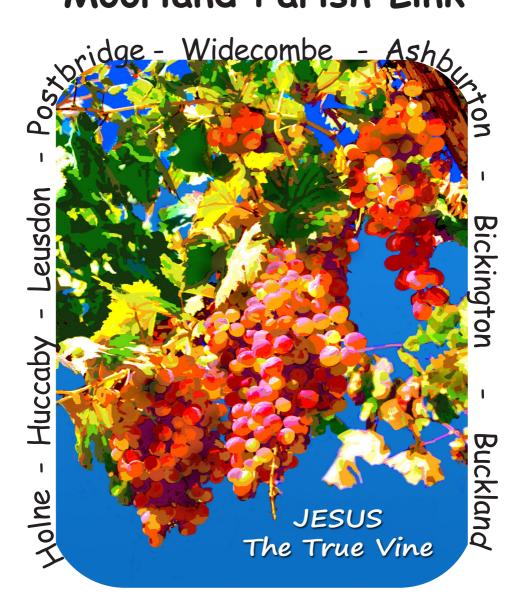
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The Parish Letter

Haven't the past few weeks been incredible?!

We have just lived through some of the strangest and most unpredicted times of our lives. Our freedom to roam has been curtailed and even a trip to the shops to pick up daily essentials has required complex, logistical planning for many of us.

Of course, our church buildings have been closed – but the church has been far from still and silent. The moment that lockdown began, church leaders up and down the country began to figure out how they could broadcast services for their communities, with many people having to immediately learn new technical skills. And they did, with a rapidness that has to be attributed to divine intervention! There is now a greater variety of church services online, available wherever there is an internet connection, than there has ever been in history. There is a church service online to match literally everyone's taste.

Over the past few weeks there have been several surveys about people's faith during lockdown, and some research data has been collected both nationally and locally. It seems that there has been an increase in the number of people who are praying regularly, and around 30% of under 30's have 'attended' an online service. Are 30% of our regular congregations made up of people under 30? Interesting food for thought – and certainly one that we need to consider as lockdown begins to lift.

Naturally, all of this summer's outdoor events and festivals have been cancelled. I know many of you 'tuned in' over the Easter period to 'Spring Harvest at Home' and other Christian conferences and festivals are announcing that they too are 'going virtual' with recorded talks and worship being available – Big Church Day Out; WildFires and New Wine United being some of the most high profile events that will be available for us all to join. And, on a more local scale, many churches took their kids' holiday clubs online over Easter – either via Zoom, live streaming on Facebook, or pre-recorded via YouTube. As yet, no decision has been made about our own holiday club (scheduled for Weds 29th July – Saturday 1st August). We're trying to delay that decision for as long as possible so that we have the most up-to-date information, but we are hopeful that a holiday club of some kind will go ahead.

I know that some people in our community have begun to meet weekly for bible study and prayer via Zoom. I know of three such groups, and I'm sure there are still others where a group of friends have got together informally to meet, chat, share news and to encourage one another. If you are not in a group but would like to be, or would like start one yourself, I will happily help you with that.

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Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, the office is currently closed.

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Church News & Events

(Continued from page 3)

Hopefully within the next few weeks we will be able to begin to meet together again to pray and worship (although, there is current warning that singing may not be able to take place safely in churches when they first reopen as water droplets on a singers breath are projected up to 5 metres. Do we REALLY sing that passionately in our churches...?!). But until we can physically meet again, we can take comfort in the words from Matthew 18:20 – 'where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them.' I am sure that our all-seeing, all-knowing, all-powerful God is big enough to reach round and through wifi and radio signals.

So please, do continue to join in with our online services, and consider joining a Zoom home group. They are not a 'second best option', or simply 'the best we can manage' at this time but they are a valid, alternative way to build community. And Jesus will be there too – the bible says so!

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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. 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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- Fill gaps in borders Train climbers & remove suckers
- Deadhead flowers
- Plant out runner beans & toms Above all else, enjoy your garden!
 - Andy 01364621386

Services for June 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 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

An hour of quiet reflection at Postbridge Church Services in the Church Suspended Until Further Notice

However, I am still producing monthly services for use at home, with links to the appropriate Taize music.

