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# Welcome to the May 2026 Flyer

Spring is now upon us and we seem to be back to wanting rain for the crops and gardens. One of the joys of this time of year is the Lilies of the valley as on this month's cover. Unfortunately they only last for a short time.

I am sorry that we are still unable to deliver hard copies of the Flyer but will continue to email copies to those who have requested them and the online version will continue to be published on the village facebook page and web site. If anyone has no internet access and needs a printed copy please let me know on the contacts below.

As I have said before please check with your friends and neighbours as to whether they will have access as it is important for everyone in the village to be able to see the Flyer by some means.



## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

This year's rearranged meeting will be held in the Church on  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am**  
Please come and support your Church



## **MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING**

**on Saturday April 23rd between 10-30am and 12 noon**

After a request to do so, we are reinstating the monthly coffee mornings  
This is for everyone, young and old so please do come along.

# **OPEN LETTER TO EDDC FROM PARISH COUNCIL RE PROPOSED NEW TOWN**

Open Letter from Farringdon Parish Council

Marlcombe Proposal – Democratic Legitimacy, Land Impact, and Changed National Context  
To East Devon District Council,

Farringdon Parish Council writes on behalf of its residents in response to the Government's decision not to proceed with the Marlcombe proposal as part of the national New Towns programme.

The Parish Council considers it necessary to state, with clarity and without repetition of earlier consultation material, that there is no democratic mandate within Farringdon for a development of this nature or scale. Opposition within the parish has been consistent, sustained, and formally expressed over several years. That position is a matter of public record and cannot credibly be characterised as residual, unrepresentative, or already addressed.

Marlcombe would impose a direct, permanent, and disproportionate impact on Farringdon. The proposal entails the loss of approximately 500 hectares of open countryside and productive arable land, and would result in the effective absorption and long-term overshadowing of an existing rural parish by a settlement many times its size. This represents a fundamental transformation of place, not a matter of mitigation or design detail.

The Parish Council notes that Marlcombe was advanced on the basis of exceptional national support, including infrastructure-first delivery, special governance arrangements, and central funding mechanisms. The Government's decision to withdraw that support constitutes a material change in circumstances. Assertions previously made regarding certainty of delivery, infrastructure provision, and strategic necessity can no longer be relied upon.

In this changed context, continuing to promote Marlcombe raises serious concerns regarding soundness, deliverability, and democratic legitimacy. While East Devon District Council may retain the legal power to allocate land, the continued exercise of that power in the absence of national backing and local consent is a matter of choice, not obligation.

The Parish Council is particularly concerned that pressing ahead would:

- expose the Local Plan to heightened risk at examination due to reliance on uncertain delivery mechanisms;
- result in the irreversible loss of high-quality agricultural land without commensurate or secured benefit;
- and further undermine confidence in the planning process among the communities most directly affected.

Farringdon Parish Council therefore calls on East Devon District Council to:

1. Pause the further promotion of the Marlcombe proposal in its current form;
2. Formally acknowledge that the withdrawal of Government support represents a material change in strategic context;
3. Reassess the proposal with full and proper weight given to the clearly expressed opposition of the affected parish and the risks now inherent in proceeding.

Any decision to continue regardless would be understood locally not as a technical necessity, but as a deliberate policy choice taken in the absence of both national endorsement and local democratic support. The Parish Council is clear that such a course would have lasting implications for trust in local planning and governance.

Signed,

Farringdon Parish Council  
East Devon

# REPLY FROM EDDC TO FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL'S OPEN LETTER RE PROPOSED NEW TOWN

Date: 20 April 2026  
Direct email: [redacted]



Farringdon Parish Council c/o Alana Sayers  
BY EMAIL ONLY TO  
clerk@farringdondevonparishcouncil.gov.uk

[redacted]  
Dear Mrs Sayers,

## RE: Marcombe New Community

Thank you for your open letter dated 2nd April 2026 on behalf of Farringdon Parish Council.

