# Moorland Parish Link



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Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

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## The Parish Letter

#### The Servant Queen

'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great Commonwealth to which we belong.'

So said the young Princess Elizabeth, in 1947 on her 21st Birthday, to her future people in her first radio broadcast. The Princess was offering herself for a life of service on the altar of her love for nation and commonwealth- and for God who had laid this responsibility upon her.

Monarchy has ancient roots from the time that Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed Solomon as King and all the people cried: 'God save the King'. Monarchy, with its access to power and wealth, can corrupt and be abused. I expect we all have in our heads the 'good' and 'bad' kings of England from history lessons. The Book of Chronicles in the bible is only too clear which are the bad kings of Israel. Those who love power seem to be the ones who are led astray and lead the people poorly.

However, monarchy has the potential for much good, too. It says something important to us about leadership and how, according to Christ, it should be exercised. At her Coronation, the Queen was presented with the Orb of State and told: 'Receive this Orb set under the Cross and remember that the whole world is subject to the power and empire of Christ our redeemer.' The Cross speaks of Christ's self-sacrifice. It reminds us that he emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death.

Authority can be difficult - not least for those who have greatness thrust upon them. Not only Kings and rulers but others – leaders of council, politicians, judges, mayors, portreeves and bishops. We quickly begin to discover that authority depends less on the handle other people choose to give us; more and more on what it is we are ourselves. Real authority does not come simply by putting on a crown, a wig, a chain or a mitre. In the past, some bad characters have sat on royal thrones, episcopal chairs and seats of justice - characters shielded by the outward trappings of office. In the end, it is not the office that counts but the men or women who hold the office. There is no substitute for personal integrity.

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# Church News & Events

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We count ourselves fortunate that this could not be better illustrated than in her Majesty the Queen; who has made Jesus Christ her Lord and Saviour, lived her life following this Servant King and been an example for us all. In this letter, I would like her Majesty to have the last word to you with some of her own from a recent Christmas Day broadcast:

'In the last verse of the beautiful carol, O, Little Town of Bethlehem, there's a prayer:

O Holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in Be born in us today.

It is my prayer that we might all find room in our lives for the message of the angels and for the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

+ Mark

#### From the Registers

١	Funeral	Leusdon	4 May	John Vickery
	Wedding	Widecombe	14 May	Harriet Goodall and Matthew Kaaber-Gore

# An hour of quiet reflection

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#### **Holne Whist**



We're thinking of reviving the whist drives in Holne but this time, as in Leusdon and Buckland, we're suggesting afternoon sessions once a month starting on **Tuesday, 7th June**.

So I'm offering the first Tuesday each month from 2pm including a raffle, tea or coffee and biscuits for £3.

We'll hope for plenty of support and beginners will be very welcome.

If there are any suggestions or queries please ring Judy Henderson on 01364 631461 and I look forward to seeing you



# St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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

#### Church Services - see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Service	
5th June	-	-	
12th June	18:00	Holy Communion	
19th June	09:00	Holy Communion at Huccaby	
26th June	17:00	Evening Worship (Venue TBD)	

#### **Maureen Smeaton**

The Parochial Church Council's annual meeting was held on the 8th May and afterwards we joined together to celebrate Maureen Smeaton's 99th birthday. Although her actual birthday was the following day, it was a lovely opportunity to thank Maureen for her considerable contribution to the life of St. Mary's over the years she has lived in Holne.

It was wonderful that Maureen had been able and willing to play the piano during the evening service. Maureen chose "Lead us Heavenly Father lead us" as one of the hymns for the service, it being a hymn that she and Peter had at their wedding.

Maureen is a great inspiration to everyone that knows her, and we look forward to next May to celebrate the "big" birthday with her.

#### **Church Renovation**

At last! Permission has been granted to carry out the much-needed work in the church. The building will be closed from 27th June until the end of October because of the amount of scaffolding needed inside to repair and redecorate the walls and ceiling.

