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All on tap

Back in 1984, I lived in a house in East London with five others. One day the property owner, who also lived in the house, stomped angrily into the kitchen where we were all gathered. The phone bill for the quarter was over £1000 and he wanted to know why and how. The culprit turned out to be my roommate, Moses, a 20-year-old Kenyan who had been in England for just two months. He had not realised that using the telephone cost money and had been phoning home frequently to stay connected with his family. He was puzzled. At home in Kenya, when his family needed water, they either walked half a day's journey to fill their containers at the well or paid a high price at the daily water cart. In London, however, he saw that water was on tap- *inside* the house- and you could have as much as you wanted for free! Moses had used the telephone like running a bath.

Well, here in the UK this autumn, with Russia attacking Ukraine and shortages of gas and oil supply, we are beginning to see that the basics of life –water, food, heat, and shelter – are no longer things we can take for granted. Harvest is a time to be grateful for the wonder of God's creation and all that we enjoy, all that we are given. It is delightful to see the varieties of fruit, vegetables and the sheaves of corn displayed in our churches -a feast for the eyes as well as the taste buds. More importantly, though, our harvest thanksgiving is for the simple necessities we enjoy – a roof over our head; a bed to sleep on; clean water; food to eat two or three times a day. We are fortunate to have these precious gifts and have been reminded in recent weeks how many are without them: those made homeless after the floods in Pakistan, refugees fleeing persecution in Syria and Iraq; migrants looking for work opportunities, the thousands in East Africa facing famine.

The statistics are grim but accurate: we live in a world where one person in every four is malnourished, where one in three does not have access to clean water and thousands of children die each month through water-borne diseases. By comparison we are rich indeed. I still remember a sermon preached at my school by the deputy principal. Michael Charlesworth reminded us that if the 600 pupils sitting that morning in chapel represented the entire world population, then all of us would be in the front row pews. Even though there was a wide diversity of wealth even within the school community, he emphasised how everyone of us was in the top 1% of the world's population for resources.

I have been thinking about that sermon these last few weeks. With all that has been filling the UK and global news recently, I wonder if we may use this Harvest-tide as a time to renew our care for those who are marginalised and vulnerable. Part of our commitment may mean speaking out on justice issues. Some in our community have been housing Ukrainian war refugees. We can also support famine relief in East Africa through Christian Aid and

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Church News & Events

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other agencies. We can help our close neighbours struggling to feed their families by supporting our local Foodbanks.

This Harvest, we who are fortunate to have the basics: food, shelter, warmth, and clean water on tap will give thanks to God for his provision. The Gospel also compels us to speak up for the powerless and vulnerable and share what we have with our neighbours – both at home and across the globe.

+Mark

From the Registers

Wedding	Widecombe	27th August	Emily Wilks and Will Dracup
Wedding	Widecombe	17th September	Primrose Matheson and Iain Russell



