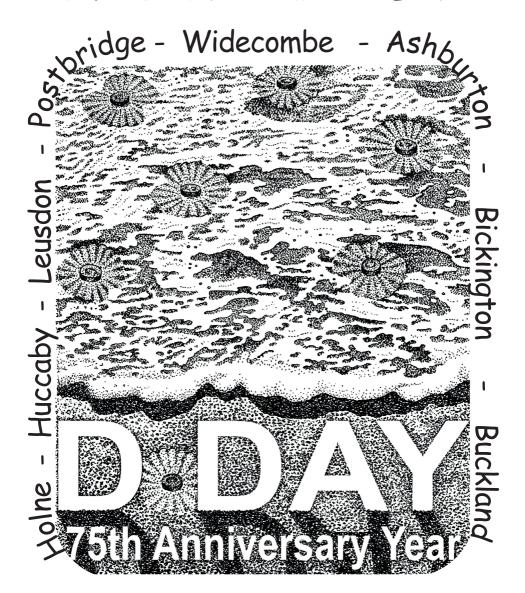
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Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

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The Parish Letter

We will remember them

The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month: last year, the Centenary of the ending of WW1, Remembrance Day fell on a Sunday. This year Remembrance Sunday is 10th November. Thousands of people will continue to gather at cenotaphs and in churches up and down this land to remember with thanksgiving those who gave their lives in the two Great Wars to preserve freedom in Europe and the world. We will remember how an evil regime that exterminated six million Jews was defeated. We will also pray for those countries and people still involved in conflicts today.

I will be remembering my father who, as a young captain in the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, was ordered to lead his group of men across a ploughed field in northern France toward the enemy line. Unfortunately, the area was still lit up by flares, discharged to assist the RAF in bombing enemy positions prior to the infantry attack, and most of my father's group was shot down by machine gun fire. My father was 'lucky' in that he was wounded, picked up by the Red Cross after the battle and then stitched up in a field hospital. My childhood memories are of his mackintosh and jacket pockets full of 'bisodol tablets' and his difficulties with digestion – not surprising, I suppose, when half his stomach had been removed. On 10th November we will remember all those who made sacrifices to ensure a just and peaceful world and still do today.

At the beginning of this month, many churches hold Memorial Services around All Saints and All Souls Day to remember those who have gone before us yet who are very much alive. We will in the Ashburton and Moorland Team – please check the service times in this magazine. I still keenly miss my mother who died over 7 years ago. Memory is a special gift. It connects us with people and events which are no longer present to us. Someone we love dies and we feel a desperate need to be connected with them. I keep thinking of things I want to tell my mother and then am painfully aware that she is no longer here. Memory helps us but it can work overtime. A cloud of grief descends. Grief is not bad – good and necessary – but it can be very painful especially when the loss is so great we are tempted to suppress it. Memory, however, makes this almost impossible – it continually confronts us with our loss. It stirs up things so that we are tempted to try and block out our memories. But to forget the ones we love is to do them a great injustice. I sense that we all have a longing not just to belong but also to be remembered. To be forgotten is to be treated as if we never

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Church News & Event

Church News & Events

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existed. I wonder whether what people fear is not so much death as being forgotten?

Jesus also wanted to be remembered. In his love for us he left a significant way of remembering him, namely, Holy Communion. 'Do this', he said, 'in remembrance of me'. The wonderful thing is that when we re-member him in this way he actually becomes present to us. We are the Body of Christ

If we love someone, there is no reason why their memory should rise up like a ghost to haunt us. Rather, it may be like the visit of a friend who comes to us with gifts. Memory fills our life with their presence. It can help us let go of negative feelings like anger and guilt. In their place can come a flood of memories to cherish. Memories, like good wine, improve with time. One of the ways of repaying the debt we owe the departed is not to forget.

This November we can celebrate the reality that, living and departed, we are all children of God's family. If our loved ones are close to God then they are also close to us because, by his Spirit, God is very near. We will remember them.

+ Mark

From the Registers

Baptism	Postbridge	8th September	Daisy Grace Routley
Funeral	Leusdon	25th September	Rosemary Ann Simpson
Funeral	Widecombe	26th September	Helen Deborah Gay
Funeral	Widecombe	11th October	Patrick Wrayford Coaker

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- · Tie in climbers · Plant tulips & bare rooted roses
- · Press on with winter digging
- · Start pruning Apple & Pear trees
- · Mulch pruned fruit trees

Team Administrator

Charlotte Wilson-Rowlands has been with us since the end of July as our Team Administrator. Unfortunately, this has not worked out, in large part, due to the significant commute from Plymouth to Ashburton. Charlotte has found another position closer to home which will work better for her and her family. Her last day in post will be Friday 1st November. I would like to thank Charlotte for her dedication and enthusiasm during her short time in post and wish her well for the future. In due course, we will be looking for someone new to fill the Team Administrator post.