They can be found on the Postbridge Services webpage: 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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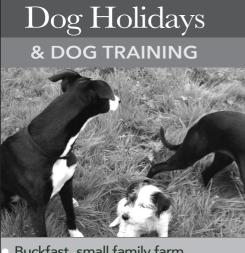
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Messy Church in

Ashburton in June 2020

In Ashburton, Messy Church like the schools has moved onto the web. This is not easy for a very hand's on craft orientated activity.

Each week I am writing a Messy Church @ Home pdf and sending it out by email to our local families. It has been picked up by various counties and now is going onto Messy Church Headquarters website and being accessed across the world!! The last two weeks pdf Messy Church @ Home have been based on St Francis of Assisi and his life. We learnt that he was recognised as the first Conservationist. The prayer below is based on the Canticles of the sun by St Francis

All the world shouts for joy,

Come and dance in the woods and the fields.
Thank you for the rain that waters our fields.
Thank you for the sun's rays that brings the day.
For the moon and the stars that light our way.
Thank God that Spring is here as the flowers open,
the trees burst into leaf and the crops wake up.
Thank you for the wind that blows through the trees,
For the seas' mighty storms and the gentlest of breezes.



All these show us God's Heart of Love. Amen

We had zoom Messy Church yesterday and showed off our drawings of what you can see out of your window. We told the story of St Francis and the taming of the wolf. Some people, who helped tell the story, using their wolf masks, which they had made, and howled like a wolf. We look forward to the day we can all gather in the flesh. It is extremely hard for the youngest members to sit still over the net, but we love catching up with those that manage to come each month. All God's blessings and please Stay Safe. Jane A

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| 7th June | | Public worship services are suspended until further notice. | | | | | |
| 14th June | | The church building is now closed. | | | | | |
| 21st June | | The weekly service and notice sheet can be downloaded from | | | | | |
| 28th June | | https://www.moorland | team.org.uk/welcome.htm | | | | |



HOLNE REVEL

We know all you Revellers out there will be sad that the Revel, scheduled for June 20, has been cancelled this year due to the pandemic. This would have been the fifth Holne Revel since it's modern revival and it has become a popular fixture in the summer calendar.

The good news is that we have next year's date in the diary - **JUNE 19, 2021** - when we will be very pleased to welcome back Go Tell Alice, as well as ALL OF YOU!

Be sure to check <u>www.holnevillage.co.uk</u> for all upcoming events.

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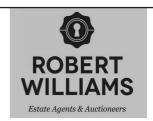
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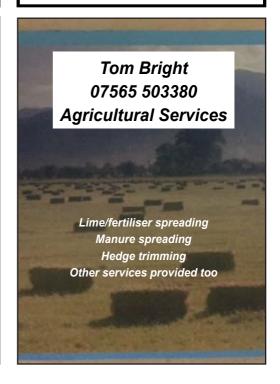
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Ten Little Christians

This is an old piece, but the message is still the same and whilst we can't communicate in the same way at the moment, that doesn't mean it doesn't apply!

Ten little Christians went to church when fine,

but it started raining and then there were nine.

Nine little Christians stayed up very late,

one overslept, and then there were eight.

Eight little Christians on the road to Heaven,

one joined a rambling club, and then there were seven.

Seven little Christians heard of Sunday 'flicks',

one thought they'd like to go and then there were six.

Six little Christians kept the place alive,

till one bought a television then there were five.

Five little Christians seemed loyal to the core,

the minister upset one, and then there were four.

Four little Christians argued heatedly

over forms of worship and then there were three.

Three little Christians sang the service through,

got a hymn they didn't know and then there were two.

Two little Christians disputed who should run

the next coffee morning and then there was one.

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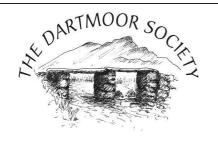


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Four devoted Christians simply couldn't wait, till they found four others and then there were eight.

Eight eager Christians searching round for souls, praying, working, caring, drew others in by shoals,

Shoals and shoals at every service cramming every pew,

Lord, supply this grace and zeal right here in our Church too.

Gillian

CommuniTea - Tea at Three on Tuesday!

Why we need to talk to each other.

(Even when we are not allowed to physically meet!)

At times, feeling lonely or isolated is normal. For some, it can be very frightening and destructive. At a minimum, it hurts.

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There are some simple instructions to follow to allow you to see each other as well as hear each other – if you want to!

