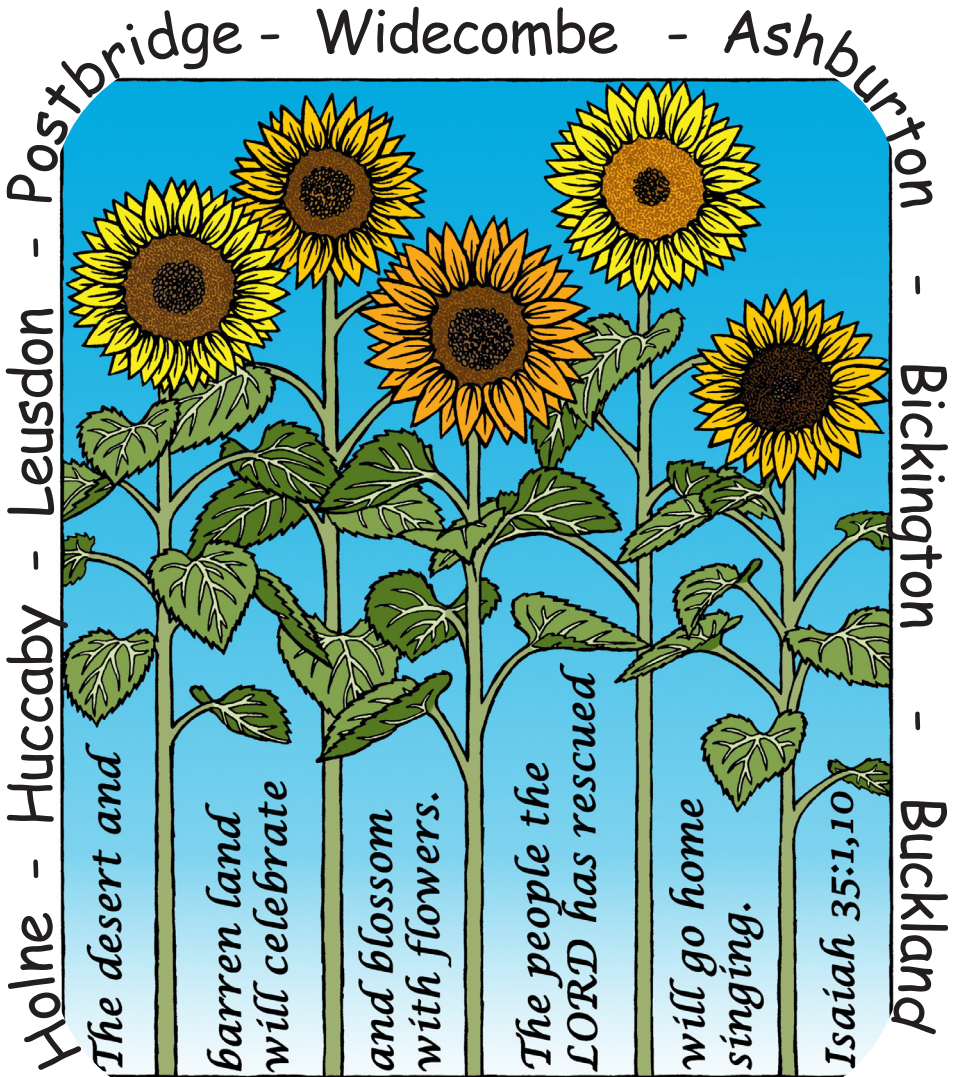


# Moorland Parish Link



## August 2021

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## Summer Holidays

July and August signal the return of the Summer Holidays, but contrary to Sir Cliff's 1962 classic, we're not all going on a summer holiday. And this isn't, for once, due to the latest change in COVID restrictions (although there might be a few more domestic holidays this year than normal). No. The reason we're not all going on a summer holiday is because as a nation we are pretty poor at "going on holiday" at all – with nearly a third of UK employees not taking their full annual leave entitlement of 28 days off work. Statistics suggest this is often because we are too worried about how it might appear to our colleagues or because we feel there is simply too much work to be done! And particularly this year, we might be tempted to think we've had some partial rest with the lockdown, even though what really happened was that any remaining distinction between work and home life was subtly and finally eroded.

