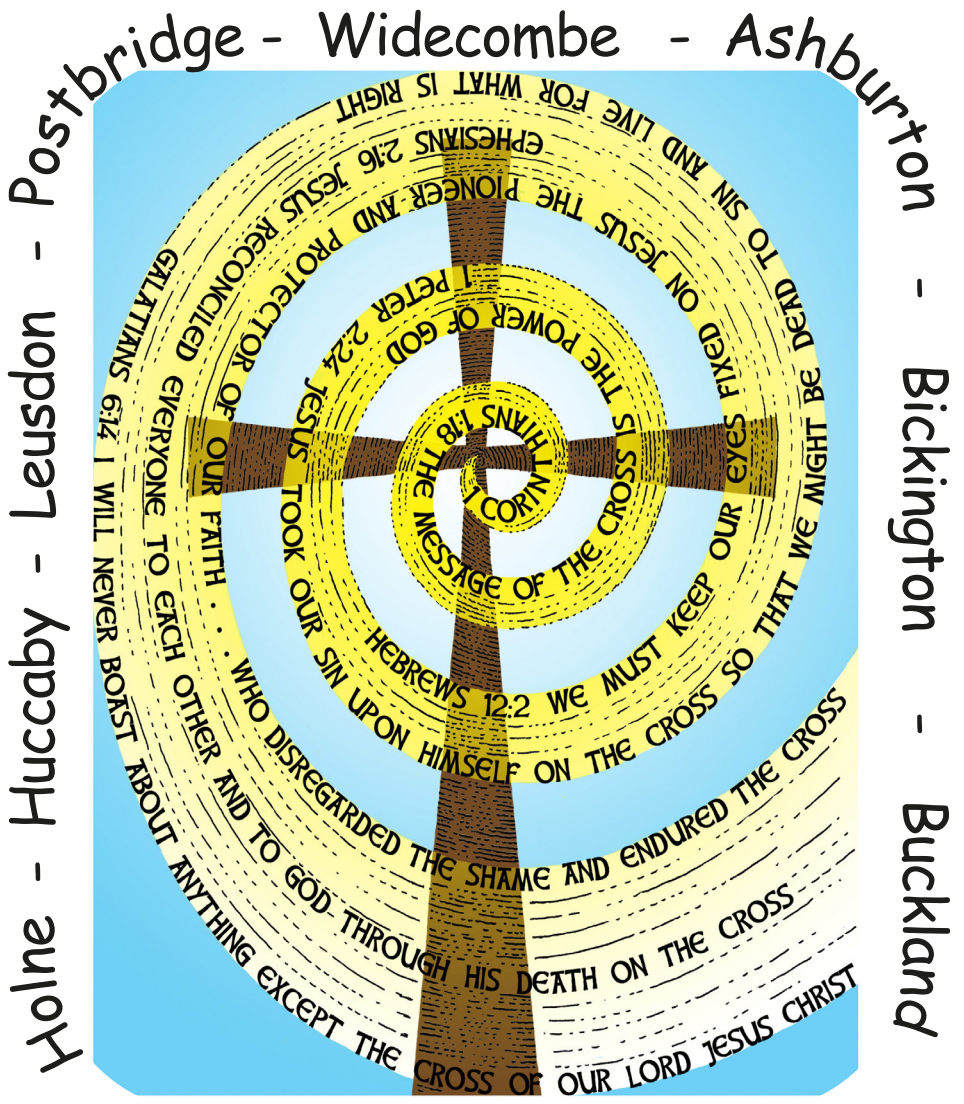


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## The Parish Letter

Within just a few days of you receiving this copy of the parish magazine, we will be deeply involved with our churches' annual Easter celebrations. We're already in the season of Lent, and shortly we will be marking Palm Sunday, Good Friday and then 'Resurrection Sunday' itself. The 40 days leading up to Easter is a time of contemplative reflection and preparation for the event itself – and there is something comforting even in just knowing that the seasons are ticking around yet again whether or not we have chosen to 'give up' anything during this time.

This year, I'm sure we have all been extra grateful for what we do have – despite the rising costs of living and the hike in fuel costs. When we look at what our Eastern European neighbours in Ukraine are going through, we realise what a privilege it is to even be able to drive or walk to our familiar and favourite local shops, even though it may be costing us more than it ever has done. While we all hope and pray for a swift end to this conflict the reality is that the impact of such violence and destruction will be felt for many, many years to come even if it were to end tomorrow.

It can be difficult when we are witnessing so much suffering, albeit at a distance through our TV screen, to feel that it is ok to take timeout for celebration and enjoyment. Nonetheless, we are rapidly approaching another festival season.

Perhaps this year of all years we should take the time to recognize - really, truly and deeply recognize – that Easter is not about chocolate eggs ... and it is not about family gatherings or extra days off work (although, all those are gratefully received and appreciated!) nor is it another excuse to stay late at the pub or to party, or even about the Easter Bunny. It is about the love of God for his creation – particularly for us, His children.

In case you need a reminder of the story, there is a fantastic song which contains the outline of it all. You can find it here - <https://youtu.be/Of5lcFWiEpg> - or by searching for 'Hillsong – King of Kings'.

***In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes...***

It tells of a God who loves us so much that he sent his son to be humanity's hope –

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# Church News & Events

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a light in the darkness. A light and a hope that is still with us today and which is eternal.

