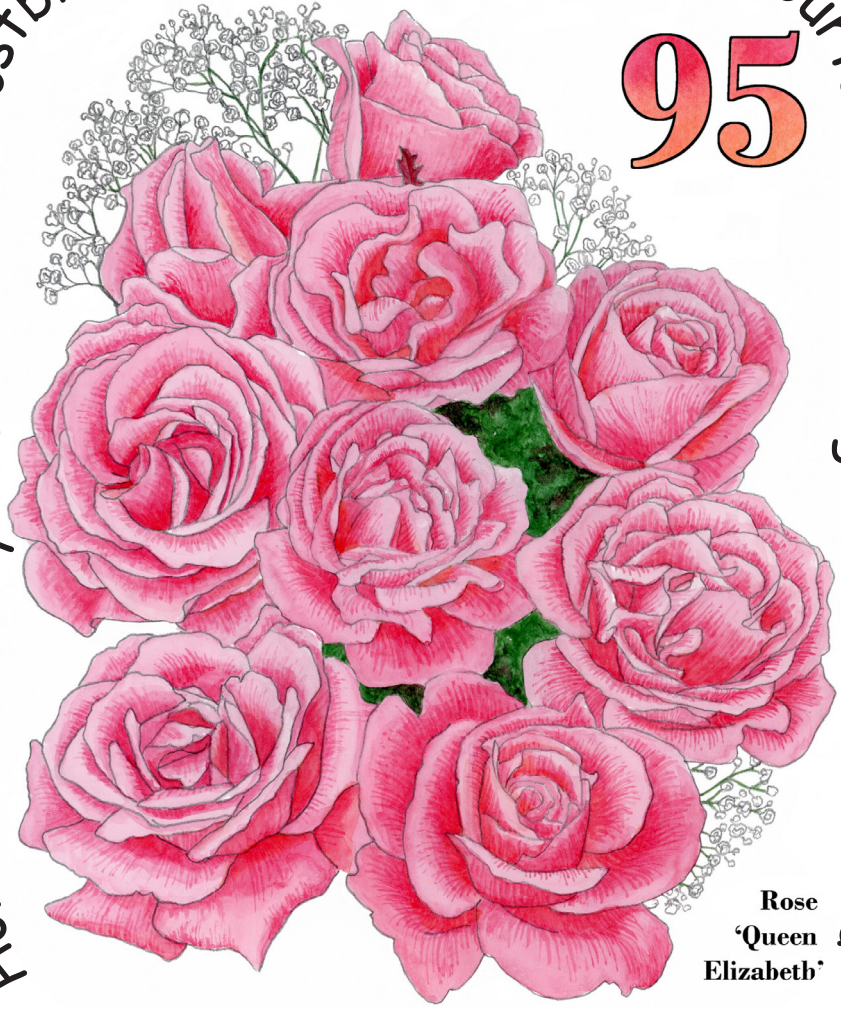


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May 31st is the 'Festival of the Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth' – and (as those of you who listen well in church during the Advent season will know) this marks the occasion when Mary, Jesus' mother, visited her cousin Elizabeth. What was a little unusual about this meeting is that both women were pregnant in 'unusual circumstances'.

The bible tells us that Elizabeth's baby 'jumped in the womb' in recognition of the baby that Mary carried and that Elizabeth then blessed both Mary and her baby. Mary then responds with the well-known 'Magnificat'.

And there, I have a problem.

'Magnificat'.

What a bizarre word.

Why not just call it a 'song of praise'? Because that is what it is.

Church is brilliant at using 'weird' words and phrases – here are few of my favourites:

Eucharist

Liturgy

Collect – although, that depends on how you pronounce it.

Apocrypha

Exegesis

Hermeneutics

Transubstantiation

"Washed in the blood of the Lamb" – simple words that create a very odd mental image if you aren't already familiar with the metaphor.

While I was a teacher some of my favourite 'weird words and phrases' included: Zone of proximal development and EQ (as opposed to IQ) – but admittedly, that's mostly because to say 'EQ' sounds like a sneeze.

And of course, there were the endless acronyms – SEND, SOW, TAC and CiN to name a few.

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Church News & Events

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Doing a music degree was no different – Golden Section; tone poem; fugue and canon...

But – a word of warning - a 'canon' in music shouldn't be confused with a 'Canon' in church, nor indeed with a 'cannon'. Although, you could have a Canon playing a canon on a cannon. But that's a story for another time.

Every profession has its own specific, technical language to describe the work it does - words that those who are 'on the inside' of that profession understand. And Church is no different.

