantities were sent across the nation, their appeal being the cheap postage rate and the extraordinarily quick delivery time, with up to six deliveries a day in large towns and cities.

With limited space for a flowery, verbose style of Victorian letters soon gave way to a more direct form of the language to accommodate as much information as possible onto the small format card. Where the space provided wasn't sufficient some senders resorted to writing in a rather chaotic looking criss-cross pattern which overlapped and would have read by the recipient.

The other side could be a collection of postcards. complete picture or photograph. The origins of this style of postcard can be traced continued until the beginning back to the pictorial visiting cards of the 18th century and the later carte-de-visite which of the nation was somewhat closely resembled this new different. The sending of format.

direct expression of one's feelings was somewhat discouraged. Victorians in response developed a secret language of stamps where the angling of the stamp on the postcard conveyed a secret message.

began collecting postcards, conigram (wireless telegraph) been somewhat difficult to with albums made specifically for this purpose. Cartophilia too. For many companies By 1902, a new style post- was the popular name given card was introduced which to this hobby by the Victoriincorporated a divided back. ans and Edwardians, but this ment, many either changing Great Britain was the first word covered the love and country to adopt this format, collection of a broader range

which allowed for one side of of items such as maps and was a fine art which needed the card to be used for both cigarette cards. Today, the the address and a message, more modern term of deltiolseparated by a central line. ogy specifically refers to the

> The craze of both sending and collecting postcards of World War I. Once the hostilities ceased, the mood postcards seemed trivial. The popularity of the post- Coupled with the doubling of card, with its rather public the postage rate (from a 1/2d form of communication, to 1d), postcards never really occurred during a time when regained the popularity they once had.

A newspaper article in 1921 documented that during its peak, the postcard industry employed around 70,000 people in Britain. Other forms of communication, such as By the 1890s, many people the telephone and the marwere beginning to encroach, involved in postcard production this meant a reassesstack or ceasing business altogether.





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### **WORKING TO BUILD DEMENTIA** FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

**The Four Rivers Dementia** services inclusive and easier ensure they are easier to navi-Alliance (4RDA), which for people with dementia to developed from the work of use. 4RDA aims to: **Dementia Friendly Parishes** (DFP) - see panel - is com- resources and partnership

prised of 20 local councils and other organisations.

aged the innovators behind the Four Rivers area; it to expand the idea to work with lyybridge town council raising awareness of demenand 19 surrounding rural tia within our communities; parishes, bordering not only the Yealm but also the rivers reduce the stigma and lack Plym, Erme and Avon.

4RDA works to build inclusive dementia friendly communities through the councils and by working to engage all sectors of the community, supporting them to make their

- Share ideas and develop projects;
- Build dementia friendly The success of DFP encour- communities and villages in voluntary organisation and
  - Promote good practice by
  - Encourage inclusivity and of knowledge about dementia.

The alliance offers free support by delivering dementia awareness sessions to any organisation and the public, conducting dementia friendly building assessments to

gate for people with dementia, weeks. advising on dementia friendly processes/written information is dementia friendly.

The 4RDA is an inclusive anyone interested in improving the lives of people living with dementia, their families and carers, is welcome at org.uk/to find out more.



Four Rivers Dementia Alliance

its meetings held every six

Go along and find out more signage, and on how to ensure about the alliance, tell them what you have to offer in support or services, or suggest ways to advance its aims, or tell them of your concerns and what you need in your communities.

Visit www.4riversdementia.

### **SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA** AND THEIR FAMILIES

Are you living with or caring for someone with dementia? Do you know about locally available support?

Dementia Friendly Parishes Around the Yealm supports people with dementia and their families in Yealmpton and surrounding parishes through home visits, advice and information.

DFP also organises

a variety of friendly groups, which are open to everyone from any area: Monday Club 10.30am-12.30pm, last Monday of the month, Yealmpton Methodist Church. Creative activities with a nature focus. Free. All materials provided.

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Free Carers Catch up Support group for carers, 2-3.30pm at Yealmpton Methodist Church. Every 1st Friday of the month.

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For more details, call Claire on 07450206312 or email info@dementia vealm.org.

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### **HOWARD & OVER SOLICITORS** EXPANDS IVYBRIDGE OFFICE

We are delighted to share some exciting news-Howard & Over Solicitors is expanding! Our lyybridge office is undergoing a significant transformation as we extend into the building next door, allowing us to double our current space. This expansion means we will now proudly occupy 8 & 9 Glanvilles Mill, reinforcing our commitment to providing first-class legal services to the local community.