As previously reported, we will also be replacing the radiators and the lighting system as well as installing a sound system, projector, screen and camera for streaming services and village events. Other work will be undertaken to conserve the reredos behind the altar and the side panel which had been hidden behind the oak panelling. Hopefully, the recently discovered wall paintings can also be exposed and conserved.

Closure of the building does not mean that we will be unable to continue to worship together in Holne. The PCC has lots of ideas about places to hold services and



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different types of worship which we hope will encourage others to join us.

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Gillian Parker



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Supporting Devon Air Ambulance and Holne Community projects.

Thank you to all of our book customers who buy and donate books. It is important that we account to the community details of the money we have raised since we last published in the Link in July 2021:

Devon Air Ambulance	£1,704.00
Holne Village Hall (plants for sale May/June)	£100.00
Parish Link	£300.00
Holne Community Shop (fleeces and money towards tables and chairs)	£960.00
Holne Church (plants/wild flower seeds for churchyard and St Georges flag)	£310.28
Ukraine (DEC)	£100.00
Dartmoor Search and Rescue (Ashburton)	£1600.00
Food Bank (via Holne Shop)	£650.00
Holne Playgroup	£250.00
The following money has been made from our unsold books that we donated	d to charity:

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Entry and entertainment are FREE so our raffle and sales of food and drink are important to keep us Revelling. Any surplus funds in our HEG account will be given back to the community.

Further information <a href="www.holnevillage.co.uk">www.holnevillage.co.uk</a> or Carol Harper(<a href="carolharper@me.com">carolharper@me.com</a>)



# Rainfall in April 2022

Place	Total Rainfall Days without rain		Wettest Days
Postbridge	39.3mm (1.5")	16	6th 17.5mm (0.7")
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# Huccoby



# St Raphael, Huccaby

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**Technology 1:** Churches have come a long way online. With sites like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube, churches can now arguably be just as effective online as they are in person. In fact, many churches use online outreach more effectively than they do in person.

The social media 'arsenal' has grown since podcasts, blogs, and vlogs were introduced, and now churches are finding more and more creative ways to use social media to build their church community and spread the gospel.

Churches with the most success online are the most creative and the ones that are willing to experiment.

Have you an interest in digital communication? Would you like to contribute to the communications strategy in our Mission Community? Please contact me or Cassie at the Parish Office.

**Technology 2:** We are getting a number of queries Diocesan wide regarding the 'Sum-up' contactless donation facility at St Raphael's Chapel. Revenue and costs being two specific questions.

I can only give some 'general' points.

In the last six months there have been 320 transactions on our Sum-up contactless machine at St. Raphael's.

Approximately 60% were by debit card and 40% by credit card – comprising American Express; Mastercard; and Visa. The gross revenue in the last six months has been £1.686.75.

We can provide details of pay-outs to us in this period, but roughly speaking if I just give an example, you will get the concept:

In one average month in January Sum-up paid us £136.42 and we paid them £1.58 in fees. (In March it was over £900 donated into Sum-up but that's snowdrop time so not exactly an average month!)

Please do contact us for further information – or a 'site' visit to St. Raphaels is obviously recommended – as long as you bring a credit or debit card!

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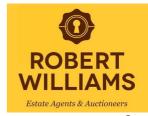
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5th June	18:00	Jubilee Somgs of Praise at Widecombe	
12th June	12:00	Parish Communion	
19th June	12:00	Parish Communion	
26th June	12:00	Parish Communion	

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.

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



#### **Platinum Jubilee Weekend Songs of Praise**

Leusdon Church is joining with Widecombe Church for a joint Songs of Praise on the Platinum Jubilee weekend. The service is at **6.00 pm on 5th June in St Pancras Church, Widecombe**.

