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## Cherishing seasons

As we approach harvest, we can sense the change of season all around us. As I'm writing this letter I sit in my shorts in the glorious late summer sunshine while the supermarkets get ready to put their Christmas selection out - not long before we can buy mince pies and gingerbread. It's this in-between time as we're moving from summer to autumn, with all the emotions that come with that. For some of us, that's a glorious time with all the leaves changing colour, with jam making, pumpkin spiced lattes and getting cosy with a good book, candles and blankets. For others it's the opposite, as the days get colder and shorter, a melancholy settles in and some of us can't wait for the first spring sunshine to reappear.

The peculiar thing about seasons is that we can't change the season we're in (ok apart from moving abroad) but then the seasons change, and we can't change that either. And that's true both for our meteorological seasons of summer and autumn and for our seasons of life. You can wish that it was still August now but it is October, as much as you can wish that your children were still little but they are in secondary school now.

We can't change the way the seasons work out in our land and in our lives but we can look for the blessings each season brings, and we can learn about patience. The harvest festivals we're celebrating this month across the benefice are only possible because we've patiently waited for and watched the journey from seed to crop, from bulb to flower. I love these lyrics of one of my favourite worship songs called Seasons:

If all I know of harvest  
Is that it's worth my patience  
Then if You're not done working  
God I'm not done waiting

I'm in a season of life that I would not have chosen for myself at this time of my life - I'm single, and hoping and praying that I may have a family one day (if you know of any eligible bachelors, do send them my way 😊...) I can't change that season as much as I desperately wish some days but I can use this time wisely and to the full. I can enjoy and cherish the blessings that this particular season brings to my life, like spontaneous trips away or perhaps having the freedom to host a bunch of young people in my house, and honour God in that way. I rest in the knowledge that 'there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the sun', as we read in Ecclesiastes 3.

Our creator God is a God of seasons, who cares about the harvest of our lands and fields as much as he cares about harvest season in our lives, whatever that may look like for you, and who works to His unique timing. We can trust in that. Whether you're in a season you love and don't want to end, or you're patiently waiting for the seasons to change, there is an internal beauty to that season in your life - look for it!

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Ecclesiastes 3:11

*Jenny Weigel*

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## Leusdon Church funding

Fortunately Leusdon Church has always been able to pay its way sometimes having to draw upon our long-standing reserves. Covid seemed to have an adverse effect upon so many things including our church so we have decided to appeal to our parishioners to help us meet our regular outgoings. Church collections and regular donations just about meet our commitment to the Diocesan Share which finances clergy.

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## From the Registers

Baptism	Holne	8th July	Isabella Cleave
Wedding	Huccaby	22nd July	Rebecca Elsey and Ian Voyce
Funeral	Holne	16th August	John Arden
Funeral	Holne	21st August	Sarah Carr-Archer
Baptism	Widcombe	27th August	Adelia Catherine Ann Saga Fairbairn Sörby
Baptism	Huccaby	2nd September	Amelia Victoria Gunilla Beach

## Rainfall in August 2023

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	112.5mm (4.4")	6	13th/18th 52.4mm (0.6")
	(August 2022 - 52.4mm (2.1"))		
Holne	134.2mm (5.28")		13th 24.3mm (0.96")