I would like to start this reply by acknowledging again the longstanding objections of Farringdon Parish Council and many local residents to the principle of the new community at Marcombe. As ward member for the villages of Whimble and Rockbeare, and as a resident of the former, I have seen for myself over fifteen years the impact that the construction of a new town has had – particularly on Rockbeare village. In that context, I fully understand and appreciate the fundamentally transformative impacts on Farringdon village and parish that the proposals are likely to have – and having seen Cranbrook play out, I know both officer and elected colleagues here at East Devon recognise that too. As you rightly state, no amount of mitigation or sensitive design can alter that intrinsic transformational impact.

With that said, I wanted to clarify some points that have a significant bearing on the conclusions of your letter – as well as possibly clear up some misunderstandings.

Firstly, I would highlight that the proposals for Marcombe – including our very clear red lines around the delivery of infrastructure and high-quality placemaking – significantly preceded the New Towns Programme (NTP), which was first announced in July 2024. That is significantly

longer, too, than Marcombe has been an acknowledged candidate site for the programme, which has only been the case since the New Towns Taskforce's report of late September 2025. It is simply not the case that the argument in favour of Marcombe – or more generally of a new community in the West End of East Devon – has been predicated on its inclusion in this government programme.

While the government's announcement of the current consultation on the next steps for the draft NTP was not helpfully worded, and press coverage of it has been less so, officials at the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) which sponsors the programme have made very clear that the government's initial proposal not to include Marcombe in the draft NTP – which is still being consulted on – does not constitute a withdrawal of all government support for Marcombe. Indeed Marcombe is recognised as a credible development opportunity which reflects the fact that it was one of the twelve location shortlisted by the New Towns Taskforce from over a hundred proposals submitted nationally.

We are continuing to work closely with our partners at Homes England, the government's housing agency, for whom Marcombe and its wider context are a clear priority for ongoing support – including financially. We are currently in negotiations with MHCLG to agree a bespoke package of government support for Marcombe regardless of its inclusion in the New Towns Programme. We are working with them to hammer out what that support will look like, and would also highlight that alongside our partners we will be responding robustly to the government's consultation with a view to seeing Marcombe restored to the NTP as originally recommended.

Regardless of the position with government support, there are also significant steps that we can and are taking on our own – both through and outside of the planning system – to make sure that we learn the lessons of Cranbrook and deliver Marcombe as a genuinely high-quality, infrastructure-first new community. Those measures include taking a direct, proactive and deliberate role in its delivery, not just as a hands-off regulator via the planning system as was often the case under prior administrations at East Devon.

It would be foolish to insist that a government decision not to include Marcombe in the NTP would have no implications or impact on the policy and decision-making context for the new community. However, as I hope is clear from the above, that eventuality does not mean that Marcombe will not be supported by government or its agencies – and more importantly it does not change the work that we are actively progressing to ensure that the new community learns the lessons of Cranbrook and delivers on our vision for an infrastructure-first, high-quality, and sustainable new community. I recognise that, after the mistakes made by previous administrations over the planning and delivery of Cranbrook, we have significant work to do to regain the public's trust in our ability to deliver that vision – but I would like to reassure you that this is, and will remain, absolutely core to our work in progressing Marcombe.

To address your first and third specific requests for a pause and review – Marcombe has already been through a rigorous assessment and decision-making process as part of developing the emerging Local Plan, with the outcome that it remained the best option to deliver

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homes at scale and alongside the infrastructure. That approach has been consistently supported by Strategic Planning Committee, which oversees the development of the Local Plan.

I should also note that Marcombe remains a keystone of the emerging Local Plan's approach to meeting our district-wide housing numbers; under changes to the planning system being implemented by the current government, its removal from the plan would require us to effectively start from scratch – meaning we would need to meet significantly higher housing numbers under the new plan-making system, as well as leaving developers with significantly more latitude over many years to advance proposals outside a policy-led approach while a new plan is worked up.

