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The Parish Letter

Well, "What is this Welshman doing in the heart of Devon", you may ask? It is a story with many twists and turns, a story with much joy and sorrow, grief and blessing. But above all a story of God's goodness and faithfulness.

I was brought up in Cardiff, but much preferred being in the countryside than in the city: exploring the mountains of the Brecon Beacons or fishing by a quiet lake. It was this that drew me to farming. I worked on a farm for a year after leaving school before studying agriculture. I was brought up in the Methodist Church, but it wasn't until my first year at college that I 'gave in' to the Lord's calling and invited Jesus into my life as Saviour and Lord. After college I soon went into teaching agriculture, firstly in Northamptonshire and then Aberystwyth. I was married to Barbara and we had three children: Lucy, Tom and Sam. It was in Aberystwyth that we joined the Anglican church; we became very involved with youth work and music and mission and soon began to consider a vocation to full time ministry. After some 10 years of praying and thinking I began the application process for the ordained ministry; I was recommended for training and we then spent two years in Bristol studying and training at Trinity College. I was ordained in 2000 and worked for the first eleven years as a vicar in a rural community in N Pembrokeshire and also in St Davids Cathedral. We moved to Cardigan in 2011 where I was vicar and later Area Dean with oversight of eighteen churches!

At the beginning of 2018, after 35 years of marriage, Barbara was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She died within seven weeks. I was devastated and heartbroken but had wonderful support from the church and wider community which kept me going for the first year. It was in the second year that the grief really hit – I was at an all-time low and struggled to keep going in ministry. The Lord brought me through this and I began to regain a sense of purpose. Although in a practical sense I managed quite well as a single man (I'm not a bad cook!), I longed to be married again. With some encouragement from my daughter I went onto a Christian dating website and after one or two false starts met up with Katherine who was living in Plymouth. She had been married to Andrew, a Baptist minister, for 35 years and had been widowed just a month after me. We knew almost straight away that we would be married! On that first trip to Devon I stayed longer than I intended and only just got back to Wales in time for the Sunday services!

We married on 29th December last year and Katherine moved to be with me in Cardigan. However, we both felt that we should make a fresh start in a new place. With Katherine's mum and other family living in Plymouth we started applying for posts in the Exeter Diocese. The Lord saved the best till last (John 2:10) and so we arrived in Ilsington to be licenced on 13th July. In Romans (8:28) Paul proclaims this wonderful truth: 'We know that in all things

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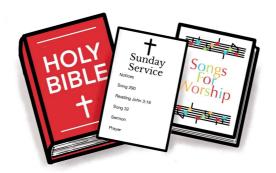
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God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose'. My testimony (and that of Katherine) is that God is faithful: he has worked through all the heartache and trials for his glory and for our good. We are truly blessed to be here and look forward to what God is going to do among us.

Yours in Christ John Bennett

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Date	Time	Service
11th Sept	18:00	Holy Communion - Holne Village Hall
18th Sept	17:00	Living Flame of Love at Huccaby
25th Sept	15:00	Animal Service - Village Farm Cottage, Holne

In the last few weeks, we have held services in the Church House Inn, the Village Hall and planned a 'walk and pray' service around the village. The closure of the church building has certainly allowed us to spread our wings!

Everyone enjoyed the informal service led by Heidi Lewis at the Church House Inn, especially because it included free refreshments! Tom and Tina made us very welcome, and the unaccompanied singing was greatly enhanced by the two Welsh holidaymakers who joined us.

The idea behind the 'walk and pray' service at the Bank Holiday weekend is to literally to walk round the village and stop to pray for our community and individuals. Whilst we do this regularly inside the church, this is an opportunity to demonstrate our love and concern for the community and its activities.

Our Saviour Jesus Christ prayed in the Temple at Jerusalem, in the desert, on mountains, with the crowds and in the Garden of Gethsemane. God is not confined to a building, and **anyone** can have a conversation with Him **anywhere**, at **any time** about **anything**. As Christians we believe that God hears and answers prayer – not always in the way we expect but in ways that is best for us as individuals.

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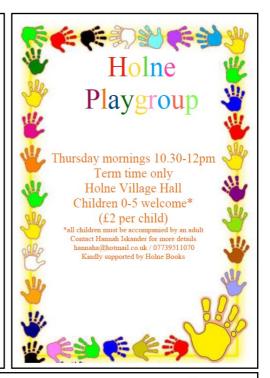
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The 'living flame of love' 18th September

We invite all, to a celebration of love & partnership, on **Sunday 18th September at St Raphaels Chapel 5pm.**

Everyone in our Mission Community is invited. This is a fully inclusive service so we can all affirm the positive value of current or previous loving partnerships.