#### Leusdon Memorial Hall

The May coffee morning was a great success and it was good to see so many people there, as gradually we are all returning to normal. Our next coffee morning will take place on **Wednesday 1st June 2022**, **starting at 10.00am**. It will be a



special event to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. During this time Geoffrey Fenton has agreed to play some music from the past 70 years and there will be some singing. As no-one has given me any requests I have chosen three songs spanning the years. We are extremely grateful to Geoffrey for this very generous offer.

Photographs of past Jubilee and Coronation celebrations held in Leusdon will be on display. I would like to thank Terry French for making these photographs available and agreeing to be there to answer any questions (he has an

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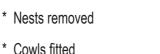
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exceptional knowledge of the history of Leusdon) and to his mother Bessie for keeping such comprehensive diaries of life in the parish through her lifetime.

By time you read this the defibrillator training will have been completed. Thank you to everyone who enabled this to happen. Special thanks to Diane Weymouth who made contact with the charity who provided the training free of charge. The Hall committee were pleased to have provided the Hall free for this important community event.

I will give more details of the Hall's AGM in the July edition of the Parish Link.

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 13th June**, 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.

Should you wish to book the Hall, it is available for hire at £10.00 per hour, there are special rates for regular users. Tables at the coffee morning can be booked for £5 per table per session.

Further details can be obtained by contacting our booking secretary
Amanda Routley on 01364 631432 or email leusdonmemorialhall@yahoo.com

Could you all please note that bookings are only valid if booked through the booking secretary and all the required paperwork is complete. This is to avoid any confusion.

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7th June	19:30	Quiet Reflection	
12th June	09:00	Holy Communion - BCP	
19th June	-	-	
26th June	18:00	Evening Prayer	

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#### **Postbridge Coffee Mornings**

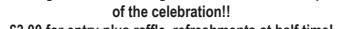
The coffee morning will be held on **Monday 6 June at 11am in Postbridge Village Hall**. July and August will be decided at this coffee morning

Maureen & Sheila



# Platinum Jubilee Whist Drive THURSDAY June 2nd! Not the usual Tuesday!

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#### Friday 3rd June

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8pm start, maximum team size 5, £5 entry per team.
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Fun Sports / Games afternoon. Games to include Egg & Spoon, 3 Legged Race, Wheelbarrow Race, Wellie Wanging.
Free entry, Celebratory award for individual winners

From approx 4pm, Jubilee Celebration Tea in the Village Hall. Bring a plate to share. Entertainment supplied by Fine Whines Duo

During the above events prize raffle tickets will be on sale.

Prizes include - Cream tea in East Dart Inn, Sunday Lunch for 2 at 2Bridges,

Highgrove Hamper, Cream tea at Lydgate, Entry to Miniature Pony Centre, Entry to

Tavistock AFC game next season.

Draw to be made during the Celebration Tea in the Village Hall.

We hope to see a lot of Postbridge & Bellever Villagers

#### **Moorland Parish Link Online**

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

https://www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/parish\_link/index.php