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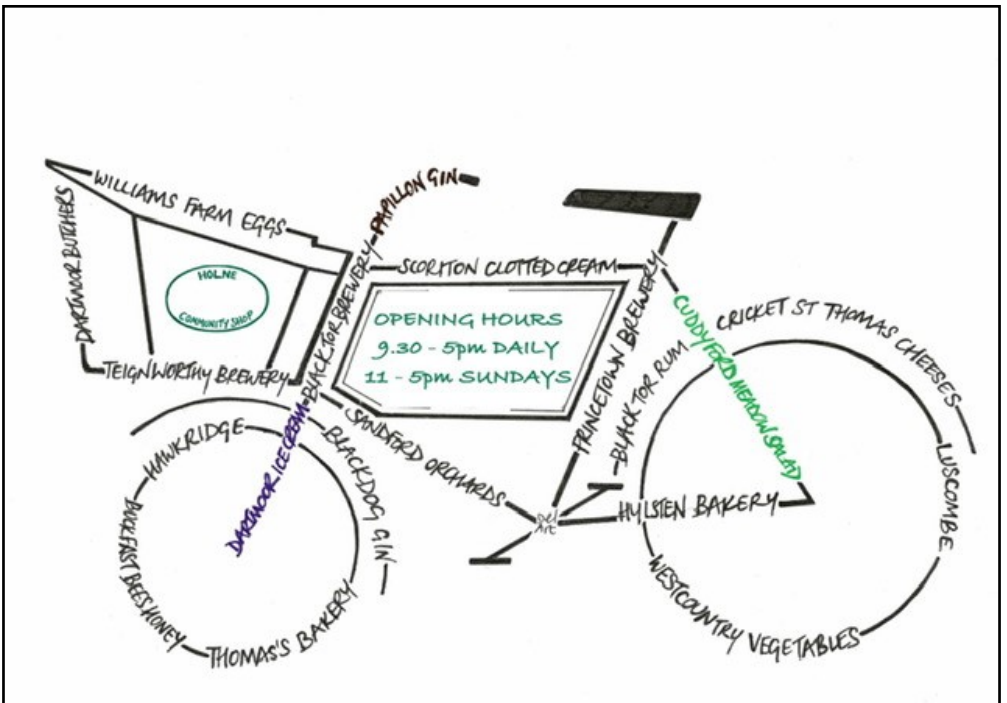
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St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Service
9th Oct	15.00	Holne, Scorriton and Moor Church Harvest at Newcombe Farm, Combe
16th Oct	15.00	Harvest Service- Huccaby
23rd Oct	17:00	Evening Worship - Village Hall, Holne
30th Oct	10:30	United Mission Community Service at Ilsington

Surprisingly for this country, the weather was lovely on August Bank Holiday Monday! So it was wonderful to be able to enjoy our 'walk and pray' service around the village. Starting at the church, nine of us followed in the pilgrim footsteps of St. Aiden by offering a prayer at every location used by the local community – the village hall, shop and tearoom and play park – finishing at the Church House Inn in time for a blessing and a drink before it closed for the evening.

We were delighted to be able to hold an animal service at Village Farm at the end of September. Many thanks to David Evans for hosting it. Our next open-air event is a joint Harvest Festival with our Methodist friends at Newcombe Farm, Scorriton at 3pm on 9th October.

Meanwhile, at the time of writing, the work at the church is progressing well and hopefully will be completed as planned at the end of October. As anticipated, once the scaffolding was up, a few additional jobs, mainly to do with the roof and its supporting structures were identified. If these issues had not been found, there was the potential for serious problems in the future.

Assuming no major hiccoughs, a service of thanksgiving will take place in November and we hope that you will all join us to enjoy and celebrate the skill of all those involved in the refurbishment and conservation of our beautiful church.

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Let's celebrate Harvest

There can be no doubt that celebrating a plentiful harvest this year might seem difficult, or even inappropriate. Not only the death of the Queen but, in many parts of the world food crops have not grown as expected, and in some places failed completely. The recent droughts and wildfires in the UK, Europe, Africa, America, Australia, and Asia – as well as the floods in Pakistan – coupled with the war in Ukraine which has reduced world grain supplies to a trickle, raises difficult questions as we prepare for our annual Harvest celebrations .

In Biblical times, Harvest was the time when people came together to pray for the right combination of rain and sunshine during the coming year so that the next season's harvest would be plentiful. This was what the last day of the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was all about. It was a time when prayers were offered to God for rain in the coming months to water next year's crops. It was the time when Jesus appeared in the Temple and shouted that the thirsty should come to him. (*John 7:37*) Jesus, of course, was referring to those who were thirsty for the Holy Spirit, while the people and the religious leaders were focussing on more worldly things such as water, the most valuable worldly item for them – and as we have been learning recently, for us!

So, let's not hold back on our Harvest celebrations this year, let's thank God for both the spiritual and the worldly food that we have received, and pray in earnest that the world takes climate change even more seriously because it is clearly climate change that is causing this year's drought and poor harvest.

Smile please! It's Friday 7 October!

Friday is often said to be the happiest day of the week. Traditionally it was pay day, the end of the working week. If this is true, then Friday 7 October could be the happiest day of the year because it is World Smile Day 2022, the day when we are all asked to do a small act of kindness that will put a smile on someone else's face!

And faced this autumn and winter with the worrying threat of the biggest ever cost of living crisis and the increasingly serious climate changes that are having a devastating impact on millions of lives throughout the world, there is a greater need than ever to share some happiness.

