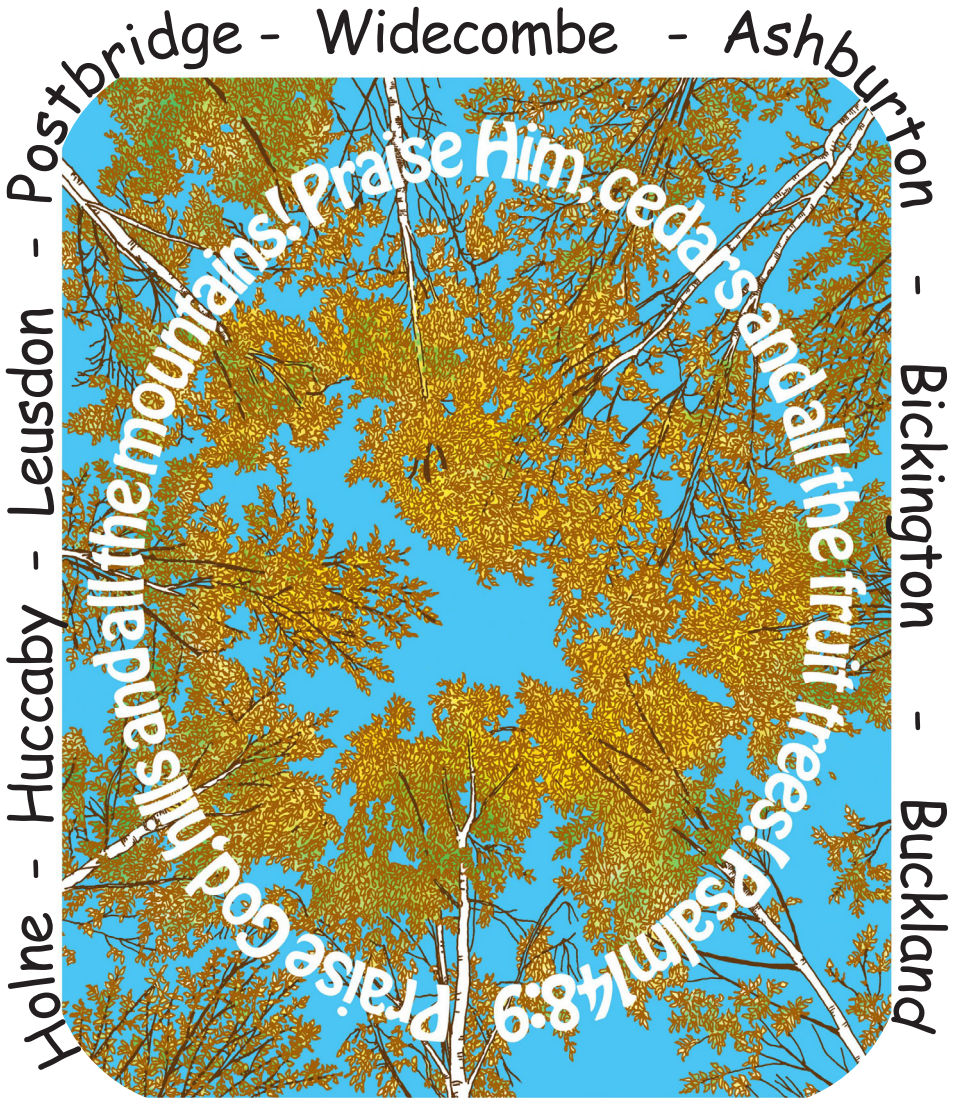


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## The Parish Letter

I guess we all thought it would be over by now. But it's not. And we're sort of getting used to it, with some more than others fretting at the restrictions and wondering why they have to be applied so rigorously when we know that in our community of X, Y or Z there aren't any cases and there is no obvious risk. So, inevitably, the rules have to be made tight and clear so that everyone knows what they can and can't do, with the threat of enforcement in the background. But given the nasty nature of Covid-19, hopefully everyone can see that personal freedoms have to be set aside for the greater good? In particular for the good of the vulnerable in our communities.