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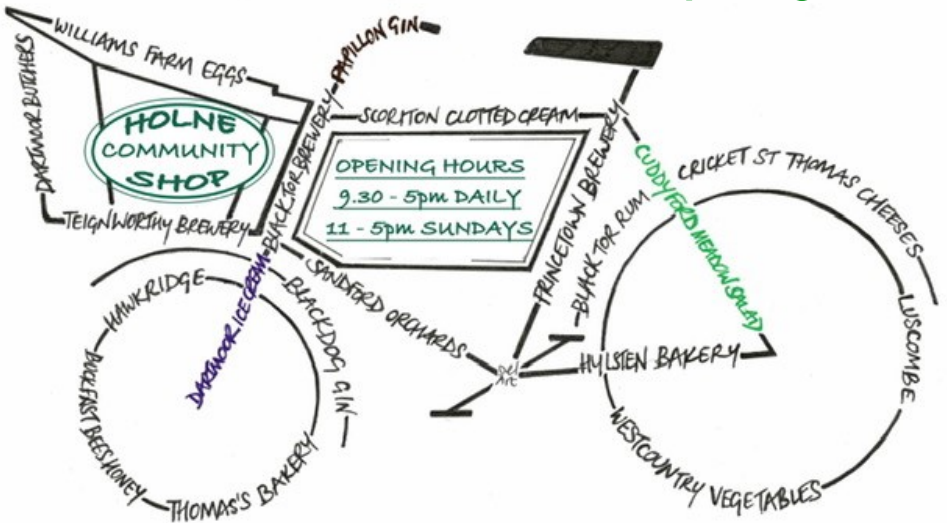
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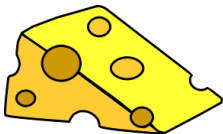
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# St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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

Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Service
8th Oct	16.30	Harvest Tea and Festival
22nd Oct	17.00	Evening Worship
29th Oct	10.30	United Communion

On the 8th October we will be holding our Harvest Festival Service at Holne serving tea and cake from 4.30pm prior to the service at 5pm. All gifts of produce, dried and tinned goods will be gratefully received and donated to good causes including the Ashburton Food Bank. The Harvest collection will be sent to the Farming Community Network which does such good work in supporting farmers across the country.

Apart from being the month where we celebrate harvest, my birthday is in October and the 10th October is World Porridge Day. I am rather fond of porridge and usually make it with water, no sugar or salt but topped with some fruit. Of course, the proper place to eat porridge is in Scotland. I have eaten wonderful porridge there, sometimes served with cream and a tot of whisky on top!

Farmers in Scotland used to pour leftover porridge into a 'porridge drawer' at breakfast and leave it to dry out. Then it would be cut into slices and taken to eat as an on-the-go lunchtime snack. A far cry from my luxury breakfast but good, simple, nourishing food grown locally and not wasted.

First held in 2009, World Porridge Day is an international event to raise funds for the Mary's Meals Charity. Based in Argyll, Mary's Meals raises money to feed starving children at their places of education across the developing world. Every school day they feed 2.4 million children in some of the world's poorest countries.

What hits me is not the extent of the work that Mary's Meals does, but that today there are 2.4 million children who are attending school but are starving. In addition to those children, there are millions more who are not in education because their families are too poor to buy food, let alone pay to educate their children. Neither is food poverty unknown in our country, in this county, in Ashburton itself.

Jesus told his followers that whoever gives food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcomes the stranger, clothes the naked or visits the disadvantaged, is doing it as if they were doing it for him. Being generous to those in need is reflecting God's love to all around us.

Please join our celebration of harvest and all the good gifts God has given us. Help us to share those gifts with others who need our help and generosity wherever they are.

If you want to find out more about Mary's Meals, go to their website at [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

*Gillian*




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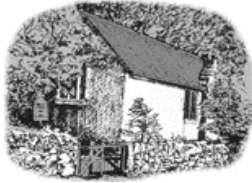
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# St Raphael, Huccaby

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

## **Visitors to Pilgrims: mistakes are good for you!**

One of the first things I learnt both in a Press Office and as author of our Visitors to Pilgrims Church brochures, is not to dwell on mistakes. No matter how much checking and editing you do mistakes will always be made. Perhaps the important thing is to learn to recognise the mistakes that we all make, own up to them and try to put in place some way of not making the same mistakes again. Best not to spend time worrying about them because while you are worrying your mind will be distracted from the task in hand and you will end up making even more mistakes.

(Experience suggests highlighting a mistake in a Visitors to Pilgrims brochure just draws more attention to it, and there is a good chance that readers did not notice it in the first place!)

