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Happy New Year!

I wonder if you are into New Year's Resolutions – you know, a promise to oneself to do something different this year, perhaps to throw off an old bad habit? Or make a public commitment to do something new which you've always put off? Of course it may be you are one of those for whom Resolutions work, and each year you congratulate yourself in, say, February or March, for keeping your resolution?

Well, that's not me – I'm no good at New Year's Resolutions because unless I really want to do something, I know it probably won't happen! Making a Resolution and then not keeping it would just make me feel guilty, particularly if I know I ought to do it! I'd much rather do something different because I want to do it, because I'm motivated to do it, not just because I rashly made a New Year's Resolution to do it.

However motivation can be a bit elusive. Some lucky people are motivated by their work, their job; leaping out of bed every morning and raring to go to the office or get to their emails. Maybe that's you? But this was never me – whilst I enjoyed being a Forester for many years, and then found satisfaction in a second career in IT, I was never the first one in the office in the morning – to be honest I was probably the last!

Work wasn't a good motivator. But what does motivate me, what I always look forward to, is meeting up with family and friends. I look forward to going away to visit them. I enjoy having them visit us. I love planning day trips and going with friends or family. For such trips, I'm the one who wants everything to be ready for a quick getaway!

We're lucky to have a good family, but maybe you've never been part of a big family, maybe you have no family to visit – that's not uncommon. However, friends are a different matter – we can all have friends, I suggest. For many people there's nothing better than sitting down with a cup of coffee and having a good catch-up with a friend. I know many people who meet weekly, or even daily, with their closest friends.

I wonder where your friends come from? School friends? Neighbours? Work colleagues? Someone with a common interest, like whist or walking? Church? Singing? Members of a club or society?

What impresses me about our communities here is the way in which friendships are flourishing everywhere. I'm often seeing new friendships forming when people join a group. In fact the pages of the Link are absolutely full of events and meetings where anyone can go, and where people might well find some new friendships. It's as easy as that - think of this magazine as a Friendship Starter Pack!

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Church News & Events

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So what's this to do with New Year's Resolutions? Well, if you'd like to find a new friend or two, then get out your spanking new 2023 diary, look through the Link and put one or two meeting dates in. That wasn't hard, was it? But the results could be amazing!

With best wishes for 2023,

Geoffrey

From the Registers

Baptism	Leusdon	20th November	Oscar Robert Fursdon
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Funeral	Widecombe	14th December	Margaret Norrish
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An hour of quiet reflection ***Postbridge Church***

Tuesday 3rd January at 7.30pm

Tuesday 7th February

with

Wide spacing *Candlelight*

Warm church *Silence*

Taize music *A few readings*

Why not come along to relax, to unwind and to pray?

Meet at Widecombe Vicarage at 6.45 if transport required.

More information from Revd Geoffrey Fenton, Widecombe Vicarage, 01364 621334





St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

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What a pleasure it was to see so many people at our Service of Thanksgiving in November. It was a very special occasion and an opportunity to thank the contractors who have done such a great job. I hope that those who were unable to come to that service have been into the church to have a look around – although to see it at its best the new lighting system needs to be on. Thank you also to Mike and Gill Cunniam who paid for the feather flags at the front of the church.

Since then, we have celebrated Christmas with Carols, Crib and Christingle Service on Christmas Eve and our usual Christmas morning Communion. Thank you to Hannah and Team for the decorations and David Best for donating the Christmas tree once again.

With the new audio-visual equipment in the church, we are looking for some ‘apprentices’ of any age who would like to learn how to use the kit. It would mean being present during one service a month to operate parts of the system. The PCC is also very keen for the church and the equipment to be used for community events.

Additionally, are there any musicians out there that would be willing to play the organ or piano in the church? At present there are two services a month, one at 6pm and one at 5pm both of which last about an hour.

If you are interested in either of these roles, or know someone who might be, please contact Tony or I on stmaryvirgin@gmail.com or 01364 631507.

Finally, as the New Year begins, I’m sure we all hope that there will be more positive news than there has been in 2022. We know that some individuals in our community have suffered in different ways whilst the rest of the world seems to be in constant turmoil.