The only problem here is that the church's main task is to share the faith with those are not 'inside' the church and using church specific language can become a barrier – even simply saying 'I'll meet you in the Nave just before the service' would cause confusion if someone had never encountered the word 'nave' before. To be honest, I've grown up in church and I'm not 100% sure which bit is the Nave.

'Welcome' in church is about far more than having a happy smile and a cheery greeting – let's make sure that the words we use reflect the welcome we extend.

Heidi



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- Apply & renew mulches
- Fill gaps in borders
- Train climbers & remove suckers
- Deadhead flowers
- Plant out runner beans & toms
- Above all else, enjoy your garden!
- Andy
- 01364 621386

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, Widecombe	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 18 May 2021 Audrey Fairbrother

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

Ashburton Baby Group Restarting

We are starting back to meeting Mums, Dads, and Babies in St Andrew's Church Hall.

The hall is booked from 10 a.m. onwards on a Wednesday morning for us.

We have 5 lovely Mums who have been meeting via Zoom or 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 a.m.

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Messy Church June 2021



What is happening this month?

“Thank you God, and Picnics with Jesus.”

As I write this, we are all holding our breath. Are we going to be able to relax the restrictions or is the Indian variant going to take hold? On the assumption that the restrictions will be lifted: --

The plan for June is:

June 12th Saturday 4pm to 6pm will be our First Messy Church real life contact event. We have moved the day from a Thursday to a Saturday so that some of our families who have returned to Messy Church during the lockdown will hopefully be able to come as we are not competing with after school clubs, swimming, and drama clubs.

We are looking forward also to having the Messy Church in the Church and the Churchyard Meadow. This will allow us to keep people in their family bubbles and safe.

We are looking for volunteers to help set up Messy Church as we will need to move furniture to facilitate the crafts in Church and the activities outside. For the first post lockdown Messy Church we are asking everyone to bring their **own picnic tea**. We will arrange it so we can all eat out picnics together but in our bubbles.

This last month we sent out Messy Church bags and I have photos to share of the fun everyone is having from the bags. The bible passage we studied was Luke 18 v 1-8 about the “Unjust Judge” and how God will hear our Prayers as

we pray for
Trust, Love,
Peace,
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all. Please
bless our



friends and family. We also celebrated the arrival of the Holy Spirit.

We ask you to pray for the successful return of Messy Church this month with live contact with our families. Bags will be sent out to those who cannot make it for whatever reason on request. If you know someone who would like to join in aged 0 to 100, please encourage them to make contact with me Jane on 01364 654 067 or email me on jashton@globalnet.co.uk

Princetown History Club

Jun 1st - Exploration of Yennadon Down, with Liz Miall

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

Aug 3rd - A visit to Whiteworks, with Andy Crabb, DNPA archeologist.

Sep 7th - A talk on "Stone Men" (hopefully back in the Community Centre) by Paul Rendell

Oct 5th - A talk on "The Trendle, Tavistock" by Andrew Thompson

Nov 2nd - A talk on "The Dave Brewer Archive" by Tim Jenkinson

Dec 7th - AGM

For further information, please phone Mr John Lissenden on 01752 847573

or email jlissenden@talktalk.net Web Site: princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com





St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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

Church Services - see Page 26 for details

Date	Time	Service
6th June	-	
13th June	18:00	Holy Communion
20th June	09:00	Holy Communion at Huccaby
27th June	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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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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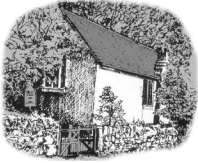
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Pentecost – been and gone?

We recently celebrated Pentecost on the 50th day from Easter Sunday, hence the word Pentecost. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

Is that it then – has it been and gone? What do you think is the significance of Pentecost to us – now in the 21st century?

Pentecost in the old covenant was a time when the Jews would thank God for blessing them with grain, but over time, it became traditionally associated with the day God revealed his 'law' to people through Moses.

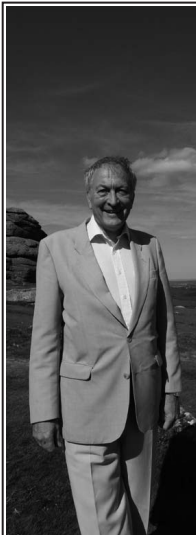
In the new covenant, Pentecost refers to the time when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples of Jesus after he ascended to heaven.

Today we believe that being filled with the Holy Spirit, empowers and enables us to become witnesses for Christ throughout our villages and hamlets on Dartmoor and give glory to God. It is a blessing that is not just limited to Pentecost but available at any time to those who are willing to receive it.



Gillian

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More from Huccaby

Brief updates

We are pleased to say that the planning applications for an Airband receiver to be attached to the Chapel and the extension to our car park to accommodate our increasing congregation, have both been registered and are being considered by the various authorities.

