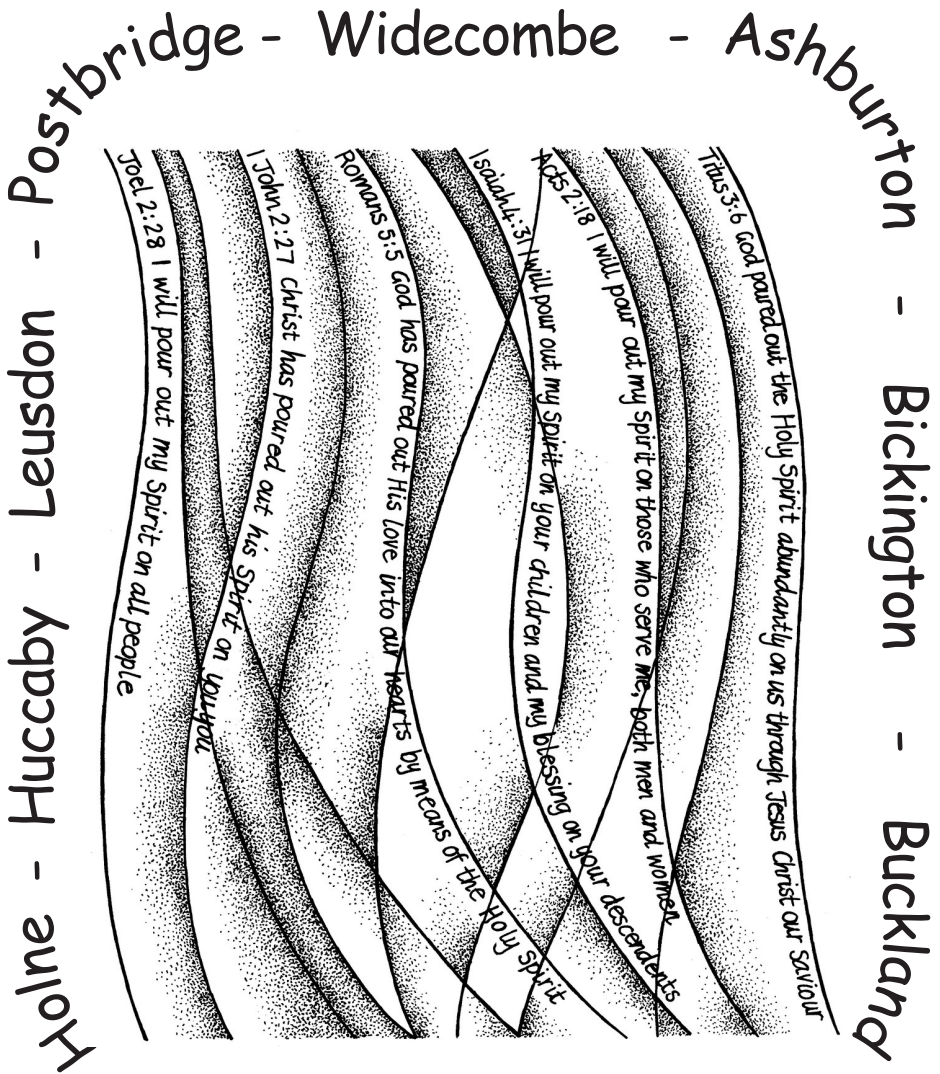


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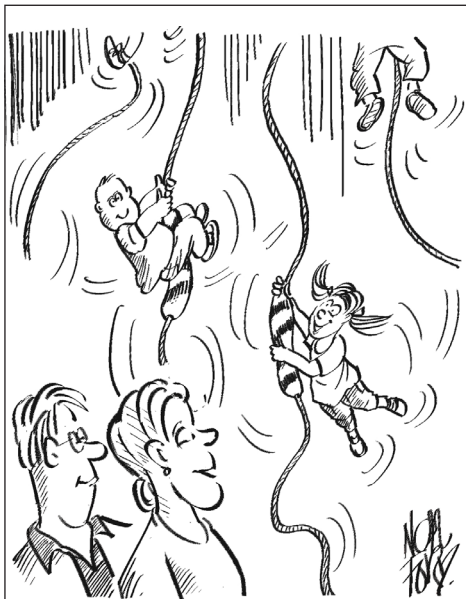


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"...and then the vicar realised the bellringer-shortage and the problem of providing crèche facilities could be solved in one go!"