(Led by Mark - so there may even be candles, a living flame of love!)





Living in love, whether it's remembering partners who are no longer with us, or those with whom we now share our lives, we will praise and promise to continue to be loyal, considerate and forgiving to all. So, in our homes, we may find God, and that in the ways we live, others may also see him.

St. Raphael's will provide our commitment to your and our love - we will provide celebratory champagne, coffee, and cake after the service! **Why not join us?**

P.S. It would be helpful to have an idea of how many bottles of champagne to order – so just telephone 01364 631507 or email anthonyfp999@gmail.com - to let us know if you will be attending.

Huccabilly: Saturday 3rd September from 2.30pm

You are also invited to a display of classic vehicles, hot rods, live music and a cream tea. It's all happening at Huccaby Farm and St. Raphael's Chapel!

The Huccabilly display of vehicles in our local farmer's fields celebrates days of yore – memories of classic and custom vehicles.

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Tony Parker



those with whom we now share our lives, we will praise and promise to continue to be loyal, considerate and forgiving to all. So that in our homes we may hopefully find God, and that in the ways we live, others may also see him.

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4th Sept	16:00	Thank You Service
11th Sept	12:00	Parish Communion
18th Sept	12:00	Parish Communion
25th Sept	12:00	Parish Communion

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Leusdon Memorial Hall

As summer days get shorter and the evenings draw in ,the Hall gets ready for the usual autumnal activities .After a long break we welcome back the Moorland Merrymakers for their usual rehearsal nights of Tuesday and Thursday, (starting 20th September) which will culminate with Panto from 10th -16th December, we wish them every success and are looking forward to their continued link with Hall which has already lasted for nearly 60 years. I am sure they will welcome any one who wishes to help with Panto either off or on stage, (see notice on page 17) The Parish council will continue their alternate meetings in the Hall on Thursday 1st September, again I am sure they would also welcome residents of the parish to their meeting.

Our next Coffee Morning will take place on **Wednesday 7th September**, **starting at 10.00am**. I would like to thank all those who came in August when we raised over £165.00 for our funds. Special thanks to the group of letter boxers who come every month and who I am reliably informed have placed a Leusdon Coffee Morning letter box near the hall

The Whist Drives continue (they are preceded by a soup and roll or pasty lunch at 1.00pm for any anyone wishing to partake). The next one will be held on **Monday 12th September**. Whist starting at 2.00pm. The cost will be Lunch and Whist £5.00. Whist only £3.00 which will include half time refreshments and a draw.

Should you wish to book the Hall, it is available for hire at £10.00 per hour, there are are special rates for regular users. Tables at the Leusdon Coffee Morning can be booked for £5 per table per session, further details can be obtained by contacting our booking secretary:

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My contact details are:

John Southcombe

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NEW DATE FOR LEUSDON DOG SHOW AND TABLE TOP SALE

Following our decision to postpone the Dog Show during the heatwave, for the safety of our canine participants, we are pleased to announce a new date.



The Dog Show and Table Top Sale will take place on **Sunday 18th September 12 noon-4pm**.



For further details or to book a table contact Amanda 01364 631 432



MOORLAND MERRYMAKERS

We will be starting our rehearsals for this year's Pantomime 'Hansel and Gretel' on Tuesday 20th September at 7.30pm, at Leusdon Memorial Hall.

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11th Sept	09:00	Holy Communion - BCP
25th Sept	18:00	Evening Prayer

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Maureen



Postbridge Whist Drives - Held in the Village Hall

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Postbridge Dog Show Results

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We raised £220.00 for the Cinnamon Trust and Rotary Charities.



