

# Moorland Parish Link



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## The Parish Letter

As a child, on a sunny July afternoon, I enjoyed nothing better than having a pot of Bubble-Blow mixture with the rather drippy plastic loop that was part of the lid, and blowing bubbles across the garden. The sun glinting on them in all the colours of the rainbow. The way they sailed up and away, over the shrubs and trees. Their sudden disappearance in an almost audible “pop”. If I ran, a great stream of bubbles would follow me like the tail of a comet. There was something magical about bubbles – until the pot was empty, or I knocked it over and it was all spilled – and then there were tears!

Well, during the pandemic, the word “bubble” has acquired a whole new meaning – groups of people who are allowed to mix together. Their purpose (to bring happiness) is still the same – a bubble is a delightful term to describe a small group bringing joy to each other’s lives, who brighten up a day by being in the same room.

During the pandemic, clearly the hardest thing has been losing a loved one to Covid. But the next hardest thing has been to be without friends and family around. It’s been a real trauma being separated from those we love, because our longing for companionship is a massive part of being human.

Before the pandemic we took so much for granted – like dropping in for a cup of tea, playing whist, going to a coffee morning, chatting on a bench. This all fell away, such that someone I was talking to recently became so lonely that getting a single letter through the post-box was the highpoint of the week – they had no other contact.

Thank goodness we’re coming out of Lockdown. Each stage brings more mood-enhancing – meeting outside, meeting inside in a bubble, going into shops, going to visit family, going into a pub, meeting anyone inside, going to outdoor events, and maybe soon going to every kind of indoor event and doing whatever we enjoy. Our bubbles are gradually expanding – from two to three, six, thirty, a hundred, any number and size we like!

But life has always been about bubbles, we just didn’t notice. Instead we used other words – family, extended family, club, society, office, team, group, and so on. Places where we enjoy being with other people. The safety, reassurance and fellowship of being with other people is incredibly important. Though it isn’t new! Jesus was part of

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several bubbles – his family, his village, his twelve disciples. But also the next person he met – he would get alongside anyone, bubble with them, listen to them, encourage them and show them God’s love and forgiveness. It’s no surprise that his main message to everyone was to “love your neighbour” – to be a bubble with your neighbour?

Sadly there’s many people in our community without bubbles and in great need of companionship. The advert for Moorland Community Care in this magazine invites people to become part of a lonely person’s bubble – please consider it! It may feel a bit scary, but being in a new bubble is always likely to be of mutual benefit.

So, if Freedom Day comes this month, why not go and buy some Bubble-Blow and celebrate it by standing outside with someone and watching the bubbles sparkling with freedom in the sun? If you’re a bit embarrassed to be seen reverting to such childish behaviour, just find a quiet corner and enjoy them there. You may even catch a glimpse of me in the Vicarage Garden here in Widecombe blowing bubbles across the road!

*With every blessing*

*Geoffrey*

## **Moorland Parish Link Online**

This edition of the Moorland Parish Link (and previous editions) can be downloaded using the following links:

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

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



Hello last men and women standing!

Suzy here from Moorland Community Care...

We are actively recruiting volunteers to do befriending calls and visits, gentle trips out, either by car or on foot, coffee morning and social group help, shopping assistance and gardening help.

We also need occasional help with moving house for vulnerable people.

If you're interested, my colleague Ami would so love to hear from you! Her number is 07538100461 and is on WhatsApp too.

Regular and occasional help so welcome and you become part of a friendly team!

## Churches Open

Our churches are open for services & private prayer. Opening times vary:

St Andrew's, Ashburton	Daily, 10.00am-4.00pm
St Mary the Virgin, Holne	Daily, 10.00am-4:30pm
St Raphael's, Huccaby	Daily, 9:30am-5:30pm
St Peter's, Buckland-in-the-Moor	Daily
St Mary the Virgin, Bickington	By appointment – 01626 821213
St Pancras, Widcombe	Daily 9.00am-5.00pm
St John the Baptist, Leusdon	Daily 9.00am-5.00pm
St Gabriel, Postbridge	Daily

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>, for the latest updates.

## From the Registers

Funeral    Holne    21 June 2021    Raymond William Codd

## 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, Widcombe Vicarage, 01364 621334

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



## Prayers from Messy Church JULY 2021



As Messy Church reopened out of doors, the first time for over a year, there was much to do. The theme was “Thank you God” and there were flags and bunting to be painted, along with pebbles, an obstacle course, and other games to play outside.