This growth marks an important milestone for us and, more importantly, for our valued clients. With this additional space, we will be able to offer an even more welcoming and comfortable reception area, ensuring that everyone who visits us feels at ease from the moment they walk through our doors. We are also adding an extra meeting room, which will allow us to accommodate more clients and provide enhanced privacy for important legal discussions. At Howard & Over, we have always been dedicated to delivering exceptional legal support, and this expansion is a reflection of our continued commitment to meeting the evolving needs of those we serve. By investing in our lvybridge office, we are ensuring that we can offer a better experience, increased accessibility, and an improved environment for both our clients and our growing team.

We are incredibly excited about this new chapter and look forward to welcoming you into our new and improved space very soon. Thank you for your continued trust and support!

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### AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY FOR NEARLY 150 YEARS

South Brent Old School Com- Art House and the Post Office.

since 1876.

charities, and has a number of rooms available for hire (see panel).

as a school in 1876, and in rejuvenation. Through gener-1997 was acquired by local ous personal donations and residents and reopened as a community centre. Next tions, £500,000 has already year will mark 150 years at been raised towards the the heart of the South Brent project. This will allow for the community.

It is now owned and managed by a not-for-profit charity which aims to provide an open door, opportunities and will be as energy efficient as support to anyone from South possible, while improving its Brent and further afield.

The centre offers a wide range of facilities, but most go further. They are now importantly provides the fundraising to install an envispace for a much wider range ronmentally-friendly heating of groups and organisations system as well as undertake to undertake their activities. a programme of renovation This shared approach drives throughout the centre – to and delivers community cohesion in South Brent in a way ties and internal spaces - to that no single organisation ensure the centre is warm, dry can deliver alone.

The centre is supported 150 years! in this through key partners: South Brent and District Car- to the fundraising appeal ing. Sustainable South Brent, see the advert for details.

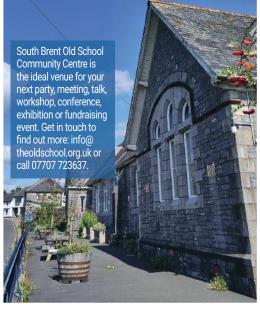
munity Centre has been at Most weekdays see a range the heart of the community of activities overlapping and generating a vibrant and lively Today, it is an open access buzz at the centre, either community hub in the heart of through these partners or one the village. The centre is home of the many other organisato numerous local groups, tions that find a home there. facilities, businesses and On average, there are over 800 visits to the centre every week.

However, the ageing Victorian roof and building are The building started life now very much in need of successful grant applicareplacement of the entire roof, upgrade the insulation and install solar panels and batteries to ensure that the centre environmental impact.

> But the centre wants to improve access, toilet faciliand welcoming for the next

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### **FEATURE**

### By Hope Buzza

To The Woods Forest School, Lukesland

Skeletal remains showing the position of the hyoid bone in the throat have revealed that humans had the ability to sing well over 500,000 years ago and if they could, they probably did. Why wouldn't you?

Making different vocal sounds makes life and communication more interesting and impactful and not only that, it's been proven to be very good for you!

Singing in the oral tradition (ie taught by ear) has long been used as a form of communication - a way of history, culture and beliefs. and strengthens communities and helps define identity.



Cultures all over the world still have strong oral traditions and our direct ancestors such as preserving and passing on the Celts did too, but in some countries in the West now, it It's a social glue that binds has all but been lost. For many of us, community singing is reduced to happy birthdays,

nursery rhymes.

Many people say they can't sing but I would argue that if you can talk, you can sing. We don't all sound the same, for women's wellbeing - see but that doesn't matter, when our voices come together it feel good factor of, whenever is powerful.

I have felt this power at Singing Mamas leader in 2024 and see if it's for you.

and started to learn how it affects us physically and mentally.

Singing, and especially singing with others, triggers the release of 'happy hormones' ser-

atonin and dopamine, which the site. Everyone welcome! lift mood and reduces stress our breathing and improve forestschool. lung function. The resonance vagus nerve, which has further com/singing-groups.

the odd carol and maybe a few positive impacts on breathing, digestion and heart rate.

> To The Woods Forest School at Lukesland now has two regular singing circles panel - which have the extra possible, singing in nature.

These circles are joyful and different stages through my soulful spaces - and we don't life and I know that I am at my just sing, there's always time happiest when I am singing after for a cuppa, chat and with others, but I didn't under- homemade cake/biscuits! stand why until I trained as a Join for a FREE taster session

On 27th August (2-4pm), we are having a Big FREE Summer Sing in the woods. offering the chance for people to find out what it's all about and see

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### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PLASTICS Break down in THE ENVIRONMENT?

By Colin Whybrow

When I joined a river clean in the Erme estuary back in November, I noticed an area where some tree limbs appeared to be acting as a trap, collecting an accumulation of debris. While the larger items were easy to spot, the reed beds, at first glance, seemed to comprise mainly organic matter from decaying reed stems. But they concealed an insight into just what happens to water-borne plastics once they enter the environment.