‘A life spent making mistakes is not only more honourable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.’ George Bernard Shaw

‘Of course, I make mistakes. I'm human. If I didn't make mistakes, I'd never learn. You can only go forward by making mistakes.’ Alexander McQueen

## **Harvest at Huccaby 3pm Sunday 15th October**

Harvest Festivals have a long tradition. It is time when we thank God for the, hopefully, plentiful supply of food -and was traditionally held at the end of the harvest season when the country was much more reliant on home-grown food. The festival, as we know it today, is attributed to Rev. Robert Hawker who, in 1843, invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service in Morwenstow, Cornwall. As well as thanking God, gifts of produce and flowers were brought to church to be shared among the less fortunate in the parish.

Harvest celebrations actually date from about 3,500 years ago in Old Testament days when God gave Moses' instructions for seven annual feasts (Leviticus 23) which included three harvests: First Fruits in spring for the barley harvest; Weeks in early summer for the wheat harvest; and Tabernacles, or the ingathering, in the autumn when thanks was given for all the year's crops and prayers offered for the coming year.

In Rev. Hawker's days most of the UK population relied totally on growing their food, and a good harvest was vital for their wellbeing throughout the coming year. Today, few people in the UK rely on home grown food so the underlying nature of Harvest Festival has changed significantly. While some people still take home-grown food to church for their local Harvest Festival, it is becoming more common for gifts of dried and tinned food which can be distributed via foodbanks, or through donations to charitable causes, such as the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal.

At St Raphaels we still look forward to Harvest service gifts from our congregation and local community – all are very welcome. Any 'surplus' produce, dried or tinned food will be donated to Ashburton foodbank.

*Tony Parker*

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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Service
8th Oct	12.00	Parish Communion
15th Oct	12.00	Parish Communion
22nd Oct	12.00	Parish Communion
29th Oct	10.30	United Communion at Holne

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.

Any queries, please contact **Rt Revd Mark Rylands** (Team Rector) 01364 716309  
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But weren't we lucky!! We have not dared to organise a Providence House camping holiday since the horrendous storm Erik on 8th August 2019. Our core team had been off visiting Jamie's Farm near Bath. We were listening for the weather forecasts hunched over phones like World War II radio operators, trying to gather essential and scary information. It was scary! The Met Office predicted winds of 60mph. The tents were up and we were not there to take them down.

Emergency phone calls were made. Kate, our volunteer Hannah and the Plumley's came to the rescue (yet again). As rain lashed wee legs, the wind whipped the tents from hands threatening to hoik and toss anyone holding a sheet into the air like a rag doll. Simon dashed around with lunatic speed, hauling, pulling, soaking wet, sliding on the grass as the rain made an ice rink, to yank the tents into the leaking old barn where they were strung up to drip safely for several weeks before being dry. Four years on, having not used the tents since they had been diligently packed away, the Mosely family dared to try and unravel the muddle!

Well, Arthur, Serena and I had at least one attempt to sort out the tents on a dry warm Friday afternoon. We knew we had tent poles for at least four of the tents. One looked as if it was from the 1960s. It did not withstand rain on a Friday evening!



**Tents in the sunshine**

It took the Mosely's, whose father works at the Met Office with precise mathematical skills, nearly the entire day to sort out the muddle of poles, fly sheets, liners, snagging zips and pegs. We knew we needed at least eight tents for 24 people. Providence came to Providence House in the form of a magical donation of six two man tents, a whole load of sleeping bags and mats just the week before the event. Don't ever question divine intervention! This enabled a few of the younger people to sleep in tents only snoring distance from their parents. Freedom at last. The sheep had been put into the field a week or so before the event for natural mowing, with an actual motorised lawn mower run up to the door of every tent between rain splats on the Sunday before the group arrived.

On Monday morning, the heavens opened as if the flood gates of Niagara Falls had been pent up for a year. Around 12.00 the sun peaked out grinning from behind a cloud and we ventured out from our shelter in the office, daring to see if any tent had survived the deluge. They had! The insides were dry! The sun beamed out to suck up any drops that had not soaked into the grown soil

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It's time to start preparing for this year's PANTO!  
**'Oh yes it is!'**

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for you to come along and join in.

