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SPECIAL DAYS TO CELEBRATE

March is a wonderful month - by now the signs of spring are apparent, bringing with them the promise of longer, warmer days and of summer itself.

During March there are several special days within the life of the Church. We are currently travelling through the days of Lent, and as part of that we have Mothering Sunday and Palm Sunday. Additionally, we might also celebrate two significant Saints' days - St David and St Patrick - as well the World Day of Prayer.

And March also brings with it a number of secular 'special events' or 'celebration' days. Those of you with school-age children will be familiar with World Book Day and Red Nose Day. There are several other less well known days to choose from as well - from (Super) Mario Day to World Frog Day. Personally, I am delighted to note that World Sleep Day coincides with Mother's Day.

These days, there can be so many 'special days' to celebrate that it can be a little overwhelming! Having worked in schools for over two decades, I know only too well the joy and excitement that the children feel at having a special day to celebrate. The shared experience of dressing-up as a favourite character, or of being allowed to have 'crazy hair' for a day is one that endures. And these special celebration days allow schools time to focus on specific issues or causes, discussing them in-depth with the children.

It is also Tolkien Day in March - chance to celebrate the author who brought us The Hobbit, and Lord of the Rings. I'm sure most people are familiar with the character of Bilbo Baggins, the Hobbit who sets out on a quest, journeying to meet his destiny. He doesn't travel alone - he has a close and trusted friend with him, and meets many more along the way.

Our personal faith journey can be similar. Our relationship with God is ours alone, it is a personal, spiritual path that we explore but that doesn't mean we should always travel it alone. Home Groups are a great way to explore faith together - perhaps to ask the questions you'd like to ask the Preacher on a Sunday morning but never get chance to! Across the Benefice there are several such groups running throughout Lent - it's not too late to join one.

At its heart, Lent is simply 40 special days, chance to focus on one issue: our relationship with God. And, just like Bilbo, that journey will be better with friends

Heidi

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An hour of quiet reflection *Postbridge Church*

Tuesday 7th March at 7.30pm

Tuesday 4th April

with

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

Meet at Widcombe Vicarage at 6.45 if transport required.

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

From the Registers

Funeral Widcombe 1st February Pearl Chaffe

Funeral Leusdon 3rd February George Radford

Funeral Princetown 7th February Arthur Smith

Rainfall in January 2023

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	307.3mm (12.1")	10	6th 46.3mm (1.8")
	(January 2022 - 91.5mm (3.6"))		
Holne	377.2mm (14.85")		6th 70.5mm (2.7")





St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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Date	Time	Service
12th March	18.00	Holy Communion
19th March	09.00	Holy Communion at Huccaby
26th March	17:00	Evening Worship

Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar, beginning on Ash Wednesday. It is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. It was at this time that Jesus faced and resisted the temptations of Satan.

The Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and giving to the poor and needy have translated in many lives today as giving up something we enjoy, such as chocolate or alcohol, and perhaps giving any money we save to a good cause. Another suggestion for marking Lent in the modern world, is not to give up something, but to make an effort to do something extra, hopefully for someone else's benefit.

But what if we focused on the reflective purpose of Lent rather than the giving up of something? Christians always have plenty of things they can reflect on especially the life and example of Jesus, and the enormity of God's love in giving part of himself to become human with all the messiness, joy and heartbreak that entails.

But for many of us the real challenge is making time to reflect before we even get to any content for our reflection. How to make space, find quietness and still our ever-busy minds, is a challenge but not impossible. If those of us who use technology or social media on a regular basis were absolutely honest with ourselves, we know we waste time looking at our phones and tablets for no benefit at all. It is almost as though we are scared to be alone with our thoughts and use technology to block them out.

We are losing the knack of taking in our surroundings and what is going on with the people around us, and are damaging our physical health at the same time. Our minds need a break, our bodies need to straighten up, and our souls need refreshment.

