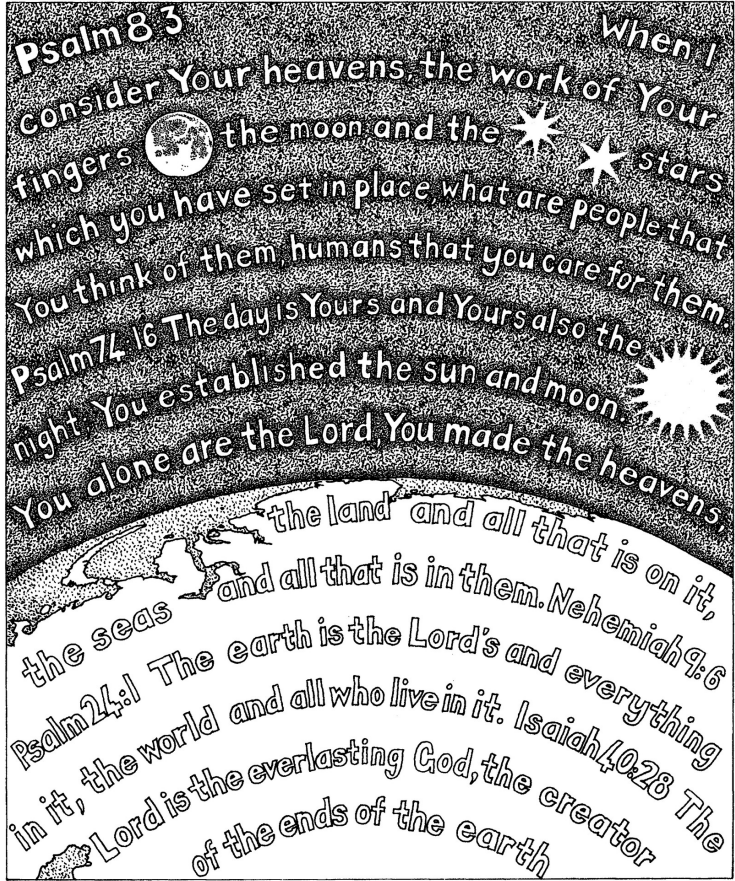


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Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

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How long does Easter last for you?

Is it just one day? the day of resurrection? the day for Easter eggs and breaking the fast of Lent?

Actually Easter lasts for a full 50 days from Easter Day until Pentecost or Whitsunday (as it used to be known), including the Ascension

It is a period during which we remember Jesus' appearances to his disciples after the stone was rolled away from the tomb. Starting with Mary Magdalen and the disciples on that first Easter morning when Jesus appeared in the Garden, his appearances in the Upper Room, on the road to Emmaus, until his Ascension into heaven.

In between was the appearance of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee when the disciples were invited to Breakfast with the Lord.

"It is the Lord!" (John 21:7) There is something very reassuring in the simple scene by Galilee's lake, described on that post-Easter morning. Taking place there was the birth of a mighty world-wide adventure that has not ended yet! Was there ever a breakfast like it? They'd been fishing all night, but in vain.... until they heard a distant call from the shore:

"How are you doing, guys?"

There is even the little detail in the instructions from the beach that it was to be on the right side of the boat that the net should be thrown out this time.

That Stranger. That voice! Suddenly the net was full of wriggling fish. It was like coming in at the start of the film again – (see Luke 5:6). Then Peter's hundred-yard splash to the shore... the charcoal fire and 'large' tilapia fish... the typical action of fishermen in counting the catch – how we love the Bible, with its teeming stories.

And now breakfast on the beach, with Jesus Christ!

It was a re-commissioning for the apostle Peter, who only days earlier had denied any knowledge of Jesus. From now on it would be different. "Feed my sheep," said Jesus.

Churchwardens

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1. Whose call but Christ's call? Peter would never be the same again. Those who have truly heard the call of Christ, will still be standing firm when revolutions explode, when finances plunge, when a church falls apart.

2. Whose word but Christ's word? 'Feed my sheep,' were His words. Whoever we may be teaching, Christ's servant is to see to it that what is taught is Christ's word and not one's own. The power that brings forgiveness and resurrection life can only come from one source!

3. Whose flock, but Christ's flock? 'MY lambs... MY sheep' – they were never ours! Realise this – and so much of the conflicts that can occur between the friends of Jesus will cease overnight.

