

Little did I think yesterday that when writing this forward I would be commenting on the first fall of snow for the year as well. Going down to Dulverton for the Tuesday Mass and the various visits I undertake I thought ‘Oh well a little bit of sleet’ as I left the Minehead Church carpark. By the time I reached Timberscombe it was obvious we were in for a full snow fall and as we reached the ‘Snow Line ‘ as locals have described it, snow was settling every where and the Moor and Brendon Hills were covered with a clear white powder. The tree branches looked very attractive in their spindly white dressing against the grey sky. As we often see them on Christmas cards or photographs; and that is where I would like the snow to stay. When I got to Dulverton you would not have known there was any snow.

But of course that is not nature’s way and in these days of ‘climate change’ we can expect almost every sort of weather possible. So what do we do, we prepare. Winter extras in the car, good stocks of food for when we get snowed or flooded in. Batteries etc. etc. Even Sun Glasses! So how have we prepared for the new year? I have not heard much talk of “resolutions”. But our new year gives us that opportunity to reflect on what we might want to change in our lives for 2022. That also includes our spiritual lives. Could I pray a little more or maybe attend a weekday Mass or even arrive early for Sunday Mass so that I can spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament praying for Vocations and the Pope’s prayer intention for the month. It does not have to be a big resolution just something which helps us give praise and thanks to our Creator.

Next month I hope we shall have some new names for those who co-ordinate some of our activities, on the front and back covers of our magazine. Dulverton Parish Council changed a number of roles and will now be a Joint Pastoral Council with Minehead, under the heading “West Somerset Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council”. Below are printed the minutes of their last meeting.

My **Thanks** to all the members who have contributed so much especially April Golding, the retiring Chair. April has moved out of the parish so we shall see a little less of her in the future.

(continued overleaf)

Others are continuing and Simon Rous has started a 'whats app' group for Dulverton. More of that next month.

A very happy, peaceful and safe new year to everybody.

God Bless.

Michael J Thomas (Parish Priest)

St Stanislaus Parish, Dulverton

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parish Council Held on Tuesday 14th December 2021 in the Church at 11am

Present: April Golding (Chair), Simon Rous (Treasurer), Jean Hurley, Ben Williams, Fr. Michael Thomas

Also present Carol Rous (Safe Guarding Rep)

Apologies: Martin McNeil, Deacons Vincent & Philip

1. **The meeting opened with a prayer.**
2. **Minutes of the Special Meeting on 10th August 2021.**
[a] The minutes were approved as a correct record.
3. **Matters arising**
[a] Minute 7, the web site had been adjusted.
4. **Reconstitution of parish management bodies and new**

volunteers

[a] It was reported that 12 responses to the volunteer's questionnaire had been received and as a result the following had agreed to the following roles:

Pastoral Council – Simon Rous (West Somerset Parishes)

Dulverton Committee – Simon Rous (Chair), Lindy Head, Martin McNeil, Ben Williams

Special Ministers – Lindy Head, John Wortley

Altar Servers – John Wortley (He is willing to train new servers)

Readers – Simon Rous, Ben Williams [co-ord.], Michaela Beckett, Wanda Moon, Lindy Head, John Wortley

Flowers - Simon Rous, Tamsin Godsall [co-ord.], Susan Kerr-Dineen, Jean Villiers

Cleaners – Jean Villiers, Simon Rous [co-ord.], Lindy Head (if equipment works), Angela Levenson

Welcomes – Rosabel Picton-Worlow, Michaela Beckett, Simon Rous, Carol Rous [co-ord]

The post of Treasurer – Ben Williams (ex officio on West Somerset Parishes Finance & Fabric Cttee)

[b] The Council expressed their appreciation for Carol Rous's willingness to remain as Safe Guarding rep.

[c] It was noted that there had been no volunteers for music and agreed that Simon would seek and approach possible organists. Council reaffirmed that the Organist could be paid in line with the previous arrangements.

[d] There had been no volunteers for catechists, rota organisers or the Sacristy. Carol agreed to continue with washing of altar linen; large altar clothes would be dealt with at Minehead. Rotas would be dealt with by co-ordinators and if help was needed the parish administrator (Lorraine) could be approached.

[e] It was agreed that Ben and Martin would start a canvass of parishioners to see if they could encourage others to join the various rotas to operate the parish.

