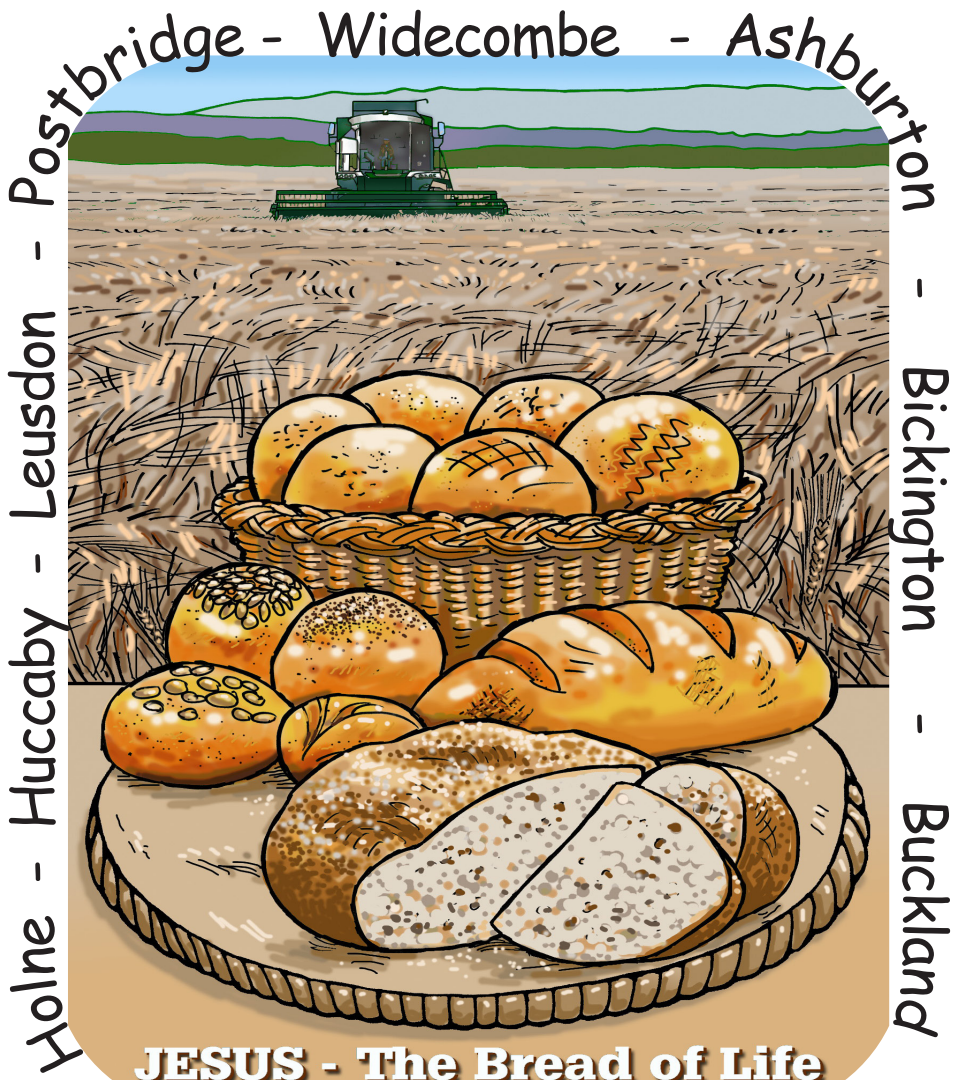


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# The Ministry Team

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## Wet Wednesdays

Sir Alex Ferguson claims that: 'Success is 5% inspiration and 95% perspiration'. I think he has a point.

As I write, England have just beaten the West Indies in the 2nd Test match of the summer and Ben Stokes received the Man of the Match award. It was an incredible performance by Stokes. Commentators always remark on his amazing sporting ability – 'as good as Botham'... 'a once in a generation cricketer'... 'a genius all rounder'. However, I have noticed that they also equally comment on how eager he is in training. He trains more keenly, harder and for longer than any other player.

Ben Stokes has his faults and his failings. A few years ago, he missed the tour to Australia and was prevented from playing for England after being involved in a brawl in Bristol. Some thought his career would be over; that he would never recover. But Stokes took a long look at himself. He reflected. Rather than focus on some of the unfairness of his situation, he worked on changing his attitude and becoming an even better team player.

Performance in the stadium on the day is important. But what happens on a wet Wednesday in February, away from the public eye, is crucial. It is the right attitude and persistent training that leads to the assured performance. It is the hidden hours steadily building up athletic strength and agility, trying out new batting shots or bowling techniques during the winter that matter; it is mastering the small defects and practising the basics that produce the confidence that counts on the day.

5% inspiration, 95% perspiration. When it comes to success, St Paul would agree with Sir Alex. The virtues that Paul asks the Christian community in Rome to exercise are not the grand dramatic noticeable ones like heroism or courage in battle but the small, long-haul ones, for which we often get no praise and which have to be practised every minute of the day – love, patience, respect, perseverance (Romans 12: 9-13). But Paul knows that these are in fact often the hardest and most trying skills to acquire. Surprisingly, you get the impression reading through his letters, that they didn't come naturally to him either. It's surely no accident that he uses emphatic and exaggerated language about these virtues: we are to love with a *passion* and *hate* the opposite of love with equal passion.

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# Church News & Events

(Continued from page 3)

We are to be *competitively* respectful; *zealous* in service; *joyful* in hope and almost *embarrassingly* hospitable! Paul wants the Christian community really to understand that these qualities do not come by accident. They have to be worked at with all the dedication and energy that you would once have given to getting on in the world; or that a cricketer gives in training during the cold, wet Wednesdays of February to succeed in August.

Doing the Christian basics – time reflecting and praying in God’s company, time reading and learning from the bible, loving God and loving our neighbour through practical service, living lives with integrity and honesty for the sake of others - is just what this world needs at the moment. In Jesus Christ, the pioneer of our faith, we see inspiration and perspiration supremely combined in his life, teaching, death and resurrection.