And finally.....

With the easing of Covid restrictions we are delighted to have taken 'bookings' for two baptisms and a wedding over the summer months. We look forward to more such events in the future.

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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

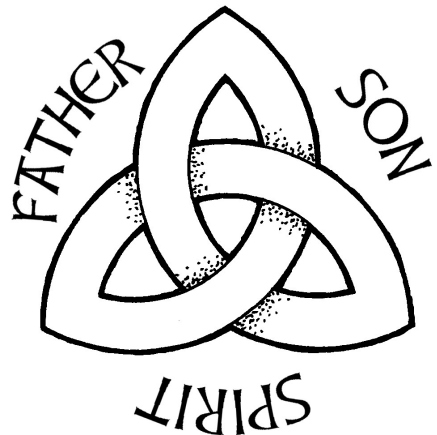
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Date	Time	Service
6th June	16:00	Evening Prayer
13th June	12:00	Parish Communion
20th June	12:00	Parish Communion
27th June	12:00	Parish Communion

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

Leusdon Memorial Hall

I would just like to update you again on the reopening of Leusdon Memorial Hall following the Covid 19 pandemic.

The Committee recently met and have made a decision regarding reopening. The Hall will open fully on 1st August 2021, (though some events will be allowed before

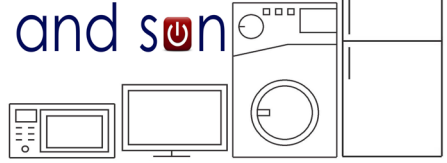
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this where we can enforce strict guidelines and they are of importance to the Community). Some of you may feel we are being unnecessarily cautious, the reason behind this date is that we would like everyone to have the opportunity of receiving their first jab before we open, thereby reducing the risk of further infection in our community.

Our first event will be the AGM which will take place on Wednesday 4th August 2021 at 7.30pm. We would like anyone with an interest in the Hall to come to the meeting so as to be as representative as possible . On Saturday 14th August we shall be holding a Dog Show and table top Sale, further details will be published later.

As we progress through the Autumn we will start the coffee mornings again, they 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. We believe that the social interaction that the coffee morning promotes to be one of its most important functions and what Joy Routley envisaged many years ago.

The Hall 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

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:

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Thank you all for your continuing support and I hope to see you all soon

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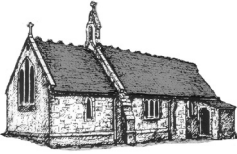
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Date	Time	Service
6th June	-	
13th June	09:00	Holy Communion
20th June	-	
27th June	18:00	Evening Prayer

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.

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 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:

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

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

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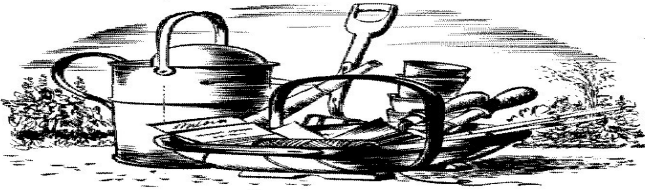
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Postbridge Whist Drives - Held in the Village Hall

All Whist Drives are cancelled until further notice.



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

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

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High Moorland Women's Institute Princetown



If you would like to be a part of a hugely respected organisation, come along to one of our monthly meetings for a taster to see if WI is for you. We meet on the **first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Community Centre small hall 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.



Postbridge Coffee Mornings

We have decided to arrange our first Coffee Morning on **5 July 2021 at 11.00 am in Postbridge Village Hall.**



It is planned to bring a small plate of food and a small raffle prize but this is not compulsory. If this is successful and Covid conditions allow us we will plan further Coffee Mornings.

As this will be our first Coffee Morning for over a year, if you would like to make a donation towards the church funds contributions will be welcomed, you can place your contributions in an unmarked envelope.

Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Maureen & Sheila

Church Services for June 2021

6th June		Trinity 1		Green
<i>Readings - Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35</i>				
Widecombe	10:30	All Age Service	Bickington	09:00 Holy Communion
Leusdon	16:00	Evening Prayer	Ashburton	10:30 All Age Family Service
13th June		Trinity 2		Green
<i>Readings - Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4:26-34</i>				
Postbridge	09:00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10:30 Parish Communion
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	TBC	14:00 Moor Church
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion		
Holne	18:00	Holy Communion		
20th June		Trinity 3		Green
<i>Readings - Ezekiel 36:24-28; Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19</i>				
Huccaby	09:00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	09:00 Sundays@9am
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30 Parish Communion
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion		
27th June		Trinity 4		Green
<i>Readings - Wisdom of Solomon 1:13:15, 2:23,24; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7:-15; Mark 5:21-43</i>				
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Dartington	09:00 Breakfast Church
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30 Parish Communion
Holne	17:00	Evening Worship	Buckland	18:00 Songs of Praise
Postbridge	18:00	Evening Prayer		
4th July		Trinity 5		Green
<i>Readings - Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13</i>				
Widecombe	10:30	Pet Service		
Leusdon	16:00	Pet Service		

