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Bouncebackability

Coined in 2003 by the footballer and manager, Iain Dowie, *bouncebackability* is the ability to come back from defeat, to cope with disappointment, to recover from failure.

Bouncebackability is essential for professional sportswomen and men. Ollie Robinson, the England Test Cricket Team fast bowler has it. When he made his Test debut in 2021, it was discovered that he had made racist and sexist comments on his Twitter account. Denounced on TV, social media and in the newspapers, Robinson was removed from the England squad after playing just one Test match and suspended from international cricket. A public debate followed. Robinson apologised. Politicians became involved. There was recognition that his tweets were a decade old and made when he was a teenager. Robinson was reinstated and in his first match back took 5 wickets in an innings. Then, after this initial success, it was realised that, although he had talent, he was not fit enough and kept fading away towards the end of matches. Over the winter, after encouragement from Ben Stokes and others, he removed himself from all cricket competitions to work on his deficiencies. Last summer he came back leaner, fitter and stronger and was named as one of the top 5 cricketers in the world for 2022. Ollie has *bouncebackability*. I wonder how he'll get on against the Australians in June?

Bouncebackability for those in professional sports means the right attitude, persistent training, building up athletic strength and agility, mastering defects, practising the basics and experimenting with new ideas and techniques. It is these hidden hours that produce the confidence that counts on the day. Important for those in sport, *bouncebackability* is essential for us as Christian disciples. The virtues that Paul asks the Christian community in Rome to exercise are not the grand dramatic noticeable ones like heroism or courage in battle but the small, long-haul ones, for which we often get no thanks, and which must be practised every minute of the day – love, patience, respect, perseverance (Romans 12: 9-13). But Paul knows that these are in fact often the hardest and most trying skills to acquire. Surprisingly, you get the impression reading his letters, that they did not come naturally to him either. It is surely no accident that he uses emphatic and exaggerated language about these virtues: we are to love with a *passion* and *hate* the opposite of love with equal passion. We are to be *competitively* respectful; *zealous* in service; *joyful* in hope, *embarrassingly* hospitable and to be *generous* in giving! Paul wants the Christian community really to understand that these qualities do not come by accident. They are to be worked at with dedication and energy.

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Doing the Christian basics – time reflecting and praying in God’s company, time reading and learning from the bible, loving God and loving our neighbour through practical service, living lives with integrity and honesty for the sake of others - is just what this world needs now. In Jesus Christ, the pioneer of our faith, we see inspiration and perspiration supremely combined in his life, teaching, death and resurrection.

God believes in bouncebackability. He is passionate about each one of us and about transforming the world. The Lord loves us, forgives us and empowers us. The Lord is inviting us to join him in his goal. RSVP.

+Mark

Church News & Events

An hour of quiet reflection

Postbridge Church

Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm

Tuesday 4th July

Wide spacing *Candlelight*

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

From the Registers

Internment of Ashes	Widecombe	18th April	Ann Findlay
Baptism	Postbridge	22nd April	Reuben Neil Wargent
Baptism	Leusdon	23rd April	Louie Arthur Routley-Thompson
Funeral	Widecombe	17th May	Cynthia Bovey
Wedding	Widecombe	18th May	Chris Bartlett and Kayleigh Zab

Rainfall in April 2023

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	109.8mm (4.3")	8	11th 24.1mm(0.6")
	(April 2022 - 39.3mm (1.5"))		
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I look forward to seeing you.



St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Service
11th June	18.00	Holy Communion
18th June	09.00	Holy Communion at Huccaby
25th June	15.00	Baptism Service

A change to my regular article following a call from a former Holne resident, Maureen Smeaton, and until she left last December pianist at the church. Maureen previously played the organ and both her and her husband Peter contributed a great deal to the church and village community. Maureen wanted to share a message with all her friends and neighbours.

"Thank you to all my friends in and around Holne for the cards and telephone calls I received on my 100th birthday.

I had a lovely day with my family and friends – even a Shetland pony joined in the celebrations!

I will always miss Holne but have so many happy memories of the 36 years I was there.

I was very lucky to live in such a caring community."