God is passionate about transforming the world with his love and he calls us to join with him in this goal. Like Sir Alex, he is a great coach. God knows that the training on wet Wednesdays, when no spectators are watching, is what really matters.

+Mark

## From the Registers

Funeral	Widecombe	17th July	Myfanwy Elizabeth Dallison Jones
Interment of Ashes	Widecombe	23rd July	Elizabeth Browning Christy

## An hour of quiet reflection at Postbridge Church

The monthly services that will return to the church one day can be found on:

<https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/p.htm>

They can be used at any time, in particular if you are feeling you need a time of quiet in these challenging days.

Geoffrey

More information from Revd Geoffrey Fenton, Widecombe Vicarage, 01364 621334

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- Same again! Water! Water! Water!
- Raise mower blades if hot & dry
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- Check pond water levels
- Deadhead roses & annuals
- Prune rambling roses
- Cut back wayward perennials
- Trim lavender

**Andy**

## Churches Open

The Government has announced that from 4 July church buildings can re-open for services with restrictions in place to maintain physical distancing, hygiene and safety. We are delighted to welcome you all back to some of our churches. Opening times vary:

St Andrew's, Ashburton	Daily, 9.00am-5.00pm
St Mary the Virgin, Holne	Wednesday & Sunday, 10.00am-5.00pm
St Raphael's, Huccaby	Monday & Thursday, 10:30am-5:30pm
St Peter's, Buckland-in-the-Moor	Daily
St Mary the Virgin, Bickington	Saturdays, Midday-2.00pm

## Services in August

There is a choice of worship across the benefice with services taking place in some of our churches together with online worship. As there is no set pattern for church services please check the website [www.moorlandteam.org.uk](http://www.moorlandteam.org.uk) and Facebook pages, **The Ashburton and Moorland Team** and **Ashburton All Age Church**, for the latest updates.

**Wednesdays:** Bible reading, reflection and prayer found on the Moorland Team website or via our Facebook pages. Service at Ashburton.

### Sundays:

- Services in some of our churches.
- Services to use at home, with readings, sermon by Geoffrey, and hymns to sing along to. Available on the Widecombe, Leusdon and Postbridge Services pages on the Moorland Team website.
- Every Sunday Visual All Age service and a traditional services online via website and Facebook pages.

Other online resources from the benefice include:

- Regular Video messages by Mark Rylands
- Messy Church at Home via Zoom
- Daily Prayer, bible verses and inspirational thoughts
- Friday Night contemporary worship by the Filling Station Team



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## Messy Church in Ashburton August 2020

Messy Church has continued once a month using Zoom. I would like to thank Anna Henderson and Jacqui Bartram for their support. When I rang and asked them to fill

a spot-on Zoom with “what is a Good Samaritan or a friend?”, they both agreed. Anna brings a white board display made by Conrad and Jacqui reads a poem. Both giving us food for thought.

It is lovely to see our Messy Church Family even if it is for such a brief moment over the net. It is frightening how accustomed the children are at using this form of communication. They do enjoy showing us less able with technology how to do it!

We continue to circulate, once a week, Messy Church @ Home.

The last two sessions have been on the Parable of The Good Samaritan.

It has been fun looking at this story with fresh eyes. I had never thought why was it a Levite and a Lawyer that Jesus talked about passing by the injured man, until I reread the passage and realised that the Levite/Lawyer was the person who asked Jesus the question. It made more sense to me then. We all have prejudices; and we need to guard against long held prejudices. In the story it is the Samaritans who are thought not to be nice people. Here today this could be a person of different colour or a Rwandan or Muslims. All over the world we have long standing biases.

It is good that we have modern movements that challenge us just as Jesus challenged the lawyer with the story of The Good Samaritan.

We have made with a Messy Church @ Home a theatre with stick puppets so we can retell the story to each other and remind ourselves of this challenging Message of Jesus.



I am now going to be very honest. I do not know how we will restart Messy Church. The whole concept of it is to mix up different generations of Christians and families. The young families I am sure will help, but that mix of age groups breaks down barriers and assumptions in a way that cannot be replicated with a single age group activity. All I can do is leave this in God’s hands and ask for help and suggestions from everyone. Jane A.

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**Church Services - see Page 28 for details**

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
2nd August	-	-	-
9th August	18:00	-	-
16th August	-	-	-
23rd August	17:00	-	-
30th August	10.30	United Ecumenical Benefice service. Venue TBA	

**The weekly service and notice sheet can be downloaded from**  
<https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/welcome.htm>

**St. Mary the Virgin, Holne - Open for private prayer**

St. Mary the Virgin, Holne is now open for private prayer on **Sundays and Wednesdays between 10.00am and 5.00pm.**

Measures to be able to 'pray safe - stay safe' have been put in place and we hope that visitors will find peace and inspiration within the church.

Thank you to the ladies who have decorated the church with flowers and to those who have taken the responsibility for keeping the building clean and safe.

**Holne Garden Group**  
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*Tony and Gillian Parker*

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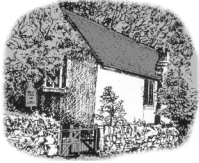
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St.Raphael, Huccaby is now open on

**Mondays and Thursdays between 10.30am and 5.30pm**

## Next steps....

July witnessed the next stage in re-opening our churches and Chapels for public worship. After careful consideration and consultation, it was decided not to hold a service at St. Raphael's in July for safety reasons, but it was lovely to have the opportunity to attend a service of Holy Communion at St. Mary the Virgin, Holne, our mother church.

Now that campsites and other holiday amenities are open, there has been an influx of visitors and holidaymakers to the area. Although we have no record of numbers of visitors to St. Raphael's we know that they are coming and are appreciative of the fact that the Chapel is open and beautifully decorated with flowers as usual.

A successful application was made to the Tourist Organisations in Great Britain and Northern Ireland of the 'Good to Go' standard which means that we have been able to demonstrate that people can safely visit the Chapel. The award has been publicised on the Church Near You website ([www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)) as well as our local Moorland Team website [www.moorlandteam.org.uk](http://www.moorlandteam.org.uk).

