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### The Parish Letter

I wonder if you've noticed that occasionally something so good happens to you that you want to tell everyone about it? Something so exciting, you can't keep it to yourself, you must share it with others. Your family, the neighbours, the people you meet in the shop – it just spills out like an overflowing fountain!

For me, it can be something simple like finding a new wild flower for the first time – like when I found the beautiful, bright blue Spring Gentian flowering in the harsh limestone pavement in the West of Ireland. This perfect flower has been flowering every spring for thousands of years – I knew about it, but seeing it for myself was just amazing. I couldn't wait to tell people. But then, I'm a botanist!

I wonder what you've been thrilled by?

Getting engaged? Having a baby? Unexpectedly going into a room and finding a surprise birthday party for you? Going in a hot-air balloon? Getting tickets to see your favourite band? Passing your driving test?

Whatever it is, telling someone about your good fortune makes all the difference, doesn't it? They say a problem shared is a problem halved – so perhaps a joyful experience shared is an experience doubled? As you tell someone, you'll probably see their face light up, they'll smile with you, they'll catch your enthusiasm.

Perhaps you find this happening as the Easter Weekend approaches? Four days off work, family and friends to visit, Easter Eggs to hunt for the little ones, too much chocolate (if that's possible?). All in the context of, hopefully, warm and sunny Spring weather.

"What are you doing at Easter?" might well be a question you'd ask, and you might well get a cheerful answer – certainly that's what I mostly get if I ask students that question when I'm visiting South Dartmoor College as a Chaplain.

But for some, sadly, there may be no-one obvious to share things with; health or mobility might well be an issue, difficult times might be a burden. Sharing good news with someone should make the world a happier place, but it also can bring us up short when we realise we're talking to someone who is very unhappy. What would cheer them up? Well, an Easter Egg might – why not carry one or two with you over the Easter weekend, and surprise someone who's looking a bit down by giving them one?

Which takes us back to the first Easter, when all the disciples were so miserable about Jesus' death. "That's it. That's the end of our dreams.", they thought as they huddled together in an upper room, trying to comfort each other.

Then two of their friends burst in to say that they'd seen Jesus alive, and as they told the story, full of joy, gradually the unbelievable truth sunk in. Death wasn't the end, Jesus had opened the gates of heaven to everyone; not just the elite few, but to everyone, however badly they had behaved. "Come to me, your sins are forgiven" was the offer. And they were

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so excited and joyful, the news was so good, that they wanted to tell everyone about it, so they did tell everyone about it!

That first Easter Day has been celebrated every year ever since, as a holiday, a holy day, a joyful time of celebrating the assurance that God loves us, that we are loved. That the forces of evil won't win, rather, ultimately, that good will win.

May you find hope and joy in Jesus' resurrection this Easter!

Geoffrey

### Church News & Events

### An hour of quiet reflection Postbridge Church

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### From the Registers

There are no entries in the Register this month.

### Rainfall in February 2023

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	27.4mm (1.1")	15	No wettest day
	(February 2022 - 19		
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### St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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

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

Date	Time	Service
7th April	14.00	Service for Last Hour at the Cross
9th April	18.00	Easter Communion
16th April	09.00	Holy Communion at Huccaby
23rd April	17.00	Evening Worship + APCM
30th April	10.30	United Mission Community Service at Leusdon

Each week a group of people meet to study the Bible and pray together. Our prayers are often for others that we know who are suffering in some way, especially those who are in the local community. Why do we pray and how does it differ from meditation? In simple terms, meditation is a practice in which an individual uses a technique to achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state. It can be very helpful in relieving stress and anxiety as well as focusing the mind before embarking on another activity such as prayer. But meditation is essentially an inward-looking practice, whereas prayer is an outward-looking activity.

Those of us who are older will be familiar with the Lord's Prayer because it was taught to us in school even if we weren't churchgoers. It is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples who as Jews, would have been used to praying, but in a different way.

What was revolutionary about this new model of prayer, was that it was simple, and was not about meeting the needs of the individual, but about putting God first and asking for his help for everyone, not just the person praying. It is a community prayer.

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil." Christians pray because we want to share things with God and to try to understand what he wants us to do to repay his love for us. Of course, we bring our own joys, worries, confessions, and complaints to him, but praying for others is an important practice.