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Why not start by wearing a smiley face emoji that was designed in 1963 by an artist called Harvey Ball. He created the smiley face design for a local company that wanted to boost the morale of their employees. Let's boost the morale of all those around us!



Tony Parker

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2nd Oct	12:00	Harvest
9th Oct	15:00	History, Singing and Tea
16th Oct	12:00	Parish Communion
23rd Oct	12:00	Parish Communion
30th Oct	10:30	United Mission Community Service at Ilsington

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The Whist Drives continue, our next event is on **Monday 10th October**, starting at 2pm. If you would like to join us for a soup and roll or pasty lunch, this starts at 1pm. The cost for lunch and Whist is £5.00, for Whist only it is £3.00 which includes half time refreshments and a draw .

Some news about Whist in December, there will be no Whist at Leusdon or Buckland-in-the-Moor in December. We will be combining the two events along with the long established Betty Hicks Whist Drive and holding a Grand Christmas Whist Drive. This will be held in Widecombe Church House on **Monday 12th December at 1pm**. This will include an optional Christmas themed soup lunch and cake prepared by Claire and Marie who normally provide the lunch at Buckland. The whist drive will be in aid of a children's charity. More details next month. With Widecombe Tree festival starting on the Monday these two events could be combined, what a perfect way to enjoy the Christmas Festivities. And to start this all off there is the Christmas Carols coffee morning at Leusdon on 7th December.

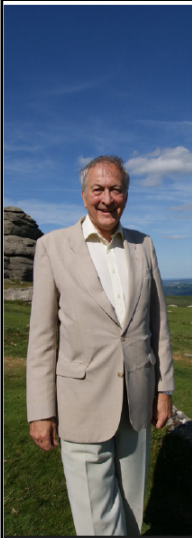
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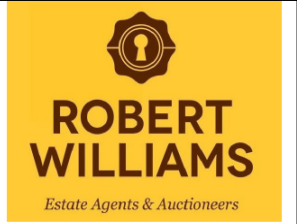
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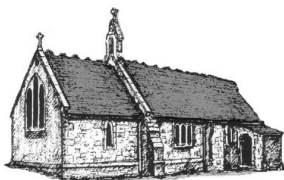
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St Gabriel, Postbridge

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ideally if you could contact Frank Martin on **01822 880223** or email pizwellfarm@hotmail.co.uk first, that would help.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Rainfall in August 2022

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	52.4mm (3.3")	19	16th 30.5mm (1.2")
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Holne	28.9mm (1.14")		15th 8.5mm (0.3")



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Church Services for October 2022

2nd October			Trinity 16			Green		
<i>Readings - Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4 Psalm 37.1-9 2 Timothy 1.1-14 Luke 17.5-10</i>								
Leusdon	12:00	Harvest	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion			
Widcombe	18.00	Harvest	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion			
			Illesington	10:30	Morning Praise			
			Ashburton	10.30	Joint Harvest Festival & lunch (Ecumenical)			
			Buckland	15:00	Harvest Festival			
4th October			Quiet Reflection					
Postbridge	19.30	An Hour of Quiet Reflection						
7th October								
			Illesington	18:30	Harvest Festival			
9th October			Trinity 17			Green		
<i>Readings - 2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19</i>								
Widcombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion			
Holne	15.00	Holne, Huccaby & Moor Church Harvest - Newcombe Farm, Combe						
Leusdon	15:00	History Singing and Tea TBC	Illesington	10:30	Family Harvest Festival			
Postbridge	18:00	Harvest						
16th October			Trinity 18			Green		
<i>Readings - Genesis 32.22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5 Luke 18.1-8</i>								
Widcombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30	All Age Communion			
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Bickington	10:30	Morning Worship			
Huccaby	15:00	Harvest Service	Illesington	10:30	Holy Communion			
			Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion With laying on hands for healing			
			Ashburton St Petros	18:30	Celtic Reflective Service * (Ecumenical)			
20th October			Informal Communion					
			Ashburton	10:30	Methodist Informal Communion *			
					Quaker Meeting House			