There was a quieter time too, inside the church, when children were invited to write three “teaspoon prayers” that’s tsp --- Thanks, Sorry and Praise. Here are just a few of them (spellings tidied up).

Thanks for my guinea pigs and the little squeaks they do.

Thank you for the world.

Thank you for my lovely family.

Thank you for my friends.

Thank you for a lovely sunny swim.

Thank you for having plenty of food.

Thank you for being our Lord, Saviour, and friend.

Thank you for my birthday presents.

Sorry I’m a bit grumpy

Sorry I’m shouty

Sorry for shoving

Sorry I smashed a glass

Sorry for blaming J---

Sorry for chasing A--- with a bamboo stick

Sorry I’m only a little bit sorry for punching my sister

Sorry for not listening or doing what I’m told

Sorry for doing sins

Sorry for being a bad sister

Praise You that every day is a happy day

I praise God for everything He made

Praise God for the sunlight and all the weather

Praise be to God for P-----

Praise God that He made us

Praise God for wonderful days

Praise God for all the people who used to be alive and are now in heaven.

The simple words inspire me. Thank you, Barbara for writing this July article. As the bunting on the rails says Thank you God and Thank you Ashburton for helping us get through Covid. **July 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday is the next Messy Church in the Church and Church Garden all are welcome.** Jane

# Ashburton Baby Group

We are back to meeting in person every Wednesday morning from 10 to 11.30 am in St Andrew's Church Hall.

We have 10 lovely mums who have been meeting and going for walks together. We would love to welcome dads and babies as well. Please come and join in.

We also have an active "WhatsApp group" where ideas and first steps are shared.

See you next Wednesday morning in St Andrew's Church Hall at 10 am.

Contact Jane on 07850 974 286 or email [jashnton@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:jashnton@globalnet.co.uk) and I will put you on the WhatsApp group.



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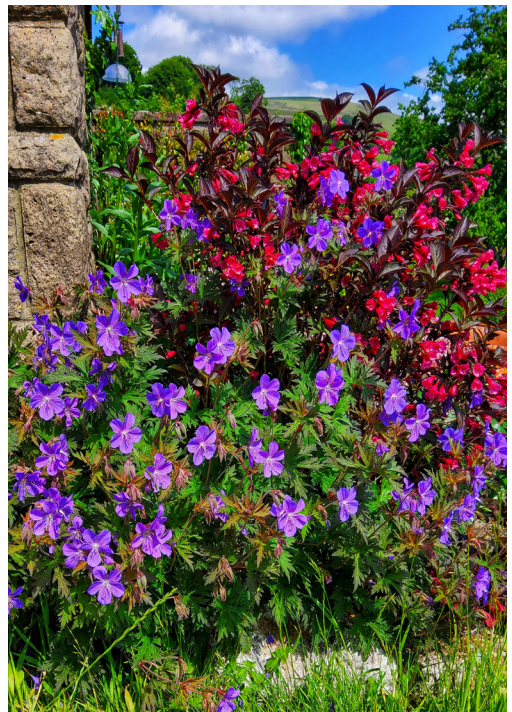
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# St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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

**Church Services - see Page 24 for details**

Date	Time	Service
4th July	-	
11th July	18:00	Holy Communion
18th July	09:00	Holy Communion at Huccaby
25th July	17:00	Evening Worship

## HOLNE VILLAGE HALL

1. At a meeting of the hall committee on May 19th, it was decided to continue the closure of the hall for the time being. The situation will be reviewed at the next meeting on June 22nd.

When it is possible to reopen the hall, a further notice will be placed in The Link.

2. As in 2020, the Plant Sale in the hall is cancelled for this year. However, donated plants will be for sale outside the hall [honesty box in place], and at Hilltop, Holne, by kind arrangement .

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Peter Bellamy. [Joint Chairman HVHMC].



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## Holne Garden Group

We have been thinking hard about the Garden Club and our much missed outings. It may be a long time before we can go out by coach again, but how about half day outings, by car, to nearby places where we can walk in beautiful surroundings and chat with our friends from a safe distance? We are getting together a short list, something to cheer the long dark days of winter. Please email Judy to add your suggestions.