Sometimes when we feel helpless in the face of all the problems of the world, praying is the one thing we can do, and God does answer prayer. Not always in the way we might expect or want, but in a way that is right.

The Holne prayer group meets on a Friday morning between 10 and 11am.

If you would like us to pray for you or someone else, or you would like to find out more, please contact me.

Gillian



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This August we are expecting over 40 French friends from Normandy to visit Buckfastleigh and Scoriton for the biennial visit. The first time the French have made the trip since the pandemic.



They will arrive at midday on **Saturday 26th August** and leave first thing on **Tuesday 29th August**.

Given the large number coming over this year, we are looking for additional hosts to put up our guests for the duration of their stay. This can range from individuals up to families with a maximum of five people.

We would be more than grateful if you could provide Bed & Breakfast. There will be a full programme of activities arranged for our visitors. We would be naturally delighted if you were keen to take part. Of course, our French guests would be more than pleased to reciprocate your hospitality when we next visit France in 2024.

Getting to know a French family is a special opportunity for adults and youngsters alike. One that can sometimes last a lifetime.

Speaking French is not a requirement for hosting – but it's a great chance to try!

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### Snowdrops: 14th February to 14th March

Another amazing year – the phenomenon of St Raphael's snowdrops! In the last 4-week period we estimate we had over 1,500 visitors to the Chapel, and we know we raised a remarkable £3,417. Plans are afoot to ensure most if not all quinquennial maintenance recommendations are now carried out!

#### St Mark - 25 April

While little is known about St Mark, Christians acknowledge his diligence in writing about the life and ministry of Jesus to create what is recognised as being the first Gospel. It is generally accepted that Matthew and Luke referred to his Gospel when writing their versions which were intended for different audiences. Today Mark is the patron saint of notaries, attorneys, lawyers, barristers, captives, prisoners, imprisoned people, glaziers, and stained-glass workers. (But not police officers!)

In the Acts of the Apostles Mark is referred to as John Mark and his mother's home in Jerusalem was a common meeting place for the Apostles. He was also a cousin of St Barnabas.

Historians believe that Mark was the founder of the church in Alexandria, Egypt, and he became the first Bishop of Alexandria. It was here that he was martyred in 74 AD for his faith by being dragged through the streets. His relics were stolen from Alexandria in 828 and taken to Venice and are enshrined in St Mark's Basilica.

Mark is held in high regard among Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches. In the UK 793 churches are named after him, making Mark the 19th most popular name to dedicate a church to

#### Mark's Prelude to Easter

Mark's story (Mark 10:45-52) of the miraculous healing of a blind man near the city gates of Jericho, stands out from other miracles performed by Jesus because Mark tells us the name of the person being healed — Bartimaeus, it means the son of Timaeus. Why Mark named him is one of the many mysteries in the Bible because neither Bartimaeus nor Timaeus, are mentioned anywhere else. All we can assume is that he was a well-known beggar who probably had a regular pitch just outside the city. I'm sure that Bartimaeus would have had an unimaginably hard life as a blind beggar.

The point of Mark's story, of course, is not about who Bartimaeus was, but how he responded after Jesus told his disciples to call him. Bartimaeus clearly recognised Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of David, and when the disciples called him, he immediately threw aside his cloak, which was probably the only thing he owned of any worldly value, and he went to meet Jesus who promptly changed his life by giving him sight. Bartimaeus then (continued on page 13)

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follows Jesus along the road.

Mark's story of Bartimaeus is a prelude to Easter and he sets out a clear pattern for our Christian lives. We must first recognise Jesus as the Son of God, we must recognise his call, and place our faith in God, rather than in worldly possessions, and then follow him. For Bartimaeus, his response was instant. I would guess for most of us that it took, or maybe, is still taking, much longer to respond. One of my great regrets is that while I recognised Jesus as the Son of God at an early age, I did not recognise God's call or respond in the way that Bartimaeus did. It took me many years before I found the right road to follow him. Bartimaeus found the right road for his life, have you found the right road for yours yet? Rhetorical question!

#### Asparagus: Love it or hate it?

Traditionally, the British asparagus season runs from St George's Day on 23 April to the Summer Solstice on 21 June. It is one of the earliest of ancient, annual vegetables and is like Marmite – you either love it or you hate it.