Taking all these points together, 'pausing' Marcombe for a full re-assessment is not an option that the administration would consider is in the best interests of East Devon – while its progression remains a clear necessity under government planning policy. I should be clear that progressing, or not, with the Marcombe new community is not strictly a decision which I or any other councillor or officer acting individually is empowered to take – the planning policy environment, governed via the Local Plan, is strictly a matter for Strategic Planning Committee. Should you wish, the option remains open to you to seek to have a motion brought to Full Council by another Member of the District Council, as well as to pursue the issue under the council's Petition Scheme if should you feel that it meets the relevant criteria.

Setting aside the above, we recognise the parish's continuing opposition to the new community, and while we know mitigation does not equal elimination we are nevertheless committed to doing everything we can to minimising its impact on Farringdon village and parish - indeed we note that members of the Parish Council have shared very positive feedback regarding the steps we have taken through the masterplanning process to take account of local concerns.

I appreciate that that is not the response the Parish Council will have been looking for, but I hope it clarifies where things are and explains our approach as things stand. Please rest assured we are committed to working as constructively as we can with yourselves – and as part of that I would highlight in particular our next scheduled Town and Parish Councils Group briefing/meeting on Thursday 23rd April as the next milestone in that programme.

Yours faithfully

### **FARRINGDON WEBSITE and FACEBOOK**

For those of you not aware who have computers, the ringmaster is a way of informing residents of important events. To be added to the circulation list please send an email to Nigel Dutt at the following address : [farringdon.ringmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:farringdon.ringmaster@hotmail.com)

There is a **Farringdon Parish** Facebook group for Parish Residents  
The Flyer will be posted on the Facebook Group page and website  
[farringdondevonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://farringdondevonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## **The Minutes of Extra Ordinary Farringdon Parish Council Meeting held 02/04/26 Thursday 7.30pm Farringdon Village Hall.**

*Chair J H opened meeting 7.30pm .*

### **1.Attendees:**

*Farringdon Parish Council Chair J Hutchings, Vice Chair J Chanot, Cllr B Pearce, Cllr. A Fletcher, Cllr J Bird Parish Clerk A Sayers District Cllr Eleanor Rylance, EDDC Director of Place Andy Wood Over 30 members of the public attended*

### **2. Response by Farringdon Parish Council to government decision not to include Marcombe in National New Towns List.**

*Chair JH permitted questions from the public and Cllr E R and EDDC A W assisted with answers to queries. A W advised that the new Local Plan did not need to be revisited. Their target is 800 new homes per year the new town is the key proposal . A report to central govt. was put forward in 2025 . Marcombe was one of 12 recommendations for new towns. On 23/03/26 the govt. responded and cut the shortlist down to 7 new towns near larger urban areas (closest to here is Bristol) The govt. has advised that the other 5 locations are still credible development opportunities. Therefore the Local Plan does not need to be revisited. There is potential to access new financial funding through Homes England. A W assured the PC that it would be infrastructure led. Farringdon residents advised the PC they still had many concerns relating to infrastructure, services, environment, loss of agricultural land for food etc. It was queried why did EDDC not discuss this at an open meeting as soon as the central govt. decision was announced? A W advised that at the "hearing days" there will be an opportunity to put concerns forward. (19<sup>th</sup> May Local Plan consultation.)*

*Chair J H thanked Cllr E R and EDDC A W for attending.*

*Cllr JB read out in full proposed Open Letter from Farringdon PC to be sent to EDDC in light of the government decision.:The letter outlined several concerns and called upon EDDC to :-*

*-pause the further promotion of the Marcombe proposal in its current form*

*-Formally acknowledge that the withdrawal of Government support represents a material change in strategic context*

*-Reassess the proposal with full and proper weight given to the clearly expressed opposition of the affected parish and the risks now inherent in proceeding*

*FPC agreed that any decision to continue regardless would be understood locally not as a technical necessity but as a deliberate*

policy choice taken in the absence of both national endorsement and local democratic support. The Parish Council is clear that such a course would have lasting implications for trust in local planning and governance.