23rd October		Bible Sunday		Green	
<i>Readings - Isaiah 45.22-end Psalms 119.129-136 Romans 15.1-6 Luke 4.16-24</i>					
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	09:30	Breakfast Church * Church Hall
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion
Holne	17:00	Evening Worship - Village Hall	Ilsiington	10:30	Morning Praise
Postbridge	18:00	Evening Worship			
30th October		All Saints		Gold or White	
<i>Readings - Isaiah 1.10-18 Psalm 32.1-8 2 Thessalonians 1.1-12 Luke 19.1-10</i>					
			Ilsiington	10:30	United Mission Community Service
* Service led by Ashburton 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)

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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
2nd Oct	18:00	Debbie	Harvest bring and share	Harvest
9th Oct	10:30	Judy	Penny Whale	Philly
16th Oct	10:30	Wendy Beard	Debbie	Philly
23rd Oct	10:30	Clare	Clare	Audrey Mortimer
30th Oct	10:30	United Mission Community Service at Ilstington		

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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

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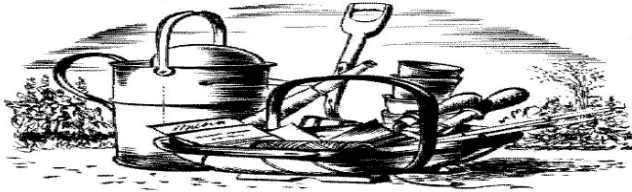
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Admission £2 Draw and Tea and biscuits
Please contact Rose Mortimore on 01364 631238

Widecombe & District Sports Group

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

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

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For queries re tennis phone Di Cameron on 621218.

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

Thank you and enjoy your sports area.



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,
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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.

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Widcombe Parish Field



As you may know, behind the public car park in Widcombe there is a beautiful field of roughly one acre which was donated to the Parish by Sir William Van Straubenzee in 1983 for the benefit of Parishioners. This year a team has come together under the auspices of the Parish Council to look into how to make better use of it than simply grazing it.

We have concluded that planting an orchard (which will be known as the Jubilee Orchard) of old varieties of Devon apple trees would be best, with a range of eating, cooking and cider varieties. We can then have various events

throughout the year such as Wassailing, a blossom party and a harvesting/pressing party in the autumn.

We are being supported by Devon Wildlife Trust under their Protecting Devon's Treescapes initiative. They are providing us with 25 trees free of charge, and a further 15 trees are being given to us by People's Trust for Endangered Species. We plan to plant the trees this autumn when water levels are right, following our launch party on Saturday 22nd October (see below).

The area will not be for use by the general public, but Parishioners will be welcome to use it by arrangement.

We would like to hear from anyone who has any strong views about what we propose, and of course if you would like to offer support or assistance with the hedge laying, tree planting and various maintenance projects which are required to make the area suitable for public use. We still need to raise some money for tree guards and stakes etc, so if you would like to become a Sponsor (£50 per tree), we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Michael Brown: mikebrown007@hotmail.com or call 01364 621223.



Widcombe Jubilee Orchard launch party

All Parishioners are invited to our Jubilee Orchard Launch party on

Saturday October 22nd at 3pm

in Widcombe Parish Field (behind the public car park).

Fun for all the family, with apple juice and cider tastings (and maybe pressing), music, refreshments, and children's activities, and a chance to see the field for yourself before we plant it. It is a lovely spot, with fine views up to the Moor, hidden away right in the centre of Widcombe.

WIDCOMBE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

This local charity founded in 1635 to help in the education of Parish Residents under the age of 25 also includes support for Widcombe primary school activities.

The charity can, and does, give financial assistance for anything to do with education, training and work.

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Widecombe Parish Council invites you to 'A CELEBRATION OF OUR COMMUNITY'

Join us on **Thursday 3rd November 2022 at 7.30pm** In Church House, Widecombe to celebrate our wonderful community and everything it offers.

There will be an update on the exciting Affordable Housing and Widecombe Community Hall projects and we have invited representatives from the huge array of local groups to hear about the wonderful activities which our community is involved in.

The evening will start with a Cheese and Wine reception and we would like to invite parishioners to join us in this first community meeting since the pandemic. We look forward to seeing you.