Mark



Following our successful launch, here are the next dates

An hour of quiet reflection

Postbridge Church

Tuesday 5th November at 7.30pm

Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm

with

Candlelight Warm church Silence Taize music A few readings

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Next Messy Church

Thursday 14th November 3.30pm

St Andrew's Church Hall

What a lovely time we had at Messy Church in October! It was good to see some new faces, wonderful to see some 'regulars' and wonderfully unusual to have more older children than younger attending.

Our theme was taken from the Old Testament story of Joseph, who was Jacob's favourite son and who was known to be able to interpret dreams given to people by God. We learnt about the ups and downs of Joseph's life and how he went from being a favoured, pampered child who was hated by his own brothers, to being sold into slavery. And as if being a slave wasn't bad enough, he was then thrown into prison on trumped up charges!

But Joseph kept his eyes on God; he kept praying and stayed faithful. Joseph's reputation as a dream interpreter was so good that eventually he was set free from prison and was made Leader of Egypt. Then, at the end of the story, Joseph was reunited with his family and Pharaoh gave them the best place to live in the land.

The story of Joseph teaches us so many things about humbleness, faithfulness and forgiveness but above all, it teaches us that no matter bad life can get, no matter how life's events can grind us down we can be sure that God is always with us, and when the time is right, He will bless us and use us to bless others.

We used a wide range of crafts to help us understand the story - decorating gingerbread men with colourful sweets; creating doubled-sided Joseph puppets; making Pharoah collars (which were truly spectacular); creating an adult-sized Joseph coat, and making our own snakes and ladders games to show how sometimes life goes up, and sometimes life goes down.

Many thanks as ever go to the fantastic team who help to prepare all the activities - and our next Messy Church will be in on Thursday November 14th. See you there!

Heidi

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Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
3rd November	10.30	Joe	Katie T
10th November	10.50	Gillian	Hannah
17th November	09.00	At Huccaby	Hannah
24th November	10.30	Benefice Service Postbridge	Georgina

Holne Garden Group

On November 20th we are having one of the famous Holne soup lunches, all to ourselves in the Holne Village Hall at 12:30. Afterwards we will hear a talk by our speaker Clare Densley (Bee Department Manager at Buckfast Abbey) on "Gardening for bees"

No coach - this is one where we provide our own transport. If anyone needs a lift contact Gill Gray or Judy Le Marchant to co-ordinate car shares.

For more details, to join the group and to book outings, contact::

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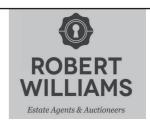
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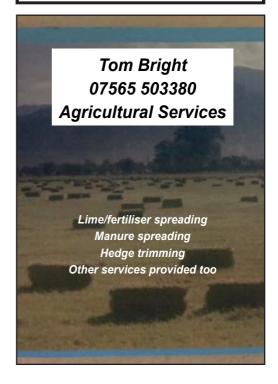
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St Raphael, Huccaby

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Giving thanks

The season for harvest festivals has now gone. Like the rest of our Benefice Churches we celebrated with our local community, which at St. Raphael's included an appropriately dressed Clydesdale horse. Thank you to Tim and Aileen for bringing Tom Parker along again. Thank you also to Mark for conducting the thought- provoking service around our stewardship of God's creation, and Pam for playing the keyboard.

Harvest Festival is a big thank you time: a time of year when in the past, everyone relied on local farmers or their own patch and were thankful for the food that the earth provided, and to God for taking care of them.

Today, for most of us, food comes already picked and packed from a supermarket or the delivery van, not our own fields – so perhaps it's even more important to remember that our food comes from God's creation, and to thank God and everyone who harvests and prepares it for us.

And now the time for Remembrance and 'remembering' is upon us. National and local events for Remembrance can spark within most of us personal emotions and big questions about death and grief. It has always been difficult to have conversations around death, dying and funerals, even more so when it becomes personal.

For centuries our local churches and chapels have been well placed to hold, both literally and metaphorically, people's experience and thoughts around dying, death, funerals and bereavement. Pastorally, in this Benefice we are there for people as they face death and there for them as they plan funerals and grieve.

In October a Memorial Service was held at St. Mary the Virgin, Holne for anyone who wanted to take the opportunity to specially remember a member of the family of a friend.

