

# The Clyst Chatter



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Autumn 2021

Keith Walton has retired from the editing of the Chatter and I have taken on the role of compiling news that will, hopefully, be of interest to those living in and near Clyst Honiton. I will put together something again in December.

Thanks, Keith, for the work you have put in, making it worthwhile continuing. I am hoping future issues will improve, but am not promising anything.

Sean

## The shape of the Parish

Here is a map showing a short cycle route from the village, down to Cats' Protection, and back up to the airport. About four miles with some good views and some proper hills.

This also gives you an idea of how the parish is shrinking with the Cranbrook expansion to the north of the airport. There seems to be a few fields between Treasbeare and the airport, but the parish now effectively stops at the EON district heating plant. (Even though this serves Cranbrook, it has been left in Clyst Honiton.)

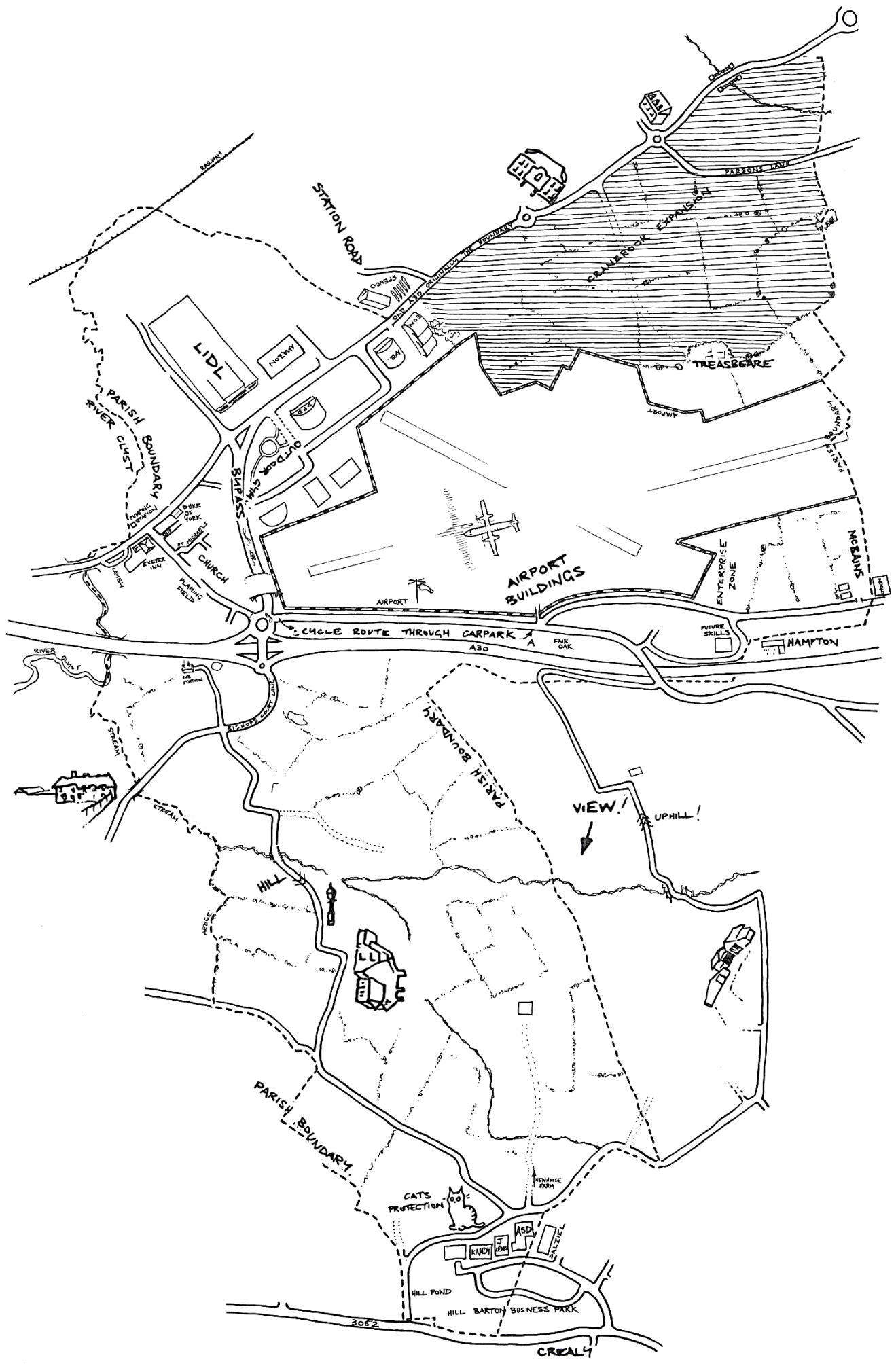
The bus shelters and planters around the village are owned by the parish and we maintain them.