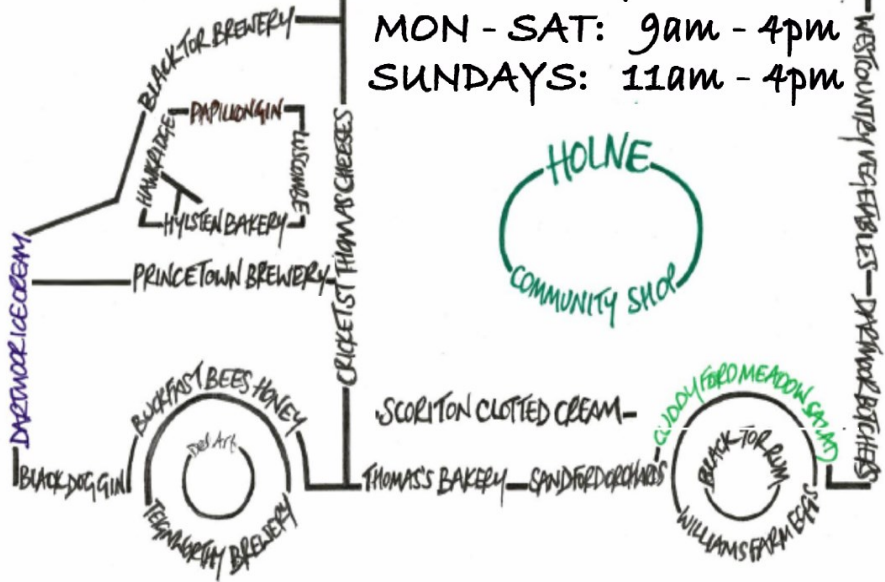
Christians believe that despite everything we see around us, God is working to bring us back to His new creation. The Holne Prayer Group meets each Friday at 10am for an hour. We pray for people known to us, the community as a whole and wider events. Anyone is welcome to join us, or to leave a prayer in the book in the church or pass a message via the email address above.

Happy New Year.

Gillian

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from 2pm



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Judy Henderson on

01364 631461.

I look forward to seeing you.

HOLNE VILLAGE HALL SOUP & CHEESE LUNCH

Held in the hall on the first Friday of the month, from 12.30pm

**The next lunch is on
6th January**

Please ring Maggie Arden on

01364 631438

if further information is required



Coo Really!

Most locals will know the location of the site of the Newhouse Inn on the road between Cold East Cross and Hemsworthy Gate. You may also be aware of the tale that the 'Road side Ale House' was deliberately set on fire by the disgruntled wives of the carters & drovers who

frequented the Inn when returning from work. On the balance of probabilities, this seems unlikely to have happened, an alternative explanation being the owner of the land James Wooley of Halsanger Manor agreed to pull the building down to placate the ladies.

It is interesting to note that before the "New House" was built an earlier building stood at this location. This building was known as "Culverhouse", which is another term for Dovecote. In the 16th/17th centuries Dovecotes or Culverhouse's were maintained to provide pigeon meat* for their wealthy owners to eat. It is possible/probable that such a Culverhouse existed on this site which was owned by the Wooley family of Halsanger Manor between 1586 – 1925.

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St Raphael, Huccaby

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New Year resolutions.

Some New Year resolutions are short-lived. But perhaps they provide a valuable opportunity to allow ourselves to reflect upon why we made them, and what was our personal motivation to make them?

As an illustration, many media and social comments, and even among our friends, questions arise about our previous roles and professions. So, as examples, how about doctors, vicars and police officers? (I could add about a friend and senior Marks and Spencer director, around why the underwear aisle had been moved in an M.and S. store?!)

Frequently asked questions for professionals, even those now who are long retired (in all sorts of gatherings), are:

Doctors:

Why can't I now easily access the Surgery for an appointment. Why does it take so long to get a diagnosis – for anything!?

Vicars:

Why can't I chat to my vicar – without going through websites/Parish offices etc?

What happened to pastoral care when the Vicar actually knew everything about who was in need of support?

Police:

Why was I fined for speeding when I was only doing 38mph in a 30-mph zone? Why are the police not allowing the motorists under the M25 because some oil terrorists are locking themselves above gantries on the motorway? Is 999 redundant?

My personal answer, if a bit simplistic, is that most professions are governed by financial, and societal norms. If each profession as examples described above, just ask yourself - what do **you** need of yourselves and the society in which you are apart? After all, Doctors, Vicars and Police officers are recruited from the society in which you are apart.