Perhaps like harvest festivals, remembrance and remembering, can help individuals and families think about how gratitude should be lifelong - as part of a continuing journey of faith.

Looking Ahead

This year we are holding our Carol Service on Friday 20th December at 6pm.

There will be mulled wine and mince pies after the service, and we hope that many people will be able to join us in this wonderful start to the Christmas period.

If you would like to read a lesson, we are always looking for volunteers, so please let us know. (Churchwarden contact details at front of magazine).

Gillian

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

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3rd November	16.00	Norma	-	Nicky	Jane
10th November	10.30	TBC	-	Remembrance	
17th November	12.00	Geoff	Liz	Remembrance	
24th November	10.30	Benefice Service	Postbridge		

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Wednesday 6th November

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Whist Drive Dates

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Leusdon Memorial Hall Update

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5th November A Tale of a Settlement with Richard Sandover

3rd December AGM and Christmas Meeting

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Postbridge Whist Drives Held in the Village Hall

Tuesdays 12th & 26th November 2019 Start time - 7.30 pm

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

Contact: Jackie Gee, Bungalow 2,

Dartfordleigh, Postbridge, Yelverton, PL20 6TJ.

Tel: 01822 880224

Postbridge Coffee Mornings

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Monday 25 November at Village Hall Postbridge with Annie Smerdon & Jayne

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Church Services for November 2019

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Widecombe	10:30	All Saints and Souls	GF	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion BCP	JA
Holne	10:30	Parish Communion	AR	Ashburton	10:30	All Saints and Souls	MR + HL
Leusdon	16:00	All Saints and Souls	GF	Buckland	15:00	Evening Prayer	WW
				Bickington	16:00	All Saints and Souls	MR + HL
10th November	er	Third B	efore	Advent		Green	
Readings - Job	19:23-2	?7a; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 The	essalor	ians 2:1-5,	13-17; I	Luke 20:27-38	
Leusdon	10:30	Remembrance	JG	Ashburton	10:00	Remembrance (War Memorial)	MR+ JA
Widecombe	10:50	Remembrance	GF	Ashburton	10:45	Remembrance	MR+ JA
Holne	10:50	Remembrance	JH	Bickington	10:50	Remembrance	MK
Postbridge	18:00	Remembrance	GF	Buckland	15:00	Remembrance	MR
17th Novembe	er	Second B	efore	Advent		Green	
Readings - Mala	achi 4:1	-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessa	alonian	s 3:6-13; Lu	ke 21:5	i-19	
Huccaby	09:00	Holy Communion BCP	GF	Bickington	09:00	Parish Communion	MR
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	GF	Ashburton	10:30	Thanksgiving Eucharist	MR
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	GF	Buckland	15:00	Evening Prayer	MR
24th November	er	Chris	t The	King		Green	
Readings - Jeren	niah 23:	1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians			3-43		
Postbridge	10:30	Benefice Communion	All				
1st December		A	dvent	1		Purple	e
Readings - Isaiah	1 2:1-5;	Psalm 122; Romans 13:1	1-14; M	atthew 24:36	6-44		
Widecombe	08:00	Holy Communion BCP	GF	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion BCP	JA
Holne	10:30	Parish Communion	JG	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion BCP	MR
Widecombe	16:00	Christingle	GF	Ashburton	10:30	Portreeve	MR
				Buckland	15:00	Christingle + Baptism	MR

There is a service of

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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)

Mid-week Communion						
Wednesday 6th November	Ashburton	10.30	MR			
Wednesday 13th November	Ashburton	10.30	MR			
Wednesday 20th November	Ashburton	10.30	GF			
Wednesday 27th November	Ashburton	10.30	MR			
Wednesday 4th December	Ashburton	10.30	GF			

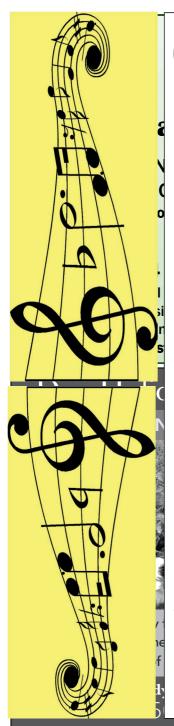
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Dates for the Diary

Nove	November			
1st	Holne Soup & Cheese Lunch	13		
2nd	Community Hall Open Day	29		
2nd	Scoriton Fireworks	35		
5th	Princetown History Club	19		
5th	Hour of Quiet Reflection	7		
6th	Widecombe History Group	27		
6th	Leusdon Coffee Morning & Stalls	17		

6th	High Moorland WI	23
7th	Widecombe Parish Council	
13th	Dunstone Charity Lunch	31
14th	Widecombe Ladies Social	27
16th	Yelverton Rotary Barn Dance	35
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We have many exciting things happening within our Institute during the next few months, so come and check us out

At our October meeting Jim McNeill presented a fascinating talk about polar expeditions and the founding of Ice Warrior Expeditions. Jim regaled us with stories of past expeditions accompanied by some beautiful photographs.