So, this Lent, please think about what takes your time that achieves nothing. Free up that time. If you still can't give time to yourself to reflect on life, then spend it with someone who has too much time on their own, or who needs someone to listen to them, including your own family. Give your time to something that feels right and worth your while.

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St. Mary's is open every day, please come and spend a few minutes in the church or on one of the benches in the churchyards, sitting quietly. Who knows, you might even come to appreciate the words from Psalm 46 verse 10 – "Be still and know that I am God."

Gillian

Clare Bellamy and her family wish to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, love, kindness and support during John's illness and since his passing. They are very pleased to announce that they have raised £1000 in honour of John, to be split between Rowcroft Hospice and The Brain Tumour Charity and are grateful to all who donated.

ACCOMMODATION FOR OUR NEW CURATE

The Diocese of Exeter is looking for accommodation for Jenny, our new Curate: a 3 bedroom house or flat to rent for 3 years, in or around Ashburton. They would be looking to startrenting from March or April this year.

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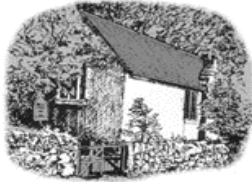
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I promised last month something around communication and how we may work more valuably and together in our Mission community.

We need to look again at our communication. Top down and bottom up – with a structure to support it. Do you know where you are going? If not, how will you know when you get there? Do you know what other churches on the Benefice are doing? If not, are you duplicating effort or reinventing the wheel? Are you sharing success? And so on.

If you are interested in being part of a small, 'bottom-up' communication group please do not hesitate to contact me.

Communication – is your Church a Success?

There's no easy answer to "What makes your church successful?" The truth is, measuring church success is not as simple as checking numbers of your congregation, church success involves many dimensions. Church 'success' perhaps raises the question: how do you measure success?

Many churches would respond by saying they can measure success based on the congregation's size or the attendance at a Sunday service. To a certain extent, those answers are valid. After all, many still perceive church success as something outward. So while there is no easy answer to "What makes your church successful?", there is perhaps one common denominator that we could follow.

Success may be subjective to each individual. Fortunately, the church has the Bible as a primary source to understand how churches can be successful based on God's standards. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus makes it clear what is expected of the church, paraphrasing and abbreviating, it's to 'make disciples'.

Simply put, to make things more practical, here are five reflection points that we can potentially use to answer: is your church a success?

1 Have you articulated a clear vision of success for your church?

Most importantly because it invites unity and provides direction. When any church members or visitors know your church's vision, they can become more inspired and involved. It may encourage your church to strive for success- if you know where you are heading.

2. Is your church doing its mission?

Aside from being inspired by Jesus' commands, successful churches are those that take action. They are on a mission!

All mission activities must stem from our Mission Community and your church's vision of its part within it. It's easy to be preoccupied with your church's traditions and even its many pursuits - but lose sight of our Mission Community vision.

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3. Is your church growing?

Just suggestions, but here are factors which may closely examine whether you can say that your church is growing and succeeding:

- Number of volunteers helping your church activities
- Number of first-time churchgoers and visitors from other churches
- Number of donations

4. Do you communicate progress and success to the members?

Communicating progress and success allows you to guide key persons at your church if they are going off-track or feel discouraged. This is a crucial step that ensures your church success.

5. Do you celebrate success at church?

While your church should rejoice and celebrate every success you have accomplished, celebrating success doesn't have to mean that you go out and have a party – or cream tea! Acknowledge and mention the efforts of specific people/ministries during any sermon in a worship service.

Post your church's achievements on your church's website, social media platforms, notice boards or the local newspaper.