If you would like to take part, we can help you set up your technology – there is no cost! Please let us know if you are interested.

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

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| 28th June | | | | | | | | | |

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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

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.



R Jenkins, name on the Leusdon War Memorial

In last month's issue my colleague Peter Rennells was asking if anyone had information about the next of kin of the mystery man named as R Jenkins on the war memorial.

Since we started collecting information about each of the men who died in the Second World War who are named on the War memorials at Leusdon, Postbridge and Widecombe, many interesting stories have come to light. These fascinating tales have been recorded for future information and further research.

Despite talking to every "local" over a six-month period our efforts to trace "R Jenkins" have turned up very little, apart from some very small snippets of isolated data. Such as a connection to a particular house in Ponsworthy, then we heard of someone in the Widecombe Home Guard who was connected to "R Jenkins". For some while we were unsure what the "R" stood for

On contacting the Commonwealth War Graves Commission they helpfully provided us with 40 instances or the name R Jenkins with next of kin, and a further 3 with no next of kin.

These names were sifted through and the most likely were further researched. At various times individuals moved from "possible" to "probables" and many hours were spent researching these individuals records, but all to no avail. Checks were made on the Royal Navy Memorial in Plymouth for the name R Jenkins which also drew a blank

A local historian friend helped provided details of a further 7 Jenkins registered on electoral registers in Devon in 1939. These were checked through but again none were the person we were searching for.

Local schools and estate agents were contacted with the hope of finding some details of the elusive Mr Jenkins parent's but these lines of enquiry were also unsuccessful. And then, just as the May edition of the Parish Link passed it's deadline day a breakthrough occurred. Searching a totally different family online, the name Richard Jenkins appeared. We were by now following even the slightest mention of any Jenkins and the name Richard Jenkins was followed up.

It transpires the name we sought was **Richard Mowbray Jenkins**, born in Keynsham, Bristol on 27th February 1921.

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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'.

The June Coffee Morning has been cancelled

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



Hiring Leusdon Memorial Hall

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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 LMH

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Richard's father was Edgar Jenkins, his mother was Blanche Watson.

Richard's father died in 1927, and in 1930's his widowed mother Blanche married Charles Biggs a jeweller from Exeter. It was this Charles Biggs who had been remembered locally as the man who built and lived at Old Walls. Ponsworthy.

Soon after leaving college in 1940 **Richard Mowbray Jenkins** enlisted in the **Royal Airforce Volunteer Reserve**. He was stationed at RAF Lossiemouth in Scotland, where he trained on Wellington Mk 1C bombers.

On 6th April 1942 his plane was attempting to take off on a daytime training flight when it suffered engine failure and crashed half a mile from the airfield. Two members of the crew died instantly Richard died on 9th April from his injuries.

The story of Richard Mowbray Jenkins has now become known and the enigma of the name on the War Memorial resolved.

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St Gabriel, Postbridge

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Church Services - see Page 26 for details

Public worship services are suspended until further notice.

The church building is now closed.

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

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

<u>http://www.dartmoorforestpc.net/</u>
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 June 2020

7th June Trinity Sunday Green

Readings - - Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-31; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

14th June Trinity 1 Green

Readings - Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]

21st June Trinity 2 Green

Readings - Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

28th June Trinity 3 Green

Readings - Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

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

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

Holy Communion

Midweek & At Home

The service of

Holy Communion every Wednesday

at St. Andrew's Church in Ashburton is suspended until further notice.



Communion at home

Communion at home has been suspended until further notice.

| Mid-week Communion | | | | | |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Wednesday 3rd June | | | | | |
| Wednesday 10th June | | Public worship services are suspended until further notice | | | |
| Wednesday 17th June | | | | | |
| Wednesday 24th June | | iurther notice | | | |

| Key to | Service Leaders | | | | |
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| MR | Revd Mark Rylands | SS | Steve Sheldon | JA | Revd John Andrews |
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| AK | Anthony Kyriakides | CA | Chloe Axford | JAsh | Jane Ashton |

Following the Prime Minister's announcement of 23rd March, the Archbishops have written to clergy in support of the measures, requiring that churches must now close both for private worship and public services.

Our church buildings are therefore now closed.

Dates for the Diary

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HISTORY MYSTERY - Sidney John Thomas Corry

This month we are trying to trace anyone who knows anything about this young man (25) who died on 8th April 1941. He is buried in Postbridge Cemetery and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

The only thing we have been able to trace is the War Office casualty list which says he "died" on 8th August 1941.

