

# Moorland Parish Link

Postbridge - Widecombe - Ashburton  
Holne - Huccaby - Leusdon - Bickington - Buckland

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**positive words:** patience, generosity, goodwill, peace, thoughtfulness, love, care, hope, joy, forgiveness, consideration, goodness, sympathy, kindness, courtesy, politeness, self-control, support

**Shine as a light to the world Mt 5:16**

July 2020

Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

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## The Parish Letter

We're very lucky to have a large garden here in the Vicarage in Widecombe. Over the last eight years we have worked away to get it under control – and this year we may be able to celebrate the complete absence of Japanese Knotweed for the first time – this pernicious weed had infested part of the garden for several decades, but our war of attrition seems finally to have paid off. Patience rewarded!

Over the last few months, during Lockdown it's been great to have so much time for gardening. Like many people's gardens, ours has never looked better (mostly due to Beth!), and the vegetables and soft fruit are bursting with promise – as indeed are the mice that have been enjoying the strawberries! We are now self-sufficient in lettuces and rhubarb, and can hardly wait for the first broad beans and raspberries (which are too high for the mice to climb!). To my mind there is a special pleasure in having fruit and veg in season – and the first picking of a new crop is something to really celebrate. Patience is rewarded.

And it seems to me that patience is the virtue that is most in need at the moment, as we wait for the Coronavirus to become a spent force. Patience is one of the Fruits of the Spirit that St Paul listed – his full list being love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. I feel that patience has become rather underrated – perhaps because of years of sustained advertising encouraging us to “have it now!” – do you remember the Credit Card slogan “Take the waiting out of wanting”? And who doesn't want the Lockdown to end now? For life to be normal again now? For businesses to get back to normal now? To have the comfort of coffee mornings and evenings in the pub and normal church services? The children back at school, university students having a student life, work to resume in the workplace? “Normal” is what life should be like, isn't it? How dare life not be normal?!

The need and the reason for patience is that, however much we want it, we can't have normal now. The risks are too high. You may have noticed that we all have different views on the risks – some saying “There's nothing really to worry about now here in Devon – there's so few cases, what's all the fuss about?” Others saying “I'm so worried, I'm dreading the return of tourists as they are bound to bring it with them.” Some are pushing hard for normal now, others are really anxious and scared. Perhaps this is a reflection on how much at risk they themselves feel? Younger folk

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# Church News & Events

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(up to 30) have a very low risk of death if they catch the virus, less than 1 in a 1000, but people over 70 have 1 in 4 chance of dying, and over 80, 1 in 3. (Stats June 15th for Italy). I would hope that care for the elderly is our chief concern, keeping them safe?

For many people, the consequences of catching the disease are awful, so there's a lot to be said for us all being patient, while the virus gradually diminishes around the country. And being patient can be quite fun! We learn it as children wondering why it's so long until our birthday, and then the excitement of the day is so much greater because of the anticipation. Few of us are born patient, but like the other gifts that St Paul lists, patience can be learnt. Many people who are finding themselves less busy at the moment are discovering a new inner peace; listening to silence and enjoying the little things – a butterfly sipping nectar from a flower, the gentle fall of raindrops, lingering over a cup of tea with no rush to get on. And maybe listening to the still, small voice of God becoming audible in the quiet.

Patience is about waiting for something in peace – something good that is to come. Whether a bowl of raspberries – or a return to normal social life, for which we may have to wait a long time yet. Being patient in a time of suffering has a long tradition in Christian life – St Paul himself learnt it while spending long periods in prison. Patience is well worth cultivating!

With prayers for you all and every blessing

*Geoffrey*

## **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*

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- Summer flowering Clematis needs liquid tomato feed
- Save water (yes, I know!)
- Mulch borders to retain moisture
- Check pond water level & clean
- Deadhead roses & bedding plants
- Cut back faded flowers
- Weed & water + harvest veg & stone fruit
- Healthy, happy holidays! Andy

## Services for July during the Coronavirus pandemic:

There is a choice across the benefice:

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

### **Sundays:**

- 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.

