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The Parish Letter

Greetings! I'm Ross Hathway the new Church Vicar for Widecombe, Leusdon and Postbridge Parishes. Firstly, a big thank you to all who have welcomed us so warmly and helped with setting up the Vicarage.

I was born and raised in the outback of New South Wales on a family farm. Life revolved around horses and Kelpie dogs to herd sheep and cattle. Crops included wheat, barley, grain sorghum and irrigated lucerne. (I like to say I have a Ph.D in tractor driving). I attended a Primary School with never more than 25 pupils. Kangaroos jumped through the school grounds and finding cricket balls was perilous because of large poisonous snakes in the grass.



Later on, weekends were spent on motor bikes and constructing buggies in the workshop. We attended a church but the real fun was playing Rugby League. After an unhappy stint at University I started to read the Bible seriously for the first time. This culminated in my attendance at Christian Youth convention where to my astonishment I realized that the truth of the Christian Gospel had been 'under my nose' and I hadn't realized it. My previous reading was around Buddhism, some philosophy and the writings that were emanating from the counterculture of the American West Coast.

In 1980 I booked myself to travel to Nebraska (not the most exciting State in the U.S) to look at the new 'No till' farming practises. I decided to travel firstly via the UK after I found a nearby farming pal was intending to be there at the same time. The highlight of this trip did not turn out to be Nebraska but the meeting of my now wife Alison on a church picnic day near London. Alison grew up on a farm in North Devon.

Upon returning to Australia, I found I had a desire to study the Bible and deepen my new world view without necessarily leaving farming. Alison and I decided to be married and together we came to a growing conviction that ordained Anglican ministry was our future.

After an initial two years curacy/assistant ministry in country NSW we moved to the U.K town of Corby in Northamptonshire which we enjoyed enormously. Then in 1992 for my first Parish in charge as Rector we settled in a village called Trull on the southern outskirts of Taunton in Somerset. We spent ten very happy years there and our three children thrived in school and community.

At the end of 2002 we moved back to Australia and I retired from full time parish ministry in 2019. Since then, Alison and I have been serving part time in locums, mostly rural Parishes in Western NSW. My normal working days here will be Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

I'm looking forward to meeting folk and especially visiting farms. My knowledge of sheep is mainly about Merinos. If anyone wants a tractor driver for a day let me know!

I like rugby (both codes) woodturning and carving, doing up motorbikes and old Ford Trucks.

Most of all I love the Christian Gospel. There is no better news!

Ross

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Funeral

Widcombe

15th March

Terry Pascoe

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Date	Time	Service
31st March	15.00	Easter Communion
7th April	15.00	Holy Communion
21st April	15.00	Evening Prayer

St. Peter's 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.

Any queries, please contact **Rt Revd Mark Rylands** (Team Rector) 01364 716309
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Easter Day Service: On Christmas Day there were 15 small children in church, should they be coming to the 3.00pm Easter Day Service they will be delighted to see their own new table and chairs with three new activity books and colouring pencils to keep them occupied. Or when just visiting church any day of the week or service times. All part of the rural communities fund; the activity books by a generous donation – thank you donor. Also a new set of books for adults and children to browse or borrow and return for others to read. More jigsaws coming soon.

Do remember that you can always just leave books, and jigsaws, in church for others to borrow and return.

New cushions for the library area but do look around and you will find a heated cushion on a front pew. This cushion only heats up when sat upon, so do linger awhile should you wish.

Spring Cleaning Friday 5 April at 10.00am Do you have a little spare time? Why not join the small band who dust and polish church once a month. A few more hands - it only takes an hour. **P.S. it's also fun!**

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Date	Time	Service
31st March	10.30	Easter Communion
14th April	18.00	Holy Communion
21st April	09.00	Holy Communion at Huccaby
28th April	17.00	Evening Worship & APCM (16.30 tea)

“April brings the primrose sweet, scatters daisies at our feet”

Well, that verse from a poem I learnt as a child, may have been true then, but for the last few years primroses have been blooming in our garden since January! In fact, it is very hard these days to categorise any month by its weather or which flowers will be blooming. One thing that does come round every year at this time is the St. Mary's AGM or Annual Parochial Church Meeting as it is officially known.