Maureen

Gillian

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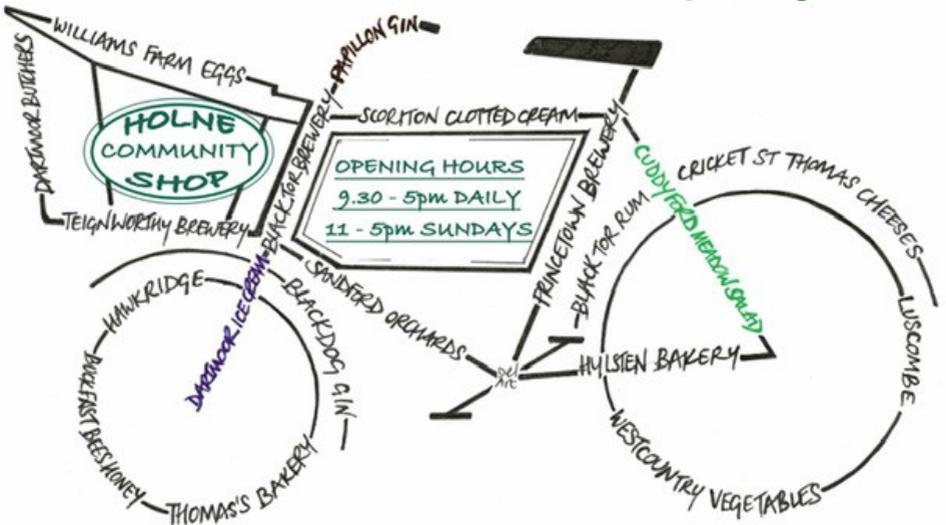
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Thank you to all of our book customers who buy and donate books. It is important that we account to the community details of the money raised since we last published in June 2022

- Devon Air Ambulance £618.70
- Holne Village Hall (microwave & plants sale) £408.75
- Parish Link £150
- Holne Church (3 flags & wild flowers) £648
- Turkey earthquake (DEC) £50
- Dartmoor Search & Rescue £900
- Food Bank (via Holne Shop) £600
- Holne Playgroup £130

The following money has been made from our unsold books that we donated to charity

- ©British Heart Foundation £392.05
- ©SW Childrens Hospice £2040.45

Holne Books has £1183.75 in reserve for projects in the church and playpark

It's Garden Wildlife Week June 5th - 11th, so we have chosen an insect theme this month, insects are among many amazing creatures living in our gardens helping them to flourish!!

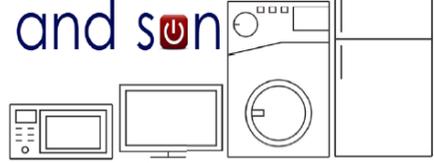


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National news:

Government needs to better understand faith, an independent review claim. A landmark review into faith engagement has found the Government needs to recognise faith groups as a force for good.

From: [Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities](#) and [Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE](#) Published 26 April 2023

And the quote of the month for me:

Colin Bloom, the government's Faith Engagement Adviser said:

'For millions of people, faith and belief informs who they are, what they do and how they interact with their community'.

National and local news:

Nationally, and of course locally, we acknowledge that ordained clergy are becoming a protected species. (Bit the same as every village once upon a time having their 'own' bobby on the beat - what happened to them? Rhetorical question.) So, a Vicar or a Priest for every Parish and service, when the resources are so sparse, means it's an unrealistic expectation.

Locally, and thankfully, we know we have a number of parishioners undergoing training to take some services – but have you ever thought, “*I could do that*” – or maybe not! I don't mean simply preaching a sermon or doing a reading. But in our communities we are all actually missionaries.

The generally accepted meaning of the word preach is to speak, live and demonstrate the Gospel.

Tony Abram, who devoted 60 years of his life to missionary evangelism in 125 countries where he spoke, lived and demonstrated the Gospel message of Christ, said: *'Everyone can do this.'* We don't have to stand up in church to take a service or to preach, we can all preach by the way we live. In fact, for Christians there is really no choice. We are all called by God to preach in the fullest sense of the word. And this is exactly what Jesus told his followers just before he ascended into heaven: *'Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned, (Mark 16:15.)'* If you are a Christian, you are a preacher!

