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New Year's Resolutions

Here are the top 10 resolutions for 2024!

- Exercise more
- Eat more healthily
- Learn a new skill or hobby
- Spend more time with family and friends
- Stop smoking
- Lose weight
- Take a more proactive approach to health
- Spend more time on personal wellbeing
- Drink less alcohol
- Reduce your screen time

I suppose most of those are fairly predictable and you can be sure that membership of gyms and weight loss programmes will be soaring as we start the New Year! There is nothing wrong with any of these resolutions, but as Christians we have different priorities and values to that of the world; we should be concerned not just about our own lives but about the Kingdom of God. I think that the start of the New Year can be a good time to review our lives as we look back on the year that is past and consider the year ahead.

Rather than making resolutions, I commend to you (and to myself!) having a 'Rule of Life'. A Rule of Life is "an intentional, conscious plan to keep God at the centre of everything we do. The starting point and foundation of any Rule is a desire to be with God and to love him" (Scazzero). Having a rule of life is a feature of most religious orders; the best known being the Rule of Benedict. But we don't have to be a monk or nun to have a rule of life!

Here is a suggestion of the areas of life to consider:

1. My Relationship with God: Am I spending time each day in bible reading/study and prayer? Do I take time simply to 'sit at the feet of Jesus'?
2. My Personal Life & Health: Am I taking rest and having enough sleep? Am I eating well and taking exercise? Do I have time for recreation and hobbies?
3. My Relationships: Am I giving time to my spouse, my family and friendships? Am I caring for my neighbours and those I work with?
4. My Church: Am I part of my local worshipping community, using my gifts to build up the fellowship? Am I involved in serving God in practical ways and being generous with my time and money? Am I sharing the love of Christ in what I do and say? Am I being stretched in my faith and taking risks for the sake of the Kingdom?
5. My Work: Have I considered God's calling on my life? Is there something new that God has planned for me? What am I doing at present; is it life-giving or life-draining; is there something I should stop doing?

The benefit of having a Rule of Life is to help us be more intentional in the way we live. Without a rule of life, life tends to rule us! We find ourselves rushing around, reacting to peoples demands and expectations and ending up exhausted at the end of each day. Why not spend some time at the beginning of this year considering your 'Rule of Life'?

John Bennett

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From the Registers

Wedding Blessing	Widecombe	18th November	Sue Adams & Bernard West
Memorial & Thanksgiving	Widecombe	30th November	Peter Dracup
Funeral	Holne	4th December	David Powell

Rainfall in November 2023

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	269.3mm (10.6")	3	1st 49.3mm (1.9") 12th 24.8mm (1.0")
	(November 2022 - 352.8mm (13.9"))		
Holne	308mm (12.13")		1st 60.1mm (2.37")





St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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Church Services—see Page 22 for details or

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Date	Time	Service
14th Jan	18.00	Holy Communion
21st Jan	09.00	Holy Communion (BCP) at Huccaby
28th Jan	17.00	Evening Worship

New year, new beginnings. Are you someone who looks forward to a brand-new start or are you fearful of what the future might bring? Probably the answer to those questions depends on age and personal circumstances. Life is full of uncertainties and even the best laid plans can be disrupted by events beyond our control. But a new year can also bring unexpected opportunities that add a richness to your life.

It might be taking part in an activity that brings you into contact with different people where new friendships as well as new skills are developed. Becoming a volunteer is often one of the most rewarding things to do. A common theme is that involvement with people whether friends, family or strangers is something that is a fundamental requirement for human beings.

To be able to share joys and sorrows, laugh or cry together and celebrate with and support each other is important for most people. We are fortunate that in Holne there are many opportunities to be involved in group activities or committees as well as having a community that looks out for one another especially in challenging times.

The early church was very much a community. One that met together in houses to worship and to share meals. At times of persecution either by the Roman state or neighbours who disliked these people who were living very different lives to their own, the support, prayers and encouragement of other Christians was vital.

Meeting and worshipping together is something that Christians still value and we welcome anyone who wants to join us whether at a formal service or the informal prayer and Bible study group. We meet as a community that loves and supports others but also to spend time together in God's presence because He is our friend, our comforter and inspiration. Whatever the future brings, we know that God will be by our side to share the good and the bad times and give us hope for the future.

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Ecumenical Pilgrimage Leusdon to Poundsgate: Sunday 4th February 2024

Approximately 1.5 miles in length, the route will be clearly marked and there will be highly visible Pilgrims guides walking with you.