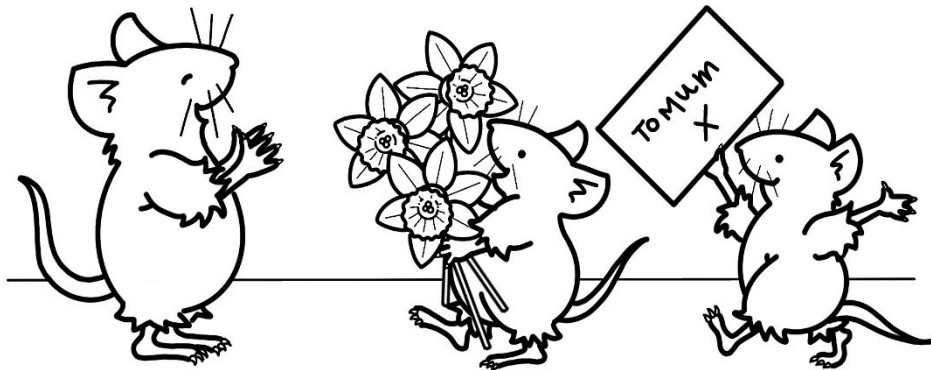
Successful churches acknowledge that all their members are important, and that God is indeed the source of all these successes. Perhaps make celebrating your church's success a regular part of your church's announcements?

The Ultimate Measure of the Church's Success

Getting to the desired level of success for your church requires you to know how to assess whether your church is already a success or may need more help. In the end, the church's success all boils down to faithfulness and obedience to God's commandments. That will always serve as the ultimate plumbline of success.

Tony Parker

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Date	Time	Service
5th March	16.00	Evensong
12th March	12.00	Parish Communion
19th March	12:00	Mothering Sunday Service
26th March	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 February coffee morning was well attended and made a total of £114.00 for hall funds.

The next Coffee Morning will be held on **Wednesday 1st March 10.00am-12.00noon**

There will be the usual **Whist at Leusdon on Monday 13th March** 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 continues.

The committee met on Monday 30th January at 7.30pm. It was postponed from 16th January because of icy roads. The treasurer reported that the bank accounts were in a satisfactory state and bookings are coming in for this year with many regular users. All committee members are kept up to date with our booking calendar.

We will be celebrating the King's coronation at our May coffee morning and our centenary celebrations will culminate with an event on **23rd October**, 100 years after the opening. We have acquired the help of Terry French who will arrange an exhibition of the various events that have taken place in Leusdon since the Hall opened. Kelly Aiers has offered her help to promote the Hall on social media alongside Emma Routley. We are extremely grateful to Terry and Kelly for supporting us in this way.

Should you wish to book the Hall, it is available for hire at £10.00 per hour, with special rates for regular users. For further details please contact our booking secretary:

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

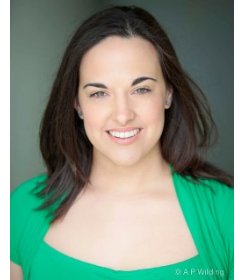
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Introducing Letitia: Your new Community Lead Musician!

My name is Letitia Jones and I've been living in Devon for just the last year.

I'm half Caribbean and half British but spent most of my life living in the South-East. For around 10 years I was an opera singer and singing teacher starting off originally as a choral scholar, latterly studying at opera school in Cardiff. I received a call to Christian ministry in 2016 and since then have done a variety of different things from being a school chaplain to a music director, a youth worker in a deprived area to being pastoral worker with the Royal Marines.



I love all things creative; other than music I've been known to dabble in photography and embroidery. My current new hobby is swimming in the sea throughout the winter. My husband, Mark, also works in Christian work and we've loved getting to know some of the beautiful countryside since we moved to Plymouth.

I'm really excited to see what we can achieve in the Ashburton & Moorland Community through music in the coming months. My goals are to introduce some new people to churches, even if that just means stepping into a church for the first time, and seeing how we can develop our music-making to enhance the worship, discipleship and outreach in our churches.

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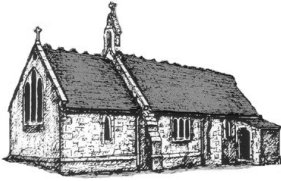
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12th March	09.00	Holy Communion BCP
19th March	18:00	Mothering Sunday Service

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LOST: Has anyone any knowledge about the whereabouts of a box measuring roughly 10x8x2"? Inside was a collection of arrowhead, scrapers, clay pipes etc. belonging to Anthony, who started this hobby at the age of 6. All the artefacts were found on the farm and surrounding moorland. I haven't been able to locate it and recall I last saw it pre Covid. I would love to pass it on to my grandson who has an interest. Any information would be so very welcome.

