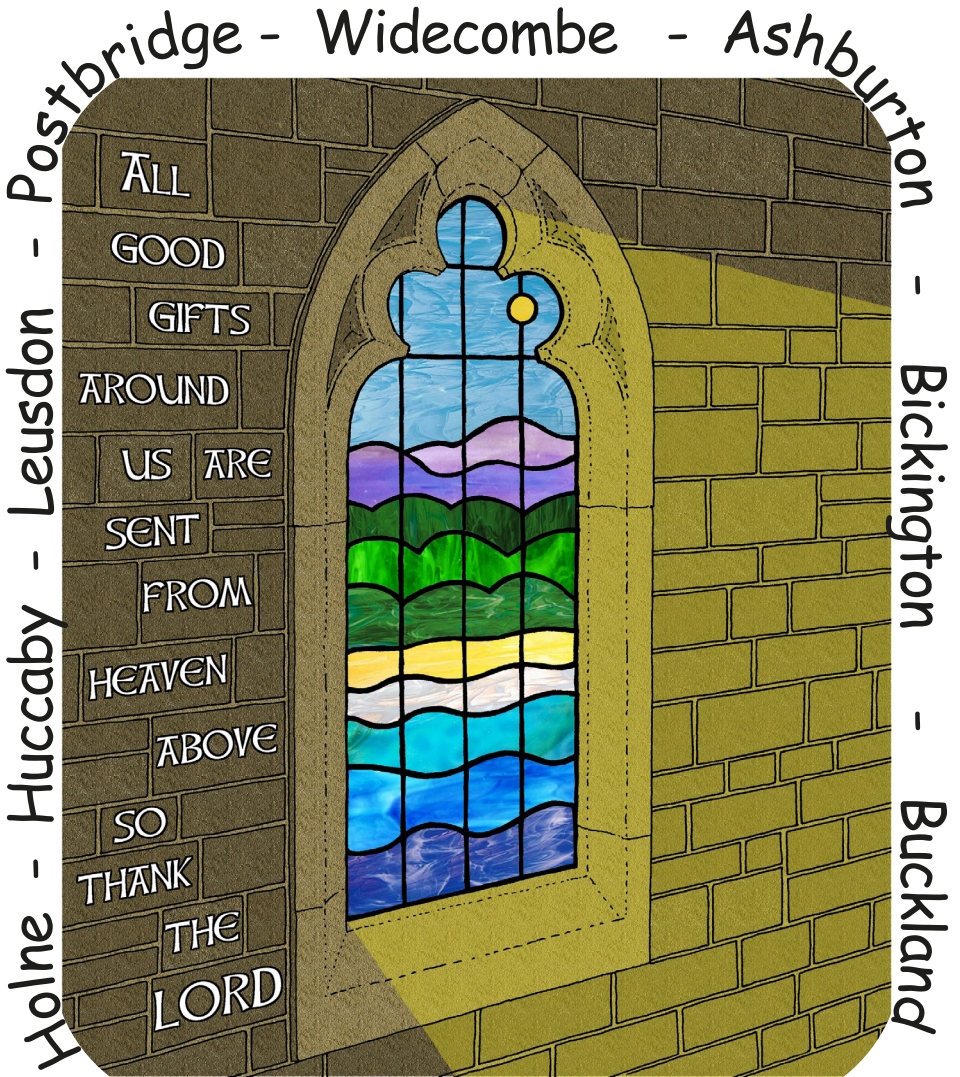


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The Parish Letter

When I was in South Dartmoor College last week (as one of the Chaplains), I turned to the relevant place in the appointment diary, and realised that I was almost on the last page – the end of the year was arriving, hence the new year was just around the corner! Not the big celebration of New Year's Day in January, but New Year's Day on the 1st of August, the end of one academic year and the beginning of the next.

Although when I was at school I always looked forward to the summer holidays, I never looked forward to the new school year - it was too scary! Some of the students I met in South Dartmoor were like me, really worried about the changes that the new year would hold – different tutor, different year-groups, friends moving away, and so on; for them, change was very unsettling. Others weren't so bothered and were looking forward to the new year; for them, change was stimulating.

Whether they like it or not, children can't avoid change. The years and the birthday parties pass, height and hormones change, they become adults, and along the way one hopes that they have learnt some positive strategies for dealing with change, developing appropriate skills. Change is always with us – we can't stop time; we all grow older, and we have to make adjustments, to change, to adapt.