Can you smell the tilapia fish grilling on that little fire by Galilee's beach? The Stranger on the shore is calling YOU. Along with John, dripping wet in the boat, recognise that He is no stranger. "It is the Lord."

During this season of Easter let us see that Jesus is our Lord and he welcomes us to breakfast every day, but not only breakfast but lunch, dinner, supper and all the time. Make it a time to come close to God in prayer and wait with those first disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.



May God bless you all *Marion*

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Midweek & At Home

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in Ashburton

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Communion at home

If you are unable to get to church because of ill health or loss of mobility and would like to receive communion at home please contact a member of the Ministry Team.

(see p.2 for contact details)

Church Services for April 2016

April 3rd		Second Sunday of Easter		White	
<i>Exodus 14: 10 - end & 15: 20 - 21; Acts 5: 27-32; John 20: 19- end; Psalm 150</i>					
Holne	10.30	Holy Communion	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Family Worship	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	16.00	Evening Worship	Ashburton	10.30	Family Worship
			Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
April 10th		Third Sunday of Easter		White	
<i>Zephaniah 3: 14 - end; Acts 9: 1-6; John 21: 1 - 19; Psalm 30</i>					
Postbridge	09.00	Holy Communion	Bickington	09.00	Village Family Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Holy Communion	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
Holne	18.00	Evensong			
April 17th		Fourth Sunday of Easter		White	
<i>Genesis 7: 1-5 & 11-18 & 8: 6-18 & 9: 8 - 13; Acts 9: 36 - end; John 10: 22 - 30; Psalm 23</i>					
Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion	Bickington	10.30	Morning Worship
Holne	10.30	Family Worship	Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Holy Communion			
April 24th		Fifth Sunday of Easter		White	
<i>Genesis 22: 1-18; Acts 11: 1 - 18; John 13: 31 - 35; Psalm 148: 1 - 6</i>					
Holne	09.00	Holy Communion	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Widcombe	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Holy Communion	Buckland	15.00	Evening Worship
Postbridge	18.00	Evening Worship			

Worry

I have so many problems that if a new one comes along today, it will be at least two weeks before I can worry about it.

Reception

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Messy Church April 14th

**St Andrew's Church Hall
(Second Thursday)**

Fun Size Church

St Andrew's Hall

April 17th 4.00pm

(Third Sunday)

Breakfast @ 9am

April 24th Town Hall

Contact Jane 654 067

Messy Church

Thursday April 14th St Andrew's Church Hall

We have just finished the Loving Easter Messy Church, thank you for your prayers. This joyful message is tricky with children, as one Mum said that her children have not experienced a death of a pet or a relative, so death doesn't really mean anything to them. They could though grasp the message that Jesus is with us today. The women finding the tomb empty was read and a video played.

Geoffrey and Debbie tackled the question of what does an angel look like; with junk modelling? The crafts illustrated stones (rock cakes), angels, crosses, new life (a butterfly), a messy cross and a tomb rolling the stone away picture. The adult craft table was making your own Easter Cards.

The concentration was tangible throughout the afternoon. The celebration was peaceful and attentive to the prayers and quiet songs ending with A Messy Church Favourite "Our God is a Great Big God" with all singing dancing and doing the hand actions.

Did you notice the Messy Church Cross covered in Flowers that the children made for Easter Sunday?

Next month's story is Peter and Cornelius.

Don't forget Messy Church is all age Worship and all are welcome with or without children.

Breakfast @ 9 a.m. continues to attract whole families in the Town Hall on the last Sunday and Fun Size Church is growing in numbers on the third Sunday.

All God's Blessings to you and your family. Jane

1st April - All Fools' Day

In years gone by, the rules surrounding April Fool were this: between midnight and noon on 1 April, everyone is 'fair game' to be made a fool of. It is the morning of the practical joke. But the aim is not just to discomfort the victim: he must be tricked into taking action himself, sent on a 'fool's errand'.

And so children would be sent to the dairy for a pint of dove's milk, or to the bookseller for The Life of Eve's Mother. Practical jokes on a bigger scale were played: in 1860 a vast number of people received an official looking invitation to the Tower of London that read: 'Admit the Bearer and Friends to view the Annual Ceremony of Washing the White Lions.' Precisely the same trick had been played in 1698.

