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Hello Everyone,

Here we are in March already. What another wonderful cover from Harry, very fitting for the month we're in.

We recently heard of the passing of Paul Hansford, many of you will remember him as 'the vicars wife'. His funeral held in Tywyn Wales was a very fitting send off for a wonderful man who did an awful lot during his time in Hatherleigh. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ruth, Brendan and Krysty.

Our amazing advertising officer is sadly stepping down. He has worked very hard and gotten the pump in a really good position with new and returning adverts. We are looking for someone to take on this role. If you are interested please contact Kevin directly on hatherleighpump@gmail.com.

Deadline as normal 15th of the month.

Donna Lewis Editor

Find Wally???

Can you find Wally in this months pump?



Last issue he was on pg 39 & 48 & 57...who found him??

Deadline for April Pump

Saturday 15th March 2025

Please email all contributions to newhatherleighpump@gmail.com

Parish Church Services

Sunday 2nd March *The Sunday before Lent*

9.30am	Family Service	Jonathan Cook	Exbourne
9.30am	All Age Worship	Sue Gibson	Meeth
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Tania Haycocks	Northlew
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Inwardleigh
11.00am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh

Sunday 9th March *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

9.30am	Morning Prayer	Jonathan Cook	Jacobstowe
9.30am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Northlew
11.00am	Morning Service	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Jonathan Cook	Meeth
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Michael Winter	Exbourne

Sunday 16th March *The Second Sunday in Lent*

9.30am	Morning Prayer	Tania Haycocks	Northlew
9.30am	Morning Praise	Olive Bush	Meeth
9.30am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Exbourne
11.00am	Family Service	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh
7.00pm	Prayer and Praise	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh

Sunday 23rd March *The Third Sunday in Lent*

9.30am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Jacobstowe
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Jonathan Cook	Northlew
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Olive Bush	Exbourne
11.00am	Morning Service	Jonathan Cook	Hatherleigh
11.00am	Holy Communion	Leigh Winsbury	Meeth
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Jonathan Cook	Hatherleigh

Wednesday 26th March

7.00pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	Leigh Winsbury	Jacobstowe
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Sunday 30th March *The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)*

10.00am	Mothering Sunday	Jonathan Cook & Tania Haycocks	Northlew
11.00am	Five Parish Service	Leigh Winsbury	Hatherleigh
11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Michael Winter	Exbourne

Do you like pancakes? I do, preferably with lots of brown sugar and lemon juice – not great if you are still trying to lose the weight that crept on over the Christmas holiday. So Tuesday 4th March is pancake day also known as Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday which signals the beginning of Lent. If you see anyone who looks as though they need to go wash their face because they are walking around with a black smudge on their forehead don't worry. They will have been to an Ash Wednesday church service and had the sign of the cross drawn on their face. The black goo for this is made from a mixture of olive oil with the ashes made by burning last year's palm crosses. Seems a bit of a weird thing to do doesn't it? The ash is a sign of penitence and a symbol of our mortality. Receiving this mark is a way of acknowledging the fact that our attitudes and behaviour have not always been what they should have been and recognising our need of God's help to be better people. Realising our own deficiencies is a good way to prepare for the celebration of Easter. The more we are aware of our own failings, the more we can appreciate Jesus and what he did at the first Easter. None of us, if we are honest, actually thinks we are perfect but we can tend to settle for being perhaps a bit better than whoever we decide to compare ourselves to. The problem with that is our choice of comparison. Lent is a good time to have another look at the character of Jesus by reading the biographies contained in the Bible. The four different accounts written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John show us quite a picture of this amazing man. Why not read through at least one of the gospels this Lent and use Jesus for comparison. You might be surprised by what you discover. (If you don't have a Bible written in modern English the vicar always says you can borrow one from the church – they are dotted around in the pews so help yourself any time the church building is open.)



So I hope you enjoy your pancakes if you have them and maybe this Lent you could find a new understanding of who Jesus is and how much he cares for you and all those you love. Looking forward to Easter

with love from Lynn Winsbury (The vicar's wife.)



