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May 2021

Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

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The Beautiful Game

Football is a universal language: a way to make conversation and friends in foreign countries and cultures. I once spent 3 hours fishing in a dhow with a Kenyan. He spoke Swahili; I spoke English. He was Muslim; I was Christian. But we communicated well because he had a passion for Arsenal and I am a Chelsea fan.

Next month, England will play in the Euro 2021 Championship. Whisper it quietly but we may have a chance of going all the way to the final!

Ever since Mexico 1970 I have had a traumatic relationship with the England team. Aged eight, my father allowed me and my brother Tom, to watch the first half of the Quarter-Final of England v Germany – a big treat. We went to bed at half time exuberant. England were 2-0 up. I was proud that my hero, the Chelsea goalkeeper Peter Bonetti, was playing his part by keeping a clean sheet while Gordon Banks, England's first choice goalie, was out through food poisoning.

During the second half we were supposed to be sleeping but, of course, could not. It was a warm night and my brother and I were far too excited. My bed became the goal and I was goalie (Peter Bonetti, of course – I had even changed into my Chelsea strip) but I failed to save a shot by my brother and the ball (rolled up socks) knocked a mug on the floor making a loud noise. This, and Tom shouting: 'Goal!', led to the sound of heavy footsteps on the stairs. My father really had had enough now. We were for it. We scampered into bed to await our punishment. But it wasn't what we expected. No. My Dad opened the door, stood in the room at the foot of our beds and said: 'England have lost 3-2 to Germany.' He then left quietly and shut the door.

We were quiet then. I may even have cried myself to sleep. It was only over the next few days that I began to understand how it all went wrong for England: that the manager had substituted Bobby Charlton at half time to save his energy for the semi-final, the Germans found an extra gear and Peter Bonetti, my hero, was at fault for one of the goals. In fact, Peter became the scapegoat for that defeat.

I'm not sure I have quite recovered from the trauma of that defeat in the summer of 1970. Some would argue the England national team never has. Peter Bonetti hardly did either. He retired early from football as people never let him forget his lapse on

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that fateful day in Mexico. Oddly enough, I met him on a pilgrimage to Iona, the day after the 1982 World Cup. Seeking permission to fish a loch for trout (yes, you can pray while you are fishing...), I was sent to a cottage at the end of Mull and there he was opening the door to me. Peter was working as the Postman for the isle of Mull and glad to let me fish. I never asked him about that day in Mexico... and was too awestruck to ask for his autograph but I had a great day's fishing – and enough trout for a fish pie to feed all the pilgrims back on Iona that evening.

This summer, teams will gather from across the continent to play in Euro 2021. Different languages, nations and cultures yet all are united in a love for the beautiful game. Each fan hoping that their team will play above itself and be much more than the sum of its individual skilful parts. And, I too, will be dreaming that a team of eleven players will for once play without fear of failure.

I am reminded that at Pentecost - which we celebrate on 23rd May - people from all nations, different backgrounds and languages gather together in Jerusalem for the Harvest Festival. As the Spirit comes down on the eleven disciples, they are emboldened as witnesses. And I think of that other Peter who, saved by Jesus for a second time, came through the trauma of failure and defeat. Preaching powerfully of God's winning ways, everyone heard and understood Peter's message of rescue for all in their own language.

Now what about England's chances of winning the Euros..?

+Mark

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- Yes, still beware night frosts!
- Keep an eye out for, & deal with, pests & diseases
- Continue mowing, blades lower
- Keep watering & feeding plants
- Prune early flowering shrubs
- Tie in climbers & stake perennials
- Plant leeks, courgettes & brassicas
- Mulch fruit with well rotted manure

Andy

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

There are no register entries

An hour of quiet reflection at Postbridge Church

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

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

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

Geoffrey

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

Holne Playpark Charity

Wildlife and Wellbeing project complete. With Wildflowers to come – hopefully.