If you are interested, get in touch, or we will contact you all. In the meantime, very best wishes to all.

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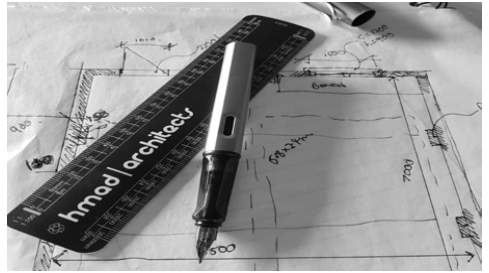
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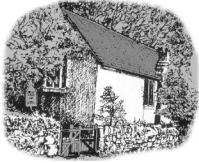
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The classes are informal and friendly, handbuilding, but a kick wheel is available. Suitable for all ages and abilities, wheelchair friendly, except perhaps for access to the compost loo. I encourage experimentation, the only limits are the kiln sizes.

The sessions run on **Thursday, Friday and Saturdays, 10-12.30, or 2.00-5.00, and cost £20.00**, which includes first firing and basic materials, and of course, tea/coffee and biscuits, potters essentials. There is more information on my website, [www.katelyonsmiller.com](http://www.katelyonsmiller.com)

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# St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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**Church Services - see Page 24 for details**

Date	Time	Service
4th July	16:00	Pet Service
11th July	12:00	Parish Communion
18th July	12:00	Parish Communion
25th July	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.

*Please wear a face-covering when inside the church, and be sure to use the hand-sanitiser when you enter and when you leave.*

We are holding services in the church every Sunday (as shown above). If you are not able to attend, why not download the latest service and use it at home? You can find it here:

<https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/L>

Do give me a call if you'd like a chat.

Revd Geoffrey Fenton (Team Vicar) 01364 621334 [geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk](mailto:geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk)

## Leusdon Memorial Hall

As reported last month the Hall will open fully on 1st August 2021, (although some events will be allowed before this where we can enforce strict guidelines and they are of importance to the community).

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

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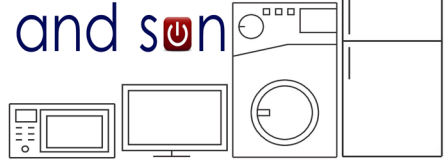
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meeting so as to be as representative as possible .

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 many different classes and 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. I will give a further update in the August edition of the Parish Link. For those of you who would like more details before then 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 of 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.

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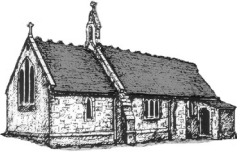
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**Church Services - see Page 24 for details**

Date	Time	Service
4th July	-	
11th July	09:00	Holy Communion
18th July	-	
25th July	18:00	Evening Prayer

## Postbridge Church - Information and Support

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

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We are holding services in the church on some Sundays (as shown above). If you are not able to attend, why not download the latest service and use it at home? You can find it here:

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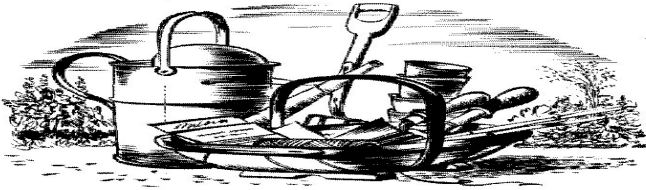
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**All meetings are cancelled until further notice**

If you would like to know more about High Moorland Women's Institute or details of the events listed above, please drop Helly an email on [hellyhtsn@hotmail.com](mailto:hellyhtsn@hotmail.com) or follow us on Facebook: High Moorland Women's Institute.



## Postbridge Coffee Mornings

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



Lets hope we can meet on **Monday 2 August at Postbridge Village Hall.**

We will keep you updated.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

*Maureen & Sheila*

## Princetown History Club

July 6th - A walk around Moretonhampstead, with Gary Cox

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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)

# Church Services for July 2021

## 4th July Trinity 5 Green

*Readings - Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13*

Widcombe	10:30	Pet Service	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	16:00	Pet Service	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion

## 11th July Trinity 6 Green

*Readings - Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29*

Postbridge	09:00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	09:00	Sundays@9am
Widcombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion			
Holne	18:00	Holy Communion			

## 18th July Trinity 7 Green

*Readings - Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

Huccaby	09:00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	09:00	Sundays@9am
Widcombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion			

