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## We will remember them

The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. This year Remembrance Sunday is 12th November. Thousands of people will continue to gather at cenotaphs and in churches up and down this land to remember with thanksgiving those who gave their lives in the two Great Wars to preserve freedom in Europe and the world. We will remember how an evil regime that exterminated six million Jews was defeated. We will also pray for those countries and people still involved in conflicts today.

I will be remembering my father who, as a young captain in the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, was ordered to lead his group of men across a ploughed field in northern France toward the enemy line. Unfortunately, the area was still lit up by flares, discharged to assist the RAF in bombing enemy positions prior to the infantry attack. Most of my father's group was shot down by machine gun fire. My father was 'lucky' in that he was shot and wounded, picked up by the Red Cross after the battle and then stitched up in a field hospital. My childhood memories are of his mackintosh and jacket pockets full of 'bisodol tablets', plus his difficulties with digestion. Not surprising, when half his stomach had been removed. On 12th November we will remember all those who made sacrifices to ensure a just and peaceful world and still do today.

At the beginning of this month, on Sunday 5th November, many churches hold Memorial Services around All Saints and All Souls Day to remember those who have gone before us yet who are very much alive. We will, too, in the Ashburton and Moorland Team – please check for the service times. I still keenly miss my mother who died over 11 years ago. Memory is a special gift. It connects us with people and events which are no longer present to us. Someone we love dies and we desperately want to connect with them. Every so often, I think of things I want to tell my mother and then am painfully aware that she is no longer here. Memory helps us but it can work overtime. A cloud of grief descends. Grief is not bad – good and necessary – but it can be very painful especially when the loss is so great that we are tempted to suppress it. But to forget the ones we love is to do them a great injustice. I sense that we all have a longing not just to belong but also to be remembered. To be forgotten is to be treated as if we never existed. I wonder whether what people fear is not so much death as being forgotten?

Jesus also wanted to be remembered. In his love for us he left a significant way of remembering him, namely, Holy Communion. 'Do this', he said, 'in remembrance of me'. The wonderful thing is that when we remember him in this way he becomes significantly present to us. We are the Body of Christ.

If we love someone, there is no reason why their memory should arise like a ghost to haunt us. Rather, it may be like the visit of a friend who comes to us with gifts. Memory fills our life with their presence. It can help us let go of negative feelings like anger and guilt. In their place can come a flood of memories to cherish. Memories, like good wine, improve with time. One of the ways of repaying the debt we owe the departed is not to forget.

This November we can celebrate the reality that, living and departed, we are all children of God's family. If our loved ones are close to God then they are also close to us because, by his Spirit, God is near. We will remember them.

+ Mark

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### Ashburton & Moorland Team Ministry - Team Vicar Appointment

It is announced that the Reverend Ross Hathway has been appointed to the post of Team Vicar in the Ashburton & Moorland Team Ministry, to serve on a part-time basis with particular responsibility for worship and pastoral care in Widecombe in the Moor with Postbridge and Leusdon. Ross is presently Interim Minister of Holy Trinity, Kelso, in Bathurst diocese in the Anglican Church of Australia.

Ross grew up in rural Australia and before ordination was a partner in his family's cattle and arable farm in New South Wales. His wife Alison also grew up in a farming family, but on the other side of the world in North Devon. Having answered a call to ordained ministry, Ross earned his theological qualifications in Sydney and served his first curacy in Australia, before moving to England and a second curacy in Northamptonshire. He then served for ten years as Rector of Trull on the outskirts of Taunton in Somerset, before returning to parish ministry in Australia. Since retiring from full-time responsibilities, he has served as an interim priest in rural communities there.

Ross and Alison have three adult children, two of whom live in London, and an extended family network in Devon. The couple will leave the antipodean summer behind and move to Widecombe Vicarage in the new year, and subject to the completion of all legal formalities the Bishop of Plymouth will license Ross to the Ashburton & Moorland Team on Tuesday evening, February 20th at a service at St Pancras, Widecombe in the Moor at which all will be welcome.

Your prayers are asked for Ross and Alison as they prepare to move back to England in the new year, and for Ross as he prepares for the next stage in his life and work as a priest.