The A30 is operated and maintained by Connect Roads. It was funded by the Bank of America and delayed by Swampy.

In 2000, Tony Blair promised as prime minister to end the longstanding noise problem although no specific date was ever given for resurfacing.

The 'D' shape at the edge of the airport is the fighter pen – there is an information board near it.

The area south of the A30 (the parish boundary is the broken line to the 3052 that cuts Hill Barton Business Park in half) includes Axe Hayes Business Park, Hill Pond Camp site, Cats Protection Centre, ZaZa Homes business, Holiday lets, medical clinic, five farms and around 20 residential properties.





# Parish Council News

Suzanne Hales - Chair of Parish Council

The last year has been fairly quiet for the Parish Council and we were given a dispensation to use the internet for meetings. We are now moving back to six meetings a year.

These are listed on the website and at the back of the Chatter. All are welcome and I think it is important that everyone understands the limitations of what a parish council can do.

We are all volunteers and try to do all we can for the village.

The Parish Council applied for a grant during lockdown and bought a fridge that was kindly installed in the Exeter Inn by Malcolm the Landlord. This enabled people to buy essential items if they were unable to get to the supermarket. We also picked up prescriptions and shopping for those in need.

COVID has meant further delays for the community facility plans which has, in turn delayed the completion date for the Neighbourhood Plan. Annoying but unavoidable.

You will have noticed the road in the village has been resurfaced. This was literally the minimum that could be done. Devon County's representative was apologetic, but budgets have been pushed towards essential services.

St Michael's Hill has been noted as needing more extensive resurfacing – good – but that also means it will be considered in a couple of years' time. There is no money at the moment.

Parked cars making access to Ship Lane difficult is an on-going saga. We are working to improve the situation with no budget and little authority. We are regularly being told that it does not matter what the markings are if people just ignore them.

Parking is tight at that end of the village, but I would ask for consideration – there have been serious problems caused by emergency services being unable to turn into Ship Lane. The Parish Council will do its best to get double yellow lines installed ASAP.

Thanks to Mike Muir and all the Volunteers for the new memorial garden and to Grant Harrison for the picture of the pilot and Spitfire on the shed. Thanks to Mike Muir for mowing and trimming the village.

Although we are a very small parish, there is still a lot of activity. It looks as though the FAB link importing French electricity is quietly moving forward,

Cranbrook is creeping south, and most of the farmland in the parish has been earmarked for development.

But, most importantly, even though we have limited powers to determine what happens in the parish, having our own parish council keeps us better informed than we would be as a part of a larger parish or town.

## News from South of the A30

Janvrin Edbrooke

The Axehayes Cats Protection League Centre has closed and the bulldozers have moved in.



The new centre is well-designed, state of the art and purpose built, funded by a very generous donation. This is an exciting, improved facility which will be a real bonus for the Parish.

Big Event in the Area: Almost immediately after the date when wedding ceremonies were allowed, Wroford Manor land was transformed into a stunning wedding venue. Congratulations go to the happy couple.

East Devon District Council's Call for Sites closed in March 2021. Sadly, all but small number of fields in the whole of the southern area of the Parish, below the A30, have been submitted for development.

Submission of sites does not necessarily mean that this land will be granted planning permission or allocated for development but flags up a need to watch this space and keep abreast of the EDDC new plan for the area. The Parish Council have the EDDC New Plan as a set agenda item for meetings which will help keep us all up to date.

Map link: <https://eastdevon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/housing-issues/housing-and-economic-land-availability-assessment/>

## Clyst Honiton Park



The timing was fortunate for the new equipment – you may remember that the installation was started just as the first Big Lockdown of March 2020 happened. Luckily, it was completed in time for the summer.

Those new to the village may be interested in the history.

Under the Chairmanship of Lynne Askew, the field was purchased from the local authority by the Parish Council for a nominal sum. It now belongs to the village. This means we do not have to go cap in hand to East Devon to ask for work to be done, or for equipment. The village can have what it wants, when it wants it.