The start location of St John the Baptist Church, Leusdon (Grid reference SX 709732), has been more than once described as 'beautiful' and undoubtedly the location offers brilliant vistas – including on a clear day - views to the sea!

From the outside, and the thing perhaps not easily seen, is that it is not Medieval. Many High Dartmoor churches are Medieval but of the Victorian ones, Leusdon is the largest. There was a Chapel of Ease dedicated to St Leonard near this site before, part of the ecclesiastical parish of Widecombe in the Moor. St Leonard's Chapel in 'Spychwyke' is referred to in a grant of 1284 issued by Roger de Rous of Wydecomb. The area below Leusdon is still called Spitchwick, from the Old English 'spic' for bacon and 'wic' for a farm or trading place for pigs.



Please gather at 2pm at the Church for a briefing on the Pilgrimage and short prayers led by Revd. Jenny Weigel before setting off.

Just 30 minutes later, at the top of a small incline you will see the Poundsgate Methodist Church, (Grid reference SX 720731), known as the 'Chapel on the Moor' - in front of you. Poundsgate Church is 'older'

than St John the Baptist Leusdon, having been first recorded as a Trust on 17th August 1833.

Please go into this delightful Chapel, pick up a Visitors to Pilgrims brochure, and get your Pilgrim Passport stamped! **At 3 pm there will be a service led by Revd. Kevin Hooke.** The Church literally 'sings the faith', expressing it's methodist theology through singing. Then, of course, its coffee and cake!

Work is underway at St. Raphael's!

Just a quick update on the maintenance and refurbishment of St Raphael's. As I write, all should be redecorated for our Carol Service on the 29th of December. How long the 'like new', spotless décor lasts remains to be seen!



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Date	Time	Service
14th Jan	12.00	Plough Service
21st Jan	12.00	Parish Communion
28th Jan	12.00	Parish Communion

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Leusdon Memorial Hall

***As we move on to our second 100 years I am sure there will be many challenges and opportunities as we move through it.
Good luck to everyone who comes after us.***

We held our last Coffee Morning on the 6th December, it was very well supported and took the form of Carols, coffee and cake. Overall we raised £237.00 for hall funds. Our next Coffee Morning is on **Wednesday 3rd January 2024 10.00am -12.00 noon**. Hopefully we will welcome our Community Support Officer who would be happy to discuss any concerns you might have; it would be good to see you there.

There will be the usual Whist at Leusdon on **Monday 8th January with the lunch at 1.00pm followed by whist at 2.00pm**. The next committee meeting will be on **Thursday 18th January at 7.00pm**. You can now keep up to date by visiting **Leusdon Memorial Hall Facebook page** to get details of events in the Hall and the wider community. Thanks to our social media team we now have over 300 followers .

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Date	Time	Service
14th Jan	09.00	Holy Communion (BCP)

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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The charge for hiring the hall is

Parishioners £8 per hour

Others £10 per hour

For further details or to book, please call
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Postbridge Coffee Morning

There will be no Coffee Morning in January.

We hope to be back again in February.

Details in next months Parish Link.

Maureen

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Church Services for January 2024

7th January

Epiphany

Gold or White

Readings - Genesis 1.1–5, Psalm 29, Acts 19.1–7, Mark 1.4–11

Widcombe	10.30	Epiphany Family Service	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
			Ashburton	10.30	Christingle
			Ilington	10.30	Holy Communion
			Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion
			Bickington	16.00	Christingle

14th January

Epiphany 2 /Plough Sunday

White

Readings - 1 Samuel 3.1–10 [11–20], Psalm 139.1–5, 12–18, Revelation 5.1–10, John 1.43–end*

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

21st January

Epiphany 3

White

Readings - Genesis 14.17–20, Psalm 128, Revelation 19.6–10, John 2.1–11

Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Family Communion
			Ilington	10.30	Holy Communion
			Bickington	10.30	Morning Worship
			Buckland	15.00	Evening Worship
			Ashburton	18.30	Celtic Reflective Service, St Petroc's*

28th January

Epiphany 4

White

Readings - Deuteronomy 18.15–20, Psalm 111, Revelation 12.1–5a, Mark 1.21–28

Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	09.30	Breakfast Church
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
			Ilington	10.30	Morning Praise
			Holne	17.00	Evening Worship

Services marked with * are led by Ashburton Methodists. All welcome!

