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## Dust and Glory

Ten years old, I remember receiving back my maths exam paper, recently marked. At the top, in bold red ink, the teacher had written: '9% - Abysmal!'

I was never going to be a maths' scholar, however, I did become much better at it because of one special teacher – Mr Barker. He spent time with the six of us who found maths challenging. He even named us after the firemen in the children's TV programme, Trumpton (Pugh, Pugh, Barney McGrew, Cuthbert, Dibble and Grub. I was 'Cuthbert'). We did not feel Mr Barker was laughing at us but *with* us. We certainly knew he was *for* us. Because of his warm nature and the sense that he liked us, we wanted to work hard for him. We started to enjoy maths and to improve. Mr Barker saw the potential in us- not just the problems- and that made all the difference. Because of him, I passed my math's exam in the summer.

Jesus was similar. When Google, Apple or Facebook make appointments, they choose only the brightest and best. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Century, to become a disciple or a rabbi was the equivalent of being employed by Facebook, Google or Apple today. Only the brightest and best pupils in school went on to be disciples of rabbis. Most young people finished school at an earlier stage and went on to learn the family business instead – farming, viticulture, fishing or whatever. So, at the age of 30, when it was customary for a rabbi to begin his ministry, we see Jesus walking along the shore of Lake Galilee and calling some fishermen, Peter, Andrew, James and John, to follow him.

They were fishermen presumably because they were not clever enough to be disciples of a rabbi. So Jesus was radically different in calling people who did not make the cut - who were 'not good enough' – to be his disciples. Yet these disciples went on to change the course of human history. Despite their lack of education, Jesus saw what they would become. The gospel writer, Luke, gives us a frank and honest insight into the disciples' failures and Jesus' extreme patience and persistence. Jesus was prepared to work with the mess of human lives. He saw beyond the problems to the potential of his disciples. Luke shows us how God does not give up on his followers. He loves to take ordinary folk and do extraordinary things through them.

Jesus gives us an example of what it is to be a good teacher and I can see now that Mr Barker had many of his gifts. Unlike the gospel of Homer Simpson- 'You tried your best, you failed miserably. The lesson is, never try!'- Jesus encourages us not to give up on following him, despite our failures and weaknesses.

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The Church of England's Lent campaign this year is called '*Dust and Glory.*' Offering 40 daily reflections on faith, failure and forgiveness, we are invited to find God in the mess of everyday life. There will be groups meeting across the Ashburton and Moorland Team. Look out on the church website and weekly news sheet for details.

This is an opportunity to understand how God is both for us and with us in our daily lives.

+Mark

## From the Registers

Funeral	Widecombe	9th January	Ada (Rene) Vallance
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Funeral	Widecombe	12th January	June Oliver
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**Tuesday 7th March**

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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
12th Feb	18.00	Holy Communion
19th Feb	09.00	Holy Communion at Huccaby (snowdrops available)
27th Feb	17:00	Evening Worship

The weather in January was enough to test the patience of a saint, (which I am not), with the persistent wind and rain and the resulting damage and flooding. Whether or not you believe our climate is changing as a result of human activity, there is reason enough to make an effort to change how we treat the natural world and its resources.

The Book of Genesis in the Bible tells us that God created the world and everything in it. He gave the care of his creation to humankind with the intention that through good stewardship, the earth and creatures would flourish and provide everything that was needed for its survival. Not just the survival of humankind but every living thing. Sadly, the human desire to act like gods and treat everything as being there for our benefit alone, has consequences which are all too obvious.

If the extinction of species, or the impact of severe weather conditions are not enough to convince us to change our ways and use our resources differently, political upheaval, pandemics and unfair distribution of wealth must surely make us think. How sustainable are the goods and services we use? Are they produced through slavery or exploitation of people? How can we share in a better way?