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From Geoffrey

On the Exeter Diocesan Website (www.exeter.anglican.org) there are five words that fill almost the entire front page:



pray grow serve with joy

These are the keywords of Bishop Robert's ministry, where he is encouraging us to focus on the heart of the Christian Gospel, on what we are about as Christians. He might have opted for just three words – pray, grow, serve – but that would miss the fun of it all. Being a Christian has at its heart the word joy – something that burst onto the scene at Pentecost, brought by the Holy Spirit.

The disciples and their friends had had a last encounter with the risen Jesus as he ascended to heaven, and then they sort of milled around, not quite sure what to do next. Awaiting the spark that would energise them.

I don't know if you've ever volunteered for a work party to transform a place? You've seen the advert – "Turn up at 9.00 and you'll be told what to do." It could be for working on the Scout Hut, a Nature Reserve, spring cleaning the church, or anything. So you arrive, but nothing's happening. You mill around and chat to the other people who've also turned up, wondering what you're going to be asked to do. And then, like a whirlwind, the organiser turns up and all of a sudden you've got a purpose, a job to do, a piece of work to complete, a group of people to do it with. You get stuck in and the time flies by. At the end of the day there is immense satisfaction in seeing what you've achieved, and it was great fun. Of course you could have done it on your own, but what made all the difference was working in a group and being inspired by the organiser.

The Holy Spirit is God's inspiring organiser! And at Pentecost the disciples became energised. They found to their joy that it was fun to form a work party and transform the world around them – just as Jesus did when he called his disciples. For the truth is that we grow in our faith and usefulness when we commit to doing things that will make a difference.

How to make a difference? Bishop Robert expands his five words into three short actions:

Growing in prayer. Making new disciples. Serving the people of Devon with joy.

He then writes about having a fresh start at Pentecost this year, starting with a Wave of Prayer.

"In the week running up to Pentecost (8-15 May),

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Archbishops are encouraging us to join with them in praying for the evangelisation of our nation. At the heart of this wave of prayer will be the words that Christ himself taught us:

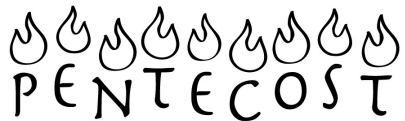
'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done'. The way we in which we respond to this call will obviously vary from place to place, but you will find ideas and resources on the official website: www.thykingdom.co.uk. Evangelism is the work of God, and it begins as we seek him in prayer.

"On the Day of Pentecost itself (15th May) the Cathedral will be holding a Holy Ground Special on evangelism at 7pm, and in the week running up to it, using different phrases from the Lord's Prayer at Evensong as a springboard for prayer. All welcome."

He goes on to encourage each parish or mission community simply to identify one thing they can do in the year ahead to help people grow in prayer, one initiative to make new disciples, plus one thing they can do to make a difference to the people living in their area. Pentecost is also the beginning of Christian Aid week, where we focus on making a difference to people in other countries by praying for them & raising money for them.

And so to prayer. Now, or whenever you can find a moment, or in church, or by arranging a meeting with a few others, or by coming along to an organised meeting in the week 8-15 May. And enjoy it!