Wendy Beard 01364 621246

wag.widcombe@btconnect.com

News from the East Shallowford Trust

Shallowford Farm
making the difference

We had a long team meeting this week, which meant Will had to start work in the very depths of the freezing dark morning, Serena had to borrow her grand-daughter's bike as hers was once again poorly, David and Arthur fed and mucked out an hour before normal (happy pigs), Ellie furtively continued on her report until the last second and then we all realised we had totally failed on the most important item for a long day's debate cake! Some scurrying around in a freezer produced scones and cream, cheerfully warmed up by our lovely aga. Phew.... the day was conceptually saved!

The debate? Our 'Theory of Change'. It won't be seen for a while, as we have to present it to our trustees who are sure to tweak sections and reword. However, as a concept initiated 47 years ago by Miss Braund and Rosemary, the roots they nurtured are still being fed and encouraged to grow and flourish. So much has changed in the world and yet scarily, perhaps some things are even worse! We undertook a strategy review for which I interviewed so many of you in 2019, What should we be doing and why? The question is, have 'things' become even worse since 1976 when so many similar organisations were unbeknown to each other, set up in various locations throughout the country?

Post World War II the issue in urban areas was poverty and access to green space, fresh air and nature in it's raw entirety. Now, nearly 80 years on, with the UKs comparatively effective social services, access to nature is still limited with many reports citing mental health and well being seriously increasing, especially in youth.

In our arrogance, we would argue very simply, that modernity is pulling us increasingly from the real, natural world for which humans were designed. We are not meant to live in sealed units, circulating stale air devoid of pollen, virus's, bacteria and fungi. Our bodies are designed to walk up hills, over moors and mountains, across deserts, through forests to nurture life, to hunt, gather and grow our food, to problem tricky relationships, to debate and find solutions. So we strive to solve the major obstacles of cancer, heart disease and old age, but we are still dictated to and controlled by hormones programmed to seek a suitable mate, to nurture our offspring, to protect our families from danger and care for those we love. The basic human and tribal instincts still trump logic. When you are *really* hungry, try talking yourself out of the jealousy of loosing the largest scone and cream! Instinct vs logic and reason.

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Church Services for March 2023

5th March

2nd Sunday of Lent

Purple or Lent Array

Readings - Genesis 12.1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4.1-5, 13-17, John 3.1-17

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

7th March

Quiet Reflection

Postbridge 19.30 An Hour of Quiet Reflection

12th March

2nd Sunday of Lent

Purple or Lent Array

Readings - Exodus 17.1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5.1-11, John 4.5-42

Postbridge	09.00	Holy Communion BCP	Ilington	08.00	Holy Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ilington	10.30	Morning Praise
			Holne	18.00	Holy Communion

19th March

Mothering Sunday

Purple or Lent Array

Readings - Exodus 2.1-10, Psalm 34.11-20, 2 Corinthians 1.3-7, Luke 2.33-35 (please confirm with preacher)

Widcombe	10.30	Mothering Sunday Service	Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion (snowdrops available)
Leusdon	12.00	Mothering Sunday Service	Ashburton	10.30	Mothering Sunday Service
Postbridge	18.00	Mothering Sunday Service	Bickington	10.30	Mothering Sunday Service
			Ilington	10.30	Mothering Sunday Service
			Buckland	15.00	Mothering Sunday Service
			Ashburton	18.30	Celtic Reflective Service Quaker Meeting House, Foals Court, Ashburton*