So, we're not all going on a summer holiday, but we should be!

The very word "holiday," is from the Old English "holy-day." That is, it was a day set aside and dedicated for God and celebration. A consecrated day – time made sacred. And this idea of making time sacred, "holy-day," derives from the Biblical concept of Sabbath: "remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy" (Exodus 20:8).

Sabbath is right there at the beginning of creation. In Genesis, we are told that creativity is inseparably linked to rest. For the creation story speaks of God's "creative process" taking seven days, which includes the final day of rest. "So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation" (Genesis 2:3). If we want to make the most of our creativity and gifts, then rest is a crucial part of that.

But we are commanded to rest (and it is a command), not because it makes us better at being productive, but because it reminds us that we are loved by God regardless of our own effort and striving. It is the freedom just to be. And taking holiday and rest is one of the ways we rediscover who God has made us to be.

I always remember Thomson's holiday advert called "Simon the Ogre." It depicted a monstrous beast, run down by his job and city life, attempting to live a normal life with his human wife and child. They go away on holiday together, where they can enjoy

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# Church News & Events

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time resting without the stresses of work. Throughout the holiday, his ogre features gradually disappear, his horns drop off, until in a final scene he rises from the sea (Daniel Craig-esque!) as his normal human self. It serves as a helpful reminder of this point, the true meaning of holiday as recreation. That in resting we give the gift of time back to God, that he might recreate us into his image. For it is only in resting that we become fully who God created us to be.

*The Rev Sam Rylands  
(Curate at St Luke's, Chelsea)*

## From the Registers

Marriage	Holne	10 July 2021	Thomas Bartlett and Jennifer Applegarth
Baptism	Huccaby	17 July 2021	William Oliver Beach

## Churches Open

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<b>St Andrew's, Ashburton</b>	<b>Daily, 10.00am-4.00pm</b>
<b>St Mary the Virgin, Holne</b>	<b>Daily, 10.00am-4:30pm</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>By appointment – 01626 821213</b>
<b>St Pancras, Widcombe</b>	<b>Daily 9.00am-5.00pm</b>
<b>St John the Baptist, Leusdon</b>	<b>Daily 9.00am-5.00pm</b>
<b>St Gabriel, Postbridge</b>	<b>Daily</b>

For further information, please check the website <https://ashburtonandmoor.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>

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**Andy**

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[https://www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/parish\\_link/index.php](https://www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/parish_link/index.php)

<https://ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/magazine-%26-notice-sheets>

## 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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*Gill and Mike Cunniam*







# St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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

**Church Services - see Page 20 for details**

Date	Time	Service
1st August	-	
8th August	18:00	Holy Communion
15th August	09:00	Holy Communion at Huccaby
22nd August	17:00	Evening Worship
29th August	15:00	Pilgrim Service at Huccaby (11:00 Pilgrimage Walk from Postbridge)

## St. Mary the Virgin, Holne

At last we have seen a significant easing of Covid restrictions in our daily lives and it seemed like a good time to write something about our Parish Church. This will be the first of several articles about what is happening in St. Mary’s Church. This month it is a general overview of the work in the church, parish and wider Benefice. In future editions, there will be more detail about the projects and activities that the church is involved with.

Despite appearances and what you may have read in the media, St Mary’s Church and St. Raphael’s Chapel, are alive and kicking! Apart from a period between 23rd March and July 2020, both buildings have been open for prayer and public worship. There have been regular services when permitted, a wedding and sadly, several funerals. These are important occasions for local communities and are the primary reason for working to keep the building open and in good shape

Additionally, there have been regular online services available, produced locally and widely available on the ashburtonandmoor.org website. The online services have proved so popular that, subject to resources being available, it is planned to continue them. So, if you are housebound, or feel uncomfortable about attending a church service in person and have access to the internet, please have a look at the website.

However, we are also keen to make St. Mary’s a place of welcome and interest. Following a village meeting in February 2020, it was agreed to turn part of the

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churchyard over to wildflowers, and thanks to kind volunteers and donors, this project is well and truly flourishing.

To encourage people to step across the threshold of the church and see the lovely treasures inside, work has been done on creating various trails inside and outside the church. There will shortly be a Pilgrim Trail between St. Mary's and other nearby churches.