Do check it out – the lyrics are pretty awesome... but a slight warning – the tune WILL get stuck in your head and you'll be singing it all day...

Happy Easter!

Heidi X

## Messy Church will be on April 9th Saturday 3.30pm for 4pm start – 6pm



In February we had an in-person session in the church and a meal in the Church Hall, it was a strange time as we had five families unable to come due to Covid or at last going belatedly to see their families for a Christmas!! But we had 6 families come and people said what an inspiring session it was. The children experimented with rocks and built towers with paper cups and made marshmallow heart biscuits. It seems a long time ago.



This month March we have sent out our Messy Church Bags...no we haven't had covid scare it was so we did not have Messy Church on the weekend that we have Moor Church on the Sunday. The theme of the bags was Listening to God and how brave Mary was when God sent the Angel Gabriel and she said Yes. How brave Samuel was when he said, "Speak your servant is listening" ? We are asking the question do we listen to what God wants us to do.

To help us with the M C Bags we had Bethany who is doing her silver Duke of Edinburgh. She helped by making a peg people of Mary and the Angel Gabriel. Families were asked to tell the story.



Both Samuel and Mary were children and God or his messengers came to visit them in the dark. How frightening would that have been? We sent out Mary's song for the prayer this month.

Jane



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Anyone interested please get in touch or come along to a meeting.

We are now meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Church House Widecombe.

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# St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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

Date	Time	Service
10th April	18:00	Holy Communion
15th April	14:00	At the Foot of the Cross
17th April	09:00	Easter Communion at Huccaby
24th April	17:00	Evening Worship

## The Power of Prayer

Perhaps by the time you read this, some form of peace will have been negotiated in Ukraine. Whether or not that is the case, people directly affected by the war will still need our support, both practical and spiritual.

A vigil for Ukraine was held in the church on the 4th March with readings and prayers chosen for the occasion, as well as time for private prayer. Yellow and blue luggage labels have been left in the church for anyone to write a prayer or other words of support. These are gathered up regularly and committed to God at our services.

Some may feel that prayer is a futile gesture, but Christians believe that God hears our prayers and responds to them. Additionally, the people of Ukraine are asking the rest of the world not to forget them and to pray for them. It is the least we can do.

It is interesting that at times of stress, hardship, sorrow and danger, there is something in us all, believers or not, that can cause us to turn to God for help, even if prayer is not something we do regularly.

The Psalmists in the Bible used their poetry to praise God and thank God as well as expressing their anger towards him. But even in those Psalms of 'lament', they never lost their faith that God would stand by them and ultimately deliver them from their troubles.

Psalm 83 is a good example. Here the writer is pleading with God to listen to him because of what the enemies of Israel were doing to his people.

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He then asks God to punish them, not just as a matter of revenge, but so that they would realise who God was and that he, not them, is “the Most High over all the earth”.

Christians share that vision of hope, that whatever evil is going on around us, ultimately God will prevail and that the world and its creatures will be as he intended them to be in his new creation.

Gillian Parker



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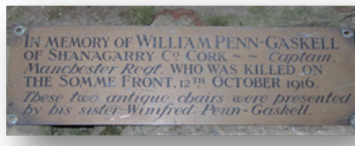
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## The Complete(d) Penn-Gaskells

As mentioned in my earlier article about Winifred Penn-Gaskell and her antecedents I have been able to identify activity relating to her two brothers both of whom died before Winifred. Both brothers were commemorated in St Pancras Church by Winifred.

Brother William Penn-Gaskell, born in 1871 was the eldest of the three Penn-Gaskell children and was a 'military man'. He served in South Africa in the early 1900's teaching Musketry to troops stationed in the Orange Free State. At the outbreak of the First World War he returned to military service in Europe and served with the 25th Battalion Manchester Regiment. It was during his time with this regiment he was 'killed in action' during the infamous "Battle of the Somme" in October 1916.



The younger brother Percy Charles (who was born in 1879) joined the East India Company after completing his education. From October 1899 he lived in Bengal. Percy trained as an engineer and in due course was appointed 'executive engineer' in 1908. With the outbreak of war in 1914 Percy undertook military service in India. He served as a Second Lieutenant interpreter in the Interpreter Corps. Percy Charles Penn-Gaskell died in Kent in 1937.

To round off the Penn-Gaskell saga here are a few more snippets about Winifred gleaned from local newspapers of the time. To help compile her (Continued on page 15)

## **Churches, Chapels, Communities, and visitors working together.**

As many know we are a group of nine Anglican and three Methodist churches or chapels, hopefully all working together as a team.

But perhaps even more importantly we want to serve our rural communities, by both meeting their spiritual needs and reaching out to connect with and support all who either live on or visit Dartmoor.

February and early March for St Raphael's has demonstrated that when a Church or Chapel becomes central to the emotional and spiritual wellbeing of all who visit, the rewards for all are positive and inspiring.

The Forest Inn has reopened and the support from the licensee and owner has stimulated both visits to St Raphael's and help raise funds for its upkeep. For example, the distribution to Inn visitors of Parish Link magazines; having a collection box for the Chapel on the bar; supporting the sale of Visitors to Pilgrims brochures and finally for hosting, (to a packed pub!), a quiz night for St Raphael's which raised £125.