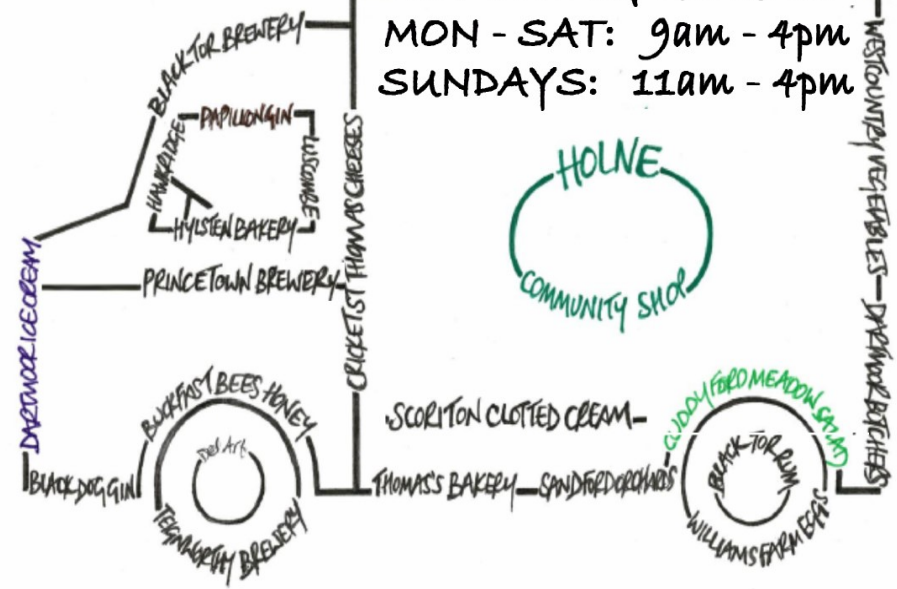
The version of the Lord's Prayer from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer is written as "Your will be done *in earth* as it is in Heaven". Modern versions use the phrase "*on earth*". For me, the older version is more meaningful. It challenges us to see our world as holistic and inclusive of that we cannot see as well that which is easily visible to us.

We can all make a difference. Every small change adds up, and the more small changes the better. Christians have a duty to God for creation care. We all have a duty to future generations.

Gillian

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## St Raphael, Huccaby

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### **Saints and sinners.**

#### **Saint Máedóc of Ferns, 31 January 632 AD: 1,400 years of scams**

Have you ever been disturbed from your normal calm and happy nature by a scam text message or email you have received. They seemed to particularly multiply over the Christmas and New Year period. The sender probably claimed to be in urgent need of some money because their phone was broken or whatever. Fortunately, many of us become suspicious because the phrasing of such messages do not sound like our relatives. Or perhaps you had an undelivered parcel; or you had just won some money or vouchers? Nevertheless, the whole experience can be clearly upsetting. Is it a genuine message or a scam? Who do you turn to ask for reassurance or advice?

As Christians this type of experience is always going to present us with a dilemma. Do we follow the teaching of Jesus who, according to the Gospel of Matthew, said: 'Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you', or do we walk away telling ourselves that we support other charities, and that they may potentially use our money wisely?

There is a story about C S Lewis who was walking past a street beggar with a friend. He stopped and gave the beggar his loose change while his friend walked on. When they got together again his friend said, 'the beggar will only spend it on ale'. To which C S Lewis replied, 'that's what I would have spent it on as well!'

Ascertaining the true status of scammers or street beggars has never been easy, The Irish saint, Máedóc of Ferns – also called Saint Aidan or Saint Mogue – is celebrated on the last of day of January - he died on 31 January 632 AD. While he was known for his self-denial, holiness, and charity, he was also wise to fraudsters who even then, nearly 1,400 years ago, would try to scam other people. One day some fraudsters turned up at his monastery having hidden their fine clothes and replaced them with dirty rags. They asked Máedóc to help them to buy some new clothes - but first Máedóc checked them out. He found their hidden clothes and he gave them to some genuine beggars outside the monastery and sent the fraudsters away in their rags!