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Fish

The family of the late Andrew Fishleigh would like to thank everyone who attended his funeral. It was heart warming to have such a huge attendance and to see him off in such a wonderful way.

Also to all those who sent cards, flowers and messages of support, not forgetting everyone who helped us with arrangements.

The total so far for Hospiscare and Marie Curie is standing at around £3000 and thank you to all who gave so generously in his memory.

Julie Fishleigh

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**ANY
QUESTIONS?**

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**BBC Radio 4's flagship political discussion programme
is coming to Hatherleigh Community Centre
on Friday 11th April 2025**

The programme was first broadcast in October 1948 and visits a different part of the UK every week with a panel of four speakers who answer questions from the audience, providing people with the opportunity to challenge politicians, policy makers, writers, and thinkers.

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HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th January and 11th February 2025. The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th March at 7pm in the Community Centre. For more information see our website

www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/

Your 9 Councillors are – Mark Reddaway (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Deb Laing-Trengove, Kay Walters, Donna Lewis, Richard Burrow, Sadie Harrison, Clare Kemp & Jake Barrs

- William Turner has been Co-opted and will attend the next meeting.
- Devon Council Leader James McInnes attended the first meeting.
- One member of the Public Rochelle Woollacott attended to raise school traffic issues.
- The benches around Town have been inspected and most are considered weathered but sturdy.
- Mr Alan Cranleigh has been asked to instal the bench in the MoorView bus shelter.
- Millennium Corner: Repairs are still needed which is the responsibility of DCC. The issue was raised with Councillor McInnes for his attention.
- The Island Park Bridge was completely destroyed by storms. A quote will be obtained to replace it.
- Hatherleigh Market: The Market is continuing to thrive. Saturday 15th February will have seen the 1st of the fortnightly Farmers Markets and the 1st of the weekly Car boot sales. Space is short here so please go to the Friends of Hatherleigh Market website for more information www.fhm-cbs.org.
- A grant of £7,500 will be given to Hatherleigh Football Club to add to their amazing fund raising to enable them to purchase the sports field for an all weather pitch.
- WDBC will repair the poor brickwork and paving around the Town Square shortly.
- Traffic around school entrance: A meeting has been arranged between School, Councillors and Parent representatives on Thursday 27th February at 6pm at the School to discuss this issue and a solution.
- If Organisations require late night opening of the Town toilets this can be arranged for a small fee. Please contact the Town Clerk to arrange.
- Could we ask that Organisations to use the Events section on the www.visithatherleigh.co.uk website to publicise and co-ordinate events for the Town so that events do not clash.
- To this end - Are Organisations planning VE Day celebrations? If so could these be communicated to Councillors or on the website.
- **Space is short here. A full account of meetings is available in the minutes on the Town Council website and notice board in Millennium Corner.**
- **Correspondence to the Council should be addressed to the Clerk and for inclusion at a meeting be received 4 days prior to the meeting date. Correspondence received after that date will be considered at the following meeting.**
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- do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can
- always keep dogs under control and in sight
- dog poo - bag it and bin it - any public waste bin will do
- care for nature - do not cause damage or disturbance

Enjoy the outdoors

- check your route and local conditions
- plan your adventure - know what to expect and what you can do
- enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory



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The
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The law regarding land, open to the air to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access states that it is an offence to fail to carry sufficient means to clean up after your dog. And that it is an offence to fail to remove faeces from the land.

Church Shop/Charity Corner Continues

Mainly upstairs at the Salar Gallery with items to be sold for Hatherleigh Church, Hatherleigh Primary School, Farms for City Children and Farm Community Network. Including new to us dinner and tea set for 6 Julienne from Fairmont fine china.

DON'T stay on-line for ever: there's a **REAL** world out here but it needs **YOUR** support **NOW!**

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What's On in Hatherleigh March 2025!