Holy Communion

Midweek & At Home

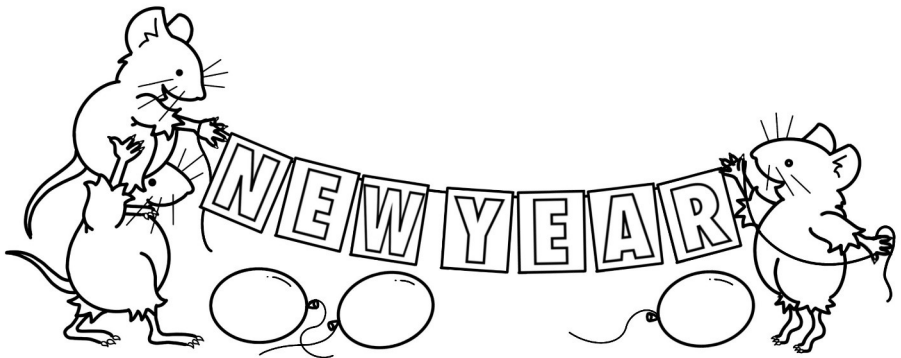
There is a service of
Holy Communion every Wednesday
at 10.30
 at St. Andrew's Church in Ashburton
 You will be most welcome!.



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

Dates for the Diary

January 2024		Page	January 2024		Page
2nd	Holne Whist	9	15th	Postbridge Mini-Market	19
2nd	Princetown History Club	37	16th	Parish Link Deadline	
3rd	Leusdon Coffee Morning	13	19th	Widcombe Winter Regatta	27
3rd	Widcombe History Group	29	25th	Dartmoor Forest PC	40
3rd	High Moorland WI	37	25th	Buckland Whist	19
4th	Widcombe PC	25	25th	Phyl's Follies begins	21
8th	Leusdon Whist	13	30th	Jubilee Orchard Wassail	30
10th	Dunstone Charity Lunch	35	Upcoming Events - February 2024		
12th	Holne Soup & Cheese Lunch	9	10th	Concert, Widcombe Church	26
15th	Bickington Community Lunch	37	16th	Valentine Dinner & Dance	24



Widecombe & District Sports Group



For membership renewals please email 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.widecombe-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

Local Events: £6.00 per hour

Non-local Events: £10.00 per hour

Non-local commercial events: £100.00 per day

For any other rates please contact the Bookings Secretary

Payment by cheque is preferred.

Cheques to be made payable to Widecombe Church, House Fund and send to Sarah Reeve,

Bonehill Cottage,
Bonehill Lane,
Widecombe-in-the-Moor,
TQ13 7TD

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



Widecombe Community Hall CIO
(Incorporated in England)

Widecombe Community Hall CIO invites you to a

VALENTINE'S DINNER & DANCE

The Old Inn
Widecombe-in-the-Moor
February 16th 2024
7:30pm
with music from
'Go Tell Alice'



Tickets are £30 for two course meal & coffee
Tickets available from: chrismayhead@gmail.com
or from widecombecommunityhall.org



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
www.ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/widecombe

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
7th Jan	10.30	Dawn	Val and Richard Casey	Christmas flowers
14th Jan	10.30	Judy	Wendy Cruze	Jenny
21st Jan	10.30	Peter	Kris and Peter	Wendy Beard
28th Jan	10.30	Clare	Clare	Wendy Beard

Widecombe Church is open all day, every day, 9-5. 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
mark.rylands@mmuk.net

John Mousley Interment of Ashes
A service of remembrance will take place in Widecombe church
on Saturday 6th January at 2.30pm.
Tea and cake will be served afterwards in the Church House.

A warm welcome.....
At the end of this month our new Vicar arrives all the way from New South Wales, Australia! Ross Hathway and his wife Alison are coming with two suitcases and will stay with relatives in Exeter for a couple of weeks before moving in to the Vicarage. During that time they will be looking for furniture for the house. If you have anything suitable that you want to "off-load" please bear them in mind for early February! You can let me know what it is, I will be in touch with Ross again in the New Year.
We look forward to their arrival and wish them a safe journey, maybe they will bring sunshine with them!