26th February		Mid-week Communion		
		Ashburton	10.30	Informal Communion, Church Hall*
26th March		5th Sunday of Lent		Purple or Lent array
<i>Readings - 1 Samuel 16.1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5.8-14, John 9.1-41</i>				
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	09.15 Breakfast Church, Church Hall*
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30 Parish Communion
			Illesington	10.30 Holy Communion
			Holne	17.00 Evening Worship
* 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. <i>(see page 2 for contact details)</i></p>
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April 2023		
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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
5th March	10.30	Wendy Beard	Dawn	No flowers - Lent
12th March	10.30	Clare	Alison & Audrey	No flowers - Lent
19th March	10.30	Beth	Judy	No flowers - Lent
26th March	10.30	Michael Brown	Philly & Michael	No flowers - Lent

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We are investigating replacing the organ in the church with a modern instrument which will transform the musical component of activities in the church. We are currently looking into a digital option, which will allow us to experience the sounds of a much bigger instrument. This in turn will free up much needed space which may allow for other improvements within the church.

We will be raising the funds ourselves and plan to start with a concert in July (see below). If you would like to get involved in this project or can offer support of any sort, please contact either Geoffrey or Michael Brown mikebrown007@hotmail.com

Widecombe Church Concert

SAVE THE DATE! Friday 21st July

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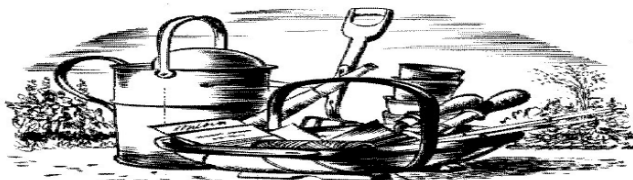
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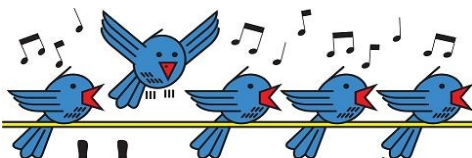
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Parish Council responsibilities are varied, including the purchase of land and buildings, providing and maintaining village greens, the provision of recreational facilities, crime prevention measures and traffic calming, amongst other things. The basic responsibility of Parish Council is to make the lives of their local communities more comfortable by representing the whole electorate within the parish, delivering or co-ordinating services to meet local needs and striving to improve quality of life in the parish. They can also comment on planning applications and be represented at public enquiries. They do not receive Council Tax directly from the public but are funded from a small percentage of the Council Tax charge.

A Parish Council is the collective voice of its community.

A Parish Councillor undertakes to observe an ethical Code of Conduct when dealing with matter on behalf of the community. One of their most important tasks is listening to and understanding the views of people in their community. A councillor agrees to attend all meetings (reasonably possible) that they are summoned to. Most meetings are held in the evening but some committees and group representation may be during the day. Some of these committees may include planning or finance.

Councillors may be asked to serve on certain groups or attend functions on behalf of the parish council. Councillors act as ambassadors for their community keeping everyone aware of local needs and concerns and reporting back on District, County and regional changes

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You need to be over 18 years of age:

- A British citizen, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union
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- A local government elector of the parish; or a person who during the whole of the twelve months before nomination as a candidate occupied land or other premises as owner or tenant in the parish; or has, during the same period, resided in that area or within three miles thereof, or has during the same period, had a principle or only place of work in that area.

Nomination forms are available from the District Council Elections Office. You will need to fill in all your personal details and those of the people nominating you. You and those nominating will be asked to fill in your Electoral Register number. The deadline for receipt of nominations is

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

Dunstone Charity Lunches

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

Charity Lunch at Dunstone Chapel will be held on
Wednesday 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.



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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 March.

Whist every fourth Thursday in the month.



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So, in our arrogance, what can we do to improve the lives of others? Do we have the moral authority to think we can teach, question, provoke, and encourage behaviour change? It's such a tricky debate. Or is it?

Children and adults might wrinkle their noses at the smell of the pigs, but all will 'coo' and 'ahh' at pink little piglets nestling into their mother for warmth and milk. That is basic human instinct developed to ensure we nurture our offspring, but honed and developed on every farm, within every tribe globally until the industrial revolution.

