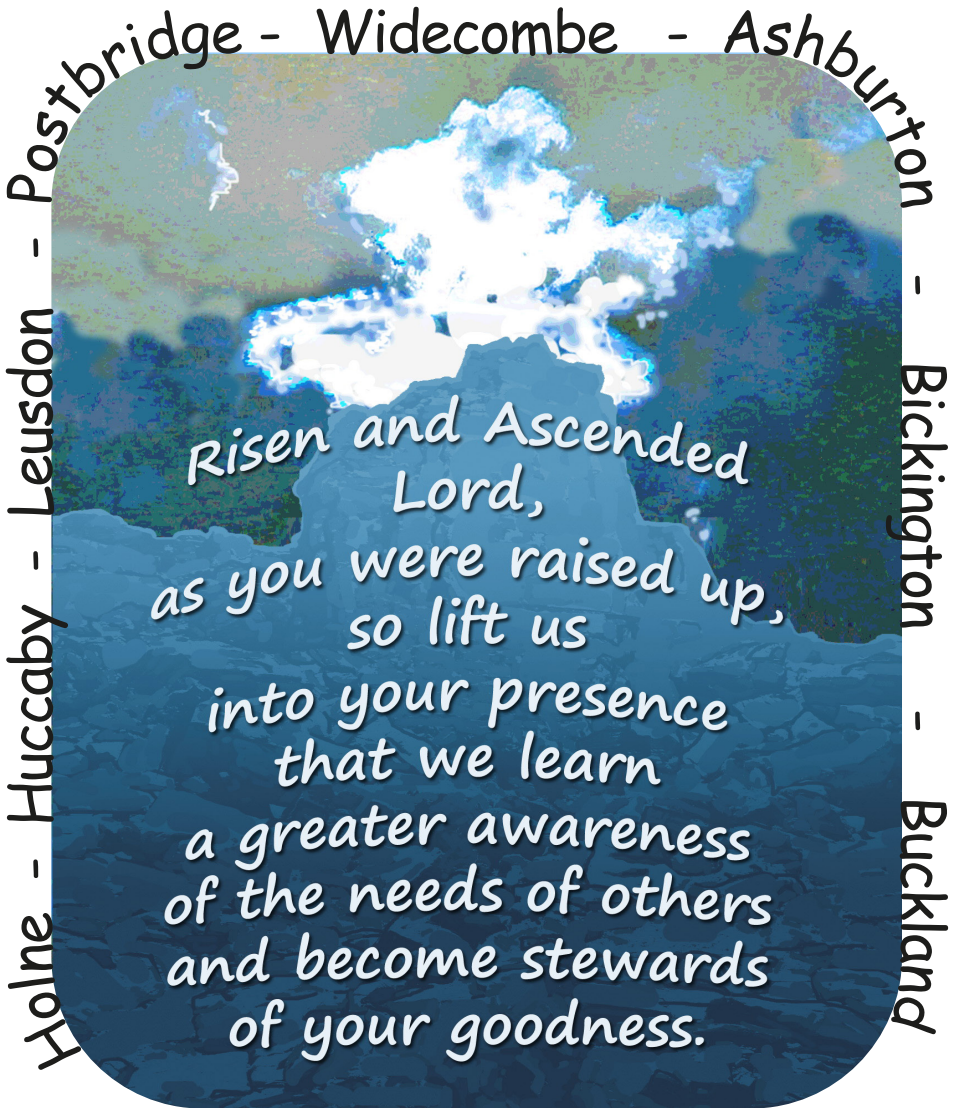


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The Parish Letter

The first of May is “May Day” – a day that has been celebrated in England for hundreds of years, marking the end of the cold and frosty hardship of winter, with a warm welcome to the coming summer. All over the country there are May Day celebrations, maybe with Maypole dancing, and May Queens being crowned on what is now the “Early May Bank Holiday” weekend.