(Full Open Letter details have been published on the Farringdon Facebook and the FPC website- they will also be in The Flyer in due course)

**3. Other related Parish Council Matters** none

**4. Confirmation of next PC meeting** FPC confirmed meeting scheduled for Tuesday 14 April 2026

**5. Chair to close meeting.** Chair JH thanked everyone for attending & closed meeting at 8.40pm

Parish Clerk

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**Draft minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 14/04/26 Tuesday 7.30pm Farringdon Village Hall. (Note these are NOT approved minutes) Full PC minutes once approved will be available on the PC website <https://farringdondevonparishcouncil.gov.uk/>**

Chair J H opened meeting at 7.30pm

**1.Attendees** Chair J Hutchings, Vice Chair J Chanot, Cllr. B Pearce, Cllr J Bird, Cllr A Fletcher Clerk Mrs A Sayers, 1 member of the public

**2.Apologies of absence** none submitted

**3.Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda** none

**4.Questions from the Public (15 minutes only)** none

**5.Reports** – Chair advised Cty Cllr H Gent had submitted a general monthly DCC report earlier but nothing specifically relating to Farringdon.

**6.Report from Chair** none

**7. To confirm the Minutes of the extra special PC meeting held 02/04/26 & 17/03/26** The PC unanimously confirmed both sets of minutes and chair JH signed off

**8. Planning**

a) No planning applications received to date.

b) **Any other planning matters** no response as yet from EDDC to the Farringdon Open Letter submitted.

**9. Parish Council Matters**

**a. Parishioner Concerns-**

**-A3052 Layby burnt out vehicle and abandoned cars.**

In response to a request from Cllr J Bird & Cty Cllr H Gent Ricky Cowtan Neighbourhood Highways Officer (Broadclyst, Cullompton and Bradninch) had investigated the vehicles at the lay bye. He advised “ I have looked into the vehicles that were parked in this layby last Thursday (26<sup>th</sup> March). Using the online check to see if these vehicles are taxed and MOT'd. A number of these were found using the online checker to either have no MOT or no Tax. Those with no Tax can be reported at [GOV.UK - Vehicle details](https://gov.uk). Those with no Tax need to be reported to the Police,”

10/04/26 PCSO Jonathan Simms advised “We have today visited the location, and any cars untaxed/insured are being moved into the business park by local businesses responsible for them. The van that has been involved in a fire is still under investigation by us and will be moved in due course. Keeping it simple if a car is untaxed the Police can report it to the DVLA. If it's 61 days out of tax we the Police can and will seize it on behalf of DVLA without driver present or present. MOTs and no insurances is best dealt with having the driver present. Quite happy to help where I can. It very much looks like the local businesses are using the layby for dumping cars If it's abandoned and doesn't have insurance tax or MOT EDDC can issue a 7 day notice. We will pay this layby some regular attention.”

Cty Cllr H Gent is aware of the matter and had advised “ the action points for residents are:

- Keep reporting vehicles with no tax to [GOV.UK - Vehicle details](https://gov.uk)
- Report to police online also.
- Report abandoned vehicles to EDDC [Report abandoned vehicle - East Devon](https://eddccouncil.gov.uk).
- If there is suspected breach of use of premises for commercial use, go to EDDC planning enforcement.”

Cllr JB advised that there is to be a new PCSO dealing with Farringdon Elizabeth Thomson (whom PCSO J Simms is mentoring). There is also an email address for Exmouth Police station : [exmouth@dc.police.uk](mailto:exmouth@dc.police.uk) Action: Clerk to ensure this information is in the Farringdon Flyer .

-- Vice Chair JC requested clerk to chase up poor road condition nr Denbow Cross.

Action clerk

**b. Any other Parish Council Matters**

- IT Policy for Farringdon PC Clerk submitted hard copy of IT Policy for smaller authorities and asked that Farringdon PC review for agreement at next meeting.