Although there is evidence of it being grown in the ancient world since Biblical times, it is never mentioned by name in the Bible and theologians seem to be divided as to whether is it classed as a good or a forbidden food. There have been times when the first crops of asparagus have been blessed in church, although some bishops have declared it sinful to do so

To say the least, asparagus is controversial and if you look online you will find lots of different views on the mythical legends that have probably evolved from growers trying to sell their crops..

Tony Parker

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

Shallowford Farm

Monday morning was hailed by several quick meetings, a zoom with London to discuss plans for our 'Farm 2 City' block-

buster event in June and then a team meeting to ensure we were all set for our week's group. A school from Torbay!. A small primary school without a single blade of grass and an area of tarmac that one teacher noted was half the size of our yard. Thirteen children about the age of ten, the Headmistress, a Learning Support Assistant and a volunteer Educational Psychologist. This group was fun!

Naturally, it's Dartmoor, it was cold, it rained, but the children took one look at the hills and with the challenge, 'Can you walk up there?' pointing towards Corndon, the answer was a resounding, 'Yeaaaa' and a few gulps of mild panic! We coaxed them into the week gently. A walk across to Jorden looking at the glorious oak stretching out to touch the sky, the cheeky tinkling West Webburn, the tenacious hazel coppice dripping with catkins, the drystone wall resurrected by a team of wonderful volunteers, then the hill past Drywell Farm. At this point the huffing and puffing started, so we stop a little way to discuss the laid hedge and why anyone would chop a tree to make it grow sideways? 'Out of ten Miss, are we one, two or five fingers nearly there?' asked one young lad, 'Oh, we have a hundred fingers to walk' I replied with a grin.

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

Date	Time	Service
2nd April	14.00	Palm Sunday Service + Baptism
7th April	15.00	Good Friday Reflection
9th April	12.00	Easter Communion
16th April	12:00	Parish Communion
23rd April	12.00	Parish Communion
30th April	10:30	United Mission Community Service

Leusdon Church is open all day, every day. You are welcome to visit at any time – an opportunity to sit quietly, say a prayer and enjoy our beautiful building.

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

### **Leusdon Memorial Hall**

1923-2023

I have been fortunate enough to read part of the Hall's first minute book and will insert quotes from it in forthcoming editions of the Parish Link. What is remarkable is the energy of the parishioners and members of the Hall committee, for instance, it was quite normal for Whist drives to start at 7.00pm and play 32 hands by 10.00pm, this was often followed by a dance that went on until 2.00am, this concluded with a long walk home and work probably started not long after. I am in admiration of them all. We owe them all a great debt of gratitude in having this Memorial to all those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Our March Coffee Morning was a little smaller than usual although we still made nearly £100.00 for Hall funds. The next Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 5th April 10.00am-12.00 noon. There will be the usual Whist at Leusdon on Monday 10th April with the lunch at 1.00pm followed by whist at 2.00pm.

There is now a regular Yoga Class in the Hall on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings, Keep Fit on Wednesday's continues. Full details of all Hall activities are now available on Leusdon Memorial Hall Facebook Page, thanks to our social media team.

We will be celebrating the King's coronation at our May coffee morning and our centenary celebrations will culminate with an event on **19th October** 100 years after the opening. We have acquired the help of Terry French and Geoff Bamsey who will arrange an exhibition of the various events that have taken place in Leusdon since the Hall opened.

Kelly Aiers has offered her help to promote the Hall on Social media alongside Emma Routley. We are extremely grateful to everyone who supports us in this way, or any other way come to that. Should you wish to book the Hall, it is available for hire at £10.00 per hour, with special rates for regular users. For further details please contact our booking secretary:

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In the meantime, if anyone would like to discuss any aspect of the Hall please contact myself or any committee member. Ideas for the centenary commemoration are especially welcome.

My contact details are; John Southcombe email: johnsouthcombe@hotmail.com

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### **Coffee Morning**



Saturday 8th April 2023 10 am to 12 noon At Leusdon Hall - £2.00 entry fee

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The teachers are just as curious as the children. No one has buried their fingers in the wool on the back of a sheep or seen a telehandler move sideways... 'That was really weird'. 'And then we saw a calf born. Just born! Just five minutes before we arrived. It couldn't stand yet and it's Mummy was licking it.' The sheer joy of seeing little faces (and the older ones) grin and smile at this bright and wonderful life. By Tuesday, the smell of the pigs was no longer mentioned, as they stuffed feet into wellies, trousers and jackets yanked on at speed to race down to the pens. This group was determined! Although, not for the first time we noted that the teachers decided to split the group.