These are the services planned for June, 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
Holy Communion
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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 2nd June	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 9th June	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 16th June	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 23rd June	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 30th June	Ashburton	10:30	

Key to Service Leaders

MR	Revd Mark Rylands	SS	Steve Sheldon	JA	Revd John Andrews
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CASUAL VACANCY

There is currently a vacancy for the position of Parish Councillor in the parish of
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If you are interested in being involved in the community and would like to contribute
to the way the Parish Council functions, or would like an informal chat about the
position, please contact the clerk:

Suzanna Hughes
16 Westwood Cleave, Ogwell, Newton Abbot, TQ12 6YE.
Tel. 01626 330311

or email suzanna.hughes21@gmail.com

The Parish Council meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm with
additional meetings as required.



St Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

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

Church Services - see Page 26 for details

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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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We are holding services in the church every Sunday. 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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Do give me a call if you'd like a chat.

Revd Geoffrey Fenton (Team Vicar) 01364 621334 geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk

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) 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.

Widecombe



SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2021 IN THE CHURCH HOUSE WIDECOMBE and VILLAGE GREEN

SUBJECT TO COVID RULES AT THE TIME.

Entries will be limited to Widecombe and adjoining Moorland parishes only.

Craft & Produce - Entry fee £2 per person will cover multiple entries, only one entry per class

PRODUCE AND CRAFT SCHEDULE

<p><u>Vegetables Classes</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3 potatoes washed, white 2. 3 potatoes washed, red 3. 3 onions grown from sets 4. 3 carrots trimmed and washed 5. 3 beetroot trimmed and washed 6. 6 runner beans 7. Any vegetable not in schedule 8. Any squash or courgette 9. 4 tomatoes 10. 4 culinary herbs in a jar 11. Comedy vegetable....! 	<p><u>Flowers</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3 dahlias 2. Single Rose 3. Single stem any flower 4. A vase of mixed flowers (9 stems – 3 of each) 5. An arrangement of flowers and foliage in an unusual container. 6. Miniature flower arrangement not to exceed 6" 7. A standard flower arrangement <p>Note: ALL FLOWERS MUST BE LOCALLY GROWN</p>
<p><u>Home Produce</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Victoria sponge 2. 4 Tea cakes 3. Savoury flan 4. A plate of nine biscuits (3 of each) 5. Battenberg cake 6. Traditional meat pasty 7. Rustic loaf 8. A pot of jam 9. A jar of chutney 10. A bottle of homemade drink 	<p><u>Art and Craft</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Patchwork or quilting item 2. A knitted item 3. A painting (any subject, any medium) 4. Pebble Art 5. Any craft work not in schedule 6. Made from Wood 7. A short poem 8. A photograph (My Dartmoor Garden)
<p>ENTRIES TO be submitted by Wednesday 8th September to MIKE & JENNY PASCOE 621333 pascoewooder@yahoo.co.uk</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">FAMILY FUN DOG SHOW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">On the Village Green, entries on the day only, from 2.30pm - £1 per person.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">FUN RUN Around the Village</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Starting on the Village green at 4PM</p>	

WIDECOMBE PRIMARY SCHOOL TIME TRAVELLERS

Children from Widecombe-in-the-Moor Primary School had a very practical experience of what life would have been like on Dartmoor in pre-historic times when they travelled back in time to the Stone Age and the Bronze Age recently.



The prehistory days took place at Heatree Activity Centre where the children took part in role play, spear making, shelter building, jewellery making, cave art, clay making and making flour.

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the school would like to thank their friends in the Widecombe History Group for making the trip possible.

If you would like to find out more about the wonderful learning that is happening in the school, please do not hesitate to get in touch: contact details can be found on the school website <http://www.widecombe.thelink.academy/website/home/>

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

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For queries re tennis phone Di Cameron on 621218.

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For more information about WDSG visit www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/sports_group/

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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.