It all looks organic at first glance

Scratching just below the surface revealed how plastics break down. The combination of salt water and sunlight (UV) makes the plastic brittle, a process known as photo-degradation. Tidal agitation then breaks the plastics into smaller and smaller pieces.

This breakdown can result in the leaching of harmful chemicals such as phthalates, often called 'everywhere chemicals' found in plastic food





Wild About the Erme River (WATER) is calling on local people to join them for their Erme river clean.

The Ivvbridge river clean is on Saturday, 26th April 10am-12noon. Volunteers should meet at the car park on Harford Road, WATER has some litter pickers, bin bags, bag hoops and gloves but bring your own if you have them.

Ivybridge sits in the heart of the river Erme's catchment area and litter that enters the river at Ivybridge can quickly end up in the estuary, often trapped there between the tides.

In its middle reaches. the Erme drops one metre for every 50 metres over the ground. That's steep. Channelled by granite boulders the water speeds up to a fast flow, especially after rain, sweeping all and any rubbish and debris seawards.

WATER is a local environmental charity focused on restoring water quality and habitat across the Erme's catchment. It works with local environmental groups like PL:21 and Ivybridge Environmental Action Group to help tackle the impact that carelessly discarded plastics have on the environment

For further information on the river clean contact Tim: email timp@ermeriver.org

containers and packaging. Bisphenol A (BPA) is another leached chemical used in polycarbonate plastics like water bottles and for epoxy resins used in food cans and bottle tops.

Salt water accelerates the breakdown and the released chemicals can have a toxic effect on marine life and the picture above show. ecosystems.

tics and other debris before it tive, they are designed to be starts to breakdown is a very enjoyable and inclusive. Fampositive first step and really ilies with older children are



Beneath the surface, plastics and microplastics are everywhere

makes a difference, as the full bags of collected material in WATER, scan the QR code or

While our river cleans (see Removing the visible plas- panel) have a serious objecwelcome but children must be supervised at all times.

You will be rewarded with huge thanks, satisfaction at seeing bags full of collected debris, great camaraderie... and cake. Please bring your own drinks.

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### Forthcoming South Hams Authors Network events:

Members meeting on Thursday, 16th April, at the Imperial Inn, Ivybridge (7.30pm). Guest speaker Keith Rossiter will give a talk on 'Al for authors – friend or foe?'. Free entry.

World Book Night at
The lyybridge Bookshop
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reading from their two
anthologies of short stories,
including the launch of a
new anthology, Longtimber
Tales. Free entry.

To find out more about the SHAN visit southhams authors.co.uk.

## The next lecture at the Arts Society Kingsbridge celebrates the 400th anniversary of Charles I's accession to the throne in 1625.

'Charles I: King and Collector', by Barbara Askew, looks at the monarch's obsession for collecting works of art.

Wednesday, 23rd April, in The Methodist Church,100 Fore Street, Kingsbridge, 2pm for 2.30pm. All are welcome – no need to be a member – £10 donation

### Ivybridge Probus Club held its Ladies' Spring Lunch at the Cottage Hotel in Hope Cove on April 1st.

Members, along with their wives and partners, enjoyed a delightful threecourse meal in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

With beautiful weather on the day, guests were able to take in the stunning views across Bigbury Bay from the dining room.

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For enquiries, contact ITC by phone, text or WhatsApp on 07554 990902 or email secretary, Teresa Davis at howard-davis@live.co.uk.



dining room at the Rose & Crown in Yealmpton, gathering on the first Tuesday of each month. There is an after-lunch guest speaker on alternate months.

If you are interested in joining Ivybridge Probus Club, contact the secretary, Ritsaert Von Oven, on 01752 896155.

### Walks coming up for Ivybridge Walking Club are as follows (all Sundays):

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- 401 May

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Details of walks are on our website – www. ivybridgewalkingclub.com.

### **Ivybridge Flower Club**

### meets on the second Monday of the month at The Bridge. Visitors are most welcome.

The club hosts a wide variety of guests who demonstrate their own unique flower arranging styles, with attendees able to win the resulting beautiful arrangements in a raffle.



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### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

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Social Snaps Photography Times and locations vary, get in touch for more info.

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### **HOT LOTS** FOR AUCTION

There are 'Lots' of exciting treasures coming up for sale at the spring auctions in Plymouth.

The team at Plymouth Auction Rooms have been busy appraising a wealth of fine art, jewellery and antiques and are now preparing catalogues for the misprints, is anticipated to highly-anticipated sales.

With the gold price continuing to soar. collectors and investors will be interested to hear about a fine and valuable collection of proof coins coming up for auction. Many were made by the Royal Mint, including a fine Sovereign Proof Set

which is expected to sell for over £3.000

The sale of a rare edition of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone has already caught the attention of the BBC and UK news outlets. This unique first edition, featuring distinctive reach as much as £4.000 when it goes under the gavel on April 29.