Then, on the stroke of noon, tradition decrees, April Fools is finished. If anyone attempts devilry thereafter, even while the clock is still striking, it recoils on his own head. A child would then race through the sing-song formula:

'April-Fool-Day's-past-and-gone-you're-the-fool-and-I-am-none!'



General Team News

From the Registers

Memorial Service	1st March	Leusdon	Freda Wilkinson
Memorial Service	4th March	Postbridge	Min Cullum

Dates for the Diary

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10th	FINAL COPY DATE for MAY LINK	
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16th	Embroidery Fair, Cheriton Bishop	13
19th	Holne Annual Parochial Church Mtg	17
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May 2016		
13th	Pub Quiz, Postbridge	27
17th	Iolanthe in Plymouth	12
28th	Table Top Sale, Postbridge	23

Prayer for every day after Easter

Living, Almighty God,

Thank you that by your Spirit living in me, made possible by the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, you give me all I need.

Like Peter, you forgive and re-commission me. Like Thomas, you meet me in ways tailor-made for me.

Lord, thank you for the daily personal "nudges" that assure me of your reality, your presence in my life, just when I need so much to know you are here.

Thank you that we are Easter People every day, because of Jesus, and in His name we pray.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



Community Events and Notices



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200 years ago:- on 21st April 1816 that Charlotte Bronte, British novelist, was born. Best known for 'Jane Eyre'.

175 years ago:- on 20th April 1841 that Edgar Allen Poe's short story 'The Murders in the Rue Morgue' was published. It is considered the first modern detective story.

125 years ago:- on 1st April 1891, that the first London-Paris telephone line was opened to the public. It included an undersea section between Dover and Calais.

100 years ago:- 24th to 29th April 1916, that The Easter Uprising, Dublin, took place. This armed Republican uprising against British rule resulted in the death of 466 people. The rebels surrendered unconditionally after the British declared martial law and suppressed the rebellion. Most of the leaders were executed.

90 years ago:- on 21st April 1926 that Queen Elizabeth II was born.

70 years ago:- on 17th April 1946 that Syria gained its independence from France.

65 years ago:- on 11th April 1951, that the Stone of Scone, which had been stolen

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Hairspray in Westminster...

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In the leading roles are Helen Haviland, last seen as Carmen, playing the Queen of the Fairies; Colin Damp, Andy Reid and Sam Wilson make their debuts in principal roles for PGS as the Lord Chancellor, Earl Tolloller and Strephon; soprano Bianca Phillips returns as Phyllis; familiar faces Gareth Davies and Peter Clement have been cast as the Earl of Mountarat and Private Willis, with Lindy Stephens taking the title role, Iolanthe. Also featuring in key supporting roles are newcomer Emma Mills as Celia, Danielle Barter returns as Leila, with Claire Paddison making her debut in a principal role as Fleeta.

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Sunday 17th April

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A draw for, otherwise reluctant, spouses are our delicious homemade lunches and children (and everyone else!) are very welcome to 'have a go' on our demonstration table. So there is plenty to keep everyone happy and interested while you enjoy the embroidery!

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Rainfall in February 2016

Place	Total Rainfall	Days with-out rain	Wettest days
Widcombe	213.4 mm	4	5th 45.6mm
			6th 45.0
			12th 23.4mm
Postbridge	247.4mm (9.7")	4	5th 1.9"
	(Feb 2015 - 146.6mm (5.8"))		6th 1.8"
Holne	223.5 mm (8.80")		6th 50.1mm



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Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
3rd April	10.30	Judy	Audrey and Marion
10th April	18.00	Jackie	Judy Henderson
17th April	10.30	Georgina	Judy Henderson
24th April	09.00	Sue	Brenda Milward

HOLNE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Tuesday 19th April
 Church of St Mary the Virgin

Appointment of Officers
 Annual Reports

7 for 7.30 pm

Refreshments to be served
 before the meeting.

Everyone welcome.

HOLNE'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

12th APRIL 7.30pm

Our speaker is Matt Barrow, Engagement Officer for Connecting Devon and Somerset, who will be giving an overview about the delivery of superfast broadband on Dartmoor by Worcester-based Airband, a specialist in high speed wireless broadband for rural areas. This will be an opportunity for you to find out more about the project and ask Matt any questions.

In addition, the Chairman will give a report of the Parish Council's activities and the clerk will give a summary of its finances. The meeting also gives electors the opportunity to raise any general parish issues they may have.

Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you on 12 April.

