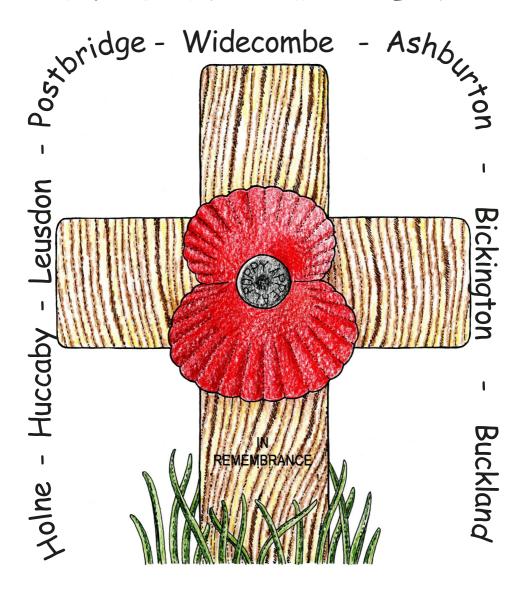
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The Parish Letter

As the blast of the autumn gales strips the leaves from the trees, as the nights get colder and frosts set in, as the petals of the few remaining summer flowers fall to the ground, November is a month where greenness and growth are doing their annual shutdown in preparation for winter. A time when the trunks and branches of trees stand starkly bare.

It's a sobering time for nature, and a sobering time for us, with our annual Remembrance Day events being a stark reminder of times when human life was stripped bare, and destruction and death and hardship affected everyone, with millions of lives being lost through violence or cruelty – on battlefields and in gaschambers, in bombed cities and across the oceans.

For nature, autumn is just a natural process of preparation for winter. But Remembrance Day reminds us that violent death and destruction must never be seen to be a natural process; rather that we all need to commit, from village, to town, to cities, to countries, to continents, to the whole world, to never allow such destructive events to happen again.

Thankfully these commitments are bearing fruit – since 1945 across the world there has been a very steady decline in deaths from wars and violence. With determination and vision, societies become fairer and more peaceable, and the common good becomes an agreed objective.

However it turns out to be a very bumpy road. Major wars are hopefully behind us for ever, though uprisings and civil wars are still sadly too common; but there is no shortage of challenges that we are all encountering. With the vital background agenda of climate change and global warming, and a host of other factors, our everyday lives are changing – fuel prices soaring, high-streets emptying of shops and customers, shortages in supermarkets and petrol stations, shortages of staff leading to exhausted publicans and hoteliers, struggling care homes and hospitals.

Oh dear – it all sounds pretty grim. And yet many people are discovering that doing less, having less, consuming less, can be a liberation. Better lives with less commuting. Food grown at home tasting better. Exercising being fun. Chatting to neighbours that we've got to know during lockdown being really enjoyable. Stopping and reflecting being refreshing. Real benefits. A rediscovery of local. A rediscovery of quiet spaces.

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Church News & Events

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And for many, a rediscovery of the value of the church buildings in our communities. We are so blessed, our churches are such special places, fulfilling the vision of those who created them in times that were far less prosperous and far more violent than today. Created by people who acknowledged their need for spiritual refreshment in a beautiful space. Timeless spaces.

Buildings that were created by their communities to be the centre of the community, and which have become safe spaces, hallowed by generations of use – for celebration, mourning, baptism, remembering, prayer, reflecting. Not just the places where Remembrance Services are held, and carols sung at Christmas, but also places for just sitting quietly and reflecting or praying. Open to everyone.

With every blessing

Geoffrey



We are delighted that we are gently restarting

An hour of quiet reflection Postbridge Church

Tuesday 2nd November at 7.30pm Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm

with

Wide spacing Candlelight Warm church Silence Taize music A few readings

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

Meet at Widecombe Vicarage at 6.45 if transport required.

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

Messy Church will be on Saturday November 20th, 4pm to 6pm

Having moved the Messy Church to Saturdays and broken with tradition to going to the third week in the month, I was a little anxious about who would come in September. It was wonderful despite a lot of the children getting older and moving on to groups to be run by Heidi. We had a good turnout and three new families arrived with younger families. I was delighted.

