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And This is Global Warming in Action....

I'm certain that many of you will have enjoyed the last few weeks of sunshine and intense heat, but not me. The countryside hasn't enjoyed it either. The virtually frost free early spring has meant a bumper crop of fruit on the trees, but the lack of rain is threatening the harvest as the developing fruit need water as much and probably more than sunshine.

The stress that plants are under will almost certainly exacerbate the spread of pests and diseases, which in turn will threaten the production of crops and drive up costs. We probably won't see the results until the autumn when supermarket prices will rise.

This is a global problem, Sixteen of the seventeen warmest years in the 136 years records have been kept, all have occurred since 2001, with the exception of 1998. The year 2016 ranks as the warmest on record.

What can we do? Not a lot except pray that America sees sense and signs up to the Paris accord on climate change. And maybe learn how to do a rain dance.

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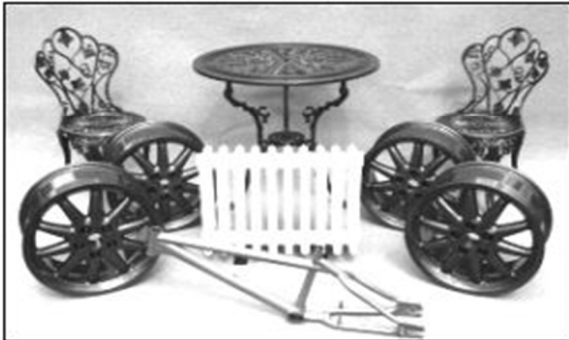
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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR COUNCILLOR RICK ANDREWS

It is both an unexpected honour and privilege to have again been elected Chairman of the Town Council and Mayor for the ensuing year and my thanks go to the members of the Council for the unanimous trust they have placed in me.



As my Declaration of Office demands, I will endeavour to fulfil the responsibilities of the Office to the very best of my ability and to act in the wider interests of the Town and Parish as a whole. Bradninch is a small but vibrant community and I will make every effort to support each and every one of the plethora of groups that do so much to make the Town such a wonderful place to live.

As many of you will know, my wife, Vicki, and I both come from a Service background and moved to Hele when I retired some ten years ago. Since then, I was for three years the Chairman of the Hele Society and have completed nearly eight years on the Town Council, including having been Chairman and Mayor in 2014/15. Vicki is an active member of the Play and Poetry Reading groups and also belongs to both the Bradninch Players and the Festival Choir. We have two grown up children and a Cocker Spaniel named Riley. I have a wide variety of interests including skiing with the Castle Ski Club and gliding with Devon & Somerset Gliding Club.

My nominated charity for the year is one of those being supported by this year's Music Festival - Balloons - a local charity that provides counselling for bereaved children. As last time, it is my intention to meet as many of you as possible over the coming twelve months and to represent the Town as often and fully as I can.

My best wishes to you all,

Rick Andrews
 Mayor

Hen Street Leat

The raised pavement and integral conduit, steps and ramps of Hen street were probably built C18 and C19 with earlier origins and is Grade 2 listed.

During the Musical Gardens weekend someone commented on the poor state of the leat and the heavy weed growth. It was suggested that a working group could be created to keep the area neat and tidy and preserve a rich example of Bradninch's early heritage.



I have made some enquiries and hope the "Payback team" can come back and clear the greenery which will help enormously but once cleared we need to remove as much of the accumulated silt as we can and then find somebody with the necessary certification to spray the cobbles which are lifting due to large root weeds.

Is there a friendly, local chap with a sprayer we can call upon the help keep the cobbles clear?

If anybody is interested in joining a working party to clear silt and then to do an annual tidy up (maybe twice a year) do please let me know. Tel: 881566 or e-mail: mike.leonard120@gmail.com.

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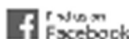


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Exe Valley Brewery will be selling their specially crafted Top of the Hops golden hoppy brew and there will even be someone selling alcoholic ice-cream. There are still one or two spaces left and it is not too late to have a go yourself at showcasing your talents and wares.