[f] Arrangements were made for the Christmas decoration of the Church.

[g] In a discussion of the cleaning arrangements for the Church building it was agreed that there would be a discussion with Lindy about the vacuums.

[h] It was noted that women were very welcome as Altar Servers.

5. **Dulverton Committee.**

[a] As agreed at the previous meeting the Committee would meet twice a year and be generally responsible for the building and finance. The next meeting would be at the end of January/early February.

[b] Cheque signatories were required to replace Jean. Agreed that Simon and one other would be added to the list.

6. Other business.

[a] Discussed opening and closing arrangement and thanked those concerned and decided upon suitable appreciation to be made.

7. Thanks, and closing of the Council

April expressed on behalf of the whole parish thanks for all the work undertaken by Council members over the recent years of the Council's work. The Council thanked April for her Chairing and the Council dissolved itself.

The meeting finished with a short prayer of thanksgiving at 1140am.

The Pope's Prayer intention for January:

For true human fraternity.

For all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT THE CHURCH

The Pope has asked for our help in our journeying together as a Church. We are asked to consider this prayerfully and share our thoughts which will be gathered up and sent via our parish to our Bishop and via him to the Bishops' conference and then to Rome.

Individuals can submit their thoughts by attending a group meeting, or /and by posting these in the boxes provided. (You do not have to give your

name or contact details unless you wish to.)

The question we are offering to start us off is:

What can we do to grow in our journey together to proclaim and live the Gospel?

Boxes will be available for your responses when the Church is open at Minehead /Dulverton/ Watchet.

Please respond by : 16th January 2022

A Jobs, Career and Employment Initiative

‘Never heard of you’ is what we usually hear when we introduce ourselves as members of the Catenian Association. We are an International Association of Catholic men in the United Kingdom, Australia, India, Bangladesh, Malta, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. We are a growing presence in India and are actively pursuing growth in Europe and the United States of America.

In the United Kingdom alone we have 6,800 members grouped into Circles with a number of Circles in each Province. In West Somerset, Devon and Cornwall there are 170 of us, mainly, although not exclusively, business and professional men. The West Somerset Circle covers the parishes of Minehead, Dulverton, Watchet, Taunton, Wiveliscombe, Bridgewater, Burnham on Sea, Glastonbury and Yeovil. Some of you may know Mike and Phil Keenan, Fred and Elaine Keen, and Robin and Liz Adeney? Among local activities we are involved in a programme of sponsorship for our seven Catholic primary schools supporting photography and poetry competitions for the young people. We are planning a public speaking competition in the summer term aimed at developing communication skills. In time the hope is those successful will go on to compete in the National competition. We provide support to youth clubs to purchase and obtain inter-active white boards and projection equipment for parish and youth activities in our church halls.

We have recently launched a National initiative to support the unemployed

or those seeking a change of career. Covid 19 has left a devastating trail of both job uncertainty and job loss amongst a swathe of the work force, particularly amongst those leaving either school or further education and now seeking to enter the job market. Some of our members have skill sets which enable them to support and guide applicants to identify opportunities and specific career paths, and also the best way to go about securing them. To this end we have prepared a programme of practical support in the preparation of CVs, writing letters and interviewing skills to give a practical framework to the finding and securing of jobs. A short guide is also available to help with the often daunting task of securing state benefits. This assistance is available primarily through clinics in our parishes where advice is available on an individual one-to-one basis. To this end we have consulted with Father Michael to see how we might best support the Minehead parish. He has suggested we arrange a parish meeting in mid-February to exchange views and identify any areas where we might be able to support and guide those who struggle with communications of this nature.

Our prime objective is to support the Church in all its works both locally, through an active parish life as eucharistic ministers, school governors, visitors to the housebound, to name just a few, and through both National and local sponsorships particularly amongst the young. Examples of National activities include financial help for pilgrims to Lourdes; in the last full year, 2019, we contributed £84,000 in support of 750 pilgrims. We are the major sponsor to the National 'Flame' Youth Conference and the National Office for Vocations. Through our Bursary Fund we provide support to a number of individuals, for example those going abroad on voluntary work to help local overseas communities. In the West Somerset Circle we have a particularly close relationships with the Nazareth Circle in the Holy Land, and have launched a Provincial appeal for wider financial support for their works. If you feel you would like to know more about us or even think you might like to join us, then please visit our web site www.thecatenians.com or ask Father Michael to point you towards one of our members to obtain further information.