I first encountered May Day when I lived in Oxford, sometimes attending the May Day celebrations with thousands of others, rising before dawn and walking to Magdalen Bridge, where the college choir sings a hymn of praise at 6am from the top of Magdalen College Tower (which at 144 feet is even higher than St Pancras’s tower in Widencombe, a mere 120 feet!)

The hymn begins “We worship you, O God the Father, we offer you our praise, hope of life returned to us.” The joy of Jesus’ resurrection is mirrored in the joy of summer growth returning.

Hearing the faint voices from the top of the Tower is a very moving moment, followed, as moving moments so often are, by partying! Morris dancing, street musicians, stalls selling hot bacon rolls, and then great difficulty in staying awake later in the day!

“Mayday, Mayday, Mayday” means something very different. To quote Wikipedia, “Mayday is an emergency procedure word used internationally as a distress signal in voice-procedure radio communications.” Can we imagine how many such signals using emergency words are coming from radios, phones, emails, texts and so on, sent by Ukrainians signalling their urgent distress when facing life-threatening situations?

I’m writing this in early April, at a time when the news is full of shelling and destruction, revelations of civilian deaths and injuries in Ukraine, and reports of torture and abuse. Violence perpetrated against people who only a couple of months earlier were simply going to work or school, perhaps looking forward to their May Day parties, in a country very like ours.

What’s going on in Ukraine is so terrible, that it’s liable to leave us feeling numb and helpless. But at the same time it’s triggering wonderful outbursts of generosity, raising funds for Ukraine in lots of creative ways – for example raising over £1000 by a rendition of “Uncle Tom Cobley and all” being sung on Widencombe Green. Many

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Church News & Events

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households locally are generously offering a home for refugees.

Maybe by the time you read this there will have been some meaningful steps towards peace? I do hope so, but whether or not these are happening, the world will never feel the same again.

However, I have been immensely impressed by the strength of the human spirit being shown in this terrible situation, and surely this can be celebrated? People in Ukraine standing up to oppression, speaking out against violence and injustice, seeking peace, caring for the weak and helpless.

Dare I say that, in the awfulness of the current conflict, there is encouragement in the number of people holding fast to these values, the same values that Jesus lived and died for two thousand years ago?

Geoffrey

From the Registers

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Date	Time	Service
1st May	-	-
8th May	18:00	Holy Communion and APCM
15th May	09:00	Holy Communion at Huccaby
22nd May	17:00	Evening Worship
29th May	10:30	United Mission Community Service

Parochial Church Council Annual Meeting (APCM) 8th May 2022

The PCC is required to hold an annual meeting to report on activities and elect church officers. This year's meeting will take place as part of the evening service at St. Mary's at 6pm on Sunday 8th May. Anyone may attend although only people on the church electoral roll are allowed to vote for church officers. There will be some refreshments after the service and the opportunity to talk informally.

The Parish which includes St. Raphael's at Huccaby, should legally have two churchwardens. Since 2015 there has only been one warden supported by a Deputy Churchwarden at Huccaby. It would be wonderful if there were others who might be interested in learning about the role and getting involved. The PCC is also keen to expand its membership to ensure that there is a good range of views to assist with running the church, deciding on the types of services which take place, and how it can support the local community as part of its mission to spread the good news about Jesus and God's love for the world.

All Churchwardens and lay PCC members have to be registered on the electoral roll for at least 6 months and elected each year. So, if you are interested in a future role in the church including any volunteering work to support the maintenance of the building and churchyard, or just want to know what is planned for the next year, please come to the APCM or contact the churchwarden.

The Annual Report including financial statement is automatically circulated to church members, but copies can be obtained from the Secretary to the PCC, Gill Gray.