The lesson we can all learn from Saint Máedóc, is to always check out what the real situation is - before being 'generous'. Block messages, report them as scams, and don't respond. In the case of street beggars please don't be too generous if you suspect them. If you are unsure about someone's honesty, direct them to an appropriate charity that you support.

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## Communication.

The first edition of *The Parish Magazine*, produced by the Revd John Erskine Clarke at St Michael's, Derby, in January 1859, is widely considered to be the first such publication. By 2009, parish magazines had an estimated combined readership of more than 1.3 million, greater than many national newspapers.

Today, however, their future looks less clear. Web-based communications, social media and email bulletins have caused magazines to close and editors to give up. Many believe that the parish magazine's days are numbered. Others though, like me, believe that they will have a part to play for many years to come. Various factors — such as the sharp decline in local journalism, which leaves the field clear for community-based communications, and the switch to hybrid production, print and online — may be giving grassroots magazines a new lease of life. Print itself could be increasing in popularity as people seek a break from screens.

Those who see the importance of both digital communications and paper publication include Nick Edmonds, deputy head of news at Church House, Westminster. Mr Edmonds, who wrote the book *How Village Churches Thrive*, explained: *'While most parishes now use digital platforms, a good magazine can still be a valuable part of mission and outreach in both rural and urban settings. Magazines tend to have a longer shelf life in homes than electronic content and are vital for those who are either not online or who simply enjoy reading.'*

Next month I will outline how overall good communications are pivotal to the development of our Mission Community and will be asking for volunteers to establish a new, strong communication structure and culture.

Tony Parker

## Rainfall in December 2022

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	292.4mm (11.5")	13	18th 69.8mm (2.7")
	(December 2021 - 196.6mm (7.7"))		
Holne	403.3mm (15.87")		*18th 109.2mm (4.3")



\*A station record for Holne

## Total Rainfall in 2022

Place	Total Rainfall 2021	Total Rainfall 2022
Postbridge	1896.4mm (74.7")	1742.3mm (68.7")
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Date	Time	Service
5th Feb	16.00	Evensong
12th Feb	12.00	Parish Communion
19th Feb	12:00	Parish Communion
27th Feb	12.00	Parish Communion

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 <https://ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/services-to-download>

Any queries, please contact Revd Geoffrey Fenton (Team Vicar) 01364 621334

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## Leusdon Memorial Hall

### 1923-2023

We started our year with the coffee morning which, in spite of the inclement weather, made a total of £98.00 for hall funds. (Apologies for the lack of heating and thank you all for your patience, it has now been fixed).

The next Coffee Morning will be held on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 10.00am-12.00noon**

There will be the usual Whist at Leusdon on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February** 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 Keep Fit on Wednesdays, we hope all attendees enjoy these and they are a success for the organisers, further details can be found in the Parish Link and I am sure on social media.

The committee met on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. We will publish details from this meeting in March's Parish Link.

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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** e mail: [johnsouthcombe@hotmail.com](mailto:johnsouthcombe@hotmail.com) or via messenger

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## Almost a hundred years later.....

Perhaps you have heard the story on BBC tv news recently about a group of retired engineers in Scotland who have built a replica of a First World War Airplane called a Sopwith 11/2 strutter which they hope to fly on completion during 2023



On hearing the name 'Sopwith Strutter' I was reminded of the plane of that name being flown by Leicester Struben from Spitchwick. He was shot down and killed while flying over the Somme battlefield in 1916.

The full story of Lieutenant L F Struben and other men from Widecombe parish killed in the Great War is told at: <https://www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/ww1/index.php>

The 'Sopwith' although a British Warplane which was originally manufactured by the Sopwith Aviation Company, the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air service had only 1,439 'Strutters' compared to 4,500 flown by 'Aeronautique Militaire' the French Airforce. Smaller numbers of 'Sopwiths' saw service with the Japanese, Russian and United States forces during the Great War

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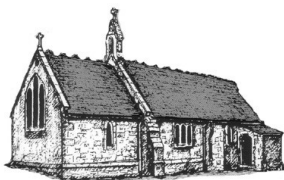
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# St Gabriel, Postbridge

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

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

Date	Time	Service
7th Feb	19:30	An Hour of Quiet Reflection
12th Feb	09.00	Holy Communion BCP
27th Feb	18:00	Evening Prayer

*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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Any queries, please contact Revd Geoffrey Fenton (Team Vicar) 01364  
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## Postbridge Coffee Morning

The next coffee mornings will be held on

**Monday 6th February and Monday 6th March** at 11am in Postbridge Village Hall  
*Maureen*

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## Dust and Glory - Lent Courses starting in February .....