Mike Pascoe,
Churchwarden

Widecombe Parish Council
Next Meeting
Thursday 4th January 2024
in the Church House at 7.30pm



Widecombe Fair
The Widecombe Fair Committee Company invite organisations to apply for small grants which will be considered at the March meeting.
All requests must be made in writing or emailed to the Chairman:
Mike Pascoe
Wooder Bungalow, TQ13 7TR.
pascoewooder@yahoo.co.uk



FERIO SAXOPHONE QUARTET

St Pancras Church
Widecombe

Saturday 10th February 2024 6pm

In aid of the organ replacement project

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Café on the Green. £15 each, non reserved
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Fri 9:15am - 3pm

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Widdytots (Newborn-5years)

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

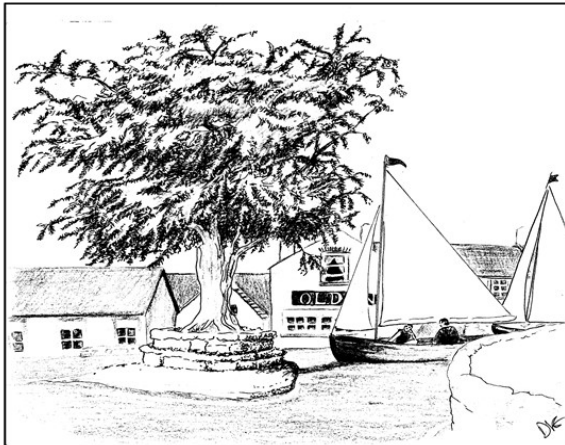


Widecombe Sailing Club

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The
Winter Regatta

at The Old Inn, Widecombe
Friday 19th January 2024



Two course dinner* and lots of singing songs of the sea!

£22 tickets from Daf Edwards on 01364 621242/07957 280129
or dafedwards53@gmail.com

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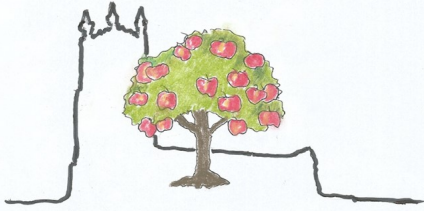
**NEW YEAR LUNCH
THE OLD INN
Widecombe-in-the-Moor**

Wednesday 3rd January 2024 12.30pm for 1.00pm

after lunch speaker *Dr. George Southcombe*
(Sarah Lawrence College, New York
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For details and to book please contact Rose Mortimore tel 01364 631238 or
email history@widecombe-in-the-moor.com

Widecombe History Group .charity no.1144684



Wassail

**Meet in the Widecombe village orchard
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We would like to continue the handbells as a regular monthly ringing as it would be wonderful if a team could be ringing in 2025 to celebrate 100 years of handbell ringing in Widcombe.

Everyone is welcome, all ages and abilities, no need to read music £2 donation to cover costs

Widcombe Singers

.....if you want to join the Singers they rehearse at

The Church House, Widcombe

on

Tuesday evenings at 8pm

Admission £3

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



Add your voice

Widcombe Christmas Tree Festival gains a famous fan

The Christmas Tree Festival is always popular, but this year it has gained a rather famous fan.

Widcombe Sewing Group's tree was on the theme of "Endangered Animals and micro-plastics" with a knitted figure of Sir David Attenborough as the "angel" on the top. By an extraordinary co-incidence a visitor's photograph of the tree made it's way, via friends, to David Attenborough himself! He is reported to be tickled and delighted by it.

The organisers hope that all the visitors to the Festival enjoyed it and will be posting a review of it in our next edition. Meanwhile here's a preview of the amazing Widcombe Sewing Group tree in case you didn't see it!



News from the East Shallowford Trust

'What happens when you have no children?' is a common question.

Well, there is all the cleaning, washing, painting, ironing, scrubbing weeding, planting, cutting, sorting farmers know, the job is never done. Behind the scenes there is also the writing, reporting, fundraising, training, planning, regulations and more regulations, the list goes on and on. It takes time and more to the point, we have been and plan to reach out to more people and not just 'youth'. Why? Because all of us genuinely believe that an immersion on a farm, a Dartmoor hill farm, can for many, change lives in an incredibly positive way. For some, it has literally saved their lives.

The last month we spent a huge amount of time fundraising. Banned from the Moor performed an absolutely brilliant Ceilidh in Ashburton Town Hall (amazingly beautiful historical rooms for those who do not know it) with backup from Tempus – a band of boys emerging from their days at South Dartmoor. The reason? To help raise funds for those who cannot afford to visit! We strived to reach our massive



Volunteers making safe the hawthorn and rowan trees down the hill.



Professional volunteers maintain our strawberries to keep them safe over the winter.

target, incredibly raising over £40,000 (money is still trickling in) through people donating £10, £25 and sometimes a little more. It's incredible how it all adds up, for which we can only say a huge THANK YOU!