Whilst the future remains uncertain and we are having to make adjustments to our daily lives, we can rest in the assurance of what God gives every child of His, and the Apostle Paul reminds us: *"that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Rom 8:38-39).

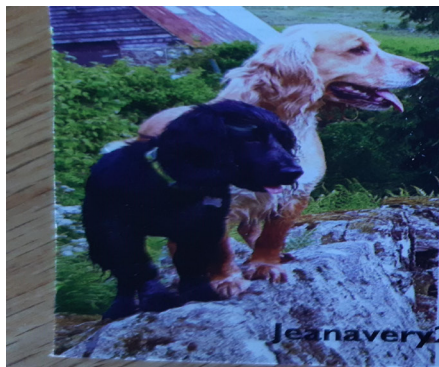
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# St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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

**Church Services - see Page 28 for details**

Date	Time	Reader	Teas	Flowers - Altar	Windows
2nd August		<p><b>The church may be open and may be holding some services.</b>  <b>Please contact the Team Vicar (Geoffrey Fenton 01364 621334) or the Churchwardens to hear the latest information.</b></p>			
9th August					
16th August					
23rd August					
30th August	10:30	United Ecumenical Benefice service. Venue TBA.			

## Leusdon Church - Information and Support

Please let someone know if for any reason you are feeling low or you need some help. There are lots of people in our community who are offering support for shopping or collecting something, or a listening ear – someone to talk to.

### Useful phone numbers:

Revd Geoffrey Fenton

01364 621334

[geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk](mailto:geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk)

Widecombe Isolation Support Network

01364 621287 Between 4 and 7 pm

Widecombe Post Office

01364 621347 Basic food and veg

### Useful web sites:

<https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/l.htm>

A short cut to Leusdon Church page, including links to the weekly Sunday Service and the latest Link Magazine

<https://widecombe-in-the-moor.com/support>

Lots of isolation support and ideas – including online activities and learning

*Do keep safe! And do keep in touch – phone someone every day!*



## Whist Drive Dates

At Leusdon Memorial Hall

**All Whist Drives are cancelled until further notice.**





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**Feeling isolated?**

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**Hotline**

**01626 215 512**

Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm

(excluding bank holidays)

You can speak to someone who will offer advice or put you, or a person you know, in touch with help.

You can also e-mail us at: [coronavirus.support@teignbridge.gov.uk](mailto:coronavirus.support@teignbridge.gov.uk)

## 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 books at assorted prices, puzzles, bric a brac and nearly new clothes. Raffle. Local meat stall from 'Meat Dartmoor'.

### Coffee Mornings cancelled until further notice

10-12 Admission £1.50 (includes tea/coffee etc)



### Hiring Leusdon Memorial Hall

The Hall can take up to 100 people for functions or events. Inside there is a large, well equipped kitchen with plenty of worktop space.

Outside parking is available for many vehicles. Level access for wheelchairs and the less able-bodied.

Hire Rates: £8 per hour

For more information or booking contact Amanda on 01364 631432

### Leusdon Memorial Hall Update

The Committee are sending good wishes to you all.

Coffee Mornings will start again one day and it will be worth waiting for. In the meantime stay safe and keep well.

Best wishes  
LMH

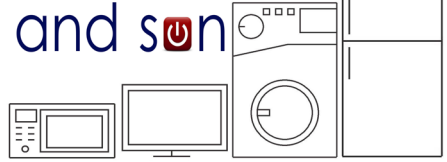


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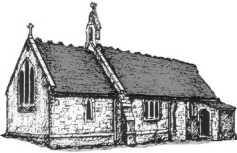
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# St Gabriel, Postbridge

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

**Church Services - see Page 28 for details**

**The church may be open and may be holding some services.  
Please contact the Team Vicar (Geoffrey Fenton 01364 621334) or the Churchwardens to  
hear the latest information.**

## Postbridge Church - Information and Support

Please let someone know if for any reason you are feeling low or you need some help. There are lots of people in our community who are offering support for shopping or collecting something, or a listening ear – someone to talk to.

### Useful phone numbers:

Revd Geoffrey Fenton

01364 621334

[geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk](mailto:geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk)

DFPC Covid 19 Support Volunteers

01822 258549 (Steve Cox)

Postbridge Stores

01822 880201 Food, veg, etc

### Useful web sites:

<https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/p.htm>

A short cut to Postbridge Church page, including links to the weekly Sunday Service and the latest Link Magazine

<http://www.dartmoorforestpc.net/>

Lots of isolation support and ideas – shops, deliveries, contacts, etc

*Do keep safe! And do keep in touch – phone someone every day!*

## Postbridge Coffee Mornings

We will be reviewing the situation again in September when we hope we can arrange to hold a Coffee Morning, will inform the Coffee Morning Group.

## Rugglestone Quiz

Over the years there have been a series of two or three winter quizzes at the Rugglestone, with each these being set and run by a different group of local people. As well as brightening up the odd cold wet evening, several hundred pounds have been raised for charity over the years.

As we are all in 'lock down' we thought it might be fun to share some of the recent Ruggle quiz questions with a wider audience – just for fun (no prizes), these will appear in the next few on-line issues of the Parish Link until we get back to normal.

Thanks to Peter Oldham and team for these questions. Have fun.

### Literature Round

1. Which two cities provide the setting for Charles Dickens' 'A Tale of Two Cities'?
2. What are the names of the three Darling children in J M Barrie's 'Peter Pan'?
3. Which book of the New Testament comes after the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John?
4. Who wrote the 1936 novel 'Gone With The Wind' on which the 1939 film of the same name was based?
5. Which Shakespearean play features the characters of Goneril, Regan and Cordelia?
6. Which pint-sized sailor wrote a book called 'Race Against Time' shortly after setting a new fastest time record for sailing round the world singlehanded in 2005?
7. Who was the author of 'Journey to the Centre of the Earth', first published in 1864?
8. Which was the first James Bond novel to be published by Ian Fleming?
9. Who wrote 'Midnight's Children' unwittingly putting his life at risk?
10. In which century was Shakespeare born?
11. Which poet and author wrote the now seen as politically incorrect 'Mandalay', 'Gunga Din' and 'The White Man's Burden'?
12. Guess time? Which was published first? Jane Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice' or Emily Bronte's 'Wuthering Heights'?

