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The flowers are blooming, the time of birdsong has come! Song of Songs 2:12

## March 2022

Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

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## Give it up for Comic Relief!

On Red Nose Day this year, 18th March, we will hear amazing stories of projects that have changed lives and communities. Started in 1985, Richard Curtis and Lenny Henry organised it in response to the famine in Ethiopia and inspired by Band Aid's fundraising efforts. For those who saw the concert, who could forget Bob Geldof shouting into the camera at viewers to 'Put your hand in your pocket and give us your XXXXXXXX money!?' Since then, hundreds of millions of pounds have been raised for thousands of projects covering 70 nations world-wide. The genius of the movement, for me, has been the way Comic Relief has encouraged participation. It's not just about giving money; it's about getting involved. Lenny said: 'The spirit of Red Nose Day is for everyone to get involved...of helping someone else they don't know...what could be better than that?'

Some may say this is trivialising the serious challenges being faced today. People living in abject poverty, destitution or in fear is no laughing matter. But this is to miss the point. Comics take their work seriously. It is their livelihood and they are using the gifts they have been given to make a difference.

I can't help feeling that we have much to learn here as a Church. We, too, have a vision for a transformed world – indeed its God's vision of the Kingdom. We, too, want to see lives and communities changed for the better. Sometimes people are reluctant to become involved in a church project because they don't feel they are up to it or lack the expertise. Others will hesitate saying, 'who am I to be involved? Don't I need to be changed before I get started?' Jesus, however, called his disciples to follow him before they understood everything; and he commissioned them for Kingdom work before they knew much more. He didn't wait for them to be fully ready before sending them out. If he had done that, Jesus's mission would never have got off the ground. The fascinating thing is that the disciples met God at work as they went out. They saw the mighty works of God as they offered their own seemingly insignificant talent and effort. They learnt on the hoof.

Of course, there is still plenty of work to be done in us and I am painfully aware that I am work in progress. I want to say: 'Change the world and start with me' but I am tempted, like Gerard Hughes, to say: 'Lord, I know you can change the world but

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# Church News & Events

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you've met your match in me'. There is work to be done internally, I know. And taking time aside in this 'Spring-time' of Lent to contemplate God's Kingdom Vision for his world will be an important step.

Comic Relief's message is: 'Don't take yourself too seriously. Have a go and make a difference!' I wonder what God might do in and through us?

+ Mark

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A time to reconnect with a more normal life.

The sessions will also include episodes from St Winefride's life (7<sup>th</sup> Century). She had a miraculous healing at

Holywell in North Wales and, after setting up a shrine there, she sought a more peaceful life by going on a pilgrimage, and then settling as a nun in the Welsh Borders.

Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> – Treasure in Heaven  
Mar 10<sup>th</sup> – Sanctuary  
Mar 17<sup>th</sup> – Joyful hope  
Mar 24<sup>th</sup> – Guided by God  
Mar 31<sup>st</sup> – God's faithfulness  
Apr 7<sup>th</sup> – Springing waters

**We will meet on Thursdays in Widecombe Vicarage from 4.00 to 5.30**

**Contact** Geoffrey Fenton (01364 621334 / [geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk](mailto:geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk))

for more details on these Widecombe afternoons.

(The material is this year's Churches Together Lent Course - <https://ctbi.org.uk>)

## An hour of quiet reflection

### *Postbridge Church*

**Tuesday 1st March at 7.30pm**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**

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# St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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

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

Date	Time	Service
6th March	-	-
13th March	18:00	Holy Communion
20th March	09:00	Holy Communion At Huccaby
27th March	16:00	Evening Worship

As visitors to the church will have seen, a great deal of work has been going on in the churchyards. David Best has done a wonderful job on the hedge between the two churchyards. The PCC is very grateful to him and to the various helpers who have cleared the debris away.