Three schools this year have asked for help in fundraising. All three start in November, collecting £5 or £10 a week from parents for the spring or summer trip. These are people for whom visiting a farm, learning about where their food comes from, touching a sheep, a pig, sniffing hay or

silage is about as challenging and unimaginable as flying to Mars.

Our outreach has to increase, has to grow. Flat, simulating screens are now for many their real world. We need to reach through, to grasp and inspire, to pull bedroom bound youth onto the moors where the wind can whip across rosy cheeks and sucking black mud can invoke a screech of fearful joy. This coming month we are recruiting a new member of staff, to work with Goosemoor, a Dartmoor based company as part of their 'Educating' programme, bringing children to at least ten Dartmoor farms.

The job description has the hidden words, 'Supersperson'! Farm to fork, feet to mud, friends to fields, fingers free to feel moss, rough tree bark, watch the stars through the branches of an ancient oak. This should be normal, this is what humans have been doing for the last three hundred thousand years. The first city existed about 7,000 years ago.

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Happy New Year

from

Rolling Along

‘Rolling Along’ launches in January 2024!

The FREE email newsletter for everyone in Widecombe in the Moor is brought to you by a consortium of social and charitable groups in the village.

We’ll be bringing you news of events in Widecombe, with an emphasis on pictures and some longer stories that The Parish Link does not have space for.

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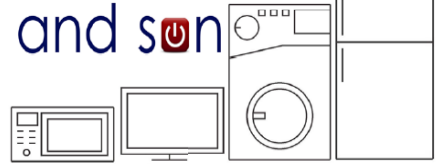
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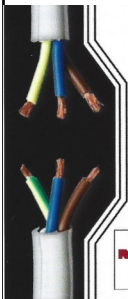
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Dunstone & Poundsgate Methodist Chapels

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 - our All Saints/All Souls Service will be on **Sunday 7th January at 15.00** when we will welcome Fr Francis from Buckfast Abbey.

Dunstone Charity Lunches

The next lunch will be on **Wednesday 10th January from 12 noon until 3pm.**
and will be in aid of **Widcombe Community Hall**

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.

Thank you to all those who came to the December Dunstone lunch in aid of the Rowcroft Hospice. Through your generosity we raised £170 and £53.50 for the Chapel, this is very much appreciated.

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

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Confinement to an urban existence, perhaps began after the First World War. And screens? Well, there was the boom due to the Queen's Coronation in 1953 that gave a new evening past-time for British households. But flat hand held phone screens slipped around the globe into everyday life around 2013. That is ten years ago! Ten years since children's legs have started to atrophy and obesity became the norm. Many say they have never heard a bird in real life, cannot identify the prancing dancing sound of water rushing down towards the sea.

There is a team however, who as if by magic make it all happen. A band of volunteers, a band of farmers, conservation workers, cooks, cleaners, cultivators, carpenters, builders, youth workers, teachers and more. They make it happen.

It's not just us on Dartmoor. There is Heatree, Pixie's Holt, Spirit of Adventure, Dartmoor Activity Centre. We all change lives by opening windows and doors into other worlds. CS Lewis had a wardrobe door..... We have a front door and plenty of gates! Trust me, the snorting piglets are far more scary than Mr Tumnus and we have a wonderful fire when the snow traps us in at the bottom of the hill!

Julia



Our newly pointed office has it's home made window box returned.



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Other Community News and Events

Princetown History Club

meets **1st Tuesday** of each month at
Princetown Community Centre

7 for 7.30pm

January 2nd A talk by Simon Dell,
Reverend Bray's Bardic Boulders -
Sermons in Stone

February 6th A talk by Steve Fryer on
Yelverton and Harrowbeer

For further information, please contact:

Mr John Lissenden

phone 01752 47573

email jlissenden@talktalk.net

Mr Bill Radcliffe

email bill.radcliffe2@btopenworld.com

facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PrincetownHistoryClub/events>



High Moorland Women's Institute Princetown

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

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

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13th JANUARY 2024
10th FEBRUARY 2024
9th MARCH 2024

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Sunday 14th January

3-5pm

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We also offer a monthly speaker event, a coffee morning, and seasonal occasions such as summer B-B-Q's and Christmas lunch.

See our website for all the details – <https://u3asites.org.uk/ashburton/welcome>

We also have a [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/) page, keeping you up-to-date with dates for your diary and events <https://www.facebook.com/>

Are you looking to learn new skills in retirement? Are you new to the area, bereaved or feeling isolated? For most of us, creating opportunities to socialise requires us to step outside our comfort zone. When you do, you'll make many new friends, discover new interests, and enjoy hours of fun.