## 25th July Trinity 8 Green

*Readings - 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-19; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21*

Widcombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	09:00	Breakfast Church
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Time & Talents
Holne	17:00	Evening Worship			Communion
Postbridge	18:00	Evening Prayer	Buckland	18:00	Community Songs of Praise

## 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			
Leusdon	16:00	Evensong			

**These are the services planned for July, subject to any changes in Covid rules.**

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

Face coverings are currently mandatory in places of worship. While there are exemptions **this is a legal requirement.**



There is a service of  
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## 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 7th July	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 14th July	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 21st July	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 28th July	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 4th August	Ashburton	10:30	

### Key to Service Leaders

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Date	Time	Service
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11th July	10:30	Parish Communion
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25th July	10:30	Parish Communion

## Widecombe Church - Information and Support

Widecombe Church is now open every day from 9am to 5pm. You are welcome to visit during these hours – an opportunity to light a candle, say a prayer, buy a guidebook, postcard or small gift, or just enjoy our beautiful building.

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Do give me a call if you'd like a chat.

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## Three-bedroom house for affordable rent in Widecombe

This summer, Widecombe-in-the-Moor Church House and Lands Charity is expecting to have a three-bedroom house for affordable rent at Church Cottages, Dunstone.

At this stage, the charity is seeking expressions of interest from anyone who might be interested in applying for a tenancy at that time.

If you are interested, please email the charity's clerk ([david.thomas@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:david.thomas@hotmail.co.uk)) with your full name, address and contact details - indicating briefly why you need a house (1) with three bedrooms (2) at an affordable rent (3) in Widecombe.

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## PRODUCE AND CRAFT SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Vegetables Classes</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 3 potatoes washed, white</li> <li>2. 3 potatoes washed, red</li> <li>3. 3 onions grown from sets</li> <li>4. 3 carrots trimmed and washed</li> <li>5. 3 beetroot trimmed and washed</li> <li>6. 6 runner beans</li> <li>7. Any vegetable not in schedule</li> <li>8. Any squash or courgette</li> <li>9. 4 tomatoes</li> <li>10. 4 culinary herbs in a jar</li> <li>11. Comedy vegetable....!</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Flowers</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 3 dahlias</li> <li>2. Single Rose</li> <li>3. Single stem any flower</li> <li>4. A vase of mixed flowers (9 stems – 3 of each)</li> <li>5. An arrangement of flowers and foliage in an unusual container.</li> <li>6. Miniature flower arrangement not to exceed 6"</li> <li>7. A standard flower arrangement</li> </ol> <p><b>Note: ALL FLOWERS MUST BE LOCALLY GROWN</b></p>
<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>
<p>ENTRIES TO be submitted by <b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> to MIKE &amp; JENNY PASCOE 621333  <a href="mailto:pascoewooder@yahoo.co.uk">pascoewooder@yahoo.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>EXHIBITS TO BE STAGED ON THE MORNING BETWEEN 10am AND 12.30pm,  Public Viewing 2pm to 5pm. Entries to be removed between 5pm and 6pm.</b></p>	
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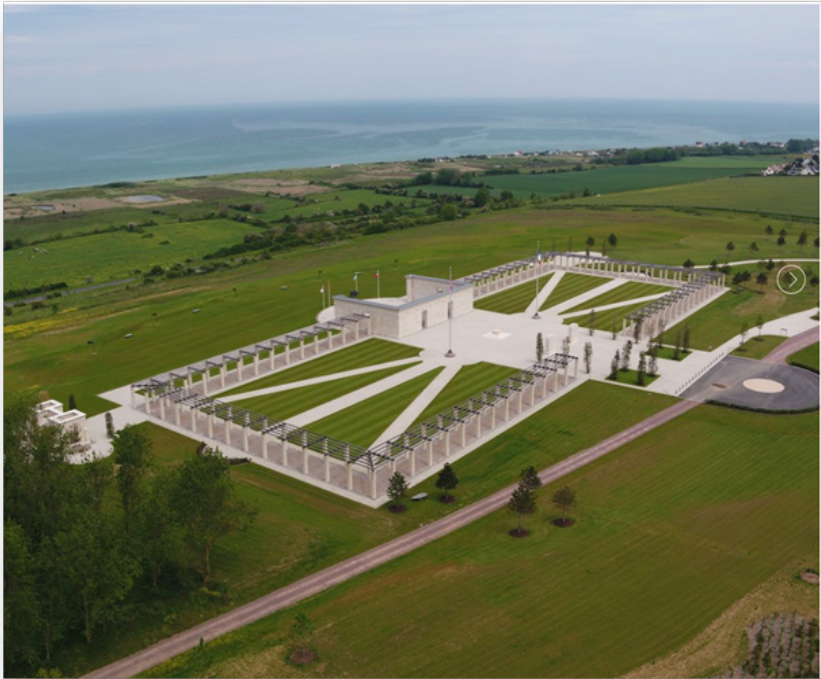
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## British Normandy Memorial