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

# Church Services for June 2022

5th June		Pented	cost		Red
Readings - Acts	2.1-21	or Genesis 11.1-9, Psalm 104.26-36	6,37b*, Roman	s 8.14-1	7
Widecombe	18:00	Jubilee Songs of Praise	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion
			Bickington	10:30	Family Fun Jubilee Service
			Ashburton	10:30	United Jubilee Celebration
			Ilsington	10:30	Holy Communion
			Buckland	11:00	Jubilee Service
7th June		Quiet Ref	flection		
Postbridge	19:30	Quiet Reflection			
10 - 12th Jui	1е	Messy Cl	hurch		
All Day - Messy	Church	joins Family Fest at the River Dart	Country Park		
12th June		Trinity S	Sunday		White
Readings - Prov	verbs 8.1	-4,22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5.1-5,	John 16.12-15		
Postbridge	09:00	Holy Communion - BCP	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ilsington	10:30	Family Service
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Poundsgate	15:00	Joint Methodist Service *
Holne	18:00	Holy Communion			
19th June		Trinity			Green
•	•	1-4[5-7] 8-15a, Psalms 42, 43*, Gal			
Huccaby	09:00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10:30	All Age Communion
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Bickington	10:30	Family Service
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Ilsington	10:30	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	10:30	Methodist Service (Town Hall) *
			Buckland	15:00	Holy Communion
23rd June		Informal Co	ommunion		
			Ashburton	18:30	(Ashburton Churchyard) *
26th June		Trinit	•		Green
=	-	2,6-14, Psalm 77.1-2,11-20*, Galati	ans 5.1,13-25,	Luke 9.	51-62
Widecombe		Parish Communion	Ashburton		Breakfast Church (Church Hall)*
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30	
Holne	17:00	Evening Worship	Ilsington	10:30	Thanksgiving Service
		Venue TBD			
Postbridge	18:00	Evening Prayer			
			* Service led b	y Ashbu	rton Methodists. All are welcome!

### Holy Communion

### Midweek & At Home

There is a service of

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10.30

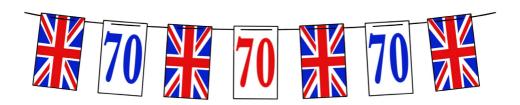
at St. Andrew's Church in Ashburton You will be most welcome!.



#### Communion at home

If you would like to receive Home Communion please contact Mark or Geoffrey.

(see page 2 for contact details)



### Dates for the Diary

June 2022		
1st	Leusdon Coffee Morning	15
1st	Widecombe History Group	27
1st	High Moorland WI Meeting	36
2nd	St Pancras Flower Festival Opens	25
2nd	Widecombe Beacon & Fireworks	25
2nd	Postbridge Whist Drive	19
3rd	Right Royal Quiz - East Dart Inn	21
3rd	Holne Soup Lunch	6
4th	Widecombe Teddy Bear's Picnic	25
5th	Postbridge Fun Sports & Tea	21
5th	Widecombe Picnic Lunch	25
5th	Widecombe Songs of Praise	25
5th	Princetown Vilage Celebration	40
6th	Postbridge Coffee Morning	19

June 2022		
7th	Hour of Quiet Reflection	5
7th	Holne Whist Drive	6
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9th	Widecombe Ladies Social	27
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28th	Dartmoor Forest Parish Council	40



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#### Saturday 9th July 7.30 pm

We've booked the Marquee and Bands.

There will be a fully stocked bar and food available on site.

Given the location of the marquee there is no internet, so bar and food will be cash only (No Card Payments or Credit, Sorry).

Open invitation to everyone who knows and loves the Ruggle! For any further details please feel free to give us a call on 01364 621327 or call in!

For those to whom a good old knees up in a field does not appeal, please accept our apologies in advance all music will finish by 12.30am.

# Videcombe

## St Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

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

#### Church Services - see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
5th June	18:00	Penny & Wendy	No coffee	Wedding
12th June	10:30	Audrey	Rose Mortimore	-
19th June	10:30	Judy	Val & Richard	Wedding
26th June	10:30	Dawn	Penny	-

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-IN-THE-MOOR PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS FROM THURSDAY JUNE 2nd



Flower Festival in St Pancras Church from Thursday morning

**Thursday** evening there will be Fireworks and a Beacon all viewed from the village green. Gather at 9.15pm and bring your Beacon Tart or Peach Jubilee Pie, official recipe available online.

On **Friday** Church bells will be rung from 10.55am.

On **Saturday** the Pre-school are holding a "Teddy Bear's picnic" in the Parish Field from noon, children of all ages welcome.

**Sunday** Picnic Lunch on the green Bring your picnic and join the celebrations from noon

At 6.00pm there is a Songs of Praise in the Church

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#### **Widecombe & District History Group**

Meetings are held at Church House in Widecombe on the first Wednesday of each month.