Then we provided refuge and shelter, i.e. warmth, a place of safe haven, and a bedroom and toilet (!), for more than 20 Duke of Edinburgh's Award (D. of E.) participants on a 'bleak' weekend in March. The Award helps young people build life-long belief in themselves - so the young, cold and wet expedition teams from schools throughout the region found themselves in Huccaby! As a 'thank you', for our sanctuary they – well actually their teachers and leaders - contributed to our heating and lighting costs.

We also had a very successful 'snowdrop campaign' with all forms of media coverage. This attracted literally many hundreds if not thousands of people to St Raphael's – we can count many of them as they donated using the contactless 'Sum-up' machine. The machine alone took over £850 in donations.

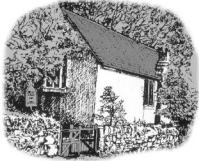
Finally, of course we held our traditional 'Cream Tea'. With the unstinting support from locals in baking cakes and scones, waitressing, washing up etc., we actually ran out of scones by 3.40pm! There were Church Wardens and PCC members present from across the Benefice – a very positive aspect in terms of our team communication.

Given the involvement of so many in a successful 4 weeks, it was not surprising that St Raphael's benefitted from over £3,417 being raised in donations in that short period. (And that's not counting our 'regular' and significant monthly donations from the Parish Giving Scheme.)

Thank you to all our volunteers, supporters and visitors for your generous contributions of the precious resource of your time - and even donations!

The following is an extract from 'Prayers of Life' written by a French priest Michel Quoist. His

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# St Raphael, Huccaby

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prayers take everyday scenarios and help us think about them in a spiritual way. Thanks to Gillian for reminding me of this – which she published in a previous edition!

***“If we knew how to look at life through God’s eyes,  
We should see it as innumerable tokens of love for the Creator seeking the love of his creatures.***

***The Father has put us into the world, not to walk through with lowered eyes, but to search for him through things, events, people.***

***Everything must reveal God to us.***

***Long prayers are not needed to smile at Christ in the smallest details of daily life.”***

I leave with a quote from one visitor and his wife to St Raphael’s: ***“We are not really Church people, but we would like to be part of this community. It’s wonderful.”*** It’s also, I should add, motivating and stimulating for us.

*Tony Parker*

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“Anything to do with Airmail” collection she frequently advertised for donations of appropriate items. This helps to account for the large number and diversity of her collection. Miss Penn-Gaskell was strong supporter of St Pancras Church during her lifetime, she was a friend of Vicar Elliot Colpoys Wood and she appeared in the recently published 1921 census to have been a guest of the Reverend on Census day. The Penn-Gaskell cup is still competed for by the bell-ringers of Widecombe and Moretonhampstead.



**Bill Bray, Miss Penn-Gaskell & Revd Colpoys Wood at the planting of Jubilee Tree in 1935**

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Date	Time	Service
3rd April	16:00	Evensong
10th April	12:00	Parish Communion
15th April	13:00	Good Friday walk to Widecombe
17th April	12:00	Easter Communion
24th April	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.*

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## Leusdon Memorial Hall

The coffee mornings continue to be very successful both socially and financially. Hopefully the decorators will be finished by our next coffee morning which will take place on **Wednesday 6th April 2022, starting at 10.00am.**

As we enter the post pandemic period we still encourage everyone to be cautious to prevent the spread of covid 19 as much as possible. In particular we ask that anyone who has covid19 (or any other contagious condition) does not attend functions or activities in the Hall. Also if you feel it is unsafe for you to go out yet, we advise that you stay safe at home. This advice is to help keep the hall a safe space.

The Whist Drives are also continuing (they are preceded by a soup and roll or pasty lunch at 1.00pm for any anyone wishing to partake). The next one will be held on the **11th April**. Whist starting at 2.00pm. The cost will be Lunch and Whist £5.00. Whist only £3.00 which will include half time refreshments and a draw.

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As noted last month we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on June 1st at our regular coffee morning. During this time Geoffrey Fenton has agreed to play some music from the past 70 years, so I am now inviting requests for particular pieces of music you would like to hear. Please e-mail your requests to me at the address below or bring them with you to April or May's coffee mornings. We are extremely grateful to Geoffrey for this very generous offer. In addition if anyone else would like to make a contribution either by way of poetry, readings or songs to this day please contact me. Photographs of past Jubilee or Coronation celebrations held in Leusdon would make an interesting display. I look forward to many requests for music and offers of help.

Should you wish to book the Hall, it is available for hire at £10.00 per hour, there are special rates for regular users. Tables at the coffee morning can be booked for £5 per table per session.

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**Could you all please note that bookings are only valid if booked through the booking secretary and all the required paperwork is complete. This is to avoid any confusion.**

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

My contact details are: John Southcombe  
Email: [johnsouthcombe@hotmail.com](mailto:johnsouthcombe@hotmail.com)

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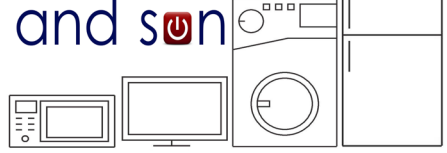


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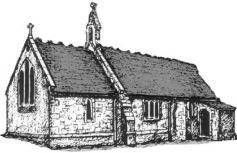
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## Rainfall in February 2022

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	193.0mm (7.6")	2	13th 25.1mm (1.0")
	(February 2021 - 213.2mm (8.4"))		
Holne	238.7mm (9.40")		13th 35.7mm (1.41")