(Photo left to right)



Reserve Best in Show was Rebecca Thomas and Barnum

Judge - Zoe Parsons Best in Show - Peter Williams and Thunder

Rainfall in July 2022

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	26.6mm (1.1")	22	23rd 9.8mm (0.4")
	(July 2021 - 168.3		
Holne	17.2mm(0.68")		21st 7.1mm (0.28")



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Church Services for September 2022

4th Septemb	oer		Trinity 12		Green
Readings - Deute	ronomy 30).15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21	Luke 14.25-33		
Widecombe	10.30	Thank You Service	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	16.00	Thank You Service	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	10:30	Family Service
			Ashburton	10.30	Methodist Morning Worship - Town Hall
			llsington	10:30	Holy Communion
			Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion
6th Septemb	oer		Quiet Reflection		
Postbridge	19.30	An hour of quiet reflection			
11th Septem	ber		Trinity 13		Green
Readings - Exodu	ıs 32.7-14	Psalm 51.1-11 1 Timothy 1.12	-17 Luke 15.1-10		
Postbridge	09:00	Holy Communion - BCP	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	llsington	10:30	Family Service
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Informal Worship - Town Hall *
Holne	18:00	Holy Communion - Village	e Hall		
18th Septem	ber		Trinity 14		Green
Readings - Amos	8.4-7 Psa	lm 113 1 Timothy 2.1-7 Luke 1	6.1-13		
Widecombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Joint Harvest Festival & lunch (Methodists and Anglicans)
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Bickington	10:30	Morning Worship
Huccaby	17.00	The Living Flame of Love	llsington	10:30	Holy Communion
			Buckland	15.00	Animal Service
			St Petrocs, Ashburton	18:30	Celtic Reflective Service *
22nd Septem	ber				
			Ashburton	16.30	Cream Tea & Communion - Royal British Legion Hut*
24th Septem	ber (Th	ursday)			
Postbridge	09.45	Ecumenical Pilgrimage Po	ostbridge to Dunstone		
			-		

25th Septem	ber	Trinity 15			Green
Readings - Amos	6.1a,4-7 I	Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6.6-19 Luke 16.	19-31		
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	09:15	Breakfast Church - St Andrew's Church Hall*
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion
Holne	15:00	Animal Service, Village Farm Cottage	Ilsington	10:30	Morning Praise
Postbridge	18:00	Evening Prayer			
29th September					
			TBC	18.30	Informal Communion*

Holy Communion

Midweek & At Home

* 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)

Dates for the Diary

Septe	ember 2022	Page
2nd	Holne Soup Lunch	9
3rd	Huccabilly	11
5th	Postbridge Coffee Morning	19
6th	Hour of Quiet Reflection	5
6th	Holne Whist Drive	9
6th	Princetown History Club	40
7th	Widecombe History Group Talk	29
7th	Leusdon Coffee Morning	15
7th	High Moorland WI Meeting	35
8th	Widecombe Ladies Social	27
9th	October Link Copy Deadline	
10th	Start of Devon Open Studios	35
12th	Leusdon Whist Drive	15

Septe	mber 2022	Page			
13th	Widecombe Fair	31			
15th	Postbridge Whist	19			
15th	Whiddon Autumn Festival Opens	35			
18th	Leusdon Dog Show	17			
18th	The Living Flame of Love	11			
19th	Postbridge Mini Market	19			
20th	Moorland Merry Makers	17			
21st	Dunstone Charity Lunch	33			
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Octob	October 2022				
9th	The Widecombe Singers	17			

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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
4th Sept	10:30	Beth Fenton	Beth	Penny Whale
11th Sept	10:30	Clare	Sue Darke	Penny Whale
18th Sept	10:30	Penny	Val and Richard	Wedding
25th Sept	10:30	Dawn	Judy	Wedding

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

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

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

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Widecombe Community Hall CIO Update

We'll be at Widecombe Fair with a stall selling beautiful craft items and raffle tickets for the chance to win a handmade quilt. It will also be the launch of our Supporter's Wall engraved stones, which will be built into the entrance of the community hall. Come and find us at the Fair!

Widecombe Community Hall Access Celebration

Saturday 24th September 2022, 2-6pm on Hayes Field

Generous funding received from Awards for All will make available a selection of taster classes to showcase what the hall could host when it is fully built. Come and get a feel for this fantastic community asset and the work completed to date. Marguees in case of wet weather!

* BBQ * Tea & Cakes * Garden Games * Music * Kids activities & crafts * Tombola * and more

Enter our poetry competition to win a £60 Ullacombe Farm prize voucher! Submissions on the theme of 'Widecombe Community' to pollymcafee@gmail.com by Sunday 17th September please. Entries will be voted for, on the day, by everyone attending the event.

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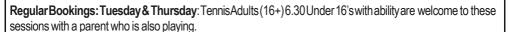
There will be a gathering at the Church House on **Thursday 8th September at 7.30 pm** for a talk by Marc Hoskin, carpenter. He will explain how he creates signs (footpaths etc) for the National Park and his history.

Draw and Tea /coffee
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.



For queries re tennis phone Di Cameron on 621218.