The outdoor adult gym equipment is installed, we hope you enjoy using it.



And we've installed a bug hotel, put up various bird boxes and dormouse boxes. Thanks to funding from Holne Books, Hastoe Housing Association and DCC Locality funding.



We are hoping to create a summer wildflower area this year, which will be great for wildlife, and hopefully fun to explore.

Thanks to everyone involved.



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
2nd May	-	
9th May	18:00	Holy Communion
16th May	09:00	Holy Communion at Huccaby
23rd May	17:00	Evening Worship
30th May	-	

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

St. Mary the Virgin, Holne is now open daily for private prayer between **10.00am** and **4.30pm**.

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

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

Holne Garden Group

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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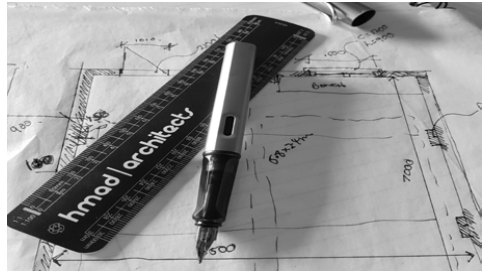
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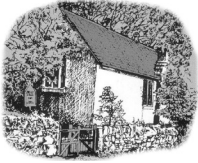
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Why Prayer trees?

Last year, Archbishop Justin Welby explored different ways of praying. From asking for things and giving thanks, to expressing deep sadness and anger, and saying sorry. In an open letter this year, both Archbishops Justin and Stephen Cottrell invited everyone across England – whether they have faith or not – to pause, reflect on the “enormity of this Covid pandemic” and to pray. So why prayer trees?

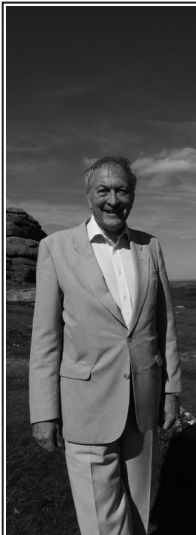
National research has revealed that if visitors to any church – whether simply entering the building out of curiosity to look at the architecture or to seek out the history of the building, become ‘actively engaged’, for example, by lighting a candle or writing a prayer, somewhat remarkably more than 60% will return to that church building.



Last year we created a home-made prayer tree for St. Raphael’s with paper luggage labels and the results have been astonishing. More than 170 individual, and often very heartfelt prayers, have been left.

Prayers range from seeking God’s healing for someone; thanksgiving; for strength to face a particular challenge; for the safety of loved ones and in memory of people who have died. Each one of these is special and will be answered in some way. Whilst God doesn’t always answer prayers in the way we might want or expect, as Christians we believe that

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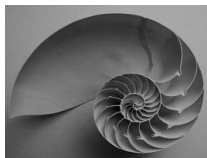
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God knows what is best for us. Sometimes just the act of writing a prayer down can bring consolation or hope or joy.

Prayer is a powerful thing, and it is good that our churches can be used throughout the week to provide places of prayer and contemplation. Visitors to our churches may come with a different purpose in mind but ultimately find something else that inspires and moves them.

Gillian



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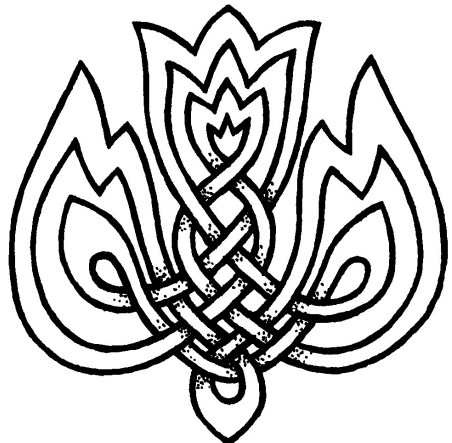
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Date	Time	Service
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9th May	12:00	Christian Aid Service
16th May	12:00	Parish Communion
23rd May	12:00	Parish Communion
30th May	12:00	Parish Communion