With every blessing, *Geoffrey*



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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 May 2016

May 1st		Sixth Sunday of Easter		White	
<i>Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Acts 16: 9-15; John 14: 23-29; Psalm 67</i>					
Holne	10.30	Holy Communion	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Rogation Service	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	16.00	Rogation Service	Ashburton	10.30	Family Worship
Postbridge	18.00	Rogation Service	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
Thursday May 5th		Ascension Day			
<i>Daniel 7: 9-14; Acts 1: 1-11; Luke 24: 44-end;</i>					
Holne	19.00	Holy Communion			
May 8th		Seventh Sunday of Easter		White	
<i>Ezekiel 36: 24-28; Acts 16: 16-34; John 17: 20-end; Psalm 97</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			
May 15th		Pentecost		Red	
<i>Genesis 11: 1-9; Acts 2: 1-21; John 14: 8-17; Psalm 104: 26 - end</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			
May 22nd		Trinity Sunday		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			
May 29th		First Sunday after Trinity		Green	
<i>1 Kings 8: 22-23 & 41 - 43; Galatians 1: 1-12; Luke 7: 1-10; Psalm 96: 1-9</i>					
Holne	10.30	Holy Communion by Extension	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Holy Communion	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer

May Activities for Families

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Further Information - Contact Jane Ashton on 654067



Wave of Prayer across England this Pentecost, from 8-15th May

The Archbishops have declared this week a special week, saying “Jesus Christ calls every person to follow him. As Christians it’s our duty and joy to share that invitation. That’s why the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting every church in England to join a week of prayer this Pentecost, from 8-15th May — let’s pray for every Christian to receive new confidence and joy in sharing this life-transforming faith.”

Amongst many events for this week, here are three that you might like to attend

Monday 9th May – 7.30pm at Mike and Miffie’s, Lower Buckland Lodge (01364 631043) – a time of prayer and reflection

Wednesday 11th May – 7.30pm at the Vicarage, Widecombe (01364 621334) – a time of prayer and reflection

Sunday 15th May – 7.00pm in Exeter Cathedral – a Holy Ground Special on evangelism at 7pm

A Bring and Share Supper for all Singers and Musicians,

Wednesday 18th May 7.30pm @ Widecombe Vicarage

All musicians (singers and players) are welcome to come to Widecombe Vicarage for a social evening on Wednesday 18th May. We will learn some new pieces, and enjoy revisiting some of our previous highlights! If you’ve never been before, this is an ideal opportunity to try out some relaxed music-making.

Do contact me for any further information. Geoff Fenton – 01364 621334

General Team News

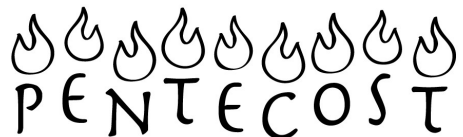
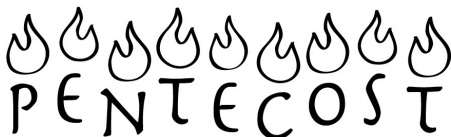
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Baptism	20th March	Widecombe	Molly Dawn Mary Jean Hill
Baptism	20th March	Widecombe	Sofia Knowles-Elmleitner
Wedding	19th March	Widecombe	Alexander Smith & Clare Lash-Williams
Funeral	22nd March	Widecombe	David Hanson

Dates for the Diary

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1st	Rogation Sunday	
4th	Leusdon Coffee Morning & Stalls	23
5th	Ascension Day Service, Holne 7pm	6
6th	Holne Soup Lunch	19
7th	Garden Party & Plant Sale HospiceCare	12
11th	Brimpts Farm Lunch Club	13
12th	Messy Church, Ashburton	7
13th	Pub Quiz in Postbridge	27
14th	Holne Plant Sale	11
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16th	Flower Festival Meeting, Widecombe	37

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28th	Table Top Sale Postbridge	27
June 2016		
1st	Leusdon Coffee Morning and Stalls	23
3rd	Holne Soup Lunch	19
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Community Events and Notices



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It's that time of year again and the green-fingered amongst us are busily sowing, potting on, splitting and digging ready for our plant sale on Saturday May 14 in Holne Village Hall.

