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June 2018

Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

The Ministry Team

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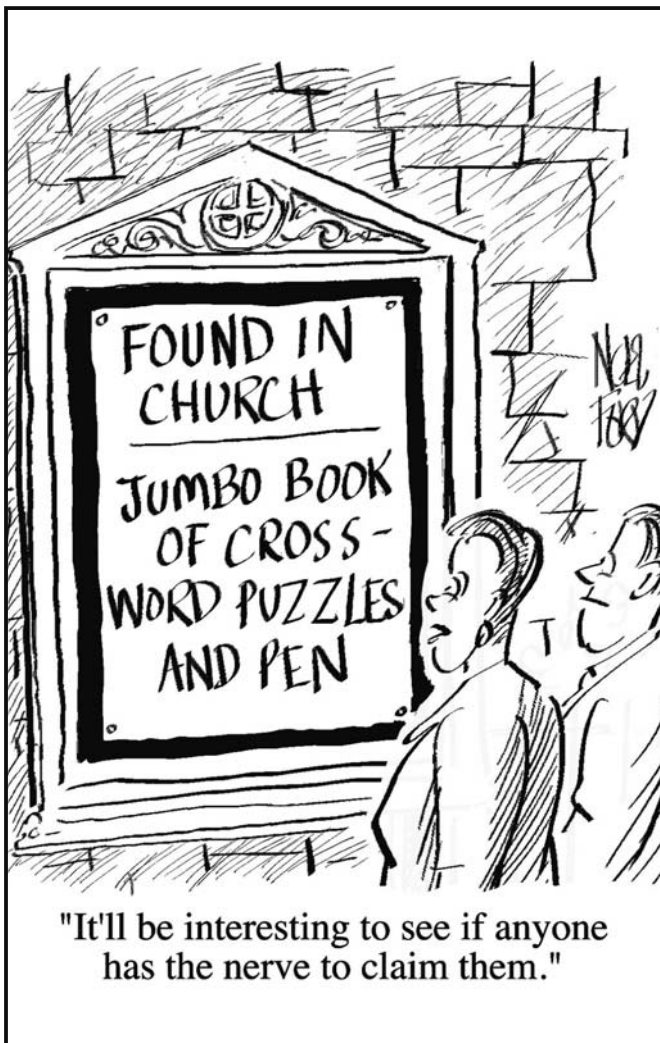


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Here's a story I heard many years ago.....

A man moved into a village and asked the person sitting on the Green, "Is this a friendly village? What are the people like here?"

"What were they like in the village you've come from?" was the question asked in reply. "They were miserable and unfriendly, I couldn't get on with them."

"You'll find them the same here."

Another man moved into the same village and asked the person sitting on the Green, "Is this a friendly village? What are the people like here?"

"What were they like in the village you've come from?" was the question asked in reply. "They were friendly and happy, a great bunch. We got on really well"

"You'll find them the same here."

I love the symmetry and the unexpectedness of this story. And here's another similar story from Matthew's gospel, with Jesus dramatically describing two extremes to help us decide which direction we should take.....

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

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Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

Both stories make their point by exaggeration, helping us reflect on how we relate to the people around us, and the sort of community we build around us. For each of us contribute more than we think to the character of the communities we live in. I am very much looking forward later this month to a "Dartmoor Day Conference" organised by the Bishop of Plymouth where we will be reflecting on what makes Dartmoor communities tick, and how the church can best contribute to community life. Personally I believe the church is at its best when it gets alongside organisations and people and asks "What can we do to help?" What do you think?