Like any organisation, every parish is required to produce an annual report regarding its activities and a statement of its finances. It is also the occasion when new church officers are elected including members of the Parochial Church Council.

Notice the use of the word 'parochial'. This meeting like other AGMs, is open to its 'shareholders', that is, every member of the Parish of Holne, not just those who happen to go to church. Although voting is restricted to people who are on the Electoral Roll of the St. Mary's, anyone can come along to listen, ask questions, and meet the vicar, in our case the Rt. Rev. Mark Rylands.

If that is not enough of an incentive, our meeting which takes place on Sunday 28th April, will start with tea and cakes at 4.30pm. There will be a short service before the official business starts and everything will be over by 6pm.

The PCC would be delighted to see as many people as possible come to this meeting, which after all, is about your church. If you want to have a say about St. Mary's and its future, please contact me or Ann Rowland and you will be sent a set of papers before the meeting. Or if you just want to turn up on the day, that's fine.

On the subject of flowers, Jesus told his disciples that they should never worry about anything because God will always provide for our needs.

"And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?" (Matthew 6:28-30).

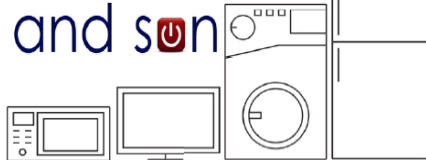
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Something affecting all our Benefice for this month – and the future. Fraud is the crime most likely to affect British adults – and anyone can fall victim to it. In fact, it now accounts for 41% of all crime. The government has just introduced a national Stop! Think Fraud campaign packed with useful tips to keep you safe. The most important information is:

1. **Use a strong password for your email:** Your emails contain a lot of information about you that criminals can use to scam you or people you know. It's crucial you use a strong password for your email account that you don't use for anything else. Avoid words that can be guessed, like your pet's name or birth month. Adding numbers and symbols is a good way to make passwords even harder to guess.

2. **Use 2-step verification where possible, to protect your email account:** 2-step verification (sometimes called 2SV) helps to keep criminals out of your important accounts. It works by sending a code or PIN to a device only you have access to, such as your phone. You'll usually only be asked to do this when you sign in using a new device or change settings, such as your password. So, if you're asked if you'd like to set up 2-step verification, please always do so – you'll be making life twice as hard for criminals!

3. **Use your browser's password manager:** If your web browser offers to save your password when you're logging in or creating an account, always do this. These 'password managers' will help you create and store strong, different passwords for all your different accounts. They're easy to use, hard to crack and will save you from having to memorise your passwords.

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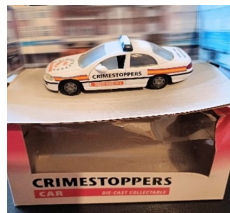
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6. **Report spam texts or calls:** Criminals sometimes send texts asking you to click a link so that they can attempt to steal your money or personal information. They might also call and try to trick you over the phone. Reporting scam texts and calls will help your provider find out where the calls or texts came from and can help get the senders blocked or banned. To report a scam text, forward it to 7726 and then send the sender's number when prompted. To report a scam call, simply text 7726 with the word 'Call' followed by the scam caller's number.

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Leusdon Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Monday 8th April 2024, 2.30pm at Leusdon Church

Leusdon Memorial Hall

We held a Coffee Morning on 6th March it was well supported and overall we raised £188.00 for hall funds. Our next Coffee Morning is on **Wednesday 3rd April 2024 10.00am -12.00 noon**, it would be good to see you there.