Wednesday 1st June. Doors open 7.00pm. Speaker at 7.30pm.

The speaker is **Phil Hutt** on "**Dartmoor Preservation Society**"

Contact: Rose Mortimore: 01364 631238 or Helen Barrow: helenagsec@gmail.com Widecombe History Group Website:

https://www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/history/home.php

#### Widecombe & District Ladies Social Group

The Ladies Social Group will meet in Church House, Widecombe on Thursday 9th June at 7.30pm

Kirsty Peake will be speaking on "Travel with Terriers".

Admission £2 Draw

#### **Preliminary Notice**

The Ladies Social Group are meeting in Church House on Thursday 14th July at 7.30pm

Bill Hardiman will be speaking on "Bovey Castle Manor House, Moretonhampstead"

Admission £5 including wine

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE with any funds raised to go to Ukraine

For more details phone Rose on 01364 631238

#### **WIDDYTOTS**

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.

Your first session is free and then it is £3 per child and £1 for each sibling.

For more information please call the preschool on 01364 621 273 during session times Tuesday or Friday, or email info@widecombepreschool.org.uk





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# Widecombe



#### **Widecombe Community Hall CIO Update**

We have now submitted our first Gift Aid claim since registering as a charity and the generous donations we've received to date resulted in an extra £4,623.84. It's a great opportunity to remind any UK tax-payers that completing a gift aid form (available on our website or by request) gains us an extra 25% on top of your donation to us. So worthwhile!

Our Duck Race was a great success in the beautiful Easter sunshine. Congratulations to the winners and enormous thanks to those who helped to put on and run the event – we raised a whopping £928.60. Take a look at our Facebook page to see some photos and a wonderful sketch by the talented Sarah McIntyre.

More get-togethers and fundraising events are now being planned – watch this space!

#### **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 notice heard by the could

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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#### South West Chamber Choir

The South West Chamber Choir will be singing in St. Pancras church, Widecombe-in-the-Moor on Saturday 11 June 2022 at 7:00pm, with a programme of songs about the natural world called *Sunshine after Rain*.

The concert includes part-songs by Elgar and Sullivan, and harmony arrangements of folksongs and popular songs like 'Glorious Devon'. Tickets, priced at £8 (£4 under 18), are available online from <a href="www.trybooking.co.uk/BMZD">www.trybooking.co.uk/BMZD</a>, or on the door to help raise funds for the church clock repairs.

**South West Chamber Choir**, a group of currently about 22 singers, was formed in 1995. We have a wide-ranging repertoire of small-scale choral music, secular and sacred, from the Renaissance to the present day. Much of our repertoire is sung unaccompanied. More information about the choir and its performances is available at <a href="https://www.swcchoir.org.uk">www.swcchoir.org.uk</a>.

# Widecombe

#### **Feathered Heroes**

During the Second World War espionage went hand in hand with conflict. Carrier pigeons were crucial weapons in the spy's armoury. Few pigeons distinguished themselves more than "Mary of Exeter".

She was owned and bred by bootmaker Cecil 'Charlie' Brewer who was a member of the National Pigeon Service, a little-known organisation working during the 1940's. The National Pigeon Service was a volunteer civilian organisation formed in Britain in 1938 at the request of the British Government. During the conflict



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The Grave of a Hero

Mary completed four successful missions from France, surviving attacks from enemy hawks which were trained to attack carrier pigeons. Hawks were not the only method used to try and stop the birds; snipers would shoot them as well. Besides wounds from hawk attacks Mary also suffered damage from shot gun pellets and spent periods in Exeter being nursed back to full health.

On her final mission Mary made it home with a vital message but had suffered shrapnel wounds which were so bad she had to be retired from Service.

Mary was among twenty-one pigeons awarded the Dickin Medal, known as the animal's VC, during the war.

More about the history of the Dickin Medal in a future article.