And nowadays it seems that the pace of change is accelerating faster than ever. So many unsettling issues that we are having to adjust to, such as:

- Covid, and the disruption caused by the pandemic.
- Climate change – not just the hottest day ever, but all the adjustments needed to move away from an oil-based economy.
- Ukraine and all the human misery pouring out of it.
- Soaring inflation and the enormous cost of living rises.
- I'm sure you can add more to this list.

Many are finding such rapid changes are leading to stress, to sleepless nights, to high anxiety and sometimes even to despair.

Is it reassuring to know that this isn't new? Change is an age-old problem. Jesus and his friends lived in a country that had changed dramatically when it was invaded by the Romans, and which would have its chief city, Jerusalem, razed to the ground twenty years later. Some people were starving, begging for food, public health provision was non-existent, injustices and poverty were rife

Jesus was appalled by what he saw and set about bringing the message of God's love to

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Church News & Events

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these people. He helped the sufferers by caring for them and teaching others to care for them, and he helped the perpetrators of injustice by showing them how to change their ways – with God's forgiveness and a fresh start.

Jesus deeply cared for all people, setting the example of selfless giving, persuading people to focus less on themselves, and more on others – their neighbours. In effect, teaching resilience. And when he found times hard, he went to a quiet place to pray, often walking into the desert or up a hill to get away from it all. He went out somewhere to re-connect with God (his Father) and, I guess, he let his anxieties fade back into the background as he gained perspective – he was not alone.

Many people are now also seeking stillness and quiet to help them through anxious and unsettled times, whether by walking up onto the Moor, or sitting quietly in one of our churches, or peacefully at home, or attending one of our quiet services – say a Celtic Reflective Service or the Maranatha Prayer Group (in Ashburton), or the Quiet Reflection in Postbridge.

*With every blessing,
Geoffrey*

From the Registers

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St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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Date	Time	Service
14th August	18:00	Holy Communion in Holne Village Hall
21st August	09:00	Holy Communion at Huccaby
28th August	15:00	Animal Service - Venue TBD

As planned, the last service in St. Mary's was held on 12th June. Prior to the contractors taking over the church on 20th June, members of the PCC moved as much furniture and as many small items as we were able, to clear the space. The organ had to be covered by specialists before the rood screen, pews and other fixtures and fittings were swathed in plastic to protect them from dust, paint, and plaster. It took a couple of days to erect the scaffolding inside the building and it makes an impressive sight.

By the end of the first week, the 50-year-old wiring had been stripped out – much of it had been damaged by a succession of squirrels and other rodents. The radiators were taken off the walls and in consultation with the Church Architect, the paint colour for the walls was selected. (My choice of lilac was rejected unfortunately!)

During July, the conservators began work on exposing the wall paintings as far as is possible and making the reredos, (the carvings behind the altar), safe and secure. No more calico curtains covering up the damage to the plaster around the altar! The work is being carefully project-managed and at the time of writing, no major issues have been identified.

On 10th July we held a service of Holy Communion at Dodbrooke farm, and at the end of July, we were hosted by the Church House Inn where an informal morning service was held. More on this next month. The Friday Prayer Group is meeting in different homes, and we continue to pray for individuals, national and international issues. Please tell me, Judy Henderson, Ann Rowland or Rebecca Scott if you would like us to pray for you or anyone you know.

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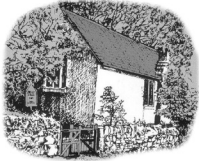
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Thought of the day – or month?

At the time of writing the Prime Minister has recently resigned – in his own inimitable style.

All leaders have many important responsibilities and functions in their role. Displaying principles of integrity and values to establish trust is certainly paramount.

One of the most important functions of leaders - but one that is often overlooked - is that of a shepherd. This is an ancient metaphor that is still true and powerful today.

For our own spiritual leaders shepherding is more than just preaching and leading church services. It's also about caring for and committing to the spiritual and emotional needs of all their congregations. Obviously very difficult, undoubtedly hugely time consuming, and on many occasions I'm sure energy draining – so we owe them our gratitude and thanks.

To effectively lead congregations, our spiritual leaders acknowledge and respond to what it means to be led by the Good Shepherd. Jesus speaks about Himself as the Good Shepherd and how His sheep follow Him because they know His voice.