Is January going to be 'dry'

After the excesses of Christmastide, many people choose to 'sober up' and eat a healthier diet during January. One of the more popular ways of tackling this is to take on the challenge of 'Dry January' which calls for a month without alcohol. The idea dates from the 1940s when the Finnish government introduced 'Sober January' as part of the country's war efforts. Today, Dry January is practised widely as a public health campaign throughout Europe and America. It is designed to encourage people to stop drinking alcohol for a month and, in doing so, make us more aware of our drinking habits, manage alcohol consumption better, and develop a healthier relationship with it.

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Dry January does not aim to encourage teetotalism, which is the total personal abstinence from alcoholic beverages. The campaign only lasts a month, and while a small percentage of people stay abstinent, most participants return to drinking in February. However, on the positive side, most find themselves able to manage their drinking better.

While alcohol has an important place in many cultures around the world, it is also a depressant that acts like a drug. In small quantities, it reduces anxiety and makes it easy for people to socialize. However, as the body adjusts to the alcohol, larger quantities are required to produce the same effect.

When taken in larger quantities, alcohol can cause alcohol poisoning, unconsciousness, and even death. Many people resort to harmful drinking episodes during difficult times, and this is made even worse if they already have an unhealthy drinking habit.

For those who recognize that their drinking habit is showing signs of becoming harmful or are getting out of control, Dry January is an excellent opportunity to take stock and adjust their drinking habits and to experience life without alcohol, and so give their bodies an opportunity to rebuild its coping mechanisms for day-to-day difficulties and celebrations.

Next month St Aiden and scams! (Especially if you find technology difficult.)

Tony Parker

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Typical C17th Culverhouse



Preserved 'Culverhouse' at Trevanion Nr Waderidge,
Property of Cornwall Heritage Trust

Dovecotes went out of fashion in the mid-19th Century. A Dovecote, or Culverhouse building could well have remained on the site and been utilised as an early Ale House .and later replaced by the New House" in the early 1800's.

Church records indicate the existence of "New-House-on-the-Down" in 1822

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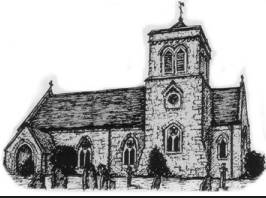
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15th Jan	12.00	Parish Communion
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Leusdon Memorial Hall Centenary Year 1923-2023

As you will see above we have now entered our centenary year. For the 100 years the Hall has stood on the moors at Leusdon it has seen us through a war, a plague and many storms and droughts as a lasting reminder to those people who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom. During the coming year we will try and put on events that will remind of this and the people who have strived to make it a centre for the Community. During the last 100 years we have hosted many events; Elections, meetings, dances, whist drives, weddings, christenings, wakes, birthday parties, film nights, quiz nights, dog shows, craft markets, bingo, race nights, pantomimes, variety shows, keep fit, yoga, meditation, courses, choirs, bowls, badminton, Parish Council meetings, coffee mornings, Commoners meetings and Youth Club. During this time the Commoners and whist drives have been constant users, with the Moorland Merrymakers with us for nearly 60 years growing from the ladies keep fit class of the early 60's.

The December coffee morning made a total of £152.50 for hall funds. We are extremely grateful to Geoffrey Fenton for providing Carol sheets and playing the keyboard for us, also to Lloyd Mortimore and the Widecombe pop up choir who led the carol singing. The next Coffee Morning will be held on **Wednesday 4th January 10.00am-12.00noon**

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The Moorland Merrymakers will be presenting their Panto from 10th -16th December, it has now returned to its traditional format and I am sure it will still provide an enjoyable night out for all the family.

There will be Whist at Leusdon on **Monday 9th January** with the usual lunch at 1.00pm followed by whist at 2.00pm.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope 2023 is good for everyone. The committee will meet on **Monday 16th January at 7.30pm**. Anyone who is interested in the future of the Hall for the next 100 years is welcome to attend.

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

Amanda Routley on 01364 631432 e mail: leusdonmemorialhall@yahoo.com.

In the meantime, if anyone would like to discuss any aspect of the Hall please contact myself or any committee member.

