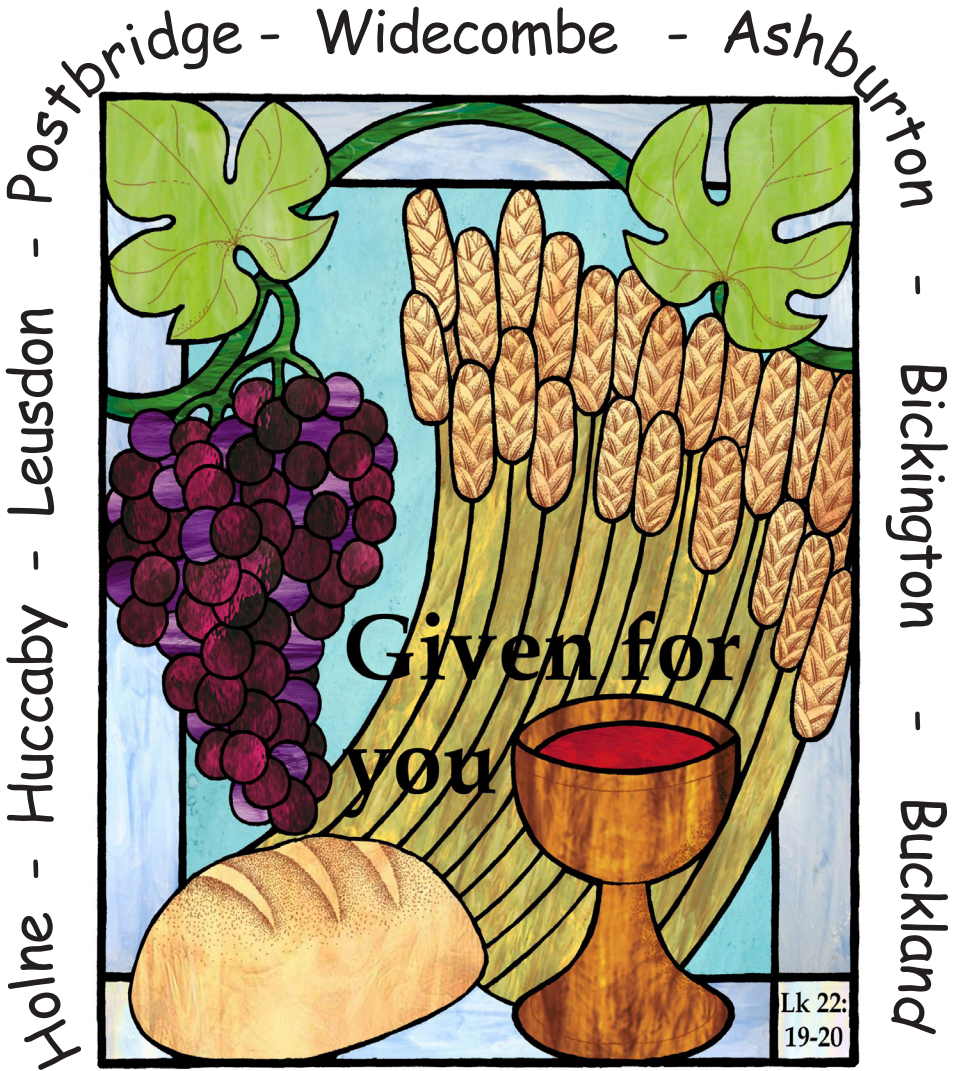


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New Beginnings – again.

A couple of days ago, I was looking through a pile of old newspapers that someone had given me. It didn't take me long to notice something as I looked at all the headlines – the papers were dated from the start of lockdown to a month or so ago, and the headlines gave an almost perfect summary of the past few months.

A year ago, I wrote my first letter for this magazine. The theme was 'New Beginnings' and I reflected on how, in order to start something new, we have to lay down the old. Letting go of what has been familiar can be scary but it is exciting to embrace the new.

A year ago, I had no idea just how 'new' my experiences over the coming months would be and what unusual times we would all soon be living through.....

The 'newness' of the pandemic situation across the world has caused many to have to adjust their lives beyond anything we could have imagined a year ago. Now, we are gradually returning to normal – but not the normal we knew before, a new normal where wearing a facemask is no longer weird, where people are more considerate of each other's personal space, and where we have never, collectively, had such clean hands!