With every blessing *Geoffrey*

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in Ashburton

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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 JUNE 2018

June 3rd Trinity 1 Green

Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Psalm 81:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:22- 3:6

Widcombe	10.30	Family Worship	MK	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion	JA
Holne	10.30	Holy Communion	JG	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion	AW
Leusdon	16.00	Evening Prayer	HF	Ashburton	10.30	Family Service	JH
				Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer	JH

June 10th Trinity 2 Green

Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion	GF	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion	AW
Leusdon	12.00	Holy Communion	GF	Ashburton	10.30	Holy Communion	DW
Postbridge	09.00	Holy Communion	GF	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer	WW

June 17th Trinity 3 Green

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion	GF	Ashburton	10.30	Holy Communion	JG
Holne	10.30	Family Worship	MK	Bickington	10.30	Morning Prayer	Local
Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion	GF	Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion	TBA
Leusdon	12.00	Holy Communion	GF				

June 24th Trinity 4 Green

Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4:35-41

Holne	10.30	Holy Communion	AW	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion	GF
Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion	GF	Ashburton	10.30	Holy Communion	JA
Leusdon	12.00	Holy Communion	GF	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer	WW
Postbridge	18.00	Evening Prayer	GF				

July 1st Trinity 5 Green

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13:15, 2:23,24; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7:-15; Mark 5:21-43

Widcombe	08.00	Holy Communion	GF	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion	JA
Widcombe	10.30	Pet Service	GF	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion	AW
Holne	10.30	Holy Communion	JG	Ashburton	10.30	Family Worship	JH
Leusdon	16.00	Animal Service	GF	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer	TBA





A date for the Diary



Tuesday 31st July 2018 at 7pm
St Andrew's Church, Ashburton

Licensing of the Rt. Revd Mark Rylands
as Priest in Charge of the Ashburton and Moorland Team

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Sunday June 3rd
the Family Service
10.30am St Andrew's Church

June 14th Thurs
Messy Church
3.30pm St Andrew's Hall

June 17th Sunday
12.30pm at the Swimming
Pool - FunSize Church

June 24th Sunday
Breakfast @ 9am
St Andrew's Hall

Contact Jane 654 067

Next Messy Church

Thursday June 14th 3.30pm
2nd Thursday St Andrew's Church Hall

Hi everyone,

Isn't the sun lovely! We had a great Messy Church last week. It was lovely to be partly outside. Building towers which we made fall down with wind created by trays. Using a sandpit to illustrate the story of Elijah walking across the desert feeling very lonely. The children's favourite task was painting the Mountain with a cave in which he hid only to be told to go back to where he had come from and look after God's people there. It was a good story for us all about not running away from our troubles and listening for the "still, small voice of God". Look out for the Mountain in Church.

This month of June we are having Fun Size Church in the Swimming Pool, so the times are different 12.30pm to 1.30pm. All are welcome, and the Life Guards will be on full alert. So, do come and join us and meet the Messy Church Family. This month of June we are studying the Feeding of the 5,000. One comment that I thought interesting was that Andrew found the small boy with his packed lunch, but he had no expectations of what Jesus would do with the boy or the small offering. Another interesting comment was that the young boy gave freely of his packed lunch. We really do have a lot to learn from children. This ties in so well with "Thy Kingdom Come" prayer campaign in which we are asked to pray for 5 friends.

All God's blessings Jane

Key to Service Leaders

AW Revd Alan White

GF Revd Geoffrey Fenton

JA Revd John Andrews

MK Marion Kaye

JH Jeremy Howell

SW Simon Le-Pine Williams

HF Hilda Flint

SS Steve Sheldon

JG Revd John Good

DW David Wittchell

TBA To be allocated

General Team News

From the Registers

Memorial Service Leusdon 26th April Simon Partridge

Dates for the Diary

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HOLNE REVEL 2018

Go Tell Alice are back for Holne's third Revel of the modern era on Saturday, July 28. This year the Revel will be an evening event and will include activities for younger

members of our community from 6pm. Book the date and get your advance ticket from the village shop at £7 to include hog roast or vegetarian option and your first drink from the bar. Entry is free and both food options are available at £7 (food only) on the night. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors we have our fantastic new marquee so - if it chucks it down again this year we've got it covered!