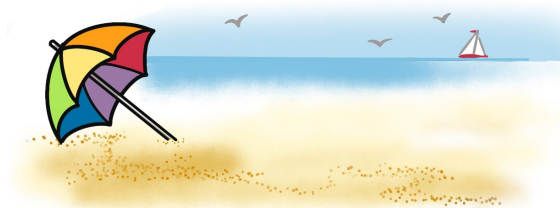
But it is not just about looking at the beautiful Nave roof or the rood screen, we also want visitors to find a quiet place to think and pray. A 'prayer tree' has been created where you can write a prayer on a label and hang it on the tree. As a congregation we will always pray for those in distress or need.

We also want the community to feel that it is their building, and we want it to be used as much as possible. To enable this, we hope that the long-standing plans to carry out repairs and redecoration inside and out, will start later this year. There are also some exciting ideas regarding the use of technology in the church – more about this in a future edition.

We hope to have a Songs of Praise Service in August and it would be wonderful to have the church filled on that occasion. Details of services are posted on the notice board at the front of the churchyard, and all are welcome.

Finally, although we are a small (for now!) congregation, we are not confined to a building. Our members take an active part in village life, and we are always happy to help where we can. If anyone would like to know more about what we do and why we do it, please contact Gillian Parker, Churchwarden. (Contact details at front of magazine).

*Gillian*



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There is a continual cycle of change in every volunteer organization and we would love to see more of you joining our team. It is a great way of meeting people in the moorland community, it is fun and rewarding. If you think you would like to give some time once a week, once a month or just on an occasional basis, pop into the shop to see Paul or phone on 01364 631188. You never go in cold, we give you full training and guidance support for as long as you feel you need it.

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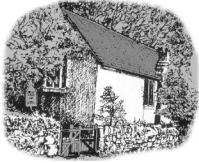
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# St Raphael, Huccaby

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## St. Raphael, Huccaby

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We are hopeful that planning permission to extend the car park will follow soon. Once that is granted, we will need to raise funds to pay for the work to be done. Again, this is not just for the convenience of visitors to the Chapel, but as a road safety issue. We are very conscious that when there is a wedding or well-attended service, cars parked on the road can be a hazard, especially if the event coincides with traffic being diverted past the Chapel.

On the subject of technology, we are all getting used to the fact that the Covid virus has changed our lives in many ways. In particular, some people have engaged with our Churches and Chapels for the first time through online services. Another reason that we were keen to get broadband into the Chapel.

So, who uses a smart phone or tablet such as an iPad? Are you over 50? Why not participate in some national research to help others? The University of Liverpool are carrying out research as to how older people use such technology and how it can be assist those with memory problems. The advert on page 37 has details of the study and the survey can be accessed by visiting [bit.ly/3wyAgPv](https://bit.ly/3wyAgPv) but, if you would like more information, please contact Tony Parker (details at front of magazine)

Finally, the Diocese of Exeter is going to be exploring how churches can work more collaboratively for the benefit of the whole community. As Bishop Robert has recently said, we are not Lone Rangers, but teams who can achieve more together than apart. More on this subject in the future.

*Gillian*



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**Church Services - see Page 20 for details**

Date	Time	Service
1st August	16:00	Evening Prayer
8th August	12:00	Parish Communion
15th August	12:00	Parish Communion
22nd August	12:00	Parish Communion
29th August	12:00	Parish Communion

## Leusdon Church - Information and Support

Leusdon Church is open all day, every day. You are welcome to visit at any time – an opportunity to sit quietly, say a prayer and enjoy our beautiful building.

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## Leusdon Memorial Hall

As reported last month the Hall will open on 1st August 2021, (although cases are rising in our Community).

Our first planned event will be the AGM which will take place on Wednesday 4th August 2021 at 7.30 pm. We would like anyone with an interest in the Hall to come

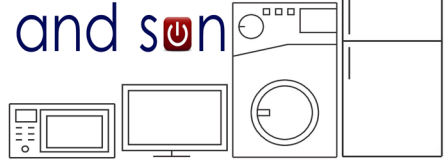
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to the meeting so as to be as representative as possible. Please feel free to wear a mask and socially distance if you wish. DO NOT COME IF YOU FEEL UNWELL OR HAVE HAD A POSITIVE COVID 19 TEST RECENTLY. We shall be discussing how to fully open safely at this meeting. Meeting Notices are posted around the Parish.