For update on worship and worship resources please visit the website:

[www.moorlandteam.org.uk](http://www.moorlandteam.org.uk) and Facebook pages: **The Ashburton and Moorland Team** and **Ashburton All Age Church**. 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

## Churches open for individual prayer

Places of worship are now permitted to open for individual prayer. Individual prayer within a place of worship is defined as a person or household entering the venue to pray on their own and not as part of a group, led prayer or communal act. They should be socially distanced from other individuals or households. Collective or communal prayer and regular scheduled services are not permitted at this time as set out in Regulations. This includes a Minister of Religion or lay person leading devotions or prayer of any sort.

Some of our churches are now open for individual prayer. Opening hours are as follows:

**St Andrew's, Ashburton: Daily, 9am-5pm**

**St Mary the Virgin, Holne: Wednesday & Sunday, 10am-5.30pm**

**St Raphael's, Huccaby: Monday & Thursday, 9:30am-5:30pm**



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## From the Registers

Funeral

Exeter Crematorium

23rd June

Peter Hutchings



### Messy Church in Ashburton July 2020

Messy Church has been on Zoom once a month which has allowed us to stay in contact with our core families and helpers who use the computers. It is not surprising to me how lovely it is to

hear people's voices and see their faces. Equally I have found the Services on the computer spiritually uplifting and I would like to thank all those involved for their hard work.

Messy Church @ Home has been circulated each week and I am hoping I will get it onto the Benefice Website more regularly. It will be under the Tab for Young People - there you will find the Messy Church Tab if you wish to access it. <https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/messychurchviazoom.htm>.

Messy Church @ Home for two weeks tackled the difficult subject of the Holy Ghost. This has led to a windsock being created and an action prayer being written. Here is the last verse.

**I cannot see your helper Jesus,** *(Hands in front of your eyes)*  
**But deep inside I feel the Spirit's touch.** *(Touch your shoulder)*  
**It inspires and helps me do your will.** *(Hands up in an open gesture)*

**Dearest Jesus, whom I cannot see. Amen.** *(Close your eyes and think of Jesus) (Clap above your head for 'Amen')*



Last week we looked at what the Bible says about Oceans and Seas because it was Ocean Day. Did you know there was such a Day? I didn't, but very apt for our Environmental theme of this term. I found that the Prophet Job talked about the seas and the oceans when he was arguing with an older Prophet of his time **Job 12 7 – 11, The Message.** It

is interesting to read the whole chapter if you have the time. I believe that the whole of the Blue Planet is precious to God and we need to listen to the stories of the sea creatures as we come out of this Pandemic.

I pray that God will give me faith during this storm.

All God's blessings and please Keep Safe. Jane A

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# St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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Church Services - see Page 26 for details

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
5th July		<b>Public worship services are suspended until further notice.</b>  <b>The weekly service and notice sheet can be downloaded from</b> <a href="https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/welcome.htm">https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/welcome.htm</a>	
12th July			
19th July			
26th July			

## 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 10am and 5.30pm.**

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.



### Small tortoiseshell *Aglais urticae*

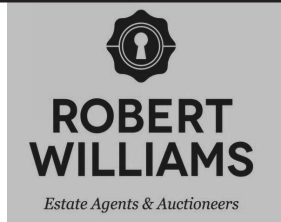
A familiar garden visitor that can be seen feeding on flowers all year-round during warm spells.

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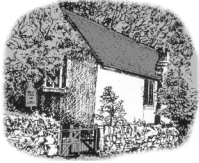
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# St Raphael, Huccaby

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**The weekly service and notice sheet can be downloaded from**

**<https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/welcome.htm>**

## **The first steps....**

It is good to be able to report that both St. Raphael's Chapel and St. Mary the Virgin, Holne have reopened for private prayer. At the time of writing, opening times at Huccaby are 9.30am until 5.30pm on Mondays and Thursdays and 10am until 5.30pm on Wednesdays and Sundays at Holne.