His parents were Mr & Mrs S J Corry and his wife was Margaret Olive Corry (nee Dunham) and she was known as Peggy.

Can anyone help with any information relating to his death or why he was buried in Postbridge when his home was in Hanworth London?

Information to david.ashman87@gmail.com or Peter Rennells on 01364 621302.

Hello Distancers!

These are very strange and difficult times we are living through. To some the dangers will be reminiscent of wartime days in the 1940's, but to many they will be a completely new type of experience.

With this in mind we have decided to ask as many members of our community who are willing and able, to record how the current events and restrictions are affecting their daily lives, and how they have adapted to cope with the new challenges.

The record can take the shape of a daily "diary" since the introduction of the restrictions. Maybe a particular day which illustrates good/bad feelings, a humorous occurrence or frustration or anything else you feel describes your situation.

Photographs are equally most welcome.

It is the intention of the History Group to collate and then archive all submissions received in the hope of producing an accurate record of how we survived the Coronavirus/Covid19 attack in 2020.

Young people are particularly invited to take part

(eg anyone under 60)

Please email your "record" to: david.ashman87@gmail.com

Princetown History Club

Regrettably, the 2 June Moretonhampstead walk with Gary Cox has been cancelled. The July and August walks remain 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 <u>ilissenden@talktalk.net</u>

WHIST

Web Site: princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com

Postbridge Whist Drives - Held in the Village Hall All Whist Drives are cancelled until further notice.

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High Moorland Women's Institute Princetown

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Princetown. 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 or follow us on Facebook: High Moorland Women's Institute.

Widecombe 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

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

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



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



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

For queries re tennis phone Di Cameron on 621218.

Please remember to wear soft soled shoes and to leave the court tidy with the net replaced. Report any damage immediately to Claire Partridge (Secretary) on 621468. Close all gates and replace the keys.

For more information about WDSG visit 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.

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

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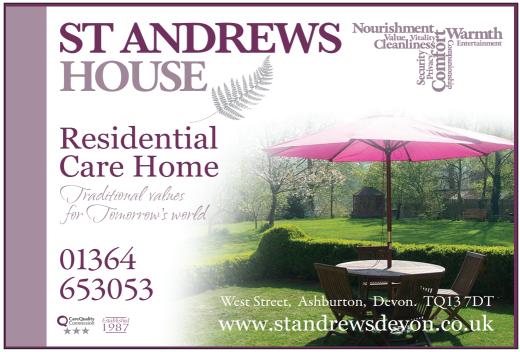
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WIDECOMBE FAIR



Coronavirus Impact: Widecombe Fair, 8th September 2020

It is with great regret that, after taking into account the current stance by the Government that social distancing will continue for some time yet, the Widecombe Fair Organisational Team has made the decision to cancel the Fair this year. We are at the point where we have to commit to material expenditure to enable the 2020 Fair to go ahead, so a tough decision had to be made.

Also, much more important, the Organisational Team must look after the safety of all those involved in staging the Fair and those attending the Fair – there is no current certainty that this can be achieved.

Please spread the word to anyone who you think should, or might like to, know about the cancellation of the Fair.

Thank you to all our traders, suppliers, exhibitors and supporters; we look forward to returning strongly in 2021.

Mike Pascoe, Chairman

David Alexander Dunlop

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Dave Dunlop, who passed away on 5 May 2020.

Dave, an architect, graphic designer and photographer, lived at Haytor Vale. Last year he became a member of the Parish Link Editorial Team. He also spent many hours working on the Widecombe Fair Traffic Plan from 2017 - 2019, "doing a sterling job". His kindness and generosity will be much missed in our community.

Our most sincere condolences go out to Emily, William, John and Polly.

Widecombe Parish Council

It has been a very strange few weeks for us all – schools have been closed, shops have been shut, holidays have been cancelled and we have been confined to our homes for most of the time. We have been lucky with the weather, however, and most of us have been able to spend time in our gardens or enjoy a stroll in the sunshine.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the parish who has been involved in organising, officially and unofficially, support for other villagers who have been isolating or shielding. The community's response to this unprecedented situation has been quite overwhelming.