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

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

Thank you and enjoy your sports area.

WIDDYTOTS

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

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

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

Your first session is free and then it is £3 per child and £1 for each sibling. For more information please call the preschool on 01364 621273 during session times Tuesday or Friday, or email info@widecombepreschool.org.uk



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WIDECOMBE FAIR PRODUCE SCHEDULE 2022

VEGETABLES LOCALLY GROWN HERMON FRENCH SILVER SALVER

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

FLOWERS

(class 15 to 18 locally grown)

- 15. 3 Dahlias
- A single rose stem
- A single stem, any flower
- A vase of mixed flowers.
 stems (3 of each)
- A Pot plant. In flower or just foliage.
- A vase of wild flowers
- An arrangement of flowers in an unusual container
- Flower arrangement in a teacup
- Standard flower arrangement



ART AND CRAFT CLASSES OPEN TO ALL

Gordon Daw Memorial Trophy

- 24. A knitted woven or crocheted item
- 25. A needlework item
- 26. A pencil sketch
- 27. A painting. Any subject, any medium
- 28. A photo. 'Animals with attitude!'
- 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
- A vegetable animal
- Mr or Miss Potatohead
- 35. 4 decorated cup cakes
- 36. A lego model
- 37. A model made from recycled materials

HOME PRODUCE LOCAL ENTRANTS

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The Rose Bowl.

- 38. 2 danish pastries (any type)
- 39. 4 chelsea buns
- 40. Traditional Victoria sponge
- 41. A plate of cheese straws
- 42. 4 decorated cup cakes
- 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



WIDECOMBE FAIR PRODUCE CONDITIONS OF ENTRY



- 1. The Judges decision will be final in all cases.
- Exhibitors may show all vegetables as they wish, trimmed or untrimmed unless stated in the schedule.
- 3. Only one entry per exhibitor in each class.
- 4. Entries to be staged by 9.00 a.m.
- 5. The marquee will be cleared at 9.30 a.m. of all competitors. Only officials to remain until judges have finished.
- 6. Exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor and either grown by them or in their possession for three months (Cakes, bread, flower arrangements and handicrafts must have been produced by the exhibitor).
- 7. Constitution of the Exhibit: it must be as per schedule, neither more or less than the number or quantity.
- 8. Any exhibit not as schedule will be disqualified.
- 9. After judging, no entry to be altered or moved until the end of the show.
- 10. Exhibits may be removed between 4.30 and 5.00 p.m..
- 11. The show committee wish to make it clearly understood that they will not be responsible for any accident occurring to spectators or for the damage or loss of property.
- 12. The judges have the power to withhold any prize if the exhibits are not in their opinion of sufficient merit.
- 13. The Committee reserve the right to visit exhibitors plot or gardens.
- 14. Points to be 3=1st, 2=2nd, 1=3rd. To be calculated for the trophies.

ENTRY FREE

Prize money for children's classes only 1st - £3.00, 2nd. £2,00 3rd £1.00

Please state age of child when entering.

- * Highest points in classes 1 to 14 for the Silver Salver.
- * Highest points for classes 15 to 23 Flowers
- Highest points in classes38 to 47 for the Rose Bowl.
- * Best vegetable exhibit for the Joan Perkins memorial cup.
- * Children's under 7 for the Tame Perpetual Challenge Cup.
- Children aged 8 to 11 for the Hutchins Cup.
- Highest points for Arts and Crafts Classes 24 to 31 for the Gordon Daw Memorial Cup.

ENTRY FORM (or on any sheet of paper)

Entries to Mrs Jenny Pascoe. Wooder Bungalow. Widecombe. Tel. 01364 621333.

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Sunday Service

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

Poundsgate - First Sunday of the month only, 3pm. Next Service intended to be our **Harvest Thanksgiving Service**, **Sunday 4th September 3pm**. TBC

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.

To give everybody a rest after the delights of Widecombe Fair we will hold the next charity lunch a week later than usual on **Wednesday 21st September 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.

Cook Wanted



Working with groups of disadvantaged young people, mostly from cities, who are not used to sitting around a table and sharing a home cooked meal, we are looking for a cook who can bake and prepare home meals for between 20-30 people at a time. Being our cook means becoming one of the team and also working with young people to encourage good nutrition and improved healthy eating habits.

Hours are variable and can be topped up with cleaning if needed. Flexibility will be essential along with own transport to Widecombe (we are about 2 miles out of Widecombe in the Moor).