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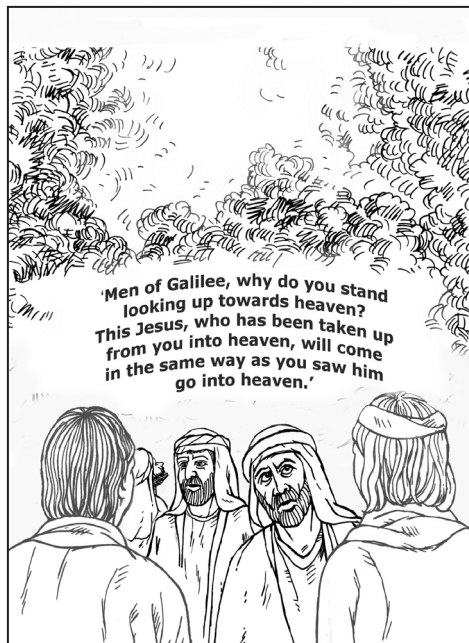
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It is very easy to take things on the doorstep for granted. Apart from the wonderful countryside around us and village amenities such as the shop, tearoom and pub, there is the church. Any suggestion that a village church should be closed inevitably meets with howls of protest, often from people who never cross the threshold except for baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

Holne is fortunate in not only having a committed group of regular church attendees, but an exceptionally historic and beautiful building which may be more appreciated by visitors than locals. The Kingsbridge Estuary University of the Third Age (U3A) group visited St. Mary's recently and were treated to a guided tour by Tony Parker. They were very appreciative of the history of the building and features such as the rood screen and pulpit. They left a generous donation and plan to return once the renovations have been completed.

This group is not alone in enjoying a visit to the church as the Visitors' book gives witness to. Please do encourage walkers and other visitors to call in and feel free to do the same yourself!

Gillian Parker





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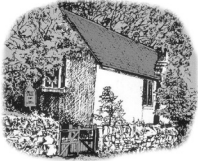
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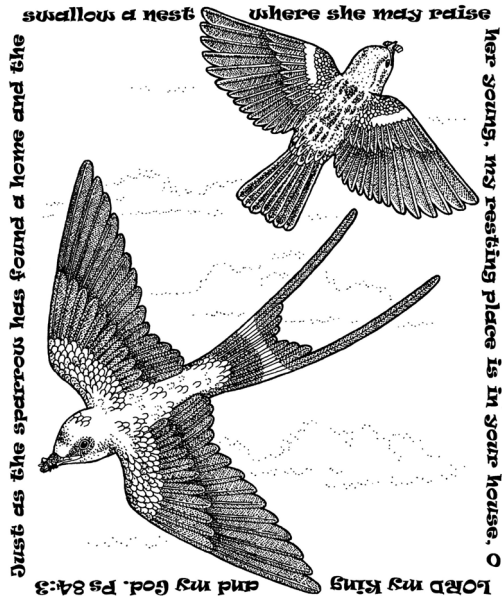
Brian Hibbert

Brian Hibbert of Huccaby House has recently died. Known to many in our small hamlets for over the last 23 years Brian and Anne have been great supporters of St. Raphael's Chapel in this time.

How do we capture the previous 60 years of his life? From an accomplished footballer himself, to long time ardent supporter of Brentford AFC - did you know his grandfather helped form and coach the Brentford Club in the 1880's? Brian as well as being as an internationally successful insurance broker, had many interests and networks – for example, being Chair of Widecombe School governors.

No short tribute in the Link magazine can really capture Brian. May he rest in peace. We offer Anne and all the Hibbert family, Brian's friends and former colleagues, our love and prayers.

Tony Parker



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8th May	12:00	Parish Communion
15th May	12:00	Christian Aid Service
22nd May	12:00	Rogation Service
29th May	10:30	United Mission Community Service at Holne

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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 in St Pancras Church, Widecombe.

Leusdon Memorial Hall

Firstly, I am sorry we had to cancel the coffee morning in April due to Covid-19. Hopefully, our next coffee morning will take place on **Wednesday 4th May 2022, starting at 10.00am.**

As we continue 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, we advise that you stay safe at home. This advice is to help keep the hall a safe space.