One of the many comments heard during lockdown was that it caused people to realise how busy their lives had become. People allow themselves to 'be busy' for many reasons. 'Being Busy' can make us feel valuable and we convince ourselves that we need to be this busy because there is SO much to do, and comment 'when did life get so complicated?!' in exasperation when, in fact, we have passively chosen to let it become like that.

*'I've been running in circles
Jumping the hurdles
Getting caught in that rush of doing so much...*

*Gotta keep it real simple, keep it real simple
Bring everything right back to ground zero
'Cause it all comes down to this:
Love God and love people.'**

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Church News & Events

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It's not the greatest lyric writing in the world, but I'm sure you get the sentiment. Is your 'busy-ness' because you're following those commandments of Love God, Love People? Or does your busy-ness actually get in the way of that? During lockdown, I realized how much time I spent in my car, rushing from one location to another. Now, I'm trying to work out ways to rush around less - I'm working out ways to streamline my life's busy-ness to be able to focus on the really important stuff.

If you want to do the same – and many have commented that post-lockdown they would like to do just that – here's a reading recommendation: The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry by John Mark Comer. It's an exceptionally easy read and perfect for those in a rush!

*Love God, Love People – Danny Gokey

Heidi

From the Registers

There are no Register Entries

An hour of quiet reflection at Postbridge Church

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

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

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

Geoffrey

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

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- Polish entries for Produce Show!
- Start to clear garden debris
- Compost wherever possible
- Cover ponds with netting
- Plant container grown shrubs
- Move evergreens
- Prune climbing roses
- Plant and/or divide perennials
- Plant spring bulbs in grass

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:

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

Services in September

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

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

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

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St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
6th September	-	-	-
13th September	17:00	-	-
20th September	-	-	-
27th September	17:00	-	-

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, you are not forgotten. We are very sad to have cancelled our outings, but no chance of coach outings this year with so many older and at risk members. However, we are looking for other ways to join up and enjoy garden visits. When the weather becomes more reliable, we plan a socially distanced meeting in a member’s spacious garden, with tea and home made cakes of course. And perhaps more of the same if all goes well.

We will be in touch by email. If you think we may not have your contact details, or if you want to join the Group for garden centred gatherings, contact us **Gill Gray 01364 631111** or **Judy Le Marchant 01364 644099.**

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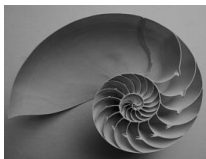
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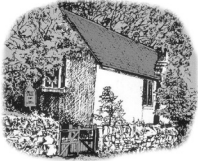
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St Raphael, Huccaby

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St.Raphael, Huccaby is now open on
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CommuniTea - Tea at Three on Tuesday!

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Tony and Gillian Parker

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Date	Time	Reader	Teas	Flowers - Altar	Windows
6th September		<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>			
13th September					
20th September					
27th September					

Leusdon Church - Information and Support

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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.



Leusdon

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.

Sport Round - Hint: Answers begin with the same letter...

Footy

1. Which team upset the apple cart 25 years ago by being the first winners of the Premiership outside the 'top four', a feat only repeated more recently by Leicester City?
2. Which team plays its home matches at the perkily named Vitality Stadium, or at least did until their matches became a coronavirus casualty?
3. Who was appointed the popular Manager of Leicester City last year?

Rugby

1. Which Premiership Club's home ground is 'The Rec'?
2. Who was the captain of Ireland for an impressive 9 years from 2003 – 12?
3. In Rugby Leeeague (does everyone remember the great Eddie Waring?) the Bulls are a strong force. Which Yorkshire town do they come from?

Tennis

1. Who, in the 1970's, was the first person to win five consecutive Wimbledon men's singles titles?
2. His overall record, however, was beaten around the same time by a serial winner of the women's title. Who won this title six times between 1966 and 1975?

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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'.



Coffee Mornings cancelled until further notice

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



Hiring Leusdon Memorial Hall

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

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Leusdon Memorial Hall Update

The Committee are sending good wishes to you all.

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

Best wishes
LMH

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3. After a record 33 years of Wimbledon commentary, this BBC legend hung up his microphone for the last time a couple of years ago. Who is he?