I don't know about you, but I've found the wearing of face-masks symbolic of the more general feelings. Initially, back in February, I was puzzled and intrigued by those pictures coming from China of all the citizens of Wohan wearing masks in the streets and in the shops. It felt alien and remote. That won't happen here, was perhaps the general thought. But as the virus crept and leapt across the world, we started taking it more seriously, learning to wash hands more frequently and be a bit careful how close we got when having conversations. But masks? No way. And then the advice started coming out – by the end of May it was “you are recommended to wear masks in shops”. And while waiting for my Click and Collect in a supermarket carpark I counted the number of people wearing masks – perhaps one in twenty?

Wearing a mask was something that highwaymen did, or something I should do in a dusty workshop, but I never do! Or it was the stuff of romantic ballroom dances where a mask was supposed to disguise you completely, allowing slightly illicit romance to flourish. But shopping in a mask? Very hard to do if you're the only one. People look at you as if you were a bit odd. And talking from inside a mask feels very odd, and glasses steam up and it's hot and makes one breathless. I guess you felt odd and uncomfortable putting one on in public for the first time? Self-conscious? But eventually everyone had to do it, and all was well, as it was required rather than voluntary. Phew! But still our political leaders try to avoid wearing masks if at all possible when they are on camera – somehow they can't bring themselves to set the example that would make wearing a mask feel totally normal.

Thinking about this, I realised that there is a long tradition of publicly humiliating and jeering at people by making them wear something distinctive as a punishment. Like putting a Dunce's Cap on a child who keeps making mistakes, or tarring and feathering a political opponent. Or making Jesus wear a crown of

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# Churchwardens

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# Church News & Events

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thorns and a purple robe at his trial. Jeering and humiliation are a common enough, but a nasty side of human behaviour, when someone is picked on for being different or for doing something different. It's safer being one of a crowd, not standing out. Which makes it very hard to stand up for injustice, or speak out against abuse, or be the first to wear a mask.

The prophets in the bible who spoke out for better behaviour knew this very well, and tried to build confidence in their followers. After Moses' death, God encouraged a reluctant Joshua to take over as leader "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

With prayers for you all and every blessing

*Geoffrey*

## From the Registers

Baptism	Postbridge	30th August	Maisie Edith Debbie Westacott-Parsons
Funeral	Torquay	10th September	Christine Coaker
Funeral	Widecombe	11th September	Betty Flemington
Baptism	Postbridge	12th September	Florence Pamela Joyce Churchley

## 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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**Some things to do in October...**

- Rake up fallen leaves & ...
- ... compost for lush 'leafmould'!
- Plant hardy climbers & spring bulbs
- Prune tall shrubs eg lavateras
- Finish pruning climbing roses
- Cut back perennials
- Lift & divide Crocosmiae (?)
- Mulch & dig in compost

**Andy**

## Churches Open

Church buildings are re-opening for services with restrictions in place to maintain physical distancing, hygiene and safety. We are delighted to welcome you all back to some of our churches. Opening times vary:

<b>St Andrew's, Ashburton</b>	<b>Daily, 9.00am-5.00pm</b>
<b>St Mary the Virgin, Holne</b>	<b>Wednesday &amp; Sunday, 10.00am-5.00pm</b>
<b>St Raphael's, Huccaby</b>	<b>Daily, 9:30am-5:30pm</b>
<b>St Peter's, Buckland-in-the-Moor</b>	<b>Daily</b>
<b>St Mary the Virgin, Bickington</b>	<b>Saturdays, Midday-2.00pm</b>

## Services in October

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

### Wednesdays:

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

### Sundays:

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

Other online resources from the benefice include:

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



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## Messy Church in Ashburton October 2020

In September we distributed 35 Messy Church Bags. This was one of the photos sent to me with a wonderful message saying how much the bags were enjoyed.

Other photos came from another family, then other lovely thank you's arrived.

We based the Bags on Ephesians 6. 10-20 God's Armour of light. The crafters loved making the helmets and the swords, while



the chessboard game was a huge success which illustrating Paul's cry "Stand up for Jesus".

The prayer envelope we delivered in the bags included six tokens. One token had a question mark on it to remind us to ask God our questions. A material pink heart = to remind us to express our love for God. A knotted piece of string = reminds us to ask for God's help with problems. A triangle piece of card with 999 on it = reminds us about

emergency help prayers.

This prayer envelope was used in the zoom meeting we shared. During the meeting we enjoyed singing along to two songs on YouTube. It is wonderful to connect with people on Zoom and by delivering craft bags to all our Messy Church family's homes. The prayers were enhanced by the light that we included in the Bags for the families to decorate.