On Saturday 14th August we shall be holding a Dog Show and Table Top Sale. The Dog Show will start at 2.00 pm. There will be many different classes with rosettes to be won as well as a trophy for best in show. It will be followed by a fancy dress class. There will be refreshments available. Most of these activities will take place in the open air. For those of you who would like more details please contact Amanda on 01364 631432 or email [leusdonmemorialhall@yahoo.com](mailto:leusdonmemorialhall@yahoo.com)



It is planned that the first coffee morning will be on Wednesday 1st September 10.00-12.00. It will follow the usual pattern with a few minor alterations, one these being the hiring out of four tables per month at £5.00 each for anyone to sell anything they wish (within reason). One of these will be reserved for bric-a-brac. In addition we hope to set up a book and jigsaw swapping facility with a 10p administration charge via an honesty box . The coffee/tea, cakes and the raffle will continue.

Should you wish to book the Hall it will be available for hire from 1st August at £10.00 per hour by contacting our booking secretary:

Amanda Routley on 01364 631432  
Email: [leusdonmemorialhall@yahoo.com](mailto:leusdonmemorialhall@yahoo.com)

In the meantime, if anyone would like to discuss any aspect of the Hall please contact myself or any committee member.

My contact details are: John Southcombe Email: [johnsouthcombe@hotmail.com](mailto:johnsouthcombe@hotmail.com)

We look forward to getting back to normal as soon as conditions allow.

Kind regards

*John Southcombe*

for Leusdon Memorial Hall. Charity no.300887

# Church Services for August 2021

## 1st August Trinity 9 Green

Readings - Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Widcombe	10:30	All Age Service	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	16:00	Evening Prayer	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	10:30	Holiday Club Service

## 8th August Trinity 10 Green

Readings - 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

Postbridge	09:00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion and Baptism
Widcombe	10:30	Parish Communion			
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion			
Huccaby	14:00	Baptism Service			
Holne	18:00	Holy Communion			

## 15th August Trinity 11 Green

Readings - Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Huccaby	09:00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Community Celebration Service
Widcombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Buckland	15:00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion			

## 22nd August Trinity 12 Green

Readings - Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Widcombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	09:00	Breakfast Church
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion
Holne	17:00	Evening Worship			
Postbridge	18:00	Evening Prayer			

## 29th August Trinity 13 Green

Readings - Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

Widcombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Online	09:00	To be a Pilgrim United Service
Postbridge	11:00	Start of Pilgrimage Walk			
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion			
Huccaby	15:00	Pilgrim Service			

## 5th September Trinity 14 Green

Readings - Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

Widcombe	10:30	All Age Service	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	16:00	Evensong	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	10:30	Family Service
			Buckland	11:00	Animal Service

There is a service of  
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 You will be most welcome!.



**Communion at home**  
 If you would like to receive Home  
 Communion please contact Mark or  
 Geoffrey.  
*(see page 2 for contact details)*

## Mid-week Communion

Wednesday 4th August	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 11th August	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 18th August	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 25th August	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 1st September	Ashburton	10:30	

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

Although social distancing measures and face coverings are no longer required by law, the incumbent may still make decisions to retain some or all of these measures if they believe doing so is important for safety in their building, or if they judge that it will help people to feel more secure in returning to worship and other uses of the building.

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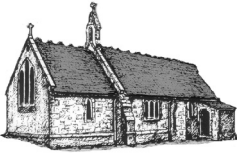
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# St Gabriel, Postbridge

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**Church Services - see Page 20 for details**

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1st August	-	
8th August	09:00	Holy Communion
15th August	-	
22nd August	18:00	Evening Prayer
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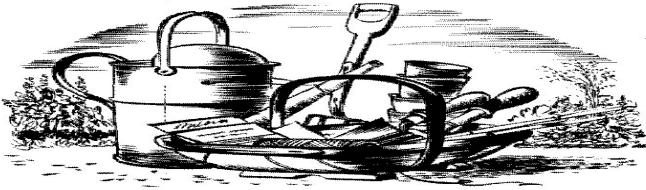
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## High Moorland Women's Institute Princetown



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We have resumed our monthly meetings and at our July meeting we met at Princetown Community Centre for a picnic and games.