Many of you will have seen on television or read in the newspapers of the opening of the British Normandy Memorial at Ver-sur-Mer in Normandy on 6th June, (the 77th Anniversary of the D Day landings in World War 2).

The memorial, which is located on a hillside overlooking 'Gold Beach' where the landings were undertaken by British and Commonwealth forces, contains the names of the 22,442 servicemen killed in the 3 months of fighting following the landings.

Included on the memorial is the name of **EDWARD WHITLEY** formerly of Spitchwick Manor in Widecombe Parish.

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Edward was wounded during the landings at Pegasus Bridge, part of the D Day offensive, on 10th August 1944.

He died of his wounds in hospital in England on 29th August. His name is included on column 332 of the memorial.

Edward, a Captain in the Royal Army Medical Corp, had parachuted into the war zone as part of the 13th (2/4 Battalion South Lancashire Regiment).

His Service Number was 22025

*David Ashman, Widecombe History Group*

## **The involvement of the CLEVE family from Widecombe in the American Civil War**

As mentioned in my article in the June edition of the "Parish Link" a number of families who emigrated from Widecombe during the 1850's became involved in the American Civil War after they arrived in their new homes.

James Cleve and Mary his wife (nee Ireland) emigrated from Cresson Hays, Leusdon in 1850 along with the first four of their children, six further children were born to the couple in America.

The involvement in the Civil War relates to the eldest three girls all of whom married American men who were "called" to fight for the Unionist cause.

Eldest daughter Dora Cleve married Lucius Daniel Whaley in 1863. Lucius was born in 1836 and enlisted in the 103rd Ohio infantry in August 1862. He was wounded early in 1863 and 'mustered out' in early January. Lucius and Dora did not marry until July 1863 after Lucius had left the army. Like her mother Dora, she had a large

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family with nine children.

In 1872 second daughter Nelly married Albert Glassford who had served throughout the war with the 78th Infantry Regiment of Ohio. In contrast to family tradition Nelly only had two children.

The youngest of the immigrant daughters Mary Grace married Augustus Farlin House.



***Mary Grace House (nee Cleve)***



***Augustus Farlin House***

Augustus served as a private in the Ohio cavalry. Mary and Augustus had only three children.

Further stories of the 'Men from Widecombe who fought during the American Civil War' will be told in the coming months.

*David Ashman, Widecombe History Group*

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<b>NEWTON ABBOT, Sherborne Road B</b>	<b>0920</b>	<b>1020</b>	<b>1120</b>	<b>1320</b>	<b>1420</b>	<b>1520</b>
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HEATHFIELD, Battle Road	0933	1033	1133	1333	1433	1533
BOVEY TRACEY, Riverside Surgery	0943	1043	1143	1343	1443	1543
BOVEY TRACEY, Union Square, Tesco Arrive	0949	1049	1149	1349	1449	1549
<i>Continues as service 271 to Widecombe</i>	271	271	271	271	271	271
<b>BOVEY TRACEY, Union Square, Tesco Depart</b>	<b>0952</b>	<b>1052</b>	<b>1152</b>	<b>1352</b>	<b>1452</b>	<b>1552</b>
HAYTOR VALE, Moorlands House	1002	1102	1202	1402	1502	1602
<b>WIDECOMBE, Car Park</b>	<b>1013</b>	<b>1113</b>	<b>1213</b>	<b>1413</b>	<b>1513</b>	<b>1613</b>