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involved with.

For any further information contact **Ali Whale 01364 621260**

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and by the time the three mini busses  
arrived, the best of Dartmoor's pixi's panic  
had vanished into swathes of warming  
sunshine. Divine intervention again!

Thank you to those of you who turned up to  
our BBQ and Banned from the Moor on  
Tuesday. It takes a while for those not used  
to being outside to relax and enjoy the sheer  
sublime sunshine, the chatter of children  
and of course the frisky and provocative  
fiddling of the Banned.



**The joy of dancing to live music!**



**With the minibus, the sunshine  
had gone.**

Help abounded from every where to cook, serve food, eat food,  
wash dishes and just enjoy! The melting pot of people from all  
walks of life. From a Bishop to an Asda delivery man, from a  
sleepy baby to a cool dude who has dodged knife wielding gang  
attacks, from farmers knee deep in muck to young people who  
spend 80% of their waking lives in front of a screen. None of us  
are to judge which life is best to live. We don't all seem to have  
choice. But when we dare to share stories, dare to see the  
smile of a life so very different from our own, the reality of  
sharing one world, being one human community so closely  
intertwined with the soil under our feet is made clear. It's then  
so much easier to care, to love and to be grateful. As James  
Bridle says in 'Ways of Being,' "We humans are not alone in  
having a sense of community, a sense of fun, a sense of

wonder and awe at the beauty of nature. Be prepared to re-evaluate your relationship with the  
amazing life forms with whom we share the planet."

*Julia*

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## St Gabriel, Postbridge

For contact information, ministers and church officers see front of the Link-  
Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Service
8th Oct	09.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
29th Oct	10.30	United Communion at Holne

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

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### Postbridge Coffee Morning

The next coffee mornings will be held on

**Monday 2nd October**

**Monday 6th November**

**Monday 11th December**  
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Maureen

## Postbridge Pantomime

Thank you to everyone who came along on 25th September.  
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**Thursday 26th October**

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The mice have been gathering acorns for the winter. Here's a picture of them for your little ones to colour in, whilst you take a break for a cuppa.



# Church Services for October 2023

## 1st October

## Trinity 17

## Green

Readings - Exodus 17.1-7, Psalm 78.1-4,12-16\*, Philipians 2.1-13, Matthew 21.23-32

Widcombe	18.00	Harvest Festival	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
			Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
			Ashburton	10.30	Animal Service
			Ilington	10.30	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	10.30	Morning Worship, Church Hall *
			Buckland	15.00	Harvest Festival

## 6th October

			Ilington	18.30	Harvest Festival
			Bickington	19.00	Harvest Festival

## 8th October

## Trinity 18

## Green

Readings - Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9,12-20, Psalm 19\*, Philipians 3.4b-14, Matthew 21.33-46

Postbridge	09.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ilington	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ilington	10.30	Family Harvest
			Ashburton	15.00	Moor & Messy A Harvest Reflection, Ashburton Church Hall
			Holne	16.30	Harvest Tea and Festival

## 15th October

## Trinity 19

## Green

Readings - Exodus 32.1-14, Psalm 106.1-6,19-23\*, Philipians 4.1-9, Matthew 22.1-14

Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Family Harvest Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ilington	10.30	Holy Communion
			Huccaby	15.00	Harvest Festival
			Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
			Ashburton	18.30	Celtic Reflective Service, St Petros, East St, Ashburton

## 22nd October

## Trinity 20

## Green

Readings - Exodus 33.12-23, Psalm 99\*, 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10, Matthew 22.15-22

Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	09.15	Breakfast Church, Church Hall*
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
			Ilington	10.30	Morning Praise
			Holne	17.00	Evening Worship

## 29th October

## Trinity 21

## Green

			Holne	10.30	United Communion
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\* Service led by Ashburton Methodists. All are welcome

# Holy Communion

# Midweek & At Home

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 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