It's a beautiful analogy of how we are to be led by Jesus - with trust and faith that He knows what is best for us – facilitated and enabled by our own shepherds

St Raphael's car park!



'Before' and 'after' photographs illustrate the significant development at our Chapel.



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Date	Time	Service
7th August	16:00	Evensong
14th August	12:00	Parish Communion
21st August	12:00	Parish Communion
28th August	12:00	Parish Communion

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

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Leusdon Memorial Hall

As well as the usual whist and coffee morning, we shall be holding a **Family Dog Show on Saturday 13th August** (see separate advert for full details). We hope to see many of you and your dogs there.

Our next coffee morning will take place on **Wednesday 3rd August 2022, starting at 10.00am.**

The Whist Drives continue (they are preceded by a soup and roll or pasty lunch at 1.00pm for any anyone wishing to partake). The next one will be held on **Monday 8th August**, Whist starting at 2.00pm. The cost will be Lunch and Whist £5.00. Whist only £3.00 which will include half time refreshments and a draw.

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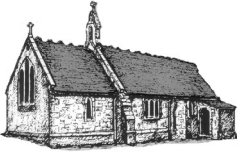
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Date	Time	Service
2nd August	19:30	Quiet Reflection
14th August	09:00	Holy Communion - BCP
28th August	18:00	Thank You Service

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Maureen

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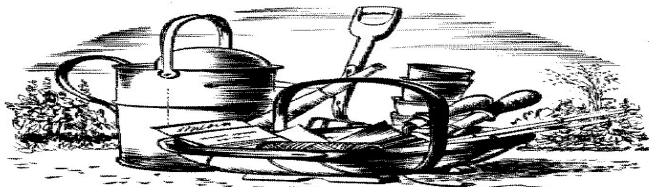
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Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
7th August	08:00	-	-	Marian
7th August	10:30	Dawn	Brenda	Marian
14th August	10:30	Ronnie	Jenny Pascoe	Sue Darke
21st August	10:30	Philly	Philly and Michael	Sue Darke
28th August	10:30	Wendy Beard	Dawn	Wedding

Widecombe Church is open all day, every day, 9-5. You are welcome to visit at any time – an opportunity to sit quietly, say a prayer and enjoy our beautiful building.

All our services can be downloaded from <https://ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/resources-and-prayers-wlp> Any queries, please contact Revd Geoffrey Fenton (Team Vicar) 01364 621334 geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk

WIDECOMBE FAIR TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2022

The fair is back again this year and as usual the one way traffic system will come into effect from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. We are sorry for the inconvenience but Health and Safety has to be our priority.

Road closures into and through the village will be strictly enforced. If you need to enter the village after 9.00 am please use the Park and Ride transport system in place.

Thank you for your understanding.

Please visit our website, www.widecombefair.com

See page 36 for details of the Widecombe Fair Produce Schedule 2022

MOORLAND PARISH LINK ONLINE

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

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Church Services for August 2022

2nd August			Quiet Reflection		
Postbridge	19:30	Quiet Reflection			
7th August			Trinity 8		
<i>Readings - Genesis 15.1-6, Psalm 33.12-22*, Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16, Luke 12.32-40</i>					
Widecombe	08:00	Holy Communion - BCP	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion
Widecombe	10:30	All Age Service	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	16:00	Evensong	Ashburton	10:30	Holiday Club Service
			Ilington	10:30	Holy Communion
			Buckland	15:00	Evensong
14th August			Trinity 9		
<i>Readings - Jeremiah 23.23-29, Psalm 82, Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2, Luke 12.49-56</i>					
Postbridge	09:00	Holy Communion - BCP	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ilington	10:30	Family Service
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion			
Holne	18:00	Holy Communion in Holne Village Hall			
21st August			Trinity 10		
<i>Readings - Isaiah 58.9b-14, Psalm 103.1-8, Hebrews 12.18-29, Luke 13.10-17</i>					
Huccaby	09:00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10:30	All Age Communion
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Bickington	10:30	Animal Service
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Ilington	10:30	Holy Communion
			Buckland	15:00	Holy Communion
			St Petrocs	18:30	Celtic Reflective Service *
25th August			Informal Communion		
			Ashburton	18:30	Informal Communion in the churchyard *
28th August			Trinity 11		
<i>Readings - Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18 or Proverbs 25.6-7, Psalm 112, Hebrews 13.1-8,15,16, Luke 14.1,7-14</i>					
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	09:30	Breakfast Church (Church Hall)*
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion
Holne	15:00	Animal Service - Venue TBD	Ilington	10:30	Morning Praise
Postbridge	18:00	Thank You Service			
* Service led by Ashburton Methodists. All are welcome!					