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December 2021

Over the last six months The Hope Centre has continued to run drop-in sessions each Monday, Tuesday and Friday, between 11am and 2pm.

Project workers Jan, Jay & Adam regularly collect food donations, organise volunteer rotas and do umpteen other tasks before and after, so that the sessions run smoothly and safely.

We are, of course, still cautious about the risk of Covid but have been able to reintroduce a greater variety of activities into the sessions again and take more opportunities to get to know clients better.

There has once again been banter around the table tennis table and some art activities again. We will be decorating a tree at the Minehead Christmas tree festival this month.

In November people from the Exmoor National Park visited to chat with clients about doing some voluntary work with them, clearing paths and feeling good about doing something for the community. We are encouraging some clients to get involved in this.

We also have just had a visit from the Chamber Orchestra of the West whose touring musicians did a short concert for our clients and staff whilst Friday lunch was being served. We had a great time together.

THC has continued to have a mix of regular clients, occasional visitors, and new contacts. Everyone is an individual person with their own abilities and challenges. We are there to help them, as far as we can and as far as they wish.

A few examples of the difference that THC has made:

Week by week, we have helped L cope with practical difficulties and anxieties arising from the breakdown of his marriage including him now having sole responsibility for his tenancy. In turn, he is regularly helping us with clearing up after mealtimes.

P finds computers and telephone queues difficult to cope with. Recently we were able to help him make a call to his bank to arrange a replacement for his damaged bank card that he feared would stop him accessing his money.

A has been coming into the drop-in sessions for the last 9 months. The local authority had moved him to Minehead for his own safety but he is a long way from his family and has had mental health problems for a long while. He tells me that he has felt accepted and able to relax when he is at THC. He is one of the first to arrive and last to leave each session and is keen to help the project workers in any way he can. He says that he is now more motivated, and we have helped him 'come out of his shell'. He has made new friends, tried out new activities and is one of the clients interested in doing work with the Exmoor National Park in the new year.

During the autumn we provided a listening skills workshop for volunteers and six staff also did a formal Emergency First Aid training day.

We are planning a special THC Christmas lunch party for clients on 17 December and will be providing a gift for everyone who comes.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and if you would like to know more, please do contact one of the project workers, via email if possible.

We hope that you would like us to continue giving you updates. If this is not your wish, please let us know. We will use email addresses where possible.

We will only hold your contact information so we can provide you with information about THC and administer any gifts. Your details will of course not be passed to any other person or organisation.

Thank you again,

Ian McLaren,

on behalf of the trustees of The Minehead Hope Centre Trust

West Somerset Food Cupboard Newsletter December 2021

Dear friends and supporters of the West Somerset Food Cupboard,

Well, it looks like Christmas is here, ready or not! We owe a huge debt of gratitude to all those who have helped us to prepare Christmas food bags and boxes this year, ready for distribution to those whose finances would otherwise have been too stretched to include Christmas treats. Special thanks must go to Fareshare UK, staff and customers of Tesco, Morrisons, Alcombe Co-op, Poundland and the village shops in Wootton Courtenay, Porlock and Carhampton. Also, to the Lions Club of Minehead and District, local schools, churches, community groups and businesses as well as many individual donors. Thank you so much for your kindness.

Thanks also to our very special volunteer team who are working so hard to meet the ever-increasing demand.

141 food boxes have been distributed during November, a 55% increase on last month, making the total for this year so far 1018. This month they were distributed via the West Som. Advice Bureau,

Village Agents, Home-Start, West Som. College, Magna, Parent Family Support Advisors, Julian House, church youth and community workers, Job Centre Plus, Community Mental Health, the Hope Centre, and 14 private requests.

We happily work in close partnership with many other local organisations and event organisers doing their bit in the community. Here are just a few examples from the last few weeks:

- *Food Cupboard assembly at St. Dubricius School followed by a visit from the school council, when the children ably helped us sort and pack the donated food items and were a credit to the school*
- *Porlock pop-up high street event raised funds and food donations for the food cupboard*
- *Tesco and Fareshare UK promotional weekend brought in a very welcome and very large quantity of Christmas food donations as well as a 20% top-up from Tesco*
- *Alcombe Co-op fresh fruit and veg gift card partnership picked up pace*
- *Students of Foxes organised a Christmas food collection*
- *Lions Club of Minehead and District collected Christmas food for us*
- *St. Andrew's after school club has supported and been supported by the Food Cupboard*
- *West Somerset College partnership projects include the School Council supporting our activities, and the food cupboard supporting Student Services provisions as well as parent courses.*
- *And there's much more to come in the new year – so watch this space!*

Very best wishes for a Happy and Healthy Christmas!