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Date	Time	Service
4th June	16.00	Evensong
11th June	12.00	Parish Communion
18th June	12.00	Parish Communion
25th June	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

Our May Coffee Morning, which was a special one to celebrate the Coronation, was very successful and attracted a larger than usual crowd. We were informed and entertained by Terry French, Geoff Bamsey, Geoffrey Fenton and Lloyd Mortimore, we thank them all for their very valuable contribution. As usual the cakes were enthusiastically consumed, grateful thanks to all the bakers. Thanks to everyone's support, we raised £197.00 for Hall funds. If you would like to see photos of the event please visit our Facebook page "Leusdon Memorial Hall"

Our next important event is on Tuesday 6th June 2023 at 7.30pm when we have our AGM, I hope that many of you will attend as without the continuing support from the Community both on the committee and helping with events, the Hall will not survive in its present form. This is something I urge everyone to think about and come along on June 6th.

Our next coffee morning is on Wednesday 7th June 10.00am -12.00 noon, it would be good to see you there.

There will be the usual Whist at Leusdon on Monday 12th June with the lunch at 1.00pm followed by whist at 2.00pm.

You can now keep up to date by visiting Leusdon Memorial Hall Facebook page to get details of events in the Hall, thanks to our social media team.

Should you wish to book the Hall, it is available for hire at £10.00 per hour, there are special rates for regular users. Further details can be obtained by contacting our booking secretary:

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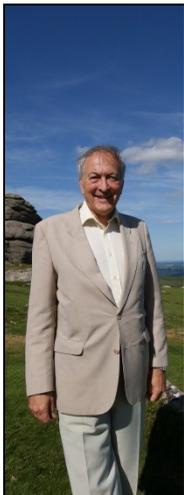
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In the meantime, if anyone would like to discuss any aspect of the Hall please contact myself or any committee member. Ideas for the centenary commemoration are especially welcome.

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

Leusdon Memorial Hall charity no.300887

We would like to thank everyone who made the effort to come along to our coffee morning in memory of our mum Diane James (nee Smerdon) in aid of Asthma + Lung UK (formerly the British lung foundation) on Saturday 8th of April at Leusdon Memorial Hall.

It was good to see a lot of faces that remember Diane/mum from her Dartmoor days out of respect for her friendship and all her good works within the community.

Among many other things, Mum along with Val Casey helped start up the playgroup in Widecombe which is still going strong 50 years later. She was also a member of Mothers Union and helped with the Sunday school with Lillian Brown. She was secretary of Leusdon Youth Club and the Moorland Merrymakers where she tirelessly made and altered costumes for many years along with being in the chorus.

We hope you enjoyed the yummy cakes with your tea/coffee and maybe won a prize in the raffle.

It was great to see people there to support us and the charity who did not know Diane/mum.

Altogether we raised a fantastic £286, along with her donation page and another funeral donation we raised over £600 for Asthma + Lung UK. Sue Ryder and British Heart Foundation have also benefited greatly from Mum's belongings.

Thank you for helping to make a coffee morning happen and all those that donated raffle prizes.

Thank you all again for helping to raise funds for Asthma + Lung UK.

Michael and Jo

News from the East Shallowford Trust



Of the nine groups that have come through our doors this spring, at least six of them, had no idea how to use a coat hanger. We understand that nine or ten year olds with busy parents who just 'make beds' to get the job done, may not have time to teach their children the skills of duvet magic for which height is a certain advantage (I have no memory of my Mother ever making my bed).

However, many of these children are given chicken nuggets or pizza repeatedly. They are told to 'go and eat in their rooms', some have never used a knife and fork and think that to butter a piece of toast, you lay the slice on your hand instead of placing it on a plate. We have developed coping strategies! More to the point, we give lessons. I'm the buffoon who plays the posh lady (Miss Brand) demanding manners 'as we are not little piglets' and explain that the reason we place our knife and fork together at the end of the meal, is because we would like to help the poor waiter who cannot tell if we have finished eating when our cutlery is strewn haphazardly across the plate.

Potatoes need cutting before they are stabbed with a fork, lifted into mid air and bitten repeatedly from arms waving like windmills with elbows firmly planted on the table. I ask the question, 'Do manners matter?' Invariably the children will respond with a deluge of reasons why they most definitely **do**!!