If you need further information or can contribute in any way please give us a call (Suzy 01364 631235 or Carol 01364 631044).

Community News and Events

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Hot Club du Square – Jazz standards from the 30s & 40s
with Peter Shields and James Goodwin

Zena Ahmed – a talented young musician and composer from Exeter

Busk Don't Beg – a duo raising awareness for homeless and vulnerable people. Blues / folk / Rap

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We have various volunteering opportunities available and are looking for volunteers from all walks of life.

In particular we wish to train more advisers to expand our telephone and digital service and explore more ways of improving our service in the rural parts of Devon. We currently have offices in Barnstaple, Bideford, Crediton, Okehampton, Tavistock and Tiverton.

If you can commit to a few hours a week and want to try something new then come and volunteer with us.

We will give you all the training you need as well as support from a trained supervisor and pay travel expenses.

We are also looking to recruit new Trustees to join our Trustee Board. Being a Trustee is a rewarding role and offers the opportunity to contribute to your local community.

Our volunteer Trustees are responsible for setting the overall strategic direction and development of the charity, for governance and financial controls and for establishing an effective fundraising strategy.

We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds who can bring different skills, experience and perspectives to strengthen our Board. In particular, we are keen to hear from people with legal, fundraising or Marketing/PR experience.

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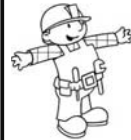


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Everything Christians believe about the sanctity of life follows on from this. And the most wonderful of those facts is a belief that God knows every human individually - from the baby that lives only a few tragic minutes to the great-grandfather who celebrates his hundredth birthday. Christians also believe that God has a total and unconditional love for every human. (This is exhilarating but also challenging, because it means he must have loved Hitler as much as he loved Saint Francis of Assisi). It means that God loves you, wherever in the world you are reading this right now.

Several things follow logically from this:

Human life is very precious. In Christian ethics all humans should treat all humans with total respect. Admittedly we are not very good at this, but that is what God has asked of us.

Humans need to respect themselves. That means Christians try to do something worthwhile with their lives. For almost all Christians it means they try not to throw their one beautiful life away by viciously abusing drugs, alcohol, tobacco and so on.

Humans need to respect others. Out of this has come the laws that have made the UK civilised - about murder, the death penalty, abortion, euthanasia, contraception, embryo experimentation and so on. All these are controversial and Christians don't agree. However, they try to have their debates about it in the context of seeking God's best for humankind.

Human life has absolute dignity. Perhaps the most important belief of all is that God himself has inhabited a human body and so he has conferred utter dignity on human flesh. Christians believe that in Jesus God himself was walking and talking on this planet.

Find out more about Christianity at www.christianity.org.uk



DARTMOOR RESONANCE MUSIC FESTIVAL

16-24 JUNE 2018

a musical evocation and journey through time marking the 20th anniversary of The Dartmoor Society

Reg. Charity 1111066 www.dartmoorsociety.com
(info@dartmoorsociety.com)

The Dartmoor Resonance Music Festival, marking the 20th anniversary of the Dartmoor Society, is a 9-day Midsummer live music festival, using a wide variety of venues, events and partners, to celebrate the remarkable diversity of composers and performers of sacred and secular music, from prehistory to the present day, all inspired by Dartmoor. This rich cultural thread, which has not been explored collectively before, is a significant contribution to a sense of place, both old and new, reaching out to communities on Dartmoor, in Britain and beyond. Several pieces of new music will have their world premieres. A special Festival booklet *Dartmoor Resonance & the Story of Dartmoor Music* will be available. Ticketing details can be found on <https://www.dartmoorsociety.com/drmf>.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Sunday 17 June 2018

'SONGWAYS OF DARTMOOR' (CAROLYN HILLYER, NIGEL SHAW & DANIELLE EARP)

A 9-mile moorland pilgrimage walk from Postbridge-Gidleigh, with pack ponies + minstrels, with a theme of ancient music, travelling by stone circles etc. 8am-9pm. New songs and music created. Free (donations asked for).