In October we are thinking about sending out the Messy Church Bags again due to "the rule of 6"  
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# St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
4th October	10:30	-	-
11th October	-	-	-
18th October	-	-	-
25th October	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

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

## Holne Garden Group

Dear Holne Garden Group members, we are still looking for ways to join up and enjoy garden visits. It all depends on the weather and the latest social distancing rules, so events may be planned at short notice. We will be in touch by email (or phone if you don't have email).



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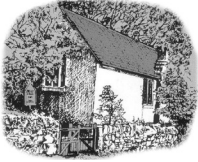
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**Church Services - see Page 26 for details**

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

**St.Raphael, Huccaby is now open  
daily between 9.30am and 5.30pm**

## **Future plans**

This month we have been making plans - hoping to meet the needs and growth of our community, congregation, and visitors.

## **Communication**

For several years, we have worried about the safety of our congregations in the case of an emergency. There is no mobile telephone signal or telephony/broadband to St. Raphaels. We believe this is essential for contacting emergency services and are therefore exploring the possibility of installation of telephony/broadband to the Chapel.

We must meet certain planning restrictions due to the Grade 2 listing of the Chapel - which may take a few weeks! Other benefits - if we do install the system, include the opportunity of using 'contactless' payments for collections and donations/collections; the ability to download or livestream virtual Church services and presentations; and for visitors to have access to telephony.

## **Car Parking**

We are also submitting a planning application to the Dartmoor National Park Authority for an extended car park immediately adjacent to our small existing one. (With special thanks to Mike Gilbert for drawing up the plan.)

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# **HALLOWEEN COMES TO HOLNE !!! SAT. 31 OCTOBER 2020**

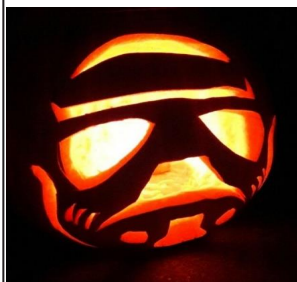


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Enquiries Hannah 01364631139 – Judging by the Tradesmans Arms, Scoriton

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It has become increasingly obvious with the growth in our regular congregation and visitors, that the current car park is inadequate especially in road safety terms. On many occasions, whether on a Sunday morning or for special services such as weddings, (and of course snowdrop time!), the parking of vehicles on the narrow road outside the Chapel is literally an accident waiting to happen.

## Parish Giving Scheme

The principle of “tithing” has biblical origins, donating a tenth of your salary or other income to the Church. But donating regularly of whatever sum, especially during these difficult times, can be problematic. (Can you remember when we used to have cash in our pockets and purses?)

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- Being able to donate monthly, quarterly, or annually by Direct Debit
- Enhancing your gift to St Raphael's by having Gift Aid at 25% added
- Giving anonymously if you prefer
- Donating securely and regularly.

During October we will be writing personal letters to all in our community and to our networks inviting you to set up a direct debit to St Raphael's. This will be administered free of charge by the national Parish Giving Scheme. We hope many will read the letter and accompanying brochure which explains more about the Scheme.

*Gillian*



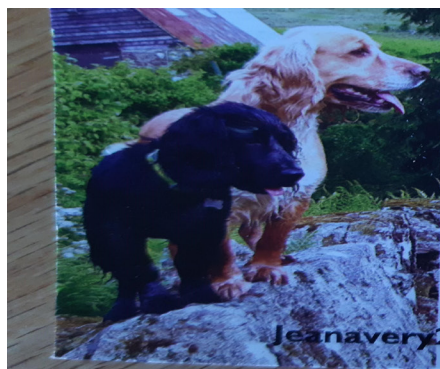


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# St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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
4th October		<p>The church may be open and may be holding some services.  Please contact the Team Vicar (Geoffrey Fenton 01364 621334) or the  Churchwardens to hear the latest information.</p>			
11th October					
18th October					
25th October					

## 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)
- Widcombe Isolation Support Network 01364 621287 Between 4 and 7 pm
- Widcombe 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://widcombe-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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**Do you or someone you know need help or support during the Coronavirus lockdown?**

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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**

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(excluding bank holidays)

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

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

## Coffee Morning and Stalls

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

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

### Coffee Mornings cancelled until further notice

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



### 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

### Hiring Leusdon Memorial Hall

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

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

Hire Rates: £8 per hour  
For more information or booking contact Amanda on 01364 631432

### Scoriton Village Hall

Situated on the edge of the village and available to hire at reasonable rates.