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**Thursdays at Widecombe Vicarage from 4.00 – 5.30**, starting with a cup of tea! **First meeting 23rd February**. More info from Geoffrey Fenton on 01364 621334 [geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk](mailto:geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk)

**Fridays in Holne from 10.00 – 11.00. First meeting 24th February**.  
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## News from the East Shallowford Trust

**Shallowford Farm**  
*making the difference*

Arthur, our resident volunteer peered into the Ark this morning muttering as he shook off droplets like a shaggy dog, 'Can you actually walk to the other side of the bridge? You can't see the bridge!' The simple answer would be, 'At your peril!' Arthur was gallantly aiming to sweep some of the growan from the road to allow cars to pass more easily below the farm, but was thwarted by the water. Surely by now the reservoirs must be full? Surely! A quick search on South West Water's website reveals results only until December. As we all know, since December and including the whole of January there has been a veritable Biblical deluge, with rain moving in every direction except 'up' (have I mentioned before that I have seen rain falling upwards – really weird, in Mali..... very strange)!

The brilliant group from a Bristol school that ventured to stay for a whole week last January have a new Headmaster who was not too keen to allow an intrepid group visit this year. We are sad, as they were truly fun. However, we have to remind ourselves, that our targeted youth in Bristol will always be hard to persuade as they are struggling financially, often struggle to integrate and fear of the unknown within their parents is quite profound. Having said that, a full 105 from Bristol and another one hundred primary school children from Torbay and Plymouth with several young carers and Dartmoor Youth Rangers should visit before the summer. 'Why bother?' Someone asked, 'If their parents are not interested to save up and educate their children, why should you bother?' I drew a deep breath, thinking, 'I have to answer wisely' ..... not easy for my poor old head. It reminded me of a quote: 'Fairy tales don't tell children that dragons exist. Children already know that dragons exist. Fairy tales tell children that dragons can be killed.' Neil Gaiman.

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# Church Services for February 2023

## 5th February

### 3rd before Lent

### Green

*Readings - Isaiah 58.1-9a[b-12], Psalm 112.1-9[10], 1 Corinthians 2.1-12[13-16], Matthew 5.13-20*

Widecombe	08.00	Holy Communion BCP	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion
Widecombe	10.30	All Age Service	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	16.00	Evensong	Ashburton	10.30	Family Service
			Ilington	10.30	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	10.30	Morning Worship, Church Hall *
			Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion

## 7th February

### Quiet Reflection

Postbridge	19.30	An Hour of Quiet Reflection
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## 12th February

### 2nd before Lent

### Green

*Readings - Genesis 1.1 – 2.3, Psalm 136 or Psalm 136.1-9,23-26, Romans 8.18-25, Matthew 6.25-34*

Postbridge	09.00	Holy communion BCP	Ilington	08.00	Holy Communion
Widecombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ilington	10.30	Family Service
			Tbc	15.00	Moor Church
			Holne	18.00	Holy Communion

## 19th February

### Sunday before Lent

### Green

*Readings - Exodus 24.12-18, Psalm 2 or Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1.16-21, Matthew 17.1-9*

Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion (snowdrops available)
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	All-Age Communion
			Bickington	10.30	Morning Worship
			Ilington	10:30	Holy Communion
			Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
			Ashburton	18:30	Celtic Reflective Service - St Petroc's*

## 22nd February

### Ash Wednesday

Ashburton	10.30	Holy Communion, with imposition of ashes
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<b>23rd February</b>		<b>Mid-week Communion</b>		
		Ashburton	10.30	Informal Communion, Church Hall*
<b>26th February</b>		<b>1st of Lent</b>		<b>Purple or Lent array</b>
<i>Readings - Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11</i>				
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	09.30 Breakfast Church, Church Hall*
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30 Parish Communion
Postbridge	18.00	Evening Prayer	Illesington	10.30 Morning Praise
			Holne	17.00 Evening Worship
* Service led by Ashburton Methodists. All are welcome.				