We welcome donations of plants, cakes, raffle prizes etc., either in advance or on the day, so please get in touch if you can contribute: we can collect if necessary. The plant sale is always an opportunity to raise funds for the Hall which, as many of you will know, has been repaired and redecorated over the past few months. The

door opens at 2pm and admission is £1 to include a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits. For anyone who can't make it on the day, please come by in the days following - undoubtedly we'll have a table outside the hall with anything we didn't sell before close at 4pm. Information or offers of help/contributions to Judy Henderson (01364 631461) or Carol Harper (01364 631044)

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Widcombe	147.8 mm	18	27th 45.0mm
			8th 25.8mm
			26th 23.7mm
Postbridge	157.7mm (6.2")	14	27th 1.5"
	(Mar 2015 - 104.1mm (4.01"))		8th 1.2"
Holne	176.4 mm (6.9")		27th 48.4mm



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Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
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8th May	18.00	Georgina	Brenda Best
15th May	10.30	Jackie	Brenda Best
22nd May	09.00	Sue	Georgina
29th May	10.30	Sue	Georgina

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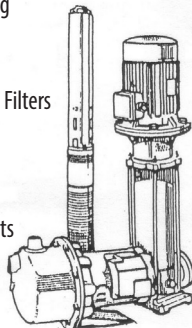
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We leave Holne, Church House Inn, 10:00, Ashburton, Dartmoor Lodge, 10:15

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A big thank you to those who helped to transport the books from Hilltop to the village hall and back again-----Carol & Bruce (from Buckfast), Suzy & Richard, Joe & Zee, Des & Jackie, John & Clare, Roger & Simon.

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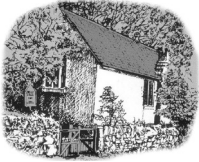
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Easter Sunday

Once again, a service of Holy Communion was held at Huccaby on Easter Sunday. Fortunately, Storm Katie had passed and there were signs of Spring. There was a good attendance for the service led by Marion and we had our first 'communion by extension', which worked very well.

Henty Watts Poem 'St Raphael's' contains some lines which beautifully describe this time of year:

And in the Spring, when poppies start,
And the purple heather hides the lark;
Gorse flower sweetens the cruellest thorn
And all the black-faced lambs are born.
We few, we kneel in Easter prayer,
And risen Lord is with us here.



Compost Toilet

On to more prosaic matters - I am gradually learning about the intricacies of planning applications and although we are not there yet, I am grateful to the Dartmoor National Park Authority for their advice and support thus far.

It looks as though we have a builder and subject to the planning application being successful, plus the necessary monies coming in, we may have a toilet by the end of this year.

Wedding

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				Altar	Windows
1st May	16.00	Norma		Penny	Ella
8th May	12.00	Geoff	Shan	Nicky	Jane
15th May	12.00	Patrick	Norma	Nicky	Jane
22nd May	12.00	Peter	Liz	Tanya	Diana
29th May	12.00	Paula	Shan	Tanya	Diana

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If more information is needed, please ring Shan on 01364 621573

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Leusdon Memorial Hall Update



Coffee Mornings

We had a wonderfully well supported coffee morning in April, plenty of bric a brac for a good rummage! and £215-40p was raised for hall funds. Thank you and see you all in May

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 9th & 23rd May.
New players always welcome!



Whist Drive Dates

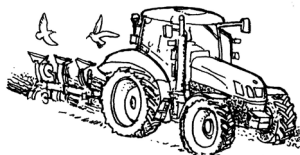
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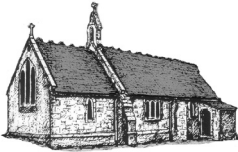
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Learners are especially welcome. Entrance fee of £2.50 to include refreshments and prizes.



Coffee Mornings

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Monday 9th May
Flat 2, Dartfordleigh Postbridge

with Jacky Gee

Monday 23rd May
1 Forestry House, Bellever
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Pub Quiz

Venue: **East Dart Hotel, Postbridge**

Date: **Friday 13th May**

Time: **7.45pm**

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Postbridge Village Hall Website

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went on a weekend visit to the prestigious WI Denman College in Oxfordshire, where they learnt the art of quilting. At this meeting they will be giving us an inside look at what they did and help us to 'create' a masterpiece of quilting.

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.



Princetown & District History Club

meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at
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Dartmoor Forest Parish Council– Extracts March 2016



Parish Clerk: Nigel Tigwell. **Telephone:** 01822 890274

Email: clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net. **Website:** www.dartmoorforestpc.net

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.