Register with info@seventhwavemusic.co.uk

Tuesday 19 June 2018

'DARTMOOR RESONANCE': SACRED MUSIC FROM THE 15TH & 17TH CENTURIES sung by **VOCES**, Director: **MARTYN WARREN**

Buckfast Abbey, 7.30pm

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- Richard Davy (c.1465-1507, based at Ashburton for four years or so):
- Sir Thomas Packe (at Exeter Cathedral during the 1490s)
- Matthew Locke, Exeter (c.1621-1677)
- John Trouluffe (d.1474 - livings in Cornwall, and probably based in Exeter)
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For more information and purchase of tickets visit www.dartmoorsociety.com

Rainfall in March 2018

Place	Total Rainfall	Days with-out rain	Wettest days
Widcombe	165.9 mm	8	2nd 38.8mm
			27th 17.0mm
			18th 16.9mm
Postbridge	160.3 mm (6.3")	8	1st 1.5"
	(April 2017 - 42.7 mm (1.7"))		17th 0.9"
Holne	164.4 mm (6.47")		1st 48.2mm



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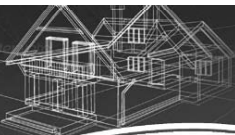
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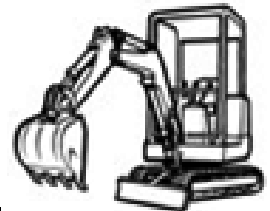
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Church Services - see Page 6 for details www.holnechurch.org

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
3rd June	10.30	Joe	Nicky
10th June	NO SERVICE TODAY		Judy
17th June	10.30	Georgina	Marion
24th May	10.30	Judy	Hannah

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Note: A litany is a type of repetitive prayer that is recited in a list format. Though not all religions use the term litany, most religions use forms of prayer involving repetitive lists or chants, as a means of achieving deepened spiritual states.

Thank you!

I never fail to be delighted and sometimes surprised, by the generosity of people. Most rural churches place some reliance on the donations they receive from visitors to supplement the gifts of the congregation. In the last two months we have received individual donations of £50 and £30 from visitors. Fortunately, they put their money in Gift Aid envelopes, so I was able to write to thank them. Generosity comes in all forms so thank you to those who are generous of spirit as well as in their financial giving.

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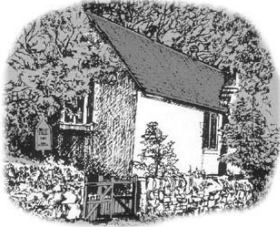
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Litany to St. Raphael the Archangel

Continuing the theme from last month, I have found a different type of prayer to St. Raphael.

God, have mercy on us.

God, graciously hear us.

By the prayers and intercession of the Archangel Raphael,

Help us, O Lord, our God.

Saint Raphael, pray for us.

Saint Raphael, filled with the mercy of God, pray for us.

Saint Raphael, exterminator of vices and addictions, pray for us.

Saint Raphael, health of the sick, pray for us.

Saint Raphael, our refuge in all our trials, pray for us.

Saint Raphael, guide of travellers, pray for us.

Saint Raphael, joy of the sorrowful, pray for us.

Saint Raphael, comfort of prisoners, pray for us.

Saint Raphael, filled with zeal for the salvation of souls, pray for us.

Saint Raphael, whose name means "God heals", pray for us.

Saint Raphael, lover of purity, pray for us.

Saint Raphael, in poverty, hunger and illness, pray for us.

Saint Raphael, in times of danger, war and unrest, pray for us.

Saint Raphael, when we are tempted or uncertain, pray for us.

Saint Raphael, angel of peace and prosperity, pray for us.

Saint Raphael, endowed with the grace of healing, pray for us.

Saint Raphael, guide in the paths of virtue, pray for us.

Saint Raphael, help of all those who ask your assistance, pray for us.