**Answers on Page 46**



## Prinetown History Club

The August walk Sett Makers Bankers with Simon Dell remains in the programme as do the autumn speaker meetings but we may have to review this if official advice on coronavirus/Covid19 changes.

For further information, please phone Mr John Lissenden on 01752 847573

or email [jlissenden@talktalk.net](mailto:jlissenden@talktalk.net)

Web Site: [prinetownhistoryclub.weebly.com](http://prinetownhistoryclub.weebly.com)



## Postbridge Whist Drives - Held in the Village Hall

### All Whist Drives are cancelled until further notice.

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

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**Prinetown.** It will cost you £3. You are welcome to attend two meetings as a taster. We are a fun group of mixed age range ladies and we do have a good laugh. Do come and see what we get up to.



**All meetings are cancelled until further notice**

If you would like to know more about High Moorland Women's Institute or details of the events listed above, please drop Helly an email on [hellyhtsn@hotmail.com](mailto:hellyhtsn@hotmail.com) or follow us on Facebook: High Moorland Women's Institute.



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# St Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

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**Church Services - see Page 28 for details**

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
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### Useful web sites:

- <https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/w> A short cut to Widecombe Church page, including links to the weekly Sunday Service and the latest Link Magazine
- <https://widecombe-in-the-moor.com/support> Lots of isolation support and ideas – including online activities and learning

*Do keep safe! And do keep in touch – phone someone every day!*

**All Widecombe & District History Group meetings are cancelled until further notice.**

Contact: Helen Barrow - [helenagsec@gmail.com](mailto:helenagsec@gmail.com) or  
 Rosemary Mortimore - 01364 631238

Widecombe

# Church Services for August 2020

## 2nd August Trinity 8 Green

Readings - Genesis 32:22-31; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Bickington 09:00 Holy Communion  
Ashburton 10:30 Holiday Club Service

## 9th August Trinity 9 Green

Readings - Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Holne 18:00 Evening Prayer Ashburton 10:30 Parish Communion

## 16th August Trinity 10 Green

Readings - Genesis 45:1-15; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

Online 09:00 Moor Church  
Ashburton 10:30 Parish Communion  
Buckland 15:00 Holy Communion  
Online 18:00 Evening Prayer

## 23rd August Trinity 11 Green

Readings - Exodus 1:8-2.10; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Holne 17:00 Evening Worship Ashburton 10:30 Parish Communion

## 30th August Trinity 12 Green

Readings - Exodus 3:1-15; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

TBA 10:30 United Ecumenical  
Benefice Service

## 6th September Trinity 13 Green

Readings - Exodus 12:1-14; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Bickington 09:00 Holy Communion  
Ashburton 10:30 Family Service



There is a service of  
**Holy Communion**  
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## Communion at home

Communion at home has been suspended until further notice.

### Mid-week Communion

Wednesday 5th August	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 12th August	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 19th August	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 26th August	-	-	
Wednesday 2nd September	Ashburton	10:30	

### Key to Service Leaders

MR	Revd Mark Rylands	SS	Steve Sheldon	JA	Revd John Andrews
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JG	Revd John Good	WW	William West	MK	Marion Kaye
AK	Anthony Kyriakides	CA	Chloe Axford	JAsh	Jane Ashton

## Services in August

Check the website [www.moorlandteam.org.uk](http://www.moorlandteam.org.uk) and Facebook pages, **The Ashburton and Moorland Team** <https://www.facebook.com/moorlandteam/> and **Ashburton All Age Church** <https://www.facebook.com/Ashburtonallage/>, for the latest updates on online worship and services to be held in church.

## Dates for the Diary

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## Widecombe & District Sports Group

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Alternatively membership forms can be found in the noticeboard by the court.



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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.

For more information about WDSG visit [www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/sports\\_group/](http://www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/sports_group/)

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**All Widecombe & District Ladies Social Group meetings are cancelled until further notice.**

For more details phone Rose 631238

## WIDDYTOTS

Widdytots is our local toddler group for children from 0-3 years. It runs on a Wednesday from 9.30-11am in the Church House, Widecombe-in-the-Moor.

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.

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.

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## Widcombe Community Hall CIO Update



Widcombe Community Hall CIO  
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We are delighted to announce that our planning application has been granted, following a Planning Committee meeting at DNPA at which Members voted unanimously in support.

Many thanks to all those who have supported our application and work to date.

Let the major fundraising commence!

[www.widcombecommunityhall.org](http://www.widcombecommunityhall.org)

Email: [info@widcombecommunityhall.org](mailto:info@widcombecommunityhall.org)

### Widcombe Church House Management Committee

Chairman - Mike Pascoe

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.

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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 more details please see our website :  
<http://scoritonvillagehall.org/>

## Commonwealth War Graves Commission



Plaques identical to the one pictured here have been erected by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission at St John the Baptists Church in Leusdon and St Pancras Church in Widecombe to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. They tell the visitor of the location of a war grave within the churchyard.

I thought a short explanation about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission may be of interest.

In 1917 following concern, especially from the British Red Cross about the need to record the burial of soldiers from the British Empire who had died on the battlefields, a decision was made to set up a formal procedure to record every death and burial place, as far as this was possible.

The Imperial War Graves Commission was created by Royal Charter in 1917 and decreed that every serviceman killed in the conflict:

**“Should be commemorated by name, and that the form of commemoration should be equal with no distinction on account of military or civil rank, race, or creed.”**

Membership of the organisation consists of the governments of Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Kingdom. The organisation is principally funded by the governments of these countries with the amounts contributed being in proportion to the number of graves maintained for servicepersons from that country.