1st March: Hatherleigh's Repair Cafe – Hatherleigh Community Centre, 2–4

1st March: Devon Wildlife Trust's free tree giveaway – HCC, 2.15–3.45

14th March: ABBA - Hatherleigh Community Centre 7.30pm

16th March - Sewing Workshops - Hatherleigh Community Centre

26th March: Hatherleigh Carnival AGM, Hatherleigh Methodist Chapel,
7.30pm

29th March: Hatherleigh's Repair Cafe – Hatherleigh Community Centre, 2–4

The Night Sky March 2025

After sunset Mercury, the closest planet to the Sun will be visible. The best time to find Mercury will be around March the 8th.

Full Moon is on March 14th. March 20th is the day of the spring equinox. There are nearly equal amounts of day and night. It also marks the first day of spring in the northern hemisphere.

New Moon falls on March 29th. It is around this time that deep sky objects are easiest to observe. Though all the stars we see with the naked eye are within our own galaxy, the view changes in spring. We are looking outwards from the milky way towards deep space and other galaxies.

By Kiran Chakravarti

Carers

Are you a Carer for a relative or a loved one?

If so, a few of us meet together at the Old Schools, Hatherleigh on the second Wednesday of each month, 11.00-12.00, for a coffee and informal chat, offering mutual support and sharing knowledge of available help. Our next session is on Wednesday March 12th, where we hope to have the presence of a lady from Devon Carers, who will be able to answer questions about our caring needs.

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The sketch book can be filled in any way you like: from botanical watercolours to song lyrics, poetry, cartoons, collages, political journalling, recipes, cut it up and stick it back together again Return to it every week or fill over several months or a long weekend. If you would like to use the sketch book traditionally as your own place for drawings and ideas, or with your family or a friend to work on a project, or completely random acts on each page - It really is up to you.

We welcome group or club projects and you can fill more than one.

We will all use the same style sketchbook - it is an A5 book with 140g Seawhite paper and a black cover. 40 pages (20 sheets) You can buy one from me, the Pottery, or the Post office, for £2. If you wish to remain anonymous that is ok - but you will have to tell me (I'll keep it quiet) so I can make sure you get it back! And please don't include deliberately offensive material.

Sketchbooks will be displayed on tables running the length of the upstairs room in Old Schools. Your finished book will need to be delivered in late June for the Festival exhibition, after which you can take it home - or possibly loan it for a small touring show. If anyone would like to loan an artist's sketchbook to show at the exhibition, we would be very happy to include a display of those too. Over 12's please.

There will also be a construct your own bespoke sketchbook/journal/notebook workshop as part of Hatherleigh Festival.

Guess Who - The Self Portrait Show

An exhibition of who we are in Hatherleigh in 2025. On the walls of Old Schools we will be presenting an exhibition of self portraits, painted, drawn, printed and sculpted by you and of you, and a selfie wall for photos.

Please think of the term self portrait in the broadest sense - it doesn't have to be a study of your face. For example, If you work with your hands and would like to draw them to represent you, then please do.

All 2D non selfie work should be framed and have D rings on the back for easy hanging from the picture rails. More details nearer the show. Young children's work does not need to be framed and will be shown on boards and tables.

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29th March

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26th April, 31st May

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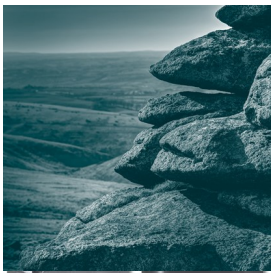
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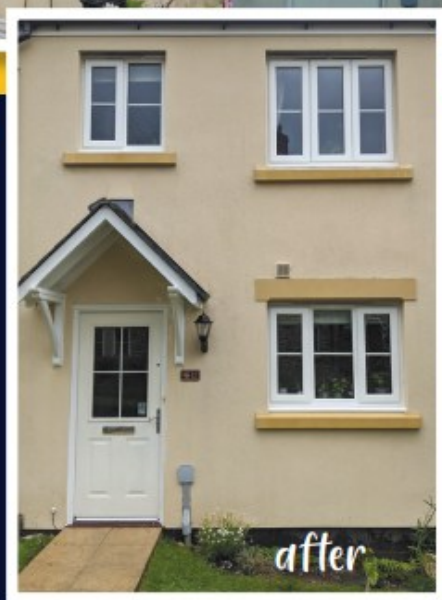
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We have recently been joined by some new players from further afield, it is good to have a full band at rehearsals and hopefully it will help with good attendance at gigs and events this year. If you do play an instrument and have been thinking of joining, do get in touch, we can never have too many musicians!