My contact details are John Southcombe e mail: johnsouthcombe@hotmail.com or via messenger

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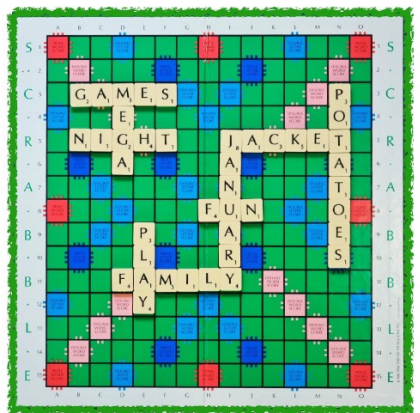
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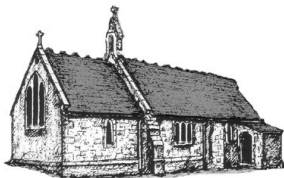
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Postbridge Coffee Mornings

There is no Coffee Morning in January. The next Coffee Morning will be on:
Monday 6 February 2023 at 11am in Postbridge Village Hall.

All welcome!

Maureen

POSTBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

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Sat 28th January matinee 2pm 2023

Thurs 2nd, Fri 3rd, Sat 4th February 7.30pm 2023

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Rainfall in November 2022

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	352.8 mm (13.9")	4	7th 49.3 mm (9")
	(November 2021 - 56.1 mm (2.2"))		
Holne	415.6mm (16.36")		26th 58.2 mm (2.29")



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Church Services for January 2023

1st January		White			
<i>Readings - Numbers 6.22–27, Psalm 8, Galatians 4.4–7, Luke 2.15–21</i>					
		Ashburton	10.30	United New Year Service	
		Holne	15.00	Wassail & Epiphany Carols - Newcombe Farm, Coombe TQ11 0JE	
3rd January		Quiet Reflection			
Postbridge	19.30	An Hour of Quiet Reflection			
4th January		Mid-week Communion			
		Ashburton	10.30	Midweek Holy Communion	
7th January					
		Ashburton	16.00	Messy Church-Church Hall	
8th January		1st of Epiphany, Plough Sunday		Gold or White	
<i>Isaiah 42.1–9, Psalm 29, Acts 10.34–43, Matthew 3.13–17</i>					
Postbridge	9.00	Holy communion BCP	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Plough Sunday	Ilington	10.30	Family Service
Leusdon	12.00	Plough Sunday	Ashburton,	10.30	Informal Worship - Church Hall
			Holne	18.00	Holy Communion
11th January		Mid-week Communion			
			Ashburton	10.30	Midweek Holy Communion
15th January		2nd of Epiphany		White	
<i>Readings - Isaiah 49.1–7, Psalm 40.1–12, 1 Corinthians 1.1–9, John 1.29–42</i>					
Widcombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Holne	09.00	Holy Communion at Huccaby
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	10.30	All-Age Communion
			Ilington	10:30	Holy Communion
			Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
			Bickington	16.00	Christingle Service
			Ashburton	18:30	Celtic Reflective Service - St Petroc's
18th January		Mid-week Communion			
			Ashburton	10.30	Mid-week Holy Communion

22nd January		3rd of Epiphany		White	
<i>Readings - Isaiah 9.1-4, Psalm 27.1,4-12*, 1 Corinthians 1.10-18, Matthew 4.12-23</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	Ilington	10:30	Morning Praise
			Holne	17.00	Evening Worship
25th January		Mid-week Communion			
			Ashburton	10.30	Mid-week Holy Communion
29th January		4th of Epiphany		White	
<i>Readings - 1 Kings 17.8-16, Psalm 36.5-10, 1 Corinthians 1.18-31, John 2.1-11</i>					
			Bickington	10.30	United Mission Community Service
* Service led by Ashburton Methodists. All are welcome.					

Holy Communion Midweek & At Home

<p style="text-align: center;">There is a service of Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10.30 at St. Andrew's Church in Ashburton You will be most welcome!</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Communion at home</p> <p>If you would like to receive Home Communion please contact Mark or Geoffrey.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(see page 2 for contact details)</i></p>
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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
1st Jan	10:30	Team Service at Ashburton		Christmas Flowers
8th Jan	10.30	Debbie	Wendy Cruze	Christmas Flowers
15th Jan	10:30	Peter Blood	Peter and Kriss	Jenny Pascoe
22nd Jan	10:30	Clare Born	Clare	Wendy Beard
29th Jan	10:30	United Mission Community Service at Bickington		Wendy Beard

Widecombe Church is open all day, every day, 9-5. You are welcome to visit at any time – an opportunity to sit quietly, say a prayer and enjoy our beautiful building.