West Somerset Food Cupboard Newsletter January 2022

Dear friends and supporters of the West Somerset Food Cupboard,

We have to start by saying we were bowled over by the generosity of the local community in the lead up to Christmas. Families, children, individuals, community groups, local businesses, church groups and many more, came with vans, boot loads, boxes and bags of donated food, all of which enabled us to meet the huge demand for food at what has been and continues to be a difficult time for many. Financial contributions have helped enormously too, as they've enabled us to top up any gaps in supplies. Thank you so so much! We've tried to make sure we have thanked everyone for their contribution but if we've missed you out, please accept our apologies and our sincere gratitude here and now – things just got a little busy and we had to prioritise getting food out to where it was needed most; we hope you understand.

Our volunteers too pulled out all the stops to make sure that regular food boxes and bags were ready and available for delivery along with the Christmas treat parcels. If you thought Santa's elves were busy you should have seen our team at work!

<p>We don't currently need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cereal</i> • <i>Tea</i> • <i>Pasta</i> • <i>Soup</i> • <i>Tuna</i> • <i>Anything out of date (you'd be surprised!)</i> 	<p>We would especially welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rice (sachets or small packets)</i> • <i>Jars of pasta sauce</i> • <i>Tinned hot dogs and meatballs</i> • <i>Tinned fruit</i> • <i>Tinned potatoes</i> • <i>Tinned vegetables</i> • <i>Sugar</i>
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For those who are able to donate regularly and who kindly ask what we need: smaller rather than larger packets and tins are most helpful. We can always double up for large families, but large items are hard to split for smaller households. Also, the boxes get too heavy to safely lift if filled with catering sized items. We are grateful for any ambient food items which have a long shelf life, but we can't take any fresh, home-made, chilled or frozen food at the moment. It's always disappointing to receive food items that have

already passed or are close to their 'use by' date. We can't give them out, so we have to dispose of the contents and recycle the containers. This creates a lot of extra work that we don't really have time for – thank you for your understanding in this matter.

194 regular food boxes or bags were distributed during December as well as 93 Christmas treat packs, making the total number of 2021 food parcels provided 1,305. That makes 16,705 since the Food Cupboard was established in 2007. We hope you will be willing to continue to partner with us in 2022 by supporting the West Somerset Food Cupboard in any way that you are able. Thank you for continuing to care.

VERY BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2022!

From Ali and the Food Cupboard team

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THOUGHTS FROM MY DESK ON NORTH HILL MINEHEAD

As I look out facing east towards Blue Anchor over the bathers known as the Polar Bears that enjoy the sea water in single figure Celsius, over the big white tent and the sight of St Andrew's tower of Old Cleeve church. I wonder what has happened to the man that had thoughts from that famous desk at Blue Anchor. I heard that he had turned towards the rising sun and found himself drawn eastwards to the flat lands of East Anglia. Away from the warm south-westerly wind to the bitter cold easterly winds from the Urals. No longer can he see and hear the West Somerset train on its busy way to Bishops Lydeard also the sigh from his wife, asking herself oh why oh why cannot the engine go forward and not backwards. (Something about a turntable that does not turn.) Also the little train in the garden runs no longer, awaiting new ground to display its prowess on eastern fields.

I hear that a new desk is going to be in place soon. So I suspect that there

will be more thoughts from a desk near Diss. I am sure we will hear about Bressingham Steam. Even if it is not full sized. There will be no guidance from the monks of Downside, for they have left the parishes of Bungay and Beccles.

But to matters of Exmoor : It is the new year 2022. What will it bring ? There will be Hazel Catkins out, Snowdrops will make the woods white. Will you be able to take a bus from Wheddon Cross into Snowdrop Valley? Covid permitting. The Beech trees will soon be turning that light green that always reminds me of the rice paddy fields out east (further east than Diss) Nature continues on in its own way. Whereas man has to work out the vagaries of life and Covid 19, and will it continue to Omega ? Just a few thoughts from the man on the hill looking east.