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The Defibrillator training will take place in the hall on **Thursday 19th May**. Final timings will be sent to everyone who has booked a place a week before the event. There are still a few spaces available and these may be booked by contacting sec.leusdonmh@btinternet.com

On Monday 23rd May at 7.30pm it is our AGM. We would love to see as many people as possible present to take the Hall into its second century.



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 May's coffee morning. We are extremely grateful to Geoffrey for this very generous offer.

In addition, if anyone 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.

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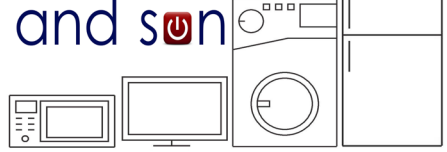
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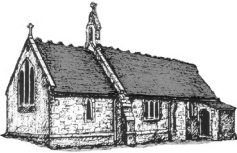
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Holne	153.33mm (6.03")		1st 48.6mm (1.91")





St Gabriel, Postbridge

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Date	Time	Service
3rd May	07:30	Quiet Reflection
8th May	09:00	Holy Communion - BCP
22nd May	18:00	Rogation Service
29th May	10:30	United Mission Community Service at Holne

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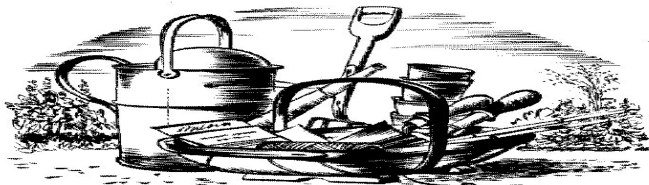
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Thursday 2nd June

Whist drive in Postbridge Village Hall starting at 7pm. £3 pp, raffle tickets for sale.
ALL welcome.

Friday 3rd June

Right Royal Quiz at the East Dart Inn, starting at 8pm.
Maximum of 5 per team, with a £5 entry fee per team.

Entries by 27th May by either email to
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Sunday 5th June

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https://www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/parish_link/index.php

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

Church Services for May 2022

1st May		Easter 3		White	
<i>Readings - Acts 9.1-6 [7-20], Psalm 30, Revelation 5.11-14, John 21.1-19, Zephaniah 3.14-end</i>					
Widcombe	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 (Town Hall) *
			Buckland	18:00	Evening Prayer (ADCM 17:15)
3rd May		Quiet Reflection			
Postbridge	19:30	Quiet Reflection			
8th May		Easter 4		White	
<i>Readings - Acts 9.36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7.9-17, John 10.22-30, Genesis 7.1-5,11-18; 8.6-18; 9.8-13</i>					
Postbridge	09:00	Holy Communion - BCP	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion and APCM
Widcombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Illesington	10:30	Family Service
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	TBC	14:00	Moor Church *
Holne	18:00	Holy Communion and APCM			
15th May		Easter 5		White	
<i>Readings - Acts 11.1-18, Psalm 148*, Revelation 21.1-6, John 13.31-35, Baruch 3.9-15,32-4.4 or Genesis 22.1-18</i>					
Huccaby	09:00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10:30	All Age Communion
Widcombe	10:30	Christian Aid Service	Bickington	10:30	Family Service
Leusdon	12:00	Christian Aid Service	Illesington	10:30	Holy Communion
			Buckland	15:00	Holy Communion
			St Petrocs	18:30	Celtic Reflective Service *
22nd May		Easter 6		White	
<i>Readings - Acts 16.9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21.10,22 – 22.5, John 14.23-29 or John 5.1-9, Ezekiel 37.1-14</i>					
Widcombe	10:30	Rogation Service	Ashburton	09:30	Breakfast Church (Church Hall) "
Leusdon	12:00	Rogation Service	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion
Holne	17:00	Evening Worship	Illesington	10:30	Morning Praise
Postbridge	18:00	Rogation Service			
26th May		Informal Communion			
			Ashburton	18:30	(Quaker Meeting House) *
29th May		Easter 7		White	
<i>Readings - Acts 16.16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22.12-14, 16,17,20,21, John 17.20-26, Ezekiel 36.24-28</i>					
Holne	10:30	United Mission Community Service			
* Service led by Ashburton Methodists. All are welcome!					