Annual Parish Meeting. The 2016 Annual Parish Meeting for Dartmoor Forest will be held at 1930 Thursday 12 May at the Princetown Community Centre. The main speaker will be Tom Stratton from the Duchy of Cornwall who will talk about the work the Duchy does in support of the Parish its future plans, including Lord's restaurant, the proposed distillery, the Forest Inn, the prison farm buildings, Postbridge Visitors Centre, housing developments and the future of the prison site. Other speakers will be from voluntary and public organisations that operate in the Parish. All registered electors in the Parish may speak and vote at the meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Volunteers Sought. There are opportunities to help your local community by volunteering with Dartmoor Forest Parish Council. These range from activities that need physical strength and fitness; communication skills; and simple clerical work. Current opportunities are at: www.dartmoorforestpc.net/volunteer-with-us

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Potholes and Other Road Defects. Please report potholes and other road defects at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/> or 0345 155 1004.

Minutes of Parish Council Meetings. These are available to view at <http://www.dartmoorforestpc.net/2016.html>

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be at **1930 28 April at Princetown Community Centre.** Members of the public are welcome and may speak during the public sessions.

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.

High Moorland WI recently held their Annual Meeting. I am pleased to say that Catherine Fildes is to stand as our President once again, thank you Catherine. And Sue (me) will continue as Secretary for another year. Thank you to all committee members for their continued support during the last twelve months and agreeing to stand for the coming year. During cheese and wine after the meeting we had an interesting and thought provoking talk by Ros Waite on the book she has written called Life Skills. Think we could all learn something from this.

On Monday 2nd May we have a table at the Craft Fayre to be held in Princetown School between 11am – 3pm. We shall be serving refreshments so do come along and see us.

Next meeting is on **Wednesday 5th May**: this will be a physical meeting as we are doing gentle yoga with Una Miller. Please wear comfortable clothing.

Moving on, future meeting planned:

Wednesday 1st June. Bunty Baxter and Corinne Shutt, two of our members recently

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PRINCETOWN ACTIVITIES

Princetown United Church. Sunday worship 11am. For other activities see noticeboard or Princetown page of www.westdartmoorbeneffice.co.uk

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May 8th	10.30	Beth Fenton	Brenda Boston	Audrey Mortimore
May 15th	10.30	Marcia Babbington	Debbie Sandels	Audrey Mortimore
May 22nd	10.30	Clare Born	Wendy Beard	Ann Murphy
May 29th	10.30	Audrey Mortimore	Rose Mortimore	Ann Murphy

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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.

AGM –

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 26th May 7.30pm at the Old Inn

Membership renewals - are now due please keep an eye on your inbox for renewal forms and information.

Court – the court has been repaired and is back up to standard thanks to the Parish Council, District & County Councillors for their contributions to the cost.

Website – we now have pages on the Widcombe website which hopefully include all you need to know about the Sports Group and membership information. Please take the time to have a look www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com



INVITATION TO AN OPEN MEETING

Widcombe Parish Council invites you to attend an open meeting on Monday 23rd May at 7pm in Church House, Widcombe.

We want to hear your views on the proposal for a new-build village hall in Widcombe.

All welcome!




Widcombe & District History Group

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

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

June 1st 'The World's First National Park' *with Kirsty Peake*

Contact : Marcia Babington (01364) 661263 or email at m.babington7@btinternet.com



FLOWER FESTIVAL TO CELEBRATE THE QUEENS 90TH BIRTHDAY

We plan to hold a flower festival in
St Pancras Church Widcombe from

Saturday June 11th until the end of the week

We will be having a

SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE

in the Church on

Sunday 12th June at 6.00 p.m.

Our theme is Red, White and Blue.

We are asking all our regular flower arrangers to do a display and we will welcome anyone else who would like to contribute a display.

This would include organisations or individuals in the area.

Anyone who is interested please contact Jenny Pascoe.

We will hold a meeting in the Church
on Monday 16th May at 6pm to discuss details.



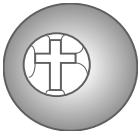
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