After the regional contest on 9th March, we will be preparing for our **Spring Concert** which this year will be on **Mothering Sunday, 30th March at 4pm** in the Community Centre. This will be an ideal time to come and listen to some great music and enjoy tea and cakes.

Our next event will be an **Easter Bingo**. This is being held on **Saturday 12th April in the Community Centre. Eyes down at 7.30.**

Holding events like this helps raise funds to keep the band going. We are very fortunate in having a growing training band, tuition and the loan of instruments is free for the participants. We also need to provide everyone with uniforms, repair old instruments and buy new ones. So we thank you all for your support at events. Keep coming!

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James is running the London Marathon in April on behalf of CRY and is hoping to raise as much money as he can for this invaluable charity detecting and assisting young people with potentially life threatening heart conditions. As a family we are supporting him all the way and are holding a drop in day at our home and any support is greatly appreciated.

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Hatherleigh Community Primary School

It is hard to believe we have already reached the Spring half term and are halfway through the academic year.

It has been a very busy and productive first Spring half term with many events taking place in school. Some have been mentioned previously such as the visit from the Rt Hon Mel Stride MP and the MED theatre project, along with other more recent events such as Y5/Y6 netball matches, Safer Internet day and a Y5 Beach clean workshop.

At the beginning of February the school supported the NSPCC Numbers day. The children looked amazing dressed in different costumes to represent numbers and calculations and each class had an opportunity to parade and show off their outfits to the rest of the school. The children enjoyed a wide range of number activities and learnt more about the important work of the NSPCC.

Children's Mental Health Week also took place at the beginning of February and the theme this year was 'Know yourself, Grow yourself'. It is so important we understand what makes us tick, our likes and dislikes, strengths, fears, hopes and dreams. Our emotions play a key role in telling us just that, and being aware of how to listen to and express ourselves is a major part of building self-awareness. It is through knowing ourselves and speaking with others, that we can build resilience, grow and develop.

Classes were involved in different activities around this theme including wearing a scarf to school on the Thursday to celebrate individuality and personal expression. Just before the half term break our House captains organised some very enjoyable cricket themed House competitions. YR-Y2 participated in multiskills activities and Y3-Y6 a tournament. All children participated well and enjoyed competing for their house.

The PTFA continues to work very hard for the school organising fundraising events which is currently funding updates to our outdoor provision and general school upkeep and maintenance. On Saturday 29th March 10.00pm we are holding a volunteer day at school, please contact the PTFA if you are able to help. ptfa@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk

Next half term we are looking forward to class assemblies, World book day, the Spring concert, Science week and then Easter.

As always, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Hatherleigh school community; children, parents/carers, school staff and the governing board for all of their hard work and support for the school.

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Our birthday celebration is to take place at the Railway Inn in March

Deven County WI are organising a Dartmoor historical walk at Meldon Quarry, and a cruise travelling down the canal and river from Exeter to Exmouth.

We are making plans to visit the Exeter underground passages in May, Devonshire Heavy Horse farm in July, with a cream tea, and a garden visit to Goyle at Whidden Down in August.

Our group is now part of the Red Earth Group of WIs, and we have been invited to join Morchard Bishop WI in April with a talk by Stephen Powles.

Our next meeting will be our AGM at Exbourne Hall on 11th March, at 2.30pm, when we will have a show and tell with ideas on how to make Easter decorations.