The theme this year is 'music' and throughout the day there are buskers playing, an open piano in the Methodist Church, The Somerset Paddies playing in the Lamb and Junk instrument making on the Old Hall Site. Also on the old hall site are Crediton Town Band, Silverton Community Choir, Global Harmony and Lindy Hop Crew and not forgetting Silverton Sings.

In the evening there are 3 live bands playing in the Community Hall headlined by Basher Tate along with a hog roast and licensed bar. Tickets are on sale at the Spa shop for just £5 or £7 on the night.

An important part of the day is the children's activities and entertainment and this year there is a whole host of activities to amuse and delight them, including a magician, a juggler, a ventriloquist as well as a bouncy castle, rodeo challenge, face painting and glitter tattoos.

The excitement builds towards the end of the day as the men, and women, dig in their heels in the traditional Tug of War. Just take a moment to look around at the faces in the crowd if you want to see sheer delight and engagement.

Street Market is very much a community event and is an important part of village life which brings people together from Silverton and surrounding villages to eat, laugh and play. It is run entirely by volunteers with money being raised for local groups and organisations, including this year money being raised for the 'Silverton Night Landing Project'. The streets are traffic free and the atmosphere amazing.

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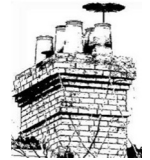
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Sadly Keith died and went to be with His Lord on Sunday 21/05/17.

I would like to thank the friends in Bradninch for all their prayers, love and support that you have given my family and myself through the last month.

Keith died unexpectedly aged 74 yrs. We have been in shock and miss him terribly.

We would like to give special thanks to all at St Disens for the loan of their lovely church, and for all the help they have given us.

The gifts that were given in memory of Keith for the Missionary Aviation Fellowship amounted to £1540.

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There will be craft stalls where you can snap up some unique artisan products, something beautiful to give or to keep.

If you love exotic animals, Animal Encounters with Chris Johnson will be there. You'll have a chance to hold snakes, lizards, and other awesome creatures.

Have you ever tried bubble football? We haven't either. Running around inside huge inflatable balls, looks fun!

Try the bouncy assault course and children's soft play. Or swing boats – possibly a more sedate option for those who fancy a little sit down while staying on the go. There will also be face painting for young and young at heart. Or keep a memento of the day in the form of a caricature.

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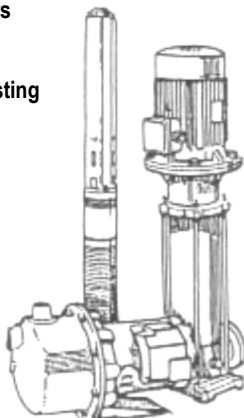
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Events & activities for the 50 plus

If you are this age or above, live in the Exe Valley, are interested in getting out, visiting places and meeting people then membership of the Club may be for you. The Club organises events such as monthly coffee mornings, whist afternoons, theatre trips and days out by coach. 2017 membership is £5.

AFTERNOON TEA & CAKE

Tuesdays 11th July & 13th AUG

In JUL & AUG we substitute Tea & Cake for our usual monthly Coffee Mornings. St Mary's Church Hall Silverton is the place between 1500 and 1630. An opportunity to book for outings or just a natter with friends. Admission £1.50 plus optional raffle. Do come along and enjoy the scrummy home-made cakes!

MONDAY WHIST

Mondays 03 & 17 JUL and 07 & 14 AUG

Come and join us for a friendly afternoon of Whist at St Mary's Church Hall Silverton. Playing starts 2:00 PM prompt. Entrance fee £2.50 includes refreshment and raffle ticket. It's fun and keeps the brain cells active!