On the 5th of February, a working party comprising PCC members and willing volunteers from the village, spent three hours weeding, raking and trimming in the old churchyard and up the steps. Despite the various aches and pains experienced by some of us the next day, it was an enjoyable event fuelled by tea and cake from Tom and Tina's café. Further work was done later in the month round one of the old yew trees to finish clearing weeds and plant bulbs and wildflowers under the tree.

By the time this magazine is published, work on the other hedges should be completed. Spring flowers are starting to appear, and the new cherry trees will soon be in bud. The apple tree was given a good prune, so we might even see apples on it this year.

A step was also taken towards the work on and in the church building. A meeting of the various contractors, PCC members and our Church Architect took place last month and plans are in place for the work to begin. Subject to the permission being granted, a start date around the last week in June is anticipated.

The work will mean that there will be scaffolding outside the church for several weeks and the church will be closed for approximately four months. There should be little inconvenience for our immediate neighbours and those who use the paths through the churchyard, but more details will be provided nearer the time.

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The PCC are excited about the work and are already thinking about how the village can be part of the re-opening celebrations. If anyone has any ideas please let me, (Gillian Parker, Churchwarden), know.

Also, in February we were pleased to welcome our friends from Poundsgate Methodist Chapel, who held their afternoon service in the church. A presentation was given about the Visitors to Pilgrims initiative which the local Methodist Chapels are part of.

Finally, our weekly prayer group continues to meet on a Friday, and we would love to hear from anyone who would like us to remember them in our prayers. Please either leave a message on the prayer tree in the church or contact me, Ann Rowland, Judy Henderson or Rebecca Scott.

*Gillian Parker*



Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday 16th April 2022  
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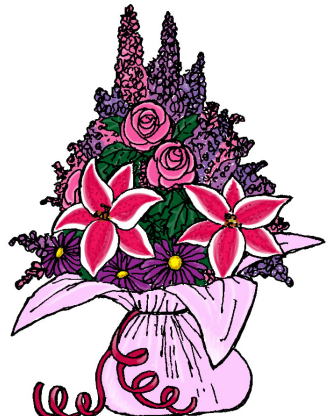
The poster features a decorative border of colorful Easter eggs with various patterns and colors including blue, yellow, pink, green, and purple.

## HOLNE VILLAGE HALL SOUP & CHEESE LUNCH

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Returning to the village in June.  
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## The Joy of Lent

I grew up with the idea that Lent was a dreary time in the Church calendar, the sermons talked only of repentance, there were no flowers to brighten up the church, and, worse still, we had to give up something we enjoyed — as a child it was usually sweets or chocolate!

However, if you ever decide to look at the traditions of Lent, it is then that certainly my, and possibly your, childhood notions may be shattered. It is actually meant to be a time of joyful preparation. I had never appreciated, perhaps I should have realised this years ago, but as is often the case, our lives and beliefs are so often shaped by our childhood memories.

The work of Father Norman Tanner, SJ, a professor of church history at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome which was founded in 1551 by Ignatius of Loyola is very revealing. In 1961, Fr Norman became a Jesuit — a Roman Catholic order of religious men that was also founded by St Ignatius. He is considered to be a leading expert in the history of church councils — one of his papers that makes interesting reading, 'A Short History of Lent' is online at:

[https://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/20110315\\_1.htm](https://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/20110315_1.htm)



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Fr Norman explains that the earliest mention of Lent in the history of the Church comes from the council of Nicaea in 325AD. The original word used for the 40 days before Easter was *tessarakonta* a Greek word meaning 40 and around the world this has been translated in a variety of ways. In Anglo-Saxon England, the 40 days became known as Lent, a word that aptly meant 'lengthening' — during the 40 days before Easter the daylight hours steadily lengthen and so gives us the perfect image of 'the light of Christ' slowly spreading into the world and erupting in a glorious climax on Easter morning.

Whatever it is called, the 40 days reflect the time Jesus spent in the wilderness being tested by the devil prior to his baptism and ministry on Earth. It is mirrored by the 40 'joyful' days of Advent as we prepare for the Christmas festivities, on which point, Fr Norman writes:

*'It is important to remember that Lent is a joyful season. The first Preface for the Mass in Lent makes the point very elegantly: 'Each year you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed. You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you, our Father, and of willing service to our neighbour. As we recall the great events that gave us a new life in Christ, you bring to perfection within us the image of your Son.'*

All Christian denominations observe Lent with different traditions, and often individual churches of the same denomination have their own ways of marking the 40 days.