# 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
5th April	19:30	Quiet Reflection
10th April	09:00	Holy Communion - BCP
17th April	15:00	Easter Communion
24th April	18:00	Evening Prayer
26th April	19:30	Quiet Reflection

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## Postbridge Whist Drives - Held in the Village Hall



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**No whist in either April or May**

**Thursday 2nd June starting at 7.00pm**

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Tel: 01822 880224

## Postbridge Coffee Mornings

The April Coffee Morning will be held on

**Monday 4 April at 11.00 am in Postbridge Village Hall**

*Maureen & Sheila*



# Church Services for April 2022

<b>3rd April</b>		<b>Lent 5</b>		<b>Purple</b>	
<i>Readings - Isaiah 43.16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3.4b-14, John 12.1-8</i>					
Widecombe	08:00	Holy Communion - BCP	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion
Widecombe	10:30	All Age Service	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	16:00	Evensong	Ashburton	10:30	Family Service
			Illesington	10:30	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	10:30	Morning Worship (Town Hall) *
			Buckland	11:00	Community Service
<b>5th April</b>		<b>Quiet Reflection</b>			
Postbridge	19:30	Quiet Reflection			
<b>9th April</b>		<b>Messy Church</b>			
			Ashburton	16:00	Messy Church
<b>10th April</b>		<b>Palm Sunday</b>		<b>Red</b>	
<i>Readings - Luke 19.28-40, Psalm 118.1-2,19-29*, Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 31.9-16*, Philippians 2.5-11, Luke 22.14 – 23.56 or Luke 23.1-49</i>					
Postbridge	09:00	Holy Communion - BCP	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Illesington	10:30	Family Service
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	15:00	Informal Worship (Church Hall) *
Holne	18:00	Holy Communion			
<b>14th April</b>		<b>Maundy Thursday</b>			
			Illesington	18:00	United Communion
<b>15th April</b>		<b>Good Friday</b>			
<i>Readings - Isaiah 52.13 – 53.12, Psalm 22*, Hebrews 10.16-25 or Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9, John 18.1 – 19.42</i>					
Leusdon	13:00	Good Friday walk to Widecombe	Ashburton	10:00	A Good Friday for All
Holne	14:00	At the Foot of the Cross	Illesington	10:30	Good Friday Readings & Hymns
Widecombe	15:00	Good Friday Reflection	Ashburton	11:30	Coffee & Hot Cross Buns
			Ashburton	12:00	Walk of Witness
<b>17th April</b>		<b>Easter Day</b>		<b>Gold or White</b>	
<i>Readings - Acts 10.34-43 or Isaiah 65.17-25, Psalm 118.1-2,14-24*, 1 Corinthians 15.19-26 or Acts 10.34-43, John 20.1-18 or Luke 24.1-12</i>					
Huccaby	09:00	Easter Communion	Bickington	09:00	Easter Communion
Widecombe	10:30	Easter Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Easter Communion
Leusdon	12:00	Easter Communion	Illesington	10:30	Easter Communion
Postbridge	15:00	Easter Communion	Buckland	15:00	Easter Communion
			St Petros	18:30	Celtic Reflective Service *

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There is a service of  
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## Communion at home

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

(see page 2 for contact details)

24th April		Easter 2		White	
<i>Readings - Acts 5.27-32, Psalm 118.14-29 or Psalm 150, Revelation 1.4-8, John 20.19-31</i>					
Widecombe	10:30	Morning Prayer	Ashburton	09:30	Breakfast Church
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion
Holne	17:00	Evening Worship	Ilington	10:30	Morning Praise
Postbridge	18:00	Evening Prayer			
26th April		Quiet Reflection			
Postbridge	19:30	Quiet Reflection			
28th April		Informal Worship			
			Ashburton	18:30	Informal Communion (Quaker Meeting House) *

\* Service led by Ashburton Methodists. All are welcome!

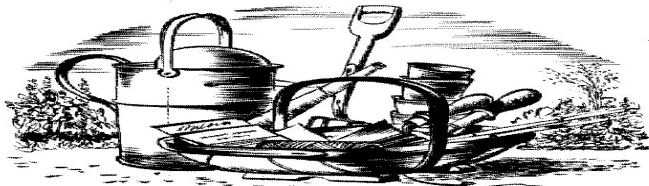
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In celebration of HM Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, Postbridge Village Hall Committee would like to announce the following events:

Thursday 2nd June

Whist drive in Postbridge Village Hall starting at 7pm. £3 pp, raffle tickets for sale. ALL welcome.

Friday 3rd June

Right Royal Quiz at the East Dart Inn, starting at 8pm.  
Maximum of 5 per team, with a £5 entry fee per team.

Entries by 27th May by either email to

[postbridgevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:postbridgevillagehall@gmail.com) or telephone 01822880332.

Sunday 5th June

Fun Sports on the Village Field, starting at 2pm followed by afternoon tea in the Village Hall starting approx 4pm. Bring a plate to share.



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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
3rd April	08:00	-	-	No flowers in Lent
3rd April	10:30	Beth Fenton	Fiona Froy	No flowers in Lent
10th April	10:30	Dawn	Dawn	No flowers in Lent
15th April	15:00	-	-	No flowers in Lent
17th April	10:30	Clare Born	Clare & Jenny Pascoe	All help on Sat 16th
24th April	10:30	Penny	Sue Darke	Easter Flowers

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**Widecombe & District History Group**

Meetings are held at Church House in Widecombe on the first Wednesday of each month.