WIDECOMBE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This year's festival will be from **Saturday 10th December until Sunday 18th December.**

This means that the trees will be up for the Christmas Market, Christmas Whist Drive and the Carol Service, as well as the End of Term Celebrations for the School, Preschool and Widdy tots!

The trees will go up on Friday 9th December and come down on Monday 19th December

This year's theme is **"WEATHER"** which, as usual, can be interpreted in any way you like!

Entries are free and welcomed from groups, organisations, families and individuals. Entry forms will be available from the Church, Widecombe Gifts and The Kiosk

We will have a collection for charity during the festival, full details next month.

Please do start planning your tree, it does seem early, but the time seems to slip by very quickly after Widecombe Fair! .

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Sunday Service

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Poundsgate - First Sunday of the month only, 3pm. Next Service is being led by Revd. Kevin Hooke. **Sunday 2nd October**

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 are held monthly on the second Wednesday in the month.

The next lunch is on **Wednesday 12th October 12 - 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 donation as possible for whichever charity we are collecting for that month.

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 Saturday 7th January
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ASHBURTON & MOORLAND MISSION COMMUNITY

MOOR CHURCH

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- SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER
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High Moorland Women's Institute Princetown



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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 12.30.

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".

HMWI is gauging interest in their Christmas lunch for State Pensioners. **Please contact Catherine to find out more at Catherine@longash.co.uk or text 07703274691**

What springs into your mind with the name 'Arthur'? Is it perhaps a wee lad, effortlessly drawing a shimmering sword from a stone in wonder and amazement, only to brandish it aloft and cut the sky with piercing brilliance? Or perhaps it is a man in a coat of steeled armour, on a heavy horse thundering across an open plain, sword held high? Something about the name 'Arthur' tugs at memories, pulls in images, concepts and ideas. It is a heavily loaded name. An ancient name believed to be derived from the word "artos," meaning "bear." Wikipedia says that 'experts differ on its precision origin, the name can also mean "Thor, the eagle" and "strong man."

We now have an 'Arthur' at the farm! Sharing the 'West Wing' with David as our newest Resident Volunteer, Intern, trainee, although we regularly introduce him, as 'our latest victim'! Arthur arrived with tickets! Meaning we could theoretically leave him alone with a chain saw to slice through pre-felled timber (already on the ground) and a brush cutter to open up some of the fields where the earth has vanished under a thick carpet of spikey green and yellow gorse. We would not leave the poor lad alone for such tough jobs..... Not yet, at least! Having said that, we did totally abandon him to weed the cobbles outside the farmhouse. He set to work and has nearly finished, albeit a soul-destroying job on your own, hour after hour.

At least he had chance to sunbathe until last week. Which reminds me – we need three legged stools for ground work that otherwise kills the knees! Perhaps a workshop we should try to organise? Anyone know how to make three legged stools?

When we don't have groups visiting, people do tend to think that we have 'nothing to do'. No maintenance, no groundwork, no planning, fund raising, training and being sure we are compliant with the million Govt regulations that are now required for any establishment that welcomes visitors and even more specifically, children. Arthur managed to arrive just after our gillian summer visitors had mostly left. Meaning it will be a while until he experiences our normal school groups, the programme packed with activities in every breathing second and the diverse interaction with children of so many different origins and needs.

We ventured last week to show our respects to Elizabeth and Rosemary in the grave-yard

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Scrappy has joined our team, helping overcome anxieties and learning to give and love without concern.

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and Arthur said, 'Who is Elizabeth?' I stopped dead in my tracks, totally shocked! Had my introduction been so very poor that the name was not seared on the very inside of his eyelids? To be fair, David was also shocked and Arthur then did stumble a little and mumble, 'Oh yes – I remember, she and another lady bought the farm.' So he was admonished with a very quick history lesson between the church gate and the gravestones the stones need tidying up again!

Our Arthur has promised a year of his life to East Shallowford Farm. So far he has thrown yellow rattle across several fields, hefted bales of freshly cut hay from Runnage Farm to scatter it's incumbent seed over various fields to increase the variety of local flowers and grass throughout the Postbridge Marsh Fritillary area. Combining farming and conservation once again. It is a task so brilliantly outlined in James Rebank's book, English Pastoral. Although it is set in Cumbria in an area I know well from my youthful lambing days, it could just as easily be set here on Dartmoor. Stories I have heard of Richard Norrish come to mind when Rebank is talking of his grandfather. Someone who gave of themselves to the land and breathed the very soil and air on which life is so very dependent.