Hopefully this year the joy of Lent will be enhanced by the joy of returning to some of our Lenten traditions that we have all missed during the long Covid pandemic - and now its 'aftermath'.

P.S. Why not enjoy a Cream Tea at St Raphael's, (Sunday March 6th from 2.30pm to 4.30pm - see poster on page 15 for further details), before you perhaps give up sweets and chocolates! But you may have to 'cheat a bit' - because Lent starts on Ash Wednesday this year on the 2nd March!

Tony Parker



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

Date	Time	Service
6th March	16:00	Evensong
13th March	12:00	Parish Communion
20th March	12:00	Parish Communion
27th March	12:00	Mothering Sunday Service

*Covid Update - 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. Face-coverings are no longer legally required, but many people are still wearing them for extra protection.*

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](mailto:geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk)

## Leusdon Memorial Hall

The coffee mornings continue to be very successful both socially and financially. **Unfortunately we will have to cancel the March one** as the decorators are in the Hall starting 24th February and they expect the work to take about two weeks. Therefore, our next coffee morning will take place on **Wednesday 6th April 2022, starting at 10.00am.**

Now some really good news, we have received grants totalling £3,150 from Teignbridge Council and Widecombe Parish Council towards repair and decoration of the Hall. We are very grateful to our local County Councillor, District Councillors and Parish Councillors for awarding these grants which will go a long way to redecorating the Hall in time for our centenary celebrations.

As we enter the post pandemic period we still encourage everyone to be cautious to prevent the spread of Covid-19 as much as possible. In particular we ask that anyone who has Covid-19 (or any other contagious condition) does not attend functions or activities in the Hall. Also if you feel it is unsafe for you to go out yet,

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we advise that you stay safe at home. This advice is to help keep the Hall a safe space.

The Whist Drives are also continuing (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 the **14th March** with Whist starting at 2.00pm. The cost will be Lunch and Whist £5.00. Whist only is £3.00 including half time refreshments and a draw.

As noted last month we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on June 1st at our regular coffee morning. During this time Geoffrey Fenton has agreed to play some music from the past 70 years, so I am now inviting requests for particular pieces of music you would like to hear. Please email your requests to me at the address below or bring them with you to March, April or May's coffee mornings. We are extremely grateful to Geoffrey for this very generous offer. In addition, if any one else would like to make a contribution either by way of poetry, readings or songs to this day please contact me. Photographs of past Jubilee or Coronation celebrations held in Leusdon would make an interesting display. I look forward to many requests for music and offers of help.

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.

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In the meantime, if anyone would like to discuss any aspect of the Hall please contact myself or any committee member.

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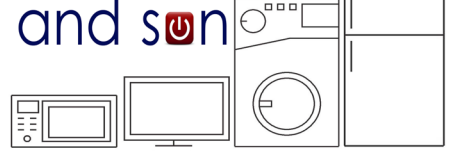
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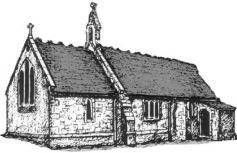
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## Rainfall in January 2022

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	91.5mm (3.6")	12	8th 24.5mm (1.0")
	(January 2021 - 229.3mm (9.0"))		
Holne	97.4mm (3.83")		7th 24.6mm (0.97")





# St Gabriel, Postbridge

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

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

Date	Time	Service
1st March	19:30	An Hour of Quiet Reflection
13th March	09:00	Holy Communion - BCP
27th March	18:00	Mothering Sunday Service

*Covid Update - Postbridge 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. Face-coverings are no longer legally required, but many people are still wearing them for extra protection.*

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](mailto:geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk)