## Holy Communion Midweek & At Home

There is a service of  
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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
5th Feb	08.00 & 10.30	Dawn (10.30)	Beth (10.30)	Judy
12th Feb	10.30	Ronnie	Judy	Judy
19th Feb	10.30	Clare Born	Debbie	Jenny Pascoe
26th Feb	10.30	Penny	Penny	Lent (no flowers)

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Any queries, please contact Revd Geoffrey Fenton (Team Vicar) 01364 621334

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## WIDECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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If you are a community group wishing to be considered for a small grant, please contact the clerk for an application form: [suzanna.hughes21@gmail.com](mailto:suzanna.hughes21@gmail.com) or

Suzanna Hughes, 16 Westwood Cleave, Ogwell, Newton Abbot, TQ12 6YE.

Applications should be submitted by **20th February 2023** for consideration in the March Parish Council meeting.

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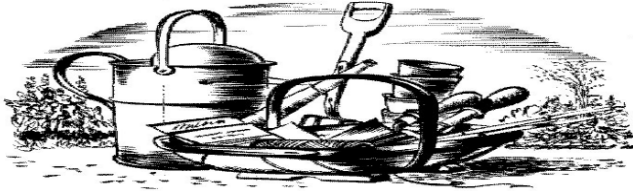
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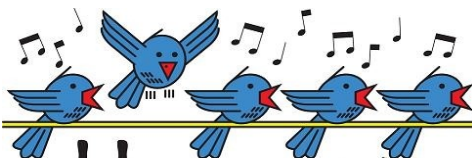
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## Widecombe Christmas Tree Festival Results

The Christmas Tree Festival was held in the Church from the 10th to the 18th December 2022, it proved a great success despite the awful weather, with visitors from all over the country as well as a few from overseas. The lovely couple from Kent who come every year to see the Festival came back again to tell us about their wedding in the summer in Devon if you remember, the gentleman particularly wanted to propose amongst the trees, which he did last year! They went away saying "See you next year". We had a record number of trees this year 27!

The theme this year was "Weather" which turned out to be very appropriate!

The results were:

### ADULT'S TREES

1<sup>st</sup> Widecombe Kiosk (Mary)

2<sup>nd</sup> St. Michael's Church,

3<sup>rd</sup> Janet Anderson

### CHILDREN'S TREES

1<sup>st</sup> Widecombe Preschool

2<sup>nd</sup> Widecombe Primary

3<sup>rd</sup> Widdy tots

### SMALL TREES

1<sup>st</sup> Cafe on the Green

2<sup>nd</sup> Mike "The Post"

3<sup>rd</sup> Aileen Carrett

Other participants:

Golden Snowflake Crew	Widecombe History Group	St. Gabriel's Church, Postbridge
Jacqueline Welby	The Shop on the Green (Elaine)	Ann Murphy
Dunstone Chapel	Heatree Activity Centre	Debbie & Fiona and "The Parish Link" Team
Leusdon Church Choir	Shallowford Farm	Widecombe Village Stores
Dartmoor Hill Ponies	Widecombe Sewing Group	Widecombe Ladies Social Group & Widecombe Singers
Wendy Beard	Davey Family	Judy Southcombe

There was also the "Tree of Prayer Flags" provided by Penny, where visitors were invited to take a flag from the tree to take home. Also very popular were the soft toys supplied by the McAfee family, who all found new loving homes! Mary's hats and gloves also proved very popular, all proceeds going to our nominated Charity for this year "Young Devon" Charity Number 1057949

Over the course of the Festival we had a collection for Young Devon, the collections from the Carol Service, Crib Service and the Christmas Day Service were also for Young Devon and we were able to send them the magnificent sum of £1,176.06. The Widecombe Christmas Whist Drive also sent Young Devon their profit of £91, so altogether, Widecombe has sent them this Christmas £1,267.06, for which they are really grateful.

