

Moorland Parish Link



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Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

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Making room for the next new thing

It's September: a time for new beginnings. A new academic year for many marks the start of a new season for many people - new teachers, new schools, new friends, new subjects, new interests, hobbies and clubs. For some, it will mean the first steps into university level study, starting into adulthood and independence. For others, it will mean beginning a new job with new colleagues and responsibilities. For still others, this may even be their first year of retirement.

Nervous, hopeful, excited, apprehensive and expectant - the range of emotions experienced at times like these are wide and complex.

But for every new beginning in our lives there has to have been an ending. To start a new school, a new job, or move house we have to be prepared to leave the old versions behind. And frequently it can be challenging to leave the familiarity of friends and colleagues, the comfortable knowledge of knowing where things are and how 'it' all works. Often our own idea of who we are as a person is wrapped up with our identity within a social group, or in our profession, or in what 'we do'. To leave established things behind can be daunting and scary. But frequently, the old has to be set aside to make room for the new.

As Christians we can have confidence in the belief that God is with us on this walk through life and that when we have decisions to be made His spirit is there, guiding us. That doesn't mean we shouldn't feel nervous or be careful, but it does mean we can feel confident that He's got our back and will show us in which direction our next steps should take. The bible is full of examples of new beginnings and stories of how God moved in those moments when people were willing to set aside their old attitudes and ways of doing things.

Let's pray that this September our own lives can be added to the endless examples of God-led new beginnings!

Heidi

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Church News & Events



Monthly Monday Morning Bible Discussion group



Come and join us at 4 Buckfast Close, Buckfast

**Starting on Monday 2nd September
10.15 for 10.30 until 12 noon**

(October meeting on Monday October 7th)



We shall look at the Book of Jonah, the reluctant prophet. Jonah has much to teach us about our relationship with God and others, even if we struggle with 'that fish'!



Come and join us. We are a very friendly group, Refreshments provided.

More information - please contact Marion Kaye 01364 643330 or email marion@marionkaye.com

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Tuesdays, 7.30-9pm

St Andrew's Church Hall, Ashburton

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Led by Mark Rylands

Team Rector

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Marriage	Huccaby	8th August	Ashley Cairns Barnes & Eleanor Frances Carr-Archer

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- Cover ponds with netting
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- Move evergreens
- Prune climbing roses
- Plant and/or divide perennials
- Plant spring bulbs in grass

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Family Service

Sunday September 1st

10.30pm

Messy Church

Thurs 12th 3.30pm

**St Andrew's Church
Hall**

September 15th

Sunday

Moor Church

2pm Church Hall

Carpark

FunSize

September 22nd 4pm

TBC

September 29th

Breakfast @ 9am

St Andrew's Hall

Contact Jane 654 067

Next Messy Church

Thursday 12th September 3.30pm

St Andrew's Church Hall

On August 8th the weather broke in Ashburton. We had all become so accustomed to hot pleasant weather, so we planned a trip to Saddle Tor. As the morning progressed, I thought the weather forecast was going to be right and the sun would come out at 2pm. At 1pm I drove up to Saddle Tor and found it covered with cloud, very wet and sight limited to 15 feet. So, no picnic on the moor. Returning to the carpark I found two



families gathering. We were all game for fun in the rain and went to the recreation ground. Games followed with balls, running, acting, remembering names and what makes us Christian. As we walked back to the Church Hall we diverted into the Church and had a treasure hunt.

In the Church Hall we shared our picnics and some of the adults danced and the children giggled and joined in with the songs. So, despite the weather we had a great afternoon and learnt a little more about how to be part of a Christian family.

The Moor Church this month will be on September 15th meet at 2pm in The Carpark. Please phone Kevin for more information on 07772 571 647.

At the time of writing this article FunSize at 4pm on the 22nd has not been confirmed but please watch out for adverts.