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#### Hall Hiring Tariff 2020

	Hourly	Day/Weekend
Hall hire	£12	£95 9am - 6pm
Party rate		£120 midday to midday
Weekend rate		£350 from midday Friday to 6pm Sunday

For more information or to book  
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For more details please see our website :  
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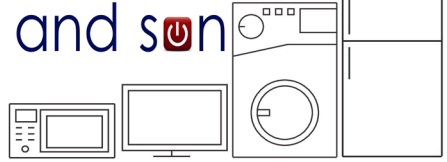


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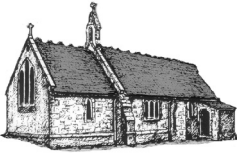
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# St Gabriel, Postbridge

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

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

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

## Postbridge Church - Information and Support

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

### Useful phone numbers:

Revd Geoffrey Fenton	01364 621334 <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 Whist Drives - Held in the Village Hall

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

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

Contact: Jackie Gee, Bungalow 2, Dartfordleigh, Postbridge, Yelverton, PL20 6TJ.

Tel: 01822 880224

# Church Services for October 2020

<b>2nd October</b>					<b>Green</b>
		Bickington	19:00	Harvest Service	
<b>4th October</b>	<b>Trinity 17</b>				<b>Green</b>
<i>Readings - Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46</i>					
Holne	10:30	Harvest & Michaelmas	Ashburton	10:30	Family Service
<b>11th October</b>	<b>Trinity 18</b>				<b>Green</b>
<i>Readings - Readings - Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14</i>					
		Ashburton	09:00	Sunday@9	
		Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion	
		Online	15:00	Buckland Harvest	
<b>18th October</b>	<b>Trinity 19</b>				<b>Green</b>
<i>Readings - Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22</i>					
		Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion	
		Ashburton	09:00	Sunday@9	
		Online	10:30	Ashburton Harvest	
<b>25th October</b>	<b>Trinity 20</b>				<b>Green</b>
<i>Readings - Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46</i>					
		TBC	09:00	Breakfast Church	
		Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion	
		Buckland	15:00	Holy Communion	

## Should I wear a face covering in a church building?

Face coverings are currently mandatory on public transport and in a range of indoor venues including places of worship and church halls. While there are exemptions **this is a legal requirement.**

For further guidance review the **Who Needs to Wear a Face Covering During Services** section at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>



There is a service of  
**Holy Communion**  
**every Wednesday**  
**at 10.30**  
 at St. Andrew's Church  
 in Ashburton  
 You will be most welcome!.



## Communion at home

Communion at home has been suspended until further notice.

### Mid-week Communion

Wednesday 7th October	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 14th October	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 21st October	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 28th October	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 4th November	Ashburton	10:30	

### Key to Service Leaders

MR	Revd Mark Rylands	SS	Steve Sheldon	JA	Revd John Andrews
AR	Revd Mandy Rylands	DW	Revd David Witchell	HL	Heidi Lewis
GF	Revd Geoffrey Fenton	SLW	Simon Le-Pine Williams	KH	Revd Kevin Hooke
JG	Revd John Good	WW	William West	MK	Marion Kaye
AK	Anthony Kyriakides	CA	Chloe Axford	JAsh	Jane Ashton

## Services in October

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

## Dates for the Diary

October 2020		Page			Page
2-4	Two Moors Festival - Exmoor	40	31	Halloween Comes to Holne	18

## Princetown History Club

The uncertainty continues, and we have decided to cancel all meetings for the rest of this year.

Plans are being considered for 2021, and might include David Lemon's Talk in February, Simon Dell in February, and an AGM in March.

*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)



## Coronavirus (COVID19) Advice

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

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

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

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

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

## Postbridge Coffee Mornings

Unfortunately our last Coffee Morning arranged could not take place due to Coronavirus changes where only 6 people could meet at the same time.

A Coffee Morning was held in my garden on 14 September when only 6 people attended. A Grand Sum of £125.00 was raised. Thank you all who attended and also contributed. This sum of money plus what had been raised prior to Coronavirus a total a sum of £365.00 has been transferred to Church Account.

Hopefully we will be able to arrange to meet in the very near future.