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Other Community News and Events





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High Moorland Women's Institute Princetown



We are a small friendly group of 16 ladies 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 12.30. 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 are collecting names of State pensioners in the Parish for their State pensioner Christmas Celebrations.. If you would like to be involved/more information about this, or the group, please contact Catherine at Catherine@longash.co.uk or text 07703274691

News from the East Shallowford Trust



Being of a certain age (which is naturally to be enjoyed), I remember lovingly that 1980 song that starts 'Flash...ahaaaa, saviour of the Universe, ahhaaa, he'll save everyone of us...he's a miracle, ahhhaaaa...king of the impossible' slight misquote there, but it's a song that is regularly sung around the kitchen as Flash arrives promptly in the morning to ensure a hearty breakfast for our good visitors who need sustenance having hauled on their wellies and green trousers to feed the pigs, chickens, cows – anything else that is on the early morning agenda. And truly, Flash has been our saviour over the last year or more!! How to thank a true rescuer... back to that little, two syllable word, 'thankyou' meaning so very much!!



In truth, we know it is going to be hard to find a cook, after all, who on earth could replace Serena? For the moment we can muddle along, as Flash rescues us in the morning when he is free and sometimes in the evening when we are desperate. What is interesting is to see the dedication of the entire Shallowford Team of which Judy and Flash are supporters in a regular and essential role. Cakes, cooking, sewing enables the team to flip from being a skilled chicken plucker, to deft bed maker, spotless fridge cleaner to listener of teenage angst and enthusiast for bugs, inspiring hands to feel lumpy or smooth bark on trees, feeling nature rather than hiding from it's perceived threat to nervous young people's senses. You cannot say that life on a farm is not varied!!

Our good local clergymen encouraged a lunch at the end of July at the farm and hopefully out of this will come more regular opportunities to volunteer. At least a chance for something social whilst giving us a hand to keep the farm well maintained. We need a 'reboot' after Corona Virus to re-inspire everyone. Although having said that, it's usually rain that puts a stopper on outdoor gatherings, but the last couple of weeks has been such a phenomenal scorcher leaving our new veggie patch truly gasping. It is only green by clinging to the last drops of water sparingly sprinkled very late at night. Who wants to pull weeds and chop brittle hedges in 30 degrees?

The volunteer group is being headed up by Sally Hyne who will start e-mailing a few people to try and encourage something regular. The fun will be in getting 'things done' and enjoying being mostly outdoors for a while!! With the new Corner Barn we hope we can be outside more in the winter as well... Can anyone even remember cold, ice biting, mizzle? It's hard when it's this hot. But it will return...It's Dartmoor...The rain cannot stay away for ever!

So... as we receive funding from wonderful people, some trusts and foundations and of course for our own learning and accountability, we ask for feedback at the end of residential trips. Trying to gain really 'useful' feedback is tricky.

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We now know that the biggest fear before anyone comes is ... 'the smell'... 'getting covered in dirt'... and interestingly, one group, independently, two boys thought they would be sleeping in straw! So, by way of entertainment, please find some quotes from a Bristol group!



I want to remember that I am:

Not a good food waster and not eating junk food all the time

Connected to nature. I want to remember to try new things and to never give up. Only using your mistakes as fuel to boost your fire.

Not going to waste food and remember that nature is SO important to life. Also that I'm the same as everyone else

When I get back to school, I will:

Try new things and explore the beautiful world that surrounds us as well as preventing litter and food waste.

Tell my friends to think about their environments and surroundings. At school I will try not to waste food and unnecessarily eat processed or unhealthy food I don't need to. I will try to tidy up more and just be a happier better person around my friends and family.

Tell my friends and family what I did and make them jealous and tell them that we were trouble makers but then sorted it



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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
September 22nd October 27th
November 24th



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This is what the residential meant to me:

I have realized that nature is like a person and that it needs to be treated with respect.

Focus more on not wasting food and put others before me.

Home, peace, shelter, protection.

I have realized that nature is like a person and that it needs to be treated with respect.

The house was great, the rooms were like a fancy hotel but in a farm.

Doing actions that I would never think be possible if I didn't come to this unique farm.

CHANGED MY LIFE. The residential really changed my way of thinking for good and I just really enjoyed it ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

The farm was a really enjoyable place to come, and was interesting to hear and learn about the animals and how we as humans have come so far from what we re meant to be. I think this trip has really helped to bring us back to that, and remind us how lucky we are but also to be that lucky we need to give a little to have a little. They really made us aware and conscious about nature and how much its constantly changing around us, in good ways and bad.