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)

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Church Services - see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
1st May	10:30	Dawn	Wendy Beard	Val Tame
8th May	10:30	Ronnie	Peter & Krissy	Val Tame
15th May	10:30	Judy	Brenda Boston	Wedding
22nd May	10:30	Clare	Debbie	Jenny Pascoe
29th May	10:30	United Mission Community Service at Holne		Jenny Pascoe

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 Singalong on Mothering Sunday



A big thank you to everyone who came to our singalong on the green in Widecombe on the afternoon of 27th March, Mothering Sunday. The team did an amazing job organising this event in just ten days, from printing the lyric sheets to making the bunting and flags in Ukraine’s national colours.

And an especially big thank you to everyone who came, who sang and particularly, who donated to this urgent appeal. Between us all, we raised £1063.55 for the *Save The Children’s Response to the Ukraine Crisis*. (NB that’s the correct wording for the charity name).

We are planning to do more fundraising events over the summer, so watch this space. If you would like to join our modest team of volunteers, please email me at dafedwards53@gmail.com

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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.

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

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

WANTED



Widcombe & 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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Widcombe Church House Management Committee

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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 Widcombe Church House Fund and sent to Sarah Reeve, Bonehill Cottage, Bonehill Lane, Widcombe-in-the-Moor, TQ13 7TD

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

Widcombe & 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.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/sports_group/

Thank you and enjoy your sports area.

Widcombe and District Sports Group AGM

Monday 23rd May 2022 at the Church House, Widcombe 8pm.

All members welcome.

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, Widcombe-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@widcombepreschool.org.uk



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Due to changes in my circumstances, I regret that I am unable to give this campaign the positive action it deserves. My sincere apologies to all the supporters who signed the petition.

I have collected much correspondence from both Devon County Council and other interested groups. This also includes a personal survey of all schools and educational centres on and around Dartmoor. Approximately over 30 institutions of which only 9 still have to endure the 40 mph restriction.

The problem not only relates to the school. I have sat for hours at the Sexton Cottage and noted dangerous circumstances when push chairs, wheel chairs, mobility scooters, plus people with walking aids struggle to cross from the Church House area to the car parks. Just being a slow walker puts you at risk. Sadly, it's a 'close the stable door etc etc' situation, as it can only be re-considered if it is recorded as a police incident. Therefore, probably one incident may only raise an eyebrow. Quantity is a requisite.



If anyone would like to try their luck, a big fat folder awaits you at Berrywood. The 2035 silent electric cloud is looming. You won't hear it coming! 'The silence of the lamborghini' is coming to a village near you.

Peter Rennells 01364 621302

Widcombe & District History Group

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

Wednesday 4th May. Doors open 7.00pm. Speaker at 7.30pm.

The speaker is **John Risdon** on "**Mariners Way**"

Contact : Rose Mortimore: 01364 631238 or Helen Barrow: helenagsec@gmail.com

Widcombe History Group Website: <https://www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/history/home.php>

Widcombe & District Ladies Social Group

There will be a gathering at **Buckland-in-the-Moor Church** on
Thursday 12th May at 6.30pm

Pat Watson is going to show you around the Church and talk about village life.

This is not a walk.

Admission £2. Draw.

For more details phone Rose on 01364 631238

News from the East Shallowford Trust

Building, building, building. We are squeezing our groups past the long reaching arms of the Manitou, the pigs are in competition with the 'beep, beep' of a reversing truck, and the revs of the little dumpers that have been used to laboriously tip urban compost and pig manure into painstakingly constructed beds to make our wonderful new vege patch, are competing with the necky, cock-a-doodling cockerels. Will we be completed, spick and span by 3rd May?