We investigated How to be Jesus' hands today in the community. We

had two visitors: David from Newton Abbot with his puppet who told the story of who Jesus was; and the drummer Sam. Sam was between gigs came and, with the younger ones, created the Cacophonies Band. They wrote the Rap 'What is the most important thing? "LOVE" The children loved this activity and learnt that love is what Jesus wants us to show each other. We made balloon prayers, and binoculars to see things through Jesus' eyes.

Put Jesus in front of your eyes

Put Jesus in your Heart

Put Jesus in your hands



In October we are making bird seed tree hangers for the birds, because we are looking at God's Promise to us with the rainbow and our promise to him to look after His planet. We asked where our animals live, how many are endangered and how many are disappearing? John 1:3 "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been

made." God made the whole magnificent planet. If we love God, we need to Love his creation.

Please pray for us we prepare for the November Messy Church on Saturday 20th 4pm to 6pm. If you would like to join the Messy Church Team, please phone Jane on 654 067

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From the Registers

Baptism	Widecombe	21 August	Frederick Lloyd Mortimore	
Baptism	Widecombe	26 September	Harriet Elizabeth Vallance	
Interment	Widecombe	9 October	Michael John Parkhouse	



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The Church of England is encouraging an exploration of LGBTIQ+ relationships in relation to faith and biblical writings. You are invited to join us for five evening sessions this Autumn.

A SERIES OF AUTUMN MEETINGS

Oct 11th – Addressing ignorance & paying attention to power

Nov 1st – Casting out fear

Nov 8th – Acknowledging prejudice

Nov 15th – Speaking into silence

Nov 22nd – Admitting hypocrisy

We will meet on Mondays in Church House in Widecombe from 7.30 to 9.00

The sessions include videos, bible study and shared reflections in a listening and respectful atmosphere. Everyone from across our Mission Community is welcome – there will be a second opportunity to engage in Ashburton in January.

Contact Geoffrey Fenton (01364 621334 / geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk) for more details on these Widecombe evenings.

Leusdon Choir

Leusdon Choir is a small, welcoming group that meets on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 – 9.00. We meet in Leusdon Church and enjoy singing hymns and anthems, a mix of those appropriate for the following Sunday's Services and our personal favourites. We lead the singing in the monthly 4.00 pm Evensong Service in Leusdon Church. From the beginning of November we will be adding Christmas carols (with appropriate descants)

We welcome anyone of any age or ability. We break at half-time for tea/ coffee and friendly, (socially distanced) conversations. At present masks are worn when singing.

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21st November	09:00	At Huccaby
28th November	15:00	Baptism Service

Prayer Meeting

An important part of Christian worship is the act of prayer and there are many verses in the Bible about prayer. For example, "When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you." (Jeremiah Chapter 29 verse 12)

Although we pray during our services in church or when we are by ourselves, a time has been set aside for prayer as a group in the church between 10 and 11am every Friday morning. It is very informal and might include some poetry, music, or verses from the Bible as well as time to contemplate and pray. Anyone can come along, and you don't have to come every week!

Most importantly, we would like to pray on behalf of others. It is good that people are using the prayer tree in the church to leave prayers about things which concern them, or they want to say thank you for. We will use those prayers but if there is something or someone that you would like the group to pray for, please leave a message either on the prayer tree, send an email to gillianp1992@gmail.com, or mention it to someone you know who is connected to the church.

We believe that prayers are answered and that it is something that we want to do for our community and beyond.

Harvest Festival

The harvest festival is the opportunity to thank God for his wonderful creation and remember the responsibility we have to look after it. It is also the time to remember those who contribute to producing our food and delivering it to our tables; those who protect and manage the environment and those who are exploited to satisfy our needs.



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We celebrated harvest at Holne on October 10th when a collection was taken for the Farming Community Network. The church was beautifully decorated by Hannah Best and her team. The dried and tinned goods that were donated have gone to the foodbank and fresh produce was taken away for a small donation.