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



Jumble Sale

Monday 23rd January 9:30-11:30am
Church House, Widecombe

Please drop items off on the morning of the jumble or to Jess Steer in advance, 07531382698
Clothes, Shoes, Bedding. See bag2school.com for full list.

Please NO toys, household items, duvets/pillows or school uniform.

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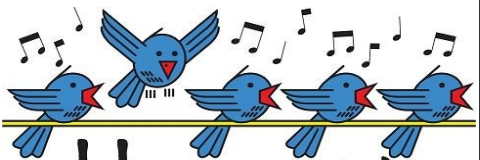
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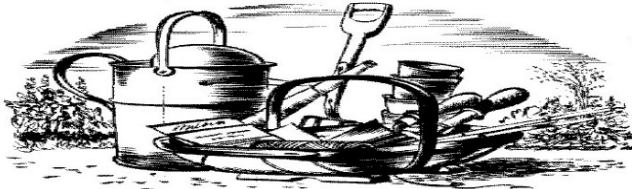
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Tue 9:15am - 3pm

Wed 9:15am - 12:45pm

Fri 9:15am - 3pm

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For queries re tennis phone Di Cameron on 621218.

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

Thank you and enjoy your sports area.

WIDECOMBE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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£2 donation to cover costs

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.

Widcombe Church House Management Committee Chairman - Mike Pascoe

To book the Hall please contact Rose Mortimore 01364 631238.

Rates of Hire (Local Events)

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All Day	£20.00

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

Widcombe Parish Council

Advance Notice of Invitation to bid for the Sheep Grazing in the Parish Field for 2023



The Parish Council is offering a Licence to graze sheep in the Parish Field from March to November 2023 and is inviting bids for this grazing.

Please note:

The field will be planted with Apple Trees in wire guards which is why only sheep are to be grazed.

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.

There may not be a water-supply in the field, in which case the Licensee will be responsible for providing a trough and keeping it replenished.

The Licensee will be required to prove valid current Public Liability Insurance

A copy of the Licence will be available after the Parish Council Meeting on 26th January 2023

Bids or Expressions of Interest are welcome. Please contact Suzanna Hughes:

suzanna.hughes21@gmail.com

Mrs S Hughes, Widcombe PC, 16 Westwood Cleave, Ogwell, Newton Abbot, TQ12 6YE



Jubilee Orchard Needs You!!

The Jubilee Orchard (hitherto known as the Parish Field) is pleased to report great success. We have just 2 trees still without sponsors out of the 40 we are going to plant, and we have managed to have all the trees donated and the guards paid for through external funding. Which means we still have a little money left in the piggy bank, and are all set for the next bit of excitement, which is.....



PLANTING!!!



Do join us to help on **Saturday January 28th, 10am**, in the Jubilee Orchard behind the public car park in Widecombe.

Bring a spade or a pruning saw if you fancy doing some hedge clearing, or loppers if you want to help clear our felled sycamore. Bring any spare cable ties if you have them and a pair of secateurs. The odd spirit level would be handy too.

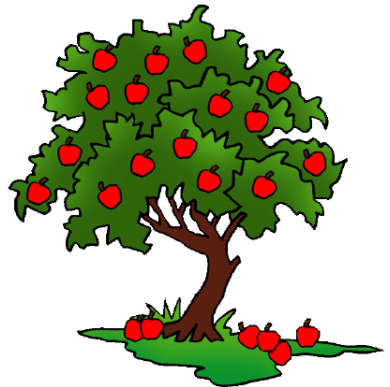
We will provide the rest, including refreshments.

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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 - As New Year's Day falls on the first Sunday of the month the next service will be **Sunday 8th January at 3.00pm**

Dunstone Charity Lunches

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

The next lunch is on **Wednesday 11th January 12 - 3pm.**

There will be soup, bread, sushi, savory dishes, salads and cakes. There is no set price but you are asked to make as generous donation as possible for whichever charity we are collecting for that month.