The Parish Council had to cancel its March meeting in line with government guidance on social distancing. New regulations have now been brought in by the government which means that the Parish Council can hold lawful meetings remotely. Until the government lifts restrictions, Parish Council meetings are therefore being held on Zoom

The meetings are open to the public. All you need to do is go to www.zoom.us and sign up – it's free. Links, meeting IDs and passcodes will be advertised on the agendas which are published on the website and on the notice boards.

The next meeting is being held on **Thursday 4th June at 7.30pm**. The meeting ID is 845 0078 0089 and the password to enter the meeting is 600271.

If you would like anything to be discussed, please let me know in advance of the meeting and I can add it to future agendas.

We hope that everyone stays well and keeps safe and we look forward to things getting back to 'normal' over the coming months.

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VE Day in Widecombe

Jenny Pascoe created a beautiful floral arrangement in red, white and blue for VE Day. The arrangement was displayed at the lych gate.



John Richard Seale

Doctor and wild flower meadow gardener, died peacefully at his home Southcombe House in Widecombe in the Moor on 19th April 2020, aged 92.

Much loved husband of Elisabeth and Jane. Adored father of Charlotte, Marc, Victoria and Adam and adored grandfather of Caspar, Emily, Alexander, Oliver, Jessica, Christopher and Anna. He will be missed by his many friends.

John lived for many years in Widecombe in the Moor having been raised in Exeter

He regularly opened his wildflower meadows under the NGS garden scheme and organised some wildflower meadow workshops with the Dartmoor National Park.

He was a Parish Councillor for a couple of years.

A celebration of John's life will be held at a later date.

News from the East Shallowford Trust

Are we allowed just a sneaky little bit of smug self indulgence? OK, it was never deliberate! None of us expected the world to be held in lock down, nor for us, through absolute necessity, to have to haul ourselves out of bed on a wonderful spring morning, have our eardrums blasted by the cheerful chatter of busy birds, have our eyes enchanted by the emerald grass bursting forth at speed, whilst primroses poked their heads out and a carpet of bluebells dance and sway in the gentle breeze. The scent of fresh sweet air, warmth of the gentle sun on our faces, our eyes delighted by the new life bursting all around us, intoxicating not our fault we had to accidently delight in the joy of it all!

Guilt does sneakily enter in. As the warm sun unlocks the tension in shoulders working as a natural massage, I think of families stuck in one bedroom flats, two or three children lumpen, imobile in front of screens all day as they have no choice. Well, ten years ago it would have been a book, but this is 2020! Pre lockdown it would have been a shout to 'go outside, stop playing on your phone.' Now they are told to shut up, sit down and keep quiet in front of a flat piece of plastic – a portal to another world! But it is only the eyes which dance, not the whole body.



The sun comes out beckoning and smiling, taunting children to play....... like the creepy child catcher in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Come outside and breeeaaaath! Come outside little children! Yet still they have had to stay indoors. If they do sneak out, many do not have fresh grass to lighten their souls, just grey tarmac and cement, prison

chambers of our own human creation. Some call it human advancement! Clever, human intelligence! Yet the fight between instincts battles within every human as well as society as a whole. We need to explore, to develop, to challenge ourselves. Surely that is why we moved out of the trees leaving the orangutans behind? Yet we crave to fulfil indulgent desires that would have us wallowing on a soft sofa, stuffing our faces with delicious, drippingly sweet food.

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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.

Of course, in one sense there isn't a great deal of news, as our Church doors remain closed too, and we are missing the opportunity to gather face-to-face in worship and fellowship.

However, 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;

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, and I'll ensure you are added to the list.

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Dunstone

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News from Dunstone and Poundsgate Methodist Churches

Also, in Ashburton we are enjoying working together with St Andrew's on the pattern of weekly services posted on YouTube. Not being able to access buildings has encouraged us to become more creative and cooperative, and to experience worship from new places and new ways, which has to be good for the future.

With best wishes as ever,

Kevín

Rev. Kevin Hooke on behalf of the Methodists at Poundsgate, Dunstone and Ashburton

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News from the East Shallowford Trust

Post Corona, will humans split into two species? Those who never see the light of day again. Scared, hidden, so anxious they never dare to poke their faces in public again so fearful of this threatening virus. Or those who leap into the wild open spaces, desperate to expand their lungs and feel energy running through their legs as they bound, jump and delight in our wonderful open spaces.