Leusdon Church - Information and Support

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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

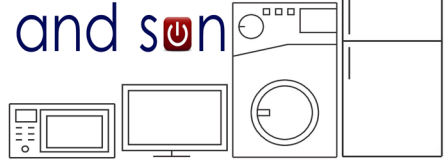


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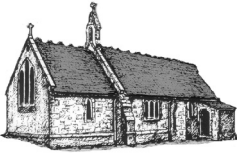
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Church Services - see Page 24 for details

Date	Time	Service
2nd May	18:00	Rogation Service
9th May	-	
16th May	-	
23rd May	09:00	Holy Communion
30th May	-	

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:

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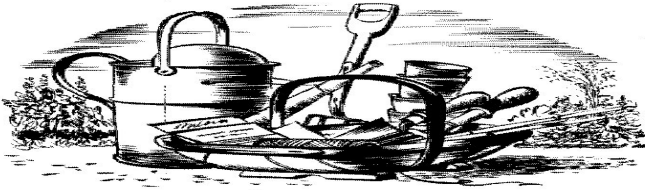
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High Moorland Women's Institute Princetown



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.

Princetown History Club

May 4th - A talk by Barbie Thompson on "George McGrath, Princetown's forgotten surgeon" via Zoom

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

Church Services for May 2021

2nd May Easter 5 White

Readings - Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4 or Genesis 22:1-18; Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Widecombe	10:30	Rogation Service	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	16:00	Rogation Service	Ashburton	10:30	Family Service

9th May Easter 6 White

Readings - Isaiah 55:1-11; Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

Widecombe	10:30	Christian Aid Service	Ashburton	09:00	Sundays@9am
Leusdon	12:00	Christian Aid Service	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion
Holne	18:00	Holy Communion			

13th May Ascension Day White

Readings - Ezekiel 36:24-28; Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Ashburton	TBD	Ascension Day Communion
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16th May Easter 7 White

Readings - Ezekiel 36:24-28; Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

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	Buckland	15:00	Holy Communion

23rd May Pentecost White

Readings - Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Postbridge	09:00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	09:00	Breakfast Church
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Pentecost Communion
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion			
Holne	17:00	Evening Worship			

30th May Trinity Sunday Green

Readings - Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Online	10:30	United Service for Environment Sunday

6th June Trinity 1 Green

Readings - Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Widecombe	10:30	All Age Service	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	16:00	Evening Prayer	Ashburton	10:30	Family Service

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

There is a service of
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at 10.30
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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 5th May	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 12th May	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 19th May	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 26th May	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 2nd June	Ashburton	10:30	

Key to Service Leaders

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

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

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30th May	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.

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. 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.

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Widecombe Community Support

Widecombe Parish Council has decided it is the right time to stop the organised Social Isolation Support that was set up last March when Covid-19 began as restrictions are easing and the vaccination programme is rolling out well.

Enormous thanks are given to Kirsty Peake for making herself available every afternoon to man the telephone helpline, Roger Claxton for managing the website pages and to all the volunteers who have offered their time and skills to support those in need over the past year - a true community effort.

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Also, much more important, the Organisational Team must look after the safety of all those involved in staging the Fair, the Widecombe locals and those attending the Fair - there is no current certainty that this can be achieved.

Please spread the word to anyone who you think should, or might like to, know about the cancellation of the Fair.

Thank you to all our traders, suppliers, exhibitors and supporters; we look forward to returning strongly in 2022.

Mike Pascoe, Chairman

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.

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Contact: Helen Barrow - helenagsec@gmail.com or
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Widecombe Church House Management

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To book the Hall please contact Rose Mortimore 01364 631238.

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

Foot & Mouth Epidemic Part Two

Following on from my article in last months 'Parish Link' I have been able to obtain several 'thoughts and remembrances of the epidemic' of twenty years ago from readers.