The percentages are UK 78.4, Canada 10.07, Australia 6.05, New Zealand 2.14, South Africa 2.11 India 1.20.

The Commission, which changed its name to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in 1960, now cares for 1.7million graves of men and women in the armed forces of the British Empire who died in World Wars one and two, and ensures they will never be forgotten.

*Continued on page 35*

## Widecombe-In-The-Moor Church House and Lands Charity (The Charity)

Founded 1635 – Registered charity number 241096

### Notice of a proposed request for a Scheme from the Charity Commission

The Charity is legally required to pay half its net income towards the repair and outgoing of the parish church and one half to the Widecombe Educational Foundation (registered charity 241096). Contrary to popular belief, the Charity is **not** currently allowed to set rents below the market rate.

The trustees propose to ask the Charity Commission to make a scheme that would allow the Charity in the future to take into account the need for affordable rental property in the locality when fixing rents, even though that may reduce the amount available for distribution amongst the beneficiaries.

The trustees will consult the beneficiaries directly about this. Anyone else who would like further information or who wants to make representations should contact the Charity's clerk.

Any representations must be received by the clerk no later than **30 September 2020**.

The clerk is: **David Thomas, Stone, Widecombe-in-the-Moor, TQ13 7TR**  
[david.thomas@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:david.thomas@hotmail.co.uk)

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Headstones provided for individual graves are 76cm High and 38cm wide. In the United Kingdom the stones are principally of Portland stone and lettered with a specific font developed after the First World War, noted for its simplicity and legibility.

Where service personnel have no known grave, as in losses at sea or in the air, large memorials recording their names provide a method of remembering those lost. Examples include the Royal Navy Memorial on Plymouth Hoe, the RAF Memorial at Runnymede, the Thiepval Memorial in France and the Menin Gate in Belgium.

The Commission is currently responsible for the care of war dead at over 23,000 separate burial sites and the maintenance of more than 200 memorials worldwide.

*David Ashman. Widecombe History Group.*

## Colpoys Wood 1865-1948



This fine headstone stands in St Pancras churchyard just a couple of metres north of the Village Cross. It commemorates the life of Eliot Colpoys Wood and his wife Marion.

Eliot was born in Ruddington Nottinghamshire in June 1865. He was one of ten children born to his father Reverend Andrew Wood and his wife Caroline. Eliot had 5 brothers and four sisters. All of the children bore the same double-barrelled surname Colpoys-Wood the Colpoys part being their mother's maiden name.

Following a Grammar school education in Suffolk, Eliot attended Queens College, Cambridge University, followed by Theological College in London.

By the age of 36 Eliot was rector of a parish in Bath where he lived as a single man with his sister Mabel. Ten years later he had moved to become a vicar in Teignmouth still accompanied by Mabel.

In 1914 Eliot became the Vicar of Widecombe, succeeding Reverend John T Pickering, a post in which he remained for 34 years. Eliot was one of the longest serving ministers in Widecombe parish.

In June 1919, aged 53, Eliot married Marion Hannaford (37), only daughter of Henry Herbert Hannaford of Southcombe, Widecombe."HHH", as he was known, was a prominent member of the community in Widecombe being the main governor of the primary school, a magistrate and influential farmer.

It is a sad fact that although Eliot was one of ten children, none of his sisters married, although they were all involved in charitable work and ecclesiastical endeavour, two carrying out missionary work in Algeria in the late 1920's.

Of his five brothers, two followed him into the Church and served as vicars in Kent and Hertfordshire.

One of his elder brothers trained as an architect and surveyor, emigrated to Canada, and lived his life in Toronto. A second, younger brother, trained as an engineer and spent considerable time in Algeria.

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The youngest of his brothers served in the Military Police in Bengal India. In 1903 whilst involved with quelling a riot he was shot and killed. He was 23 years of age.

It is ironic that the youngest son of The Reverend Andrew Wood was killed in India because Andrew Wood himself was born in Dum Dum\* in Bengal state in India.

During his time as Vicar of Widecombe Eliot wrote "Widecombe-in-the-Moor. Parish Register 1938"

Eliot died in February 1948 in Widecombe and is buried in St Pancras Churchyard. His wife Marion died in Widecombe in 1956 and is buried alongside Eliot. Marion was the last surviving member of the Hannafords from Southcombe farm, and thus ended a "line" of a Widecombe family.

\*Dum Dum is probably best known as the city where the Dum Dum expanding bullet was first developed and manufactured by the Bengali Artillery. The bullet was banned from use in war by the Hague Convention in 1899.

*David Ashman. Widecombe History Group.*

## Widecombe Parish Communications Email Service

The Widecombe Parish Communications Email Service is a service provided by the Parish Council to keep interested parishioners informed by email about the Parish Council, latest Parish Link and/or news, announcements and alerts relating to the Parish.

You need to subscribe to the mailing list in order to receive the communications. This can be done by visiting [https://www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/parish/parish\\_signup.php](https://www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/parish/parish_signup.php) and selecting which communications you would like to receive.

### Choose Your Options

- Parish Link (Parish Magazine)
- Parish Council Matters (agendas, minutes, news)
- Parish News, Announcements and Alerts

## News from the East Shallowford Trust

Oh woe is us!

Still no children! Well, not entirely true. We have snuck a few into the barn to spy on our little delights. We have the most perfect, delightful..... sausages on legs!

We bought six Saddleback gilts (sows who have not farrowed) in November 2018 specifically to cross with our Welsh White boar Percy, in order to produce quality, tasty meat. We had to wait several months for the sweet tempered and playful gilts to grow and mature before we could put them to Percy. As you may remember, Percy, the massive Welsh White, turned out to be 'not quite up to the job' and our gilts did not become pregnant. He was sent off to make sausages and yummy burgers.