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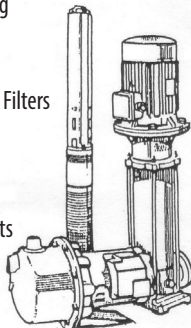
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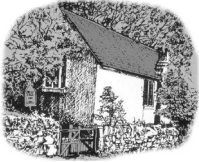
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Benefice Service

On the 28th February we were delighted to host the Benefice Service at St. Raphael's. In order to complement the simplicity of the Chapel, the snowdrops and the Archangel Raphael's link to healing, the service was centred around healing and renewal. Being Lent, we also reflected on allowing God to work within us through his nourishment and healing. What wonderful gifts are available to us if we choose to accept what is freely given. Led by Revd. Geoffrey, supported by Beth, musicians and the choir, the service was both moving and uplifting. We were invited to contribute to the Intercessions by completing a prayer card and writing down what we wanted to focus our prayers on. Geoffrey skilfully and quickly collated the themes and offered our collective prayers to God. It was interesting to hear how many of us were praying for peace and reconciliation, particularly in the Middle East.

Outside, the sun shone and the snowdrops put on their best clothes. After the service coffee, biscuits and flapjack were served and we were joined by several visitors who had called in to see the Chapel.

Thank you to everyone who attended from across the Benefice. Also thanks to Mike Mudge who once again helped us out with extra seating and logs to keep the woodburning stove going.

Snowdrop update

A final update on snowdrops for this year! First, a big thank you to Badgers Holt who have donated hundreds of plant pots for the snowdrops. It was a wonderful contribution and gave Annie and Tony no excuse to stop potting up the flowers – a pretty arduous task given the cold and wet.

Amazingly, despite the awful weather, the visitors kept on coming and were generous in their donations for plants, pens and St Raphael's angels. We have raised a massive £1,000 which makes a substantial contribution to our annual running and maintenance costs.

God moves in mysterious ways...

After last month's plea for help with the website, I was contacted by Des Sheridan who offered to assist me. Spurred on to do some background work before meeting up with Des, I Googled and surfed and read and experimented and made lots of mistakes, but finally cracked it! Thanks to the impetus from Des, www.straphaelhuccaby.org has some basic updates on it such as the Easter Sunday 2016 service details and I'm gathering my strength to tackle more complex changes.

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Date	Time	Reader	Teas	Flowers	
				Altar	Windows
3rd April	16.00			Easter	
10th April	12.00			Shan	Norma
17th April	12.00			Shan	Norma
24th April	12.00			Penny	Ella

Coffee Morning and Stalls

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COME
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Psalm 9:10



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Leusdon Memorial Hall Update



Coffee Mornings

A very cold March morning but the support was good and the coffee morning made £101.00.

See you all in April.

Items Wanted please - The Leusdon Fund raising team are collecting items to sell at the monthly hall Coffee mornings and the church Family Funday and Fete in August. All proceeds go towards the upkeep of Leusdon Memorial Hall and the church annual insurance premium which is over £1,000 .

We need bric a brac, books, CD's, DVD's, toys, clothes, and any unwanted new items that can be used for prizes etc.

Please leave undercover on the table behind the hall or at the back of the church . Sorry we cannot take duvets, TV's or video players/tapes.

We also take items to St Petroc' s in Exeter 4 times a year, who support homeless people in Devon. They need clean sleeping bags, thermos flasks, waterproofs, boots & jeans & warm clothing.

Badminton Dates

Mondays - Play starts at 7.30pm
Mondays 11th & 25th April.
New players always welcome!



Whist Drive Dates

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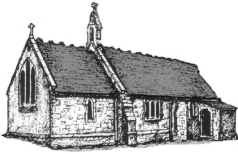
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Coffee Mornings

Held between 11am - 12 noon at different venues around the area

Monday 11th April

10 Plymouth Hill

Princetown

with Sheila Coates



Monday 25th April

26 Badgers Way, Bovey Tracey

with Ann Murphy

Postbridge Whist Drives

Whist Drives are held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on



Tuesdays April 12th & 26th

Learners are especially welcome. Entrance fee of £2.50 to include refreshments and prizes.

Pub Quiz

Venue: **East Dart Hotel, Postbridge**

Date: **Friday 13th May** Time: **7.45pm**

Cost: £2 per person

In aid of: Village Hall funds

A prize raffle during the evening.