Among the pieces I have collected is a small book entitled:
"Poems for Dartmoor Spring 2001".

The poems were written in April 2001 by pupils in years 5 & 6 (Upper Dart) of Widecombe school. In addition to the poems the book contained illustrations made from handmade prints created by the same pupils. Joanna Radford added wood engravings.

The children who attended the leavers service at St Pancras Church on July 20th, 2001 were each presented with a "limited edition" of the book.

I am reproducing two of the poems from the book, purposely I have chosen the less emotive verses as some of the other material may incur uncomfortable memories for those who suffered during the epidemic.

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Travelling to School by Georgina Holcombe

Travelling to school
Looking out of the bus window
I see lambs
I fear for them

At Easter time
They normally skip and run
But now -
For how long?

The Muddy Field by Demelza Shepherd

The Muddy field.
No grass.
Cattle trapped,
By a movement ban,
Trying to find a blade of grass
To eat,
In that muddy field.

Soon that field
Might be empty.
Sheep and cows
Gone.

I look at the moor
I see the signs
Warning.
They say
"No feet on footpaths"

I worry about this disease
Spreading.
Unseen.
When will this
Be Over?

Missed Anniversary

A special anniversary occurred in 2020, but it may have passed relatively unnoticed by many Widecombe residents. It was 100 years ago that the National War Savings Committee presented the village with the 15" naval shell which stands in front of the Church House. The shell was presented in recognition of the efforts to collect Sphagnum Moss which was used in field dressings for wounded troops during the First World War.



**Widecombe's
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Mark IV (female), British WWI tank

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- British 'Tanks' were so named during their secret development to mislead enemy spies into thinking what was being developed were devices for 'storage of water on the battlefield'
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News from Your Local Methodist Churches

Dear Friends,

As always, we are to delighted to contribute a few words for the Parish Link.

Up at Dunstone we have now started worshipping again in the grounds outside the church, informally on a Sunday, at 3pm. Given the small size of our chapel and the fact that at the moment it is too difficult to have a breakfast together, this is the best time for us. We look forward to a time when we can restart such things as the monthly community lunches. We also have a bible study via Zoom at 6pm on Thursdays.

At Poundsgate we will have our monthly Zoom service on May 2nd at 3pm, and this month we are likely to hear about the 'Growing Space' project in Ashburton.

And at Ashburton we continue with our weekly bible reflection hour and morning prayer (on Mondays and Wednesdays respectively). On Thursday May 27th we

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Dunstone & Poundsgate Methodist Chapels

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**.

Bible Study Group

We continue to meet via Zoom every Thursday evening at 6pm. 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.

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

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will have our informal communion service in the grounds of the Parish Church, whilst our pattern of Sunday worship for the month will be as follows:
Sunday 9th - 10.30am Informal worship via Zoom; Sunday 23rd - 9am Breakfast Church in the grounds of the Parish Church; Sunday 30th - sharing in the pre-recorded online benefice service.

If you would like an invitation to any of our Zoom activities, please contact me on hookekp@hotmail.com