Rugby

1. Vincent O'...??... (who trained 6 Derby winners) and Aiden O'...??... (who trained Istabraq) both came from the Republic of Ireland, but were unrelated. O'...??... who?

2. Which city boasts the only seaside racecourse on the South Coast

3. Being jumped twice, which is the 6th and 22nd fence at the Grand National??

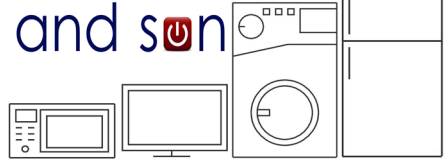
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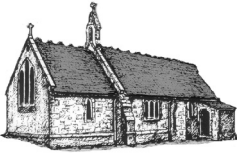
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St Gabriel, Postbridge

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Church Services - see Page 26 for details

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Postbridge Church - Information and Support

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Useful phone numbers:

Revd Geoffrey Fenton

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geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk

DFPC Covid 19 Support Volunteers

01822 258549 (Steve Cox)

Postbridge Stores

01822 880201 Food, veg, etc

Useful web sites:

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

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

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

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

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



Dartmoor Forest Parish Council

In March we asked for volunteers who may be able to help those unable to get out for shopping/prescription collection/dog walking etc. and also maybe provide a listening ear to anyone stuck at home with no one to talk to because of the pandemic. This list has been kept updated and the volunteers remain willing to help anyone affected. A link to the list can be found at <http://www.dartmoorforestpc.net/>.

After a brief hiatus we began having our monthly meetings via Zoom on 12th May. These are public meetings and normally are held on 4th Tuesday of the month. If you wish to attend either refer to our Facebook page or contact alison@anton-coaker.co.uk. September's meeting is due to be held on 22nd September, venue to be confirmed as we may be able to use the Community Centre by then.

We currently have 3 vacancies for councillors representing the Princetown ward and we hope to fill these by co-option at September's meeting unless an election is demanded. If anyone is interested in knowing more contact Alison Geen via the email above or ring her on 01364 631276.

Princetown History Club

The 1st September talk on the ancient ruins of Zimbabwe will go ahead if the Community Centre opens in time. Any necessary changes will be listed on the website and emails sent to members.

*For further information, please phone Mr John Lissenden on 01752 847573
or email jlissenden@talktalk.net Web Site: princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com*

Postbridge Coffee Mornings

It has been decided to hold a Coffee Morning on **Monday 14 September** in Postbridge Village Hall in or out depending on the weather.

If it is out could you if possible bring your own chair. Also other requirements are:

- 1) Bring your own cup
- 2) Small plate of food to be shared
- 3) A raffle prize if possible.

The kitchen in the Village Hall will be out of bounds, but toilet facilities will be provided.

Look forward to seeing you all then.

Sheila & Maureen

Phyll's Follies Postbridge Pantomime

The committee has decided we cannot put on the pantomime in Postbridge in January/February 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions. We hope to be back with a bumper production in 2022.

During the lockdown the committee discussed (via email) our charity donations normally decided at the AGM in April. We donated a total of £2050 to local charities and the NHS Covid appeal.



Postbridge Whist Drives - Held in the Village Hall

All Whist Drives are cancelled until further notice.

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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.

Church Services for September 2020

6th September	Trinity 13	Green
<i>Readings - Exodus 12:1-14, Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20</i>		
	Bickington	09:00 Holy Communion
	Ashburton	10:30 Family Service
13th September	Trinity 14	Green
<i>Readings - Exodus 14:19-31, Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35</i>		
Holne	17:00	Evening Communion & APCM
	Ashburton	09:00 All Age Service
	Ashburton	10:30 Parish Communion
20th September	Trinity 15	Green
<i>Readings - Exodus 16:2-15, Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16</i>		
	Ashburton	09:00 All Age Service
	Ashburton	10:30 Parish Communion & APCM
	Buckland	15:00 Holy Communion & APCM
27th September	Trinity 16	Green
<i>Readings - Exodus 17:1-7, Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-8; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32</i>		
Holne	17:00	Evening Worship
	Ashburton	09:00 Breakfast Church
	Ashburton	10:30 Parish Communion
2nd October		Green
	Bickington	19:00 Harvest Service
4th October	Trinity 17	Green
<i>Readings - Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46</i>		
Holne	10:30	Harvest & Michaelmas Fair Communion
	Ashburton	10:30 Family Service

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
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Communion at home

Communion at home has been suspended until further notice.