See you there!

Beetle Drive

Postbridge Village Hall

Friday 8th April at 7.30pm



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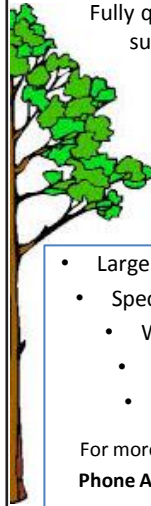
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Postbridge Village Hall – AGM and Consultation Evening

The Postbridge Village Hall AGM and Consultation Evening 2016 will be held at the Village Hall on Thurs 7th April 2016.

If you would like an opportunity to have a ‘say’ in the future of your Village Hall then you shouldn’t be anywhere else at 7.30pm on Thurs 7th April but, at the Postbridge Village Hall. Even if you don’t have anything to say do still come along, enjoy a glass of wine with our compliments.

This is planned to be very ‘open’ meeting and all Postbridge residents are welcome to come along to what promises to be an informative evening lasting around an hour. Please make a note in your diaries now and come along on Thurs 7th April at 7.30pm.

- The meeting will briefly reflect on the past twelve months’ activity and its committee.
- The Treasurer will give a brief financial report.
- New committee members will be proposed and elected.
- A progress update on the funding application to the Big Lottery Fund will be given as well as an opportunity to view the conceptual alteration plans for the hall.

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Help Develop the Future of Dartmoor Forest. Places are available on the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group to define the planning and development priorities for housing and business opportunities in the parish for the next 15 years. If you are interested in serving current and future the community in this way contact Nigel Tigwell on clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net or 01822 890274 or your local Councillor.

Parish Clerk Vacancy. The current Parish Clerk is leaving the post due to ill health. Anyone interested in taking up this rewarding role supporting our local community should forward a letter of application to the address above.

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Minutes of Parish Council Meetings. These are available to view at <http://www.dartmoorforestpc.net/2015.html>

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be at **1930 24 March at Princetown Community Centre.** Members of the public are welcome and may speak during the public sessions.

Wednesday 5th May, this will be a physical meeting as we are doing gentle yoga with Una Miller. Please wear comfortable clothing, but more details at the April meeting.

By now Easter will have been and gone. I hope it was an enjoyable time for you and that you had lots of Easter Eggs.

If you would like any information on High Moorland Women's Institute or details of the events listed above, please give me a call 01822 880395 or email susanjhammett@hotmail.co.uk.

If you would like to be a part of a hugely respected organisation, come along to one of our monthly meetings for a taster to see if WI is for you, you would be more than welcome. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Church Hall on Tor Royal Lane, Princetown. It will cost you £1. We are a fun group of mixed age range ladies and we do have a good laugh.

At our last meeting we had a fascinating and informative evening on the subject of Reporting Hate Crime. This was well supported by members. What an interesting subject, it certainly was very thought provoking and an eye opener into this very in-depth subject.

Next meeting is on **Wednesday 6th April**. This happens to be our AGM so please come and support it ladies. We will be having a guest speaker; Ros Waite who will be talking to us about her new book on 'Life Skills', followed by a 'cheese, wine and chat'.

21st April our Institute will be playing host once again to the County Sports & Leisure Committee when they come to Postbridge for a return walk and lunch event. 'Many hands make light work' so if you can spare the time either beforehand or during the event, please let Catherine know.

27th April is our yearly Group meeting. This year it is the turn of Bere Ferrers WI to entertain us at the bowling club in Bere Ferrers. If you haven't got your ticket please contact me on the number below.

Moving on, future meeting planned: see p.30

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Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
3rd April	10.30	Dawn Nosworthy	Fiona Froy	Easter
10th April	10.30	Judy Southcombe	Beth Fenton	Sue Eveleigh
17th April	10.30	John Born	Ann Murphy	Sue Eveleigh
24th April	10.30	Jenny Pascoe	Jenny Pascoe	Wendy Cruze

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Cheques to be made payable to Widecombe Church House Fund and sent to Sarah Reeve, Bonehill Cottage, Bonehill Lane, Widecombe-in-the-Moor, TQ13 7TD

For all other matters relating to the Church House please contact Diana Cameron on 01364 621218

Widecombe & District History Group

Meetings are held at the Church house in Widecombe on the 1st Weds of each month at 7.30pm.