Saint Raphael, guide of Tobias on his journey, pray for us.

Saint Raphael, "the holy angel of the Lord", pray for us.

Saint Raphael, whom Scriptures say "was sent to cure", pray for us.

Saint Raphael, our advocate, pray for us.

Pray for us, Saint Raphael, to the Lord Our God,

That we may be made worthy of God's help in this life,

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We ask you this in the Holy Name of our loving God. Amen

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- Deadhead flowers
- Plant hanging baskets
- Plant out runner beans & toms
- & above all else, enjoy your garden!

Andy



St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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Church Services - see Page 6 for details

Date	Time	Reader	Teas	Flowers - Altar	Windows
June 3rd	16.00	Norma	-	Shan	Norma
June 10th	12.00	Peter	Norma	Diana	Penny/Norma
June 17th	12.00	Shan	Liz	Diana	Penny/Norma
June 24th	12.00	Patrick	Shan	Jane	Nicky

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

At the Annual Vestry meeting in April when churchwardens are elected, Patrick Simpson of Spitchwick Manor was elected in place of Mrs Shan Palmes who stood down after serving for six years. Geoff Bamsey was re-elected to the other vacancy.

The two churchwardens were admitted to the office of churchwarden by the Archdeacon's Court at Moretonhampstead church on 9th May.

Coffee Morning and Stalls

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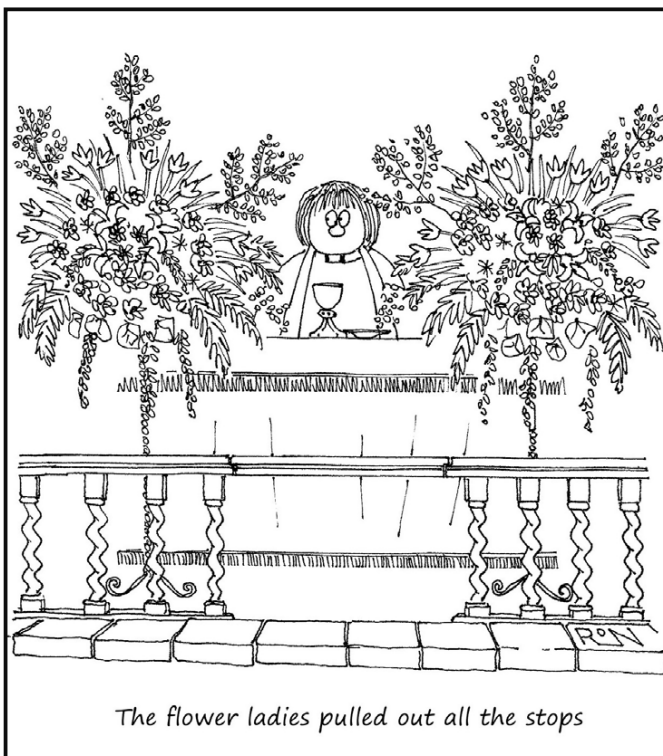
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Leusdon Memorial Hall Update

The Coffee Morning in May raised £158.60.

You keep us supplied with lots of bric-a-brac that helps us make lots of money for the Hall. Many thanks.

Our next Coffee Morning will be a special **PLANT SALE** on 6th June, 10 to 12

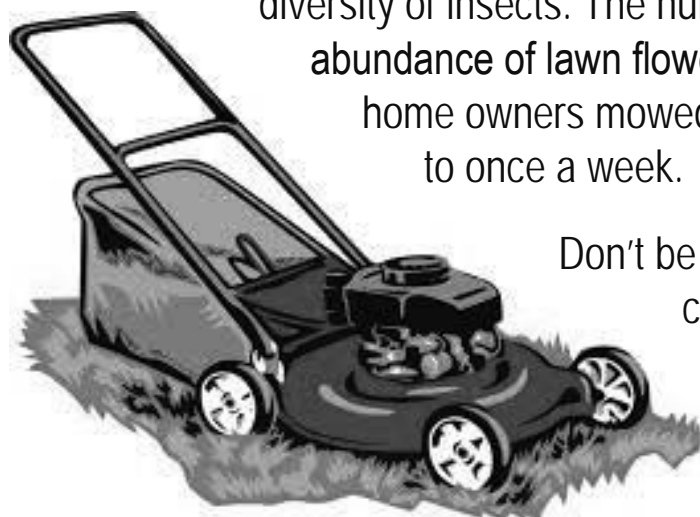
Donation of plants will be welcome. See you there.