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Why we oldies are so healthy!!

Whilst enjoying an orange the other day I recalled when I first tasted this citrus fruit. As a “war baby” I didn’t see an orange until the late 1940’s when I would have been fortunate enough to have one in my “Christmas stocking”.

However, the health benefits of oranges and orange juice were well known to the health authorities (No NHS then), and despite the rationing of food the Government made orange juice available for all children under the age of five. This proved most popular with children who loved the juice and benefitted from its provision.

Far less popular, with children was the provision of Cod Liver Oil, provided in liquid form to be taken daily with a teaspoon. Most children described this as “absolutely disgusting”. Ironically the Cod Liver Oil bottle had a label “please return when empty”

Eventually the method of consuming cod liver oil was amended when the oil was mixed with malt extract and presented as a paste. Because this ‘medicine’ tasted of toffee it was much more popular with children and easier for mothers to utilise.

In another article to follow we will recall ‘school milk’.

David Ashman



Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



Extracts from the Council meeting on 28th October 2023

Vacancy to be filled by Co-option – following the recent resignation of Stephen Butterworth, a vacancy exists in the Princetown ward, and will be filled by co-option at the next meeting on the 19th December 2023.



Missing 'Welcome to Princetown' signs – Council again discussed the two missing signs and agreed to another attempt to locate them, using social media, the website and posters.

If anyone has any information, or knows the whereabouts of either of the signs, they are asked to contact the Clerk, in confidence.

Additional Dog Waste Bin – Council discussed various potential sites for an additional bin to cater for the Prison end of Tavistock Road. A provisional site was agreed upon and the Clerk will liaise with the land owner and WDBC to check they are in agreement with the location.

Planning – Council received a report from Cllr Greatrex regarding 0472/23 for the installation of roof and ground mounted solar PV panels at Yellowmead Farm, Princetown PL20 6SS. Council voted to recommend Approval of this application.

Budget for 2024/25 Approved – Council approved the budget, with a 3% increase on the Precept from last year.

Donation of Christmas Trees - HMP Dartmoor have again kindly agreed to supply two Christmas trees for Princetown. One tree will be placed in St Michaels & All Angels, and the other outside the Visitor Centre.

Date of next meetings: Starting at 7.30pm, Princetown Community Centre, Small Hall
23rd January 2024, 27th February 2024, 26th March 2024, 23rd April 2024

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

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From all at Dartmoor Forest Parish Council

We hope you

enjoy the festive season and wish you all
the best for 2024

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Business Directory

In each issue of the Parish Link we promote businesses across the Parish and surrounding area, these businesses support us and enable us to publish this magazine for the local community. If you are looking for a great local business then look below. Next to each business is the page where they appear in this issue. If you call them, please let them know you found them in the Parish Link.

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Community		Machinery for Hire	
Holne Second Hand Books	<u>9</u>	Digger and Dumper Hire	<u>12</u>
Computing		Plumbing and Heating Services	
Computer Services	<u>20</u>	MH Perry	<u>16</u>
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Moorland Merrymakers

Widcombe Parish Council

Phyl's Follies (Postbridge)

Widcombe Sports Group

“Another year over and a new one just begun.” Who recognised the words from John Lennon’s song?

The sense of change and desire to improve our lives is a common feeling at this time of year. Canon John Bennett has some interesting thoughts on it in his Parish Letter this month (3) and many of our advertisers have services to help us do that, from improving our fitness with Pilates (34) to redecorating our homes (18) and (20) and even treating ourselves to a relaxing massage (20).

There are of course many opportunities to get out and enjoy yourself even in the middle of winter, not least the annual extravaganza that is Phyl’s Follies “Red” (21). Let’s hope the snow holds off so everyone can get there and back safely.

We would like to pay particular tribute this month to those hardy volunteers who head out around the moor delivering Moorland Parish Link throughout the year. Not much stops them!

If you, or anyone in your community, is starting up any new activities or events in 2024 don’t forget to let us know and we’ll be happy to publicise them for you.

We so enjoy putting together our little magazine, reading so much that is happening in our community and we most definitely couldn’t do it without all of you, Thank You !!

As always, if you want to get in touch please just send via link@moorlandteam.org.uk



*Wishing you all a Happy New Year
with best wishes from “The Link Team”*

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