There will be the usual Whist at Leusdon on **Monday 8th April** with the lunch at 1.00pm followed by whist at 2.00pm. These two activities are now making a considerable contribution to the Hall’s running cost and the support for them is greatly appreciated. The work on the repairs and improvements mentioned in last months Parish Link have now commenced and will continue throughout the summer with as little disruption as possible

We have made the decision to include electricity and heating in the hire charge which will mean from the first of May the charge will £11.00 per hour inclusive with the usual discount for regular users. We have a further committee meeting on **Thursday 22nd February at 7.30pm** so more information will be forthcoming in next month’s Parish Link.

Following my appeal in the Parish Link last month for a new secretary we have had a volunteer come forward, Debbie Richardson, (who many of you know as editor of the Parish Link) will commence her role after our AGM. We are extremely grateful to her for volunteering and Kathryn has agreed to support where necessary, Thankyou to you both

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Church Services—see Page 22 for details or
www.ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/postbridge

Date	Time	Service
31st March	09.00	Easter Communion
14th April	09.00	Holy Communion
25th April	19.00	Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Church House, Widecombe

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

Any queries, please contact **Revd Ross Hathway** (Team Vicar) 01364 716308
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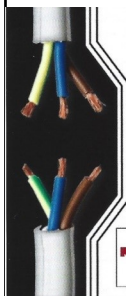
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Church Services for April 2024

7th April

2nd of Easter

White

Readings - Acts 4.32–35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1.1 – 2.2, John 20.19–31

Widcombe	10.30	Family Service	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
			Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	10.30	Family Service
			Ilington	10.30	Holy Communion
			Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion

14th April

3rd of Easter

White

Readings - Acts 3.12–19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3.1–7, Luke 24.36b–48

Postbridge	09.00	Holy Communion	Ilington	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ilington	10.30	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	15.00	Moor and Messy Church
			Holne	18.00	Holy Communion

21st April

4th of Easter

White

Readings - Acts 4.5–12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3.16–24, John 10.11–18

Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Family Communion & APCM
			Ilington	10.30	Family Service
			Bickington	10.30	Morning Worship
			Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
			Ashburton	18.30	Reflective Service, St Petroc's *

28th April

5th of Easter

White

Readings - Acts 8.26–40, Psalm 22.25–31, 1 John 4.7–21, John 15.1–8

Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	09.30	Breakfast Church, St Andrew's Hall*
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
			Ilington	10.30	Morning Praise + APCM
			Holne	17.00	Evening Worship +APCM (tea 16.30)
			Ilington	19.00	Moor Worship

* Service led by Ashburton Methodists. All are welcome.

Holy Communion

Midweek & At Home

There is a service of
Holy Communion every Wednesday
at 10.30
 at St. Andrew's Church in Ashburton
 You will be most welcome!.



Communion at home

If you would like to receive Home
 Communion please contact Mark
 (see page 2 for contact details)

Dates for the Diary

April 2024		Page	April 2024		Page
2nd	Princetown History Group	35	10th	Dunstone Charity Lunch	33
2nd	Holne Whist	11	11th	Widecombe Social Group	24
3rd	Leusdon Coffee Morning	15	13th	Bickington Community Lunch	36
3rd	Widecombe History Group	29	14th	Easter Duck Race	27
4th	Widecombe PC	25	14th Parish Link Deadline		
5th	Bickington Pie & Mash night	37	15th	Postbridge Mini-Market	19
5th	Holne Soup & Cheese Lunch	11	20th	MED Creative Research	36
6th	Holne Table Top Sale	8	23rd	Ashburton U3A	40
8th	Leusdon Whist	15	25th	Buckland Whist	7
8th	Postbridge Coffee Morning	19	Forthcoming Events May		
9/10th	MED Holiday Dartmoor Drama	39	25th	Piano Recital Widecombe	25

Rainfall in February 2024

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	336.4mm (13.2")	0	6th 36.3mm (1.4") 8th 33.4mm (1.3")
	(February 2023 - 27.4mm (1.1"))		
Holne	388.1mm (15.28")		7th 46.5 (1.8")



Widcombe & District Social Group

Thursday 11th April 7.30pm Church House, Widcombe

A talk by Paddy Gaunt on Life as a Retained Fireman,....should be good!