**Wednesday 6th April**  
**Doors open 7.00pm**  
**Speaker at 7.30pm**

The speaker is **Julia McDade** on **“East Shallowford, Widecombe”**

Contact :  
Rose Mortimore: 01364 631238 or  
Helen Barrow: [helenagsec@gmail.com](mailto:helenagsec@gmail.com)  
Widecombe History Group Website:  
<https://www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/history/home.php>

**Widecombe & District Ladies Social Group**

There will be a get together at the Church House in Widecombe on **Thursday 14th April at 7.30pm**

The speaker will be **Chris Willis**, Cherrybrook Hotel, Postbridge (Musician, Cruise Holidays).  
**“The Dilettante’s Tale..Chris’s choice moments”**

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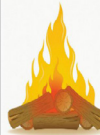
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# Dartmoor Forest Parish Council

## Extracts from the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022

### **Vision Zero South West Grant**

The Council has been awarded a grant for £6306, for a project to implement a number of road safety measures aimed at reducing the number of road traffic collisions and animal deaths on the B3212 between Dousland and Princetown. Cllr Mark Williams has recently taken on the project and is contacting Devon County Council Highways along with other stakeholders and graziers. The road safety measures will include reflective neck bands for cattle and ponies (following their success in the New Forest), new road signs at the cattlegrids at Peek Hill and Plymouth Hill, and a new VAS (Vehicle Activate Sign) to be positioned near Leden Tor car park.

### **Play Park Equipment & Entrance**

A replacement seat assembly has been sourced for the Zip Wire.

Following the recent wet weather, the pedestrian entrance to the play park has become very muddy. The Lengthsman has been tasked with laying paving slabs to solve this issue, and provide a cleaner and safer entrance/exit to the play park.

### **Princetown Parking Issues**

Residents raised concerns over a small number of vehicles which are permanently parked/abandoned on roads or in laybys in and around the village. Council reminded them that any member of the public can report abandoned (untaxed) vehicles to West Devon Borough Council, who in certain circumstances are then able to remove the vehicles.

<https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/article/6564/Abandoned-Vehicles>

### **Climate Change Declaration**

The Council has taken the decision to plant two trees, as part of the Queens Green Canopy initiative. Sites within Princetown are being investigated, with a view to planting the trees as soon as practical and unveiling a plaque at the Jubilee Celebrations in June.

### **CCTV Princetown**

Cllr Worth reported that all four cameras were in operation and that the UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply) fitted in January had coped well with the power outages that occurred during recent storms Franklin and Eunice.

### **Two Bridges Proposed No Waiting Zone – Public Consultation**

The Council has been aware of the issues regarding irresponsible parking on that stretch of road since mid-2020, when it was raised by a local resident. Since then, the Council has been involved, along with Devon County Council, Dartmoor National Park Authority and other authorities, in finding a solution. The Council agreed to respond to the public consultation stating that it strongly supported the proposal.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 1930 at Princetown Community Centre.

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

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## Widcombe Church House Management Committee

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

## Widcombe & District Sports Group

Membership renewals are now due if you have not received yours please email [cl.partridge@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cl.partridge@hotmail.co.uk) or tel: 621468.

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/](http://www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/sports_group/)

Thank you and enjoy your sports area.

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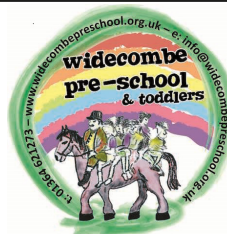
Widdytots is our local group for Mums and children under 5 years.

It runs on Monday Mornings 9.30 - 11.45 in the Church House, Widcombe-in-the-Moor.

Widdytots is a relaxed, informal group where you can turn up and chat with other parents whilst your children play. We provide hot drinks for parents and snacks for the little ones. Everyone is welcome.

Your first session is free and then it is £3 per child and £1 for each sibling.

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Email: [suzanna.hughes21@gmail.com](mailto:suzanna.hughes21@gmail.com)

Please state in your application your bid and the purpose for which you intend using the field and that you will be able to show evidence of insurance to indemnify the Parish Council against all third party liability and keep the field in good order including a lock to the gate.

**The Council will consider all applications at its meeting on 5 May 2022.**

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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](mailto:juliayoung644@btinternet.com)  
or The Vicar Geoffrey Fenton.



## WANTED



Widecombe & District History Group wish to appoint a secretary, urgently, to assist with the running of the group.

The duties will be primarily of an administrative nature; some computer competence would be of a great advantage.

If you are interested, please ring  
**David Ashman (01364 621672)**  
for a chat about how you may be able to help.

Thank You

## WIDECOMBE FAIR COMPANY LIMITED

### FAIR FIELDS GRASS KEEP AND MAINTENANCE TENDER

Tenders are invited for a) Grass keep and b) Field maintenance works on circa 4.6 hectares of the Fair fields

Anyone interested should apply for further information which will contain the tender forms and Terms and Conditions from the Chairman. [pascoewooder@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pascoewooder@yahoo.co.uk)

Tenders should be submitted by midday on 10th April 2022 with the successful applicant being advised by 15th April and the Contract starting on the 18th April 2022.