Maureen

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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](mailto:hellyhtsn@hotmail.com) or follow us on Facebook: High Moorland Women's Institute.



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# St Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

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

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
4th October		<p>The church may be open and may be holding some services.            Please contact the Team Vicar (Geoffrey Fenton 01364 621334) or the            Churchwardens to hear the latest information.</p>		
11th October				
18th October				
25th October				

## Widecombe Church - Information and Support

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

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

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

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

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## Widecombe & District Sports Group

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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/](http://www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/sports_group/)

Thank you and enjoy your sports area.

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

For more details phone Rose 631238

## WIDDYTOTS

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

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

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

For more information please call the preschool on 01364 621 273, or find out more on our website, [www.widecombepreschool.org.uk](http://www.widecombepreschool.org.uk).





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## WIDECOMBE FAIR

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We are specifically looking for anyone with business skills ie. managing, advertising, marketing, health and safety etc. It is all in the planning, you don't have to be totally involved on the day and your inclusion in the team will be very welcome.

I look forward to hearing from you.

*Mike Pascoe, Chairman*

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## New Web-Page from Widecombe History Group

To coincide with, and commemorate, the official ending of World War Two on 2nd September 1945, Widecombe History Group have published a new web page.

It tells the stories of the 13 men from Buckland-in-the-Moor, Leusdon, Postbridge and Widecombe-in-the-Moor, who died in the conflict. Relevant stories and pictures are included to help understand their individual stories.

The web pages contain some truly "historic" events which occurred during the War involving the men from our part of Dartmoor. To read and experience the heroics and sacrifices made please go to: <https://www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/ww2/>

*David Ashman. Widecombe History Group.*

**Widecombe Church House Management Committee** Chairman - Mike Pascoe

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## Eric Archibald Newbery



The fifth vicar of Widecombe to feature in this series of articles, served the parish between 1948 and 1958.

Eric was born in Krishnagar, Bengal, India where his father was a clergyman. Records indicate Eric served as an officer in the British Indian Army in 1920 before returning to the United Kingdom to marry Maud Ellen Longstaff in Greenwich London.



Reverend Newbery was ordained in 1923 and ministered at St Mark's Church in Southampton. He also served as Chaplain to the Mission to Seamen in the City. In 1928 he moved to Avonmouth, Bristol, but continued his chaplaincy to the Mission. In 1930 he became vicar of St Matthews Church in Bristol. By 1939 at the outbreak of war Eric and his wife Maud were living in Calne in Wiltshire.

It was during his time at Calne that Eric experienced the loss of his younger brother Douglas, a Surgeon Commander in the Royal Navy, who was lost along with 512 other crew men when HMS Repulse was sunk in the Far East on 10th December 1941.

Reverend and Mrs Newbery moved to the vicarage in Widecombe-in-the-Moor in 1948 and he remained for 11 years as vicar of the parish. Upon his retirement Eric went to live in Taunton in Somerset where he died in June 1960

*David Ashman. Widecombe History Group.*



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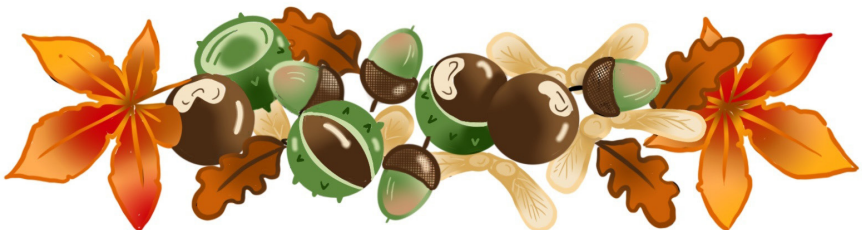
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Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369

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

### Dunstone Chapel

Every Sunday                      3.00pm                      Service to be held outside the chapel.  
Numbers are limited due to space restrictions.

**Contact: 01364 631279 for more details**

### MONTHLY CHARITY LUNCH

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

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

### BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The weekly Bible Study will continue via Zoom.

Please contact **Serena on 01364 631279** for details.

### NEWS FROM THE LOCAL METHODIST CHURCHES

Dear Friends,

It's lovely to be able to contribute some news from the local Methodist Churches.