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

For further information, please contact Mr John Lissenden

phone 01752 47573

email jlissenden@talktalk.net

Web Site: 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 **PRINETOWN COMMUNITY HALL** at 7.30pm. Our meetings usually finish around 9 to 9.30pm.

Our November meeting, in the Prinetown Community Centre, will be a demonstration / practical on "Glass blowing".

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!

Messy Church is an informal, creative type of church service where attendees learn about the Christian faith through 'doing'.

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

- investigate
- explore
- discuss
- share & show
- games
- science
- crafts
- music
- drama

Dates of sessions:

Saturday 7th January
Saturday 11th March
Saturday 13th May
Saturday 8th July

St Andrew's Church
Ashburton

4-6pm (meal at 5:15pm)

Contact:

heidi@moorlandteam.org.uk

www.ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/children-and-youth



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MOOR CHURCH

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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Each session takes place on a Sunday afternoon and includes refreshments.

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DATES:

- SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER
- SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER
- SUNDAY 12TH FEBRUARY
- SUNDAY 9TH APRIL
- SUNDAY 11TH JUNE

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News from the East Shallowford Trust

Shallowford Farm
making the difference

At this time of year any wise and sensible school teacher would encourage their children to hunker down and stay warm indoors. Most do so. Consequently, the last few weeks, on the rain-less days we have nurtured, with fresh biscuits, a series of intrepid, determined and hard working volunteers, scrub clearing, brash beating and generally determined to clear areas on various marshes to prepare for plug transplanting planting next year. Tom Arrowsmith-Brown harvested heather seed. Devils Bit Scabious was collected by Mark



Owen at Challacombe with determined volunteers. Oak, black thorn, hawthorn and alder have been collected through volunteers working with Moor Trees and those Ellie has found through her intrepid Facebook page. The result? Seeds beginning to wriggle roots down into little plugs or dark buckets and very healthy and fit volunteers. As I am sat at the computer in the warmth typing away I do feel *some* envy that I'm not outside on such a brilliant day, in the cold, but burning heat and calories to help undo the damage of years of over-grazing

Soon the Devils Bit Scabious will need planting in the hundred little plug pots. The deadline is the end of January! We will do our best as the project target is 11,000 for this coming year. Can we increase the overall number of Marsh Fritillary Butterflies? We hope so, as the aim is to continue this work for many years to come. We don't have the funding, but we do now have the basic infrastructure and network of amazing people, many of whom are retired but keen to help where they can.

We have few visiting groups in January, which is a pity, but not surprising, so we have reserved the time for reporting and sorting. Ellie has to write her Heritage Lottery Grant report. The difference this grant has made is phenomenal. With funding available for transport for schools and various groups, our number of visitor days has increased from around 747 in 2019 to well over 3,000 in 2022. The impact has been profound. The number of day visitors has been phenomenal and also lots of fun. We keep moving forward, little by little. We still believe that the greatest impact and value with young people is on a four night, five day residential course. It may take a little while, but hopefully we will get there eventually. In the mean time..... we need cooks!

Julia

Cook Wanted / Shallowford Farm Job Share

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Granite - a play inspired by John Trevena's stark depiction of Dartmoor life
MED Theatre's 2023 community play **Granite** follows the storyline of John Trevena's Dartmoor novel, by the same name, whilst integrating anecdotal and true stories from people of the moor over the last two centuries. These stories paint a picture of what life on the moor is really like, from the lows to the highs, and uses Trevena's narratives to explore themes of loneliness, hard labour, religion, and love of the landscape.

Granite will tour Dartmoor locations in **March 2023**:

Fri 10th and Sat 11th March at Manaton Parish Hall

Tues 14th March Belstone Village Hall

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Fri 17th and Sat 18th March Moretonhampstead Parish Hall

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Don't suffer in silence this Winter

Last week, whilst out on our routine school-run, I noticed an elderly man, sat in the car outside his house, eating breakfast. It took me a moment to realise why. It was a chilly morning, but his car was parked in a sunny spot and probably felt quite cosy compared to an unheated house. This quiet act, in a mild November, spoke volumes about the crisis that is about to unfold this Winter.

These are exceptional times, and there is no shame in struggling to stay warm. A staggering 7 million UK households are estimated to now meet fuel poverty criteria (loosely defined as spending more than 10% of your income on energy). Warmth is so central to our sense of comfort and wellbeing in the Winter months. When that comfort is rationed or taken away completely, then it is only natural to feel vulnerable and exposed.