The Contract will run, with the caveats contained in the tender documentation until 25th December 2022.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The Moor area of 1.38 hectares has been removed from the Grass Keep Maintenance contract. Its use can be discussed by local agreement. This is because maintenance work is needed on the land, particularly the fencing.

This year only; Special access provision will be required for the Platinum Jubilee Fireworks on Thursday 2nd June 2022.

### Duck Race & Teas, Sunday 24th April, 2.30pm

#### Waterleat Lodge, TQ13 7FA



There will be several races throughout the afternoon, with ducks 'swimming' down the leat and navigating obstacles in their way!

The first 10 ducks in each heat will be entered into the final, with great prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in all races.

Ducks cost £2 each or you can buy 3 for £5.

On sale soon through our website or with cash on the day.

[www.widcombecommunityhall.org](http://www.widcombecommunityhall.org)

Home-made cakes and drinks will be on sale all afternoon. Garden games, including a tombola, will keep you entertained between races.

For more information contact Yvette on 01364 631543 or email: [info@widcombecommunityhall.org](mailto:info@widcombecommunityhall.org)



# WIDECOMBE FAIR PRODUCE SCHEDULE 2022

## VEGETABLES LOCALLY GROWN HERMON FRENCH SILVER SALVER

1. 3 Coloured potatoes
2. 3 White potatoes
3. 3 Onions grown from sets
4. 3 Carrots trimmed and washed
5. 3 Beetroot trimmed and washed
6. 6 Runner beans.
7. Longest runner bean
8. Any veg. not mentioned in the schedule
9. A squash or courgette.
10. 2 Leeks
11. A collection of 5 different vegetables  
In a standard veg box. (12" x 16")
12. 4 Tomatoes
13. 4 varieties of culinary herbs in a jar
14. A comedy vegetable

## FLOWERS (class 15 to 18 locally grown)

15. 3 Dahlias
16. A single rose stem
17. A single stem, any flower
18. A vase of mixed flowers.  
9 stems (3 of each)
19. A Pot plant. In flower or just foliage.
20. A vase of wild flowers
21. An arrangement of flowers in an  
unusual container
22. Flower arrangement in a teacup
23. Standard flower arrangement



## ART AND CRAFT CLASSES OPEN TO ALL Gordon Daw Memorial Trophy

24. A knitted woven or crocheted item
25. A needlework item
26. A pencil sketch
27. A painting. Any subject, any medium
28. A photo. 'Animals with attitude!'
29. Any craft item not mentioned, wood,  
metal, ceramic etc
30. Pebble Art
31. A limerick

## CHILDRENS CLASSES FOR THE Tame and Hutchins cup PLEASE STATE YOUR AGE

32. A homemade greetings card
33. A vegetable animal
34. Mr or Miss Potatohead
35. 4 decorated cup cakes
36. A lego model
37. A model made from recycled materials

## HOME PRODUCE LOCAL ENTRANTS ALL MADE TO OWN RECIPE The Rose Bowl.

38. 2 danish pastries (any type)
39. 4 chelsea buns
40. Traditional Victoria sponge
41. A plate of cheese straws
42. 4 decorated cup cakes
43. Traditional meat pasty
44. A loaf of bread (white or brown)
45. A pot of homemade jam
46. A pot of Chutney
47. A bottle of homemade drink

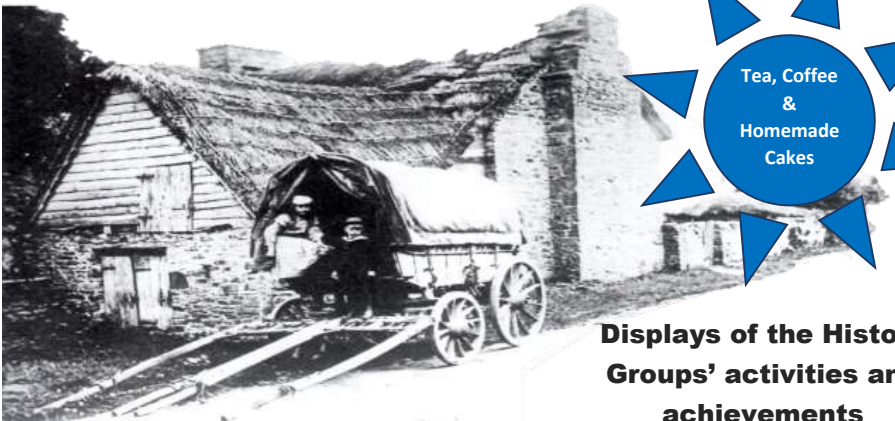
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Exhibition  
SUNDAY 1st &  
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**Displays of the History  
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## Dunstone & Poundsgate Methodist Chapels

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** - First Sunday of the month only, 3pm Zoom

**On Easter Morning, Sunday 17th April** we will hold a **Son Rise Service at Buckland Beacon at 6am**. Do come and join us, the early start is worthwhile as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection on this special day.

### Bible Study Group

We meet every Wednesday at 6pm at Higher Foxworthy. Everyone is welcome to join but please ring Serena on 07789 762061 so we know the numbers. We are a small friendly group seeking to enrich our knowledge of God through his word in the Bible.