Auctioneer Paul Keen has described an extraordinary collection of diamond iewellerv as "one of the finest at auction in years". Several of the pieces, originally purchased in the 1960s and '70s from the



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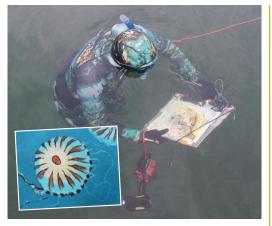


### **EXHIBITION BY UNDERWATER ARTIST**

An artist who draws underwater is displaying her work at Lukesland Gardens during their spring openings.

Louise Scammell draws underwater using a waterproof sketch pad and translates her images into print, using wooden lithographic plates (Mokulito), lino blocks, collagraphs and monotypes, processes suitable for catching the fluid, ethereal creatures she encounters below the surface.

Her work describes coastal and underwater encounters in the South



West, Skokholm Island and also in the 'Hope Spot' Scotland, where she has recently been involved in a conservation project.

Louise teaches printmaking at Art House in South Brent, where she also has

her own studio. She has a deep connection with the sea and is committed to sharing her interest in the natural world.

For details of Lukesland Gardens' spring openings, see the advert below.

### **BIG GIG** AT THE BRIDGE

Young people in school years 6-13 can meet recording artist Jon Jackal on 25th/26th April.

On the 25th at youth drop-in night at The Bridge, he will lead a rap workshop from 6.30-8pm (for those in years 6-8) and a short chilled set at 8.30-10pm for years 9+.

On the Saturday, Jon will perform his full set from 7-9pm and share the message behind his music.

All sessions are free (donations to lyybridge Youth for Christ).

For more details. contact 07966 911560.

### FGG-CITING FASTER FUN DAY

An egg-citing adventure awaits at Ivybridge Rugby Club's Easter fun day on Saturday, 19th April.

The day will include Ivybridge's biggest Easter egg hunt (from 11.30am), fun, family-friendly rugby

(12.30pm) and a disco party for the kids.

Refreshments, including breakfast baps and coffee, and a barbecue will be served from 10am.

£2/child. Open to members and non-members.

### **GRAVE MATTERS**

This year's Harford Special Spaces series of events, starting this month, will focus on graves, principally here. Many of the graves in the Harford churchyard.

The first event - Clear a Grave Day - is on Saturday, 26th April (10am-1pm). As part of a project to digitally remap and create a database of the St Petroc's graveyard, volun-

teers are needed to

help to record the position of graves and provide information about people buried are also overgrown and need to be uncovered.

Instructions will be provided - bring a measuring

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### FAMILY **EASTER EGG TRAIL**

### Families are invited to Brent Island on Easter Saturday (19th April) for the traditional Easter Egg Trail.

The event runs from 10am-4pm on the Island. which is down Millswood Lane behind St Petroc's. Entry is £2, with a prize of a chocolate egg or a fruit basket for every entrant.

"We hope the sun shines again so families can enjoy the beauty of the natural surroundings as they hunt for clues," says Brent Island Trust chair Graham Royle..

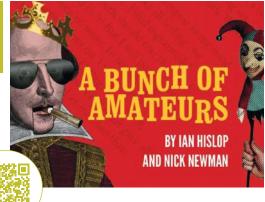
"They're welcome to bring a picnic if the weather is fine."

### A BUNCH OF **AMATEURS** TAKE TO STAGE

South Brent Amateur Dramatic Society is delighted to present a comedy for the second production of its centenary year.

On stage from 15th-17th May in South Brent Village Hall. 'A Bunch of Amateurs' features a washed-up Hollywood action hero mistakenly taking a big role with a small am-dram society in a Stratford that definitely isn't upon Avon, with plenty of comic consequences.

Directed by SBADS chairman Robin Willoughby, the



cast includes Tim McGill as Jefferson Steel and SBADS' regulars Alan Prince, Nat Cook and Kim Kidnev.

The play is at 7.30pm from Thursday, 15th to Saturday, 17th May, with a matinee on the Saturday at 2.30pm. Doors open 30 minutes before the show, with refreshments available from the bar Suitable for ages 12+ (strong language).

Tickets are on sale for £10 at the Village Shop in South Brent or through the SBADS website - www. sbads.show /amateurs or scan the OR code





### A MECCA FOR ART EVERY DAY IN MAY

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work in one place in the South West.

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16s free.

FFI and to buy tickets, scan the QR code or visit delamore-art.co.uk.

### EVENING **LECTURE**

The Secret Wildlife of Dartmoor by Paul Rendell is the upcoming evening lecture at the Devon Rural Archive.