In September's Messy Church we will be making balloon cars!! To be part of God's family we need to join together and listen to each other and learn from the Bible. I look forward to the 9th year of Messy Church and exploring the Bible together. All God's blessing to you and your families. Jane

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St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
1st September	10.30	Joe Croy	Georgina
8th September	18.00	Georgina Mackie	Geogina
15th September	09.00	At Huccaby	Hannah
22th September	18.00	Ann Rowland/Judy Henderson	Hannah
29th September		Benefice Service	Ann R

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Holne Garden Group


On September 18th we will be visiting Great Ambrook Italian Garden & Bradley Manor (NT), with Fermoy's Garden Centre in between for lunch. The Italian Gardens are promising to every bit as exciting as Heligan and we will have a guided tour of the early discoveries and restoration work.

Travel by coach, start time Buckfastleigh, Woodholme car park 9:45, Holne, Church House Inn, 10:00, Ashburton, Dartmoor Lodge, 10:15.

For more details, to join the group and to book outings, contact::
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The PCC are very grateful to Carol who, understandably after all this time, would like to hand on this task. Ideally we would like two or more people willing to commit 10 minutes a day on a rota basis for this role.

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St Raphael, Huccaby

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Weddings and beyond...

On 3rd August, Geoffrey baptised Phoenix Grace Ferros-McMellon at St. Raphael's. What was special about this was that Phoenix's parents, Lara and Bingo were married in the Chapel two years ago and travelled from Essex just for the baptismal service.

They were joined by two friends and a Norwegian gentleman who had just called in at St. Raphael's for a look round. It appears that everyone enjoyed the event!

The following week, on 8th August, Ashley Barnes and Eleanor Carr-Archer celebrated their marriage with the service being conducted by Mark. It was a typical Dartmoor day with a bit of drizzle, but the weather was dry long enough for photographs to be taken outside.

Thank you to Annie Way who arranged the flowers for the wedding. As always, the display comprising flowers from various gardens in the area, was just right for the occasion.

Final reminder - Devon Historic Churches Day - September 14th 2019

We are still looking for people who would like to raise some money for St. Raphael's and for the Devon Historic Churches Trust by getting sponsorship to ride, cycle, walk or drive and visit churches in this area. Posters and other information are available so please contact the Churchwardens.

Many churches are supporting the event and will be providing refreshments or conducting other fund-raising activities. There will be refreshments available during the day at St. Raphael's so we hope you will call in and see us.

Harvest Festival

This celebration which will be held at the later time of 4pm on 22nd October, seems to come around more quickly every year. As usual, any donations of fresh produce and dried or tinned goods will be welcome.

Fresh produce will be sold in aid of the Farming Community Network and other goods donated to the Ashburton Food Bank.

We look forward to welcoming everyone and enjoying a cream tea after the service.

Gillian



The Secret Life of Dartmoor Birds: Science for Survival?

Ashburton Arts Centre on Saturday 12th October.

What birds are found on Dartmoor and what measures are being taken to protect them? Come along to this event, hosted by the Dartmoor Society where scientists and enthusiasts will present their current research and ideas.

The Dartmoor Society is a charity whose aim is to safeguard the essential qualities of Dartmoor. Each year we hold a debate to look closely at some aspect of Dartmoor life or in this case its wildlife. ***The Secret Life of Dartmoor Birds*** will be held in Ashburton, in the marvellous former Methodist church, now the Arts Centre; a listed building with a grand entrance and a curved balcony and a perfect place to hold such an important day in the Dartmoor Society calendar.

In the Chair is Alison Kohler, Director of Conservation and Communities at Dartmoor National Park. All the speakers work on Dartmoor and are passionate about its ecology and its birdlife. Some names may well be familiar to Moorland Link readers as long standing residents of Dartmoor and members of its birding and wildlife community.