The shed was paid for with a grant and put up by volunteers.

Mike Muir managed to find the volunteers and money required to put in and plant up the flower bed, helping soften the appearance of the rather austere shed. Grant Harrison has added a picture to the shed which, together with the plaque in the bed, reminds us of the astonishing bravery of the airmen (and those with less glamorous roles) who protected Exeter. Lidl paid for the benches.

Rob, the Parish Council Clerk, found a pot of money that Devon County held and used that to purchase the new play equipment. Apologies to all those I have not mentioned.

All of this is important as, although it allows the village to have what it wants, it also means the village pays for it all.

We pay to get the grass cut. Luckily, Mike is prepared to cut the hedge and litter pick. Any damage to the equipment (and, unfortunately, there is some minor vandalism) has to be paid for by us, not some council department with other funds.

For a parish the size of Clyst Honiton, it is astonishing we have such a wonderful facility. Please do whatever you can to help maintain it.

## Neighbourhood Plan Update

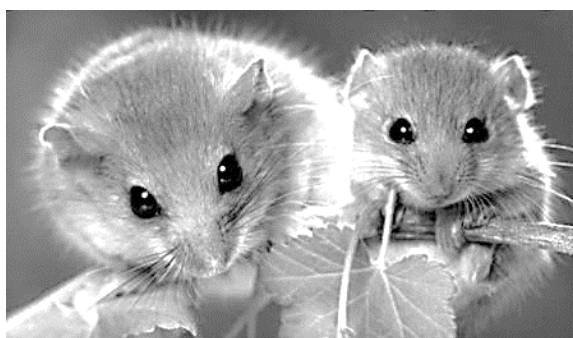
The delayed Neighbourhood Plan must be brought up to date with a new version of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF July 2021).

All NPs have to be in general conformity with this national document. The good news is that additions in this update embrace better design, greater sustainability, and a new section on trees and their importance. The changes really support our aspirations in the Clyst Honiton NP. The bad news is that all NPPF references to the document and quotes used are having to be updated.

## Neighbourhood Development Order Update

The NDO Bypass Site is undergoing further surveys in order that a final masterplan can be drawn.

The ecology work has been completed. Such survey work has official time windows, and these ended in September. One survey found two dormice nests. As dormice are a protected species the land around their nest sites have to remain undisturbed. Luckily these were close to a hedge and should be easily protected within the masterplan.



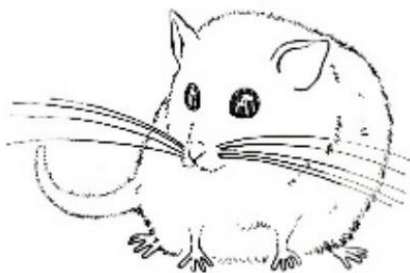
A Transport Statement requires safe, planned access to the land next to the bypass is agreed. There is still debate on access via Waterslade Lane and/or via a new junction at the Bypass traffic lights. Unfortunately, the traffic modelling, which used recent traffic survey data, is at odds with the traffic modelling at Devon County Council, so this issue has not yet been

resolved. We have had support from East Devon District Council who have put pressure on DCC highways to make a decision.

We have everything lined up to go so that we can complete the NP and NDO Drafts and get them out to you all to comment on. Statutory bodies will also be consulted at this time too. This Stage is called Reg 14 and at this stage both NP and NDO have "planning weight"; this means that for all planning applications, the PC and public can list and refer to the policies in the NP / NDO when supporting or objecting to the application and EDDC has a statutory requirement to work with the emerging Plans.

So Reg 14 is the next step... To finally see and comment on both Plans.

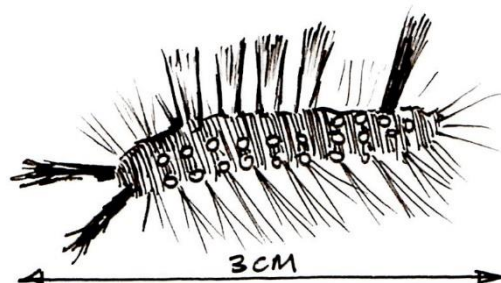
## Clyst Naturalist Watch



We officially have dormice in the village – they have turned up in the ecology survey. Their population has halved over the last 20 years in the UK. They are fussy about where they live. They like a scrubby, mixed woodland. If the woodland is tidied, or becomes mature and less diverse, their numbers drop.