	271	271	271	271	271	271
<b>WIDECOMBE, Car Park</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>1118</b>	<b>1318</b>	<b>1418</b>	<b>1518</b>	<b>1648</b>
HAYTOR VALE, Moorlands House	1030	1130	1330	1430	1530	1700
BOVEY TRACEY, Union Square, Tesco Arrive	1045	1145	1345	1445	1545	1715
<i>Continues as service 39 to Newton Abbot</i>	39	39	39	39	39	39
<b>BOVEY TRACEY, Union Square, Tesco Depart</b>	<b>1049</b>	<b>1149</b>	<b>1349</b>	<b>1449</b>	<b>1549</b>	<b>1719</b>
HEATHFIELD, Battle Road	1059	1159	1359	1459	1559	1729
DRUMBRIDGES, Roundabout	1102	1202	1402	1502	1602	1732
<b>NEWTON ABBOT, Sherborne Road</b>	<b>1112</b>	<b>1212</b>	<b>1412</b>	<b>1512</b>	<b>1612</b>	<b>1742</b>

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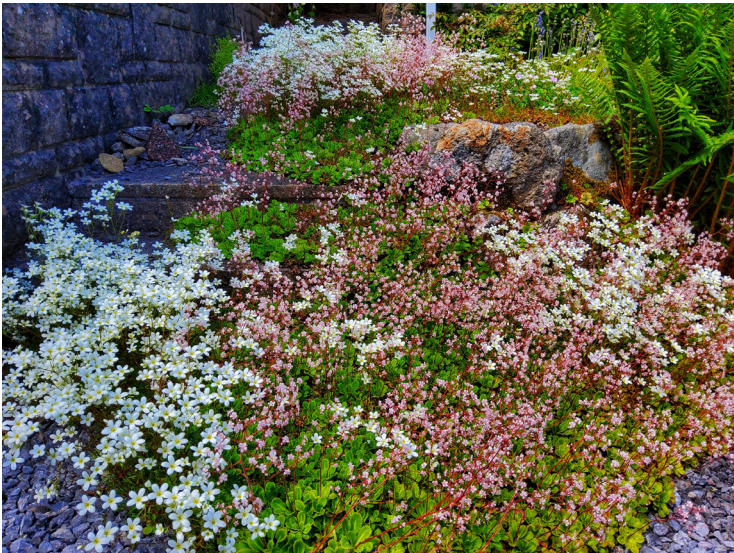
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### News from the East Shallowford Trust

Has anyone seen that dystopian movie from 1966 with Julie Christie - Fahrenheit 451? They made a remake in 2018 – but I have not seen it yet. Anyway, it's based on a Ray Bradbury book, where paper books burn at 451 degrees instigated by 'fire-men' whose role is *not* to put fires out, but burn literature in order to destroy knowledge.

The irony for us was that it's taken me two days to try and find someone to conduct a new and revised Fire Risk Assessment combining the new Barn with an updated version of previous plans for the house. This combined with the fact that we have twelve visitors who are undertaking training in our yard, wandering around with open folders, memorising scripts, holding the folders as they walk carefully in purposeful circles, jolted my head back to memories of the movie seen when I was young. It really does look like something out of the 1966 movie.....



**Duck herding: an amusing communication challenge.....**

Which brought me back to another thought..... memory making and how it shapes our decisions and behaviour. The assumption that we can make 'good' memories that can positively affect ones' entire life, is, of course, the whole reason Miss Braund and Rosemary started on the East Shallowford adventure. Yet current research states this battle for positivity could possibly be harder than we thought.

A growing body of literature supports the "foetal origins hypothesis" where 'prenatal environmental exposures — including maternal psychological state-based alterations in *in utero* physiology — can have sustained effects across the lifespan.' The theories were first

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developed in research following the Dutch Hunger Winter of 1944 based on offspring of women who were pregnant at the time when food intake was reduced to 500 – 1500 kcal per day during WWII. In a series of studies, Brown and colleagues illustrated that foetal development during this period was associated with a two-fold increased risk of schizophrenia, schizoid/schizotypal personality disorder, as well as comparable risk for major affective disorders in adulthood. Some of the issues of course resulted from many micro and macro nutrient deficiencies. However, other stressors (i.e. bereavement, daily hassles, and earthquakes), have been related to significant alterations in children's neurodevelopment, including increased risk for mixed handedness, autism, affective disorders, and reduced cognitive ability, ADHD etc. In short, women's mood-based physiology is thought to affect foetal neurobehavioral development. Scary..... women are perhaps even under more pressure and stress to have a 'perfect life'. We know smoking damages foetal development, but as a Mum, all you can do is your best and now research suggests you *have* to feel happy to produce balanced hormones or your child could develop 'fight or flight' responses instead of 'think and resolve' solutions??