For more information please call the preschool on **01364 621 273**





***Open Day on the Parish Field, Widcombe
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Saturday 10th July from 1pm

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You are invited to spend an afternoon enjoying it***

***Bring your own Picnic and enjoy being Covid safe
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*Widcombe School Maypole Dancing
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Apple juicing as a foretaste of the future planned Orchard tree-planting*

***We'd also like you to tell us how best to use the field
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***Community Apple Orchard? Allotments? Picnic site?
History and information boards?***

***It's your field and we want to make it a wonderful asset
for the Village!***

*Please contact Daf Edwards (01364 621242)
or Geoffrey Fenton (01364 621334)
if you'd like to run an activity or have a display.*

Widecombe Church House Management

Committee Chairman - Mike Pascoe

To book the Hall please contact Rose Mortimore 01364 631238.

Rates of Hire (Local Events)

Daytime £3.50 per hour

Evenings £5.00 per hour

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These rates are for local non commercial events only. For other rates please ask the bookings secretary.

Payment by cheque is preferred. Cheques to be made payable to Widecombe Church House Fund and sent to Sarah Reeve, Bonehill Cottage, Bonehill Lane, Widecombe-in-the-Moor, TQ13 7TD

For all other matters relating to the Church House please contact Diana Cameron on 01364 621218

Message of thanks from Peter Rennells



"To everyone who has sent me a message of encouragement, and wishes for my return to better health, I sincerely thank each and every one of you. Your messages and your friendships have given me strength whilst I have been away from Berrywood and those I cherish.

Thank you all."

Peter.

Foot & Mouth Epidemic 2001 Part Three

Following on from my earlier articles about the Foot & Mouth Epidemic of 2001 I have been told of other incidents that took place during the 'shut down' period.

To begin with I heard from the then owners of the Old Inn, one of the main employers in the parish of Widecombe-in-the-Moor.



Susie Bolt, the then owner of the pub, told me that at the time they were running a successful business employing 27 staff. In February, the Foot & Mouth controls were implemented upon Dartmoor whereby those coming into the area were prevented from setting foot on the moor. This immediately reduced the number of

patrons at the pub to unsustainable levels. Action was needed!

The 'Old Inn' management were in contact with many of their clients through a regularly issued "Newsletter". The decision was taken to send out an urgent appeal for the 'regulars' to come to the pub and enjoy the quality food and ambiance always associated with the pub. It was explained that although you were not permitted to stop and set foot on the open moor you could drive through and frequent the pub in the normal manner.

Using this communication, the pub returned to normal levels of patronage and the 27 jobs of employees continued as usual.

The subject of employment during the epidemic also affected specialist agricultural trades. Sheep shearing, part of normal farming activity in Spring, needed to be regulated as the task of shearing and handling the woollen fleeces was often undertaken by specialist workmen who moved from farm to farm during the "shearing season"

The problem of control was solved by the introduction of a licensing system whereby the workers were issued with a specific licence to continue with their work. Two types of licence were issued one permitting work in the 'infected areas' and one for work in the 'controlled areas'. Shearers were only allowed to hold one licence at any one time

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although it was possible to change designation to enable working in the alternative area.

Set out below is a copy of the licence issued to Terry French to permit him to work as a shearer in the 'controlled area' during the outbreak. Also attached is a copy of the rules and regulations pertaining to the issue of the licence issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Animal Health Act 1981
Foot-and-Mouth Disease Order 1983 as amended
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
Scottish Executive Rural Affairs Department
National Assembly for Wales

To: Mr T H French
The Station
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Herts
SG11 1PU

of: []

License number: **SG11358**

License giving approval to Commercial Shearers to shear sheep on premises within the CONTROLLED Area

I, the undersigned, being authorized by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Ministers of the Scottish Executive hereby license you to shear sheep within the CONTROLLED area with effect from the following date (insert date) **11 June 2007** subject to the conditions specified overleaf.

- This license may be varied or revoked at any time and shall be valid only from the date specified above.

Failure to comply with such conditions may render a person liable to prosecution and heavy penalties on conviction.

Signature: *[Signature]* Official address:
The Sheep Shearing Licensing Unit,
Meat and Livestock Commission,
PC1 Box 44, Weymouth House,
Sandwich Drive, Weymouth,
Dorset, Dorset, DT96 6JL

Name in BLOCK LETTERS: **M R P D HENSHAW**

Date: **04 June 2007**

- Shearing within an INFECTED area requires a separate licence.