At **Ashburton**, we continue with our weekly bible reflection hour on a Monday from 4pm, and with our Wednesday prayer time at 10am – both via Zoom. On the last Thursday of the month we have communion at 6.30pm, in the grounds of St Andrew's Church (so far it has been dry enough - if it isn't then we shall make use of the Church itself). On Sunday 11th October we will organise Moor Church (time and location to be decided – look out for the weekly notices for details); on Sunday 18th we will join our friends at St Andrew's for the United Harvest online worship; and on Sunday 25th we will have our Breakfast service – either online or in person. On most Sundays we also have a post-worship Zoom coffee meeting, at 11.30am.

At **Poundsgate**, we have re-started our monthly worship at 3pm on the first Sunday – however, it is currently via Zoom rather than at the chapel, due to the difficulties of socially distancing. We intend to put a version of the service on

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## ASHBURTON AND BUCKFASTLEIGH HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

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## Rainfall in August 2020

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	223.4 mm (8.8")	8	13th 39.4 mm (1.6")
	(August 2019 - 167.7 mm (6.6"))		
Holne	261.2 mm (10.28")		24th 48.4 mm



## THE TWO MOORS Festival

### EXMOOR WEEKEND 2 - 4 October St. Andrew's Church, Wiveliscombe

The Two Moors will bring back to our community the life enhancing experience of sharing live music for audiences and artists alike.

Visit <https://www.twomoorsfestival.co.uk/> for the latest information

View the full programme at <https://tickets.twomoorsfestival.co.uk/sales>

## Other Community News & Events



### MOORLAND MERRYMAKERS

It is with regret that we must inform our avid followers that the 2020 Panto will not be happening this year. I know you will all understand the reasons why. But don't worry - we WILL be back next year - fingers crossed, as keen as ever, and desperate to be entertaining you all again.

We are also looking for a new home for our 'wardrobe', (ie our wide selection of costumes and accessories), if you have or know of a large dry area, that is currently redundant, that may be available, please telephone **Ali Whale 01364 621260**.

Please stay safe.

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YouTube afterwards, so please look out for it on the Ashburton All Age Church channel. This month, on 4th Oct, the theme of the service will be Harvest.

At **Dunstone**, we haven't been able to restart the community lunches for obvious reasons. However, the congregation continue to meet outside the front of the church for informal worship on Sundays at 3pm.

So as you will see, we are maintaining our life together in the 'new', but rapidly changing, 'normal'. We would love to see any of you, anywhere and anytime! If you would like to be added to any of the churches' email-lists, or would like to receive an invitation to any of our Zoom sessions, then please let me know, and I will make sure you are added.

With best wishes from your Methodist friends as ever,

Kevin

Rev Kevin Hooke, [hookekp@hotmail.com](mailto:hookekp@hotmail.com)

## **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.

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

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

### Other online resources include:

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

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

For B&Bs:

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

For the self-employed:

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

For farms:

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

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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

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

## News from the East Shallowford Trust

Oh dear..... Yesterday, our trusted digger driver, Hicky, swung the arm around on his machine and 'whack' straight into the telephone line. Sorry, sorry everyone



*Hicky drives the big machines - usually 'perfectly' well!*

further up and over the valley. You could almost say that Hicky 'dances like a butterfly' with the dextrous movements as he squeezes and whizzes the various construction machines around the site. However, it only took one split second of memory lapse as to where the cable was and 'whack'..... Not funny! The good news is

that Open Reach turned up extremely quickly, but not quite quickly enough for those whose lines had been cut. Again, we can only humbly apologise! Hicky has been told to write lines, 'I will not hit the telephone cable again.' at least one hundred times!

Can we manage to write without mentioning Covid or Brexit? Errrr – probably not! As the weeks munch forward and we whirl from one set of rules and regulations to another, we can only guess what will be thrown up and around as an attempt to combat this cleverest of little viruses. Can we large cumbersome humans dextrously adjust to prevail over this wee little imperceptibly small bug? We will prevail – we will! But it could gnaw into the deepest depths of our tenacious reserves, leaving us limp and vulnerable but most importantly, just very miserable as winter draws its dark and heavy cloak around us. But then something could come along to make us bounce cheerfully!

In our case – we had to smile. The cameras came to lure beaming grins from nervous children and shaking adults – most of whom did not wish to be in front of a camera. The 'Biglets' were warned to behave – not that they heard us, but the true star was little Tosha, who giggled, smiled and beamed from ear to ear answering questions without concern as she enjoyed the attention and her delight in the farm yard animals.