## Postbridge Whist Drives - Held in the Village Hall



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Tel: 01822 880224

## Postbridge Coffee Mornings

The March Coffee Morning will be held on

**Monday 7 March at 11.00 am in Postbridge Village Hall**

*Maureen & Sheila*



# Church Services for March 2022

<b>1st March</b>		<b>Quiet Reflection</b>	
Postbridge	19:30	An Hour of Quiet Reflection	
<b>2nd March</b>		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
		Ashburton	10:30 Holy Communion
<b>6th March</b>		<b>Lent 1</b>	
<i>Readings - Deuteronomy 26.1-11, Psalm 91.1-2,9-16, Romans 10.8b-13, Luke 4.1-13</i>			
Widecombe	10:30	All Age Service	Ashburton 08:00 Holy Communion
Leusdon	16:00	Evensong	Bickington 09:00 Holy Communion
			Ashburton 10:30 Family Service
			Illesington 10:30 Holy Communion
			Ashburton 10:30 Morning Worship at the Town Hall *
			Buckland 11:00 Communiity Service
<b>13th March</b>		<b>Lent 2</b>	
<i>Readings - Genesis 15.1-12,17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3.17 – 4.1, Luke 13.31-35</i>			
Postbridge	09:00	Holy Communion - BCP	Ashburton 10:30 Parish Communion
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Illesington 10:30 Morning Praise
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	TBC 14:00 Moor Church *
Holne	18:00	Holy Communion	
<b>20th March</b>		<b>Lent 3</b>	
<i>Readings - Isaiah 55.1-9, Psalm 63.1-9, 1 Corinthians 10.1-13, Luke 13.1-9</i>			
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	Illesington 10:30 Holy Communion
			Buckland 15:00 Holy Communion
			St Petros 18:30 Celtic Reflective Service *
<b>24th March</b>		<b>Informal Communion</b>	
		Ashburton	18:30 Informal Communion at the Quaker Meeting House *

\* Services led by Ashburton Methodists. All are welcome!

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## Communion at home

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 Geoffrey.

(see page 2 for contact details)

### 27th March

### Mothering Sunday

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Readings - Joshua 5.9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5.16-21, Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32

Widcombe	10:30	Mothering Sunday Service	Ashburton	09:30	Breakfast Church *
Leusdon	12:00	Mothering Sunday Service	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion
Holne	16:00	Evening Worship	Ilington	10:30	Mothering Sunday Service
Postbridge	18:00	Mothering Sunday Service			

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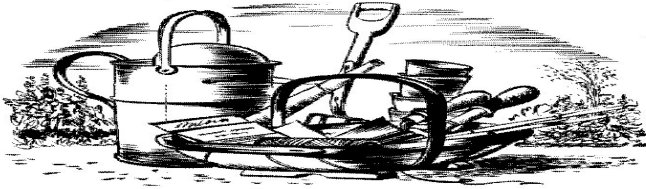
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**Church Services - see Page 22 for details**

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
6th March	10:30	Dawn	Emily and Will	No flowers in Lent
13th March	10:30	Audrey	Ali and Audrey	No flowers in Lent
20th March	10:30	Clare	Val and Richard	No flowers in Lent
27th March	10:30	Peter Blood	Judy	No flowers in Lent

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## Widecombe & District History Group

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

**Wednesday 2nd March**

**Doors open 7.00pm**

**Speaker at 7.30pm**

The speaker is **Mike Lang** on  
**“Newton Abbot – Moretonhampstead Railway”**

Contact :

Rose Mortimore: 01364 631238 or

Helen Barrow: [helenagsec@gmail.com](mailto:helenagsec@gmail.com)

Widecombe History Group Website:

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

## Widecombe & District Ladies Social Group

There will be a get together at the Church House in Widecombe on **Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm**

The speaker will be Dave Weymouth (he used to live at Ponsworthy ) and he will speak about his job **“Mushrooms”**

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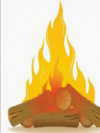
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## More Penn-Gaskells



Coat of Arms of Sir  
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Following on from last month's article regarding Winifred Penn-Gaskell, who was a resident of Widecombe parish from 1920 until 1949 I have now traced her family tree considerably further back and have discovered other interesting facts about the Penn-Gaskells.