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We have had to empty the Main Barn completely as we will lose access to the yard as soon as the building contractors enter. Yes – they are coming! At long last, the work on the Main Barn will begin. But its only the Main Barn. Our footprint remains small and within the ancient curtilage, restoring and maintaining the barn which needs lots of tender loving care to remain upright. Funding is still needed and between Corona Virus understandably diverting many Trusts and Foundations responses, combined with no visitors for months, we are in a very tricky place. Having said that, we have to try and will keep moving forwards.





So between Will and his wonderful Manitou hauling plasterboard and old rubbish into a skip and some very determined volunteers, the Main Barn is virtually empty for the builders to commence.

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The interior of the main barn is now a void. The old worm nibbled floor boards pulled out, the wooden false partitions used for heating fuel. The fantastic stone walls which have stood for at least a couple of hundred, maybe more years, will be mortared and cared for with old traditional local lime mortar, so they can breath and house human animals this time.

instead of four legged beasts. The cobbles will remain and the breeze block repair work undertaken long before Miss Braund bought the farm, now moss and lichened into the very fabric of the build, will remain to tell the history of a fire no one can now remember.

In the mean time, we have goose eggs for sale, duck and chicken eggs fried, scrambled, boiled and baked in many, many cakes. Alethe, the pig whisperer has been spotted stroking the most discerning of geese who merely hisses at us lesser mortals, whilst the chicken waits for her gentle evening caress.............. What it is to have a blessed skill. No doubt in years before they would have called Alethe a witch. These days we are just grateful that when she calls, the pigs coming galloping forth, ears a flap, eagerly anticipating their fodder beat.

Six of our little pink piglets have found local new homes. No doubt they will all end up on a table somewhere, but it comforts us to know they will have been much loved before they are minced!



The sun shines, the cuckoo calls and we wait patiently for our purpose to be resumed. We are here, ready for those trapped and held indoors to burst forth and be human again in the precious world of moor. Taking moor care of course that those who come have been well

isolated and carry no contagion to our little piece of paradise!

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Are you interested in helping your local community?

If so why not come and join your local League of Friends.

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For further information please contact our Secretary on: Tel. 01364 654079 or email essay.trawets@virgin.net

DASH

District of Ashburton Surgery Help Line

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DASH is an independent charity serving patients of Ashburton Surgery. We:

- Take you to any kind of medical appointment, and other trips
- Do your shopping if you are unwell
- Collect and deliver prescriptions
- Help with forms and letters

Also, if you would like to help DASH as a volunteer, please call 01364 653335.

Rainfall in April 2020

| Place | Total Rainfall | Days without rain | Wettest Days |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Postbridge | 55.9 mm (2.2") | 20 | 29th 16.5 mm (0.6") |
| | (April 2019 - 8 | | |
| Holne | 72.5 mm (2.85") | | 29th 24.1 mm |





Green Hairstreak Butterfly Callophrys rubi

Sits in shrubs and defends a branch. Fairly rare.

https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/wildlifeexplorer/invertebrates/butterflies/green-hairstreak

Photograph by Geoffrey Venton 24 May

Other Community News & Events

SOCIAL ISOLATION SUPPORT IN AND AROUND WIDECOMBE

Widecombe 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 <u>www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/support</u> 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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Do you or someone you know need help or support during the Coronavirus lockdown?

Feeling isolated?
Unable to access food or other services?
Don't know where to go for help or advice?

Teignbridge District Council has launched a telephone service to help people who are feeling isolated, or who need help, support or other advice to get them through the COVID-19 lockdown period:

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



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Keep Safe Online

During the lockdown, many of us are spending more and more time online. Being online offers a range of fantastic tools, including giving you the opportunity to contact friends, family and colleagues; to entertain yourself; to go shopping; and to find out just about anything.

However, it's also extremely important to keep yourself safe from those who may try to take advantage of you online.

There is a wealth of information on measures that can be taken to keep you safe online at:

Get Safe Online: https://www.getsafeonline.org

Cyber Aware: https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware/home

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.