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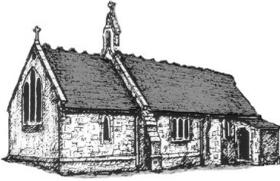
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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Service
6th June	19.30	An Hour of Quiet Reflection
11th June	09.00	Holy Communion BCP
25th June	09.00	Pet Service

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**Welcome you all to our monthly
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Postbridge Coffee Morning

The next coffee mornings will be held on

Monday 5th June at 11am

And **Monday 3rd July.**

in Postbridge Village Hall

Maureen

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So what has gone wrong? There are of course huge cultural differences and many of the children who visit us come from a swath of different cultural heritages, leading to the most brilliant discussions.

In India I learned to eat 'atap' in east Africa where source is lifted to ones mouth on a dollop of either maize meal (Ugali) or sorghum (atap). There is a polite way to achieve this and an incorrect one. I learned very quickly to feed myself correctly.

As one teacher passed me her plate saying, 'I don't eat vegetables'

Arthur was about to miss his normal procedure of, 'eat at least one pea and try a piece of carrot'. However, a teacher? She received a sensible portion of vegetables.

'Modelling is how we best teach our children'. To her credit, she did eat vegetables all week!

The list goes on, with some children being almost visibly malnourished. One child so skinny and pale I would have hugged her, but we had to collect and wash all hats overnight following the discovery of nits. We discuss what is 'normal' and why? What constitutes real food?



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One little chap wrote in answer, 'when I get back to school, I will... tell my Dad all about Shallowford and tell him to cook me vegetables.' On reading I gently sat down next to him.



'So, do you not eat any vegetables at home?' 'No!' he said, 'we get biscuits and crisps and pizza. I sometimes get an apple at school.'

What went wrong? Was it the move from rural to urban areas in the 1850s? No – everyone still cooked properly in the 1970s. If you ask google, the answer provided is that 'in the 1980s, Baby Boomers, fuelled by a massive expansion in disposable income and two-income households, began outsourcing meal preparation to accommodate their busier lives.' As we know, the education

system dropped 'Home Economics' and within one or two generations the idea of 'cooking from scratch' is now considered more expensive than cheap sugary and fat saturated foods. No point in even blaming the parents, many of them are totally ignorant, having received no positive modelling or support for at least two or three generations. 'Ignorance is no excuse' I can hear someone saying. Yet, when we look at these children, they are not bad. They do not understand and do not have the resources to seek out ways to improve their lives. They can however, 'learn how to muck out a pig' and 'not waste food, because if we do, more trees have to be chopped down to grow the food that just gets wasted and that's terrible and causes Climate Change.'

Some of the children's responses to the assessments are absolutely hilarious. All children want to please, to be responsible and do the right thing (we have not met a psychopath yet). One little step at a time we aim to break, not necessarily the cycle of poverty, but the cycle of ignorance added with a sprinkle of empathy that encourages responsibility for 'other'

After my trip I know I can:

Save food by eating more and save water by showering less

When I get back to school, I will

Never waste food and try to help an animal that is about to be stepped on.

Being outdoors makes me.....

Happy, excited, energized, silly, playful, careful for animals and sort of light headed.

Being outdoors makes me...

Happy because I am getting closer to nature

I loved when we rolled down the hill and we did a race for the fastest person down the hill would win.

I really enjoyed this trip because I had the resilience to relate well with other people I have not related with people very well, but the East Shallowford Farm is the best place I have ever been.

River music: I loved this because I could relax and become one with the grass.

Any comments? I felt I was in my dream life. I like how every staff welcomed me. I feel so sad to leave the place. I wanted to stay. It's my true spirit. I want to live at Shallowford.

Julia



Church Services for June 2023

4th June		Trinity Sunday		Gold or White	
<i>Readings - Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13.11-13, Matthew 28.16-20</i>					
Widcombe	08.00	Holy Communion BCP	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion
Widcombe	10.30	All Age Service	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	16.00	Evensong	Ashburton	10.30	Environment Sunday Family Service
			Ilington	10.30	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	10.30	Methodist Communion, Church Hall *
			Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion
6th June		An Hour of Quiet Reflection			
Postbridge	19.30	Quiet Reflection			
11th June		Trinity 1		Green	
<i>Readings - Genesis 12.1-9, Psalm 33.1-12, Romans 4.13-25, Matthew 9.9-13,18-26</i>					
Postbridge	09.00	Holy Communion BCP	Ilington	08.00	Holy Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Thanksgiving Communion Service
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ilington	10.30	Family Service "Follow my Leader "
			Moor Church	tbc	Location tbc *
			Holne	18.00	Holy Communion
18th June		Trinity 2		Green	
<i>Readings - Genesis 18.1-15 [21.1-7], Psalm 116.1,10-17*, Romans 5.1-8, Matthew 9.35 – 10.8 [9-23]</i>					
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Bickington	10.30	Morning Worship
			Ilington	10.30	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	11.00	Family Fest Communion, River Dart Country Park
			Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
			Ashburton	18.30	Celtic Reflective Service, St Petros, East Street*
25th June		Trinity 3		Green	
<i>Readings - Genesis 21.8-21, Psalm 86.1-10,16-17*, Romans 6.1b-11, Matthew 10.24-39</i>					
Postbridge	09.00	Pet Service	Ashburton	09.15	Breakfast Church, Church Hall*
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ilington	10.30	Morning Praise
			Holne	15.00	Baptism Service