Whilst we would have liked to leave the Chapel open all the time, the work required to keep people safe by regular cleaning, is just not possible with the limited human resources available! Our motto is 'pray safe – stay safe' and we have done what we can to make this possible.

Tony had taken the opportunity of the lockdown to redecorate the vestry, which is now clean and shiny once again, and the Chapel has a had a thorough clean and some reorganisation to keep access limited inside without spoiling the atmosphere. Hopefully, our visitors have appreciated it.

The Pentecost prayer trail was very successful, helped by the fine weather. We know from personal encounters in the Chapel grounds and email feedback that people found the posters helpful and thought-provoking.

So as we slowly emerge into the world again, reluctantly or joyfully, we can be thankful for the kindness and generosity of our local communities; the bravery and dedication of our key workers; the efforts of our ministers and team in delivering services and meditations and the knowledge that God is forever with us whatever happens next.

*Gillian*

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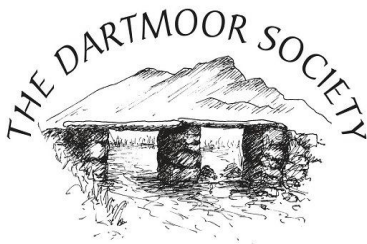


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*Tony and Gillian Parker*

At the moment this initiative is confined to Holne and Huccaby - but discussions are ongoing with Ashburton to launch the Tea at Three project there soon.

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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 26 for details

Date	Time	Reader	Teas	Flowers - Altar	Windows
5th July		<b>Public worship services are suspended until further notice. The church building is now closed.</b>			
12th July					
19th July					
26th July					

## 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.





# CORONAVIRUS Support Hotline

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## Coffee Morning and Stalls

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

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### 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.

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### 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  
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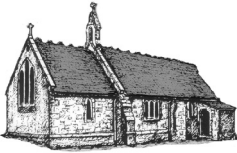
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# St Gabriel, Postbridge

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**Church Services - see Page 26 for details**

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## 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 <a href="mailto:geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk">geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk</a>
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

At present we all continue to stay safe in lockdown and await the time when we can all meet again and resume our Coffee Mornings..

We will update when we have any further information.

# Church Services for July 2020

## 5th July Trinity 4 Green

*Readings - Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

## 12th July Trinity 5 Green

*Readings - Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

## 19th July Trinity 6 Green

*Readings - Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

## 26th July Trinity 7 Green

*Readings - 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

## 2nd August Trinity 8 Green

*Readings - Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21*

There is a choice of worship across the benefice:

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

### Sundays:

- 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

For update on worship and worship resources please visit the website:

<https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk> and Facebook pages: **The Ashburton and Moorland Team** and **Ashburton All Age Church**. 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

The service of  
**Holy Communion**  
**every Wednesday**  
 at St. Andrew's Church  
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 is suspended until further  
 notice.



## Communion at home

Communion at home has been  
 suspended until further notice.

### Mid-week Communion

Wednesday 1st July		<b>Public worship services are suspended until further notice</b>	
Wednesday 8th July			
Wednesday 15th July			
Wednesday 22nd July			
Wednesday 29th July			

### Key to Service Leaders

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JG	Revd John Good	WW	William West	MK	Marion Kaye
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**Some of our churches are now open for individual prayer.  
 Opening hours are as follows:**

**St Andrew's, Ashburton: Daily, 9am-5pm**

**St Mary the Virgin, Holne: Wednesday & Sunday, 10am-5.30pm**

**St Raphael's, Huccaby: Monday & Thursday, 9:30am-5:30pm**

## Dates for the Diary

**July 2020**

Page

No events to report


## 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.

### Food and Drink Round

1. In Italy, what is a Mortadella?
2. Claret is produced in the region surrounding which French city?
3. Which highly regarded food fish is the largest of all flat-fish, by individual landed weight in 2019?
4. Which type of flower produces a vanilla pod?
5. Which popular drink was originally known as sack when it was first imported into the British Isles, allegedly to reduce the duty on it?
6. What does beer contain which ale traditionally did not, this also being the old Weights & Measures official definition?
7. Autumn King, Figaro and St Valery are all varieties of which vegetable?
8. Per capita, which European country is the biggest consumer of bread?
9. How many normal sized bottles of wine would you find in a Methusela?
10. If these bottles of wine were labelled Sukhindol wine, which country would they be from?
11. Which lager producing business sponsored the pre-Wimbledon tournament from 1979 to 2008, really putting it 'on the map' and massively increasing the prize money?
12. Meaning 'whirlpool', which robust German desert is made from thin sheets of rolled up dough?