***Challenges come in huge ranges. One of these ladies is a vegetarian, but still willing to help us package sausages. £6.00 for ten if anyone would like some. The Gloucester Old Spot, called 'Black-Spot' was prepared by Gages Farm last week. Seriously local!***

So, what chance do we have of repairing the damage? I asked this question to a bunch of women who visited the farm a couple of weeks ago. Some of them had come as children at the age of twelve and repeatedly for many years as they grew up. One cheerfully said, 'That would explain my son. He's got ADHD and I was really, really stressed when he was born and for a few years after. Until I got rid of his Dad who was a real pain.' Another one noted, 'Yep, makes sense. My son has dyslexia and can't sit down for very long. I had a horrible pregnancy, all sorts of stress and I was smoking.' Trying to understand, see the pitfalls and then help their own children to not repeat the same mistakes

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Yet, at long last, recognition has been given to those who are different and do struggle. Those struggles can develop into skills that serve society and hopefully the individual. Alan Turing will be the face of the new GBP50 note. His brilliance surely was the result of his struggle with life. Do we not need challenges to develop, to be different, to be special, to see opportunities where others only run and hide? Robin Sharma stated that 'obstacles are the cost of greatness'. Like the eggs that hatched a few weeks ago. We had six duck eggs. Four hatched, two were fully grown but never made it out of the shell. Why? We do not know..... But they lacked that final strength. The amazing duckling is the one that we found one morning having wriggled out of it's pen to be found running around amongst the adult



***Singing at Dunstone Chapel:  
Ladies who once visited  
Shallowford as young girls now  
send their own children. Did we  
help? Certainly their stories are  
hilarious!***



chickens. One of them must have pecked it and broken the front of it's beak. The very tip of it's top beak has now fallen off and he has an ungainly strange look as you can see his tongue flickering speedily in and out. However, he does not give up. He can still gobble his crumb, slurp up water and runs at speed to meet his siblings. We were not sure..... would he overcome his adversity? Sure he does, with speed, amusement and great grace!

Some of our visitors have HUGE adversities and challenges to overcome. Some of the causes may have been in-utero, some genetic, some imposed by the families in which they

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grew up, some may be the result of mere accidents in life. We will not judge, most of the time we do not need to know. What is clear, is that adversity is necessary to pump the blood of life through us all. What to one person is a simple walking challenge up a hill, is to another an unbearably huge mountain. What we can provide is a new norm, a new sense of achievement and beauty in our little section of Dartmoor. What we can do, is not judge, but care and support and stretch. Aristotle's challenge: "Give me a child until he is seven and I will show you the man." Most of our visitors come from the age of eight, most from ten or eleven. We take on the challenge..... one person at a time

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	(May 2020 - 12.3 mm (0.5"))		



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We wait with bated breath for the end of Lockdown – maybe only a couple of weeks away? A big thank you to all our contributors who have kept The Link alive during these difficult times. We believe, and many readers have confirmed this, that The Link amply proves its worth month by month – chatty stories, adverts covering a host of trades and services, announcements for events and so on and so on.

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In this month's edition it's wonderful to see that there's a new daily bus timetable to Widecombe to be found on page 37! Starting from Newton Abbot, the bus magically changes from a 39 to a 271 at Bovey, though we guess it's actually the same bus – and to avoid the busloads of visitors coming up, local people can escape them by taking the returning bus and going to Bovey or Newton Abbot for shopping trips. Well done Stagecoach!

When you're not off to the shops in Newton, you need to be planting out and tending your vegs and flowers to get ready for the Widecombe Craft and Produce Show on 11th September (p28) – potatoes, onions, carrots, beetroot, beans – get them in now.... But it may be a little early to make those Tea cakes and pasties! And on the 11th there's also a Fun Run, a Dog Show and the Parish Field Open Day – a great day out.

If you've filled up your own garden, do put your surplus plants outside Holne Village Hall or at Hilltop to raise funds for the hall (p11). Alternatively, if you need plants, you now know where to find them.

So we hope you enjoy this edition – thank you for your support.

*From all of us at the Link*

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