Members continue raising money for the 2019 Pensioners Christmas Lunch in Princetown and will be holding a Household Rummage sale on Saturday 2nd November.

On 6th November we will be trying our hand at felt work.

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

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For contact information, ministers and church officers see front of the Link

Church Services - see Page 20 for details

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
3rd November	10.30	Peter Blood	Kris & Peter	Poppies
10th November	10.50	Peter Dracup	Wendy Cruze	Poppies
17th November	10.30	Clare Born	Val & Richard	Miho
24th November	10.30	Benefice Service Postbridge		Miho

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Widdytots is our local toddler group for children from 0-3 years. It runs on a Friday from 1.30-3pm in the school hall; except on the 3rd Friday of the month when we join the preschool at Church House.

Widdytots is a relaxed, informal parent and toddler group where you can turn up and chat with other parents whilst your children play. We provide hot drinks for parents and snacks for the little ones. Everyone is welcome.

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Regular Bookings: Tuesday & Thursday: Tennis Adults (16+) 6.30 Under 16's with ability are welcome to these sessions with a parent who is also playing.

For 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.

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November Meeting

Thursday 14th November at 7.30 pm at the Church House, Widecombe

The speaker will be Jill Davies (formerly of Hannaford) on

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Admission £2 - Everyone Welcome
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Widecombe & District History Group

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

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This year's festival will be from Thursday 12th December until Friday 20th December.

Entries are free and welcomed from groups, organisations, families and individuals.

This year, as last year, we will be having a class especially for small trees as well as the usual classes for adults and children.



This year's theme is "**SEASONS**" which, as usual, can be interpreted any way you like!

Entry forms will be available from the Church, Widecombe Gifts and The Kiosk.



We will have a collection for charity during the festival, full details next month.

Help us to make a wonderful spectacle in the Church and a great start to the Christmas Celebrations.

More details from Mary in the Kiosk tel.07980312307 or Judy tel 01364 621520 or email judysouthcombe@yahoo.co.uk



Widecombe Community Hall CIO

Widecombe Community Hall CIO is holding an Open Day and everyone is welcome!

Saturday 2nd November Church House, Widecombe 10am - 2pm

Drop in to view our Community Hall design and planning application information, see how we're getting on & ask us any questions about the project.

Watch out for our newsletter dropping through your letterbox soon and find out why your support in the upcoming Parish Vote will be so important for the success of our community hall.

Date for your diary - Monday 30th December

Join Gail at 10am at Beltor Carpark to walk the final 4 tors in her 'All Tors Challenge' and celebrate with mince pies and mulled wine after finishing at Corndon Tor. 01364 631282 for more info.

www.widecombecommunityhall.org

Email: info@widecombecommunityhall.org

News from the East Shallowford Trust

With our very fortunate recent acquisition of Shallowford Ball – across the road from East Shallowford Farm – the Shallowford Trust have also acquired a vital link between two populations of the highly endangered Marsh Fritillary Butterfly – one of the rarest butterflies in Britain which has a stronghold on Dartmoor. We have asked the Butterfly Conservation Trust to advise us on the best way to ensure their future. The result has been a flutter of certified and recognised experts with whom it is a real privilege to work!!

These good people come with nods of agreement, clicking teeth, frowns of concern, but most importantly, extremely good advice! They visit about once a month, scouring the edges of the West Webburn to note the various stages of the Marsh Fritillary butterfly's cycle. Whether it is eggs on the underside of Devil's bit Scabious leaves harbouring batches of 300 perfect, yellow eggs in June or July, or the tender silk webs that protect the caterpillars in August. They can spot the extra thick webs that some caterpillars will now start building deep within the dense dark tussock grass. So clever are the caterpillars that they can survive the winter floods, but more importantly, they need the extra tussocky grass which grows stronger and more thickly once it is crunched by our very conservationally minded red and black cows.