PC agreed

- Vice Chair J Chanot also asked about a cyber security policy. Clerk will contact DALC for advice on this. The Parish Council agreed that they should now be using their .gov.uk email addresses for all Parish Council business. Action Clerk: to re send email with information on these.

**10. Finance**

**a.HSBC Statements , receipts, received & payments made**

Statement 03/03/26 – 02/04/26 (Sheet no. 450)

<b>02/03/26 BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>£12,007.94</b>
13/03/26 BP Darren Smale Bus Shelter Clean	60.00
11,947.94	
24/03/26 BP HMRC PAYENIC.CUMB 475PX00177474	179.76
11,768.18	
30/03/26 SO Sayers S A	566.88
11,201.30	
01/04/26 CR EDDC	5466.50
01/04/26 SO PAYROLL4BUSINESS	10.00
16,657.80	
<b>02/04/26 BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>£16,657.80</b>

FPC reviewed both bank statements no concerns

**b. Payments to be made against invoices received**

DALC Invoice 7354 Annual Membership £139.19 PC approved

**c. Any other Financial Matters none**

**11. Matters Arising none**

**12. Items At Chairmans Discretion none**

**13. Confirmation of next PC meeting** PC agreed next PC meeting to be Annual Parish/Annual Parish Council Meeting/Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 12 May 2026 at 7-30pm Chair closed meeting 8.20pm

Parish Clerk

**REPORTING NOISE, BAD SMELLS AND ODOURS**

If you are concerned about noise, or a bad smell or odour you should contact both the Environment Agency and the EDDC Environmental Health (who have a 24 hour reporting service)  
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EDDC Environmental Health – During working hours 01395517457  
– During out of hours 01395 516854

Please call at the time you are experiencing this

In addition [ics@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:ics@environment-agency.gov.uk)

- 1) name, address, or post code or phone contact#
- 2) where suspected noise or smell is coming from
- 3) when noise or smell first noticed
- 4) rate noise or smell 1 (low) - 6 (high)
- 5) weather conditions (if known)
- 6) if residence, can you smell odour or hear the noise from inside the house with windows opened, with Windows closed.

The following operators have agreed their details can be published in The Flyer so that any issues that parishioners can be raised direct as well as reported to EA/EDDC etc.

Farringdon Parish Councillor Jane Chanot is the PC Representative on the Hill Barton Liason Committee. Her mobile number is 07783 004688 parishioners may contact her with any concerns

**Operator Contact Details:**

Coastal Organics (Deep Moor LF Ltd) - [reports@coastaluk.co.uk](mailto:reports@coastaluk.co.uk);

• Glyn Brooke (Brooke Energy) - Office: 01823 242555 & Mobile: 07971280360;

• Jack Stuart (EMS) – 07814 731526;

• Tom Stuart (Wash Plant) – 07811 190710;

• Troy Stuart – 07976 700555;

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## WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF A FLOOD

In the event of a flood, there are many authorities available to help. Below outlines who should be contacted for the various types of flooding incidents and emergencies that occur. The local authorities rely on information reported to them to inform any investigations and prioritization of investment. If it is an emergency and there is danger to life as a result of flooding, you should not hesitate to call 999

To report flooding of the highway and blocked drains contact Devon County Council's Highway Customer Service Centre on 0345 155 1004 or visit the Roads and Transport webpage. Office hours are Monday to Friday 8am – 8pm and Saturdays 9am – 1pm. For emergencies outside of these hours call 01392 383329

For any flooding on major trunk roads (the M5, A30, A38, A35 and A303) contact National Highways on 0300 123 5000 (24 hour service)

To report flooding from sewers and water pipes contact South West Water on 0344 346 2020 (24 hour service)

For enquiries about flood warnings contact the Environment Agency's Floodline on 0345 988 1188 (24 hour service)

For general enquiries about Main River or flooding from the sea contact the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506

For all other flooding enquiries contact the Devon County Council Flood Risk Management Team on 0345 155 1015 or email [floodrisk@devon.gov.uk](mailto:floodrisk@devon.gov.uk)

### **Preparing for a flood**

Please refer to Devon County Council and Environment Agency web pages for advice on what to do before, during and after a flood. In the first instance of flooding and sandbag requests contact your local District or Parish Council to be directed to any local sandbag supplies that may be available.