We have now been fully booked, back to back for seven weeks. Personally, I cannot remember a single child's name. Well, for those we know from Providence Youth Club, I stand a reasonable chance, but for the school children? They gain the sticky generalization of 'sweetie'. Luckily, David and Ellie have brains more elastic and adept than my poor head. I need Dumbledoor's pensieve! David and Ellie are just brilliant and Serena carries on producing food fit for a king, week in and week out.

Has the weather turned? Will we have a single flower or seed poking it's green leafy tendrils from a fleshy cotyledon in time to greet visitors on 3rd May? Due to strong winds, or perhaps any wind at all, the team has not been able to assemble to haul the plastic sheet over the newly erected polytunnel. Will's apparent amble across from Broadaford appears to be ponderously slow, but he out walks every child who attempts to race him. Backwards and forwards he trundles, swinging up into the digger to scoup up soil for the new raised beds, to answer questions, check final decisions and gently nudge and push our builders to be sure we finish on time. We have to finish on time! We have VIPs coming to open the 'New Development'.



The old Corner Barn, reinstated and extended. The Shippen receives a new floor, roof and some heating.

The aim of converting the East Barn, of erecting new Animal Barns and of extending the vege plot has been to enhance and expand each visitor's experience, make the learning deeper, broader and hopefully more lasting. It also means we have space to be outside in the constant drizzle and rain. Embedding change, whether it is developing responsibility for the grunty, stinky pigs or cute little chicks, is to extend the train of thought to finishing a plate of food, using the bones to make soup instead of purchasing something pre-packed in plastic, or switching off a light and having shorter showers following a 'three minute rule'. Choice, responsibility, opportunity, nature, better mental health are the overall elements of any programme. In the

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Dunstone & Poundsgate Methodist Chapels

Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369

Church contacts: Nigel Davis (01364) 631476 or Serena Walcot (01364) 631279

Sunday Service

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

Poundsgate - First Sunday of the month only, 3pm Zoom

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

The next lunch to be held at Dunstone chapel will be on **Wednesday 11th May**.

There will be soup, bread, Sushi, savoury dishes and cakes. All home made. There is no set price, you are asked to make as generous a donation as possible for the charity we are collecting for that month.

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meantime? The builders are under pressure and the deadline stands

I am feeling a little cheeky, however, we need help. If you have too many sprouted beans or peas, tomatoes or any other vegetable, any flowers to re-plant or pot on..... May you consider us for a donation? If anyone needs a spring job in a garden – then please let us know and we will be re-starting our vegetable garden volunteer slot under the watchful eyes of Serena.

In the meantime we have an invitation!

**All locals are formally invited at 2.30pm on 3rd May 2022 to
East Shallowford Farm to view the 2020-22 work.**

Please let us know if you are coming to ensure we make sufficient scones etc!

Julia

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



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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

Other Community News & Events

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We are always looking for more new volunteers to join our Members group.

We are especially looking for a person to come forward to take on the production of the Fair programme. The two people currently doing this are leaving the fold in July 2023, so it would be beneficial to have someone to understudy this year and be ready to take on the job next year.

Anyone interested please get in touch or come along to a meeting.

We are now meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Church House Widecombe.

Contact: Mike Pascoe 01364621333 or pascoewooder@yahoo.co.uk

DEFIBRILLATOR Training

The Defibrillators in the area have now been installed for nearly 5 years. 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 its 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** in the evening and will be free to anyone from Widecombe and surrounding parishes. Donations for the Charity providing the training will be collected on the night. Booking is essential as numbers are limited to 30. Booking can be made by contacting sec.leusdonmh@btinternet.com