### Dunstone Charity Lunches are Re-Starting

The first one will be on Wednesday 13th April, then every month on the second Wednesday. It will follow the same format as before, there will be soup, bread, Sushi, savoury dishes and cakes. All home made. There is no set price, you are asked to make as generous a donation as possible for which every charity we are collecting for that month. In April we will be supporting Ukrainian refugees

### Cook Wanted

Working with groups of disadvantaged young people, mostly from cities, who are not used to sitting around a table and sharing a home cooked meal, we are looking for a cook who can bake and prepare home meals for between 20-30 people at a time. Being our cook means becoming one of the team and also working with young people to encourage good nutrition and improved healthy eating habits. Hours are variable and can be topped up with cleaning if needed. Flexibility will be essential along with own transport to Widecombe (we are about 2 miles out of Widecombe in the Moor).

**Shallowford Farm**  
*making the difference*

### Desperately Seeking Cleaners

We are once again looking for cleaners who must provide attention to detail and be happy to drive to Widecombe in the Moor. Rate for an adult is £10/hour, with hours being flexible and as needed. We always say; 'cleaning is a good work out – and you get paid to do it!'

Please contact Julia directly on: Tel: 01364 621 392 [Julia@shallowfordfarm.co.uk](mailto:Julia@shallowfordfarm.co.uk)

## News from the East Shallowford Trust

'Miss, I don't know how you do this, week in and week out. This is just brilliant..... look at these kids. It's just brilliant', said Mr Dunkley having helped Will haul three secondary school children out of the marsh, which had done it's very best to suck them down to the very bowels of the earth. You can imagine the yelps, the screeches, the ..... sluuuuup sound as the rich, black, globulous peat grabs desperately, tenaciously, vindictively, onto the wellie boots of these poor kids who have no leg strength, no balance to outwit the chuckling, evilly, sucking, leg swallowing bog!

'I hate bogs' said one girl having lost both wellies, which were eventually retrieved by David's strong, long arms. Her own arms flapped wildly resembling a Quentin Blake caricature of rage, frustrated relief combined with comic fury as she had made it out alive. She had concurred near death – or what felt like it as stomped into the yard, flapping, her overly long green rubbery plastic overalls and trousers splattered in smelly black bog, hair everywhere, kicking off wellies to reveal stinky black socks that she hopped madly around in as David carefully hosed her down before she could enter the boot room for a change of clothes. Luckily, she had enough layers for something to be dry underneath before she made a quick dash upstairs for clean trousers and socks.

All fun and games in the wild of Dartmoor!

So Mr Dunkley's question of 'I don't know how you do this?' The programme planning is easy – Will, Serena, Ellie and Nick carry an encyclopaedia of activities in their heads that we trawl through, use and adapt at the last minute pending weather, emergencies, animals, season etc. What we do not have is a huge reserve of teaching staff. Simply..... we still cannot afford to recruit, meaning many of us work 12-14 hour days. Our team is dedicated to say the least! For the moment we have to bide our time, work with what we have and make it through the remainder of this year until we hopefully can recruit more staff to rotate mornings, evenings and weekends when needed. For this of course, we need money we do not yet have.



**Cooking: maths, science, history & nutrition all in one lesson.**

The last few groups have come from Bristol, interspersed with our regular visitors from Providence House in London. This last group was a senior school. The teachers carefully selected the children they wanted to reward for having made an effort since September, bringing twenty-eight children from three different year groups. Three children's parents changed their minds on the morning of the trip. A combination of scared, very protective parents and COVID has increased the level of reluctance and fear, not only within children's own heads but parent's whose own experiences are limited or negative.

Both teachers had whispered on arrival, 'These kids come from THE most deprived area in Bristol.' But they were brilliant, absolutely brilliant! They did not all know each other, but they helped eat up almost every morsel left on a plate (this group may win our 'least wastage' competition), they shared scarves, hats, hoddies, pulled each other out of gorse bushes, pushed each other up hills, raced each other at sweeping out the pig muck and forking out silage for the cows. As both Serena and Ellie said quite independently as I washed up dinner plates, 'I wish I could take one home..... they are sooo sweet!'

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Miss Lazar talked seriously to them all, ran a daily 'star' competition ensuring that at least every child throughout the week gained a positive for some activity, but hauling them up if they missed a please, or thank you or did not help. The leaders in any group are key for a successful trip and on this occasion the two staff were superb!

Luckily for us, they had taken our advice and used our local Woodbrother's bus Company. Here, we have to apologise to our neighbours, as we had a small puddle sized dip before our turning and the bus grounded out, then to only struggle to turn in our yard following limitations in the car park due to building work. On collection the bus sat in the road for a while. Sorry – we know someone with a trailer turned around in despair. Apologies! It should not happen again! Then of course there is the noise that children will make as they yelp and leap, squeal and experience nature, raw and tangibly visceral for the first time. Hold that thought! These children were 12-14 years old and this was largely their FIRST experience of mud, wet grass, cows, pigs, chickens and sheep, never mind the deep, limb numbing cold that gets into your bones when you have been in the driving rain all day. Ellie had pairs throwing quadrats to count bugs in the field and then worm charming to determine the quality of the soil. They loved it all..... although the bog was put down simply as, 'something we did!' with the caveat from at least three saying, 'we have enjoyed the challenges' and big grins! Apologies – we have to stretch, expand and challenge. It comes with some down sides but depending on the age of the group the noise varies, but sometimes we have to remain close to the farm as the weather has just been foul.