What can you do if you can't afford to heat your home?

- Create pockets of cosiness and warmth. A heated electric blanket or throw can be a great source of warmth and comfort in an otherwise chilly home. They typically cost between 1p and 3p per hour to run. If you can't afford the upfront cost (about £60 at the moment), please get in touch with SDCE on **0800 112 3044** and we will do our best to help.
- If you are struggling to pay your energy bills, our team of Home Energy Advisors offer free and impartial advice to help lower your energy usage, and can give grants of up to £200 to help you through a crisis (see www.sdce.org.uk). If you are in significant arrears we can help you to access other support.
- If your household income is under £31k and/or you receive a benefit, you can also book a free home visit through www.leap.org.uk which could include boiler repairs, draft-proofing, and replacement LED bulbs free of charge.
- Check that you have accessed all of the available government support on <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>
- If you need a change of scene and are really feeling the chill, look for local 'warm banks' – many churches, cafes, community buildings etc are opening their spaces for people to come and warm up and see some other human faces.
- Heat the human, not the home. Google this phrase and you'll find an excellent guide from the MoneySavingExpert on how to stay warm cheaply.

It is going to be an uncomfortable Winter for us all, and a painful one for many.

Let us get through it with resourcefulness, kindness and community.

Nicky Puttick, South Dartmoor Community Energy



Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



Extracts from the meeting on 22nd November 2022

Proposed Closure of Princetown Visitor Centre - Council discussed at length the DNPA proposal as outlined in a letter from Kevin Bishop Chief Exec dated 8th Nov 2022. Councillors expressed extreme concern for the future economic viability of the village if the Visitor Centre were to close. Residents have also approached Councillors to discuss their concerns. Council resolved to write to Kevin Bishop expressing these concerns and asking for the proposal to be reconsidered. Council also resolved to write to Cllr Philip Sanders (DCC), MP Geoffrey Cox and Tom Stratton (DoC) to ask them to support the interests of the village in whatever way available to them. Cllr Manning encouraged all Councillors to write to them personally also, and to encourage residents to do the same.

DNPA Byelaw Revision – Council discussed the latest proposed revisions to Byelaws and having responded in 2021, agreed no further response or action to be taken. Concerns were voiced again about who will actually ‘police’ the Byelaws, and also about wild camping provision, but as this is currently the subject of legal proceedings, it is not included in the most recent Byelaw revisions.

Remembrance Parade and Service – The annual parade took place on the 13th November with a short service conducted by Revd Andrew Thomas, at the War Memorial in Princetown. Once again this was well attended, with the collection taken at the time raising £205.81 for Royal British Legion.

Planning

a) 0425/22 Land at Fernworthy Forest for a 35m lattice tower, associated solar panels and HVO generator. Council resolved to recommend APPROVAL. Council expressed concerns about the number of masts being applied for and questioned whether more co-operation between phone providers would reduce the number required.

b) Proposed Tree Works 22/0050 - Princetown Conservation Area (around Prison) Council had no objections.

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 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 8th January 2023, all are welcome, meet outside the Post Office, Princetown.

Dates of next meetings: Tuesday 24th January 2023 at 1930, Princetown Community Centre

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

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As we write this Final Word we are looking forward to hanging up our keyboards for the Christmas celebrations having made it through our first few months as an editorial team without too many hiccups. Surprisingly quickly we will be dusting them off again for the next issue and 2023 will be swinging into action.

It has been a pleasure to take part in some of the celebrations this year and to meet so many of the people who make this moorland community as vibrant and lively as it is. Behind each issue are an army of people writing articles, confirming dates for local events, and letting us know about community events.

Looking forward into 2023 there are so many opportunities to join in with your neighbours and have fun, learn something new or just deepen your appreciation of the special place that we live in. And, of course, when you need logs, or plumbers or many other local services don't forget to check out our advertisers.

We are always pleased to get feedback on the magazine and suggestions for new items or areas you would like it to cover. There is a suggestion box in Widecombe church or you can always email us at link@moorlandteam.org.uk. it's amazing what we can squeeze into 44 pages!

Let's see what 2023 brings to our moorland community!

We look forward to hearing from you!!
With best wishes from "The Link Team"

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