David Ashman. Widecombe History Group

#### Accommodation needed

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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

All Day £20.00

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



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

Poundsgate - Sunday 12th June 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 8th June from 12noon until 3pm**.

There will be soup, bread, sushi, savory dishes, salads and cakes. There is no set price but you are asked to make as generous a donation as possible for whichever charity we are collecting for that month

In April and May we were raising money for the Ukrainian Refugees and although there were not many people we raised £250. In June we will be collecting for Living Waters Village, a home for displaced children in the heart of the Borneo jungle. Do come and support this worthwhile cause and enjoy a delicious lunch and a good chat with friends and neighbours.

#### **Buckland-in-the-Moor Whist 2022**

1.00pm Optional soup & roll lunch £2

2.00pm Whist £3 including half time refreshments draw

June 23rd August 25th October 27th

July 28th September 22nd November 24th

Junstone

#### **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**

#### (class 15 to 18 locally grown)

- 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

#### HOME PRODUCE LOCAL ENTRANTS ALL MADE TO OWN RECIPE

- The Rose Bowl.
- 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

# Other Community News & Events

#### The LINK - our future is at risk.

#### Behind the Scenes....

How do you think this "Link" arrived through your letterbox, or onto your computer? Maybe you've wondered what happens when you've got something you want to promote, and you decide to "put it in the Link"?

#### Read on .....

Every month a hard-working team, behind the scenes, receives content, chases contributors, negotiates with advertisers, arranges professional printing, keeps the accounts, distributes over 700 printed copies, places the Link as a PDF on websites, and then takes a couple of weeks off before the next edition!

#### The hole in our team....

Around 25 volunteers are involved in all this, BUT we have a hole in the middle of our team! We must urgently recruit two or three new people to "publish" the Link – using our laptop and its publishing software to turn all the contributions into the layout that you are now reading. Each month it takes one person about two working days (spread over a week) to do this work.

Unless we can recruit two or three such people (alternating through the months), the "Link" will have to cease publication ....

#### Could it be you?

So, if you are community minded, and are comfortable using Microsoft Office, you could be one of the people we are looking for! If appropriate, we can pay a modest honorarium for this publishing work. Full training is provided, and also a Windows laptop with all the relevant software for you to use.

Please contact us if you might be able to take this on, or if you know someone who might like to do this:

<u>link@moorlandteam.org.uk</u> or phone Geoffrey Fenton on 01364 621334

Thank you for reading this, and please talk about it in the pub, the shop, the school, the coffee morning, or wherever you chat with others!

#### Spread the word....

# PHYL'S FOLLIES POSTBRIDGE PANTOMIME GROUP

We successfully put on a production of Cinderella in January/February despite Covid's best efforts to stop us. In the second week Cinderella may have been a bit older than expected and a couple of other members of the cast may have been using their script on stage but the show **did** go on. This pantomime was made all the more special because Frank Martin (Phyl's Follies) and Lloyd Mortimore (Moorland Merrymakers) got together as the Ugly Sisters!

At our AGM we were delighted to find that we had made some money so donations were agreed for £200 each to NSPCC, Yelverton, Exeter Hospicare, St. Gabriel's Church, Postbridge and The Red Cross for humanitarian aid in Ukraine. £100 each was donated to the Basics Emergency Volunteer Doctors and the Parish Link.

A big thank you to all those who attended or were involved in any way (especially those who stepped in to perform at the last minute) as you have enabled us to contribute to these good causes. Plans are already afoot for the 2023 pantomime which will be our 50th anniversary year. Watch this space!!

#### **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.

#### **News from the East Shallowford Trust**



Phew! We are all heaving an almighty and massive sigh of relief. Done! At least the Opening Event, for which we can just say a huge, massive THANK YOU to everyone who saw the pending date and leapt into action, painting, sweeping, cleaning, drilling, sawing, moving, heaving, baking...... so the list goes on. No one fell over on the cobbles, no naughty pig sneaked out, the cockerels did not fly at anyone and the lambs charmingly and gently nibbled royal fingers!