Thank you to **EVERYONE** concerned with the Festival, the Participants, the many Stewards and especially David, who unlocks and locks up the Church everyday, and puts all the lights on the trees on and off every time!

*Judy*





## Widcombe Handbells

*For anyone wishing to take up handbell ringing please come along to the Church House on*

**Saturday 11th February  
10.00-11.00 am**

**Everyone welcome, all ages and abilities,  
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*We plan to continue the handbells as a regular monthly ringing as it would be wonderful if a team could be ringing in 2025 to celebrate 100 years of handbell ringing in Widcombe.*

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

## Widcombe Parish Council

Invitation to bid for the Sheep Grazing in the Parish Field for 2023

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Please note:

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- There will be a minimum of three 2-week periods in the year when the field must be clear of sheep for events being held by the Jubilee Orchard Committee. There will be at least 6 weeks notice given of the date for each event.
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## Widcombe Fair Help needed

Widcombe Fair is looking for two new members to join the team putting our world famous fair together. Sadly the people who have been doing both roles are moving away from the area.

**Sponsorship Secretary** - approaching local and regional businesses to obtain sponsorship is a vital role in making the Fair a success.

**Programme Editor** - putting together the artwork for the Fair programme and overseeing its printing and delivery.

If you would like to know more about these roles or feel you can help please contact the Chairman **Mike Pascoe** on **01364 621333**



## Widcombe Community Hall CIO Update

We're really looking forward to our **Games Night and Supper** on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at Leusdon Memorial Hall – places must be booked so let Yvette know if you're planning to join us! 01364 631543 or [yvette.elliott@ymail.com](mailto:yvette.elliott@ymail.com)

We are launching our new fundraiser at this event – you are invited to have your names engraved on granite stones that will be built into our **Supporting Wall**. We are asking for a minimum donation of £40 per name but hope you will be as generous as possible in your offer. The online order form will be available on our website from 28<sup>th</sup> January.

If you think you could help us with future fundraising, including bid writing and grant applications, we'd love to hear from you! Please get in touch to find out more.

[www.widcombecommunityhall.org](http://www.widcombecommunityhall.org)

Email: [info@widcombecommunityhall.org](mailto:info@widcombecommunityhall.org)

## 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 Widcombe (we are about 2 miles out of Widcombe 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 Widcombe 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!'

Please contact Julia directly on: Tel: 01364 621 392 or [Julia@shallowfordfarm.co.uk](mailto:Julia@shallowfordfarm.co.uk)



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Wednesday 1st March: "Every Bridge has a Story" From Clapper Bridges to Modern Times on Dartmoor

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

### Sunday Service

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

**Poundsgate** - The next service will be **Sunday 5th February at 3.00pm**

### Dunstone Charity Lunches

These are held monthly on the second Wednesday in the month.

**NO** Charity Lunch at Dunstone Chapel in **February** but the next one will be held on **Wednesday 8th March from 12 noon until 3pm.**

Please do come and bring your friends as they have been rather poorly attended recently.

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.



### 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.

### Buckland-in-the-Moor Whist 2023

12.30pm Optional soup and a roll lunch £2 at

2.00pm Whist £3 including half-time refreshments draw

**Thursday 23rd February.**

**Whist every fourth Thursday in the month.**



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It's all that stuff you hear in the news about 'building resilience'. All of us can see the difference since lock-down. Sneezes and snuffles that have endured far longer than normal as our herd immunity diminishes. Young children resorting to a screen as parents gasp for breath and take the new found 'ease of entertainment' rather than sitting down, playing games at Christmas or reading a story at night. Society has been changing since the very first society ever existed. Growing, changing, adapting to technology, whether it was the development of reeves, chimneys, stone walls, the first aga, electricity. The best one is critics of early steam-spewing locomotives, who thought "that women's bodies were not designed to go at 50 miles an hour," and worried that "[female passengers'] uterus would fly out of [their] bodies as they were accelerated to that speed"—which, for the record, they did and will not.\* Others suspected that any human body might simply melt at high speeds.