Boys working together... why? If they are put with the girls they will stand back and hold a broom but not wield it's worthiness to move muck. The girls get in and set to work, the boys hold back slightly nervous or just not team players? The teachers were not sure.

Naturally, on the morning due for a walk up to Corndon the clouds came swooping. Serena found a route and wound little heaving legs and lungs all the way to the top, regaling stories of the people who had lived for thousands of years honing and shaping the moors. The night was set for ghost stories, although in truth we stole one from Wales. 'Gelert' the hound who protected his master to the very end.

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### St Gabriel, Postbridge

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

Date	Time	Service
2nd April	18.00	Evening Prayer
4th April	19:30	An Hour of Quiet Reflection
9th April	15.00	Easter Communion
23rd April	18:00	Evening Prayer
30th April	10.30	United Mission Community Service - Leusdon

Postbridge Church is open all day, every day. You are welcome to visit at any time – an opportunity to sit quietly, say a prayer and enjoy our beautiful building.

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Notice of AGM 2023.

Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 7.30pm

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Maureen



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Never mind the children, I nearly cry every time I read the story. At the end I asked, 'So, what do you think?' The loudest cheekiest lad, 'This is a real life lesson!' We couldn't help but laugh, he'd blurted it out so spontaneously and seriously. It was a story I'd heard once at a school assembly and has obviously stuck with me for life. Makes me just hope that there are a few small nuggets we can pass on. A little reflection, a little thought, some whips of wisdom we pass on *from* others to others.



Just before leaving we asked the children if they would do anything different

having visited the farm on Dartmoor? 'I'm going to be nicer to my friends at school.' 'I'm going to do more P.E.' 'I'm going to eat nuts.' 'I'm going to go for walks.' 'I'm never going to forget Tinkerbell, Mutty, Stubby and Spotty' said another who had named all the piglets. One grumpy face looked up and said, 'I'm going to have to eat my crusts now!' Things young people do not know they can achieve.. The world is there for us to explore, love and care for. As one little lad had tears flowing down his cheeks as he left on the chugging Greycars bus, we just hope the tears are positive. At least they now all know they can see in the dark!

Julia

### **Cook Wanted / Job Share**



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 or gardening if needed, or simply job share to gain hours that suit you. Flexibility will be essential along with own transport to Widecombe (we are about 2 miles out of Widecombe in the Moor).

### **Desperately Seeking Cleaners**

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 £12/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!'  $\[ \]$ 

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### Church Services for April 2023

2nd April		Palm Sunda	ay		Red
Readings - Ma	atthew 21	1.1–11, Psalm 118.1–2,19–29			
Widecombe	10.30	Parish Communion with Baptism	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	14.00	Palm Sunday Service with Baptism	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Postbridge	18:00	Evening Prayer	Ashburton	10.30	Family Service
			Ilsington	10.30	Procession & Family Service
			Ashburton	10.30	Morning Worship, Church Hall *
			Ashburton	15.00	Mayor's Thank You Service
			Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
4th April		Quiet Reflec	tion		
Postbridge	19.30	An Hour of Quiet Reflection			
6th April		Maundy Thur	sday		
Widecombe	19.30	United Maundy Thursday Meak	& Communion	- Church	House, Widecombe
7th April		Good Frida	у		
Widecombe	13.00	Good Friday Walk to Leusdon	Ashburton	10.00	All Age Good Friday Activity
Holne	14.00	Service for Last Hour at the Cross	Ashburton	11.30	Hot Cross Buns, Church Hall
Leusdon	15.00	Good Friday Reflection	Ashburton	12.00	Walk of Witness, Church Hall
			Ilsington	14.00	Service for Last Hour at the Cross
9th April		Easter Day			Gold or White
Readings - Jer	emiah 3°	1.1–6, Psalm 118.1–2,14–24, Colossi	ans 3.1–4		
Widecombe	10.30	Easter Communion	Ilsington	08.00	Holy Communion
Buckland	11.00	Easter Communion	Bickington	09.00	Easter Communion
Leusdon		Easter Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Easter Communion
Postbridge		Easter Communion	Ilsington	10.30	Easter Communion
Holne	18.00	Easter Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Easter Service, Town Hall *
			Haytor	14.15	Moor Church, meet Ashburton Church Hall *
16th April		Second Sun	day of East	er	White
Readings - Act	s 2.14a,	22–32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1.3–9, John	20.19–31		
Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Widecombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ilsington	10.30	Holy Communion + AGM
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	18.30	Celtic Reflective Service, St Petroc's Ashburton*