More to the point – Will, John, David, Anthony, Serena and Ellie are all still alive! It may be only, 'just about' alive, but the fantastic team effort?? Amazing! The willingness and kindness of people to step in and come back to finish a job when they were already tired, or push themselves to mow the extra bit of lawn and tidy the walls so the flowers could bloom........... Amazing! Our list of helpers – well, you know who

you are and dare I say it again...... such a little word is THANK YOU..... but it comes loaded with gratitude and infinite appreciation.

Thank you also to the teachers and parents of the schools who brought their

children for the morning. We hope that they enjoyed themselves – certainly the entire day would have fallen completely without our wonderful young people showing their skills and enthusiasm on-site!

It all confirms that amazing human spirit. When deadlines are closing in people find an inner resource they didn't know they had. When people see someone struggling, they breathe in



and pick up the load. By comparison to what is happening in the Ukraine, Syria, Afghanistan, our troubles are minor. But they are our local troubles – we own them.

I think of the huge rocks that have been moved to build the barns and the farm

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#### **Ashburton Food Bank**

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#### **Princetown History Club**

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

**June 7** A visit to Lydford, led by Andrew Thompson. Meet in the carpark opposite the Castle Inn"

**July 5** A visit to Shovel Down and Kes Tor, led by Emma Cunis.

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

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- Collect and deliver prescriptions
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Also, if you would like to help DASH as a volunteer, please call 01364 653335.

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house and wonder that they were heaved, pulled and pushed by men (probably – but who knows) with wooden poles and sheer animal and human strength and determination. Did they lose any fingers or toes, break any bones? How long did it take to select the exact stone to place in the cross passage or make the fireplace, which is probably a modern construction at a mere 1300 or 1400? How did they heave and haul these huge boulders? Our

modern woes are so trivial – the colour and make of our shoes, the trendiest make of trousers with the correct slit cut across the leg? Really?? This is modernity!?

The modern, ultimate climax of all man's achievements? Not whether we have clean water, sufficient quality food, warm shelter (or have walked on the moon). At least most people in the UK have their basic needs met. Going back to Maslow's hierarchy of needs, did our Open Day and the effort really matter? Oh yes it did. Integral into all human psyche is the need for recognition, the need to feel we have



purpose and value. If we do anything at the farm at all that justifies our existence it



is this...... giving purpose, direction, new opportunities, guiding respect and showing love. These are all human needs whether you have food, water and shelter or not.

Our photographer extraordinaire on the day was Tracey Elliot-Reep, seen like a whippet at monumental speed dashing

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#### **Dartmoor Forest Parish Council**



#### Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

There will be a village celebration from mid-day on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at Princetown Community Centre, and on the green space behind it. The local Women's Institute will be serving teas and coffees and residents are invited to bring along a plate of food to share. Entertainment will include the Cadets, Princetown Fun Choir, a Dog Show, the Fire Service and more to be arranged. Souvenir mugs will be presented on the day to all children and young people under the age of 18 who live in the Parish.

#### Extracts from the meetings on 26th April 2022 and 3rd May 2022

Guest Speaker – Sandra Dodd Pastoral Worker Tavistock Methodist Circuit
Sandra attended the meeting to share with Council her work in the local area. She has been in post since September 2021 providing pastoral care to people living in Bere Alston,
Yelverton, Princetown and Peter Tavy, primarily. In April she planned to start up a Women's group with the aim of supporting Ukrainian refugees, or those taking them in. If you or anyone you know could benefit from her work, contact Sandra by e-mail sandra@tmc.me.uk or call 01822 810 343.

#### **Planning Applications**

The Council resolved to support an application (103/22), for installation of small solar photovoltaic ground mount on the land adjacent to the Forest Inn, Hexworthy.