With best wishes from us all
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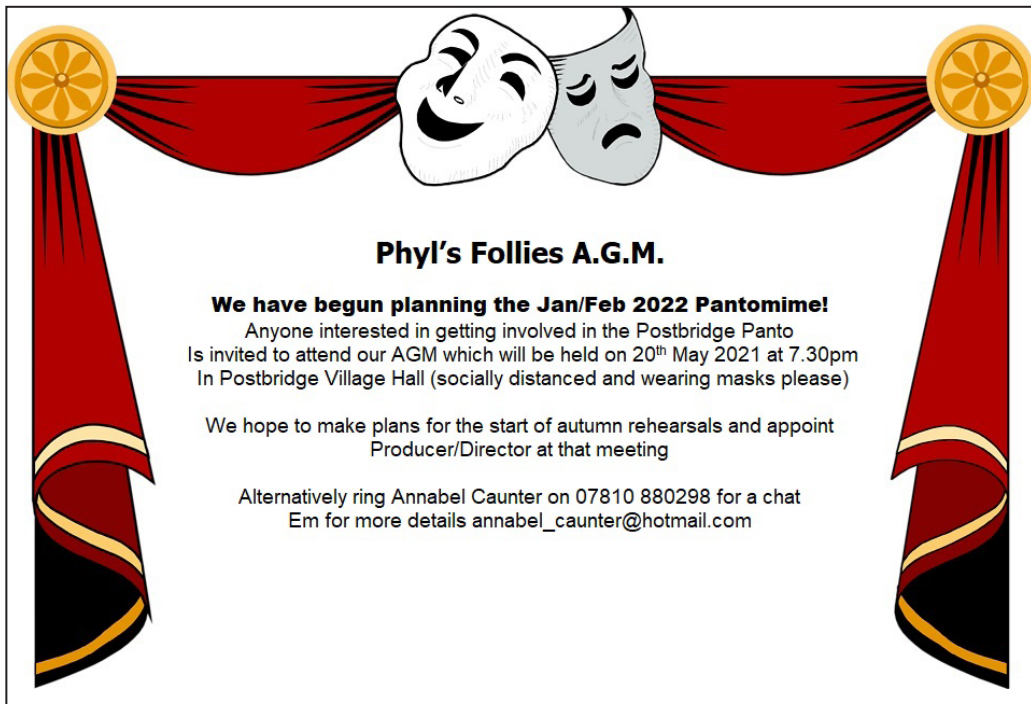
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Other Community News & Events



Phyl's Follies A.G.M.

We have begun planning the Jan/Feb 2022 Pantomime!
Anyone interested in getting involved in the Postbridge Panto is invited to attend our AGM which will be held on 20th May 2021 at 7.30pm In Postbridge Village Hall (socially distanced and wearing masks please)

We hope to make plans for the start of autumn rehearsals and appoint Producer/Director at that meeting

Alternatively ring Annabel Caunter on 07810 880298 for a chat
Em for more details annabel_caunter@hotmail.com

News from the East Shallowford Trust

I am sure all of us remember being told to 'mind our 'Ps' and 'Qs'. Nowadays I have to curb my tongue when I hear young people telling their friends or adults to 'shut up' or 'p-off'. I am sure every generation has to deal with the change in language, after all it is a long time since the major insult from Chaucer: "Thou woldest make me kisse thyn old breech, And swere it were a relyk of a saint, Though it were with thy fundement depeint!... I wolde I hadde thy coillons in myn hond... Lat kutte hem of" ("You'd have me kiss your old trousers and swear they were the relic of a saint, even though they're stained with your s—... I wish I had your balls in my hand... I'd cut them off.") so may be we should be grateful that all our youth are not as gifted as Chaucer!!

However, the 'Q' that needs not to be mentioned, but should be shouted blastically from the top of Corndon and bounced backwards and forwards to Rowden Rocks

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till it echoes all the way down the Teign Valley and well beyond is..... THANK YOU.....!! Just two small, seemingly humble little words. Yet how do we say them loudly enough?

From the very bottom of our trotters to the tips of our wispy hair we just OWE so many people an overloading of thanks and gratitude. We have been donated, sheets, pillow cases, pillows, beds, sofas, a TV, cups, plates, electrical equipment, stainless steel kitchen benches..... the list goes on and on..... whilst others have given their time. A LOT of time! Painting, painting, cleaning, planting..... we would not be functioning at all without people's kind and generous support. Some people have given money – one young Sunday visitor still insists on giving us her pocket money of £1.50 per week. Every week, I look in her Dad's face and ask, 'Are you sure?' just in case he wants her to save or something. However, she knows it will buy more chicken food and she loves the chickens – even



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***Farm to Fork: learning
practical skills***

our pterodactyls who are mostly now lodging in the freezer (another 50 remaining to be plucked in May). Again these fluffy, ungainly beasts would not be there if the eight incredible volunteers had not offered to assist in the process of preparing the 110 fat squawkers all exceeding 2.5kg which are now available for purchase 'over the farm gate' at a price of £8.00- £10.00.