In the last few minutes the group gathered in the Ark, home shoes and their own coats back on. One very thoughtful young lad looked at me and asked, 'Do you get paid for doing this?' 'Some of us do,' I replied, 'some volunteer, but we work longer hours than we are paid for.' So, I turned to the group as they cuddled the latest batch of chicks and said their farewells to Mini, 'Do you all know that we are a charity? Do you know what that means?' 'Yes' came the reply. 'So, it means, there is no profit, nothing extra to put in our pockets. Your group was paid for by some very nice people who think you should be given the chance to come to places like East Shallowford Farm.' To which there was a round of applause and whooping. 'This year, with electricity costs rising, fuel costs rising and all the rest, we will make a big loss which I'm not sure how we will cover. As you know, we also work with you from morning to night. So..... Dylan has asked a question ..... is it worth David, Serena, Will, Ellie, Nick, Alethe and me working ALL these hours for you?' The answer took me quite by surprise. I was not just a 'yes' – but those not holding chicks spontaneously leapt up, off their chairs, whopped and yelled, 'Yeeeeees!!' So there we had our answer!

On that note, a thought! Does anyone have any;

- beige coloured cotton (has to be cotton) throws we could fling over the sofas?
- If you ever use Amazon, would you consider logging on through Smile Amazon. Same account details, nothing changes, except that if you choose to put in 'The Shallowford Trust' through the supporting tab, Amazon will give us a donation (note, we take any children from any religion or culture and do not differentiate)
- The Wayside Café very generously donated their Willow China to us when they closed. We would really appreciate any willow or other china desert bowls if anyone has any spare please.
- Any serviceable wellies or crocs would also be much appreciated

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## Princetown History Club

meets on the first Tuesday of each month at  
Princetown Community Centre  
at 7 for 7.30pm.

**Apr 5** A talk by Dr James Fox on the Rev  
Bray's inscribed stones in Cowsic valley.  
A visit is planned for August

**May 3** A talk by Barbie Thompson on  
"Dartmoor parole towns"

*For further information, please phone  
Mr John Lissenden on 01752 847573  
or email [jlissenden@talktalk.net](mailto:jlissenden@talktalk.net)  
Web Site:  
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## Other Community News & Events

### DEFIBRILLATOR Training

The Defibrillators in the area have now been installed for nearly 5 years. When they were installed we had a course on how to use them which was very well attended. Although the Defibrillator does talk you through the process, so training in it's use isn't strictly necessary, the people who attended the course all felt much better prepared if they found themselves in the position of needing to use it.

We have been very lucky to have been offered another course in the use of the Defibrillators. This will take place at Leusdon Memorial Hall on Thursday 19th May, in the evening and will be free to anyone from Widecombe and surrounding parishes. Donations for the Charity providing the training will be collected on the night. Booking is essential as numbers are limited to 30. Booking can be made by contacting

[sec.leusdonmh@btinternet.com](mailto:sec.leusdonmh@btinternet.com)

*John Southcombe*

### Buckland-in-the-Moor Whist 2022

1.00pm Optional soup & roll lunch £2

2.00pm Whist £3 including half time refreshments draw

April 28th

June 23rd

August 25th

October 27th

May 26th

July 28th

September 22nd

November 24th

### High Moorland Women's Institute Princetown

We are a small friendly group of 16 ladies. We are 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 the FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH in PRINCETOWN COMMUNITY HALL at 7.30pm. Our meetings usually finish around 9 to 9.30pm.

On the SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH we hold a free tea, coffee and cakes slot. Donations gratefully received. This is held at Princetown Community Hall 11am to 12.30pm.

Our proposed programme for January 2022 to December 2022 includes informative talks and walks, practical sessions (Morris dancing/ yoga/ paper craft) and straight forward social sessions (cheese and wine / bingo).

You are very welcome to visit us one Wednesday evening to "try us out".

Please contact Catherine at [Catherine@longash.co.uk](mailto:Catherine@longash.co.uk) or text 07703274691.

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Widcombe Fair Committee

Widcombe History Group

Widcombe Ladies Social Group

Widcombe Parish Council

Widcombe Sports Group

May we wish all our readers a Happy Easter!

Within the pages of this packed Link, there are lots of mentions of Easter – from Heidi’s letter (p3), Holne Easter Egg Hunt (p11), a Son Rise Service at Buckland Beacon on Easter Day at 6am (p37), and also services in every church on Easter Day (p22). Compared to last year, let’s hope for a “normal” time of Easter Celebrations, with the minimum disruption from Covid.

With spring now in full-swing, it’s like the Moor is waking up, with many organisations getting back into action – do check the diary on page 23 which is bulging with events for getting out and about in April.

Then there are the first signs of plans for the Platinum Jubilee weekend – Leusdon Hall photo requests and musical coffee morning (p19), whist, quiz and sports at Postbridge (p25), Princetown tree planting (p29), Widecombe Fireworks (p34). We are sure that many more events are being planned for us all to enjoy!

We are delighted to bring you this edition of the Link.

*With best wishes from “The Link Team”*

*PS Please be extra aware of deadline for copy for our **May edition – 10th April** – some of our contributors have been sending adverts in a day or two after our deadline – of course we try to fit them in, but late entries make the editor’s job far harder.*

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