In this lecture, on Thursday, 1st May (7pm), Paul will be talking about the plants and wildlife found on Dartmoor, in the woods and in the rivers. Paul has been a Dartmoor guide for over 21 years and is a speaker and published writer. His first book was 'Exploring the Lower Walkham Valley' and he is currently working on his next book, 'Ghostly Dartmoor'. Find out more at www. devonruralarchive.com.

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Upcoming Events - Meet the Authors!

Stephanie Austin Death on Dartmoor Edge

Thu 17th April, 5:30 pm



Juno Browne's latest case takes her from an isolated manor house on Dartmoor to London's glamorous but shady West End. World Book Night with the South Hams Authors Network Wed 23rd April, 5:30pm



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### POSTMAN stands for election in Ivybridge.



I am Alan Charles Spencer, and have been proudly working in Ivybridge as a Postman for almost a year; at 58 years old this is my fourth career move, having been an agricultural parts advisor, a Technical Manager for a food ingredients company (Encompassing computer programming - COBOL, and interpreting Food Legislation), and a pig farm manager (basically encompassing shovelling-it!). The picture was taken 3rd April 2025 – this is actually how I look during work.

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- · I know the ropes. I have been a town councillor since 2011, and since May 2023 been the Mayor of Ivybridge aka Leader of the town council. During this time I have made the contacts, understand the working relationships and built trust.
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Victor James Abbott	Liberal Democrats
Susan Louise Clarke	Labour Party
Andy Dennett	Reform UK
Andrew Robert Pratt	Green Party
Tony ReaIndependent	t Trade Union and Socialist
Alan Charles Spencer	Independent

### **SOUTH BRENT & YEALMPTON**

(which includes <b>Bittaford, Ermington</b> and <b>Ugborough</b> )		
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Becky Warnes	Green Party	

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- Join the Share Shed in person or online via www. shareshed.org.uk
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- Collect them from our Share Shed van. which stops off at lyybridge Market, in Glanvilles Mill car park, every Thursday and the Old School Commuevery Friday, both 10am to 12noon
- Return the items once

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Some of our most borrowed springtime items

By borrowing instead of buying, you can save money and reduce waste - all while supporting a more sustainable and connected community.

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- Motor controls muscle function



By Victoria Wanyu HCPC Reg: CH32103

Symptoms of peripheral neuropathy can vary, depending on which type of nerves are damaged. Symptoms include pain, burning sensation, numbness. pins and needles, muscle weakness, reduced co-ordination and balance, reduced sense





of temperature, twitching, difficulty lifting forefoot when walking.

Common causes of peripheral neuropathy are diabetes, infection, physical injury to nerves, side effects from medication, alcohol abuse, idiopathic (no known cause).

If you are experiencing symptoms of peripheral neuropathy, then it is important to consult either your GP or a health professional for advice, as neuropathy puts you at an increased risk of other complications.

If you have peripheral neuropathy it is very important to get your

feet checked regularly for signs of injury or abrasions that you may not have felt due to a change of sensation in your feet.

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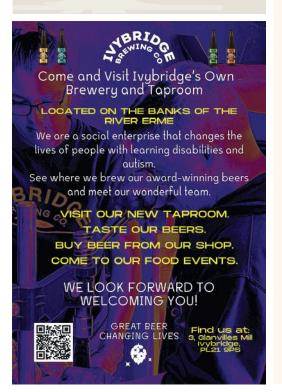
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By Nicky Jilks

In today's fast-paced world, it's easy to become overwhelmed by daily demands and forget the importance of nurturing ourselves. We often hear about "self-care", but what does it really mean, and how is it different from simply seeking comfort?

Self-care involves intentionally engaging in practices that support our physical, emotional and mental well-being. It's about listening to your needs and taking proactive steps to meet them.

Self-care encourages growth, balance and long-term health. While it may require effort, such as setting boundaries or engaging in activities like therapy or exercise, its goal is to foster inner peace and resilience.

Comfort, on the other hand, focuses on immediate relief or pleasure. Comfort might involve binge-watching TV, eating unhealthy foods, or avoiding responsibilities. While these actions offer shortterm relaxation, they don't contribute to long-term growth or emotional well-being. Instead, they can serve as distractions.

potentially preventing deeper healing by not addressing underlying emotions or needs.

Self-care can take many forms, from getting enough rest and eating nourishing foods to engaging in physical activity. It also involves caring for your emotional health-through mindfulness, journaling, or taking breaks to reflect. A crucial aspect of self-care is setting boundaries to protect your energy, preventing burnout and emotional exhaustion.

Starting a self-care practice can feel daunting, but remember, you don't have to do it alone. At Collaborative Counselling. we can support you in identifying your well-being goals, focusing on small, manageable steps that gradually contribute to your health and balance.