FORTHCOMING OUTINGS (from Silverton with the usual Exe Valley village pick-ups)

On Saturday 22nd July we travel to the Brewhouse Theatre Taunton by mini-bus to see a live 3 hour concert screened from Andre's Dutch home town with his 60 piece Johann Straus Orchestra and guest singers. The performance starts at 7:00pm but we leave the Exe Valley at 4:30 arriving in time for a meal or refreshments. Cost £25

On Tuesday 25th July we drive to Bishops Lydeard to catch a WSR steam train to Minehead arriving in time for lunch/refreshments. Afterwards we re-join our coach for a tour of Exmoor ending with a tea stop at the Bridge Café Winsford. Cost £22

Our outing on Thursday 17th August is to Cornwall's only city with its Georgian streets and awe inspiring architecture, Cathedral, Museum, art galleries, bars, cafes and restaurants combined with a two-hour cruise on the River Fal. Cost £22

If you are interested in any of the above events or would like to join the Club please contact Martin Clough Club Secretary 38 Hederman Close Silverton Devon EX5 4HW Telephone 01392 860971 e-mail: martin.mcassoc@btconnect.com or visit our website <http://www.sevs.info> for more details of our programme.



Bradninch Town Trust & Parochial Charities Roger Hepburn Education Fund

We are pleased to announce that £200 was paid to four students under the Roger Hepburn Fund in February 2017.

Bradninch Town Trust & Parochial Charities have agreed to pay a total sum of £2,000 which will benefit the following 12 local groups with their activities:

- Duchy Pre School – Equipment and toys
- Memorial Fund towards a Heritage Board
- Bowls Club – general running costs.
- Tiddlywinks – Baby changing station
- Bradninch Youth Club – Storage Shed
- Bradninch Millers Morris – Storage Space
- Bradninch Musical Gardens – running costs.
- Bradninch Dementia Group – Start-up costs
- Cricket Club – towards new sight screen
- Toddler Group – baby equipment and running costs.
- Messy Church – general running costs.

The Hele Society

Recent Activities:

Tuesday 30th May - Bi-monthly meeting, hosted by Rick & Vicki Andrews

Wednesday 14th June - Litter Pick

Wednesday 21st June - Re-planting of flower baskets on the bridge

Saturday 1st July - Visit to the National Trust at Castle Drogo

Forthcoming Events:

Saturday 22nd July - Society AGM & Supper at David & Dawn Abraham's, Rose Bungalow on Strathculm Road

If you would like to join the Hele Society, please contact Dawn Abrahams on 01392 881457 or e-mail dawnabrahams@btinternet.com



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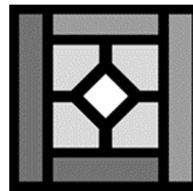
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Memory Café gets off to a great start

The first gathering of Bradninch's Memory Café took place on 5 June at the Baptist Church, and a great success it was too. The café was opened officially by the Chairman of Devon County Council, Ray Radford. He was ably supported by John Berry, our County Councillor, who was instrumental in getting the café off the ground, along with Judith Wright, the café's committee chairperson, Piers Kotting, Secretary, and Dr Mike Leonard, Treasurer and Fund Raiser. Rick Andrews, our new Mayor, also gave a short but moving speech in which he, personally as well as in his capacity as Mayor, wanted to thank Bradninch for setting up the café.

What a lovely community, he added, and who could disagree? John Berry presided over the celebratory cake cutting, the cake, sporting the Alzheimer's Society lovely blue forget-me-not logo. Thanks to Sylvia Scurr for making the cake and to Piers Kotting for adding the icing.

The church was full of volunteers and café customers alike, all of us treated to a lovely, friendly atmosphere in which we could enjoy a cuppa, cakes-a-plenty and chat, not to mention a dance and music session led by Franziska Schallwig, a couple of poetry readings chosen by the local Shakespeare Group (who this time ventured away from the Bard into Wordsworth and the great Pam Ayres) and a great foot-tapping musical session courtesy Nigel, from Silverton, a genuine busker.

The café will be held on the first Monday of every month, 2-4pm at the Baptist Church. If anyone out there would like to come to the next gathering (3 July) please come along. If you're on your own and feel a bit shy about it, one of us will knock on your door and help you along to the church. Equally, if you would like a lift to the Church, do get in touch. The number to call is 01392 881533 or 07970 336440. Ask for me, Anne.

As a volunteer, I so enjoyed myself, and yes, I grabbed some cake too!! Talking of cake, our local W.I Group has very kindly offered to provide a cream tea for the August meeting, which will be on 7 August. Thanks very much to them, and I for one will definitely be there!