In England between 1642 and 1651 a bitter civil war had been fought; King Charles I had been executed by the Parliamentarians who had seized power. During this period the Penn family were given land and a castle in Ireland, (Shanagarry Castle in Co Cork), by Oliver Cromwell in recognition of services to England. Many of Winifred's forebears were born at Shanagarry Castle in Ireland.



Shanagarry Castle, Co  
Cork, Ireland

In 1660 the "restoration of the monarchy" took place and the Penn family were also recognized for their support of the country by King Charles II. The King owed the Penn family a considerable amount of money but instead of repaying the debt in cash, the King gave Sir William Penn extensive lands in America. When Sir William died in 1670 the US land was inherited by his son William.

William (the son) as a young man had converted to the Quaker religion which was illegal in Britain since any person who was not part of the Church of England was persecuted as a religious dissenter. Penn was jailed on numerous occasions whilst maintaining his fight for religious toleration. After his fathers' death land in the United States passed to William. This enabled him to start his own colony where Quakers could practice their religion freely. The colony was called **Pennsylvania**, meaning "Penn' Woods", a name insisted upon by King Charles II.

The family name changed from Penn to Penn-Gaskell in 1761 when Christiana Penn married Peter Gaskell in St Pancras Church in Middlesex.

Admiral William Penn was Winifred's eight times great grandfather and Peter Penn Gaskell four times great grandfather.

My research has provided me with information about Winifred's two brothers, William and Percy, who were both commemorated in St Pancras Church in Widecombe. I will round off the Penn-Gaskell story next month.

*David Ashman, Widecombe History Group*



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## Widcombe & District Sports Group

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

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For more information about WDSG visit [www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/sports\\_group/](http://www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/sports_group/)

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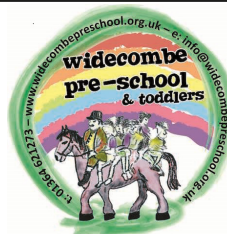
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Please state in your application your bid and the purpose for which you intend using the field and that you will be able to show evidence of insurance to indemnify the Parish Council against all third party liability and keep the field in good order including a lock to the gate.

**The Council will consider all applications at its meeting on 5 May 2022.**

## Widecombe-in-the-Moor Parish Council

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY 3rd MARCH AT 7.00PM IN CHURCH HOUSE, WIDECOMBE.**

***All members of the public are welcome to attend and speak at the meeting.***

The meeting will be immediately followed by the  
March Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm.

## WANTED



Widecombe & District History Group wish to appoint a secretary, urgently, to assist with the running of the group.

The duties will be primarily of an administrative nature; some computer competence would be of a great advantage.

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### Bible Study Group

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# Dartmoor Forest Parish Council

## Extracts from the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Housing Needs Survey** - Alex Rehaag (West Devon Borough Council) gave a short presentation on the Housing Needs Survey (HNS) which will be undertaken in the next few months. She clarified the purpose of this HNS is to establish a need for additional affordable housing within Princetown and asked for the Council's support in publicising it and encouraging residents to complete it. Cllr. Byrom explained it is important for the primary school that residents complete the survey as additional affordable housing would help to secure numbers of children attending the school, and therefore help future proof the community. Several Cllrs. raised the issue that the survey should not just be focussed on housing need within Princetown, as the Council covers a large rural area with smaller villages of Hexworthy and Postbridge. These have different and distinct housing needs that would not necessarily be reflected in the survey as currently worded. It was noted that although there are a small number of potential respondents within these areas, there remains a potentially unmet housing need. Alex Rehaag has taken the Council's feedback and will consider making amendments to reflect this. The Council are keen to encourage all residents to complete the survey once published.