**Answers on Page 46**

## Princetown History Club

Regrettably, the 7 July Yennandon Down walk with Liz Miall has been cancelled. The August walk 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: [princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com](http://princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com)



## Postbridge Whist Drives - Held in the Village Hall

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

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**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.

## Widcombe Church House Management

**Committee** Chairman - Mike Pascoe

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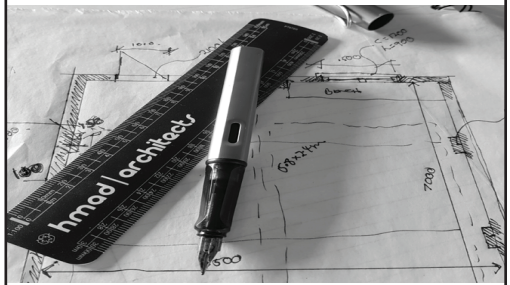
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These rates are for local non commercial events only. For other rates please ask the bookings secretary.

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### Useful web sites:

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

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

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

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## Another type of Lockdown.

In February 2001 Dartmoor suffered an outbreak of Foot & Mouth Disease which lasted about 3months. Many precautions were taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

In Widecombe one action was to fence off the village green and I'm sure many other precautions were taken to protect farmers, villagers and livestock. Let us know what you remember.

If you have any memories of those days, not too long ago, and would like to share them let us know, so they can be recorded for future generations to study when wanting to know about life in Widecombe in the 2,000's.

Photographs would also be much appreciated, especially if you have one of the fenced off Village Green. Any document you are able to provide would be copied and the original returned to you if you so wish.

Please contact **david.ashman87@gmail.com** or any member of the Widecombe History Group.

*David Ashman. Widecombe History Group.*

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## Commemorative Cross St Pancras Churchyard, Widecombe

Located in section C of the churchyard, to the east of the church door and set on the bank looking toward Widecombe Hill is an impressive stone cross erected to commemorate the life and family of a former vicar of Widecombe Reverend John Williams. On the pedestal supporting the cross are the names of four other persons, all of whom died in tragic circumstances during the life of the vicar. The Reverend John Williams was vicar of Widecombe from 1869 to 1901.

Born in Monmouthshire Wales, John Williams married Adelaide Jones in 1856 in Chepstow and during the following years they had a family of 8 children. During the birth of her eighth child in July 1872 Adelaide died.

In 1876 Rev Williams married Ada Rose Whitter from East Budleigh, Devon. Tragically a baby born to John and Ada and named Rose died at 4 days of age in May 1878.

After a few years of relative tranquillity in 1889 the family were to suffer further loss when son John Thomas Williams died. He was serving as medical officer on the Delta sugar plantation in Burdekin, Queensland, Australia. He is reported to have died from sunstroke.

Further tragedy struck the family in February 1893 when son Ernest Llewellyn Williams (27) was serving with the Indian Staff Corps (Military Police) in operations attempting to quell disturbances from native tribes agitating against British Colonial Rule. He was killed in the Kachin Hills in Burma.

The tragic life of John continued in June 1893 when wife Ada Died aged 61 years. By 1901 John had retired from the post of Vicar of Widecombe. He then lived in Bristol with his two daughters Florence and Gertrude where he passed away on 5th April 1901 aged 77.