All togged up in a moment without rain to enjoy the delights of pond or rather, river dipping!

We adapt as humans to change. It is our phenomenal human gift to continually aspire. However, to do this, curiosity needs to be encouraged. Fear needs to be used to learn and be inquisitive, not instinctively squash and destroy. Ellie had two groups this week from Princetown Primary School. All togged up in waterproofs to attempt to seal out the rain, off they toddled across the fields to Broadaford to meet the sheep, the cows and the Manitou. At a certain age the Manitou actually is THE most interesting item on the farm. It moves weirdly and is 'safe' in that it is driven by an adult resembling Mummy or Daddy. More to the point it has a nose that moves. It's not an elephant, but it's on a farm..... it's weird!

Sheep and cows that have only been seen in books or safely from a car cause wrinkled noses at the smell of poo and silage. Brave fingers poke out of the green jackets to feel the dripping wool that in no way resembles a jumper that they might possibly wear. They giggle, they laugh and then jump when the door on the sheep race bangs to eject another ewe. It's a beginning, to normalise, to entice, to develop curiosity and interest. The teachers looked furtively from dripping hats and soggy coats, understandably straining as they had to throw out hands to grab a sliding child in the mud. But not one child complained about the driving rain which induced red, cold little cheeks. After all, what is 'normal' changes with every generation. Rain fortunately remains 'normal' on Dartmoor..... we just need to be sure children are outside to enjoy it!

*Julia*



# Other Community News and Events

## Prinetown History Club

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

**February 7th** A talk by Andy Crabb, DNPA archaeologist, about the archaeology of Mardon Down.

**March 7th** A talk by David Lemon on the Zimbabwe ruins

For further information, please contact

Mr John Lissenden

**phone** 01752 47573

**email** [lissenden@talktalk.net](mailto:lissenden@talktalk.net)

Mr Bill Radcliffe

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**Web Site:** [prinetownhistoryclub.weebly.com](http://prinetownhistoryclub.weebly.com)



## High Moorland Women's Institute Prinetown

We are a small friendly group of 16 ladies based in Prinetown, 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 Prinetown Community Hall 11am to 12.30.



**We're back for another year with a new team of leaders and helpers, and we're very excited to share some new ideas with you!**

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We finish each session with a home-cooked, 2-course meal.

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- discuss
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- games
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**Next Sessions:**  
 Saturday 11th March  
 Saturday 13th May  
 Saturday 8th July

**St Andrew's Church  
 Ashburton**  
 4-6pm (meal at 5:15pm)  
**Contact:**  
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**ASHBURTON & MOORLAND MISSION COMMUNITY**  
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Moor Church takes place at a different locations on Dartmoor throughout the year (and we usually have a wet weather plan).

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## Winter 2023 Update

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Our main fundraising events of the year included our very successful collections at Tesco in Roborough and Tavistock, the shops at Yelverton and the very popular Santa's sleigh events around the villages. Sadly, the inclement weather and icy roads prohibited Santa from visiting all the streets usually included on his route but we hope we can be forgiven for our desire to keep him, his reindeer, his Rotary 'elves' and his sleigh safe and on the road. Again, many thanks to those who gave so generously.

We are also delighted to report that funds raised during our very successful Barn Dance last November (see photo) enabled us to donate £500 to local Ukrainian refugee families just before Christmas.

And now on to our first major event of 2023 ...

After the Barn Dance, we were inundated by requests to hold a similar event early in the new year. As a result, we have decided to hold a **60's & 70's Nite** on Saturday 18th March 2023. Please diarise this event. Costs and booking details will be available on our Facebook page or at the website below. We are looking forward to another fun evening with plenty of music, dancing and merriment.