Of course Miss Braund and Rosemary had many volunteers over the years. Young people need to learn and long gone are the days when youth deferred to their elders for advice. I have a bad feeling I told you of the two chaps I worked with in the 1980s – Guy and Gordon. Brothers who worked a Farm between Basingstoke and Reading and taught me how to toss a sheaf of wheat on the end of a two pronged pitch fork, stack a straw rick the size of a house and drive a tractor with a binding machine whilst sending me, as the smaller person, inside the guts of an old threshing machine to clean out



Mushrooms in our veggie patch – whether we want them or not. Amusing many children as we hunt for the fairies!

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Buckland-in-the-Moor Whist 2022

1.00pm Optional soup and a roll lunch £2

2.00pm Whist £3 including half-time refreshments draw

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the days dust. As one of them always said in the 1980s (pre mobile phones and internet), 'The youth always used to find the oldest most respected farmer in the parish to ask advice on how to plough a tricky field with a wet patch, or how to be sure to make the seed grow where it was boggy. Now the youth think they know everything!' Respect..... is now only a matter of turning to a technical piece of equipment for a solution? Does advice not come with experience and human wisdom, nuanced to a specific locality and event? This is why our Arthur has been collecting valuable Devils Bit Scabious seeds from different farms, labelled carefully to see if there are any differences in germination rates or other differential growth. We will be collecting oak, rowan, silver birch, hazel, blackthorn, hawthorn and perhaps even ash from trees which seem to be healthy

Our Arthur may not be brandishing a sword – but we hope that when our next group visit, he will have become our expert in gathering and germinating seeds for the next generation. Our human species has much to learn from nature..... Arthur may rise again with wisdom to protect our land!

Julia

Desperately Seeking Cleaners

Shallowford Farm
making the difference

We are once again looking for cleaners who must provide attention to detail and be happy to drive to Widecombe in the Moor. Rate for an adult is £10/hour, with preferred hours normally being Monday morning and Fridays, but other hours possible. We always say 'cleaning is a good work out—and you get paid to do it!'

Please contact Julia directly on:

Tel: 01364 621 392

Julia@shallowfordfarm.co.uk

Princetown History Club

meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Princetown Community Centre at 7 for 7.30pm

October 4 "Ancient tracks on Dartmoor" A talk by Emma Cunis

November 1 A talk on Mary Anning, paleontologist, by Annie Pulsford

For further information, please phone Mr John Lissenden on 01752 847573 or

email jlissenden@talktalk.net Web Site: princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com

Autumn 2022 Update

Rotary Club Yelverton



As summer ends, we at Rotary Yelverton look back on a busy few months of community based activities.

In July, our club helped organise the final of the Junior Bake-Off at Princetown Community Primary School. This event saw the children learning, planning and cooking their individual plant based recipes. It was enormous fun, and some delicious food was produced by these amazing young chefs. Sadly, our final car boot sale for the year which was to be held on 31 July had to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Our Annual Fun Day was held on Wednesday 3 August on the moors opposite Yelverton Play Park. Although the day started a little wet and windy, the sun soon made its appearance and children and their parents/carers arrived to enjoy all the free, fun activities on offer. A total of sixteen local groups and organisations generously organised games, races, an assault course, stories, crafts and numerous other activities for the throng of delighted youngsters. We would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed to the day's success. A wonderful time was had by all.



Yelverton Rotary Club members with District Governor, Roger Heath

August 7 saw the Dog Show at Postbridge, and the Harrowbeer 1940's Weekend was held on August 20 and 21. At both events, our members assisted with traffic control and parking.

At our club meeting on August 10th members were given an inspirational positive talk by a local 18 year-old boy regarding the skills and confidence he achieved in attending this year's Rotary Youth Leadership Award Course.