Fiona Freshney, Dartmoor Moorland Bird Advisor
Mark Lawrence, B.T.O. Nest Recorder and Ringer
Charles Tyler, Professor of Environmental Biology at the University of Exeter
Malcolm Burgess, Senior RSPB Conservation Scientist
John Walters, Field Naturalist, Wildlife Artist and Author
Naomi Oakley, Dartmoor Farmer, Environmentalist and advisor to Natural England
Peter Reay, Devon Local Organiser for the Wetland Bird Survey
Sara Zonneveld, Ecologist at the University of Exeter

This day long event includes a delicious buffet lunch and afternoon tea/coffee and cake and all for the modest cost of £20. For full details and to book online, (by 7th October please) see the Dartmoor Society website www.dartmoorsociety.com or phone Caya Edwards 07971 916662

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St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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Date	Time	Reader	Teas	Flowers - Altar	Windows
1st September	16.00	Norma	Norma	Diana	Penny/Norma
8th September	12.00	Geoff	Liz	Diana	Penny/Norma
15th September	12.00	Patrick	Lunch	All help please	All help please
22th September	12.00	Shan	Norma	All help please	All help please
29th September	10:30	T.B.D.	T.B.D.	Norma	Shan

Coffee Morning and Stalls



We hold our Coffee & Stalls on the first Wednesday of every month.

It is a great opportunity for a community to get together for a couple of hours, and buy our homemade preserves including Marmalade, Jam and Chutney. Also great selection of paperbacks for just 40p, puzzles, bric a brac and nearly new clothes. Raffle. Local meat stall from 'Meat Dartmoor'.

Wed 4th Sept.

10:00 - 12:00 Admission £1 (includes tea/coffee etc.)

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Whist Drive Dates

At Leusdon Memorial Hall
Mondays 9th & 23th September



Badminton Dates

Leusdon Memorial Hall at 7.30pm
Mondays 2nd, 16th and 30th Sept.
New players always welcome !



Leusdon Memorial Hall Update

August Coffee Morning made a wonderful £212-20p

Some good bargains were had. Keep the stuff coming.

Next Coffee Morning Wed 4th September

The next Norma's Afternoon Teas will be on

Friday 20th September, 2-30pm to 4-30pm

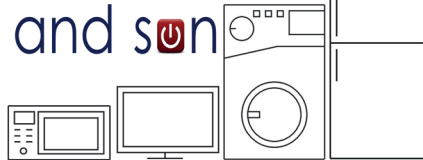
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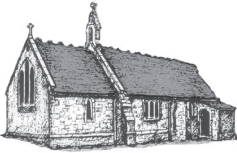
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**Tuesdays 3rd & 17th
in September 2019**

Start time - 7.30

Learners are especially welcome.
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Postbridge Coffee Mornings

*The next Coffee
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Church Services for September 2019

1st September				Trinity 11				Green			
<i>Readings - Ecclesiastes 10:12-18 ; Psalm 112; 1-12; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15, 16; Luke 14:1, 7-14</i>											
Widecombe	08:00	Holy Communion BCP	GF	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion BCP	MR				
Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion BCP	MR	Ashburton	10:30	Family Service	HL				
Holne	10:30	Parish Communion	CM	Widecombe	10:30	Thank You Service	GF				
Buckland	11:00	Animal Service	MR	Leusdon	16:00	Thank You Service	GF				
8th September				Trinity 12				Green			
<i>Readings - Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-12; Luke 14:25-33</i>											
Postbridge	09:00	Holy Communion BCP	GF	Bickington	09:00	Parish Communion	JG				
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	GF	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion	JG				
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	GF	Buckland	15:00	Evening Prayer	WW				
Holne	18:00	Evening Prayer	GF								
15th September				Trinity 13				Green			
<i>Readings - Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-11; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10</i>											
Huccaby	09:00	Holy Communion BCP	GF	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion	GF				
Bickington	10:30	Family Worship	SS	Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	JG				
Leusdon	12:00	Harvest	GF	Buckland	15:00	Holy Communion BCP	GF				
				Postbridge	18:00	Harvest	GF				
22th September				Trinity 14				Green			
<i>Readings - Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13</i>											
Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion BCP	MR	Ashburton	10:30	Harvest + Lunch	MR, KH				
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	GF	Buckland	15:00	Evening Prayer	WW				
Huccaby	16:00	Harvest	MR	Holne	18:00	Evening Worship	MR				
Widecombe	18:00	Harvest	GF								
29th September				Trinity 15				Green			
<i>Readings - Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31</i>											
Leusdon	10:30	Benefice Communion	ALL								
6th October				Trinity 16				Green			
Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion BCP	JA	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion BCP	MR				
Widecombe	10:30	Family Worship	GF	Ashburton	10:30	Service of Confirmation and Baptism	MR				
Holne	10:30	Parish Communion	AR	Buckland	15:00	Harvest	MR				
Luesdon	16:00	Evening Prayer	GF								