UNITED MISSION COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sunday 31st July at Widecombe Church @10.30

A Communion Service with choir and musicians, celebrating the work of the Shallowford Trust.

After the service, everyone is invited to a Soup, Bread and Cheese lunch at East Shallowford Farm - no need to book - with a chance to be shown round the accommodation, the facilities and the barns full of animals.

The Shallowford Trust is a Christian Charity which has been running for over 40 years. The Trust is always seeking new volunteers. How about you? Come and hear what it's about!

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Midweek & At Home

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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)

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Rates of Hire (Local Events)

Daytime	£3.50 per hour
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All Day	£20.00

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

Widecombe & District Ladies Social Group

The Widecombe Ladies Social Group are meeting at The Old Rectory in Widecombe to see their beautiful garden on **Thursday 11th August at 6.30pm**

Draw and coffee & biscuits.

For more details phone Rose on 01364 63123

Widecombe & District Sports Group

Membership renewals are now due if you have not received yours please email cl.partridge@hotmail.co.uk or tel: 621468.

Alternatively membership forms can be found in the noticeboard by the court.



Regular Bookings: Tuesday & Thursday: Tennis Adults (16+) 6.30 Under 16's with ability are welcome to these sessions with a parent who is also playing.

For queries re tennis phone Di Cameron on 621218.

Please remember to wear soft soled shoes and to leave the court tidy with the net replaced. Report any damage immediately to Claire Partridge (Secretary) on 621468. Close all gates and replace the keys.

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

Thank you and enjoy your sports area.

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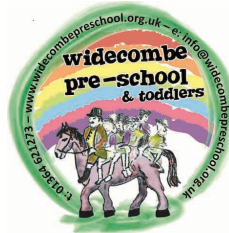
Widdytots is our local group for Mums and children under 5 years.

It runs on Monday Mornings 9.30 - 11.45 in the Church House, Widecombe-in-the-Moor.

Widdytots is a relaxed, informal group where you can turn up and chat with other parents whilst your children play. We provide hot drinks for parents and snacks for the little ones. Everyone is welcome.

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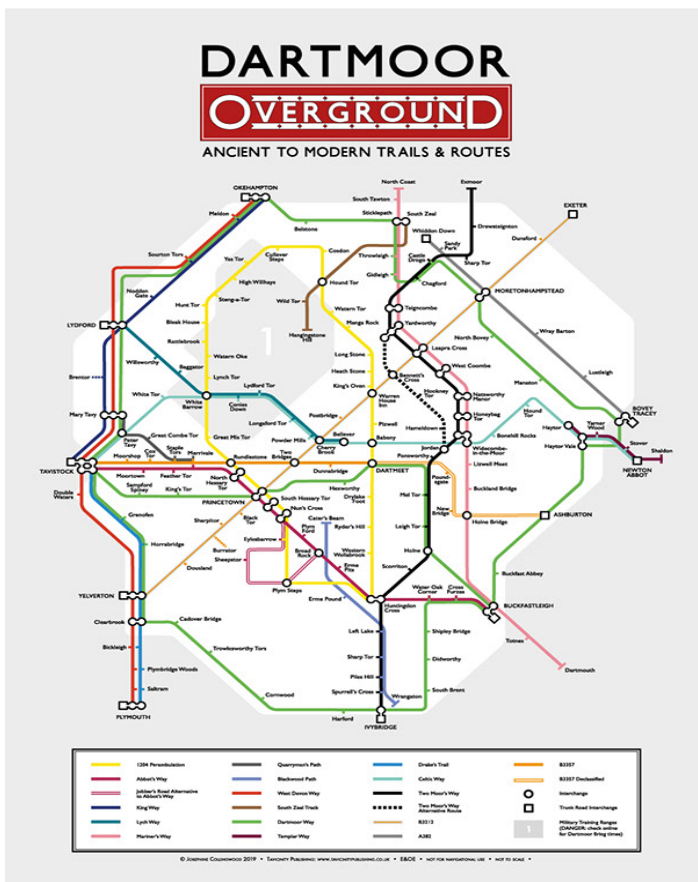
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Josephine Collingwood speaks on

'Introducing Dartmoor's Geology'

7.30pm Wednesday 3rd August, in the historic Widcombe Church House
Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. £3 donation includes light refreshment.