Everything is better outdoors! Do you agree? Yes....... No....... I could smell poo, touch animals and nothing but science (no – don't agree): note this quote came from a lad who has visited twice and was elected 'night walk leader. He was brilliant – but it's not cool to be positive!

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The course will be led by Award Winning Coach and founder of Clarity Coaching, Clare Palmer. At the end of the course, five lucky participants will receive an additional three months of one-to-one business support from Clare herself.

The course starts on **Thursday 8th September** and runs in person and online every Thursday at 10am. And if you can't attend, you can watch all of the webinars on the BIPC website.

For more information and to book go to https://bipc.librariesunlimited.org.uk/

MED Theatre's Everyday Heritage project

Dartmoor has a rich history of working life including farming, dry stone walling, mining and coal production, which has often been romanticised in the media and the arts.

In partnership with local museums, history groups and volunteers MED Theatre is launching a new project to research the lives of local people from across the moor's past and present bringing to light the stark reality of living and working rurally.

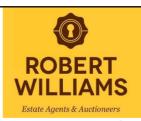
To kick off the project we are holding an open community meeting welcoming anybody interested in local heritage, who has their own stories to share or who might be wishing to volunteer.

Monday 12th September, 7–8.30pm, Moretonhampstead Parish Hall.

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Princetown History Club

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

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

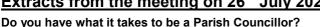
October 4 "Ancient tracks on Dartmoor" A talk by Emma Cunis.

Forfurther information, please phone Mr John Lissenden on 01752847573 or

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

Dartmoor Forest Parish Council





There is still one Councillor vacancy to be filled in the Princetown ward. 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.

Road Closures and Diversions

Once again this issue was raised by residents who have faced lengthy and sometimes un-necessary diversions due to the poor signage regarding road closures. Recent 'Road Closed' signs placed on the B3357 at Princetown, relating to a closure nr Tavistock meant that road users were diverted via Yelverton, when in fact most could have accessed Tavistock via the golf course road if details of the actual location of the closure was available at the road closed sign. 'Road closed' and 'Diversion' signs are often left in place after the road has been re-opened which leads to confusion and frustration. Council agreed to contact DCC Highways to make them aware of the issue of closing one of the main arterial roads across the moor without giving sufficient information at the sign for locals to make informed decisions about taking the diversion or if it is in fact possible to get to their intended destination.

Princetown - Appearance of the Village

A number of concerns have been raised by residents regarding the appearance of the village. These include an increase in dog fouling, weeds and litter on the roads and pavements, and St Michaels Churchyard being overgrown. In response, the Council rallied a small team of volunteers on a Sunday morning in early August to tackle the worst of the weeds and litter along Tavistock Road. It is hoped that this could become a monthly occurrence, and residents are encouraged to join in. Additional signs will be placed in the worst areas for dog fouling, reminding owners to 'pick up after their pooches'. The Churchyard is the responsibility of Walkhampton Parochial Church Council, and DFPC is currently in communications with Reverend Andrew Thomas, to come to a mutually agreeable solution which maintains the churchyard in a tidy and respectful manner.

Dates of next meetings: Tuesday 23rd August 2022 at 1930, Princetown Community Centre Tuesday 27th September 2022 at 1930, Postbridge Village Hall

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Last . . . but not least . . .



Well what a very hot August it has been, although the heat brings many challenges we hope you are enjoying the summer. There are many activities and events happening in the parish so take a look at the calendar on page 23!! Whatever your interest there is something for you, or perhaps you have an event you want to share. If so drop us a line as our readers won't know what's going on unless you tell us and we tell them!!

The Link also has some news: we would like to welcome Fiona and Debbie to the editorial team

Fiona has lived in the parish with her family, at Hannaford, for 17 years. Recently retired she answered our appeal for new helpers with the Link'

Debbie in comparison is new to the moor, she and partner Adrian and their small flock of chickens arrived in December 2020. With life getting back to normal Debbie is looking forward to meeting more locals, getting involved in the community and exploring the moor.

Fiona and Debbie have their work cut out to follow in the footsteps of Peter, who has been sole editor for 3 years!. Although Peter will still be a big part of the Link (he cannot get away that easily!) we say a big 'thank you' for the dedication and hardwork given to the Link

We are all very much looking forward to the Widecombe Fair, and we hope to see you there. Whatever your age or talent, a grower, crafter or baker, there is something for everyone.

With best wishes from "The Link Team".

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