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Communion at home

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(see p.2 for contact details)

Mid-week Communion

Wednesday 4th September	Ashburton	10.30	JA
Wednesday 11th September	Ashburton	10.30	GF
Wednesday 18th September	Ashburton	10.30	JA
Wednesday 25th September	Ashburton	10.30	MR
Wednesday 2nd October	Ashburton	10.30	MR

Key to Service Leaders

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GF	Revd Geoffrey Fenton	SLW	Simon Le-Pine Williams	KH	Kevin Hooke
JG	Revd John Good	WW	William West	CM	Charles Masheder

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18th	Monthly Charity Lunch - Living Waters	30
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St Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

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

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Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
1st September	10.30	Dawn	Beth	Jenny Pascoe
8th September	10.30	Judy	Ann Murphy	Jenny Pascoe
15th September	10.30	John Born	Jenny Pascoe	Val Tame
22th September	10.30	Ronnie & Peter Blood	Harvest Festival Bring & Share	All to help please
29th September	10:30	Benefice at Leusdon		

Widecombe & District Ladies Social Club.....are holding a meeting on Thursday 12th September at 7.30p.m in the Church House. The speaker will be Syvan Dewing (local resident) who teaches at the RNID at Exeter.
 Entrance £2Draw.....Tea & Biscuits
 Phone Rose for more details.....631238....

WIDDYTOTS

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.

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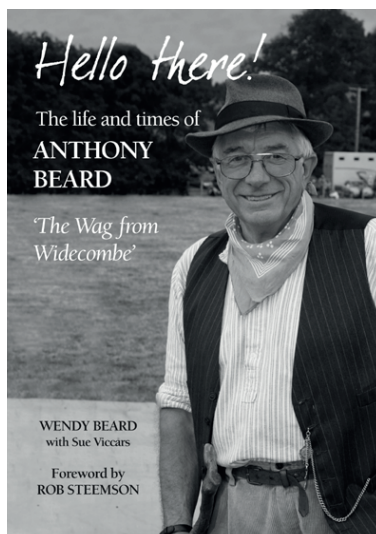
Your first session, and any when your child is under 6 months, are free and then from 6 months to 3 years it is £1.50 per child and 50p for siblings.

For more information please call the preschool on 01364 621 273, or find us on our Widdytots facebook page.



BOOK LAUNCH AT WIDECOMBE FAIR Tuesday 10 September

Anthony Beard was born at Bittleford Parks Farm in Widecombe-in-the-Moor in 1936, and lived in the parish his whole life. Known to thousands across Devon and beyond as 'Tony Beard, The Wag from Widecombe' and through his work on BBC Radio Devon he was, first and foremost, a farmer and family man, much loved throughout the county – and in his home parish in particular. This very personal book, written by his wife Wendy, contains black-and-white and colour photographs taken throughout his life as well as contributions from many of the individuals and organisations whose lives he touched. Most importantly, the book tells the story of Wendy's life with this very special and much-missed man.



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Widecombe News.

The Widecombe Fair Annual Dinner will be held at the Cafe on the Green on Friday 11th October, 7-30pm. Price £17. Get your tickets early as space is limited from Margaret. email phipps.m1@sky.com for a booking form.

Widecombe Fair

Pasty & Pint night for committee and helpers of the Fair will be on Friday 27th September in the Old Inn. please email phipps.m1@sky.com if you are coming.



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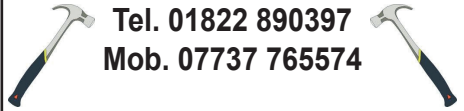
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For queries re tennis phone Di Cameron on 621218.

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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.