April 6th Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team *with Alan Pewsey*

April 23rd Visit to Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth by coach
(Leave Widecombe Car Park at 10am leaving Dartmouth at 5pm)

May 4th AGM and talk "Riding across Southern Europe" *with Tracey Elliot-Reep*

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meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at Princetown Community Centre at 7 for 7.30pm.

April 5th Legends

with Gordon Paton

May 3rd "The Lighter side of World War I"

with Diana Lawer

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Widcombe Fair - Tuesday 13th September 2016

Produce Show Schedule

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Cls	Description	Cls	Description
VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS			
- Hermon French Silver Salver		CHILDREN'S CLASSES	
1	Three coloured potatoes washed	Aged 7 and under - Tame Challenge Cup	
2	Three white potatoes washed	28	A homemade greetings card
3	Three onions, grown from sets	29	A vegetable animal
4	Three carrots, trimmed and washed	30	A garden on a plate
5	Three beetroot, trimmed and washed	Aged 8 to 11 years - Hutchins Cup	
6	Six runner beans	31	A 'Lego' model
7	Longest runner bean	32	A decorated cake
8	Any vegetable not mentioned in schedule	33	A flower arrangement in an unusual container
9	Any squash or courgette	ART & CRAFT - OPEN YO ALL AGES	
10	A collection of 5 different vegetables, any variety in a standard vegetable box 12"x 16"	- Gordon Daw Memorial Trophy	
		Under 16s to be judged separately	
11	Four tomatoes	34	An arrangement of grasses, twigs, ferns and berries (NO FLOWERS)
12	Four varieties of culinary herbs in a jar of water		
13	A plate of berry fruit - one variety	35	A flower arrangement in a teacup
14	Three Dahlias	36	A flower arrangement not to exceed 30 inches in any dimension
15	Single rose		
16	Single stem any flower	37	A decorated hat
17	Pot plant - in flower or just foliage	38	A pencil/charcoal drawing
18	6 Eggs - all one colour	39	Painting - Any subject, any medium
HOME PRODUCE competitors own recipe Rose Bowl		40	A needlework item
19	A family fruit cake	41	A knitted, woven or crocheted article
20	An open fruit tart - your choice	42	Any craft work item - not mentioned in the schedule
21	4 Cheese Scones		
22	A traditional Victoria Sponge	43	Made from wood!
23	Traditional Meat Pasty	44	A limerick
24	Speciality Bread of your own choice	45	A photograph - 'Through all wind and weathers'
25	1 lb pot of homemade Jam		
26	A jar of homemade Chutney		
27	A bottle of homemade drink - beer/cider/wine/cordial	Get planning !	

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from Westminster Abbey in London in December 1950 by Scottish nationalist students, was found on the altar of Arbroath Abbey in Scotland. It was returned to London. In November 1996 the stone was officially returned to Scotland and now resides in Edinburgh Castle.

Also 65 years ago:- on 17th April 1951 that the Peak District National Park was established. It was Britain's first national park. 40 years ago:- on 5th April 1976 that Apple Computer (now Apple, inc.) was founded in California.

30 years ago:- on 26th April 1986 that the Chernobyl disaster took place in Ukraine. It was the world's worst nuclear power plant accident. 31 people were killed in the explosion and fire, and leaked radiation spread across the western Soviet Union and Europe.

25 years ago:- on 3rd April 1991 that Graham Greene, British novelist, short story writer, playwright and journalist, died.

10 years ago:- on 6th April 2006 that the first case of H5N1 avian flu (bird flu) in the UK was confirmed following blood tests on a dead swan found in Cellardyke, Fife, Scotland.



Widcombe & District Sports Group

Regular Bookings:

Tuesday: Tennis Adults (16+) 6.30 onwards.

Widcombe Tug of War Club Training 7.15 – 9.15

Thursday: Tennis Adults + competent teenagers 6.30 onwards.

Widcombe Tug of War Club Training 7.15 – 9.15

Queries re tennis phone Di Cameron on 621218.

Please remember to wear soft soled shoes and to leave the court tidy with the net replaced.

Report any damage immediately to Claire Partridge (Secretary) on 621468. Close all gates and replace the keys.

The court is available for members to use outside of these times, there is no longer a booking system so just turn up and play. Don't forget our Boules area is available any time. *Thank you and enjoy your sports area.*





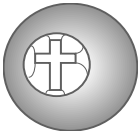
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