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](mailto:president@yelverton.rotary1175.org) or see our website [www.yelverton.rotary1175.org](http://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 in order for you to meet our members.



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CONTACT: [katherine.gardiner60@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.gardiner60@gmail.com)  
f 'Toddler group, Blackpool School, Liverton'



# Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



## Extracts from the meeting on 13th December 2022

### 2023/4 Budget and Precept

- The precept is the amount of money used to fund all the activities that the Parish Council carries out for the benefit of the community.
- The billing authority (West Devon Borough Council) collects these funds on behalf of the Parish Council as a separate charge on each householder's Council Tax bill.
- West Devon Borough Council has no say over how a town/parish council sets its precept. This decision is made by the individual town or parish.

Council resolved to accept the budget and approve the Precept amount of £17,995 for 2023-24. This is a 0% increase in the Precept amount from 2022-23. As an example, this means that a band D property is paying £48.62 towards the Parish Council.

Council felt strongly that the precept should not increase, in recognition that households were already experiencing significant increases in the cost of living, and Council did not want to add to that. The Council recognises that by not increasing the Precept, it will be endeavouring to provide the same level of service to the community, with effectively less finance.

**Dates for your Dairy** – Parish Council Meetings have been set for 2023. Meetings are open for the public to attend, with two 'Public Sessions' where you are able to address the meeting and comment on, or raise issues/matters of concern.

Meetings normally take place on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the small hall of Princetown Community Centre.

28th February	23rd May – Annual Parish Meeting starts at 7pm	22nd August (Postbridge Village Hall)	28th November
28th March	27th June	26th September	December meeting date to be confirmed
25th April	25th July	24th October	

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

There is still one vacancy to be filled in the Princetown ward in the New Year. If you are interested in representing the views of local people and having your say about issues people care about, please see contact the Clerk for more information.

### Connecting with residents

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

**Date of next 'Tidy Princetown' session:** 10am til 11am Sunday 5th February 2023, all are welcome, meet outside the Post Office, Princetown

**Dates of next meetings:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 19.30, 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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**Leusdon Memorial Hall**

**Widcombe Ladies Social Group**

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**Widcombe Sports Group**



2023 has started with challenges for many of us. Endless rain and leaden skies followed by sudden icy spells lower the spirits and have led to some huge potholes to catch us out as we travel around. It's been particularly hard work for our farming community on top of the effects of last year's extreme heat.

That's one of the reasons that the arrival of the first snowdrops brings a sense of renewal and hope for easier times ahead. If you haven't been to see the fantastic snowdrop display at St Raphael's, Huccaby do get there if you can. It will lift your spirits and gladden your heart.

As you start thinking about plans for the year ahead don't forget that many of our advertisers can help you to make them a reality, from someone to sort out a plumbing problem, another load of logs to keep you warm and cosy or a yoga class to help you keep that New Year's resolution to take better care of yourself, our local community has a wide range of skills and expertise. There are also numerous local groups and events, do check out Dates for the Diary, we're sure you will find something there that interests you.

Here at the Parish Link we are always pleased to receive feedback on the magazine and suggestions for new items, areas you would like it to cover or simply what you like about it. There is a suggestion box in Widecombe church or you can always email us at [link@moorlandteam.org.uk](mailto:link@moorlandteam.org.uk), we love to hear from our community.

*With best wishes from "The Link Team"*

**PS The copy deadline for the March edition is Sunday 12th February 2023**

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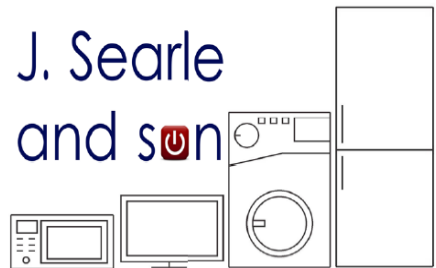


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