Our talks are open to all and will appeal to anyone interested in Dartmoor and Devon.

Coming up on Wednesday 7th September: George Southcombe - 'The Devil in 17th Century'.



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The Dickin Medal (Animal VC)



*The PDSA Dickin Medal
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In the June issue of the Parish Link I told the story of 'Mary of Exeter', a pigeon who served with great bravery during the Second World War carrying important intelligence messages from France to Britain. Mary was awarded the '**Dickin Medal**' in recognition of her actions. Set out below is the history of the medal.

Mary Dickin, the founder of the PDSA (Peoples Dispensary for Sick Animals), introduced a medal to recognise outstanding acts of gallantry and devotion to duty displayed by animals serving with the Armed Forces

or Civil Defence units in any theatre of war throughout the world. The medal was introduced in December 1943 and quickly became designated the **Animal Victoria Cross**.

The medal has been awarded 74 times (to date), the recipients number: 36 dogs, 32 pigeons 5 horses and 1 cat. The decision was made in 2014 to create an '**Honorary Dickin Medal**' to recognise the service of all animals during World War 1. The chosen recipient was Warrior the mount of General Jack Seeley of the Canadian Cavalry.

The very latest animal to be awarded a Dickin Medal is a 10 year old German Shorthaired Pointer, a retired RAF police dog named Hertz. He was awarded his medal on 22nd February 2022 for services in Afghanistan in 2013



David Ashman. Widecombe History Group

Widecombe & District History Group

Trip to Newton Abbot Museum & Bradley Manor Newton Abbot

Tuesday 16th August

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See page 27 for details of the next History Group Talks



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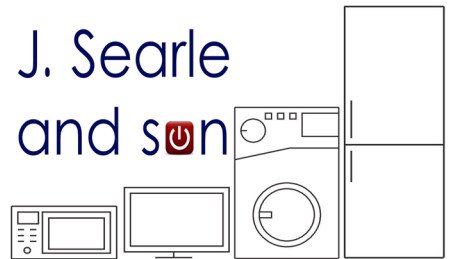
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Sunday Service

Dunstone - Informal service at 3pm in Dunstone Chapel every week and all are welcome.

Poundsgate - First Sunday of the month only. Next service 7 August at 3.00pm

Bible Study Group

We meet every Wednesday at 6pm at Higher Foxworthy. Everyone is welcome to join but please ring Serena on 07789 762061 so we know the numbers. We are a small friendly group seeking to enrich our knowledge of God through his word in the Bible.

Dunstone Charity Lunches

These have re-started and are held monthly on the second Wednesday in the month. The next one will be on **Wednesday 10th August from 12 noon until 3pm**

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High Moorland Women's Institute Princetown

We are a small friendly group of 16 ladies. We are based in Princetown but many of our members live outside. We try to support the community whenever we can and are always open to ideas and suggestions in this area.

We meet the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH** in PRINCETOWN COMMUNITY HALL at 7.30pm. Our meetings usually finish around 9 to 9.30pm.

On the **SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH** we hold a free tea, coffee and cakes slot. Donations gratefully received. This is held at Princetown Community Hall 11am to 12.30pm.

Our proposed programme to December 2022 includes informative talks and walks, practical sessions (Morris dancing/ yoga/ paper craft) and straight forward social sessions (cheese and wine / bingo).

You are very welcome to visit us one Wednesday evening to "try us out".

Please contact Catherine at Catherine@longash.co.uk or text 07703274691.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Other Community News & Events

'Please miss, what's this?' says a lad with a mop of curly hair and a watering can in one hand. 'Grab it at the base of the leaves and pull.' I replied. It's the classic question and I'm sorry I didn't think to yank out the camera on my phone to record his face when he easily wiggled it out of the dark, warm soil and grinned from ear to ear. 'Carrot!'



River sampling: City Academy, Bristol

For those of you who have not seen our huge new vegetable patch, it is definitely a work in progress. Some amazing volunteers worked from February measuring, sawing, drilling and carefully constructing the raised beds, whilst Will levelled the ground and a dumper truck was hired to move soil to and fro. The result is a pristine vegetable plot, topped with wood chip and beds filled with a combination of rotted pig manure and dark, rich municipal compost. It will take a lot of work of course to keep the weeds out, but for the moment, it is bursting with lush green life and serving its purpose

of providing delicate pickings for lunch and massive learning for those children who have no idea where the food entering their bodies originates.