- Sept 4th** *Ancient Tracks*
- Michael Bennie
- Sept 23rd** *Self drive visit to*
Italian Gardens Ipplepen
- Oct 2nd** *Stover Canal - Roger Harding*

Contact :
Helen Barrow - helenagsec@gmail.com
or
Rosemary Mortimore - 01364 631238

Widcombe Fair - Tuesday 10th September 2019

Produce Show Schedule



Description		Description
VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS - LOCALLY GROWN		
- Hermon French Silver Salver		
1	Three coloured potatoes washed	<i>Get yourself ready !</i>
2	Three white potatoes washed	
3	Three onions, grown from sets	
4	Three carrots, trimmed and washed	CHILDREN'S CLASSES for
5	Three beetroot, trimmed and washed	TAME AND HUTCHINS CUPS
6	Six runner beans	ALL CLASSES 16 yrs and under
7	Longest runner bean	Please state your age
8	Any vegetable not mentioned in schedule	28 A home-made Greetings Card
9	Any squash or courgette	29 A pasta collage
10	A collection of 5 different vegetables, any variety	30 A garden on a plate
	in a standard veg box 12" x 16"	31 A lego model
11	Four tomatoes	32 Four decorated cup cakes
12	Four varieties of culinary herbs in a jar of water	33 A fun Mr Potato Head
13	A plate of berry fruit - one variety	
14	Three Dahlias	ART and CRAFT OPEN TO ALL
15	Single rose	Gordon Daw Memorial trophy
16	Single stem any flower	34 Arrangement of flowers and foliage in an
17	Pot plant - in flower or just foliage	unusual container
18	Vase of mixed flowers (9 stems, 3 of each variety)	35 A flower arrangement in a teacup
HOME PRODUCE - LOCAL ENTRANTS Rose Bowl Made to competitors own recipe		36 A flower arrangement not to exceed 30 ins in any dimension
19	Ginger cake	37 A home-made toy - any material
20	A savoury flan - ingredients of own choice	38 A pencil sketch
21	4 Cheese Scones	39 Painting - Any subject, any medium
22	A traditional Victoria sponge	40 A needlework item
23	Traditional Meat Pasty	41 A knitted, woven or crocheted article
24	A rustic brown loaf	42 Any craft work not mentioned in schedule
25	A pot of homemade jam	43 Made from wood!
26	A jar of homemade Chutney	44 A short poem
27	A bottle of homemade drink - beer/cider/wine/ cordial	45 A photograph - Dartmoor Wildlife

Further information from Mike Pascoe - pascoewooder@yahoo.co.uk

Phone : 01364 621333

WIDECOMBE FAIR PRODUCE - CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1.The Judges decision will be final in all cases.
- 2.Exhibitors may show all vegetables as they wish, trimmed or untrimmed unless stated in the schedule.
- 3.Only one entry per exhibitor in each class.
- 4.Entries to be staged by 9.00 a.m.
- 5.The marquee will be cleared at 9.30 a.m. of all competitors. Only officials to remain until judges have Finished..
- 6.Exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor and either grown by them or in their possession for three months (Cakes, bread, flower arrangements and handicrafts must have been produced by the exhibitor).
- 7.Constitution of the Exhibit-It must be as per schedule, neither more or less than the number or quantity.
- 8.Any exhibit not as schedule will be disqualified.
- 9.After judging, no entry to be altered or moved until the end of the show.
- 10.Exhibits may be removed between 4.30 and 5.00 p.m..
- 11.The show committee wish to make it clearly understood that they will not be responsible for any accident occurring to spectators or for the damage or loss of property.
- 12.The judges have the power to withhold any prize if the exhibits are not in their opinion of sufficient merit.
- 13.The Committee reserve the right to visit exhibitors plot or gardens.
- 14.Points to be 3=1st, 2=2nd, 1=3rd. To be calculated for the trophies.

ENTRY FREE.

Prize money for children's classes only 1st - £3.00, 2nd. £2,00 3rd £1.00

Please state age of child when entering.

Highest points in classes 1 to 18 for the silver salver.

Highest points in classes 19 to 27 for the Rose Bowl.

Best vegetable exhibit for the Joan Perkins memorial cup.

Children's under 7 classes for the Tame Perpetual Challenge Cup.