Queries should be addressed to the MLC at the official address given above. Enquiries: 01908 844790 Fax: 01908 844789

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Animal Health Act 1981
Foot-and-Mouth Disease Order 1983 as amended
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
Scottish Executive Rural Affairs Department
National Assembly for Wales Agriculture Department

Notes for Guidance
Please read these Notes before you start to complete your application for a Licence to Shear Sheep in Great Britain

- A new or renewed licence to shear sheep shearer has been introduced because of the Foot-and-Mouth disease outbreak in Great Britain. The licence is necessary because shearers may inadvertently spread Foot-and-Mouth disease, among a particular risk of introducing infection at previously clear areas if they work in a high risk area and their lower risk area. The Licensing Licence also applies to anyone who will be handling horses or sheep during a shearing operation.
- The Licensing Licence for shearers and handlers comes into force from 1 June 2007 but you should submit your application as soon as possible.
- You must apply for a licence to shear sheep in Great Britain if you intend to shear sheep which are not being kept or are intended to shear sheep other than those which falling to your permanent premises. You must also apply for a licence if you are part of a shearing team and intend to handle horses or sheep during a shearing operation, except if the sheep belong to you or your permanent premises.
- Farmers will only be able to have appropriately licensed shearers, horse handlers, etc. from 1 June.
- There are two different types of licences:
 - A GREEN licence will allow you to shear sheep in the Controlled area.
 - A RED licence will allow you to shear sheep in an infected area.

You cannot hold both types of licences at the same time. You must apply a range of licence type but you will need paragraphs 13-15 below if the premises which apply when exchanging licences.

Details of the areas in Great Britain designated as being either an infected area or within the controlled area can be found on the MLCF Website at www.mlc.gov.uk or by calling the Foot and Mouth Helpline on telephone number 0845 550 4141.

- To apply for a licence you must complete application form LS2 and send it by post or fax to the Sheep Shearing Licensing Unit at the Meat and Livestock Commission (MLC) (details are on the application form). You should give an address that the licence should be sent to, if that is different from your home address.
- Your licence will be issued without proof of identity. You should state your name on your pending and include a photograph of each person with your application. (This is only necessary for your first licence application, no proof is necessary if you are applying for a change of licence type).
- Information provided on your application form will be used for control and legal purposes and for systems for animal health purposes. Your name and details of the type of licence held will be made available to the public via the MLCF Website.
- Licences will only be issued subject to the following conditions (these are also listed on the back of each licence):
 - The sheep to be sheared on the premises must consist only of the flock which is normally situated on those premises.
 - Shearing of sheep on premises which are subject to Farm A restrictions is prohibited.
 - Shearing of sheep on premises within the Controlled area which are under Farm B restrictions will not be permitted.
 - Shearing of sheep on premises within an infected area which are under Farm D restrictions may only be carried out if the consent of the premises holder has obtained written permission from the local District Veterinary Manager.

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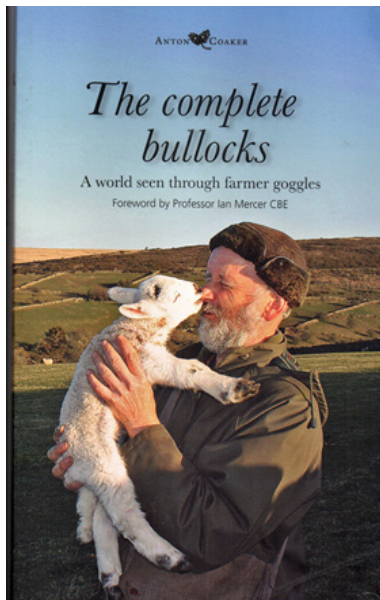
Whilst researching this article I read the story of the outbreak written by farmer Anton Coaker and contained in his book 'The Complete bullocks'. His harrowing account was written after the epidemic had had catastrophic results on his farm at Sherberton. Although Foot and Mouth Disease was never found on his farm, because he was located next door to an infected farm, he was ordered to destroy the vast majority of his livestock under the 'contiguous' control arrangements.

I do not propose to reproduce any of the distressing details of the 'cull' as given so graphically in the book, suffice it to say Mr Coaker's distress is evident even though the chapter was written ten years after the event. It is worth noting however the lack of preparedness by the authorities and how in the case of Sherberton farm this led to the farmer having to make his own arrangements to cull his animals including arranging to haul the carcasses to the site of the 'pyres' because

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officialdom was unable to find vehicles which could cope with the narrow roads and bridges on Dartmoor.

In my series of articles for the Parish Link on this subject I have not gone into detail of the many influences on lives in our parish, but I do intend to produce an article containing much greater detail of the F&M outbreak which will be kept in the Widecombe History Group Archive, thus enabling future generations to compare how we lived and dealt with the situation and to compare the disruption to that in more recent times.

If anyone reading his article has any further information about how they were affected by the outbreak in the Spring of 2001 and would like it included in the archive please contact me.

David Ashman. Widecombe History Group

Yet another Anniversary!