'Do you think a crisp is real food?' I ask at one meal time during the week? 'Yes' they all reply. 'Put up your hand if you eat crisps once per week. Twice per week, more than three times per week?' Hands cheerfully remain up. 'How many of you eat Maoam sweets every week? Every day?' Hands firmly in the air. Smiles now becoming slightly nervous. 'Did you think these things you buy are real food? In fact they were only invented by capitalists to make money. Not to feed you or provide you with nutrition. Your natural desire for something sweet, which the body assumes is high energy, is making someone rich whilst your teeth rot and you become vulnerable to diabetes.' I can be a bit blunt sometimes..... but hey ho..... someone has to tell the truth!

'If you were a hunter gatherer about 5,000 years ago, what would have been your

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source of sweet?’ One smart girl shouts out, ‘Berries’ – ‘Yes! One point for the girls!’ One small boy, not sure if he is joking or not says, ‘A sweet shop with



Will and Ellie discussing the value of silage with a day group visiting from Millbay Secondary School, Plymouth

Maoams.’ Everyone groans! ‘Really? 5,000 years ago? Try again.’ I say and then, after several mutterings and murmurs I hear one person say, ‘Honey’. ‘Yes’ I look fervently around the room to find who has uttered the magic response. ‘Has anyone seen our bees?’ Nope! Despite walking past the hives a few times, no one has noticed – but that’s OK. There is a lot to absorb in the busy week and it’s a tough call to discuss and point out everything.



Quadrat sampling on the marsh

This particular group were specifically selected as potentially able to grow and learn from a visit coming from a very rough and difficult area within Bristol. Ellie had them out on a field with a quadrat, squinting through the grass to find different types of plants, insects, learning to really look at what is around them, to understand the importance of one bug compared to another. One child came back with a bright black and yellow striped bug to show us in a jar before releasing it, saying ‘look miss, this is a wasp beetle’ reminding me of the wonderful Shakespeare line, ‘What’s in a name?

That which we call a rose would by any other name would smell as sweet.’ It is a weird phenomena though. Humans need to give things names. It kept the Victorians going for their entire age, as if a name suddenly validates somethings existence. Without a name, ergo, does not exist? Anyway, the children, like all humans are happy with the name once given, or found on one of the charts Ellie hands out.

Our aim? To give value, importance and understanding to the land on which we exist. ‘We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect’, Aldo Leopold.

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WIDECOMBE FAIR PRODUCE SCHEDULE 2022

VEGETABLES LOCALLY GROWN HERMON FRENCH SILVER SALVER

1. 3 Coloured potatoes
2. 3 White potatoes
3. 3 Onions grown from sets
4. 3 Carrots trimmed and washed
5. 3 Beetroot trimmed and washed
6. 6 Runner beans.
7. Longest runner bean
8. Any veg. not mentioned in the schedule
9. A squash or courgette.
10. 2 Leeks
11. A collection of 5 different vegetables
In a standard veg box. (12" x 16")
12. 4 Tomatoes
13. 4 varieties of culinary herbs in a jar
14. A comedy vegetable

FLOWERS

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15. 3 Dahlias
16. A single rose stem
17. A single stem, any flower
18. A vase of mixed flowers.
9 stems (3 of each)
19. A Pot plant. In flower or just foliage.
20. A vase of wild flowers
21. An arrangement of flowers in an
unusual container
22. Flower arrangement in a teacup
23. Standard flower arrangement



ART AND CRAFT CLASSES OPEN TO ALL

Gordon Daw Memorial Trophy

24. A knitted woven or crocheted item
25. A needlework item
26. A pencil sketch
27. A painting. Any subject, any medium
28. A photo. 'Animals with attitude!'
29. Any craft item not mentioned, wood,
metal, ceramic etc
30. Pebble Art
31. A limerick

CHILDRENS CLASSES FOR THE Tame and Hutchins cup

PLEASE STATE YOUR AGE

32. A homemade greetings card
33. A vegetable animal
34. Mr or Miss Potatohead
35. 4 decorated cup cakes
36. A lego model
37. A model made from recycled materials

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38. 2 danish pastries (any type)
39. 4 chelsea buns
40. Traditional Victoria sponge
41. A plate of cheese straws
42. 4 decorated cup cakes
43. Traditional meat pasty
44. A loaf of bread (white or brown)
45. A pot of homemade jam
46. A pot of Chutney
47. A bottle of homemade drink

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Eating in the Corner Barn..... cool on the hot days!