Solution – a very nice farmer gave us a swap and we gained Harry the 'Sweeper boar'..... A lean, fast, exceptionally friendly and hard working Saddleback!! Harry loves his ladies! Snuggling up to them in the field, nudging them, gentle little chats, he will pick a lady for a day, follow her around with gentle enthusiasm, never leaving her side until she has finally given in and allowed him to have his wicked way. The result of this tenacious dedication has been gilts finally rounding up as their bellies swelled with piglets.



What you may not know, is that many pigs love to have their tummies rubbed. White Tip was brought in to the animal shed to ensure she could gain her full quota of food and to be monitored closely as she neared her delivery date. Seeing Alethe enter her pen, she would grunt little snorts of glee and roll further onto her side to expose as much of her tummy

as possible, virtually begging Alethe to crouch down for a proper rub. Oh the sheer delight and joy of a tummy rub. Little snorts of ecstasy!

White Tip (named because she has a white tip on her tail) produced 10 live little piglets on 29th June. As Alethe keeps saying, 'they are so delicious you could eat them! Not literally live.' she hastens to add!

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## Dunstone & Poundsgate Methodist Chapels

Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369

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

### Dunstone Chapel

Every Sunday

3.00pm

Service to be held outside the chapel.

Numbers are limited due to space restrictions.

**Contact: 01364 631279 for more details**

### MONTHLY CHARITY LUNCH

**The Monthly Charity Lunches are cancelled until further notice.**

We look forward to seeing all our supporters again as soon as we can. Stay safe.

### BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The weekly Bible Study will continue via Zoom.

Please contact Serena on 01364 631279 for details.

### News from Dunstone and Poundsgate Methodist Churches

As you will appreciate, it is not easy to start worship again in small Methodist Churches, given the need for social distancing and since ordinarily Dunstone's worship is in the context of a shared breakfast!

However, at Dunstone we have started meeting outside the building for informal prayer and worship on Sundays at 3pm, and we are currently in the process of thinking about what we might do as the Poundsgate fellowship in the next few months. If you would like to find out more, please contact me on [hookekp@hotmail.com](mailto:hookekp@hotmail.com).

With best wishes on behalf of both churches,

Rev Kevin Hooke

Minister, Poundsgate Methodist Church

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So of course we have had to invite people to visit. Or people have just wandered in, as they often do!

If one of the piglets is picked up they make the most horrendously loud squeal that bounces off the walls of the barn and would make you think you'd pulled an ear off. White Tip will look, to check if you are being mean and then nuzzle the rest, sniffing and checking each one. She is the most dedicated, gentle, sweetest of mothers. As she settles down to let them latch on, she chats away, soft wee grunts confirming that they are all just perfect. But they are true bruisers. Scrambling over each other, smacking one off so another can get in. Always one seems to be missing a teat. She has 14, but somehow one seems to always miss and runs round to Mums head, squeaking, 'Not fair! Not fair! They won't let me in. They won't let me in' to which there is a warm gentle, 'Don't be silly dear, just push your way in. There is enough for everyone.'



Within two days they were chasing each other around in circles, skipping, leaping and biting each others' ears. Full sibling rivalry in the pen. Within ten days they were frisking up and down the yard, let out at feed and cleaning times to explore, rootle the soil, toss small stones and run back to mum when she called!!

As always, where there is life there is death. For some totally unknown reason Christopher Columbus, who we all loved dearly, was found totally, stiff and cold and dead in a pen. No known reason. So, Serena set to work finding us a new wonderful cockerel and Alethe was dispatched to Chagford carpark where a young chicken fancier donated us a wonderful cockerel.

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His name is Bruce! A Buff Orpington, who is learning to crow..... he does sound a little rough – like a tractor spluttering when its not warmed up. But he will get there. Certainly another another chap who likes his ladies!!

And then we had silage. As Will's friend Stephen in his wonderful, very clean JCB tractor whizzed up and down the fields, I asked John Dracup if he'd grown up making hay or silage on the moors. 'In my youth I spent weeks humping small bales of hay. Trying to dry the wretched stuff up here where it rains all the time was no joke.' So why did it take so long to switch to silage making?' Aha..... John had answers, but for details

I had to google search. Forgive me please for cutting and pasting – but it is quite interesting!



*Stephen in Lower Broadlands cutting the grass*

The word silo comes from the Greek word 'siros' which means a hole or pit in the ground for storing corn. It is known that the Greeks and Egyptians were familiar with ensiling as a technique for storing fodder as far back as 1000 to 1500 BC.

Using the same technique as the process for making sauerkraut, green fodder was preserved for animals in parts of Germany

since the start of the 19th century. This gained the attention of a French agriculturist, Auguste Goffart of Sologne, near Orléans, who published a book in 1877 which described the experiences of preserving green crops in silos. Goffart's experience attracted considerable attention. The conditions of dairy farming in the USA suited the ensiling of green corn fodder, and was soon adopted by New England farmers. Francis Morris of Maryland prepared the first silage produced in America in 1876.

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Although the French and American farmers were very enthusiastic it was not until 1882 that a talk given at the Reading Show of the Royal Agricultural Society stimulated interest in Britain. By 1886 there were apparently 1,605 silos in the country, with farmers here concentrating on ensiling grass rather than maize.



*Will and Emily lining up the grass with a hay rake*

Unfortunately, silage making in the UK suffered a set-back in 1885 when a book was published recommending that silage should best be made by heating it initially to at least 50°C by aerating it. Although the silage produced was palatable it was of very poor nutritional value and losses were very high. Nevertheless the method persisted until

the middle of this century. The favourable results obtained in the U.S. led to the introduction of the system in the United Kingdom, where Thomas Kirby first introduced the process for British dairy herds.

The modern silage preserved with acid and by preventing contact with air was invented by a Finnish academic and professor of chemistry Artturi Ilmari Virtanen. Virtanen was awarded 1945 Nobel prize in chemistry “for his research and inventions in agricultural and nutrition chemistry, especially for his fodder preservation method”, practically inventing modern silage.