Last week, we took some children next to the stream, covered their eyes and led each to a tree and asked them to learn forward, touch their cheeks closely against the bark and wrap their arms silently and gently around the huge girths of these majestic, wonderful oaks. 'Feel the life through your cheek. Hear the sap rising as you role from your cheek to your ear.' A few giggle, but most, gently relax. Their shoulders drop, they breath into the tree, slowly and gently leaning, calming and finally they inhale and hear for the first time the tinkling of the stream, the noisy chatter of bullfinches, chaffinches, sparrows and the soft caress of air as it curls and plays between the trees.

I hope we provide a key. Opening a door to a world unknown to most., today 56% or 4.4 billion people live in cities for which the human body is not designed and this is predicted to increase to 7 out of 10 people by 2050.

Life without seeing the stars, hearing the breeze, smelling the damp soil in the morning and knowing, if you do not get up to feed your animals or till the soil, you yourself will have no food. Is that a privilege or a curse? If you have ever watched 1993 Demolition Man, there is a scene which 'remains nameless' identifying how future relationships will be undertaken virtually. How far are we from this... in reality, much closer than many people are aware. Many of our young people barely leave their bedrooms. Life almost entirely virtual. Their experiences are online. The real world becomes intensely scary.

Life inside a room with curtains closed is sterile and lifeless and for many young people, this is now their 'safe' space. In our infinitely superior modern world we have aspired to 'control' every discomfort, to fashion and live within environments which do not need us to shiver, sweat or barely move. Our instincts, human drivers and responses are made for a physical, practical outdoor world, not one caged in a room, muscles atrophying through lack of application. Living vicariously through a screen with fake challenges makes the real world truly scary. Young people are not prepared for the raw onslaught on their senses when feeling a live chicken in their grasp, when their lungs heave climbing a hill. Are we all so innately lazy that we will default as a species to a sedentary blob?

Surely we cannot be wrong. We were born of the earth and shall return to it. The screen world is new, not even a generation old yet. Don't panic – it's not all doom and gloom! It does not take too much to coax even teenagers up a hill on a warm day. I do worry more that all the fields around Newton Abbot and Bovey Tracey are being sealed up under more badly built houses as our population forever seems to grow and grow. But we will get there eventually – the youth give us hope. I watched one ten year old smile and sink onto her tree, as her arms embraced it's knobbly trunk. The earth has not forgotten us. It returns our love when we remember to thank her for the life we have been given!



Learning to spin, feeling wool now knowing where it comes from and discussing who has the warmest clothing!

Julia

Other Community News and Events

Princetown History Club

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

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

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

For further information, please contact

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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:

heidi@moorlandteam.org.uk

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

DUST + GLORY

**THIS LENT WE ARE ALL INVITED TO
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SEEK TO LEARN FROM THEM, AND SO, GROW CLOSER TO GOD.

ASHBURTON (MONDAYS)

Starting Monday, 27 February | 7.30pm

Hosted & led by Chloe Axford, 14 East Street, Ashburton, TQ13 7AZ
Info: axfords14@gmail.com

ASHBURTON (WEDNESDAYS)

Starting Wednesday, 1st March | 2pm

Hosted & led by Jane Ashton at Hillcrest, Bowden Hill
Info: janeashton215@gmail.com (lifts available)

WIDECOMBE (THURSDAYS)

Starting Thursday, 23rd February | 4pm

Hosted & led by Revd Geoffrey Fenton, Widecombe Vicarage
Info: geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk

ASHBURTON (THURSDAYS)

Starting Thursday 2nd March | 7:30pm

Hosted by Barbara Dunball, Waverley Hall, Ashburton
Led by Rt Revd Mark Rylands & Rev'd Kevin Hooke
Info: barbaradunball1@gmail.com

HOLNE (FRIDAYS)

Starting Friday 24th February | 10am

Led by Gillian Parker | St Mary's Church, Holne
Info: gillianp1992@gmail.com

WHERE POSSIBLE, PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.
www.ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/dust-and-glory



High Moorland Women's Institute Princetown

We are a small friendly group of 16 ladies based in Princetown, but many of our members live outside. We try to support the community whenever we can and are always open to ideas and suggestions in this area.