The memorial stone in St Pancras churchyard bears the names of:

Rose Whitter Williams aged 4 days,  
J.T. Williams Medical Officer, Lower Burdekin, Queensland, Australia,  
Ernest Llewellyn Williams, killed in Action in Burma,  
Ada Rose Williams, wife of Revd John Williams,  
Revd John Williams, Vicar of Widecombe.

*David Ashman. Widecombe History Group.*

## News from the East Shallowford Trust

Can you believe how glorious the weather has been? Although by early June, as the fresh grass finally poked out and began to lure towards it's glorious, vital green, we looked across at Corndon and wondered how long it would be before it started to singe and curl towards a deathly grey. Then, the deluge dumped again..... oh, how we enjoy the delights of Dartmoor, dodging the spikes of lightening that spear down as if Thor was stabbing at us lesser mortals with quick electric sparks for his sharp, amusing torment. Once again our electric clunked off and the internet went 'boof'.

Unfortunately, our electrics are in something of a 'temporary' hiatus. The building that used to hold the water filter has completely gone. It was a breeze block 1980's shack with no insulation. So, no loss there! However, the electrics are currently housed in the woodshed until the new plant room is built. The electrics for all of us on Dartmoor, is, as we know, highly dependent on the weather. With insulated copper often less than 6 inches below ground, the mere hint of lightening sends the wires into quivering panic – never mind the dog who shoots like an arrow under any chair!

We are on our sixth internet router this year. BT and us are very friendly! We carefully return the previous victim and hope we can last more than a week before the new one is required. Of course, this matters little to our visitors, who believe that we truly are cut off from the dancing world of internet. It's just our team, trying to communicate and swiftly organise ourselves and me, searching through a gzillian pages of Trusts and Foundations forever on the hunt for some generous organisation to sponsor us, who truly suffer when the internet dies.



In the meantime..... real life happens! The shearers came on 5th June – naturally, just as it had begun to rain, so the fleeces were not entirely light, nor was the oil in the wool as high as it might have been to make life easy for the bent over men, who with dextrous swift arms de-fleeced the

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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

### **Poundsgate and Dunstone Chapels**

**Public worship services are suspended until further notice.**

### **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.

### **News from Dunstone and Poundsgate Methodist Churches**

Dear Friends,

It's quite difficult to find any news to share other than to repeat the information and invitation we gave last month!

Our pattern of online activities has now become more established. Amidst all the anxiety and restrictions created by coronavirus, we have experienced the benefit of working more ecumenically, enjoying sharing in the online services produced by the Moorland team in new and creative ways. Looking at how to balance what we have learned over the last few months with our more traditional expressions and gatherings for worship is one of the issues we will be addressing together in the coming weeks.

As for what we are doing at the moment whilst meeting physically is on hold, we continue with the following:

We continue to send out our weekly 'home-worship' sheets which we do together on a Sunday morning, as well as having the following regular Zoom gatherings.

**Sunday: 9.00am informal worship hosted by Dunstone;**

**Sunday: 11.30am Ashburton coffee and chat, just as we would usually do after our morning worship;**

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## **News from Dunstone and Poundsgate Methodist Churches**

**Monday: 4pm a time to reflect together on the previous day's gospel reading, hosted by Ashburton;**

**Wednesday: 10am morning prayer together, following a daily liturgy, again hosted by Ashburton.**

For safeguarding reasons we cannot publish the meeting ID's and passwords for Zoom meetings, but if you would like to come along to any of these, or to receive our weekly Sunday worship-at-home sheets, please let me know, on [hookekp@hotmail.com](mailto:hookekp@hotmail.com), and I'll ensure you are added to the list.

With best wishes as ever,

*Kevin*

Rev. Kevin Hooke

on behalf of the Methodists at Poundsgate, Dunstone and Ashburton

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## **News from the East Shallowford Trust**

calm, but puffing girls who were desperate to lose their woolly winter coats. As Alethe and I wandered over to the shearing sheds at the Dracup's, Peter returned in the sparkling white Land Rover having blocked the drive as the next bunch were walked by Debbie into the shed. This should have been a fantastic job for our visitors. Instead, the Dracup family with a very occasional input from us, manage the animals in their normal calm and gentle manner.