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*Tosha explains everything!*

Watch out for us on 'Britain's Best Walks with Julia Bradbury'. We could not quite work out how they had found us, as almost no one has heard of wee little 'East Shallowford Farm' on Dartmoor. However, it appears we have a secret marketing executive. He is deep, measured and highly inconspicuous. However, he tells a yarn better than most and has details that those in their graves would struggle to remember. Peter Dracup, walks purposefully up and down the lanes around Cator, to Shallowford, Broadaford and beyond. As those of us charging around in vehicles, chasing sheep, cows or in my case, youth, we could learn a skill or two from Peter. He talks and teaches those

who are wise enough to stop long enough to listen. We need time, which of course

is lost on the youth who believe it will last forever. Peter, gathers his information and will tell something you need to know. And so he told the tale of East Shallowford's shenanigans and Dartmoor's magic with the youth, to a producer who clearly listened! The episode was of course filmed before 'The Rule of Six', which by the time the episode hits the TV, will have



changed yet again. We didn't follow Julia down to the Rugglestone for the evening shift – although it was tempting after a long and tiring day of filming (I joke – they were in and out at speed) to enjoy a glass of cold draught beer.

Will took them all down to see the cows and calves who munched quietly and peacefully on bright fresh clover as the sun slowly set on the horizon. The camera

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crew quietly watched, the sun dutifully disappeared behind the hill and calves snuggled up to suckle on their Mother's udders whilst the group of children who were watching, simply watched! Quiet, alive, peaceful and calm. The simple joy of gangly newly born animals on a warm evening in the gentle embrace of Dartmoor's soft breeze. Perfection can happen, if only momentarily.

Perfection in nature is perhaps the variables that are thrown up to combat the ever changing world in which we live. But change comes in many forms.

Our next group was small. Much smaller than it should have been. The reason was not an uncommon one for us to hear about, but the details were fairly harrowing. The group originated in London at a residential premises, designed to support young people to grow and become semi-independent as they work through their trauma and related issues. Most are housed under Section 20 of the 1989 Children's Act where a parent gives permission for a child to be taken into care or more commonly Section 31 where a child is placed in the care of a designated local authority, with parental responsibility being shared between the parents and the local authority. Others are accommodated under Section 46 where the police think a child may come under significant harm and is forcibly removed. Can you imagine having your child taken away by a police officer? I might want to crown mine occasionally when he is cheeky and rude..... but to have him removed? Does not bear thinking about.

The group leader had to talk, and keep talking. 'How to break the cycle of trauma? If you only know one bad route then that's your culture. It's all you know so, you automatically just repeat it. Again and again and again. Young girls have children because they have no vision. No path, no direction for themselves. And boys just join a gang and take drugs because that is all they know.' He spoke about one lad who 'would have loved the sheep. He was a shepherd in Eritrea. But he's gone into a shell. He wouldn't come out of his room. He's been like it for days and we can't get him out. He got to the UK on the underside of a truck. His arms hooked under one axle and his feet under another. Couldn't move for five hours or he would have dropped to his death. Both of his parents were killed by militia in Eritrea and now he is in a room. He can't cope. It's like PTSD. But he would have loved this.' He said, throwing his arms out wide, explaining the space and green around us.

None of us can imagine what it must be like. This lad grasped onto a dream. To run away and go somewhere safe, somewhere he could get his head together and not be

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*Cow Power! Calm and gentle therapy*

scared of being killed every day. Now he is here, the fear is still crawling through his body and he can't leave his room. It seems life is punishing him for living. What can be done? What can we do?

Well, the two girls that did come were quiet. Very quiet! They were hard to engage in a conversation, but we tried as we passed around another plate of vegetables and to the delight of the skinniest wee girl,

a large dollop of lasagne, for which seconds and thirds were asked. Normally she would not eat. Still in Care at the age of 20, she had a job working in a nursery and was studying at university. But she barely spoke and kept sleeping. She missed the chance to move the cattle out of the ball. She missed a walk over to the calves and all her friend's questions about how 'Little money you make on selling a cow! You get a higher percentage selling coffee? Why do you do it?' she asked Will. 'Because I love it!' he replied. She asked me how many hours I worked, having seen me from 8.00 in the morning to 12.00 at night. 'Oh, seven days a week for all the time I'm not asleep.' 'Why do you do it? Do you get paid for all those hours' she asked, 'No, but my payment is when you smile.' 'Really?' she said with a great big grin from ear to ear. 'Yes', I replied, deadly serious!