A power point of photographs taken in the church has been put together which is now on the church website at Holne (ashburtonandmoor.org.uk). We are also able to enjoy an afternoon tea before the service organised by Judy Henderson. Thank you to everyone who contributed and who shared this service of celebration with us.

Visitor Feedback

Now that visitors are returning to our area and coming into the church, it is really pleasing to read some of the comments in the Visitors' Book. Here are a couple of comments that have been made.

"Absolutely stunning". "Stillness - in every sense." "Restorative quiet."

It is your church and if you have never stepped inside, please make the opportunity to do so. It is open every day and all are welcome.

Gillian Parker

Holne Garden Group

We have been thinking hard about the Garden Club and our much missed outings. It may be a long time before we can go out by coach again, but how about half day outings, by car, to nearby places where we can walk in beautiful surroundings and chat with our friends from a safe distance? We are getting together a short list, something to cheer the long dark days of winter. Please email Judy to add your suggestions.



If you are interested, get in touch, or we will contact you all. In the meantime, very best wishes to all.

Gill Gray gill@priddons.co.uk 01364 631111 and Judy Le Marchant judylemarchant@btinternet.com 01364 644099.

HOLNE VILLAGE HALL SOUP & CHEESE LUNCH

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Amazing Place!

Our tiny Chapel of St Raphael's celebrated two amazing 'firsts' during October.



The first was the Holy Baptism service of Jack Lockett - a great, great, great, grandchild of a quite 'famous' Dartmoor family who formerly lived in Huccaby House - just down from the Chapel. (The Burnard and Munday family). Two slate plaques at St Raphael's record some of the family and their strong connections to the Chapel and Dartmoor.

And another first was the Baptism was live-streamed from Huccaby to other members of the family - in Singapore!

The service itself was conducted by the Reverend Michael Fisher from Cornwall – Michael's wife being the great grandmother of Jack!

The live streaming of the Baptism to Singapore was possible due to the newly installed broadband at St Raphael's. As Reverend Fisher told the congregation:

"I'm very impressed that St Raphael's is connected to the internet. And by the wonders of technology, we are able to live broadcast this service to our family in Singapore. I also understand that from next week here you will be able to make 'contactless' donations – so please visit again - with your cards!"

Also very much appreciated by the large congregation of the extended family of Jack was them being given to opportunity to hang their personal Baptismal prayer messages on the St Raphael's ____

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And yes, we will be accepting contactless donations in November - the rationale being that we live in the 21st century and, post pandemic, no-one carries cash anymore! Move with the times or wither and die? (A timely reminder as we are currently in Harvest Festivals season - will our churches and Chapels shrivel and die before being 'harvested', due to neglect, adverse conditions, or lack of resources).

Planning for the future - 784 (and counting) individual snowdrop bulbs planted already for our Spring season – February 10th til March 20th. And a potential renewal of marital vows Chapel service - just after Valentine's Day 2022!

As Robert Mager said:

"Where are we going?;

How shall we know when we get there?; and How will we know when we've arrived?

Answers by email or on postcards to St Raphaels!

Thank you to Danny Hay for generously supporting St Raphaels with many and various flowers from her garden!

Tony Parker





St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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14th November	10:30	Remembrance Service
21st November	12:00	Parish Communion
28th November	12:00	Parish Communion



Armistice Day - 11th November



Widecombe and Leusdon churches will welcome you to observe The Two Minute Silence in Widecombe Square at

11.00am on Thursday 11th November.

The church bell will be tolled from 10.45am. The school has been invited to attend as usual.

Remembrance Sunday - 14th November

Leusdon Memorial Hall and Leusdon Church will observe Remembrance Sunday together on 14th November.

We shall gather at the Memorial Hall at 10:30am for a wreath laying ceremony and then go to the church to observe the Two Minute Silence followed by the Remembrance Service

Covid Update - 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. Face-coverings are no longer legally required, but many people are still wearing them for extra protection.