Early silos were made of stone or concrete either above or below ground, but it is recognized that air may be sufficiently excluded in a tightly pressed stack, though in this case a few inches of the fodder round the sides is generally useless owing to mildew. In the U.S. structures were typically constructed of wooden cylinders to 35 or 40 ft. in depth.

In the early days of mechanized agriculture, stalks were cut and collected manually using a knife and horsedrawn wagon, and fed into a stationary machine called a “silo filler” that chopped the stalks and blew them up a narrow tube to the top of a tower silo. These days the process is so mechanised it is almost a one person (or 3 man in our case) job.

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*Stephen collecting the grass with a round baler*

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Why silage? The fermentation process that produces VFA (volatile fatty acids) also yields energy that the bacteria use: some of the energy is released as heat. Silage is thus modestly lower in caloric content than the original forage, in the same way that yogurt has modestly fewer calories than milk. However, this loss of energy is offset by the preservation characteristics and improved digestibility of silage over hay.

The Dracups switched to silaging and totally relinquishing hay making in 1982, initially using a silage clamp and this year switching entirely to silage bales. Although the cost of bailing is higher, the loss and wastage is lower.



*John and Will carefully manipulate the bale squeeze to stack and then transport the bales back to the farm yard. Dark skies – it’s about to rain. Time is short!*

The grass or other forage is cut and partly dried until it contains 30–40% moisture (much drier than bulk silage, but too damp to be stored as dry hay). It is then made into large bales which are wrapped tightly in plastic to exclude air. The bales are about 4 feet by 4 feet, individually wrapped with four to six layers of “bale wrap plastic” (black, white, green or in our case pale blue, 25-micrometre stretch

film). Careful timing and quick mechanised procedures mean that none of the old systems requiring nasty acid are needed.

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The silage ferments in it's own pure carbohydrates causing decomposition into acetic, butyric and lactic acids. The cows love it!

Baling was late this year due to rain. Needing around 500 bales for 50 cows and their calves, throughout the winter period, it will take at least two rounds of cutting



*Carefully timed process. Place one bale on the wrapper, which cuts and tips automatically, allowing easy and swift stacking in the yard.*

and silage baling. As the clouds loomed on 7th July, Stephen, Will and John worked as fast as they could to cut, carry, wrap and stack the bales. They finally finished at 2.30 following a flat tyre on the trailer. Sadly, with the best 'Will' in the world (excuse the pun), not all plans are executed to perfection.

Hopefully, the weather and the wheels will be kinder for the next crop! Maybe next year we can cut some hay, collect and stack with

a visiting group. Farm work is team work, is care and nurturing – but you know that! What farming will look like in the next twenty years is not yet known. But the moors will still be beautiful and we assume we will still have chickens, pigs, sheep and cows..... but who knows? All we can hope for is that it will be used, protected, respected and appreciated!

Julia McDade

[www.shallowfordfarm.co.uk](http://www.shallowfordfarm.co.uk)



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## Rainfall in June 2020

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	187.4 mm (7.4")	9	10th 46.7 mm (1.8")
	(June 2019 - 138.9 mm (5.5"))		
Holne	155.6 mm (6.12")		9th 40.2mm



## Rugglestone Quiz Answers

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| 1. Paris and London   | 7. Jules Verne   |
| 2. Wendy, John & Michael  | 8. Casino Royale   |
| 3. Acts of the Apostles (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, Acts and Romans follow on) | 9. Salman Rushdie  |
| 4. Margaret Mitchell  | 10. 16th (1564)  |
| 5. King Lear  | 11. Rudyard Kipling  |
| 6. Ellen Macarthur  | 12. 'Pride & Prejudice' (1813). Wuthering Heights was 1847 |

## Other Community News & Events

### Wendy Parkyn ART EXHIBITION

Admission Free, from 10am daily 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August  
The Cherrybrook, Two Bridges PL20 6SW;  
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## Coronavirus (COVID19) Advice

If you have health concerns and for the latest health advice, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

For the latest Government advice and action plan, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

As things develop we will keep you updated with the most recent guidelines from the Church of England at <https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/welcome.htm>

You can also keep in touch via our Facebook pages: **Ashburton All Age Church** or **The Ashburton & Moorland Team**

As a diocese, we are following the official guidance of the Church of England on Coronavirus. You can read the latest guidance, plus helpful FAQs, by following the link below. It contains information about digital worship resources and churches which live-stream services for anyone who is self-isolating: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>



## Support for Local Businesses - Widcombe Parish Council -2<sup>nd</sup> Edition 11<sup>th</sup> June

Widcombe Parish Council aims to help local businesses (including B&Bs) cope with the financial pressures created by the economic impact of Coronavirus.

Here is a list of online resources – and names of experienced local people who can offer support and encouragement, especially if you cannot find what you need online.

### Help through Teignbridge Council (\*NEW\* Discretionary Business Grants from 8 June)

You can find details of help available at [www.teignbridge.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice/business-help-and-support-during-coronavirus/apply-for-business-support-grant](http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice/business-help-and-support-during-coronavirus/apply-for-business-support-grant)

This includes Business Support Grant and (for businesses that are not eligible for other support schemes) Discretionary Business Grants. B&Bs are mentioned specifically.

### Help through the Government:

Support is available to employers and the self-employed, including sole traders and limited company directors.

You may be eligible for loans, tax relief and cash grants, whether your business is open or closed.