### From the Registers

Baptism	Holne	9th September	Isabelle & Mio Rawlins
Baptism	Holne	10th September	Thomas, Edward & Isabelle Fisher
Funeral	Widecombe	18th September	Tanya Welch
Wedding	Widecombe	20th September	Hugh Raynor & Susan Jones
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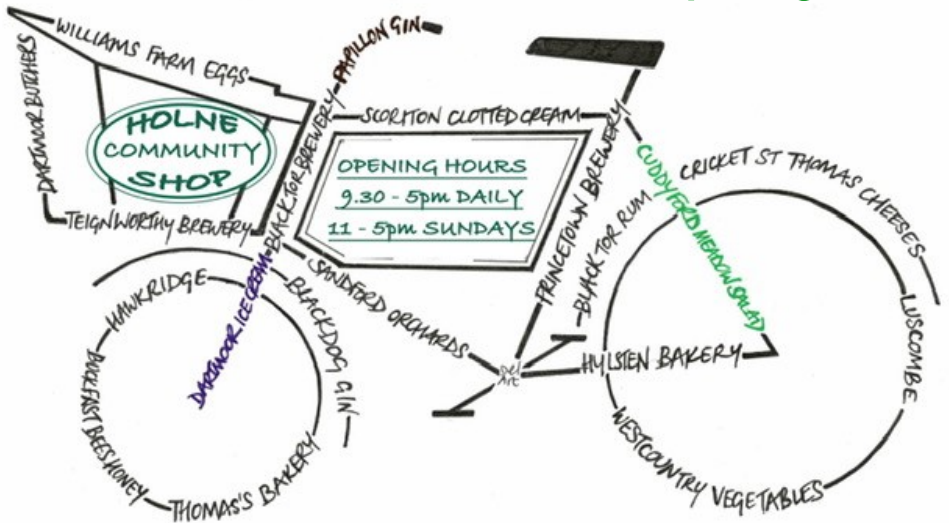
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## St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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

Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Service
12th Nov	10.45	Remembrance
26th Nov	17.00	Holy Communion

At the end of this month, it will be a year since St. Mary's reopened following the extensive work to repair and improve the building. Time has gone so quickly and reflecting on all that has happened in the last 12 months, there is much to be thankful for.

There have been weddings and baptisms, concerts, and a wonderful evening showcasing local talents. Sadly, there have been several funerals with the community losing people who contributed so much to the life of the village. But from my perspective, it is important that the Parish Church remains the place where villagers want to mark those major life events, surrounded by friends and family.

Our church services have included an Easter vigil and Harvest Festival as well as services of Holy Communion and Evening worship. We have already planned our Christmas services. This year the Community Carol Service on 19th December will include music from the Holne Community Choir which meets weekly in the church. Another piece of good news is that we have a regular organist once again.

Many rural Parish Churches are struggling to survive through lack of support and falling attendance at services. Sometimes the problems are financial but often it is the lack of volunteers who are willing to take on roles and responsibility for the management of the church building and the churchyards.

Inevitably, if a decision is taken to close a Parish Church, it is not the congregation who object – they will have been part of that decision-making process, but local people who will be the most vocal opponents to closure.

Thankfully, St. Mary's is not yet facing that decision, but each year fewer people are taking on more responsibilities whilst getting older.

I do believe that God will bring new people into the church – not to take on a job, but because being part of a Christian community has so much to offer. A shared desire to get to know God better; to support each other and the wider community; to share the love that God has for each one of us; to know that our sin and guilt has been taken away by Jesus' death on a cross, and to have the promise of eternal life with God.

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*Gillian*

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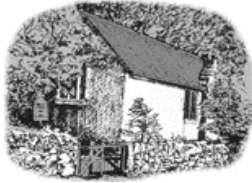
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# St Raphael, Huccaby

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

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

## **What does November mean for you?**

November is mostly about expressing our gratitude to those who have gone before us. The month begins with All Souls and All Saints Days when we remember, and pray for, the Christians who served in our Churches and our communities in the past. This thanksgiving is closely followed by Remembrance Day (Saturday 11 November) and Remembrance Sunday on 12 November, when the whole nation expresses its gratitude to those who have served, and still serve, in the armed forces protecting us and many others around the world. Liturgically speaking, Sunday 26 November is the last Sunday of the year when the Church celebrates and offers its gratitude to 'Christ the King' and then on Thursday 30 November, the last day of the liturgical year, we celebrate and give thanks for Andrew the Apostle.

But what does the month mean to you? Time for reflection and contemplation!

## **Starting married life together in November.**



We celebrated with Ben and Tonie their marriage at St Raphael's in October. A special venue for a special local couple from Bovey Tracy – both environmentalists!

Ben and Tonie are now on our Chapel electoral role and St Raphael's was packed with relatives and friends for the joyous occasion.

## **Baptism of fire?**

Best not get into the actual biblical meanings; but our own Right Reverend Mark 'officiated' at St Raphael's at the wedding ceremony above

- when the new St. Raphael's stove was also 'baptised'!