Children aged 8 to 11 for the Hutchins Cup.

Highest points for Arts and Crafts Classes 34 to 45 for the Gordon Daw Memorial Cup.

-----ENTRY FORM (or on any sheet of paper)-----

Entries to **Mr Michael Pascoe. Wooder Bungalow. Widecombe. Tel. 01364 621333. Pascoewooder@yahoo.co.uk** By the Friday before Fair Day.

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Class No. Exhibit:



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MONTHLY CHARITY LUNCH

The next lunch to be held at Dunstone chapel will be on **Wednesday 18th September** and will be in aid of Living Waters Village in Borneo, where local man Harry Boston works. (Please note that September's lunch will be on the third Wednesday in the month rather than the usual second Wednesday)

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Shallowford Farm News

July proved to be delightful..... early August seemed to disappear into scary, wintry thunderstorms and torrents of rain that should only appear in the winter. We dare not mention Climate Change, but the term is often discussed with our groups. Could we grow more vegetables on our farm at this altitude? Could we feed all our visitors with the meat we produce and at least grow enough fruit to freeze and store in great chests powered with our solar electricity supply. What choices do we have, what impacts are possible as we dare to balance the emissions of fuel, needed to bring groups to the farm with the social needs created by our ever insular, screen-based society?

The very basics often start with a simple walk though through the fields. With the grazing rotations, the fields are either arm high with beautiful soft grass, just pushing out seeds to blow in the gentle breeze or they are short tussocks and full of cow or sheep poo, usually resulting in screwed up faces and squeals of 'Ewww'. By the time we get to the gate, we can ask the question. 'What have we just walked through?' Despite being a field of grass, inevitably the focus is on the poo! No one yet has been able to accurately describe hay, no one has heard of silage and most certainly no one has been able to say which animals can safely be fed which type of grass-based feed. So far is the average person from farming and the source of their food. There is no point in blaming the young. It must be around at least 150 years or six generations since every person worked the land to produce the food they need to survive or at least, had a productive garden!

Of course most children are not interested in vegetables or fields of wheat, barley, oats or maize. Fields of cows and sheep however – they are fascinating! Pigs are just wonderful, especially when they have snortling little piglets, belting in circles around their pen or snuggling into their mother to fervently suck. Some of the young people who visit us have quite complicated histories. One young lad, who was quiet, said very little, but heard every word. When questioned he answered more accurately than most. We treated him like every other child, but at the very end his teacher confessed 'He is normally very violent and quite a handful. I have never seen him this calm. I saw him even talking with a piglet.' The animals work a type of magic that humans, with their complicated expectations and rules for behaviour make life far too demanding for young challenged lives. I quietly watch the children sometimes. They smile, they can be so still as a little chick hops, trustingly onto an open hand. Perhaps life can be perfect after-all. Even if just for a few moments!

Other Community News & Events

Recreation of Concert Lecture Tour of 1889 Uncle Tom Cobley & All as explored by Dr Todd Gray MBE

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Widcombe-in-the-Moor, 7.30pm on 2 Sept., at St Pancras Church, with Widcombe Local History Society, featuring the Widcombe Singers & Alan Rosevear, tickets £2.50 at the door

Contact: david.ashman87@gmail.com

Postbridge Dog Show

The annual Postbridge Dog Show organised by the Rotary Club of Yelverton on Sunday 28th July was another great success this year.

Held in the picnic field next to the famous clapper bridge, the show attracted dogs and their families from a wide area. There was also a car boot sale, raffle, tombola and bacon rolls on sale in the field and plenty of ice creams and other goodies from the Post Office Stores opposite.

The "Best In Show" was John Evens with Finley and "Reserve Best In Show" was Emma Craig with Sunny. "The Rotary Club of Yelverton Dog of the Year with a Postbridge address" was Dexter owned by Steph, John and Florence Churchley.

Thank you to our judge Laura Coleridge Wood who had 223 entries in the 15 classes. A total of £570.00 was raised for the Cinnamon Trust and the Rotary Charities, not bad when the main aim is to have fun!