To see what support is available for you and your business, use the business support finder at [www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder](http://www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder)

### Other online resources include:

Benefits, debt and money, work, consumer, housing:

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) - Devon Adviceline, 9am–4pm Mon–Fri: 03444 111444

For B&Bs:

<https://eviiivo.com/coronavirus/>

For the self-employed:

[www.bishopfleming.co.uk/insights/coronavirus-help-self-employed](http://www.bishopfleming.co.uk/insights/coronavirus-help-self-employed)

For farms:

<https://ahdb.org.uk/coronavirus>

<https://fcn.org.uk/>

<https://rabi.org.uk/about/>

### Someone to talk to:

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David Thomas – *retired lawyer and financial ombudsman, who works part time for Citizens Advice* – [david\\_thomas@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:david_thomas@hotmail.co.uk) – 01364 621255

Geoffrey Fenton – *owner of a small services business normally turning over £250,000 but now affected by the pandemic* – [geoffrey.fenton@wildyeast.co.uk](mailto:geoffrey.fenton@wildyeast.co.uk) – 01364 621334

Tim Hassell – *Director of Thurlstone Hotel and Regional Chairman of UK Hospitality* – [tim@hassells.net](mailto:tim@hassells.net)

John Dracup – *farmer with extensive industry experience* - [john@broadaford.com](mailto:john@broadaford.com) – 01364 621375

Kate Martin - *runs the financial side of a number of small to medium sized businesses locally, most of which have been significantly affected by the pandemic* - [kate@shallowfordfarm.co.uk](mailto:kate@shallowfordfarm.co.uk)

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**Please pass this on to others in our community that you think may benefit**



Devon Mobile Libraries will be back on the road bringing books to you from July 13th 2020. To make sure that customers and staff are safe, we will only be offering a new type of contactless service for the time being. It's called **Choose & Collect**.

**What is Choose and Collect?**

- a free delivery of up to 5 books or audiobooks per person.
- selected by staff based on your reading preferences.
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- selections available for adults and children.

**How do I make sure I get a Choose and Collect delivery**

- Even if we rang you to offer you your first delivery, we regret we can't do this every month. You must contact us to order again.
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- Order a delivery by emailing [exmouth.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:exmouth.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk) or calling **01395 272677**.
- Remember to tell staff you are a mobile library customer.
- New customers are welcome, just mention you wish to join the mobile library.

**What else do I need to know?**

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- We can only deliver pre-ordered selections for now, and regret that staff can't check the shelves for items while you wait during this phase of reopening.
- Items will be collected and returned at the entrance of the mobile library. You won't be able to enter the vehicle to browse or choose for yourself.
- We look forward to seeing you again, please be patient while we get used to this new way of working.

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## EXMOUTH MOBILE LIBRARY - TIMETABLE 2020

Thursday	Aug 13 Sept 10	Oct 8 Nov 5	Dec 3
Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Postbridge	Post Office	11:00	11:30

Tuesday	Aug 18 Sept 15	Oct 13 Nov 10	Dec 8
Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Bickington	Old School	13:20	13:45

Visit [www.devonlibraries.org.uk](http://www.devonlibraries.org.uk) to view the full timetable.



## Open Studios

## Devon Open Studios 12- 27th September 2020

Devon Open Studios is a unique opportunity to meet artists in their studios in some of the most beautiful, unexplored parts of Devon. In addition to being able to buy art direct from the creator, many demonstrate, give talks or give you a chance to have a go.

A cornucopia of art is on offer across Devon when over 200 resident artists and crafts people open their studios to show and sell their individual artworks to the public each September. The diversity of studios is remarkable; as here you can explore venues ranging from potter's studios in meadows to medieval barns, sinuous sculpture gardens or garrets by the sea. These hidden havens reveal fascinating work in every medium that allows the opportunity to purchase affordable art, directly from the artist, and without gallery commission.

The guide will be published online only from the beginning of August.

Visit <https://www.devonartistnetwork.co.uk/event-series/devon-open-studios> or email [openstudios@devonartistnetwork.co.uk](mailto:openstudios@devonartistnetwork.co.uk) for further information.

## SOCIAL ISOLATION SUPPORT IN AND AROUND WIDECOMBE

Widcombe Parish Council and local volunteers have created a centralised list of support which can be accessed by anyone.

We invite local businesses and individuals to add their names to the list of services and support that they can offer – maybe takeaway meals, collection & delivery services, book swaps, availability for a friendly chat on the phone, grocery boxes etc.

Visit [www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/support](http://www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/support) to view and access the list of services offered or to add your own offering

Alternatively, call 01364 621287 between 4pm – 7pm daily if you cannot access this online support list

Let's make sure we retain our great community spirit and support one another during this challenging time. Please keep checking that friends, family and neighbours are OK and know about this new support – why not print & post relevant info through a letterbox? And keep washing your hands!

Councillors can be contacted by phone or email if you need to get in touch:

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## THE ROTARY CLUB OF YELVERTON - SUMMER UPDATE

Despite being in lock-down we have still been holding our weekly meetings on Zoom. We have had a number of guest speakers on a variety of topics including Sand Dams in Africa which are a low-cost, low-tech solution to provide clean water to villages for drinking and irrigation purposes.

We have had a club meeting virtual visit from the Chairman of Horrabridge Cavaliers to explore how we might possibly help each other with certain community projects . We have a presentation scheduled by Marie Curie, and we're currently looking for other speakers who would be prepared to inform and/or entertain us via Zoom meetings.

Mixed in with all this we have had a number of Quiz nights on subjects as diverse as a picture quiz on the local area past & present, a current affairs/music quiz, and a picture quiz on garden birds. Great fun has been had by all as we don't take these things too seriously and the 'prize' is to prepare the next quiz!

A number of Members have been able continue to support the local community by sewing scrubs and masks, and shopping for those shielding from the virus. The requirement for these efforts is beginning to ease now as we slowly return to something approaching normality.

At this time of writing we have no specific plans to return to face to face meetings due to the continuation of social distancing and the popularity of the Zoom meetings, it is likely that they will form part of our programme for some time to come – even after we re-start face to face sessions.

Our outdoor programme has been hit hard with the cancellation in June, July and August of our Car Boot Sales, our Dog Show at Postbridge and, perhaps most disappointingly, the Fun Day on the airfield at Yelverton which would have provided some much-needed diversion for the children in the area. If the Open Day at Harrowbeer goes ahead as is currently planned, we will support by supervising car parking activities as we usually do. We're also looking at the feasibility of holding our croquet evening, perhaps in September.

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*Peter, Geoffrey, Tony, Susan and Daf*

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