Admission £2 Tea and Coffee and Draw

Call Rose Mortimore for details on 01364 631238



Widcombe Singers

if you want to join the Singers they rehearse on **Tuesday evenings at 8pm at The Church House, Widcombe**

Admission £3

Telephone Rose 01364 631238 for anymore details.....

WIDCOMBE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

This local charity founded in 1635 to help in the education of Parish Residents under the age of 25 also includes support for Widcombe primary school activities.

The charity can, and does, give financial assistance for anything to do with education, training and work.

If you as an individual have need of help, please contact Julia Young (Administrator)

juliayoung644@btinternet.com



PreSchool (2-5years)

Tue 9:15am - 3pm

Wed 9:15am - 12:45pm

Fri 9:15am - 3pm

See website for fees and funding info.

Widdytots (Newborn-5years)

Parent & Child sessions

On the last Monday of the month that

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Our outdoor classroom is run every **Wednesday** in our field nearby where we cook over an open fire, hunt for bugs and swing in the trees!

www.widcombepreschool.org.uk

Info@widcombepreschool.org.uk

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'Our children have both thrived at Widcombe exploring the various outside spaces and taking adventure walks around the local fields'



St Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

For contact information, ministers and church officers please see front of the Link
Church Services—see Page 22 for details or
<https://ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/widecombe-1>

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
31st Mar	10.30	Penny	Penny and Jenny	All help on Sat 30th 9.30am please
7th April	10.30	Dawn	Rose Mortimore	Easter flowers
14th April	10.30	Philly	Wendy Beard	Val Tame
21st April	10.30	Clare	Clare	Val Tame
28th April	10.30	Alison Hathway	Kris & Peter	Penny

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Any queries, please contact **Revd Ross Hathway** (Team Vicar) 01364 716308
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Widecombe Parish Council

Next Meeting

Thursday 4th April 2024



Leusdon Memorial Hall

at 7.30pm

Widecombe Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Thursday 25th April 2024

Church House

at 7.00pm

Iwan Llewelyn-Jones

St Pancras Church
Widecombe

Saturday 25th May 2024 6pm

Proceeds shared between the church
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WIDECOMBE FAIR 2024 PRODUCE AND CRAFT SCHEDULE

VEGETABLES (ALL LOCALLY GROWN)

Hermion French Silver Salver

1. 3 Coloured potatoes
2. 3 White potatoes
3. 3 Onions – Grown from sets or seed
4. 3 Carrots – Trimmed and washed
5. 3 Beetroot – Trimmed and washed
6. 6 Runner Beans
7. Longest Runner bean
8. 6 French beans – any colour
9. Any squash or courgette
10. 2 Peppers or 2 chillies
11. Any vegetable not otherwise mentioned
12. 4 Tomatoes
13. 4 Culinary herbs in a jar.
14. A collection of 5 different vegetables in a standard box (12"x16")
15. A salad selection in a small basket.

FLOWERS (ALL LOCALLY GROWN)

Trophy to be presented.



16. 3 Dahlias
17. One specimen dahlia, any type
18. A Single rose
19. Single stem of any flower (excl. Dahlia & Rose)
20. 3 Hydrangea flower stems.
21. A vase of 9 mixed flowers (3 of each variety)
22. A houseplant – just foliage or flowering

FLORAL ART - Trophy to be presented

23. A woodland arrangement (leaves, berries, twigs etc)
24. An arrangement in an unusual container.
25. An arrangement in a teacup.
26. A flower arrangement in a basket.

ART AND CRAFT CLASSES . OPEN (Age 13 and over)

The GORDON DAW Memorial Trophy.