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Uncle Tom Cobby and All



TODD GRAY

Uncle Tom Cobby and All

A new book by Todd Gray MBE

Tom Pearce and his old grey mare have long been an iconic part of Devon's cultural heritage and Uncle Tom Cobby one of the county's most well-known characters along with Bill Brewer, Jan Stewer, Peter Gurney, Peter Davey, Daniel Whiddon and Harry Hawk.

In the late 1800s 'Widdicombe Fair' became Devon's anthem but the long history of this

much-loved ballad has never been fully told. Nor has it been suspected that it has so many surprises.

Its publication in 1889 obscured the local variations which had been sung across Devon and which changed from one village to another. 'Widdicombe Fair' was once sung as 'Tavistock Fair' and 'Barnstaple Fair' and the lyrics were different across England. Cobby became Uncle Tom Cockerel and even Uncle Joe Maybe.

The ballad was adapted by Scott as a sledging song across the Antarctic, to enlist men to fight in the Great War, to ridicule the Communists in 1921, and used as a vehicle for innuendo by Kenneth Williams in *Round the Horne*.

It has also generated a phrase – 'Uncle Tom Cobby and All' – which has had a life of its own. It has been sung, spoken and written more widely than any other Devon expression.

Readers will find fifty-seven full variants of the song in this volume. These show how 'Widdicombe Fair' has been one of Devon's great cultural contributions but also how little appreciated the song has been. Until now.



We're publishing the final draft of a new Local Plan for Dartmoor.

Help us plan for Dartmoor's future by commenting on it. View and comment on the Plan online or at libraries, parish councils and information points between **16 September and 1 November 2019.**

Have a chat with us about the Plan and how it might affect you at our public drop-in events:

Buckfastleigh
Town Hall
19 September 4pm - 7pm

Horrabridge
Village Hall
24 September 4pm - 7pm

Chagford
Endecott House
26 September 4pm - 7pm

South Brent
Old School Community Centre
1 October 4pm - 7pm

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	(July 2018 - 123.7 mm (4.9"))		
Holne	44.4mm (1.7")		29th 17.2mm



Other Community News & Events

Devon Open Studios 2019 September 7th-22

A visit to Devon Open Studios will take you to be gardens filled with sculpture and to studios and homes exhibiting inspirational art of all kinds. As well as meeting painters and sculptors you will find work in a wide variety of media including prints, jewellery, ceramics, glass and textiles.

Devon Open Studios is a county wide annual event, offering a unique opportunity to meet artisans in their working environment and to purchase art directly from them. Some venues host group exhibitions and at others you'll find the work of a single artist.

The opening hours for all venues are 11am – 6pm, but many are not open every day so do consult your guide before making a journey. Each venue is signposted with yellow and black arrows marking the way.

Event guides, giving details, directions and opening times for each venue are free and are available from libraries, information centres, cafes and art venues across Devon. Information about the event and the artists taking part can also be found on the Devon Artist Network Website – www.devonartistnetwork.co.uk.

Phyl's Follies - Panto Interest Evening

Hello everybody, it's Panto season again and this year we're having a go at Aladdin

The interest evenings will be held on Monday 16th September and Thursday 19th September

Starting at 7.30pm prompt

Please come along and have some fun

For further details please contact *Colin* on 01822 880024



Moorland Merrymakers Advance Notice

It's getting to that time of year again, to tread the boards to panto land.

Oh no it isn't, Oh yes it is!

The Moorland Merrymakers first rehearsal/interest meeting will be held at Leusdon Memorial Hall on Thursday 26th September at 7.30pm.

All welcome. Past, present and new members.

For more information please email moorlandmerrymakers@gmail.com or phone Ali Whale 01364 621260

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Once again thank you to all our contributors. Whilst most contributions are submitted by the copy deadline we are still receiving late submissions. This makes the editor's job more difficult as there is also a deadline for sending the magazine to the printers. Please note that the copy deadline for submissions for the October magazine is Sunday 15 September.

If you have any comments on the Link or ideas for new content please do let us know at link@moorlandteam.org.uk

We hope you enjoy this edition,

Peter, Geoffrey, Tony, Susan and David

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