It was a week of heat of course. We asked the children if they would like to eat outside, to which they replied with a resounding 'Yes please', but we needed shade. Hence all the tables were carefully carried outside into the newly constructed Corner Barn, where a gentle breeze cooled the air and made a wonderful space for the next day's bread making with Alethe and Helen from Ashburton. The children love breadmaking. More to the point, it provides lunch,

combined with the lettuce they have picked from the garden, carrots, beetroot and herbs which are sniffed carefully before munching. We bought some ginger mint on our trip to the Eden Project, which is now flourishing and providing a surprising tang to a salad mix. Another group who have had ZERO waste, yet have tasted a little of everything. Most say 'Yuk' to courgette, but when they pick it themselves, there is a 99% chance they will try one piece. Some even come back for more!

The best challenge we had all week was sheep work. Not little sheep work, but a major 'confront fears of animals, use skill, strength, perseverance and see if John D, Will and David could keep up'. Well, in the end, of course, the farmers won, mainly because they can keep going when children get hot, tired and simply lack practice of pushing through the pain barrier. However, the girls definitely won when it came to handling, holding and manoeuvring the lambs. We were curious as to why. The boys simply seemed to be fearful – the girls just jumped in and got on with job. Is it a nurturing thing, a fear of looking silly thing? Two boys were genuinely fearful and had to be helped to grab and hold a lamb. It was just interesting to watch. Definitely, however, the girls won!



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please phone and we will arrange
a suitable time and let you know.

Princetown History Club

meets on the first Tuesday of each month at
Princetown Community Centre
at 7 for 7.30pm.

August 2 Visit the Reverend Bray's inscribed
stones, led by Dr James Fox. Meet in the
carpark opposite Two Bridges Hotel.

September 6 A talk about the
Moretonhampstead Model Mill, by Mike
Jeffrey.

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

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For further information please contact us on:

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ashburtonleagueoffriends@outlook.com

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appointments or to deliver prescriptions to patients'
homes.

*If you would like to help DASH as a volunteer,
please call 01364 653335 10am-noon, Mon-Fri; leave
message at other times.*

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It's been a wonderful summer so far. Although our target group is 'disadvantaged youth' most of whom come from cities, we had a vising 18 year old Hungarian lad, not disadvantaged, but definitely unchallenged. His father is a surgeon, his grandfather a surgeon. He is a city boy, who on his first day pushed Stumpy into her pen and showed no fear at all of Arthur the boar but baulked slightly as one of our naughty cockerels flew at his knee caps. After a month of hard labour, learning to iron, make beds, cleaning, chatting with the children, he did repeat several times, 'I am tired Julia'. We definitely did make a solid man out of him! 'At home we have a cleaner.' He grinned..... as a rights of passage it is definitely important to



*Scything or rather mowing with a scythe
not a lost talent at Shallowford*

become the cleaner. However, we did also have lots of fun, speeding off to the Scything Festival, Bovey Craft Fair, or walking curiously around the Devon Show. The highlight however, had to be the Ruggle Party given by Richard and Vicki for their historic departure. It may well have been the first time he (and a few other youngsters) imbibed beyond their means in a 'safe' space. We will miss Richard and Vicki..... although I am sure they will not escape the village. It felt like an early Widecombe Fair party, all the locals, lots of grins and merry faces. Thank you for a brilliant evening and thank you everyone for all your support. We have more sunshine to enjoy before those long nights draw in. We are beetle watching and butterfly counting..... nature survives us humans!

Julia



Buckland-in-the-Moor Whist 2022

1.00pm Optional soup & roll lunch £2

2.00pm Whist £3 including half time refreshments draw

August 25th

October 27th

September 22nd

November 24th





Dartmoor Forest Parish Council

Extracts from the meeting on 28th June 2022

New Councillor Co-opted – Cllr Stephen Butterworth

Stephen, along with his wife have a long-held love of the area and moved to Princetown three years ago. A teacher for over 40 years, and having served 20 years as school governor Stephen is keen to serve the community and hopes to use his skills and experience to make a difference and help shape the future of Princetown and the Parish.

Do you have what it takes to be a Parish Councillor?