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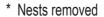
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Leusdon Memorial Hall

The Hall is now open and we are slowly getting back to normal. October saw the return of two of our regular hirers, namely the Moorland Merrymakers and The Chan Group. We wish them well in the future.

The coffee mornings continue on the first Wednesday of each month along similar lines to the first one. The last one made a total of £145.00 for hall funds, numbers were slightly down as the road from Ashburton to New Bridge was closed.

The Whist Drives are 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 15th November and a further one on 13th December all starting at 2.00pm. The cost will be Lunch and Whist £5.00 or Whist only £3.00 which will include half time refreshments and a draw

We will be working with Widecombe Community Hall Committee and Widecombe Church Christmas Tree Festival on the Christmas Light Drive Through. Please see the notice on page 29. More details next month.

The committee's next meeting will be held at 4.00pm on Monday 10th January 2022. The first part will be an OPEN MEETING to discuss arrangements for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. If you have any ideas for this I would urge you to attend or contact any member of the committee beforehand. If there is no interest it is unlikely that anything extra will be organised by the Hall Committee.

We look forward to seeing you at some or all of the above events.

An early date for your diary, Leusdon Memorial Hall is celebrating its centenary in October 2023, please put the date in your diary.

Should you wish to book the Hall, it is available for hire at £10.00 per hour, there are are special rates for regular users. Tables at the Coffee Morning can be booked for £5 per table per session. Further details can be obtained by contacting our booking secretary:

Amanda Routley on 01364 631432 Email: leusdonmemorialhall@yahoo.com

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

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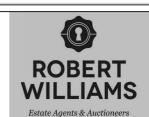
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Church Services - see Page 20 for details

Date	Time	Service
2nd November	19:30	An Hour of Quiet Reflection
14th November	18:00	Remembrance Service
28th November	18:00	Evening Prayer

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Learners are especially welcome. Entrance fee of £2.50 to include refreshments and prizes. Contact: Jackie Gee, Bungalow 2, Dartfordleigh, Postbridge, Yelverton, PL20 6TJ. Tel: 01822 880224

Church Services for November 2021

2nd Novemb	er					
Postbridge	19:30	Quiet Reflection Service				
7th Novemb	er	Third Befor	e Advent			Green
Readings - Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 1:14-20						
Widecombe	10:30	All Souls Service	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion	
Leusdon	12:00	All Souls Service	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion	
			Ashburton	10:30	All Saints Service	
			Ilsington	10:30	All Saints Service	
14th Novem	ber	Second Befo	re Advent			Green
		-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14 [15	-18] 19-25; N	lark 13:1		
Leusdon	10:30	Remembrance Service	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion	
Holne	10:45	Remembrance Service	Ilsington	10:30	Remembrance Service	
Widecombe	10:50	Remembrance Service	Ashburton	10:45	Remembrance Service	
Postbridge	18:00	Remembrance Service	Bickington	10:45	Remembrance Service	
				14:00	Moor Church at Hamble	down
					Air Force Memorial	
			Buckland	15:00	Remembrance Service	
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Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Portreeve Service	
Holne	15:00	Baptism Service	Ilsington	10:30	Morning Praise	
Postbridge	18:00	Evening Prayer				

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 or Geoffrey.

(see page 2 for contact details)

Mid-week Communion				
Wednesday 3rd November	Ashburton	10:30		
Wednesday 10th November	Ashburton	10:30		
Wednesday 17th November	Ashburton	10:30		
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On Monday 6 December we are planning a Christmas Special instead of our usual Christmas meal, details will follow.

Maureen & Sheila

High Moorland Women's Institute Princetown

If you would like to be a part of a hugely respected organisation, come along to one of our monthly meetings for a taster to see if WI is for you. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Community Centre small hall



Princetown. It will cost you £3. You are welcome to attend two meetings as a taster. We are a fun group of mixed age range ladies and we do have a good laugh. Do come and see what we get up to.

If you would like to know more about High Moorland Women's Institute or details of the events listed above, please drop Helly an email on hellyhtsn@hotmail.com or follow us on Facebook: High Moorland Women's Institute.