23rd April		Third Sunday	of Faster	•	White
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Readings - Acts	i 2.14a,30	6–41, Psalm 116.1–3,10–17, 1 Peter	1.17–23, LUK	9 24.13–3	0
Widecombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	09.30	Breakfast Church, Church Hall*
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion + APCM
Postbridge	18.00	Evening Prayer	Ilsington	10.30	Morning Praise
			Holne	17.00	Evening Worship + APCM
27th April					
			Ashburton	18.30	Evening Communion, Church Hall*
30th April		Fourth Sund	ay of East	er	White
Readings - Acts	2.42–47,	Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2.19–25, John 10	).1–10		
Leusdon	10.30	United Mission Community Ser	vice at Leus	don - all	churches attending

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

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#### 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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27th	Buckland Whist	<u>20</u>



### CHURCH HOUSE, WIDECOMBE, TQ13 7TA 7.30PM | 6TH APRIL 2023

In a warm upper room we will sit round a long table, enjoy conversation and a simple meal of bread and cheese, with fruit. The evening will end with us sharing communion in bread and wine, with echoes of Jesus' Last Supper. It's a format that will be familiar to some on Maundy Thursday at Holne church in pre-Covid days.

You have many options how to sign up: Via our website, on a sign-up sheet in one of our churches, or via email, or just let one of the Ministry Team know.

We need to know numbers for catering and setting out the chairs and tables beforehand, but there is no charge and you don't need a ticket.

### Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

Please be aware that there are about 15 steps to be climbed to the room.

It would be lovely if you could join us for this key day in Holy Week, on the eve of Good Friday.

**Geoffrey Fenton** 

01364 621334 | geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk

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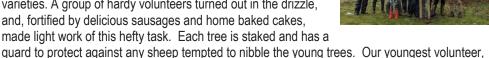
Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers	
2nd April	10.30	Penny	Val & Richard	No Flowers	
7th April	13.00	Good Friday Walk to Leusdon			
9th April	10.30	Ronnie & Peter B	Jenny & Clare	All help please Sat 8th at 9am	
16th April	10.30	Dawn	Sue Darke	Easter Flowers	
23rd April	10.30	Clare	Wendy	Val Tame	
30th April	10.30	United Service Mission Community Service at Leusdon			

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### Widecombe Jubilee Orchard has arrived!

We're delighted to share with you that in February our orchard was planted with a total of 40 trees comprising a staggering 30 varieties. A group of hardy volunteers turned out in the drizzle, and, fortified by delicious sausages and home baked cakes,



Violet Knight made light work of securing guards around the trees, what a great job she did!!

We can now look forward to many years of enjoyment in this very special facility. Feel free to go and have a look for yourselves: the orchard gate is not yet locked. This will change when we install a padlock with pin code (which can be shared) as there will be sheep grazing for certain periods during the year. The orchard is located through the wooden gate on the main road in Widecombe, just along from the entrance to the public carpark adjacent to Café on the Green.



We still have quite a lot of maintenance to complete: hedge laying and clearing; exposing the granite clapper bridge; fence strengthening and the list goes on. We are planning our next volunteer morning on **Saturday 1**st **April at 10am**, meet in the orchard, armed with tools and your own refreshments.

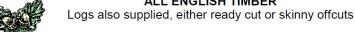
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- 3 coloured potatoes
- 3. 3 onions grown from sets or seeds
- 4. 3 carrots Trimmed and washed
- 5. 3 beetroot Trimmed and washed
- 6. 6 runner beans

2. 3 white potatoes

- 7. Longest runner bean
- 8. Any squash or courgette
- 9. Peppers or chillies (2 of either variety)
- 10. Any vegetable not otherwise mentioned.
- 11. A comedy vegetable
- 12. 4 Tomatoes
- 13. 4 varieties of culinary herbs in a jar.
- 14. A collection of five different vegetables in a Standard veg box. (12" X 16")

#### Flowers ( All locally grown)

#### Trophy to be presented

- 15. 3 Dahlias
- 16. A single Rose
- 17. A single stem, any flower.
- 18. 3 Hydrangea flower stems.
- 19. A vase of 9 mixed flowers (3 of each variety)
- 20. A pot plant. Just foliage or flowering.
- A woodland arrangement (leaves, berries twigs.etc)
- 22. An arrangement in an unusual container.
- 23. An arrangement of flowers in a teacup.
- 24. A standard flower arrangement.