There is still one Councillor vacancy to be filled in the Princetown ward. If you are interested in representing the views of local people and having your say about issues people care about, please see the website for more information and details of the recruitment process.

<https://www.dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk/news.php>

Planning Applications

The Council resolved to support application (0224/22) Two Bridges Hotel.

The Council resolved to object to application (0212/22) Princetown Distillery.

Details of the applications can be viewed at:

<https://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/living-and-working/planning/search-for-an-application>

Successful Launch of Road Safety Initiative on the B3212

Friday 24th June 2022 saw a number of key stakeholders attend the launch of the initiative funded by Vizion Zero South West. The aim is to reduce the number of road traffic incidents and animal deaths on the B3212 Princetown to Dousland road. A grant, awarded to Dartmoor Forest Parish Council, of just over £6,300 has been used to supply over 200 reflective neck bands to farmers grazing ponies and cattle on the stretch of road, a new Vehicle Activated Speed sign has been placed on the road below Leedon Tor and improved signage, warning drivers to reduce their speed and give way to animals on the road, will be placed at both ends of the road in the coming months. If these measures prove successful the Council plan to apply for additional funding later in the year to expand the initiative to other roads within the parish. To read the press release go to https://www.dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk/data/uploads/865_787753642.pdf or view a short video about the initiative at <https://youtu.be/WUMTvp9x8W8>

Princetown Housing Needs Assessment

The Council is encouraging residents in Princetown, and anyone wishing to live in Princetown, to complete the latest Housing Needs Survey compiled by West Devon Borough Council. WDBC aim to identify un-met housing need and hopefully secure adequate housing provision for the future. To have your say, please pick up a paper copy of the survey from the Post Office in Princetown.

Date of next meetings: Tuesday 26th July and 23rd August 2022
at 1930 at Princetown Community Centre.

Agenda and Minutes: <https://www.dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings.php>

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SUMMER/AUTUMN UPDATE



Rotary Yelverton has had a busy couple of months. Members have, as always, fully embraced our tenets of service, fun and amazing fellowship.

The Friendship Café (previously the Memory Café) continues to meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month in the hall at Briar Tor where music and other fun quizzes relating to yesteryear are a regular feature. We have also acquired 10 iPads due to a generous donation by the Coop in Yelverton that, given enough attendees, we will use to increase the proficiency of those interested. So, if you are (or know of) a senior citizen who would like some company and a good old chinwag over a (free) cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake, please either contact Terry on 01822 613145 or just come along. We run from 14.00 to 16.00 and would love to welcome you.

Our FREE Annual Fun Day returns on 3 August after a (Covid related) two year absence. It will be held on the moors/airfield opposite the Yelverton Play Park between 10am and 3 pm (per kind permission of Maristow Estate and the Roborough Commoners). Local groups and organisations will be facilitating games, races, an assault course as well as various other activities and crafts all designed to appeal to children from Key Stage 1 & 2, their younger siblings and parents/carers regardless of gender and ability. We look forward to welcoming you there!

Our final car boot sale of the year will be held on 31st July at the Yelverton Memorial Hall. Although this may well have taken place by the time of publication, we would like to thank both the buyers and the sellers who continue to enthusiastically support this event.

Should you wish to find out more about Rotary Yelverton and our activities or are perhaps considering joining us please contact us via: president@yelverton.rotary1175.org or see our website www.yelverton.rotary1175.org or Facebook page Rotary Club of Yelverton District 1175. We will be delighted to arrange for you to attend one of our dinners in order for you to meet our members.

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Widcombe Fair Committee
Widcombe History Group
Widcombe Ladies Social Group
Widcombe Parish Council
Widcombe Sports Group

It's about time we brought your attention all the rich variety of businesses that are advertising in the Link, just waiting for your phone call or email. Whether you have an estate, a farm, a field, a garden, a patio or a just a windowsill. Whether you live in a mansion, a house, a caravan or a shed. Whether you need a plumber, a decorator, a bore hole, a fridge, some curtains. Whether you need a shop, a pub, an Estate Agent, a lawyer, or just some way of getting fitter or calmer – it's all here:

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These services are can all be supplied by the businesses who advertise in the Link. We love that they pay us to advertise, and that we are helping them to flourish. It's up to you to use them (or lose them?).

Alternatively, if you're a bit bored and never need anything, just treat the list as a wordsearch and see if you can find them all!

With best wishes from the Link Team

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