The main purpose of us keeping these chickens however, is not merely to feed our visitors or gain some cash to provide pennies to buy paint, but for educational purposes. Much to my total surprise, our first visiting group of the year was a bunch of girls from London, who embarked upon a week of

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'Mental Health and Well Being.' They huffed and puffed up and around Rowden Rocks to delight on sandwiches made from bread they had kneaded the day before. Hiding the distance by walking to sparkling stars after 12.00 at night, they completed a good two mile walk without a wince or complaint..... Admittedly, they did wobble somewhat when one leapt out from gorse bushes to scare the late comers whose feet fumbled when the torch missed a ferocious rut or tripping granite rock..... but fair enough. Night walking is a learned skill and they were learning.

These girls would have squealed and whelped in your ears a year ago. Now, with a little instruction, their washed hands delved into the guts of a chicken to haul



So the Princess danced: Shan's puppet Show at East Shallowford

out giblets, placed carefully in small bags for gravy or soup and learned that 'nothing should be wasted'. A life had been given for human nutrition..... and so we should give thanks and certainly waste NOTHING! So they did..... amazingly well. We were all truly impressed as the chickens were deftly prepared for the next days meal. Everyone imbibed on the soft luscious meat, natural gravy with any remnants gobbled by the dog..... no questions asked!

This group also lovingly mixed and baked delicious cake for Shan Palmes who has donated her dextrous beautiful puppets to the farm for us to use for years to come. Thank you Shan for all that you have done for Shallowford, for Pennywell, for so many people near or around Widecombe over so many years. Shan is soon to move in with her son and will be missed beyond measure. Known often by children on the farm as 'That nice lady with the spinning wheel,' there will be a big hole in our events and a loss at Dunstone Chapel where her poems and debates are much loved. Another very small 'Thank you' to cover years of giving, loving and commitment to the lives of others. Last week the girls simply enjoyed and giggled

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Morning 11am

- M** **Crossword and coffee**
O **Wake up your brain cells to start**
N **the week. You bring the coffee**
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- T** **Memory Lane - Sharing stories**
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E **and little things lost in the wash.**
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- T** **Quizzers Quiz**
H **Pit your wits against our quiz**
U **master, with plenty of chat for a**
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- F** **A Well-being Moment**
R **Chair based movement and**
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as the princess waved in the puppet show. Written and directed by Shan but executed by members who laughed, wriggled and enjoyed the funny voices and dancing feet thank you, thank you Shan!

Thank you everyone!! We are not there yet..... a lot more to complete. The vege patch which has been deftly cleared by our young gilts, more barns to build to shelter from the dark Dartmoor winters, more stone walls to be rebuilt, whips to be planted, painting to be completed..... what can we say.....
Onwards and forwards. Children, youth and people to visit. Corona Virus will be vanquished and joy, hope, learning and life will be reignited as soon as a drop of rain dares to fall! It will fall..... has to fall as the grass is beginning to yellow? How did that happen in April? Thank you everyone..... now for a rain dance!

Julia

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It's Spring, and like the trees and plants waking up, our villages are beginning to wake up....

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Not to mention getting your chimney swept, your mower fixed, your drains cleared, your logs split, your curtains renewed, your will sorted, your long-planned extension built?

All this and more can be found in this edition of the Parish Link – and as Covid begins to recede, expect even more next month when we expect there will be a whole lot of new things to take part in and enjoy....

For now, relish the May Blossom, the May sunshine, and maybe May warmth?

From all of us at the Link

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