No need to cut the grass weekly

How often should you cut your grass? That depends on how much you want to help the bees. It seems that the ideal 'gap' is two weeks. This helps improve the habitat for the pollinating plants that need bees to survive. Cutting the grass more often than every 14 days destroys dandelions and clover and other plants which the insects need for pollen.

Two weeks is ideal – it gives time for the grass to attract a greater diversity of insects. The number of bee species and the abundance of lawn flowers were up to 2.5 times higher when home owners mowed lawns every two weeks compared to once a week.



Don't be a martyr, though – as three-weekly cuts are also not recommended. The high grass then makes it more difficult for bees and other insects to access flowers.

Dartmoor Forest Parish Council – Extracts April 2018



Parish Clerk: Steve Cox. **Telephone:** 01822 258549

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

Annual Parish Meeting a successful meeting was held on 10th May when Jim McNeil, polar explorer and founder of Princetown's newest business, Ice Warrior gave an update on his project. Jim's experience includes working on BBC's acclaimed Blue Planet as safety advisor and has led and supplied many polar expeditions. He is currently organising his next major expedition; the Last Pole Expedition – The Last World First & "Crucial" Science to the Inaccessible North Pole. This will investigate the affects of global warming on the Artic ice caps. In addition, the Council received written reports from the many civic and community organisations active in the parish. The Parish Council would like to thank all contributors and organisations who so enrich our community.

Public Payphone – Woodville Avenue, Princetown Council agreed to adopt the soon to be redundant phone box and investigate the use of it as some form of micro exhibition centre, potentially telling something of the men remembered on Princetown War memorial. This has been discussed with Parishscapes, part of the Moor than Meets the Eye project, which is focused on the heritage and history of the moorland communities, who have offered support to the project.

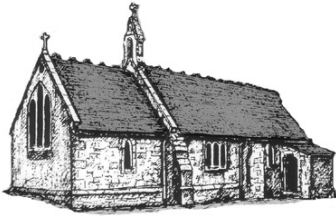
Princetown Play Park – Phase 4 early, exploratory discussions have started on the largest and most ambitious part of the parish council's plans for the play area in Princetown, the proposal for a skate park. Although it should be stressed this is at a very early stage and funding and permissions will need to be sought. The council and the Duchy of Cornwall have identified a potential site and discussions started with contractors to understand how much money is required.

Planning – the council is consulted by the planning authority DNPA on all applications. 16 have been reviewed by the council since January. The process almost always includes a site visit by at least two councillors, who then report back to the full council, who also listen to any representations by members of the public, before making a decision to Support, Object or Make No Objection to an application. The council have also commented on the Dartmoor Local Plan being developed by DNPA.

Minutes of Parish Council Meetings. These are available to view at <http://www.dartmoorforestpc.net/2017.html>

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be 19:30 on Thursday 28 June at St Raphael's, Huccaby and then 19:30 on Thursday 26 July at Princetown Community Centre. Members of the public are welcome and may speak during the public sessions. The agenda will be published at <http://www.dartmoorforestpc.net/next-meetings-agenda.html>





St Gabriel, Postbridge

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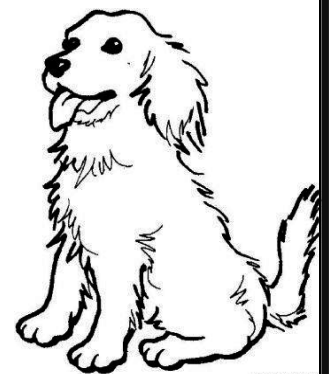
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We have many exciting things happening within our Institute this coming year, so come and check us out.