Michael Hankin.

Thoughts from a Far Eastern Packing Case

Greetings from the top of a large removals box!

The sales are about to start, and we hope that this cardboard box will very soon be replaced by a smart desk and chair thanks to your wonderful leaving gift.

So! How did it go you might be asking?

Well, by now a few of you will have heard quite a bit about THAT day in early December – that's it – the one when Storm Barra properly hit the U.K... the very day when the first removal lorry was loaded in torrential rain and howling wind, and then of course when it was unloaded and all re-loaded into a large trailer unit a mile away, and of course when said lorry came back for its second load, now in the darkness, rain and wind. Day 2 “dawned” and the bed was taken unto its lorry home and the unit set off to Bridgwater to collect the large trailer en-route to Diss.

Off set we behind in convoy into the teeth of Storm Barra losing the removal men behind, with all going well until just immediately before

junction 7/7a of the M42/M6 when in atrocious conditions at 70mph in the “fast-ish” lane, with Chris following a rear tyre on my car simply exploded! Carefully we got to the next refuge where in the light of an hour's wait at least, Chris had to press onwards across the huge junction to get to Diss to collect the keys before they shut! My delay and recovery to a safe place etc. etc. took another two and a half hours and into total darkness and with a 50mph limit “spacesaver” tyre, AND, yes, another “AND”, a call from the removal men to say it was further than they thought!?! and after that, their tyre went too! - it was going to be at least 9.00pm before they would get to us anyway!

The next day arrived with them having slept in the lorry ...

So much for our organising where ALL the boxes were to go ...

I think perhaps the team might be renamed “Dumpit and Runn”.

But, here we are just three weeks in and we are getting organised, though perhaps too slowly for Chris's liking.

The Parish has been very welcoming and Midnight Mass (at midnight) was followed by Mass of Christmas Day at 10.00am, after which we drove comfortably down to our middle Son's for Christmas Dinner with 15 extended family which was wonderful.

Mass of The Holy Family on Sunday held an even more special meaning for us.

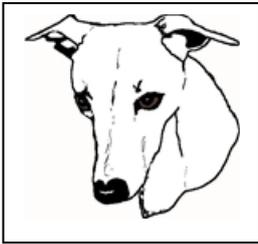
Tuesday brought another super day when 2 of our sons and their families came here for the day and it was these days that really made it clear that this huge move was all worth it.

I was going to leave this piece for a month, and perhaps be sitting in my posh new chair at my smart new desk, until I read an advanced piece from my pal Michael Hankin, entitled “Thoughts from a North Hill Desk” which is printed elsewhere in this magazine, which really reminded me how special you all are in Minehead and Surroundings.

Anyway, let me finish before my knees give up completely! And wish every one of you a Happy, Blessed and HEALTHY New Year in 2022.

God Bless

Deacon David and Chris



West Somerset Pets: Letter from Finn

Hi Ginge and all my friends

This is going to be a rather sad last letter as by the time you read it we will be busy packing up. We are going to move to a flat a lot nearer to Lorcan. In a way I am not

surprised that we are leaving this house. There have been so many people coming in, lots of changes, different furniture and trips every day to leave bags in shops or those big bins in the supermarket car park.

We have been to the flat several times. No one lives there at the moment as it is new and we will be the first. When we get there they take me into a small cupboard, close the door and press something on the wall. It feels a bit strange but not scary I am pleased to say. Then they open the door of this cupboard and we are in the hall near the flat. When I look out of the windows I can see that we are quite high and near the height of the roof of the next building. When we leave the flat we go into the cupboard again, they press the buttons and as if by magic we are back by the front door onto the street - all very clever.

We have been down to see Lorcan and his mum and dad. We had a mini pre Christmas Day. Lots of food and they played games. One was throwing pretend snowballs at a tower of cups. I liked that because I chased the balls and tried to bite the cups. Of course I got into trouble for that. So to try and keep me away from the game I was given an empty envelope to play with. For a change I was not grumbled at for ripping it into little pieces and spreading them over the floor. Lorcan had been to see Father Christmas and he gave him this game as a present. As you can imagine all this was very stressful so I was very, very glad to come home for a rest.