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3rd	Princetown History Group	<a href="#">35</a>	20th	Leusdon Hall Centenary	<a href="#">11</a>
4th	Widecombe History Group	<a href="#">27</a>	24th	Dartmoor Forest PC	<a href="#">40</a>
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# St Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
1st Oct	18.00	Ronnie	Kris, Peter & Clare	Jenny Pascoe
8th Oct	10.30	Jenny	Jenny	Fiona Senior
15th Oct	10.30	Dawn	Alison & Audrey	Fiona Senior
22nd Oct	10.30	Clare	Will & Emily	Miho
29th Oct	10.30	United Communion at Holne		Miho

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## Widecombe Parish Council

Next Meeting Thursday 5th October in the Church House at 7.30pm



## WIDECOMBE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL ADVANCE NOTICE

This year's Christmas Tree Festival will run from **Saturday 9th December to Sunday 17th December.**

This means that the trees will be up for the Christmas Market, Christmas Whist Drive, Carol Service, as well as the end of term celebrations for the School, Preschool and Widdyots!

The trees will go up on **Friday 8th December** and come down on **Monday 18th December**  
The theme this year is "**ANIMALS**" which, as usual, can be interpreted any way you like!

Entries are welcome from Groups, Organisations, Families and Individuals. Please do start planning your tree, the Christmas Tree Festival is always very popular, with regular visitors coming back year after year!

This Year's Charity is still to be decided.

Entry forms will be available in the Church from the beginning of November or from me, **Judy Southcombe**  
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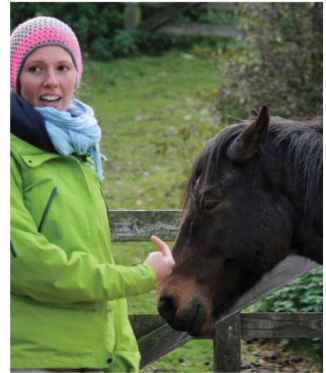
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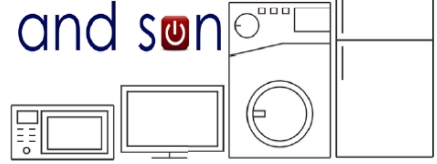


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Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369

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** - our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be on **Sunday 1st October at 15.00.**

### Dunstone Charity Lunches

Next Charity lunch at Dunstone Chapel

**Wednesday 11th October from 12 noon until 3pm.**

It will be raising money for **Living Waters Village**, the children's home, school and family in the Borneo jungle.

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.

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



### WANTED

**Part-Time Gardener/Handyman** Berrywood, Higher Dunstone

For further details please contact Miho 01364 621302



### Widcombe Website – Volunteers Wanted

The Widcombe-in-the-Moor website is 25 years old next year and we want to secure its future for at least the next 25.

We are looking for volunteers to join a small team to maintain and further develop the site, so if you can spare some time, however little, or know someone who might, please get in touch. Training can be provided but some web development skills would help a lot and if there is someone out there with extensive experience who can help take us forward then so much the better

Please email me at [contact@widcombe-in-the-moor.com](mailto:contact@widcombe-in-the-moor.com) in the first instance.

Many thanks **Roger Claxton**





# The soldier who gave the world Winnie-the- Pooh



**Harry Colebourn** was born in England in 1887 but emigrated to Canada in 1905 at the age of 18. When war broke out in 1914, Colebourn was a veterinary surgeon and immediately joined the Canadian Army Veterinary Corp as a Lieutenant. While on a journey from his home in Winnipeg to a posting overseas he bought a bear cub for \$20.00 whom he named "Winnie". When he was shipped to England Harry was allowed to take Winnie with him. Colbourn and "Winnie" were assigned to the Second Infantry Brigade stationed on Salisbury Plain." Winnie" became a sort of mascot and a diversion for many soldiers during the autumn of 1914.

When the brigade was sent to France Winnie was not allowed to go and was sent to London Zoo for safe keeping.