Our last meeting was fantastic. Our booked speaker was unable to attend so a replacement speaker was sought by St Luke's for us. Roger Mechan came and spoke about his walks for St Luke's and Help for Heroes. He has walked some 2,300 miles in 8 years raising over £43,000 for the charities. The walks have taken him from St. Jean-de-Pont to Santiago de Compostella, coupled with some amusing tales he kept us enthralled for an hour, we could have listened to him all night. But always at the back of our minds was the reason he does this. So generous and kind. Thank you Roger from us all at High Moorland.

In June our meeting takes us out for our guided walk around Tavistock with historian and walk guide Andrew Thompson. 6.15pm under the arch by the museum in Tavistock on Wed 6th June.

If you would like to know more about 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.

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Widecombe Village Hall Steering Group (WVHSG) has been working with David Wilson Architects to draw up outline plans for the proposed new hall for consideration in the feasibility study report. Another public meeting will be held in the summer to discuss the recommendations and a decision can then be made about whether or not to proceed with the project.

Public support has continued at a couple of recent events – a Quiz & Supper night and raffle at the Ruggle Regatta. Thanks to everyone who has been involved.

Application forms for membership (£5 individual / £10 family) can be obtained from Widecombe Post Office, on our website or by emailing us using the address below.

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North Hall Manor Archaeological Excavations. July 2018.

Having secured additional funding from Dartmoor National Park's "Moor than Meets the Eye" HLF project, archaeologists will again be continuing the excavation of the "lost" medieval manor of North Hall in Widecombe.

The dig is hoping to unearth further artefacts and remains of the former manor complex. Past excavations have revealed timber structures, stone buildings, a defensive earthworks, as well as medieval pottery; some of which was imported from C12th France and Islamic Spain!

The project will run from Monday 9th July until Saturday 21st July, which is also the free open day at which there will site tours and numerous activities. The success of the excavation relies entirely on local volunteers and the site also draws a very good number of amateurs keen to get involved. If you would like to join in with the excavation please email Andy Crabb, Dartmoor National Park archaeologist at acrabb@dartmoor.gov.uk.



St Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

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Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
June 3rd	10.30	D Nosworthy	S Eveleigh	Val Tame
June 10th	10.30	Clare Born	Kris and Peter Blood	M-L Matson
June 17th	10.30	Ronnie Constant	D Nosworthy/B Hicks	Wedding
June 24th	10.30	Beth Fenton	V & R Casey	D Dracup

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with Brian Portch

June 6th The Joy of Archives
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June 14th Self-drive visit to
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Church House Management

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To book the Hall please contact Rose Mortimore 01364 631238.

Rates of Hire (Local Events)

Daytime £3.50 per hour Evenings £5.00 per hour

All Day £20.00

These rates are for local non commercial events only. For other rates please ask the bookings secretary.

Payment by cheque is preferred. Cheques to be made payable to Widcombe Church House Fund and sent to Sarah Reeve, Bonehill Cottage, Bonehill Lane, Widcombe-in-the-Moor, TQ13 7TD

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

Hush

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. 'You're not supposed to talk out loud in church,' she said.



'Why? Who's going to stop me?' Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, 'See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers.'



Dunstone & Poundsgate Methodist Chapels

Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369

Church contacts: Nigel Davis (01364) 631476 or Serena Walcot (01364) 631279

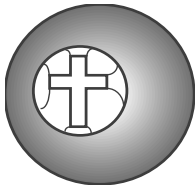
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The services for **the month** are as follows :

Every Sunday 9am Breakfast and Worship at Dunstone Chapel

First Sunday in Month 3pm Service at Poundsgate Chapel

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day by day.**

Charles Kingsley

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