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We have had a lovely group of ladies volunteer to polish the brass in the church, a big thankyou to them. Hopefully we can start doing this in March as it might be a bit warmer.

Can I please remind everyone to remove their Christmas floral tributes from the graves. When we need to strim the grass around them, the metal and plastic can prevent this from being done satisfactorily and can cause damage to the strimmer. This needs to be done as soon as possible.

Jane Fawcett 07794793003

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St Mary's Church. - Mothering Sunday. - Sunday 30th March 11am, as ever we welcome all the Community to our Mothering Sunday Service where we give praise for all the ladies in our lives, and give thanks for all their attributes - practical ; emotional ; financial; lovingly; inspirational; joyous ; caring and just being there for us at all times, whether they be Mothers, Friends, Neighbours or Strangers, either now or previously, this is a lovely Service which is so meaningful to us all, please come along if you are able, and if you wish us to remember someone specifically please let us know.

Sampford Courtney Flower Club. - Monday 10th March at the Village Hall in Sampford Courtney .

We look forward to seeing you all at our next Meeting , the Title is 'Out of the Box' and Sue Johns is our Demonstrator, all welcome, Sales Table, Raffle and Refreshments. Please join us for a friendly afternoon with inspiration, calmness and entertainment, with a cup of Tea at the close and may

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If you have helped us in any way over the last four years or simply love hearing the bells, please join us on 29th March to celebrate completion of the project. We look forward to seeing you!

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 **When:** Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th March 2025, 7.30PM

 **Where:** Old Schools, Market Square, Hatherleigh

What's in store?

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 **When:** Saturday 15th March 2025, 10.30AM - 1.30PM

 **Where:** Old Schools, Market Square, Hatherleigh

What's in store?

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All our delicious salad favourites can and should be planted now to make sure they are ready to rock and roll for your salad bowl as soon as possible. I made the mistake years ago of planting "spring" onions in spring and not having them to eat until October!

If you have a warm, light corner in the house, conservatory or porch then get cracking now (I use the shelves in the upstairs toilet where the flu from the log burner heats the room). You only need a few seeds of each type in some small, well watered pots (old yoghurt pots with a few holes poked in the bottom will do just as well), tied up in clear plastic bags so they have their own little microclimate to get started. Once they germinate and start getting their true leaves, you will have more than enough plants to prick out for an early salad bounty and you can keep planting little pots and pricking them out, month by month to give you a succession of goodies.

All your alliums can be given a head start indoors or under cover, spring onions, onions, shallots, leeks, chives and garlic. Salad leaves, that you think would be too delicate for an early start are amongst the hardiest things to get going under cover, so if you want to plant some mustard and cress, cos lettuce, beetroot for their leaves, radishes and rocket then give them a go now. I know tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers won't develop until later but if you start them now you will be surprised how quickly they come on.

Some seed brands have become stupidly expensive (£3 - £4 per pack for not many seeds) but you can still buy reasonably priced brands at supermarkets, hardware stores and garden centres and online some producers are doing packs for 89p. De Ree seeds are available at 99p per packet and Lidl sell seeds for £1 for 4 packs or 30p each. If you haven't tried to grow your own before then why not make this the year that you give it a go. I am always happy to give free advice and tips on my Facebook page, or in person from April onwards at Hatherleigh Market so give "grow your own" a go..... you won't regret it, you may enjoy it, you will certainly get some fresh, wholesome, cheaper food and you will probably end up expanding your repertoire in the future.

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The following day, 30th March, Vicki will be leading a special Mothering Sunday family service. The children will be presenting bunches of flowers during the service. Do join us if you can!

Young families, don't forget to watch the notice board for the next sessions of Busy Bees with Sarah Balsdon!

March dates for your diary

Sunday 2nd at 11.00 a.m. Mr. Gary Yates

Sunday 9th at 11.00 a.m. Mr. John Hill

Sunday 16th at 11.00 a.m. Mrs. Helena Heywood with Rev. Chris

Sunday 23rd at 4.00 p.m. Fun for all ages with Sam, Lynn and Cindy!