In conclusion, while both self-care and comfort are important, they serve different purposes. Self-care nurtures long-term well-being, even if it's challenging, while comfort offers short-term relief. By understanding the difference and finding balance, we can improve our overall well-being and support ourselves and others.







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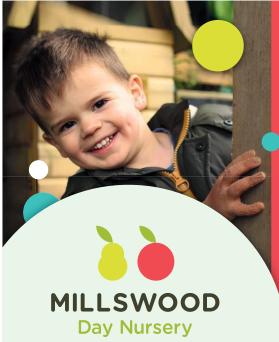
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They took part in The Climate Roadshow and had a brilliant time learning about climate change and how it impacts the oceans.

They became 'proper' scientists, conducting a range of science experiments and even a VR experience of diving into Plymouth Sound. There was also a show which taught them how to be climate heroes and the small changes that can be made





Pupils at The Erme, Cornwood (above right) and Shaugh Prior (below)

by everyone to make a big difference

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### **EXPLORE CHRISTIAN** FΔITH

### Youngsters have the chance to explore the Christian faith at a series of workshops provided by Ivybridge Youth for Christ.

Those in school years 6-13 are invited to join a conversation on life, faith and purpose during the eight-week programme.

Being held at The Bridge Youth Cafe on Wednesdays between 4.30-6pm (term times only), it starts on 30th April, and includes an away day on 14th June. Free drinks and snacks will be provided.

To find out more, contact lyybridge Youth for Christ on 07966 911560.

### COLIN NAMED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

### An Ivybridge man's unwavering commitment to voluntary service has been recognised by Ivybridge Town Council.

Colin Smith has been named Citizen of the Year Award for his incredible dedication to the lyybridge community.

Colin's generosity and kindness shine brightly and his selfless contributions, volunteering at The Watermark and supporting various community events, make such a meaningful difference



Colin (right) receiving his award from town mayor Alan Spencer

## THREE MEN, THREE TREKS, 300 MILES FOR **POPPY TREK**

### Three members of **Ivybridge Royal British** Legion, each of whom face significant health issues, are embarking on a major fundraising challenge for the Poppy Appeal this April and May.

Leighton Lucas Dermot Roberts and Dave Cooper (pictured) will be walking 300 miles over moor and coast and they are inviting others to join them.

The walk begins on Wednesday, 30th April, from Ivybridge War Memorial where local celebrity David Fitzgerald will send them on their way. The trio plan to walk over Dartmoor and Exmoor on the Two Moors Way (30th April-6th May), up the Tamar Valley on the Tamara Way, setting off on VE Day (8th-14th May) and finally along the South West

Coast Path from Falmouth to Ivybridge (17th-23rd May).

Between them they have had three heart attacks, undergone two open heart surgeries and one is insulin dependant. But they know their personal challenges pale into comparison to the issues some in the veteran community face, particularly in this area.

It is this that will drive them on through wind, rain and blazing sun to raise money for the Poppy Appeal so that the RBL can continue to provide vital welfare support to the military community in its time of need. That, and the inevitable banter that occurs when you mix a 55-year-old pub landlord with a 65-year-old navy and a 75-year-old army veteran.



If you would like to join them as they limp, laugh and hopefully not get lost, either for a few yards or a few miles, contact Dermot Roberts on 07984 131309.

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(L-r) Samantha Bryant, Cassandra Short, Linzi Pearse and Carla Terry

### Four brave ladies jumped out of a plane in aid of the Dame Hannah Rogers Trust recently and raised a wonderful £2,200.

The four are present and past managers at the Ivybridge-based charity.

They decided to take part in the skydive to raise money for the young people at Dame Hannahs whom they have worked closely with and got to know so

well over the years. They were also keen to take on a new challenge and none of them had jumped out of a plane before.

Skydiver Linzi Pearse said: "It is hard to explain the feeling when jumping out of the plane but wow, what a fantastic experience.

"We chose to do a skydive as we were all scared to do it. We wanted our adults to

plete something even when you are scared, as long as you put your mind to it.

"We are all so grateful to everyone who sponsored us to complete our skydive."

One of the UK's oldest charities. Dame Hannahs has been enriching the lives of young adults with a range of disabilities for over 250 years.

To find out more, visit know that you can still com- www.discoverhannahs.org.



**Ivybridge Rotary Club is** offering free CPR and defibrillator training on Thursday, 24th April.

It is taking place at Unit

8 Gym, near Endsleigh GC, between 6.30-8pm. For more details and to book a place, email ivyrotarydefib@gmail. com or text Paul on 07730 651543.

### **POPPIES** NEEDED

Ivybridge Community Arts is taking part in the 80th celebrations of VE Day by creating a Poppy Mat for display throughout the events.