Princetown History Club

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

2nd Nov A talk on "The Dave Brewer Archive" by Tim Jenkinson

7th Dec Atalk on "The Quaker Tapestry" by Simon Dell

For further information, please phone Mr John Lissenden on 01752 847573 or email ilissenden@talktalk.net Web Site: princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com

Rainfall in September 2021

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days	
Postbridge	127.0mm (5.0")	18	28th 37.6mm (1.5")	
	(September 2020			
Holne	132.8mm (5.23")		28th 45.2mm (1.78")	



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Church Services - see Page 20 for details

Date	Time	Service
7th November	10:30	All Souls Service
14th November	10:50	Remembrance Service
21st November	10:30	Parish Communion
28th November	10:30	Parish Communion



Armistice Day - 11th November

Widecombe and Leusdon churches will welcome you to observe The Two Minute Silence in Widecombe Square



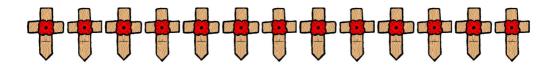
11.00am on Thursday 11th November.

The church bell will be tolled from 10.45am.

The school has been invited to attend as usual.

Remembrance Sunday - 14th November

The Remembrance Service at St. Pancras will start at 10.50am



Covid Update - 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. Face-coverings are no longer legally required, but many people are still wearing them for extra protection.

All our services can be downloaded from https://ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/resourc-es-and-prayers-wlp Any queries, please contact Revd Geoffrey Fenton (Team Vicar) 01364 621334 geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk

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For those who would like to find out more about bell ringing we are holding open sessions at **St. Pancras Church, Widecombe on Saturdays 20th and 27th November from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon**. Those attending can climb the tower steps to view the ringing chamber, meet the ringers, see ringing in action and have a go. There is no need to book in advance.

If you are unable to attend one of the open sessions you are welcome to come along to one of our regular practice sessions held on most Wednesday evenings.

For further information on bell ringing at Widecombe, the open sessions or to attend one of our practice evenings please contact our Tower Captain Mike Pascoe on 01364 621333 or email pascoewooder@yahoo.co.uk.



WIDECOMBE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2021



This year's festival will be from Friday 10th December to Monday 20th December.

Entries are free and welcomed from groups, organisations, families and individuals. This year, as before, we will be having a class especially for small trees as well as classes for adults and children.

This year's theme is "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" which, as usual, can be interpreted any way you like!

Entry forms will be available from the church, Widecombe Gifts and The Kiosk.

We will have a collection for charity during the festival, full details next month.

Help us to make a wonderful spectacle in the church and a great start to the Christmas celebrations.



. More details from Mary in the Kiosk tel.07980312307 or Judy tel.01364 621520 or email judysouthcombe@yahoo.co.uk



The History of the Remembrance Poppy

As Armistice Day (11th November) and Remembrance Sunday (14th November) approach it is appropriate to consider why the symbol of remembrance is the red poppy and how this came about



The history of the red poppy can be traced back to the Napoleonic Wars in the 19th Century. Records indicate how poppies grew thick over the graves of soldiers in Flanders in France. Fields that had been barren before battle exploded with poppy flowers after the fighting ended. The chalk in the fields had become rich in lime allowing the "popaver rhoeas" to thrive.

The reason credited for the introduction of the poppy to the British Commonwealth was a poem written in May 1915 by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian Medical Officer. In December 1915 the poem was published in *Punch* magazine.

An American Professor of Humanities Moina Michael was so inspired when she read the poem, she started to campaign for the poppy to be recognised as the flower of "Remembrance". The cause was also taken up by French lady Madame Anna E Guerin who campaigned for the flower to be adopted in other countries.

These two formidable ladies campaigned for the poppy to be recognised as the flower of Remembrance for several years in the countries who fought for the Allies during the First World War.

In 1921 ladies from France came to Britain to sell artificial poppies they had made as a symbol of remembering those lost during the War.

Madame Guerin visited Earl Haig in person during this time and persuaded him to adopt the poppy as an emblem for the British Legion. The arrangement was formalised in the autumn of 1921.