Peter stopped the Land Rover for a little yarn, nodding towards the shearers, 'See that technique?' 'Yes', I replied, 'as long arms with clippers swept swiftly down the back of a passive ewe, 'I saw this being demonstrated by the man himself, Godfrey Bowen at the Royal Show in 1964.' The Guardian described Godfrey as having arms that "flow with the grace of a Nureyev shaping up to an arabesque" the shearer using his spare hand to stretch the sheep's skin, which improved the quality of the shorn fleece, calmed the sheep and enabled what seemed like lightening speed to clumpy UK shearers.

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At this time the rest of the world was still shearing with blades and scissors. Bowen watched in disbelief as six British shearers worked on one sheep: four shearing a leg each, another shearing the sides and another the head. The wool length was usually inconsistent and the sheep would end up covered in cuts. This method was also slow: these six shearers averaged 30 sheep in an hour; alone Bowen averaged 45 in the same time.

Eventually the Bowen Technique was adopted by shearers all over the world, adding billions of dollars of value to the international wool industry.

In 1956 with eight other Wool Board instructors, he set a team world record by shearing 3,157 sheep in nine hours. Bowen's personal tally for the day was 407. In 1957 he broke the world record again by shearing 463 sheep in nine hours. In 2000, at the age of 84, Godfrey's brother Ivan remained the embodiment of rural New Zealand toughness. He could still shear a sheep in around 60 seconds! (<https://www.nzedge.com/legends/endurance/godfrey-bowen>).



Alethe, leaning over the gate watched and timed with great care in order not to be seen, the three shearers. One was obviously in pain and either out of practice or still learning. He took up to four minutes, with a lot of waiting as the sheep struggled, requiring him to stand and wait for her to become calm. Another shearer, took approx. two minutes

per sheep. We hope, they were paid individually as one of the three was definitely more than twice the speed of the others.

But our wildlife does not end with our preened and cultivated sheep. We have bees! Or at least John Dracup, with earnest enthusiasm has become a buzzing enthusiast!

His bees came from Mount Edgecumbe – the Black Bee Project, the traditional native bee to the Celtic regions. It's hardier and some would say less aggressive than the conventional honey bee as developed by Brother Adam in our own local Buckfast Abbey.

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John is being trained and mentored by Buckfast Abbey, having started a course facilitated by the Dartmoor Hill Farm Project in 2018, attending weekly to learn about hive management and general bee production. As a result, he dared to enter the Black Bee, Mount Edgecumbe challenge. Would the black bee, *Apis mellifera mellifera* be able to survive on Dartmoor?

Would it live up to it's reputation of being tough and hardier than those European cross breeds of Brother Adam?

John took on the challenge in June 2019. He brought two colonies and set up two very smart hives again, facilitated by the Dartmoor Hill Farm Project. The bees survived and thrived over the winter. By June, they are now collecting honey from clover, gorse and elderflower. The theory is that John, living so close to an exceptionally good marsh where Butterfly Orchid's grow, will benefit from bees pollinating this delightful plant at night, harvesting honey that harbours strong aphrodisiac powers!! Now we wondered why he had become such a keen apiarist!



But talking of butterflies!

Nigel Bowie has been a fluttering along our marshes. Really, he does rather resemble a Victorian enthusiast, sporting not a monocle, but a huge round magnifying glass as he deftly crawls and spies along the marsh, delving into the depths of the complicated interwoven lives of plants and Lepidoptera. His report this month concluded: "As their name implies, Marsh Fritillaries prefer wet, tussocky ground. When the adults emerge in late May, the females lay their eggs in large batches on the underside of the leaves of the Devil's-bit Scabious.



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They like the surrounding vegetation to be open enough for them to find the Scabious, but at the same time they don't like it to be too short. This balance can only be achieved by grazing the land in a controlled way. So local farmers have a crucial role in helping the Marsh Fritillary to thrive and I know Butterfly Conservation is very grateful to the farmers for their help.