The idea is to work with as many individuals and groups as possible to create knitted or crocheted poppies which will then be stitched onto a mesh backing.

There are free patterns available online, which are quite quick to make and they use very little wool. Poppies can be made in red, white, blue, purple or black.

ICA would like to receive any poppies by 17th April to give them time to sew them on to the backing but late arrivals will be welcomed!.

To let them know you are making a poppy, email ivybridgecommunityarts@ amail.com or contact them via their Facebook page (Ivybridge Community Arts).



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### WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF CREATING A DIY WILL?

Creating a DIY Will in the UK can save money, but it carries risks that could lead to complications for your beneficiaries.

Here are the main risks to consider:

1. Errors in wording or structure

Wills must be precise and clear to avoid disputes or misinterpretations. DIY Wills often use unclear language, leading to confusion or potential legal challenges. Ambiguities may even invalidate the Will, resulting in assets distrib-

uted according to UK intestacy laws, which might not align with your wishes.

2. Failure to meet legal requirements

UK law requires Wills to be signed with two independent witnesses present. If these formalities aren't met, the Will could be invalid. DIY kits may not fully explain these requirements, which is a common cause of failed DIY Wills.

3. Overlooking Inheritance Tax (IHT) and complex estates

DIY Wills typically don't

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cover inheritance tax planning, which could leave beneficiaries with unexpected tax bills DIY Wills are also generally unsuitable for complex estates involving significant assets, business interests, or property abroad.

### 4. Lack of provision for dependants or minor children

DIY Wills often fail to provide for dependants or name legal quardians for minor children, which can lead to legal disputes or complications.

UK law requires adequate provision for dependants, so these details are critical.

### 5. Increased risk of disputes

Poorly drafted DIY Wills can lead to family conflicts or court challenges. The absence of professional oversight can make these Wills vulnerable to disputes, causing delays and additional costs.

### 6. Risk of partial or total invalidity

Errors in naming beneficiaries, missing signatures, or failing to address all assets can lead to partial or complete invalidation.

> An invalid DIY Will means the estate could be distributed according to intestacy rules, which follow a

strict hierarchy of next of kin and may exclude close friends, unmarried partners, or charities you intended to benefit.

### 7. Unaddressed complexities in asset distribution

DIY Wills often lack provisions for complex estates involving business interests, foreign properties or substantial assets. For example, dividing a business or foreign property might require additional legal documentation not covered by a DIY template.

When DIY Wills might work If your estate is small and your wishes straightforward, a DIY Will might be sufficient. However, any complexities - such as

dependants, significant assets, or specific inheritance preferences - make professional assistance advisable.

### Alternatives to a DIY Will For most, working with a solicitor or will writer is a safer choice, especially for complex estates. While the upfront cost is higher, a professionally drafted Will minimises risks, ensures your wishes are legally bind-

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## CRICKET CLUB HOPING FOR **EXCITING SEASON**

### Cornwood Cricket Club opens it's doors for the 2025 season on Good Friday, writes Nick Goodliffe.

The club is hoping for another fine summer of cricket at Oak Park and the hard work is well underway to make that happen, with the grounds team busy preparing both squares and outfields ready for action.

The first men's league match is on Saturday, 3rd May, when the first XI host newly-promoted North Devon CC in Devon Premier Division action. Look out for a new and vibrant playing kit for the first team, as top flight cricket in Devon will

now be played in coloured kit and with a pink ball.

The women's hardball first XI get their campaign up and running ahead of the men when Plymouth Women visit on Sunday, 27th April.

Cornwood CC provides playing opportunities for all ages, genders and ability levels. To find out more email cornwoodcricketclub@ amail.com.

■ The club will be open from 5pm on 18th April, with hot food available throughout the evening. There will also be a family-friendly general knowledge quiz (7.30pm). £5 per team, which must include at least one junior.



Cornwood CC's ladies indoor team, which, after winning the Plymouth district winter indoor league, beat Exmouth CC by one run in a nail-biting final to be crowned county champions



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### WILLS ~ LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY **PROBATE** ~ **PROPERTY PROTECTION TRUSTS**

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Please do not think that all of your assets will automatically pass to your spouse or children – this often is not the case.

Martin Lewis and most of the financial journalists now advise everyone to take out a Lasting Power of Attorney. This is very important for older people as when in hospital they or their spouses often are not allowed to make decisions, without a LPA the social services step in instead.

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Erme Valley Harriers Ronnie Haynes has been in impressive recent form, with outstanding runs at the Looe 10 and the Falmouth Half Marathon, writes Dave Fox.

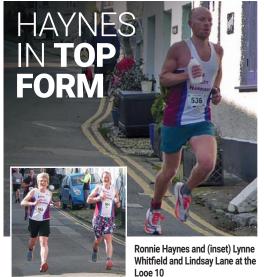
At Looe, Haynes was 4th overall and 1st male vet 40, whilst at Falmouth he finished an excellent 3rd place overall and 1st male vet 40.