27. A woven, knitted or crocheted item
28. A Needlework item.
29. A string of bunting (any material) not over 2mtrs

30. A pencil sketch
31. A painting, any subject, any medium.
32. An item made from wood.
33. Any craft item not mentioned
34. A Photo entitled ' This Farming Life'
35. A Limerick



CHILDRENS CLASSES – under 7 for the TAME cup

36. Garden on a plate.
37. A Happy Pizza
38. An animal made from Fruit and/or veg
39. Flowers in footwear
40. A Lego Model
41. A painting up to A4 size

CHILDRENS CLASSES - 8 to 12 for the HUTCHINS cup



42. 4 Funny face buns
43. A Lego Model
44. A Painting up to A4 size
45. Flowers in Footwear
46. A Happy Pizza
47. An animal made from fruit and/or veg

HOME PRODUCE - The ROSE BOWL

48. A plate of 12 homemade confectionary
49. A Farmhouse fruit cake – own recipe
50. A traditional Victoria sponge
51. A traditional pasty
52. 4 sausage rolls
53. A vegetable quiche
54. 4 bread rolls – white or brown
55. A 'Showstopper' cake.
56. A jar of jam
57. A jar of chutney.
58. A bottle of homemade drink. Cordial, cider, wine, beer etc





DUCK RACES!



TEA & CAKES



Easter Duck Race & Teas

Sunday 14th April at 2.30pm

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Alternatively membership forms can be found in the noticeboard by the court.

Regular Bookings: Tuesday & Thursday: Tennis Adults (16+) 6.30 Under 16's with ability are welcome to these sessions with a parent who is also playing.

For queries re tennis phone Di Cameron on 621218.

Please remember to wear soft soled shoes and to leave the court tidy with the net replaced. Report any damage immediately to Claire Partridge (Secretary) on 621468. Close all gates and replace the keys.

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

Thank you and enjoy your sports area.

Widecombe Church House Management Committee Chairman - Mike Pascoe

To book the Hall please contact Rose Mortimore 01364 631238.

Rates of Hire

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Dartmoor welcomes dogs on leads now spring is here

Dog owners are being asked to use a lead when out walking their dog on the moor.



skylark chicks in the nest on the ground

From now until 31 July, the National Park is encouraging people to use leads to protect ground nesting birds and livestock.

Dartmoor National Park Authority wants everyone to enjoy Dartmoor if they have a dog or not. With the arrival of spring, birds such as the meadow pipit and skylark are building nests on the ground to incubate eggs while lambs, foals and calves are on the open moor.

But a dog trampling through undergrowth can frighten adult birds from their well-hidden nests. Even the best-behaved dog can cause distress to grazing livestock and their young – it doesn't even need to be chasing them.

The National Park Authority is asking residents and visitors to follow some simple rules and to please keep dogs on a lead:

- During the livestock breeding and ground nesting bird season 1 March – 31 July
- At all times anywhere near livestock
- During warmer weather when adders are likely to be basking in patches of sunshine.
- Follow official signs or notices locally. At certain times, dogs may not be allowed on some areas of access land or may need to be kept on a lead.
- Clear up dog poo and take used dog waste bags away



Bradley, the Labrador, enjoys a lead walk on Dartmoor



lambs with Bonehill Rocks in the background

On areas of Access Land designated under the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000, dogs must be on a short, fixed lead of no more than 2 metres between 1 March and 31 July.

Gone out without dog poo bags? The visitor centres at Haytor, Postbridge and Princetown sell poo bags and special odour-proof and leakproof containers for clean and used bags.

What to do if you see a dog worrying livestock

Livestock worrying - when a dog chases, attacks or causes distress to livestock - is still a serious concern, particularly for farmers. Dartmoor Rangers will be encouraging people to report livestock worrying to police on **101** or **Dartmoor Livestock Protection Society** on **07873 587561** giving as much information as possible.