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- 25. A woven, knitted or crocheted item
- 26. A needlework item
- 27. A Pencil sketch
- 28. A painting . Any subject, any medium.
- A picture or card using paper/dried/pressed flowers
- 30. Any craft item not mentioned
- 31. A photo. Subject; 'Moody Dartmoor'
- 32. A short poem.

#### **Children's Classes**

#### Children 7 and under for the Tame cup.



- 33. Garden on a plate
- 34. A Happy Pizza
- 35. A lego Model

### Children 8 to 12 for the Hutchins cup

- 36. Pebble Art
- 37. 4 decorated cup cakes
- 38. A collage picture

#### **Home Produce**

#### The Rose Bowl

- 39. A tasty fruit tart
- 40. A decorated Coronation Chocolate Cake (1st place: special cash prize)
- 41. A Traditional Victoria sponge
- 42. A cheese and onion pasty.
- 43. A rustic brown loaf
- 44. 4 sausage rolls
- 45. A plate of 6 biscuits (2 varieties, 3 of each).
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### **Sunday Service**

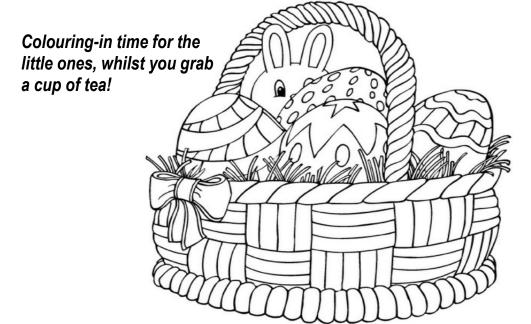
**Dunstone** - Informal service at 3pm in Dunstone Chapel every week and all are welcome. There is no 3pm service on 9th April, instead there is a Sunrise Service at 6am at Buckland Beacon with light refreshments after Poundsgate - The next service will be Sunday 2nd April at 3.00pm

### **Dunstone Charity Lunches**

These are held monthly on the second Wednesday in the month. Charity Lunch at Dunstone Chapel will be held on Wednesday 12th April from 12 noon until 3pm.

We raised £155.00 for Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal at our lunch in March. thank you to all who attended and donated

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.





After the recent terrible earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Rotary Yelverton held a street collection on 25 February at the local shopping centre. Thank you to all who contributed so generously. The recipient of your donations totalling £454 is Shelterbox, who are supplying much needed aid to the homeless victims in those countries.

In February and March, we assisted with car parking duties at The Garden House during their Snowdrop Festival.

Members have also been helping where needed at Lambing Live held at Greenwell Farm, Yelverton

from 20 to 25 March. It was a joy to see children watching the lambs being born and petting the slightly older ones.

Although not yet held at the time of writing, our 60's/70's Disco Nite on 18 March promises to be as great a success as our Barn Dance last November. We sincerely hope those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the evening. If, by any chance, you didn't manage to attend, watch out for our 2023 Barn Dance which will be held on 28 October.

We have also been busy planning for our Spring Tea Party on 16 April for our senior citizens at which they enjoy a delightful afternoon tea, entertainment and companionship. This annual event (Covid interrupted) has always been a huge success with all invitees from the community.

The Friendship Café continues to meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month in the hall at Briar Tor where music and



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 on Facebook page Rotary meet our members.





### Other Community News and Events

### **Princetown History Club**

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

**April 4th** A talk by Paul Rendell on the tors of Dartmoor

**May 2nd** A talk by Layland Branfield about his farm at Moorlands

For further information, please contact

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### Holy Week Pilgrimage 2023

### SUNDAY 2ND - SATURDAY 8TH APRIL

(THURSDAY 6TH IN PERSON AT CHURCH HOUSE IN WIDECOMBE)

On each night, from Holy Monday to Easter Eve, including a United Maundy Thursday meal with communion in person on Thursday at 7:30pm at Church House in Widecombe, we are invited to reflect on the events of Holy Week in the service of Night Prayer.

Through hymns, chants, bible reading, a short talk and period of silence for contemplation and prayer, we shall be drawn into God's passion for his world as we walk with Jesus toward the cross and beyond.