On 4th August we are looking forward to a talk on Dartmoor Prison and Conscientious Objectors and for our September meeting we will be walking along the Tavistock Canal. Visitors are always welcome

**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.**

## Princetown History Club

meets 1st Tuesday of each month at  
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**3rd Aug** *A visit to Whiteworks, with Andy Crabb, DNPA archeologist*

**7th Sept** *A talk on "Stone Men" by Paul Rendell*

*For further information, please phone  
Mr John Lissenden on 01752 847573  
or email [jlissenden@talktalk.net](mailto:jlissenden@talktalk.net)  
Web Site: [princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com](http://princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com)*

## Postbridge Coffee Mornings

Once again we have had to change  
the date of our first meeting.

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We will keep you updated.

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<p><b><u>Home Produce</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Victoria sponge</li> <li>2. 4 Tea cakes</li> <li>3. Savoury flan</li> <li>4. A plate of nine biscuits ( 3 of each)</li> <li>5. Battenberg cake</li> <li>6. Traditional meat pasty</li> <li>7. Rustic loaf</li> <li>8. A pot of jam</li> <li>9. A jar of chutney</li> <li>10. A bottle of homemade drink</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Art and Craft</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Patchwork or quilting item</li> <li>2. A knitted item</li> <li>3. A painting (any subject, any medium)</li> <li>4. Pebble Art</li> <li>5. Any craft work not in schedule</li> <li>6. Made from Wood</li> <li>7. A short poem</li> <li>8. A photograph (My Dartmoor Garden)</li> </ol>
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## Mistresses Piece, Buckland in the Moor

I have recently been asked for information about Mistresses Piece which appears on the Ordnance survey and has intrigued several of you.

This area of woodland is located near Buckland (Approximately 26 acres). It is first mentioned in a "survey of lands of E.P. Bastard" published in 1735 which seems to indicate that the wood dates from the early 18th century at least.

On tithe apportionment details for Buckland in the Moor the landowners are registered as Sir John Leaman Rogers, Robert Hurrell Trout and Henry Karlake, but the occupier is listed as Mrs Bastard. This would indicate the land was used by Edmund Pollexfen Bastard of Kitley estate Yealmpton.

'Mistresses Piece' was included on the Tithe map of Buckland Parish in 1838, Ordnance Survey Map 1904-1906, and the latest Ordnance survey of 2016. It would seem the interest is regarding who it is named after not any point of interest in the wood.

If, of course, you know better or have any information regarding these woods I would be pleased to hear from you.

Email: [david.ashman87@gmail.com](mailto:david.ashman87@gmail.com) or telephone 01364 621672.

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## WIDDYTOTS

Widdytots is a local group of mums with babies and toddlers from 0-3 years. We are in the process of working out the logistics of restarting the toddler group sessions but in the meantime if you would like to be put in contact with other local mums and to catch up for a walk or a coffee and a chat etc then please do contact us.

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## Widcombe & District Ladies Social Group

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Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369

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

### Sunday Service

**Dunstone** - Every Sunday 3pm informal service held outside the chapel so we can sing or inside if wet but no singing. Everyone most welcome but must follow the two metre distance rule and masks must be worn when we are inside.

**Poundsgate** - First Sunday of the month only, 3pm Zoom

### Bible Study Group

We meet every Thursday at 7pm at Dunstone Chapel for Bible study. We are studying the Acts of the Apostles at the moment and everyone is very welcome to join us. We are a small friendly group seeking to enrich our knowledge of God through His word in the Bible.

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We are seeking a cook who is keen to work flexible hours and deliver nutritious, home style dishes for young people and the occasional event. Must be able to work weekends and be keen to explain the wholesomeness of good food, encouraging young people to cook and eat healthily.

### Cleaners Wanted

We are still looking for additional cleaners throughout August and September and perhaps beyond to help with visiting groups. Candidates must have transport, be willing to work flexible hours and pay attention to detail.