#### **Road works and Diversion**

Council discussed the issue caused by recent road works on the Dartmeet – Ashburton road, where a lengthy official diversion took motorists via Moretonhampstead. The 'road closure' signage did not specify where the actual closure was, but it transpired that it was possible for small vehicles/cars and drivers with local knowledge to use the Holne/Hexworthy road, thus avoiding the lengthy and unnecessary diversion. Council agreed to contact Devon County Council Highways to request improved notification of road closures, with more detail on signage relating to road closures, particularly on the main arterial routes across the moor.

#### **Parking Issues**

Councillors have been made aware of the difficulty some Princetown residents are currently experiencing with visitors parking on residential streets, often for long periods, rather than using the public car parks. Council agreed to contact local land owners to see if disused parking around the Old Prison Officers Club could be used for visitor parking, and sign posted as such.

#### **Annual Parish Meeting**

This is due to take place at 1900 on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Princetown Community Centre, prior to the monthly Council Meeting. It is an opportunity for residents meet the Councillors and hear what has been achieved in the past 12 months and plans for the coming year.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28th June 2022 at 1930 at Princetown Community Centre.

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

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hither to and fro to gain the best angle, light and catch the perfect frame. If anyone is not on our mailing list and would like the link to the photos, please just drop me a line.

We have much yet to achieve. We now have more covered warm and dry barn space for the winter and for outdoor work when it is raining. We need to hone our programme and reach out to even more groups so that we can inspire more young people who are jailed within their concrete jungles. The lambs are leaping, bleating and competing with the cuckoo and chiff chaff, spring is bursting forth and at long last layers of clothes are off and we can smile again under the warming sun! The next yearly cycle has begun........... hay and silage soon!

Thank you everyone for helping out and visiting.

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#### Hope and the future

"Who touched me/my clothes?" (Mark 5:30). Jesus, surrounded by crowds pressing for his attention, feels a tug on his cloak and utters these words. As he does, he releases a woman who has long suffered, to tell her story, and to find hope.

Let us also pause to ask, "who touched me?". It may be the plight of millions of displaced Ukrainian people fleeing war, many being mothers and children or young men defending their homeland; lives tragically lost; the world's nations on the geological brink. Or refugees and victims of ongoing conflict in the Middle East, Yemen, Syria, Afghanistan, and many other countries around the world. Oppressed people, disenfranchised people, sick, lonely, and rejected people. Young people cast adrift by life. Or our very planet itself, tugging at our hearts to be cared for, helped, and loved.

It is a time when dreams can die.

And yet there is something in the resurrection love of Christ that compels us to hope – and to keep on praying, living, and dreaming of a better way.

As we prayerfully consider "who touched me?", may it be the start of a new dream, and a new season of hope for us all.

Tony Parker

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#### Last ... but not least ...



The Platinum Jubilee is finally here, and the Link is packed with information and reflections on this unique event – just look at the diary on Page 23! It's a wonderful occasion for all our communities to meet up and celebrate. And it's through the pages of the Link that you will know where to be and what to attend.

Imagine, if you will, there being no Link magazine, no publication that allows you to plan your social life with such ease. Nowhere to advertise all that is going on in our community. Nowhere to read the write-ups of special events? Maybe you were unaware of our own local "Royal Event" last month, at Shallowford Farm, until you turned to page 37?

Well, there is a real danger that, rather than imagining there is no Link Magazine, there might really be no Link Magazine. So, before you read anything else, please turn now to page 35 and read how precarious our position is, and then see if you can come up with a suggestion for how we find new "Publishers". Maybe you could be one of the team?

And only then you can settle down with your diary and work through the Link, plotting your Platinum celebration plans – weighing up the relative attractions of watching fireworks, joining a picnic, enjoying a flower festival, going to a whist drive, celebrating in church. It's not possible to go to everything – so enjoy choosing your favourites.

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