This alarmingly spikey caterpillar was found in a hedge in the village.

Unlike some squishy green caterpillars which panic and fall to the ground if they think they have been seen, this one ignores you, knowing it is going to be a difficult meal. After eating enough hedge, it becomes a boring, brown vapour moth.



What other wildlife is there in the parish?

## Diary Dates

### Services in Clyst Honiton Parish Church

10<sup>th</sup> October

24<sup>th</sup> October

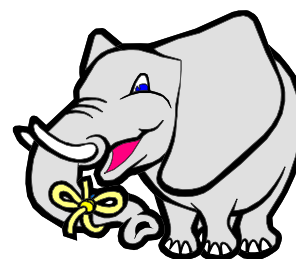
14<sup>th</sup> November (Remembrance Sunday)

28<sup>th</sup> November

12<sup>th</sup> December

19<sup>th</sup> December the carol service

24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Communion





## Activities with Clyst Honiton Parish Church

Every Wednesday at 10.00 am. Coffee in the Belfry room at the church.  
All welcome.

## St Martin's C of E School Cranbrook dates

Oct 25 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Half-term
Dec 20 <sup>th</sup> to Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas
Feb 21 <sup>st</sup> to Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Half-term

## Parish Council

Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	venue to be confirmed
Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	venue TBC

Other meetings to be agreed.

Additional Planning meetings may be called and advised on the Parish Notice Board.

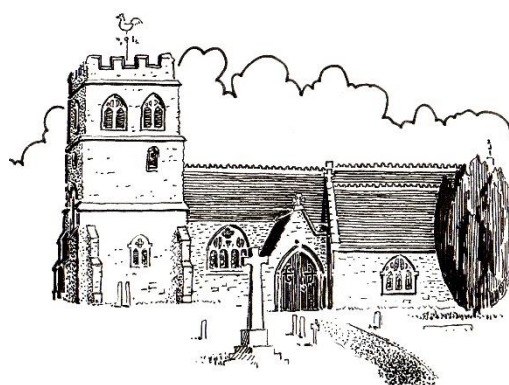
## Church Chatter

**Sheila Watson** (Churchwarden)

Lots of changes in the administration have taken place for the church during the pandemic. You may recall that we were part of a mission community with Pinhoe. Because of all the new housing that is going up, Pinhoe (with Poltimore) are now going it alone and we have joined what

has become The East Clyst Churches Mission Community. This is much bigger and includes, Broadclyst, Clyst Honiton, Clyst Hydon Clyst St. Lawrence, Rockbeare, Sowton, Talaton, Whimble and Cranbrook. And two priests! The rector is now Rev. Marc Kerslake, the team vicar remains

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So how has this changed the church life in Clyst Honiton?

Luckily, it hasn't made much difference so far although all the other churches have had changes made. We still have our two services a month, on the second and the fourth Sundays, and we still rely heavily on retired priests. Sadly, the lady who has taken service for four (or is it five?) years has recently passed away after a long fight with cancer, but the gentleman who comes



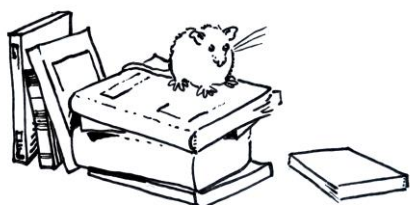
to our rescue now is Rev. David Lewis and we are beginning to love him almost as much as we did Margaret.

You may have noticed that the rear of the church is now our wildlife area, anyone with wildflower seeds, bat boxes, birdboxes, insect homes, or the like is welcome to go to the rear of the church and add to this garden.

Unfortunately, we still haven't managed to recruit an army of volunteers to keep the churchyard neat and tidy and what used to be accomplished in one day now often takes two, even leaving the wild area to fend for itself. Like me everyone is getting older and slower and we need people to take over before we actually stop.

Fund raising has begun, but only in a small way. We can manage coffee mornings in the church – every Wednesday at 10am – and on the occasional Saturday (**October 16<sup>th</sup>**) but events that were held in the Duke of York are still on hold until the Covid situation improves. Hopefully by Christmas we will be able to hold the Christmas Celebration which is pencilled in for **December 18<sup>th</sup>**.

There will be a Carol Service in church on **19<sup>th</sup> December** – time to be decided – and hopefully Midnight Communion at 11:30pm on **24<sup>th</sup> December**.