Thursday 29th June

Ashburton 18.30 Outdoor Communion, Church Hall Garden *

* Service led by Ashburton Methodists. All are welcome.

Holy Communion

Midweek & At Home

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Communion at home

If you would like to receive Home Communion please contact Mark or Geoffrey.

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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
4th June	10.30	Dawn	Penny	Philly
11th June	10.30	Debbie	Debbie	Philly
18th June	10.30	Ronnie	Val and Richard	Wendy Cruze
25th June	10.30	Clare	Jenny Pascoe	Wendy Cruze

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Coronation Celebrations

What a lovely weekend and the sun shone! Thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the fun and made it such a wonderful event.

We would also like to thank Widecombe Fair Committee and Widecombe Parish Council for their generous grants which helped towards the cost of the Fireworks.



In addition, we would like to thank all our helpers and those who so kindly donated prizes for the Raffle as well as Matt @ the Kiosk, John Lawton, “Banned from the Moor” for the music on Sunday, and particular special thanks to Mark Hutchins and his Team for such a spectacular firework display.

After expenses, we have £894 in hand which will be donated to Leusdon Memorial Hall and Widecombe Community Hall.

We would like to thank those who bought raffle tickets as well as those who so generously donated prizes. The raffle winners are as follows: -

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| Peter Merchant (Landscape) | <i>Dinner, bed and breakfast at Stone</i> |
| Peter Swimburn (Widecombe) | <i>Magnum of French Red Wine.</i> |
| Jacqueline Hart (North Bovey) | <i>Ashburton Delicatessen Hamper</i> |
| Sue Hudson (Widecombe) | <i>Dinner for 2 at the Rugglestone Inn</i> |
| Alison Thomas (Sigford) | <i>Wooder Manor Organic Beef</i> |
| Anne Sullivan (London) | <i>Tracey Elliot-Reep Book</i> |
| Jackie Welby (Widecombe) | <i>Tracey Elliot-Reep Book</i> |
| Sarah Walter (Widecombe) | <i>Voucher for the Café on the Green</i> |



Sue Jones, Philippa Gimlette, Jane Bibby & Mary Down



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Meeting Dates

All meetings commence at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

Additional planning meetings will be arranged as and when required.

Date	Venue
Thursday 29th June 2023	Church House, Widecombe
Thursday 7th September 2023	Leusdon Memorial Hall
Thursday 5th October 2023	Church House, Widecombe
Thursday 2nd November 2023	Church House, Widecombe
Thursday 4th January 2024	Church House, Widecombe