"Winnie" became a very firm favourite with Londoners including a little boy Christopher Robin Milne, whose father was writer A.A. Milne. Milne had kept notes of how his son interacted with "Winnie" and in 1926 wrote an account of a small boy and several animals and thus the children's favourite "Winnie-the-Pooh" was created.

It had been Colbourn's intention to claim "Winnie" back at the end of the war and return to Canada with her, but upon his regular visits during his 'war leave' he noted how much of an "institution" Winnie had become.

Harry changed his mind and decided "Winnie" should remain in the London Zoo. Harry returned to his veterinary practice in Winnipeg at the end of the war.

**"Winnie" was of course named after her birth city of Winnipeg**

*David Ashman*



Winnie in camp with Lt Colebourn on Salisbury Plain in autumn 1914

## Other Community News and Events

### Prinetown History Club

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

**October 3rd** A talk by our Chair, Simon Dell, on Tavistock Canal's poetry trail.

**November 7th** A talk by Tim Jenkinson on Faces in the Rocks

For further information, please contact:

Mr John Lissenden

**phone** 01752 47573

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

Mr Bill Radcliffe

**email** [bill.radcliffe2@btopenworld.com](mailto:bill.radcliffe2@btopenworld.com)

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### High Moorland Women's Institute Prinetown

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

We meet on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH** in **PRINETOWN 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 Prinetown Community Centre 11am to 12.30.



## ROTARY CLUB OF YELVERTON

### 2023 AUTUMN UPDATE

Our annual school 'Bake-Off' competition held at Princetown Primary School on the 7<sup>th</sup> July turned out to be a great success, it was competitively enjoyed by the children taking part and by the school staff. We were fortunate to have two professional cooks from the local area as judges – Mike Palmer from the Two Bridges Hotel and Autumn from the Dartmoor Bakery at Yelverton. Our many thanks to both for their input on the day.



Our planned annual school holiday Fun & Craft Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August sadly had to be cancelled as a result of exceptional bad weather and our car boot sale on the 30<sup>th</sup> July suffered the same again due to the bad weather.

Our President Gillian Turley-Rogers hosted a pizza evening on a very wet Friday evening to raise funds for the Yelverton Mare & Foal Sanctuary's educational programme. Our thanks go to Gillian's husband Berwyn who was commended for his culinary efforts in the face of literally driving rain and wind at his outdoor pizza oven! Despite the bad weather it was a thoroughly enjoyable social evening raising the sum of £350.

Again, this year on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of August we were involved with running the car parking arrangements at the RAF Harrowbeer 1940s event.

On our fifth Wednesday meeting of the month, the 30<sup>th</sup> August, we enjoyed an evening away at the Fox & Hounds at Lydford for a club skittles match, which the ladies did narrowly win!


On the 12<sup>th</sup> September we organised and undertook the car parking arrangements at the annual Widdecombe Fair.

We look forward to a Barn Dance on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at the Yelverton Memorial Hall, everyone welcome, do please come along and join us for an enjoyable social evening.

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](mailto:president@yelverton.rotary1175.org)

Or see our website [www.yelverton.rotary1175.org](http://www.yelverton.rotary1175.org)

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

[juliayoung644@btinternet.com](mailto:juliayoung644@btinternet.com)

or Mark Rylands, (contact details page 2)

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# Spanish Evening

Friday November 3rd 2023  
7:30pm  
at Bickington Village Hall

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**TICKETS £10**  
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**BOOKING & INFO: 07458 359 541**

info: [heidt@moorlandteam.org.uk](mailto:heidt@moorlandteam.org.uk)

# MOOR & MESSY

space to explore faith creatively

**Sunday 10th September**  
Collaboratively Crafty

**Sunday 8th October**  
Prepare and Share: a harvest reflection

**Sunday 12th November**  
special event tba!

**Sunday 10th December**  
NATIVITY

3-5pm at St Andrew's Church, Ashburton  
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# Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



## Extracts from the Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023

### **Princetown Welcomed Sir Geoffrey Cox M.P – Drop-in Session 25 August**

A number of Councillors attended and spoke to Sir Geoffrey about issues of concern. These included the potential closure of Princetown Visitor Centre, Natural England plans to reduce grazing stock on the commons, banks closing in Tavistock, lack of affordable housing for young local people, lack of public transport at key times during the day, and dilapidated buildings.