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

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

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

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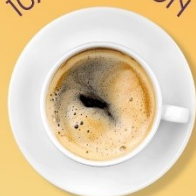
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1st Wednesday of the month



1ST MARCH
5TH APRIL
3RD MAY

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with a roll and a hot drink.**



Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



Extracts from the meeting on 24th January 2023

Proposed Closure of Princetown Visitor Centre - The Council were pleased and relieved to hear that Members of DNPA have approved the use of reserves to fund the continued operation of the Visitor Centre for six months, with effect from April 2023. This was outlined in a letter received from Kevin Bishop CEO DNPA and explained at the meeting by Cllr Sanders (DCC/DNPA Member). This decision buys time whilst DNPA continues discussions with DEFRA, Duchy of Cornwall and West Devon BC to secure additional funding, reduce operating costs/ increase income to enable the centre to remain open after Oct 2023.

Cllr Manning (Chair DFPC) welcomed this 'stay of execution' and thanked all present for their efforts in writing to DNPA, local Councillors and MP's, which will hopefully help to secure the funding that is required to keep the centre open in the longer term.

Council will continue to monitor the situation and is prepared to take further action as necessary to retain the Visitor Centre.

The King's Coronation May 2023 - Following the success of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations last year, Council agreed to plan another event for the 7th May from 1200 – 1500 at Princetown Community Centre to coincide with the 'Big Lunch'. Cllr Byrom agreed to lead, with the support of a small team, to deliver the event. Cllr Henson will look into souvenir options for children and young people living in the Parish.

Postbridge Cemetery - Council agreed to get quotes for work needed to remove trees from the boundary hedge, and remove limbs to reduce shading in the cemetery.

Parish Defibrillators – A new cabinet door, has been obtained and fitted to the Defib located at **Postbridge Visitors Centre**. Work continues with National Grid to reinstate the electrical supply to the Defib located at **Hexworthy**, as part of ongoing refurbishment work which is being kindly undertaken by a local volunteer to the old telephone box. Other Defibrillators located within the Parish that are accessible to the public are located at:

- Front Porch of Venville House, Princetown.
- Prince of Wales Pub, Princetown

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

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

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 5th March 2023, all are welcome, meet outside the Post Office, Princetown

Dates of next meetings: Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 19.30, Princetown Community Centre

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

Follow us on Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/dartmoorforestpc.net>

Parish Clerk: Miss Jackie Bennetts

Telephone: 01822 859104

Email: clerk@dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk **Website:** www.dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk

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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March is one of my favourite months, the beginning of spring as we witness nature bursting through, snowdrops, daffodils, primrose and eventually bluebells and new life, lambs and calves in the fields, wild birds and their chicks in the trees, gorse and hedgerows. I do wonder if this is happening a little earlier each year, but I guess that is change and we, like nature, will have to adapt. One change will be the clocks, although the same date year on year, it provides longer days and more time spent outdoors. Hooray for those who will enjoy it socially and those who work outdoors whatever the time of year!

With March comes Mothering Sunday (the 19th to remind any who don't have it noted in the calendar), a day to celebrate mothers, someone who has made an impact in your life, be it your mother, a neighbour, the woman down the road, a godmother or aunt, the mothers around you. Put smiles on their faces with a phone call, meet for lunch or a coffee, give a small gift, simply showing that you care about them.



It has been great fun finding space for all the notices this month, lots going on, meet with other like minded people and enjoy a common interest or simply a warm drink and a chat, catch up with friends and make some new ones too.

We love to share what is going on with our regular readers and those visiting the area. If you have an event or want to share a topical or historical article, please send it in, we consider everything received link@moorlandteam.org.uk, and of course we love hearing from our community.

With best wishes from "The Link Team"

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