Mid-week Communion

Wednesday 2nd September	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 9th September	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 16th September	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 23rd September	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 30th September	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 September

Check the website 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.

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For queries re tennis phone Di Cameron on 621218.

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For more details phone Rose 631238

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We also really enjoy meeting everyone and showing the trees to the general public so we will really miss it this year.

Let's hope we can come back bigger and better next year!

Judy and Mary



Widcombe Church House Management Committee

Chairman - Mike Pascoe

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HARVEST

James Holman Mason



James was born in Okehampton on 5th January 1780 to Naval Officer Holman Mason and his wife Catherine, James lived in Okehampton with his mother. His father was killed in Naval Action in 1798 when James was 18 years of age.

It is not known when or where James attended theological college. What is known is that he was Vicar of Treneglos and Warstow in Cornwall, and Chaplain to the Prince Regent when he was presented by the Bishop of Exeter as Vicar of

Widecombe on 3rd July 1815.

In 1816 James Holman Mason was appointed Chaplain to the Lord Warden of the Stannaries' and Master Forester of Dartmoor.

Census data indicates the Reverend Mason never married but lived at the Vicarage with his niece Catherine Broderick.

Robert Dymond claims in a book printed in 1876 that "a granite cross which once stood on Dunstone Green had been conveyed to the Vicarage garden by the Reverend James Mason". This cross was returned to its original position in Dunstone in the 1980's in a project organised by Widecombe History Group and funded by Miss Mary Hamlyn.

In his book "*Ashburton and its Neighbourhood*" published in 1875 Charles Worthy states, in 1850 Mrs Drake, niece of the Rev J.H. Mason purchased the Manor of Widecombe.

James Holman Mason died in 1861 aged 81 years and is buried in his hometown of Okehampton.

Currently, Reverend Mason is Widecombe's longest serving vicar.

David Ashman. Widecombe History Group.

Robert Dymond

Researching the history of 19th Century Widecombe is always greatly assisted by reference to "*Things New and Old Concerning the Parish of Widecombe-in-the-Moor and the Neighbourhood*" written by Robert Dymond. The book was written with the object of raising funds to finance much needed repairs to St Pancras Church.

Robert was born on 8th September 1824 to father Robert Dymond and mother Anne Priscilla Williams in the parish of St Edmond, Exeter. Robert (Jnr) was educated in Falmouth.

In 1851 Robert married Josephine Hingston in Kingsbridge and they had a family of one son and two daughters.

Robert practised in Exeter as a land surveyor and estate agent in partnership with his father and younger brother.

Robert bought Dunstone and Blackslade Manor in Widecombe in 1869 and lived at Blackslade Manor House until his death in 1888. During that period he published hundreds of articles and pamphlets on aspects of the history of Exeter Cathedral, The Old Inns and Taverns of Exeter, Historic Kingsbridge & Dodbrooke, Historic documents of Dartmouth, Civil History of Totnes and many more articles in local newspapers and magazines.

In 1876 he edited and contributed largely to "*Things New and Old Concerning the Parish of Widecombe-in-the-Moor and the Neighbourhood*". The proceeds from the sale of the book were devoted to restoration of St Pancras Church.

On August 25th 1888 Robert Dymond collapsed with a serious heart "mischief" whilst out walking with his wife near his home, and passed away peacefully six days later.

David Ashman. Widecombe History Group.

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The Monthly Charity Lunches are cancelled until further notice.

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Rainfall in July 2020

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	72.4 mm (2.9")	15	3rd 14.8 mm (0.6")
	(July 2019 - 87.0 mm (3.4"))		
Holne	54.4 mm (2.14")		3rd 14.8 mm



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.

Rugglestone Quiz Answers

Footy

1. **Blackburn Rovers**
2. **Bournemouth**
3. **Brendan Rogers**

Rugby

1. **Bath**
2. **Brian O'Driscoll**
3. **Bradford**

Tennis

1. **Bjorn Borg**
2. **Billie Jean King**
3. **Barry Davies**

Racing

1. **O'Brien**
2. **Brighton**
3. **Becher's Brook, and, yes, there is only one 'e' in Becher's....**



Open Studios

12 - 27 SEPTEMBER 2020

A vibrant showcase of art & craft across Devon · 114 VENUES 200 ARTISTS

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

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

Venture out on self-guided art tours using our free full colour event guide or just by spontaneously following the yellow arrows scattered about the countryside. Meet the artists, participate in workshops and events, or simply create your own journey of discovery in this most spectacular landscape.