Sign up to flood warnings: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

Flood Alert: Flooding is possible. Be prepared.

Flood Warning: Flooding is expected. Immediate action required.

Severe Flood Warning: Severe flooding. Danger to life

Warnings no longer in force: No further flooding is currently expected

## REPORTING UNTAXED/DAMAGED OR ABANDONED VEHICLES

- Report vehicles with no tax to [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk) - [Vehicle details](#)
- Report to police online [exmouth@dc.police.uk](mailto:exmouth@dc.police.uk)
- Report abandoned vehicles to EDDC [Report abandoned vehicle - East Devon](#).
- If there is suspected breach of use of premises for commercial use, go to EDDC planning enforcement."

### **Residents to be vigilant regarding suspicious activity / fly-tipping etc**

As you are probably aware there was an incident on 21<sup>st</sup> April in Parsonage lane where a caravan was dumped and set alight. The remnants of this are still in the gate way/road.



Please report fly-tipping via the EDDC website portal or anything else, like the incident which occurred on Tuesday 21st, call the Police immediately

### **POTHoles, ROAD OBSTRUCTIONS AND ANY OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO ROAD CONDITIONS.**

**Please do not contact the Parish Clerk regarding the above. The correct contact number is Devon Highways on**

**<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>**

**Tel 0345 155 1004**

## TO ALL RESIDENTS OF FARRINGDON

**DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH THE COST OF YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION?**

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**ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH UNIVERSITY FEES, THE COST OF SCHOOL TRIPS, MUSICAL TUITION etc?**

If so, the church may be able to help you. There is a charitable trust called the Chalice Educational Foundation which is able to offer financial assistance to any children under the age of 25 years of age who live in Farringdon.

If you think we may be able to help, do telephone me for a chat to discuss your needs. Dawn – 01395 232249

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## From the Vicar's desk...

Growing up as child in Aberdeen, every Sunday we would drive from our house in the city out to my Grandma's in Ellon, roughly 15 minutes north of Aberdeen. To get there we would drive through gorgeous rolling hills with the sea on the right-hand side. It was wonderful. However, the bit I didn't like was driving at around this time of year when the farmers were adding slurry to their fields. I used to absolutely hate it, to 10-year-old Lewis, it was the most horrible scent. Yet as I have grown up, experienced a bit more of life and moved to the countryside, the smell of slurry is one of the best smells, with only the scent of silage being even sweeter.

May is the month when all the hard work that farmers have put into getting their fields ready is beginning to pay off, and the fields and countryside are full of different scents and smells. It is truly memorising the different things that can be nosed when out and about outside. Moreover, May is usually when it is a little warmer and the weather more settled, meaning it is far more pleasant to be out and about outdoors. As we journey through May and venture outdoors, I invite and encourage you to take a deep breath and sample what can be smelt. By doing so you, not only are you allowing yourself to be centred on what is around you, but also you invite the peace of God to come into your heart.

We enter this month unsure of what is going to happen next, especially in geopolitics as well as in local, regional and national politics. Yet we can take certainty in the peace of God. For it is something that has been brought into the world through God's love, it is something that cannot be bought and is available to all people, no matter who and where we are.

One of the best ways to experience this peace and love is to get outside and be still or journey slowly to your destination (walk or cycle rather than driving). May is a good month to do just this.

Your friend and vicar,  
Lewis

***Any baptisms, marriages, funeral services or hospital visits may be arranged by contacting***

***the Church Admin Officer Jill Dupain [dupain@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dupain@hotmail.co.uk) or  
the Church Warden Dawn Cowler on 01395 232249***

### **Zoom Services in the White Cross Mission Community**

**Morning Prayer** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays @ 9.00

Please email Jacquie at [Jacquie.manser@gmail.com](mailto:Jacquie.manser@gmail.com) for the zoom address ( It is the usual Jacquie zoom address for those who have been on zoom before)

### **YOUR CHURCHYARD NEEDS YOU**

If anyone could spend an hour or so to help out with the maintenance of the churchyard, this would be most appreciated.