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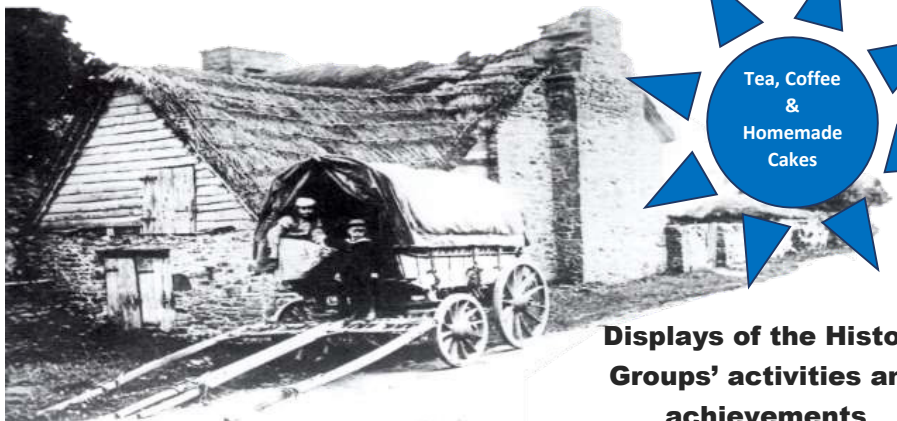


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South West Chamber Choir

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 www.trybooking.co.uk/BMZD, 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 www.swcchoir.org.uk.



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).

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Princetown History Club

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at 7 for 7.30pm.

May 3 A talk by Barbie Thompson on
"Dartmoor parole towns"

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

*For further information, please phone
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IF YOU CARE ABOUT THE FAIR AND HUMANE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS, WHY NOT CONSIDER JOINING THE INDEPENDENT MONITORING BOARD AT HMP DARTMOOR?

In every prison there is an Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) made up of volunteers from the community who are appointed to independently check on conditions in custody. They are independent of the Prison Service and are responsible for monitoring and reporting on behalf of the community.

HMP Dartmoor, in Princetown, is a Category C adult male training prison with around 650 men. The IMB at HMP Dartmoor is currently recruiting and is looking for people from all walks of life who live locally (within 30 miles) to join them.

Board members regularly visit the prison to carry out a range of duties to ensure that people in custody are treated fairly and humanely. Members have unrestricted access to the prison at any time and can talk to any prisoner they wish to, out of sight and hearing of a members of staff if necessary. A typical monitoring visit might include time spent in the kitchens, workshops, accommodation blocks, recreation areas, healthcare centre and chaplaincy. Board members also play an important role in dealing with problems encountered by people in custody such as concerns over lost property, visits from family or friends, special religious or cultural requirements, or serious allegations such as bullying. Importantly, the Board's monitoring at this training prison includes looking at the range of educational and vocational programmes.

Paul Snell, a current IMB member at HMP Dartmoor, says: "You see the criminal justice system from the inside and work as part of a really dedicated IMB team. Anyone over 18 can apply – prisoners come from all backgrounds and so should our members."

You will usually need to give about two to three days a month, but this can be flexible depending on your circumstances. Members are required to attend at least nine of the twelve monthly board meetings.

Whatever your background, if you're enthusiastic and open minded, have good people skills and sound judgement, and have a commitment to independence and inclusion, then you could be the person we are looking for. You don't need any special qualifications or experience, as the Board will provide mentoring, alongside training and support. This is an unpaid voluntary role, but expenses such as travel, childcare and loss of earnings are covered. Appointments to the Board are made by government ministers and you would need to undergo a security check before appointment.

If you are interested, you can call or text 07732 647 264 quoting Campaign reference 1232/Dartmoor/2022 for an informal chat with a current Board member or find out more on www.imb.org.uk Closing date for applications is 22 May 2022.



Dartmoor Forest Parish Council

Extracts from the meeting on 22nd March 2022

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

There will be a village celebration from mid-day on Sunday 5th 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.

Dartmoor Speedwatch

Fewer sessions have been possible so far this year, due to poor weather conditions but over the eight sessions that have taken place, 529 vehicles have been checked, with 111 of them exceeding the speeding limit. This is up from 10-12% in same period last year, to 21%. The max speed in 30mph limit was found to be 44mph, and in the 40mph limit the max speed was 59mph. Two vehicles were found to be without MOT, and one had no Road Tax. The majority of speeding was found to take place between midday and 1pm, and between 5pm and 7pm.