The trick, we have learned is to listen to these good people, as they take a Sherlock Holmes stance, down on hands and knees to view, but not touch a deeply hidden web. Looking up from the pose, with brows still knotted, they have applauded swaling (burning) of the Ball. Years of neglect has left the Ball thick and impenetrable like some low level, dark twisted forest from Sleeping Beauty. Now the cows have worked their magic over the summer and the variety of plants on the ball has broadened and flourished.

However, the butterflies do need a little more help. For their survival we need to restore the bridleway to its original route to prevent them and the Devil's bit Scabious from being trampled. The bridleway is overgrown by bracken and boulder strewn but most importantly is away from the stronghold of the butterflies which is the flat and grassy river bank. With a work group, a tractor and chains and some volunteers (please) we will try soon to clear the bridleway. We also need to make new signs that are weatherproof and explain what we are about.

In the meantime, at the farm itself, we have groups coming over the winter with whom we will make swallow nesting and bat boxes. Our bat man tells us that the conversion from corrugated iron to slate roof is much preferred by our pipistrelle bats, whilst we will build some dark places for the swallows. Please let us know if you have any other thoughts........ Oh, and we need Dartmoor flower seeds for our new Devon banks if anyone has any, please.





Dunstone & Poundsgate Methodist Chapels

Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369 Church contacts: Nigel Davis (01364) 631476 or Serena Walcot (01364) 631279

Poundsgate and Dunstone Chapels

Every Sunday 9.00am Breakfast Worship at Dunstone Chapel, all

welcome

Sunday 3rd November 3.00pm All Saints/All Souls Service at Poundsgate

Tuesday 17th December 6.30pm Carol Service at Dunstone Chapel

Contact: 01364 631279 for more details

MONTHLY CHARITY LUNCH

The next lunch to be held at Dunstone chapel will be on **Wednesday 13th November**Do come and join us, we serve home cooked food from 12 noon until 3pm

News from Poundsgate Methodist Church

Both our events in October went really well. The Widecombe Singers' concert was a lovely community event, with a repertoire that perfectly suited an autumn Harvest celebration in a local chapel. Then, the Harvest Service itself was well supported, it being really interesting to hear about beekeeping at Buckfast Abbey from Clare Densley.

This month, as we have done for a few years, we are going to celebrate the season of All Souls and All Saints with a service in which we shall remember those who have gone before us, whose memory we treasure. I shall read out the names of those whose funeral services have taken place in our local Methodist Churches during 2019, and there will be the opportunity for everyone to light candles to remember the saints of their own lives. You are very welcome to come and join us for this service - at 3pm on Sunday 3rd November - whether or not you are able to make it, if you would like to have a loved one named, please let me know at hookekp@hotmail.com.

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Postbridge	231,7 mm (9.1").	9	23, 24 and 28th 40.64 mm (1.6")
	(September 2018		
Holne	237.5 mm (9.35")		28th 51.6 mm



Other Community News & Events

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Moorland Merrymakers 2019 Pantomime "Adrian - The Alternative Pantomime"

> Produced by Jo Hellier

Show nights will be on Monday 9th to Saturday 14th December inclusive 7.30pm start

A special matinee performance with priority booking for families will take place on Saturday 7th December at 5pm

The main ticket booking office opens 8am Friday 1st November. Please rina Caroline on 01364 652415 or email booking4merrymakers@amail.com Matinee tickets will be available in advance (families only) from 8am Friday 25th October.

Please 'chase' is you haven't had a response within 24 hours

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Refreshments will be available.

Fireworks follow after the refreshments, at about 8,30pm.

Come and join us for a fun evening Tickets £8.50

Numbers are limited, so book your tickets early by phoning Steph on 01364 631288

Yelverton Rotary Club

The success of the club's first Free August Craft & Sport Fun Day held on the airfield has encouraged the club to begin planning a repeat event for 2020. To help support and raise funds for this great cause the club will be holding a Barn Dance which will take place in Yelverton War Memorial Hall on 16th November at 7.30pm. In the past the Barn Dance has been a very enjoyable event, please get your tickets at £10 each to include food from Rotarian Pam Law pamelalaw@btinternet.com.

We will once again be taking Santa's Sleigh round Princetown (10th December) and Horrabridge (18th December) and making our usual collections at Tesco and the Yelverton shops. These collections are an important source of income, allowing us to support many local charities and organisations.



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Clearly the Editor will have to judge on the appropriateness of the story for publication – sadly some of the best stories probably aren't! But why keep them to yourself? Share them with our community, and raise a smile or a tear.

This is your magazine - make the most of it!

Peter, Geoffrey, Tony, Susan, Daf and David

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