Widecombe & District Sports Group



AGM Thursday 22nd June at 7.30 at the Church House, Widecombe

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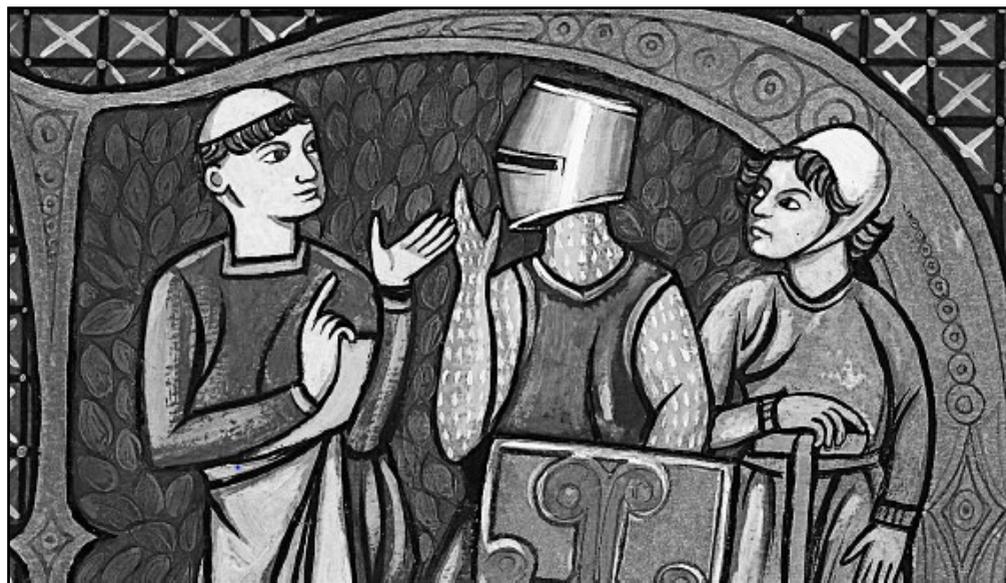
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If you would like to be more involved in the way in which Widecombe is maintained, how resources are utilised and how the community is developed and you are able to commit a small amount of your time, please get in touch; the Parish Council would love to hear from you.

Please contact:: Suzanna Hughes, Clerk,
Widecombe Parish Council

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Widecombe Parish Council

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

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1. 3 coloured potatoes
2. 3 white 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
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.
21. 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.



Art and Craft

Classes open to all.



Gordon Daw memorial Trophy

Entries from persons under 16 judged separately

25. A woven, knitted or crocheted item
26. A needlework item
27. A Pencil sketch
28. A painting . Any subject, any medium.
29. 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
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.

Poundsgate - the next service will be on **Sunday 4th June at 15.00.**

Dunstone Charity Lunches

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

The next Charity Lunch at Dunstone Chapel will be held on

Wednesday 14th June from 12 noon until 3pm.

We will be collecting for Kathryn's Mercy Homes in Tamil Nadu, South India, a refuge and school for Dalit children and the elderly.

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

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Newbridge Conservation



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

This is held at Princetown Community Centre 11am to 12.30.



ROTARY CLUB OF YELVERTON

SUMMER UPDATE



Our Spring 'Old Folks' Tea Party on the 16th April was well attended by around 80 residents from our catchment area of local villages, Yelverton, Buckland, Crapstone, Dousland and Bere Alston. All were welcomed with a glass of sherry, followed by full afternoon tea. In between all the eating and drinking entertainment was provided by an entertainer then followed by a quiz.

Our thanks go to everyone who made this the great success it was, especially to the Co-op in Yelverton for their kind donation of food, and the Tavistock Community Bus who helped to get everyone there.



Our 60's - 70's Disco night held at the Yelverton Memorial Hall was another great success, those that attended dressed in the style of the time thoroughly enjoying the music and dance, the event raised the sum of £763 for our charitable funds.

More recently club members had the pleasure of a visit to the old Yelverton Train Station kindly guided by Lady Kitson who gave a very interesting talk and a walk along a length of the line, illustrating the huge amount of work involved in the original building of the station and tunnel. This visit was extremely interesting with fascinating photographs of the station from when it was in use. The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended.

We look forward to our Annual Fun Day on Wednesday 2nd August, that will take place on the moors/airfield opposite the Yelverton Play Park, and we are, once again, grateful to Maristow Estate and Roborough Commoners for granting us permission to do so. The format will be very similar to previous years with the many participating groups taking part providing a mix of Sports, Crafts, Music, and Public Service information to appeal to children from Key Stage 1 & 2, their younger siblings, parents/carers regardless of gender and ability. We look forward to welcoming you there. Some of our club members recently attended our Rotary District Council meeting by Zoom, where a talk was given by a Rotarian from Kyiv. There are 66 Rotary Clubs in Ukraine with 1400 members, those attending were given a live description on current conditions there, with an expression of thanks for the £253k contribution, to date, from UK Rotary Clubs and material aid such as generators and warm clothing. Help is still needed on all fronts.