#### **ZOOM LOGIN LINK:**

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Please take a step and make the journey. Yours in Jesus Christ

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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 on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH in PRINCETOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE** at 7.30pm. Our meetings usually finish around 9 to 9.30pm.

Our **April** meeting on **Wednesday April 5th 7.30pm** will be a talk by the police on "**Cyber Security**". It is a very important topic so the meeting is open to everybody.

.On the **SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH** we hold a free tea, coffee and cakes slot. Donations gratefully received.

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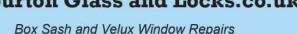
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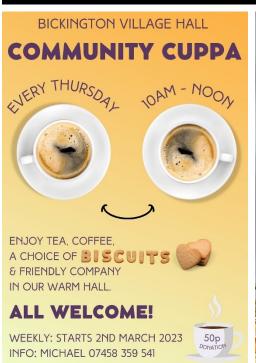
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#### Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



#### Extracts from the meeting on 28th February 2023

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

Following the recent resignation of Phil Henson, there are now two vacancies to be filled within the Princetown ward. Council is keen to fill these vacancies as soon as possible. If you are interested in representing the views of local people and having your say about issues people care about, please contact the Clerk for more information.

Proposed Closure of Princetown Visitor Centre - Council was pleased to hear from Kevin Bishop (CEO Dartmoor National Park Authority) via e-mail, that DEFRA has agreed to a one-off grant of £440,000 which means the Visitor Centre will remain open for the time being. The threat of closure is not removed entirely but this additional funding will allow DNPA time to explore additional funding and revenue streams to protect the long-term future of the Visitor Centre.

Princetown Wellbeing Event 27<sup>th</sup> March - Councillors will be attending the event at Princetown Community Centre from 12 noon until 4pm. Come along and meet your local Councillors and find out more about what the Parish Council does for you and your community.

King's Coronation - Big Lunch - 7th May at Princetown Community Centre-

Plans are being made for an event to celebrate the Coronation. This will be along similar lines to last year's Jubilee lunch, and will include an outdoor children's bouncy castle, an indoor soft play area and ball pool. Council is looking into giving every child and young person in the Parish packs of wild flower seeds to be planted in areas within the Parish as an annual reminder of the event.

#### Parish Defibrillators -

Hexworthy (Telephone box opposite Forest Inn) – power supply has been restored and a new light will be fitted once the refurbishment of the telephone box is complete.

Postbridge (Outside Visitor Centre) – batteries have been replaced

#### Planning Applications considered-

a) 0491/22 Land adjacent to HMP Dartmoor - Council voted to SUPPORT this application b) 0049/23 3 Albert Terrace, Princetown - Council voted to SUPPORT this application

#### Connecting with Residents -

If you would like to keep up to date with the issues being dealt with by the Parish Council, please email <a href="mailto:clerk@dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk">clerk@dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk</a> with 'Add me to the Email List' as the subject. You will then receive periodic e-mails, such as the agenda/minutes of meetings etc.

Date of next 'Tidy Princetown' session: 10am til 11am Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023, all are welcome to join with Councillors to help keep Princetown looking at its best. Meet outside the Post Office, Princetown.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 7.30pm at Princetown Community Centre

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

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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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April, Easter, Spring! This is such a wonderful time of year on so many levels. Our Dartmoor home is, of course, coming to life again after the rigours of winter.

Out on the open moor young life is showing itself with lambs and foals. In the deep wooded river valleys wild daffodils are flowering and they speak of bluebells to come. We are lucky

to live in a place so full of natural beauty.



As you will have seen in this edition of the magazine our communities will be getting together in many different ways to celebrate Easter. There are also many of the regular social and educational events going on throughout the month. It never ceases to amaze us how many activities take place in the parishes. It's been quite a challenge to fit it all in again this month. Next month is sure to be the same with the first Coronation most of us have ever seen taking place.

For those of you not reading this on-line, you may have noticed that we have printed the magazine cover in colour this month, our aim is to present the cover photos so they can be better appreciated!! So if you have any feedback on the new colour cover or suggestions for new ideas you would like to see in the magazine; additional events to share or articles on a topic dear to you please get in touch via <a href="mailto:link@moorlandteam.org.uk">link@moorlandteam.org.uk</a> or use the Suggestions box in Widecombe church.

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