View the guide at <https://online.flipbuilder.com/rzgg/gvzr/#p=1>



The Two Moors Festival brings Live Music back to the Moors over two weekends of Celebratory Concerts.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the Two Moors is determined to bring back the life enhancing experience of sharing live music to our community, and through this to support culture in the South West, for audiences and artists alike.

We have put together a special programme of five concerts from world class artists, some of whom will be returning to the concert stage for the first time since March – The Albion Quartet, Laura van der Heijden, Nicky Spence and Chris Glynn, Misha Mullov-Abbado Group, and Elisabeth Brauss. We will also be offering exclusive online talks and concerts for Friends, Associates and Benefactors of the Festival and ticket holders.

We will be observing all government rules and regulations, and the concerts will be socially distanced, with a limited number of tickets available. For this reason, all artists have generously agreed to repeat the concerts to allow more audience to join them. There will be spaced seating, deep cleaning, staggered arrival and departure, one-way systems, and all relevant hygiene measures in place to ensure the safety of both audience and artists.

The Dartmoor Weekend is scheduled for 26 - 27 September with concerts at St. Pancras Church, Widecombe-in-the-Moor.

The Exmoor Weekend is scheduled for 2 - 4 October with concerts at St. Andrew's Church, Wiveliscombe.

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

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

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 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 -2nd Edition 11th 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

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

Other online resources include:

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

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

For farms:

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

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

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

Someone to talk to:

David Thomas – *retired lawyer and financial ombudsman, who works part time for Citizens Advice* – david_thomas@hotmail.co.uk – 01364 621255

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

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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

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

News from the East Shallowford Trust

Yippee..... at long last.....

Well, not exactly normality, but we do have visitors again!! And how obvious is it that these poor humans have been squashed and compressed into their little boxes only to explode out like some super wired up jack in a box. The children are leaping, the parents are sighing huge puffs of delight and nature..... well, the moors have been mostly accommodating with fairly reasonable weather. Being Dartmoor



it's raining as I type, but yesterday we went to the beach to submerge in cool fresh water and listen to whoops of delight as the biting waves smacked into exposed bare skin, white surf chasing fast moving feet up the beach in giggles and screams of delight. Ohhhh – for these poor city folk to be released into the wild has been a delight to watch!

All current visitors have to be defined as, 'in a bubble'. Hence our first group was a family who had ventured south from Liverpool, having never been on a farm before, never touched a pig, were frightened of dogs, had no idea how to light a barbecue and most certainly knew nothing of granite Dartmoor long houses. Alethe set to work putting strange ideas in their heads about how to deftly hold a brush to sweep out pig muck and chicken poo. How to not squeal in panic as a foot has to wade through a



puddle and how safely a rain jacket can actually protect our delicate human skin. Learning to be brave, to be resilient to try, to dare to take a challenge into the unknown!

Daring a Dartmoor Dip – these brave young Londoners embraced the fresh freezing water of the West Webburn that runs through the bottom of the farm!!

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Others were not so bold, with one wailing, 'I hate nature. I am allergic to it!' but she did diligently muck out the pigs and walked up and over a gate on a dark star lit night, wiggling through the gorse to reach Rowden Rocks to gaze admiringly towards Teignmouth, as we pointed out the Big Dipper and tried to find the various

astrological settings via some very useful google app.

Of course, summer nights are designed for barbecues, with lashings of ketchup and Serena's sumptuous coleslaw. The good news is that many of the teenage girls refrain from salad – meaning I enjoy large dollops of it for lunch for days afterwards! This particular trip was to 'breath again', not the originally planned 'healthy eating trip' that we devised in September last year. We can't tell you the tales of angst and



pain that many have been enduring. Lock-down for all was no joke. Not merely a 'time indoors' sneaking joyfully of school. One has been repeatedly threatened by her close family members, another taken into foster care. Learning to breath again means life. These girls are not 'pushing boundaries' but trying merely to stay alive. We need to show them an alternative life, so they can believe in themselves and find a way through much of the turmoil they have been subjected to. They need to know there is hope and that they have choices.