If you over 18yrs of age, with good eyesight, can spare at least 2hrs per month and are interested in volunteering with Speedwatch please e-mail

clerk@dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Speedwatch can only take place in fair weather and timings can be flexible.

Princetown Parking and Public Access Issues

The Council received a letter from a concerned resident regarding members of the public frequently trying to access the old railway track via a no-through private road. The Council agreed to contact DNPA to request improved signage to the public right of way.

Planning Applications

The Council resolved to support applications for two telecoms masts, one at Snider Park Plantation (073/22) and the other at Fernworthy (072/22), recognising the need for local residents in the areas concerned to have access to reliable 4g signal which is increasingly recognised as being essential for everyday life and work.

Annual Parish Meeting

This will take place at 1900 on the 24th 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 24th May 2022 at 1930 at Princetown Community Centre.

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

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ROTARY CLUB OF YELVERTON
SPRING UPDATE



The most significant event since the last update has been our collection at Yelverton Shops in aid of the Ukrainian Refugees. We are delighted to report that, thanks to the generosity of local shoppers, the collection together with other donations on the day amount to £1200. Distribution via Rotary International, together with funds raised by other Rotary clubs, will ensure that the whole of this money will quickly and directly get to where it is most needed. Contact has been made with 40 Rotarian leaders from Ukraine and neighbouring countries, a Rotarian global disaster response fund is in place and efforts will principally focus on refugees escaping the war. It is good to know that contact is made with fellow Rotarians where help is needed.



On a lighter note, we won our latest round of skittles against Ivybridge (albeit with some borrowed players) and have therefore progressed to the next round of the Rotary District Competition against Salcombe – whether we like it or not!

Our programme of speakers kicked off with a talk on 'The Prisoners of Dartmoor' which dealt with the history of the enforced occupants of the prison from its earliest days until now.

We were called at short notice, to assist with car parking at The Garden House for their Snowdrop Festival. Regrettably due

to severe weather this had to be seriously curtailed so a few of our volunteers were 'stood down' but we have, hopefully, established links which can be exercised again.

We are opening our Memory Café again but renaming it 'The Yelverton Friendship Café.' Meetings as before are held at the Briar Tor Community Room on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

The Rotary Club of Yelverton welcomes new members, for further information please contact: president@yelverton.rotary1175.org or see our website www.yelverton.rotary1175.org

Buckland-in-the-Moor Whist 2022

1.00pm Optional soup & roll lunch £2

2.00pm Whist £3 including half time refreshments draw

May 26th
 June 23rd

July 28th
 August 25th

September 22nd
 October 27th

November 24th

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As you flick through the Link, maybe after picking it up off the doormat, look out for the Platinum Jubilee Logos! These highlight the events that are celebrating this unique occasion. We suggest you get out your diary now and plan your extended weekend by using the list on p23, where you'll find a summary of all the events so far advertised (though we feel sure that more are being planned.) And then invite your friends to come and join you!

Choose from Fireworks, Beacon, Flower Festival, Picnics, Singalong at Leusdon Coffee Morning, Quiz, Sports, Bells – all in honour of our Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II – God save the Queen!

2022 is also the year when Widecombe Fair returns after a 2 year break – make sure the date is in your diary as well – the second Tuesday in September – the 13th. And then start planning your entries for the Produce tent – listed on p34. Whether you are a gardener, cook, flower arranger, artist, poet, photographer, knitter, sewing or tapestry person, get started now!

And don't miss out on the two-day Anniversary Exhibition on 1st and 2nd of May in Church House, Widecombe, celebrating 25 years of the Widecombe History Group.

We are very proud that the Link Magazine, every month, brings you a showcase for our community life.

The Link Team

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