Over the summer, the eggs hatch out into small brown, later black, caterpillars,



which weave silken webs on the Scabious leaves, in which they live communally over the winter. Unfortunately, this makes them vulnerable to parasitic wasps, which lay eggs in and kill the caterpillars. So Marsh Fritillary populations can crash spectacularly from one year to the next and then recover in their turn as the parasitic wasp population

crashes for lack of Marsh Fritillary caterpillars. Even without this hazard, and despite the protection which the webs give them, the caterpillars may also be vulnerable if the ground is heavily flooded during a particularly wet winter. Further threats come from predation by birds, as well as some spiders and beetles!

The Marsh Fritillary population at East Shallowford is historically strong, but the last really good year was in 2018 when 65 adults were counted. It is hard to be sure why the population has only been in single figures more recently. As explained above, there can be a number of factors. But the Marsh Fritillary is present elsewhere in the valley of the West Webburn River and there is every hope that it will bounce back next year.”

So life in the natural world is horribly complex. As we are acutely aware, the visitors have stamped liberally all over the moors dumping their disastrous bags – heaps of black dog poo bags tied to bushes or kicked under a rock remind us that we are in a warped 21st Century where what is ‘right and wrong’ is clearly not obvious to all. Rubbish everywhere! Why – do people not think? Do they not understand that the beauty they have come to enjoy is dependent on their respect?

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So odd, so strange is our species, that we abuse what is around us and remain emotionally immune to the consequences.



And then other mysterious and nefarious doings have happened at East Shallowford. On Easter Sunday our good neighbour phoned Alethe to say he had 'spotted two people with a grey Land Rover Discovery herding a pony down past his farm, only to open the gate and steer her into the meadow next to the bridge. Did we know?' No, we didn't. Messages were pinged,

phone calls made, photos taken and e-mails sent. No known origin of this mysterious pony could be identified. We all went to meet her and have a look. Emaciated, with lines of thin skin, taunted over exposed, pointed joints and rough tufts of gingery but patchy hair, she greedily yanked at the grass. Never stopping – this pony was seriously hungry and none of us could get near her.

We called in the reinforcements (Charlotte Faulkner of the Friends of Dartmoor Hill Pony) who provided some nutritious hay, noting that we would not be able to find the brand mark until her winter coat had moulted. Named Bunny, for arriving over Easter, what was her story? Some research from Charlotte and we found out that Bunny's good Samaritans were Mike and Hazel Churchwood who had spotted her and know Shallowford land well – the grass would do her good! So, we have left her. She's on The Ball, opposite the farm where occasional random sheep sneak in,



but otherwise she is a constant savage muncher of grass..... Desperate and unyielding, feeding, feeding, feeding. And this week – our thoughts were proved correct. Not entirely round herself, but definitely in better condition, her munching has paid off. She has produced a foal! Life on Dartmoor will survive us humans!

Julia

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	(May 2019 - 38.7 mm (1.5"))		
Holne	20.5 mm (0.81")		4th 7.6 mm



## Rugglestone Quiz Answers

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| 1. Sausage  | 7. Carrots           |
| 2. Bordeaux | 8. Germany, by miles |
| 3. Halibut  | 9. 8                 |
| 4. Orchid   | 10. Bulgaria         |
| 5. Sherry   | 11. Stella Artois    |
| 6. Hops     | 12. Strudel          |

## Other Community News & Events

### 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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## 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.

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### 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>

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### 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)

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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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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>

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The creativity of our contributors during Lockdown has given the Link a real burst of energy – there’s another new quiz this month, there are beautiful photos of flowers and butterflies brightening the pages, there are reports of activities which are clearly still going on and indeed beginning to increase, and history is being unveiled month by month. We think it’s a great read!

Sadly we are still not able to print and deliver the Link, but when we can we’ll have to do some thinking about whether we can afford a fatter Link with these sorts of extras? And do a lot of thinking about whether the significant extra cost of having some colour scattered throughout would be worthwhile? You may well have your own views on this and we’d love to hear them.

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