Harry Price 1877 - 1965



Many of you will know the automation of Tom Cobey's horse and riders on display for 364 days every year in St Pancras Church. But the story of its creator Harry Price is less well known.

Harry was born in Birmingham in 1877, as he grew up he came to dislike Birmingham and at the first opportunity in 1893 he enlisted in the Royal Navy as a "boy entrant". Being stationed in Devonport for his training Harry soon came to enjoy the freedom of walking on Dartmoor. This led to the lifelong passion he developed for life in the countryside.

During his 12-year service in the Royal Navy Harry travelled to many countries where he was able to gain experience of different cultures in other parts of the world. The highlight of his first term in the Royal Navy was his service on HMS Ophir. In 1901 with the ship serving as the Royal Yacht they were carrying the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York on a voyage around the British Empire. Harry left the Royal Navy in 1907 having served the twelve years he signed on for and returned to Drewsteigton.



In 1914 with the outbreak of the First World War Harry rejoined the Royal Navy. In 1915 he was serving upon HMS Ocean during the naval action off the coast of the Dardanelles. Unfortunately, on 18th March, Ocean struck a mine and sank, Harry survived this sinking after spending 14 hours floating in the sea. Having transferred to service on HMS Majestic, still in the Dardanelles campaign, on 26th May 'Majestic' was torpedoed by an Italian U boat and sank. Harry survived and transferred to HMS Liverpool remaining on her until his demobilisation in February 1917.



HMS Majestic, 1915.

HMS Majestic



HMS Ocean



HMS Liverpool

Following his demobilisation Harry returned to Drewsteigton, took up employment in the building trade and enjoyed time pursuing his hobbies. He was a keen fisherman and spent many hours fishing from the banks of the Teign river. He learned the skill of model making in his late sixties and produced the Tom Cobley automaton pictured above. His greatest joy however was his drawing and painting, it is reported he was sketching on his death bed in 1965.

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News from the East Shallowford Trust

A very small but interesting group visited us last week. The teacher noted that the school had an average of one quarter of their pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and way more than half being 'disadvantaged' defined by lack of parental income. The question is – could we tell?

Well, the teachers were fantastic and so supportive of their children it was a delight. The children were excited, enthusiastic and did not complain about the walks, which for many was a first. The night walks were definitely 'scary' as we rely solely on moon light, but 'I like looking at the stars.' The moor walk included Scrappy and Girlie, who I adored; and 'I loved the ponies and learned a lot about Dartmoor.' The pigs of course are challenging for their noise and the stink. Still, children prefer the pungent whiff of pig poo to silage. Must be something to do with age!! All of us adults love the smell of fermented, slightly alcoholic grass! Can't imagine why??

However, it was again interesting to note. Not one of the children sat regularly at tables to eat meals. For many, using a knife and fork was a first. Yet, not one of these eight to nine year olds asked for their phones or biscuits! Many had never spread jam on their toast, many had never had vegetables. Making their own pizzas was 'really good', was 'super fun. I loved it', 'it was amazing' 'really yummy' and definitely eating carrots was a success! There is hope!!

Sadly, March can be truly cold and the responses to the two Conservation sessions, headed up by Stacey who also provides Forest School at Widecombe, were surprisingly positive given the shivering damp wind. The second session had to be cut short it was so soggy along the river.

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Feeding Scrappy (and Girlie) on the Ball



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Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369

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 - On **Sunday 7th April at 3pm** led by Revd. Kevin Hooke, in conversation with Andy Jerrard, the Plymouth and Exeter District Rural Worker.

Dunstone Charity Lunches

The next lunch will be on

Wednesday 10th April from 12 noon until 3pm.

This month's lunch is in aid of
Nightingale UK (Aid for Ukraine)

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

At our March lunch in aid of Shekinah, we raised **£240.27**

Please support our lunch to make it worthwhile putting it on.