This could be mowing, strimming or keeping the graves and hedges tidy.

We are grateful for the help we have received this year but if you could spare a little time to help please contact David on 01395 232459

### **SUMMER CONCERT IN FARRINGDON CHURCH**

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm there will be the fourth of the series of Seven Concerts in Seven Churches. This will be candle lit in St Petrock and St Barnabas Church, Farringdon. It will be, as previously, a Concert of Words and Music loosely based around the theme of Summer.

Music will be provided by The Ravens, piano and Phil Bonser, clarinet. Catherine Eden, flute, a singing duet plus piano duets and solos, and Clara Kerslake, solo singing, and we are currently enlisting some local artists for both words and music including Janet Sawyer reading a poem and Heather Eardley playing her saxophone.

Luara Kerslake a words expert will also be writing, during the first half, a poem or prose with input from you the audience, this will be read during the second half.

Tickets are £7.50 which include a glass of wine and nibbles. These may be purchased on the night or in advance. All profits and donations made will go to the repair of the roof and tower. Come along and support this event.

### **May Church Services in the White Cross Mission Community**

<b>Aylesbeare</b>			
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.15am	Holy Communion	Rev Eden
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Family Service	Rev StirlingTroy
<b>Sunday 31st</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Whole Mission Community</b>	<b>Rev Eden</b>
<b>Clyst St George</b>			
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Breakfast Service	Rev Eden
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Scrivener
<b>Clyst St Mary</b>			
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Family Service with Baptism	Rev Eden
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Scrivener
<b>Exton</b>			
<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Midweek for Mission Community HC</b>	<b>Rev Eden</b>
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Evening Worship	Rev Eden
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Midweek for Mission Community HC</b>	<b>Rev Scrivener</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Midweek for Mission Community HC</b>	<b>Rev StirlingTroy</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Midweek for Mission Community HC</b>	<b>Rev Eden</b>
<b>Farringdon</b>			
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Rev StirlingTroy</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Ascension Day H C.</b>	<b>Rev Eden</b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Rev Eden</b>
<b>Woodbury</b>			
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Family Service	Lay Led
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Holy Communion	Rev Eden
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Evensong	Rev Eden
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Holy Communion	Rev Eden and Rev StirlingTroy
<b>Woodbury Salterton</b>			
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev StirlingTroy
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Breakfast Family Service	Rev Eden



# SUMMER CONCERT IN FARRINGDON CHURCH

Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>

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- **Sidmouth Sea Fest (May 15-16):** A celebration of local seafood, maritime culture, and community in Connaught Gardens.
- **Devon County Show (May 21-23):** Held at Westpoint Arena, Exeter, featuring farming, food, animals, and live entertainment.
- **Sidmouth International Jazz and Blues Festival (May 22-25):** Features international headliners like Jools Holland, Emeli Sandé, and Macy Gray.
- **Live Music Cruises (May 3, 16):** Stuart Line Cruises in Exmouth offers evening boat trips with live music, setting sail from Exmouth Marina.
- **Pecorama Gala Weekend (May 23-24):** A special weekend for train enthusiasts at the Pecorama gardens in Beer.
- **Devon Bead Fair (May 17):** Held at Stockland Village Hall near Honiton, offering a wide selection of beads and refreshments.
- **May Half Term Activities (May 23-31):** Family-friendly events at attractions like Pecorama and various coastal locations. [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#)]

### Other Things To Do

- **Nature & Wildlife Club:** Regular activities at Jurassic Discovery in Seaton.
- **House of Marbles Workshops:** Glass-making sessions in Newton Abbot (near East Devon).
- **Gardens & Coastal Walks:** Enjoying the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the South West Coast Path during warmer weather. [[1](#)]



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