In the porch at church there are books, not enough to be called a library but, if you enjoy reading, please feel free to borrow, swap or buy for a small donation. The porch is open during Wednesday coffee mornings, Sunday services and usually the Friday morning before a service or if you see Martin in the churchyard he will have a key to let you in.

We are also building up quite a collection of jigsaw puzzles which are kept in the belfry at the moment. Again, these are for you to borrow or swap.

## Clyst Matters -

### Clyst Honiton Parish Council

Parish website [www.clysthoniton.org.uk](http://www.clysthoniton.org.uk)  
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CH Comm Assoc. (Stephan Bouloux))  
St Martin's C of E Primary School  
Ring and Ride (Exeter)  
Pinhoe Surgery (appointments)  
Clyst Caring Friends  
RD&E Hospital  
NHS Non-emergency advice  
National Rail enquiries  
Exeter Bus Station enquiries (Stagecoach)  
Exeter Airport  
Post Office (customer help line)  
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# Keith's Wordsearch

## The Olympic and Paralympic Games

You may not have stayed up during the early hours to watch the Games live, but hopefully you did see some of the action on the review programmes. The difficulties the athletes faced in training during the pandemic and competing without any crowds to cheer them on were enormous – yet they succeeded, and for many it was a dream come true.



We are celebrating both sets of games in our Wordsearch.

As usual, words run up, down, diagonally and in both directions. Letters may be used more than once. There are FIVE letters not used in the names listed and these tell you where a race takes place.

Badminton  
Blades  
BMX  
Coach  
Finalist  
Fitness  
Fumble

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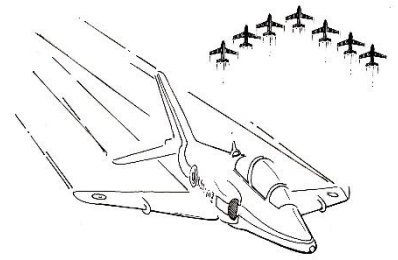
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# Airport News

British Airways has extended its service to Belfast City Airport to March next year. TUI has been flying to Rhodes, Paphos, Cyprus, Lanzarote, and Majorca. Ryanair to Alicante and Malaga. Good news for the airport following the impact of the pandemic and the collapse of Flybe.



The latter seems to have been reborn in the Midlands without the debt.

Exeter Airport offers the following routes for 2021/22: Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Guernsey, Isles of Scilly, Jersey, Manchester, Newcastle, Norwich, Alicante, Antalya, Chambery, Corfu, Crete, Dalman, Gran Canaria, Heraklion, Ibiza, Lapland, Majorca, Malaga, Menorca, Palma, Paphos, Rhodes, Tenerife and Zante.

# Your Mental Health Matters

By Graham Williams

In these days of Covid,  
When there are threats to our wealth,  
I write this poem, to help you,  
To consider your mental health.

We all get used to routine,  
And want it to stay that way,  
Routine is always important,  
To keep the blues away.

A little regular exercise,  
Should be introduced,  
This helps release endorphins,  
To give your mood a boost.

Keep to daily activities,  
That give order to your life,  
Do some reading every day,  
This helps with avoiding strife.

Take a shower in the morning,  
A cool one gives your energy a boost,  
This can help your immune system,  
You'll find your stress levels reduced.

Technology is a life saver,  
And many work from home,  
So talk to others not in your house,  
By Skype, or Twitter, or phone.

Our body is sixty percent water,  
No wonder we thrive on the stuff,  
To avoid dehydration,  
Make sure you are drinking enough.

Be creative, if you can be,  
Take a hobby you've always wanted to do,  
Make things ready for Christmas,  
Out of cardboard and tinsel and glue.

It's important to keep perspective,  
This won't last forever you know,  
So count your blessings and be happy,  
Keep a hold of your 'get-up-and-go'.

It's time to be thinking of others,  
Some not as fortunate as you,  
So make sure you phone them often,  
And help them to feel – not so blue.

## Thanks

Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue and who have helped to distribute it. Our special thanks to Exeter International Airport for the printing.

The next edition will be ready in January and all contributions should be received by December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

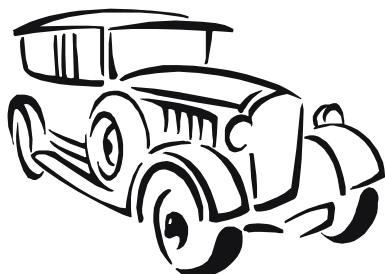
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