Help Wanted

We are looking for volunteers to help cook/bake at the Dunstone charity lunches which are held once a month. Could you spare a little of your time to help out? If you can and are interested please contact Serena: serenawalcot@gmail.com

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These wee little ones were incredibly positive writing 'I learned what is in a river' and it was 'fun looking at tadpoles.' Amusing contradictions always make us smile as one lass wrote with glee, 'too much learning. I loved it' or just plain 'fuuuuuuuun!' We build resilience, we build learning and understanding. Their determination was palpable! As a team we have learned to give the 'sideways hugs' to those who need a little more to feel wanted, safe and comfortable. David became a climbing frame for one child who needed more attention. His patience and gentle boundary setting was essential as the week progressed and the thought of losing him when the bus arrived ended in tearful goodbyes. Antony became known as 'Mr Cuddle Man' as he gently ushered with wide arms those slower walkers or those dawdling on a rock or tempted to climb a tree. Most could not believe that we demanded that they jump in puddles. 'My Mum never lets me jump in puddles.' as an almighty splosh in a deeper than expected puddle splattered mud over everyone's faces. The trick is to get the green water-proof clothing off as fast as possible and dried between sessions with the extractor fan on full blast. A large supply of water proof gloves are needed to keep little fingers warm.



Team games in the Barn

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April 2nd A talk by Peter Brinsden on The
Pre-history of Malta

May 7th A talk by David Lemon on his
travels along the Zambesi river

For further information, please contact:

Mr John Lissenden

phone 01752 47573

email jlissenden@talktalk.net

Mr Bill Radcliffe

email bill.radcliffe2@btopenworld.com

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groups/PrinetownHistoryClub/events](https://www.facebook.com/groups/PrinetownHistoryClub/events)



High Moorland Women's Institute Prinetown

We are a small friendly group of 16 ladies
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members live outside. We try to support
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this area.

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After a week, we need to chop the ends off the waterproof trousers which have ripped to shreds
when too long. We have not yet managed to source the 'perfect supplier' of waterproof clothing for
young children. It is a matter of guessing, cutting, turning up and hoping enough will fit for the various
sized youth who appear every week.

We definitely believe that four nights, five days provides the best experience. Routines are learned.
Success by overcoming fears and concerns are achieved and allow for a 'whoop, whoop' of delight
when something on Monday becomes easy by Friday. Humans need success. They need to know
that gorse pricks don't bleed and the pain will pass in seconds. We learn with the children every
week. One lad rescued a fly on Thursday. 'He might feed a spider if I can get him outside' said the
little boy trying to trap the fly cupped within his two hands. Success!! The circle of nature had been
understood!

Julia

Creative Research Day Saturday 20th April



Join MED Theatre at 10am in the **East Dart Hotel in Postbridge** for coffee, cake, and historical presentations about Mesolithic Dartmoor with historian speakers Emma Stockley and Laura Basell. This will be followed by an optional walk, exploring this history within the local landscape and a group visit to the Postbridge Visitor Centre.

This is all part of our 'What If...?' project, supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund. E-mail to let us know if you're keen to join:

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ROTARY CLUB OF YELVERTON SPRING UPDATE

After a busy and successful festive season, the past few winter months have been much quieter, however weekly meetings regularly take place and members have enjoyed social events with the odd quiz and skittles match.

Our speaker evening last month was from 'Talking Newspapers' a charity providing audio newspapers for the visually impaired. It proved to be an interesting and informative evening and our thanks go to John Harding for coming along on the evening to give the talk.

We are now planning our future activities and fund-raising events for the rest of the year and the following are some we have already organised.

- Our annual **Seniors Spring Tea Party on Sunday 21st April at the Yelverton Memorial Hall.**
- A **Car Boot Sale on Sunday 12th May on the grounds at Yelverton Memorial Hall.**
- Assisting with a stall at the **Meavy Oak Fair on Saturday 15th June.**
- **Childrens' FUN & PLAY DAY on Wednesday 7th August on the moors at Yelverton.**
- Assisting with car parking at **Harrowbeer on the weekend of 17th & 18th August.**
- Assisting with car parking at the **Widcombe Fair on Tuesday 10th September.**
- **A Barn Dance on the evening Saturday 12th October at the Yelverton Memorial Hall.**

We hope to see those who can make it at the upcoming events.