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Some of this happens simply through 'being there'. Offering a space, time to listen, time to smile, time for play when 'the other world' they come from is simply full of arguments and pain. As one girl said when I put my hand out for the phone, 'You have no idea how many arguments I am having right now!' But she gave me the phone, and by the end of the evening she was laughing.



Some of the time is for planning. Thinking of the future and trying to see what options there might be. We cannot always provide answers, but we can nudge, support, listen, discuss and pray.

After the girls had gone, the young boys arrived. Truly they burst out of the vehicle as coiled up springs of energy, yelling, bouncing, jumping..... it took several

very long walks to wear them out. Four days later, following another beach trip, long tramps over the moors, night walks through bracken, leaping into gorse, a tramp along the granite railway, a serious lesson from Albert in Yarna Woods and the boys were seeing the reality. Being 'part of a system. An Ecosystem!' 'What are we?' 'Boys in an ecosystem with RESPONSIBILITY!!'



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We can make it through the wet on a good Dartmoor day! And onwards to Yarnar Woods – where the wonder of the trees and the complexity of the interwoven life cycles is amazing!

We always finish our visits with ‘What did you enjoy the most?’ It’s so interesting, some enjoy

the challenge of being pricked by a plant they have never seen before. Serena’s cooking usually scores very highly, even though ‘mean Julia’ tests them all with the, ‘no wastage’ competition, teasing all to try some nasty green vegetable that would normally be refused, then weighing all scraps for our annual competition and making them add up all the totals. These boys only wasted 180gms..... A few eyes bigger than their tummies! So



they learn to add up as well as life lessons on where and how food is grown and

how we all have a responsibility not to waste the resources we share.

But the tasks are often not merely ‘created’. We do genuinely have to move the pregnant sows from their sun-drenched field into the barn through a field of sheep and a newly delivered calf.



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CORONAVIRUS Support Hotline

STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

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.

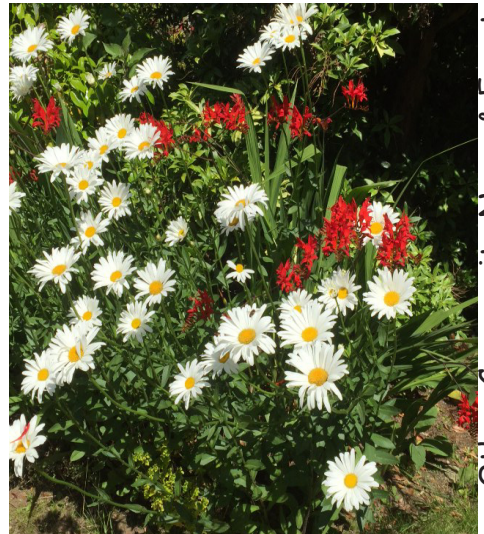
You can also e-mail us at: coronavirus.support@teignbridge.gov.uk

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It's much easier with a group of young people who are desperate to 'win' at, 'who can reach the barn first!'. What can we say? It's fun, it has to be done and the sleepy eyes as safety belts are clicked into place means we know memories have been seared into the archives of their developing heads and lives changed..... perhaps for ever!

Julia McDade
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The lovely photos in the Link this month offer a final splash of summer colour, as we head towards what looks like an early autumn. It's great to be reminded of how the hard work in a garden over many months can produce so many brilliant blooms. And there's lots of farm life to read about at Shallowford (p.44). And then you'll see that the first tentative steps towards restarting musical events are happening in Widecombe at the end of the month with the Two Moors Festival putting on four concerts (p.41). Also, this month, Open Studios are opening across Devon for people to enjoy (and hopefully buy) the stunning works of art that our creative residents make so well (p.40). And, as last month, some church services are running again (p.26 and p.37). The end of Covid is not in sight yet, but there are encouraging signs of life bubbling up in our communities.

On a different note, some people are asking when the Link is going to be printed for distribution again? We've had a discussion about this, and we don't feel we're quite there yet. But we are already producing some printed copies for households without IT. So if you know of someone who would appreciate a printed copy, please email link@moorlandteam.org.uk and let us know. And don't forget to tell people that the Link can always be read on the www.moorlandteam.org.uk website.

We hope you enjoy these last fleeting days of summer.....

Peter, Geoffrey, Susan and Daf

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