And so we won the day by taking them over to see Charlotte's ponies. The girls were sat in the car ready to go, until I pointed out that it was walking distance. 'Really?' the skinny one said, peering over my shoulder to see the next house – which she could not see. 'Is it far? Do I have to go uphill? Is it cardio? I have only just begun put on weight.' She was a thin, waif of a thing. So damaged and traumatised that



*Gaining a little help form Francis*

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## **ROTARY CLUB OF YELVERTON – SEPTEMBER NEWS UPDATE.**

In August we held our first face to face meeting of the Club since last March! This took the form of a visit to the Motor Museum at Moretonhampstead which was opened on an evening especially for our small group of Rotarians and guests. We thoroughly enjoyed the visit and being able to properly interact with each other, albeit at observing distancing. Afterwards a smaller group stopped off at the Warren House Inn on the way home for a pre-arranged meal. Our next 'adventure' will be our annual Croquet evening in September with a 'bring your own' picnic.

Our weekly Zoom meeting programme has continued with talks from Marie Curie and the Fire Service – both of which were very interesting and informative about their particular spheres of operation. We have also continued making donations to worthwhile causes: to Marie Curie; to Princetown Football Club for the purchase of a white-lining machine; and to Buckland Monachorum Parish Council for the refurbishment of a bench in Yelverton (near the Rock Methodist Church) which is to be designated as a 'Chat Bench' to encourage people to talk to each other – and yes, the bench is more than 2 metres wide!

Unfortunately, as many of you will be aware, our meeting place – The Moorland Gardens Hotel – has recently closed. We are beginning the process of trying to find another suitable establishment in the area to hold our face to face meetings and dinners. We had met there for about three years and had been well looked after by Manager Andrew and his team who we wish well. They have entrusted us with the collection they had made from the staff and guests to establish a Defibrillator at the Hotel and have asked that we seek out a project in the local area and donate the collection to that.

On the International front, it has just been announced that the African region has been declared free from Polio. The eradication of this disease worldwide is an objective that Rotary International has been driving towards for 40 years with the support of WHO, the Bill and Melinda Gates Fund and many other organisations and agencies. Wild Polio now only exists in Pakistan and Afghanistan and it is vitally important that we keep the vaccination and education programmes going.

Due to our inability to hold our usual fund-raising events – Car Boot Sales, Car Parking at Widecombe Fair, Quiz Night, etc. – our disposable funds are starting to run a bit thin so we will have to give some thought to what we can do to raise money without raising the risk of transmitting 'the virus'.

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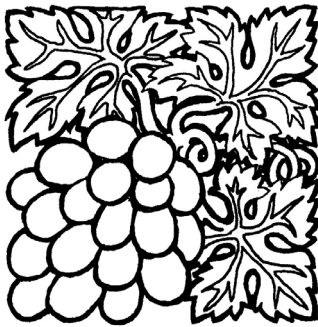
*A joyful giggle from dog to pony  
and people*

she had not been able to eat for several years. The group leader said it had taken a year of CBT (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) to get her to stop vomiting when she ate. She was now doing well. But..... Charlotte and her team made both girls smile; in fact they giggled and laughed so much they nearly fell off! Thank you and everyone at the farm for your help – the girls were absolutely delighted!

These are the moments when we know we have won. We have made a memory. Something special, that can be dug up and visualised as a place of beauty when all else in the world seems to be cramming in and holding you down. We have to be the dream makers.

Julia McDade

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Our door to door Santa's Sleigh and Christmas collections at the shops and supermarkets are in serious jeopardy.

To find out more about Yelverton Rotary Club:

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Following on from their extensive research into those from Widecombe Parish who served in World War 1, the Widecombe History Group have completed their project to document the stories of those who died in World War 2 (p35).

The results of the research can be viewed on the Widecombe website. For each of the men there is information about their life and military record together with photographs and films which add an extra dimension to their story.

As with their World War 1 project, the Widecombe History Group have produced a fitting tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of the men from Buckland-in-the-Moor, Leusdon, Postbridge and Widecombe-in-the-Moor.

*Peter, Geoffrey, Susan and Daf*

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