On 12th April 1861, Confederate troops fired the opening shots of the Civil War at Fort Sumter in South Carolina USA. April marks the 160th anniversary of the beginning of the war. **You may ask why is this of interest to residents in Widecombe in Devon?**

The answer is that the family of William Hern (1799-1875) and Elizabeth Hannaford (1814-1887) who had farmed at 'Stone' in Widecombe parish, emigrated to Ohio in the USA arriving in June 1853. The family had 7 children (5 boys and 2 girls). Four of the five boys served with the Unionist forces during the conflict. The fifth son Robert was classified as an invalid and unfit to join the forces.

In January 1862 **John**, the second eldest son joined the 60th Ohio Cavalry as a musician but by June of the same year had been medically discharged from his unit.

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Samuel Hern

Next to join the forces of the Unionist cause was **Samuel** who enlisted in September 1862. He had volunteered in Cincinnati to fight in the defence of his city when it was threatened by the Confederate Army. The defence was successful and the Unionist forces were nicknamed the Squirrel Hunters ('farm boys who never had to shoot twice at the same squirrel').

Enoch the eldest son and his younger brother **Thomas** had joined the 89th Ohio Volunteers. This was an infantry regiment which fought in the defence of Cincinnati. However, unlike Samuel, Enoch and Thomas remained with their regiment and fought at various battles in 1863 in Tennessee.

It was at the *Battle of Chickamauga* in September 1863 that Enoch and Thomas were captured and taken prisoner. They were sent to a detention centre in Richmond before being transferred to Danville in Virginia in December 1863.

Enoch died at Danville in March 1864. Almost immediately afterwards **Thomas** was transferred to Andersonville a notorious concentration camp. He remained in this POW camp until he was paroled in March 1865. Thomas was so ill upon his release he died at Wilmington, North Carolina within a few days. To many historians **Andersonville Camp** was "**The original Concentration Camp**".



**Andersonville Prisoner of War Camp,
drawn in 1864**

In October 1865, the Commanding Officer at the Andersonville Camp, Captain Henry Wirz, was indicted on 13 charges relating to the inhumanities and personal cruelties inflicted upon prisoners. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to "execution by hanging".

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Samuel re-joined the Ohio Voluntary Infantry in May 1864 and fought for the Unionists in Kentucky before returning to Cincinnati to perform guard duties in the city until he was “mustered out” in September 1864.

At least two other families from Widecombe who had emigrated to America in the 1840/50's also had family members caught up in the fighting. The Hannaford family from Dockwell farm emigrated in 1844 and the Cleave family who left Widecombe in 1854.

Their stories will hopefully be told in future issues.

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News from Your Local Methodist Churches

At Dunstone, our informal Sunday afternoon services continue at 3pm, outside the front of the church whenever possible, whilst at Poundsgate our online Zoom service will be at 3pm on Sunday 6th, led by John Wibberley. Please contact me on kevin.hooke@methodist.org.uk if you would like an invitation and the log-in details. We hope that the Government rules will change again in June, in which case more of our services may move to being in-person and inside. In particular, we look forward to a walk from Widecombe to Poundsgate on Sunday 4th July, which will culminate in our first in-person service at Poundsgate for well over a year! More details will follow in next month's magazine.

At Ashburton, our 'Growing Space' project is now up and running with planting happening and sessions on site regularly twice a week. We are looking for more volunteers, so if you would like to do some vegetable gardening in Ashburton please contact us! We will have an open day on July 10th - again more details next month. Our weekly bible reflections and prayer times continue online on Monday

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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

For login and phone in details please contact Serena Walcot on **01364 631279**.

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Please phone Serena Walcot on **01364 631279** for Zoom login or phone in details.

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afternoons and Wednesday mornings, along with our open-air (hopefully!) communion service at 6.30pm on the last Thursday of the month, at St Andrew's. As for Sunday worship this month, Moor Church will take place at 2pm on Sunday 13th, whilst breakfast Church will move to Dartington on 27th, in order to be a part of a family camping weekend there. Final details of both of these will emerge nearer the time, so please look out for details on the benefice website, weekly newsheets or the All Age Ashburton facebook page. Or for more information about any part of our Church life in Ashburton please contact me on kevin.hooke@methodist.org.uk

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News from the East Shallowford Trust

That wonderful and yet highly predictable British preoccupation with the weather..... what can we say..... it's surely deserved this year?! In March I had to shield my eyes in a delicate ladylike fashion (for anyone who knows me – stop smiling!) as the men abandoned their winter shirts to bare chests to unseasonal salacious sunshine. Then May came and t'was as if Noah was to be recalled to build his Ark!



Serena; painting again. Only one of the many dedicated and amazing people who have given so much time and effort. Another 'thank you!'