Should you wish to find out more about Yelverton Rotary and our activities or perhaps considering joining please contact us via: Or see our website

www.yelverton.rotary1175.org



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Sue Blagburn is a qualified Humanistic Integrative Counsellor Registered with the BACP. She is also an experienced coach in both professional and Personal growth. She has various qualifications and cpd in equines assisted experiential learning & therapy and is also a qualified BHSAI British Horse Society Coach who has worked professionally with horses either full time or part-time since she was 16 years old. Today her equine assisted learning & therapy work is strongly rooted in nature connection, eco psychology and mindfulness.

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Few people in 2024 might have read her books – written in the language of her day between the war years in the early part of the twentieth century. Accused of being ‘over-flowery’ and too lush and romantic she courted fame and notoriety in her day. Indeed, had she died at the height of her popularity her passing would have been mourned nationally; but at the time of her death in 1955, just a few days before her 81st birthday, she has become an embittered and tragic figure.



Non-members are welcome to attend our talks, £4 payable on the door which includes Tea, Percolated Coffee & biscuits from 2.15 pm

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Dartmoor Forest Parish Council

Council normally meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month, with the meetings starting at 7.30pm in the small hall, Princetown Community Centre. One meeting per year is held at Postbridge Village Hall; usually in the summer months.



Who are your Parish Councillors?

<https://www.dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk/members.php>

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings and can address Council during the Public Sessions; to comment on issues discussed, raise new issues or concerns for discussion at subsequent meetings or just come and listen to what Council is discussing.

The Agenda and Minutes for all Council meetings can be viewed on our website: <https://www.dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings.php>

Date of next meetings: Starting at 7.30pm, Princetown Community Centre, Small Hall
26th March 2024, 23rd April 2024, 28th May 2024, 25th June 2024, 23rd July 2024

We are also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dartmoorforestpc.net>

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Not wanting to dwell on the weather, we all know it's been wet and our weather reporters both exclaimed, "No Dry Days in February.....!" I'm sure there are a million and one predictions that could be made but let's think positively that some drier weather is coming.....I for one am thinking sunny thoughts, a puppy is now resident in our household and I will welcome not having to dry wet and muddy paws and mopping floors quite so frequently. I am looking forward to exploring more of the moor with puppy in tow (or is it the other way around!!) and will be following the guidance from DNPA ([pg 30](#)). This month's front cover was taken when exploring back in April 2022, I stumbled across an old fingerpost which simply read 'Hutholes', I meandered through a little wood, carpeted with bluebells and at the end I discovered the Medieval Settlement, what a find. If you have any photos from your own walks, feel free to share, we are always on the look out for front cover material, you could be on holiday or on a regular walk, we avoid photos with people and try and keep it in season.

Our little magazine is full of interesting events and activities this month, Bickington is hosting another Pie & Mash night ([pg 37](#)) and Holne have their Table Top Sale on the same weekend ([pg 8](#)). A couple for the kids, with the MED Theatre's Holiday Dartmoor Drama ([pg 39](#)) and Duck Racing at Ponsworthy ([pg 27](#)), both look like a lot of fun. There are some interesting talks too, from the life of a retained fireman at Widecombe Social ([pg 24](#)) to Simon Dell on novelist Beatrice Chase at U3A-Ashburton ([pg 40](#)). Along with our regular coffee mornings, lunches and Whist drives, there is something for everyone as we all emerge from our winter hibernation!!

Do remember, the Mobile Post Office will be on Tuesday 2nd April ([pg 19](#)) and the clocks jump forward an hour on the Easter weekend!!

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