Many thanks to all those volunteers who turned up on the day to organise tables and chairs and who brought cakes, and who kept the tea and coffee flowing, especially those who had to rush off to do the school run - time is precious indeed when you're raising a young family. And thanks too, to all those who worked so hard to set up this day: John, Judith, Piers, Nicola, Mike, Fran and Janet.

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3rd	Pilates	9.00	The Guildhall
3rd	Yoga	7.00	The Guildhall
4th	Ballet	5.00	The Guildhall
5th	Karate	6.30	Duchy School
5th	Ballet	5.00	The Guildhall
6th	Taekwondo	10.00	The Guildhall
7th	Toddler Group	9.30	The Guildhall
7th	Ballet	2.30	The Guildhall
7th	Bradninch Millers Morris	8.00	West End Hall
7th	Junior cricket	6.00	Cricket Club
8th	Dementia CM	10.00	The Guildhall
10th	Pilates	10.00	The Guildhall
10th	Yoga	7.00	The Guildhall
10th	Ballet	5.00	The Guildhall
11th	Ballet	5.00	The Guildhall
12th	Karate	6.30	Duchy School
13th	Taekwondo	6.00	The Guildhall
13th	Library Van	11.00	The Guildhall
14th	Toddler Group	9.30	The Guildhall
14th	Ballet	2.15	The Guildhall
14th	Bradninch Millers Morris	8.00	West End Hall
14th	Junior cricket	6.00	Cricket Club
15th	NSPCC CM	10.00	The Guildhall
17th	Pilates	10.00	The Guildhall
17th	Ballet	4.00	The Guildhall
17th	Yoga	7.00	The Guildhall
18th	Ballet	5.00	The Guildhall
19th	Gardening Club	7.30	The Guildhall
19th	Karate	6.30	Duchy School
20th	Taekwondo	6.00	The Guildhall
21st	Toddler Group	9.30	The Guildhall
21st	Ballet	2.15	The Guildhall
21st	Bradninch Millers Morris	8.00	West End Hall
21st	Junior cricket	6.00	Cricket Club
22nd	Sustainable Bradninch CM	10.00	The Guildhall
24th	Pilates	10.00	The Guildhall
24th	Ballet	4.00	The Guildhall
24th	Yoga	7.00	The Guildhall
25th	Ballet	5.00	The Guildhall
26th	Karate	6.30	Duchy School
27th	Taekwondo	6.00	The Guildhall
28th	Bradninch Millers Morris	8.00	West End Hall
28th	Junior cricket	6.00	Cricket Club
29th	Brad Support Refugees CM	10.00	The Guildhall
29th	Library Van	10.00	The Guildhall
31st	Pilates	10.00	The Guildhall

AUGUST

2nd	Karate	6.30	Duchy School
3rd	Taekwondo	12.30	The Guildhall
4th	Bradninch Millers Morris	8.00	West End Hall
4th	Junior cricket	6.00	Cricket Club
5th	Parklands - Dementia CM	10.00	The Guildhall
7th	Pilates	10.00	The Guildhall
7th	Yoga	7.00	The Guildhall
9th	Karate	6.30	Duchy School
10th	Taekwondo	6.00	The Guildhall
10th	Library Van	11.00	The Guildhall
11th	Bradninch Millers Morris	8.00	West End Hall
11th	Junior cricket	6.00	Cricket Club
12th	Freewheelers/Air Amb. CM	10.00	The Guildhall
14th	Pilates	10.00	The Guildhall
14th	Yoga	7.00	The Guildhall
16th	Karate	6.30	Duchy School
17th	Taekwondo	6.00	The Guildhall
18th	Bradninch Millers Morris	8.00	West End Hall
18th	Junior cricket	6.00	Cricket Club
19th	St Petros CM	10.00	The Guildhall
19th	Willow Workshop	2.00	The Guildhall
21st	Pilates	10.00	The Guildhall
21st	Yoga	7.00	The Guildhall
23rd	Karate	6.30	Duchy School

24th	Taekwondo	6.00	The Guildhall
25th	Bradninch Millers Morris	8.00	West End Hall
25th	Junior cricket	6.00	Cricket Club
26th	Over 60s CM	10.00	The Guildhall
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