**Additional Dog Waste Bins** – Council agreed that an additional dog waste bin would ideally be situated near St Michaels Churchyard to cover the top end of the village, as there has been a significant increase in dog waste being left there. Clerk to liaise with WDBC regarding the siting of the bin, to ensure it is accessible to empty, and to purchase additional green metal bin.



**Defibrillator located at Venville House, Princetown** – This Defib was one the first to be gifted to the Parish in 2014. Since then, it has been hosted and maintained at Venville House by the owner, at her expense. Council agreed to take back responsibility for maintenance, costs and weekly checks, recognising that due to its location this Defib may get more use than those located at Hexworthy or Postbridge.

**Allotments Princetown** – A small number of residents have contacted Council with regard to allotments. Clerk briefed Council on the process for considering a request for the provision of Allotments. Council agreed to support the residents and encourage them to set up their own management committee to run allotments as a community scheme.

**Planning:** Council considered the following applications:

[0337/23](#) at The Forest Inn, PL20 6SD

[0338/23](#) at The Forest Inn, PL20 6SD

Cllr Geen was able, having spoken to local residents, to confirm that to the best of her knowledge the premises concerned had been lived in for the past four years. Council agreed to write to DNPA to confirm this.

**New Premises License - [Plume of Feathers, Plymouth Road Princetown](#)** – Council considered the application and agreed that it was beneficial for the village and as there were no objections raised, no response to WDBC was necessary.

**Date of next 'Tidy Princetown' session:** 10am til 11am Sunday 1st October 2023, all are welcome to join with Councillors to help keep Princetown looking at its best. Meet outside the Post Office, Princetown.

**Date of next meetings:** 26th September 2023, 7.30pm Princetown Community Centre.  
24th October 2023, 7.30pm Princetown Community Centre.

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

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**Parish Clerk:** Miss Jackie Bennetts **Telephone:** 01822 859104

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# Business Directory

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**Widecombe Parish Council**

**Phyl's Follies (Postbridge)**

**Widecombe Sports Group**

Whilst writing this, the sun continues to shine and we are reflecting on what was an absolutely fantastic Widecombe Fair. If you were unable to make it this year, sorry to share, you missed a great event. We'll include an item in the November edition as many are resting from the effort of it all, where would we be without all those who give up their time to put on the Fair year after year!!

So here we go into October, grandparents, parents and kids are hopefully back into the rhythm of 'normal' following the summer holidays and as well as looking forward to Autumn break and Harvest Festival, have half an eye on (dare I say it) Christmas, we have the annual Widecombe Christmas Tree Festival [pg25](#) get your creative thinking caps on!!

As you will be aware, the editorial and distribution teams who produce this community magazine are volunteers. We are currently looking for volunteer(s) to join the distribution team, covering an area including Challacombe, Langworthy and Rhiddon Down. If you can spare a few hours each month and have access to transport please drop us an email [link@moorlandteam.org.uk](mailto:link@moorlandteam.org.uk) or drop a note to us at Merry Park (see [pg42](#) for full address) with your name and phone number and we will be in touch.

Whilst you mull that over, take a look at all the events planned this month, celebrating 100 years of Leusdon Memorial Hall [pg11](#), Panto Rehearsal pgs [15](#) & [19](#) and of course all of our regular events, see Dates for the Diary [pg23](#).

A big thank you to our advertisers both current and new, your support enables us to continue with our little magazine, along with all the groups and individuals that contribute content each month, where would we be without you. Don't forget, if you want to get in touch please just send us an email via [link@moorlandteam.org.uk](mailto:link@moorlandteam.org.uk)

*With best wishes from "The Link Team"*

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