**Speedwatch** - Cllr. Manning requested that Dartmoor Speedwatch, which he started in 2016 and has managed since then, be adopted as a Parish Council initiative. Council voted to adopt the initiative. It is hoped that this will help with any future opportunity to access funding for speed reduction resources and will increase the legitimacy of Speedwatch within the parish. Cllr. Manning will continue to organise it under the umbrella of the Council.

**Sitka Spruce Plantation** – It was agreed that the Council will facilitate a public meeting, outside of its normal monthly meetings, to enable residents to raise their concerns directly with the Duchy regarding the proposed felling of the trees near Bellever Close, Princetown. Cllr. Geen will be contacting The Duchy to identify a suitable date for the meeting, which is expected to take place in the next few months. The Council is keen to ensure that all residents are informed of the meeting, and so will be publicising the date and time on the parish notice board, website and Facebook page, once it has been agreed.

**CCTV Princetown** - A faulty camera has been replaced and a UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply) fitted within the system to prevent further damage from electrical spikes, outages or lighting strikes.

**Play Park Equipment & Lighting** - A replacement seat has been obtained and fitted to the Zip Wire. The feasibility of lighting some areas of the Play Park is also being investigated.

**Princetown Parking Issues** - Parking continues to be an issue all year round, and is worse at weekends. Key areas of concern are: parking on double yellow lines outside the Fish & Chip shop, parking for longer than permitted time outside the Post Office, and parking in residential streets rather than in DNP carpark where there is a parking fee. Council agreed that this issue needed to be reported regularly in order to attract more visits from CEO.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 1930 at Princetown Community Centre.

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

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## Other Community News & Events

### DEFIBRILLATOR Training

The two Defibrillators in the parish have now been installed for nearly 5 years. One is in the Bus Shelter at Widecombe and one is at the back of Leusdon Memorial Hall.

When they were installed we had a course on how to use them which was very well attended. Although the Defibrillator does talk you through the process, so training in it's use isn't strictly necessary, the people who attended the course all felt much better prepared if they found themselves in the position of needing to use it.

We have been very lucky to have been offered another course in the use of the Defibrillators, this will take place at **Leusdon Memorial Hall on Thursday 19th May**, time to be confirmed. This will be free but donations for the Charity providing the training will be collected on the night. Booking is essential as numbers are limited to 35. Booking can be made by contacting [sec.leusdonmh@btinternet.com](mailto:sec.leusdonmh@btinternet.com)

*John Southcombe*



### 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 for January 2022 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](mailto:Catherine@longash.co.uk) or text 07703274691.

## News from the East Shallowford Trust

We had a bit of a debate this week as we plan for the next group in which we have a high level of obesity. A quick google will tell you that in 2016, 39% of adults aged 18 years and over (39% of men and 40% of women) were overweight. Overall, about 13% of the world's adult population (11% of men and 15% of women) were obese in 2016. The worldwide prevalence of obesity nearly tripled between 1975 and 2016 and now is responsible for the age of death in the UK actually declining!! Hunger however, after steadily declining for a decade, is on the rise, affecting 9.9% of people globally. From 2019 to 2020, the number of undernourished people grew by as many as 161 million, a crisis driven largely by conflict, climate change, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hmm – so, generally the statistics are positive globally, but some is negative for us Brits. How do we translate this into social responsibility and behaviour change at an individual level? Well, the worst news is that our cheerful weather forecast states that it is going to rain and rain next week. Hard to encourage a group to climb up Corndon, to get the lungs pumping, the arms and legs striding or out on a night walk when there are only drops of rain to splatter in your eyes instead of wonderful sparkling stars!

Most of the girls who are coming have plucked chickens with us, know how to prepare a meal, but are addicted to sugar or perhaps more accurately, a need to 'give themselves a little treat' in lives which are complicated, often emotionally stressed, insecure and without loving boundaries and positive role models.

According to Hans Herren of the Millennium Institute, globally we produce enough food to feed 14 billion people (the global population is around 7.8 billion), but of course it depends how that food is used and how much is wasted.