Some of our Forthcoming Events:

4th June & 30th July - Car Boot Sale at the Yelverton Memorial Hall

24th June - Assisting at the Meavy Oak Fair

July 5th - The Bake-off final afternoon at Princetown Primary School

July 5th - Evening Croquet match at the Plymouth Croquet Club - joint even with Tavistock Rotary

Saturday & Sunday 19th and 20th August - Car park duty at the 1940's Weekend RAF Harrowbeer

28th October - Barn Dance at the Yelverton Memorial Hall.

Should you wish to find out more about Yelverton Rotary and our activities or perhaps considering joining please contact us via: president@yelverton.rotary1175.org

Or see our website www.yelverton.rotary1175.org

Other Community News and Events

Princetown History Club

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

June 6th A walk around Mardon Down, led
by Andy Crabb, DNPA archaeologist

July 4th A visit to Moorlands Farm with
Layland Branfield

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Bickington Goodwill Community Group

The group is keeping busy with a monthly community soup and pud lunch. In May we supported Hectors House, Torquay-based cat rescue, St Mary's Bickington's repair fund, the weekly community cuppa on

Thursday mornings, the community allotment site, which had its first plot holder start in May, and the new village newsletter delivered to every home in the village. And we were able to support Bickington Village Hall Trust in April with £196 in the form of rent from their activities

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With many thanks, Michael Hext



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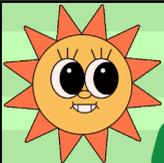
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Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



Commemorative Trees Planted in the Play Park, Princetown



As part of the celebrations which took place over the Coronation weekend two trees were planted: one in memory of Queen Elizabeth II, and the other to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III. Cllr Mark Renders (West Devon Borough Councillor) kindly agreed to plant the trees, along with Cllr Mark Williams (DFPC). The Parish Lengthsman, David Cole, then constructed tree guards to protect them while they establish.

A number of large flower pots have also been planted up and located around the village as part of the 'Tidy Princetown' initiative, which aims to enhance and improve the village and keep it looking at its best.

Extracts from the meeting on 25th April 2023

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

We currently have three 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 .

Princetown Play Park – the annual RoSPA inspection of the play area, which took place in March, identified a few areas in need of attention or repair. Council agreed a six-month plan of action to address the findings in the report. Funding will be sought to replace elements of the Play Park which are coming towards the end of their life in the next few years.

Planning – 0120/23 Electric Vehicle Charging Points at Two Bridges Hotel – All Councillors were fully in support of providing Electric Vehicle Charging points, but had concerns over the visual impact of the units due to their placement and colour and voted to OBJECT to the application on these grounds.

Date of next 'Tidy Princetown' session: 10am til 11am Sunday 4h June 2023, all are welcome to join with the Councillors to help keep Princetown looking at its best, meet outside the Post Office, Princetown

Dates of next meetings: 27th June 2023 at 7.30pm at Princetown Community Centre

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

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June...summer begins, warmth and sunshine (we hope) after a cold, wet Spring and our gardens flourish. A time of year when we get to enjoy the great outdoors, whether that is for leisure or work, to see the landscape change and the fresh green of early summer is a particular joy. One team enjoying our beautiful landscape are the runners taking part in the Ultra Marathon on June 2nd, give them a cheer if you see them, 32 miles, that's tough!!



Many of our communities came together last month to celebrate the first Coronation that many of us have lived through and the weather mostly co-operated. Great to see the Widecombe celebrations were enjoyed and well attended ([pg 25](#)). We are now heading towards the season of fairs, fetes and other shows where we have the opportunity to get together and celebrate the rural way of life. Check out the Dates for the Diary on ([pg 23](#)).

Nothing makes you feel a part of a community so much as patrolling your vegetable patch looking for the perfect tomato or bunch of herbs to enter, or trying out a new recipe for this year's cake category. Don't forget it's National Children's Gardening Week, May 28th - June 5th, what better time to find a project that the kids, parents and grandparents can all join in, looking for inspiration you can find the Widecombe Fair Produce list on ([pg 33](#)), will you be a winner!!



Don't forget to look through your Parish Link if you are looking for things to do or local businesses to help you with those summer jobs. We've had some great feedback from readers on some of our advertisers so advertising in the link supports our local community. Don't forget to tell an advertiser if you found them in the Parish Link.

Don't forget if you have a topical photo that you would like to see on the front cover of the magazine do send it in, thank you to Fiona for our pony on the moor this month. For any photos, articles, notices please do get in touch via link@moorlandteam.org.uk

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