We held a croquet evening for 22 Rotary members from Tavistock, Roborough and our very own Yelverton club on Wednesday 17 August at the Mannamead Croquet Club. A wonderful evening of fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

As the cooler months arrive, the warmth and comradery of The Friendship Café (previously the Memory Café) may prove welcome to some of our more mature readers. We continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month in the hall at Briar Tor where music and other fun quizzes relating to yesteryear are a regular feature. So, if you are (or know of) a senior citizen who would like some company and a good old chinwag over a (free) cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake, please either contact Terry on 01822 613145 or just come along. We run from 14h00 to 16h00 and would love to welcome you.

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

Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



Extracts from the meeting on 23rd August 2022

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

Due to the recent resignation of Nigel Tigwell, due to ongoing health issues, the Council currently has two vacancies to be filled in the Princetown ward. The first one arising from the resignation of Wendy Stones earlier in the summer. If you are interested in

- representing the views of local people
- having your say about the issues people care about
- making a difference and helping to shape the future of Princetown and the Parish
- deciding how local money is spent to improve the community
- being part of a team of enthusiastic and committed local residents

then please see the website for more information and details of the recruitment process.

<https://www.dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk/news.php>. It is hoped that the new councillor will be co-opted at the September meeting. The 'Notice of Vacancy' for the second Councillor vacancy was published on the 6th September with the notice period running until the 27th September, after which the Council will be informed if it is able to co-opt a councillor for the second vacancy at the October meeting.

Keep Princetown Pavements Safe For Pedestrians

Users of Mobility scooters, E-scooters, Skateboards, Cyclists and anyone else using vehicles of any kind, are reminded that if you are on the pavement your speed should be limited to walking pace (4mph) to avoid injury to pedestrians.



If you have concerns about anyone using the pavements in a dangerous or inconsiderate manner, please contact the Parish Clerk to log specific incidents.

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Telephone: 01822 859104

Email: clerk@dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk
Website: www.dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk

Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



At previous meetings concerns were raised about the safety of pedestrians; particularly the elderly, children or people with pushchairs on the pavements around the village.

The Council have created the poster below to be displayed in the village. Local businesses are also requested to ensure that their visitors and contractors do not park on the pavement in a way that obstructs the safe passage of pedestrians.

Princetown – Appearance of the Village

The 'tidy up' event held in early August was successful and Councillors agreed to make this a monthly event. Councillors will be litter picking, weeding and generally have a tidy up in and around the village on the first Sunday of the month at 10am. All residents are encouraged to join in and help keep Princetown looking clean and tidy.

Dates of next meetings: Tuesday 27th September 2022 at 1930, Princetown Community Centre
Tuesday 25th October 2022 at 1930, Postbridge Village Hall

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Business Directory

In each issue of the Parish Link we promote businesses across the Parish and surrounding area, these businesses support us and enable us to publish this magazine for the local community. If you are looking for a great local business then look below. Next to each business is the page where they appear in this issue. If you call them, please let them know you found them in the Parish Link.

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As we write this we are sharing the sadness felt across our community at the death of Queen Elizabeth II and our heartfelt thoughts are with the Royal family at this time. During her reign, HM Queen Elizabeth II was an inspiration to us all and her legacy bears testament to her unfaltering sense of duty and selfless commitment to public service. Queen Elizabeth was known for looking forward, and as we move into a new era and bear witness to historic events, we welcome our new Monarch, King Charles III, long live The King.

We would like to say thank you to all our advertisers who have renewed this month, we appreciate your continued support and hope advertising in the Parish Link is helping your business.

We have a continued diary of regular and up and coming events which we hope you are enjoying. We have managed to get along to some and it has been so nice to meet people and know we are a part of such a great community. We are always happy to hear from organisers and those who have attended on how your events have gone so don't be shy!! As we start to look forward to the festive season do take the opportunity to get involved in the pantomimes and other community events, there is something for everyone.

We will be seeking your input in the coming months for ideas on new content for the Parish Link, it would be great to hear from our readers what you would like to see more or less of, so put your thinking caps on and we will let you know how you can share your ideas very soon.

With best wishes from "The Link Team".

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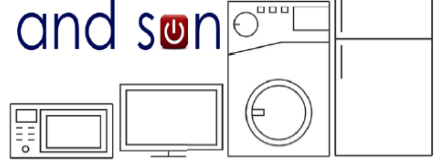
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