So, we have more than enough food, but are biologically and emotionally wired to stuff ourselves silly and damage our bodies! The girls who are coming know the routine. We weigh all the food at the end of every meal, write it in our book and enter the group into the competition – who wastes the least by the end of the year? The aim being to eat the healthy food on your plate and not expensive, sugar-coated snacks that the teenagers hide and sneak into their rooms.

We have had one group in 2021 who didn't waste a single thing. Great team game.....

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works brilliantly with younger groups, not quite so successfully with the teenagers.



Everyone is asked to 'not put on their plate any more than they can eat', so we ask before we scoop out an amount, BUT everyone has to try a little bit of everything. You should see how many children hate the sweetest of peas, or whose parents clearly provide only chips and crisps. How the human body survives is a mystery (I could tell you about someone I worked with who

only ate Mars Bars..... But it has a sad ending!). We do the little where we can and we know a few children who have crossed the barrier into eating their first orange, a bite of an apple or one who dared to eat two whole green beans – albeit smothered in mashed potato!

The question is..... will we secure a little more leverage when our vege patch is producing real food that can be plucked from a branch or gently tugged from damp soil? Well, the boys have been building!



We just hope that by being consistent, showing care, support, providing alternatives to some of the negatives, that we can open new doors or perhaps different paths which lead to better choices. The mother of the lad who, after much whooping and encouragement from his mates ate a plate full of beans on his last day, did send us a message, 'He ate an APPLE!' she wrote! Made us all smile!

*Julia*

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## Princetown History Club

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

**1st Mar** A talk by Paul Rendell on "The  
History of Postbridge and Bellever"

**Apr 5** A talk by Dr James Fox on the Rev  
Bray's inscribed stones in Cowsic valley. A  
visit is planned for August

*For further information, please phone  
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Dartmoor based MED Theatre are busily preparing their annual touring community play, 'Peat'. Rehearsals are well underway in Moretonhampstead with their talented multigenerational community cast.

Temperate rain forest or peat-blanketed moorland? When an immersive theatre company seeks to encourage one more than the other, they get tangled up in local conservation politics on Dartmoor. In this comedy of oak and peat, featuring botanist Dr Ebenezer Pollen and archaeologist Beryl Cairns, can site-specific theatre and science somehow agree on the best route to protecting the future of Dartmoor?

Once again, MED Theatre seeks to bring communities together to consider pertinent social, scientific and environmental themes that affect the National Park and beyond. 'Peat' aims to engage and educate audiences about this current multifaceted issue facing the people, places and wildlife of Dartmoor.

Performances will be held in:

**Manaton Parish Hall on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th March**

**Chagford Jubilee Hall on Thursday 17th March**

**Moretonhampstead Parish Hall on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th March.**

Visit [medtheatre.co.uk](http://medtheatre.co.uk) for more information and how to book your tickets.

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

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March 24th	June 23rd	September 22nd	
April 28th	July 28th	October 27th	
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It seems to us that one of the themes running through this month's Link is about enjoying food! At Shallowford (p38), youngsters are being encouraged to develop a new relationship with food. And Tony's piece on Lent (p13) encourages us to enjoy Lent, in particular the Snowdrop themed Cream Tea at Huccaby! (p15).

It's reassuring that Coffee Mornings are now back in action, where of course a slice of cake or maybe a savoury fruit slice can often be found. At Postbridge Village Hall there is the monthly Coffee Morning on the 7th (p21) and a new venture, "Mini Market and Coffee Shop", on the 21st (p25). But beware, the Leusdon Coffee Morning is having a month off due to the Hall redecoration programme (p17). Then at Holne there are Easter Eggs to be found (p11) and the Holne Soup & Cheese Lunch (p11). And the Dunstone lunches (p35) should return soon.

But while enjoying ourselves, we are also encouraged to think of those who are hungry. Comic Relief (p3) and the Ashburton Foodbank (p40) remind those with plenty to help those with not enough.

The Link is delighted to be bringing you so many opportunities to enjoy good food and good company, while helping to raise money at the same time. Don't miss out!

*With best wishes from "The Link Team"*

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