Please contact Julia directly on:

**Tel:** 01364 621 392

**E-mail:** [Julia@shallowfordfarm.co.uk](mailto:Julia@shallowfordfarm.co.uk)



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

## Other Community News & Events

### ROTARY CLUB OF YELVERTON – SUMMER UPDATE

Another annual Rotary Club period came to an end in June, and our 'handover' from the outgoing to the incoming 'management' team has now taken place. This year, so that we could legally meet face to face, we decided to combine the presidential meeting with a game of croquet which over the years has become an annual summer event for the club. A number of our friends and colleagues from Tavistock this year joined us for the evening, enjoying both the croquet and the pasties afterwards.

Our new President, Marion Luckhurst, together with our new Vice President Nigel Tigwell and Junior Vice President Gilly Turley-Rogers, will not have to look very far for things to do when Covid restrictions are (hopefully) finally removed. Following the closure of the Moorland Gardens Hotel last summer, we need to find a new meeting place; and, after 18 months of being unable to organize and carry out significant fundraising events, our Charity Fund coffers funds are empty – though we have protected the funds set aside for the Old Folks' Tea Party now with a revised scheduled date for September, and for the 2022 Fun Day (having just had to cancel the 2021 event along with this year's Postbridge Dog Show).

Since the last report we have continued with our weekly Zoom Meetings programme of speakers, quizzes, fellowship meetings and, most importantly have been able to provide four of our local schools with books intended to help keep their children safe.

We are now looking forward to a new Rotary year in which we can, hopefully, resume all of our usual activities and meet regularly face to face.

To find out more or if you want to get involved:

Contact us at [president@yelverton.rotary1175.org](mailto:president@yelverton.rotary1175.org)

Our website: [www.yelverton.rotary1175.org](http://www.yelverton.rotary1175.org)

### Rainfall in June 2021

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	87.6 mm (3.5")	15	27th 57.7 mm
	(June 2020 - 187.4 mm (7.4"))		



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We would like to hear from **anyone over 50 who uses a smartphone or tablet computer**, whether you have memory problems or not. This is so we can compare people who do and do not have memory problems.

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I TAKE PART?**

The address below will take you to a **short online survey** about how you use your smartphone and/or tablet and your memory. The survey should take **no longer than 20 minutes**.

**Survey URL: [bit.ly/3wyAgPv](https://bit.ly/3wyAgPv)**

**OPTIONAL:**

We would also like to interview people living with memory problems or dementia and their care partners about how you use your smartphone or tablet to help manage your lives.

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**DEVON OPEN STUDIOS****Saturday 11 - Sunday 26 September 2021**

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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.

For further details visit <https://www.devonartistnetwork.co.uk/>

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After July's heatwave, we hope that the weather doesn't revert to normal and put a dampener on the first, few tentative events re-appearing in our diary on page 21 – there are 12 entries, a record number for 2021! Some of these are outside – like the Dog Show (p19), the Widecombe Parish Field Open Day (p30) and the visit to Whiteworks (p25). Others are inside – the Coffee Morning at Leusdon (p19) for example. Postbridge Coffee Morning on 2nd August (p25) will be outside or inside depending on the weather. The Link is proud to be the must-read publication for promoting Moorland events such as these.

And we're also proud to be spreading good-news stories – like the wonderful celebration of the Holne Shop and Tearoom completing its first decade. It's been a heart-warming story of persistence and commitment through quite a number of difficult times, and we're delighted by its success. Do read the story on page 13 – and you may find yourself inspired to help out there yourself!

To show our commitment to our communities, this month we are reverting to having the Link professionally printed, so it is looking a bit different. Our small band of Link volunteers met in July to map out our future, and we're delighted that several new people are likely to join the team. But we'd love it if even more of you joined in – even if you can only offer a modest amount of time, you could make a real difference. In particular we are looking for someone to keep in touch with our advertisers and secure our core advertising income. Could this be you? Do contact us on the email address below.

Or maybe you can become a contributor? As you dream away the summer days, why not drop us a line with a good-news story or an anecdote? Perhaps we ought to have a competition for the most cheerful story? Sadly, we know there are many who would appreciate some cheering up because they are vulnerable and still having to self-isolate, or have been “pinged” – maybe you could bring a smile to their faces? Why not? *From all of us at the Link*

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