One hundred years later the wearing of the poppy as a symbol of Remembrance continues and the Royal British Legion derives much of its income from this century old source as it continues to support all ex-service personnel in need.

David Ashman, Widecombe History Group

In a future article we will outline how Remembrance is observed in other countries.





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For more information about WDSG visit www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/sports group/

Thank you and enjoy your sports area.

WIDDYTOTS

Widdytots is a local group of mums with babies and toddlers from 0-3 years. We are in the process of working out the logistics of restarting the todder group sessions but in the meantime if you would like to be put in contact with other local mums and to catch up for a walk or a coffee and a chat etc then please do contact us.



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Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30pm

The speaker is Emma Cunis, Dartmoor's Daughter on

"Prehistoric Stone Circles & Stone Rows"

Contact:

Rose Mortimore: 01364 631238 or Helen Barrow: helenagsec@gmail.com

Widecombe History Group Website:

https://www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/

history/home.php

Widecombe & District Ladies Social Group

Thursday 11th November at 7.30 pm in the Church House

The speaker is Rosemary Griggs on "An audience with the Lady Katherine and a peep inside her wardrobe"

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Bible Study Group

We meet every Thursday at 7pm at Higher Foxworthy for Bible Study. Everyone is very 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

We have decided not to re-start these for the moment as the chapel is small and there is little air circulation possible to make it safe.



Cook Wanted

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Screenings will be

Saturday 4th to Saturday 11th December inclusive (not Sunday) at 7.30pm

Two Matinee screenings with priority booking for families will take place on Saturday 4th and Saturday 11th December at 3.00pm

The booking office opens **8am Monday 1st November**Please Phone Nicky on **07549 697176** or email **booking4merrymakers@gmail.com**

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Legal Requirements for Maintenance

The Highways Act 1980 (Section 154) empowers the County Council, as the Highway Authority, to protect the safety of highways users by ensuring that owners and occupiers carry out their legal duties in respect of roadside hedges and trees.

Owners and occupiers are required to:

- Trim hedges and trees to ensure growth does not obscure the view of road signs
- Trim roadside hedges to maintain visibility for road users, particularly at junctions and on the inside of bends
- Trim and hedge that directly abuts a road, footway, cycleway or public right of way so that growth does not prevent the passage or affect the safety of the highway user, including cyclists and pedestrians.
- Remove dead or decaying trees and other growth that may fall across the highway.
- Remove branches and other growth that may prevent the passage of high sided vehicles or obstruct light from a public lamp (street light).
- Ensure the highway (including the footway and drainage features) is left clear of debris from the cutting operations (Section 148, Highways Act 1980)

Who undertakes the work?

It is easier for all concerned if landowners/occupiers maintain their own trees and hedges to a good standard.

What if the landowners/occupier fails to undertake work?

The County Council makes every effort to encourage owners and occupiers to cut their hedges, and will work closely with Parish Councils and local people to identify occupiers who neglect this work and to remind them of their responsibilities. Where roadside growth is becoming a problem the County Council may serve a notice on the owner/occupier requiring the necessary work to be completed within a stated period. Failure to comply may result in the Council undertaking the work and claiming back the cost incurred.

For further information about hedge and tree management go to https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/factsheet/hedges-and-verges/maintaining-hedges-and-trees/

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Last ... but not least ...



One hundred years ago, on 11th November 1921, Remembrance poppies were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries to commemorate military personnel who died in war.



In his article on page 27, David Ashman outlines the history of the Remembrance poppy and refers to the contribution of Moina Michael. Inspired by John McCrae's 'In Flanders Fields', she wrote her own poem 'We Shall Keep The Faith' which ends with the lines:

And now the Torch and Poppy Red We wear in honour of our dead. Fear not that ye have died for naught; We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought In Flanders Fields

Wearing a red poppy is a very personal choice, reflecting individual experiences and personal memories. For those who choose to wear a red poppy it remains a universal symbol of both Remembrance and hope for a positive future and a peaceful world.

From all of us at the Link

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