The worst of this madness is how nature has suffered. The bluebells at Shallowford are about half their normal size, almost two to three weeks late if not more and rather more resembling a tatty rug than their usual wonderful carpet of swaying glory. The poor pigs all piled up in their outside pen, chose the one arc without a back door to squeeze into and hide from the rain - a proper pack of Sainsbury's squashed sausages so tightly had they sat on one another. The field is a quagmire of churned up mud which they are clearly enjoying but does not bode well for our attempts at quality soil management. Luckily the pigs only live in one field which they have now rootled through with such delight it resembles a very efficiently harrowed East Anglian fenland bog.

Until the last week in May, nothing was growing. The soil temperature was so low that it was hard even to find a wriggling worm. What risk – say we, will this have on the crops this year? Will is out in his tractor harrowing to bed in a new

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crop of grass seed. A game against time to secure the longest period of summer. Will the grass rise up fast, vibrant and juicy to be cut for silage, with the fields not so boggy that the tractor compacts the soil, squashing essential oxygen and nutrients down so the poor roots and shoots are fighting for air and light? James Lovelock's Gaia theory of a self regulating complex system that somehow ensures the sustainability of life by inorganic and organic mechanisms interacting synergistically, seems highly feasible if not probable when you look at a struggling blade of grass desperate to rise up and reproduce. However, the concept has been so often rejected, begging the question of 'purpose' and how easily such a system could collapse through some random cataclysmic event. Is rain on Dartmoor a random cataclysmic event? Or perhaps it is just humans that are ten thousand year cataclysmic event?



***Free packet of sausages
for anyone who can
report the breed of
chicken***

No..... the grass will grow and we will survive the increase in price of essential farming requirements. A big bale of straw in August can cost £15. Right now it costs £60! No joke! So the poor wee pigs and cows in the sheds are on very strict rations. Let us hope that the rest of the years weather improves so the animals can thrive and the green will wake up these poor urban folk who need the sweet balm of the alluring green as a poultice to all the lockdowns.

We have a wonderful new student volunteer with us until September, who is a serious chicken enthusiast..... Able to talk for hours and hours about chickens!! More importantly she can inspire others and has set us on a breeding path with strange and wonderful fluffy chooks that will mesmerise children with their weird feathers, very

different behaviour and producing yet another type of egg for discussion!

Are we ready for the human deluge? Are the 'No Litter' signs out? Are the beds made, the seedlings planted for the children to pick delicious delights later in the year?

Oops – no..... the pigs snuck under the fence in our vege patch. We have great

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Pigs on the run enjoying the sun!

aspirations to re-design our plot with a solid poly tunnel, some well manured raised beds and a good fruit cage to fend of the pesky birds who would steal the ripened delights.

Sadly, the painting has taken precedence and although Serena has conducted hours of research, we have not

yet secured sufficient funds or found the time to finalise the plan and make the required poly tunnel and other purchases. This year, our vege plot should emerge from it's status as 'plan', but not in time for fruit to be picked. Not good, not what we had hoped for..... but if we can find some willing youth to pound the soil, dig in a new fence and raise the beds then next year we hope to start producing more varieties and perhaps some more novel vegetables that are akin to the sweeties youth love (the fruit as you know will take longer)..... but it will take a year and some hard labour..... Any volunteers are most welcome!

Julia

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Rainfall in April 2021

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As Covid, hopefully, loosens its grip on our life and activities, this edition of the Link marks a milestone on our journey of returning to normality. What is this milestone, you might ask? The answer - deliveries of printed copies of “The Link” to individual houses and B&Bs are starting again with this month’s copy.

When the pandemic began, our deliveries were halted by law. We feel now is the time to restart. It is legal, and the kind people who do the distribution are keen to get going again, and are prepared to take the necessary precautions to ensure that the deliveries are Covid safe.

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At last it’s great to see “Dates for the Diary” having real entries on Page 27 - it’s not just Link deliveries that are restarting, many organisations are getting going again. Notably the Princetown History Club restarting with some great walks (p10), Holne Garden Group are wanting to get out and about again (p13) and Postbridge Coffee Mornings are restarting (p25).

You need to start grooming your dog now to get them ready for the Dog Show in Leusdon on August 14th (p21) and then again for the Widecombe Fair Fun Day on Sept 11th (p30). And in the quiet moments of your revitalised social life, get those vegs planted and your jams made and get on with all the other crafts you are so good at, ready for the Widecombe Fair Craft, Produce and Fun Show on Sept 11th.

Finally, if we knew more about chickens, we’d have a go at getting some free sausages from Shallowford in their “Spot the Chicken” contest on page 46? Go on, why don’t you have a go? (We trust you not to just Google the answer!) Enjoy June, which promises to start off warm and sunny – better weather at last.

From all of us at the Link

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