Well everyone I think that all I can say is that it has been fun writing to you right from the time when I first came home as a little puppy. I am 9 now so I am a mature dog, or at least I should be but sometimes I just can't help being a puppy again. I hope you have enjoyed hearing all about my antics. I hope you find another pet pen pal soon.

All the best

Finn

ST STANISLAUS & SACRED HEART PARISHES



Please remember the following in your prayers, they are the sick and housebound of the two parishes and those we are asked to pray for:

Roisin Lee, Susan Gray, Simon, Sue Appleton, Sue Young, Maggie Smith, Theresa O'Neill, Bernadette Smart, Walter Spence, Gill Standidge, Sophy Thursby, Paula Bennett, Carol Taylor,

Bridget Goodridge, Pete Bird.

Please remember all expectant mothers, armed forces personnel injured on duty, and members of the parishes who are housebound and/or ill and their families and carers.

Please also pray for the clergy of the Diocese especially those who may be sick. Remember Fr. Michael Derrick D'Mello.

Dulverton Town Hall

**FULL TARTAN JACKET
AN EVENING OF LAUGHTER WITH ELVIS MCGONAGALL
SATURDAY JANUARY 22nd, 8pm
DULVERTON TOWN HALL**

Stand-up poet, comedian and broadcaster, armchair revolutionary and walking shortbread tin, Elvis McGonagall resides at the Graceland Caravan Park somewhere in the back of beyond, where he scribbles poetry while drinking malt whisky and listening to Johnny Cash.

His live shows feature biting and savagely funny satire in a blend of provocative verse and politically savvy stand-up comedy, all imbued with searing wit, wordplay and anarchic invective. Pulling

no punches but not afraid to be plain daft, Elvis directs his scurrilous diatribes at the powers-that-be from Westminster to Waitrose, taking aim at the injustices of our septic isle and beyond. Stockpiling cat food, celebrity branding, the nature of truth, some bloke called Trump, the Prime Minister and Mr Benn, the pernicious effects of the patriarchy, Piers Morgan, disappearing rainforests, Brexit milkshakes and a pandemic - yes, all his feel-good hits are there. There's even a love poem.

Full Tartan Jacket presents the prime cuts from the work of a comic poet at the top of his game. Join this World Poetry Slam Champion and Radio 4 regular as he bellows into the void of our diseased, burning planet and we all trundle along the primrose path to Beelzebub's bottomless pit.

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100+ club winners

December 2021 draw

1st prize Les Henshall;

2nd prize Larry Galloway; 3rd prize Ray Hunt.



Celebrate planning - Friday 7th January 2pm, Oak Room.

Dulverton Films



Dulverton Town Hall

SPECIAL SCREENING - LATEST JAMES BOND FILM

Friday January 7th NO TIME TO DIE (Cert 12A)

Director: Cary Joji Fukunaga 163 mins

James Bond is enjoying a tranquil life in Jamaica after leaving active service. However, his peace is short-lived as his old CIA friend, Felix Leiter, shows up and asks for help. The mission to rescue a kidnapped scientist turns out to be far more treacherous than expected, leading Bond on the trail of a mysterious villain who is armed with a dangerous new technology. Daniel Craig's final Bond is full of action, stunts and laughs.

Friday January 14th CRUELLA (Cert 12A)

Director: Craig Gillespie 134mins

Before she becomes Cruella de Vil, teenage Estella (Emma Stone) has a dream. She wishes to become a fashion designer, having been gifted with talent, innovation and ambition all in equal measures. But life seems intent on making sure her dreams never come true. When a chance encounter vaults Estella into the world of the young, rich and famous, she begins to question the existence she's built for herself in London and wonders whether she might, indeed, be destined for more after all. With a

great performance also by Emma Thompson and breath taking costume design, set in 1970s London, here is a fast moving comedy

Friday January 28th

RESPECT (Cert 12A)

Director: Liesl Tommy

145 mins

Following the rise of Aretha Franklin's career, from a child singing in her father's church choir to her international superstardom, it's the remarkable true story of the music icon's journey to find her voice.

Jennifer Hudson transforms into the queen of soul and sings her absolute heart out in a dazzling performance.

Tickets limited to allow for social distancing – Dulverton Films members £3, non-members £4.50, students, accompanied by an adult, £2.50. Book in advance at Dulverton Post Office (Tel: 01398 323474) or email janaross2003@yahoo.co.uk. Bar open from 7pm.

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