Saturday 29th at 7.30 p.m. THE ST. DAVID'S SINGERS concert.

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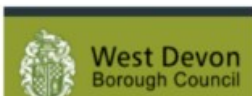
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The size and position of the piece of land are such that it could provide a plot for an all-weather training pitch for the youth and adult players, as well as for local schools, sports teams and the community as a whole.

To purchase the land and cover associated legal fees, the clubs needed to raise £25,000 as quickly as possible.

Starting in November, the club committees, players and coaches embarked a series of fundraising activities.

These included our Under 10 Lionesses team completing a sponsored walk around Hatherleigh; some of our coaches and youth players undertaking a 60-mile sponsored walk from Hatherleigh to Exeter, Hatherleigh Carnival car parking, Christmas parties, match day bacon rolls and more.

All of this incredible effort resulted in us raising over half of the money needed – a little over £12,500 - shortly after Christmas.

Our achievements had been noticed by local people, companies and community organisations who then came forwards and generously offered additional funds.

We've been lucky enough to then receive fantastic donations from West Devon Borough Council (£500), Dunbia (£1,000), Okehampton Round Table (£5,000) and Hatherleigh Town Council (£7,500), plus other donations large and small from local families and residents.

The efforts of the club and the generosity of the community means that, incredibly, after less than four months, we have now secured all of the funding we need to complete the purchase of the land for the new pitch and solicitors have been instructed to start this process.

On behalf of the football clubs, I want to say a massive 'Thank You' to everyone that has supported our campaign and given so generously and willingly. We always hoped we could raise the money quickly, but never dared dream that we would do so within such a short space of time.

In truth, we have actually now exceeded our original target and donations are continuing to come in. All the additional money received will be used to fund the next phase of the project.

With the land purchase underway, we now need to start planning and designing the football pitch we want to build. Early-stage conversations about this are underway and we are expecting the total costs of the planning exercise to require us to raise a further five-figure sum.

Although we're a relatively small football club, we're determined to do whatever it takes to raise the money we need and, ultimately, provide everyone in Hatherleigh and the surrounding area with a fantastic new facility that enables children and adults to play sport all year round.

With this in mind, if you would like to support us, then why not join in our next big fundraiser: our Car Treasure Hunt on Easter Monday, starting and finishing at the football club.

It's just £10 per car to enter and we've got loads of prizes on offer. All proceeds will be going towards the pitch campaign and it will be good fun for all the family.

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St Michael and All Angels, Meeth.

As I'm writing this it is a very wet, cold and miserable day, a bit of a shock after the beautiful sunny mornings we've enjoyed lately. The hardy lovely little snowdrops and a few brave primroses are beginning to burst forth in the churchyard, a sure sign that Spring is on its way, something to look forward to. God's gifts whatever the weather.

OUR PLOUGH SUNDAY service was very well supported by all age groups, the children especially enjoyed it when the plough was carried into the church and they helped Val & Michael to decorate it. A delicious afternoon tea was served after the service and enjoyed by all. Grateful thanks to all who helped in any way to make this so enjoyable.

CHURCH BOOKSTALL.

There is still a small selection of books on the shelves behind the font at the back of the church. Please feel free to pause at your leisure the church is open daily between 10am and 4pm.

BELL RINGING:-

Margaret Fitzgerald is keen to set up a team of bell ringers for our church. If you are a regular ringer or are keen to learn PLEASE CONTACT MARGARET – Email mafitzi@hotmail.co.uk

FLOWER ROTA:

2nd - 9th March Carolyn.

No flowers in Lent 9th March - 20th April.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Paul Hansford in January after a very challenging illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rev. Ruth and children at this very difficult time. Rest in Peace dear Paul.

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The meeting will be held in Old Schools on Wednesday, March 19th at 7.30pm and we would be pleased to welcome members old or new, or visitors on the night: the visitor fee is £3, annual membership £10.

For further information please contact myself (info below) or our chairman, Mike Stamp, on 01837 851675.

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