Science and Nature Round

- 1. After which royal regalia is the coronavirus named, simply because it resembles it? (this really was a question in February this year when coronavirus was a strange virus rather distantly troubling China)
- 2. What is the most common gas in the earth's atmosphere?
- 3. In trigonometry, what is calculated by Adjacent over Hypotenuse?
- 4. What is the common name for Kaolin?
- 5. Which is the third planet from the sun?
- 6. What is the name given to a substance which speeds up a chemical reaction without being consumed by the reaction?
- 7. What name is given to any alloy of Mercury?
- 8. Which bird features on the logo of the RSPB and is also the name of a beer occasionally served at the Ruggle?
- 9. What type of animal are flying foxes?
- 10. Lichens are composed of algae and/or cyanobacteria living in association with which other organisms?

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- 11. Which February / March seasonal plant has the Latin name Galanthus nivalis?
- 12. There are six reptiles native to Britain Common Adder, Common Lizard, Grass Snake, Sand Lizard, Smooth Snake, and which other?

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Snapshots from the Past

In last month's Parish Link we asked where this photograph was taken.



The answer is DUNSTONE BRIDGE.



Small Heath Butterfly Coenonympha pamphilus

Found all over the bracken covered slopes.

https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/wildlifeexplorer/invertebrates/butterflies/smallheath

Photograph by Geoffrey Hameldown 20 May

Snapshots from the Past from the Widecombe History Group's Archive

Wayside Café

The two ladies in the photograph are believed to be Maeve Harvey and 'Granny' Follet, landlady of the Rugglestone between the wars and Brian Whale's (current proprietor) great great granny.

The photograph was taken before 1948, as you can just see in the background the Village sign in its original position at the entrance to the carpark.



Rugglestone Quiz Answers

- 1. Coronet / Crown
- 2. Nitrogen
- 3. Cosine (Cos)
- 4. China Clay
- 5. Us (Earth)
- 6. Catalyst

- 7. Amalgam
- 8. Avocet
- 9. Bats
- 10. Fungi
- 11. Snowdrop
- 12. Slow Worm

Whether you're watching nature in your garden or from your window, connect with your local wildlife and keep track of summer with Buckfastleigh's WildWatch.

Love wildlife? Did you know Buckfastleigh is a special wildlife town? Apart from the greatest population of Horseshoe Bats in northern Europe, it's got the nationally scarce rare wildflower, the Deptford Pink, it's the summer home of swallows, house martins and swifts, it's a refuge for hedgehogs, badgers, otters, kingfishers, dippers, dragonflies, wild bees, otters, oil beetles and more!

Buckfastleigh also has a wonderful group of enthusiastic and knowledgeable people from the wildlife community group, BeWild. They have set up Buckfastleigh Wild Watch, a youtube channel, created during this strange time of Coronavirus LockDown.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCABcw3WYI1ht18jyl-fuagQ

The aim is to bring the wonderful wildlife of the parish into people's homes, so they can learn about the animals and wild plants in their community. Many also show wildlife related activities people can join in with.

The first video is a short introduction to the project, including wonderful footage of the **local wildlife**. Three more videos feature **wild bees** and how to help them in your garden, from the renowned wildlife artist and ecologist, John Walters. There's also a video from Donna Cox of Moor Meadows, on bringing your garden to life with a **pop-up meadow**, showing what you can do with an existing lawn.

If you like the videos, you can subscribe to the channel to keep you up to date with more wildlife films over the coming weeks. Please feel free to share the link with any friends or family who may enjoy connecting to nature from the comfort of their own home.

All these short films have been made by people who are passionate about wildlife and who live in the parish. All filming has been made on personal video equipment, often on phones, either from their garden, or on their daily walk. Videos are then sent to the editing whizzes (Robbie or Tom). All personal safety restrictions have been complied with.

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Last ... but not least ...



During these extraordinary times, everyone is saying the same thing about our communities – they are getting stronger! They are growing in mutual support and connectedness, becoming even friendlier and more caring. People are discovering a whole new neighbourly-ness, with so many people helping others out and trying to make sure that noone is being left unsupported.

And, here at the Link HQ, we are delighted to be one of the means of making this possible. Our aim has always been to build the sense of community in each of our scattered villages, and we've been at it for maybe 30 or 40 years (does anyone know when the first Link was published?) But of course this has only been possible because of all our many contributors and loyal advertisers.

We are immensely grateful once again for the wonderful variety of material in this month's Link – keep it coming, and we hope that you, the readers, enjoy the content as much as we do!

Thank you everyone.

Peter, Geoffrey, Tony, Susan and Daf

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