There was a good turnout of Harriers at the very tough and hilly Looe 10, with several other athletes amongst the prize winners. Dave Engledew was 1st male vet 65, Helen Chapell was 2nd female vet 55 and Alison Engledew 2nd female vet 65. John Riley, Lynne Whitfield, Lindsay Lane, Richard Lane and Ken Summers all completed the demanding course

At the Bideford Half Marathon, Graham Reed did exceptionally well as he finished 18th out of a quality field of some 970 finishers. Reed achieved a personal best (PB) time of 1.15.25. Peter Allen (1.22.01), Emma Lake (1.39.43), Barry Neal (1.40.50), Helen Chapell (1.43.26), Andrea Mitchell (1.55.06) and Andrew Mitchell (2.01.09) all successfully completed the popular race.

Charlie Milward had a fantastic run in the Salamanca Half Marathon in Spain. He was 43rd out of around 2,000 athletes and achieved a PB time of 1.19.36, knocking some 4 minutes off his previous half marathon best.

There were also impressive performances at the Exeter Half Marathon weekend. On the Saturday, Simon Fitze was 5th in 1.16.29 and



1st male vet 45. Dave Rayfield was 37th in 1.38.24 and 2nd male vet 55, whilst Georgie Winslet was 2nd female vet 45. On the Sunday, Dave Engledew was 41st in 1.33.49 and 1st male vet 65, whilst wife Alison was 156th in 1.51.40 and 1st female vet 65.

Still on the road scene, Liz Bristow achieved a time of 49.50 in the Chester 10K, whilst Faith Taylor-Tippett had an impressive run at the Fleet Half Marathon with a time of 1.22.16.

At the Bath Half Marathon, Sally Erith (1.37.31), Liz Bristow (1.51.42) and Dave Lloyd (2.01.06) all ran well.

Charlie Kendrick achieved a time of 54.27 at the Bournemouth Bay 10K.

Allister Bristow was 8th and 1st male vet 50 and wife Liz 3rd female vet 50 at the Run Fit 5 in Okehampton.

Lynne Whitfield travelled further afield and achieved a time of 1.56.27 in her first

Half Marathon at Kew.

As build up for spring marathons, Chris Prall and Dave Rayfield took on the Granite Way 20 with excellent performances. Prall achieved a time of 2.16.20 and was 1st male vet 40, whilst Rayfield was 2nd male vet 55 with a time of 2.25.53.

Off-road, several Harriers completed the very tough but scenic Grizzly (about 19 miles) and the Cub Run (9 miles) in the Seaton area of Devon. The race takes in numerous hills, pebbly beaches and muddy woods. Dave Engledew (3.36.48), Alison Engledew (4.02.30) and Sophie Tolfree (4.13.35) all completed the Grizzly, whilst Richard Lane (1.42.29). Ken Summers (1.42.42), Lindsay Lane (1.42.44) and Lynne Whitfield (1.15.11) finished the Cub Run. Summers did particularly well as he was 3rd male vet 70.

At the Devon Championship Fell Race, at Belstone near Okehampton, the four Harriers who tackled the demanding course did well. Matthew Gilvear was particularly impressive as he was 3rd overall in 59.19 and 1st male under 21. Chris Prall was 7th (1.04.17) and first male vet 40 and Peter Allen 15th in 1.13.26. Becky Prall (1.26.08) was 3rd female and 2nd female vet 40. The Harriers were also second team.

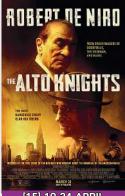
Helen Chapell has been busy as she ran the Portsmouth/Langstone Half Marathon Big Weekender. The first race was the Hayling Island to Portsmouth Half with the second event the Portsmouth Southsea Half. Both races were along trail and coastal paths. Closer to home, Chapell was 2nd female at the Exeter Trail Half Marathon in the grounds of Escot Park.

Mike Hoskin is always keen to take on a challenge and successfully completed the Winding Path Total Coastal 50K at Shaldon in a time of 10.04.56.

John Riley completed the Cardinham Woods Bodmin 10K in a time of 55.15, coming home in 6th place and 1st male vet 50 over the undulating track and trail course.

Meanwhile, the Engledew's continued their impressive running at the Forest of Dean Spring Trails Half Marathon. Dave Engledew finished 2nd in his age category, whilst wife Alison was 5th in her age group. Dave has qualified for the England Masters Trail Race, whilst Alison is waiting to see whether she qualifies.









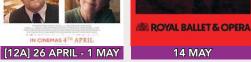






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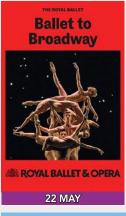








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