If someone who has just begun a new job has a baptism of fire, they immediately have to cope with very many difficulties and even obstacles. "Baptism by fire" is a phrase commonly used to describe a person who is learning something the hard way through a challenge or difficulty.



What more can one say about the Ashburton and Moor Benefice? Rhetorical question!

Mark has, everyone acknowledges, more than managed his 'baptism'; AND - the fire/stove at St. Raphael's also looks good.

*Tony Parker*

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

Date	Time	Service
12th Nov	10.45	Remembrance
19th Nov	12.00	Parish Communion
26th Nov	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.*

Any queries, please contact **Rt Revd Mark Rylands** (Team Rector) 01364 716309  
[mark.rylands@mmuk.net](mailto:mark.rylands@mmuk.net)



**On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 10.15am** we shall gather outside Leusdon Memorial Hall for the reading of the names of those parishioners who fell in two World Wars. We shall observe the Two Minute Silence in church at 11am.

## Leusdon Memorial Hall Centenary year 1923-2023

We have now celebrated our centenary and we move on to our next hundred years. I hope everyone enjoyed the day.

We held our Coffee Morning on October 4th which was very well supported. Overall we raised £225 for hall funds. **Our next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 1st November 10.00am -12.00 noon.** This month we are pleased to welcome our Community Support Officer who would be happy to discuss any concerns you might have. It would be good to see you there. Please put in your diary that in December we shall be holding **Carols, Coffee and Cake on Wednesday 6th December** - more details next month.

There will be the usual Whist at Leusdon on **Monday 13th November** with the lunch at **1.00pm followed by whist at 2.00pm.**

As usual there will be no whist at Leusdon or Buckland in December instead we shall hold a joint whist drive at **Widecombe on Monday 11th December.**

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### ***Simon Geoffrey Partridge***

Ros and family would like to thank everyone who attended Simon's funeral and for all the kind cards and messages. The collection was £796.60 and will be split equally between Devon Air Ambulance and Parkinson's UK



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# St Gabriel, Postbridge

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

Date	Time	Service
12th Nov	18.00	Remembrance

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**Monday 11th December**

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**Thursday 23rd November**

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# Church Services for November 2023

<b>5th November</b>		<b>4th before Advent</b>		<b>Red or Green</b>	
<i>Readings - Micah 3.5-12, Psalm 43*, 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13, Matthew 24.1-14</i>					
Widcombe	10.30	All Souls' Service	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
			Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
			Ashburton	10.30	All Saints Family Service
			Ilington	10.30	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	10.30	Morning Worship, Church Hall *
			Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion
<b>12th November</b>		<b>3rd before Advent</b>		<b>Red or Green</b>	
<i>Readings - Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16, Canticle: Wisdom of Solomon 6.17-20, 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18, Matthew 25.1-13, (or) Amos 5.18-24, Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18, Matthew 25.1-13</i>					
Widcombe	10.45	Remembrance	Ilington	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
Leusdon	10.45	Remembrance	Ashburton	10.45	Remembrance
Postbridge	18.00	Remembrance	Ilington	10.30	Remembrance
			Bickington	10.45	Remembrance
			Holne	10.45	Remembrance,
			Buckland	15.00	Remembrance
			Ashburton	15.00	Moor & Messy Church, Ashburton Church Hall
<b>19th November</b>		<b>2nd before Advent</b>		<b>Red or Green</b>	
<i>Readings - Zephaniah 1.7,12-18, Psalm 90.1-8[9-11]12*, 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30</i>					
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Confirmation Service
			Ilington	10.30	Holy Communion
				18.30	Celtic Reflective Service, St Petrocs, East St, Ashburton
<b>26th November</b>		<b>Christ the King</b>		<b>Red or White</b>	
<i>Readings - Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24, Psalm 95.1-7, Ephesians 1.15-23, Matthew 25.31-46</i>					
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	09.30	Breakfast Church, Church Hall*
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
			Ilington	10.30	Morning Praise
			Holne	17.00	Holy Communion

# Holy Communion

# Midweek & At Home

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## Communion at home

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 Communion please contact Mark  
 (see page 2 for contact details)

## Dates for the Diary

November 2023		Page	November 2023		Page
1st	Widcombe History Group	<a href="#">27</a>	12th	<b>Parish Link Deadline</b>	
1st	Leusdon Coffee Morning	<a href="#">11</a>	18th	Yuletide Craft & Vintage Fair	<a href="#">37</a>
2nd	Widcombe PC	<a href="#">25</a>	20th	Postbridge Mini-Market	<a href="#">19</a>
3rd	Holne Soup and Cheese	<a href="#">6</a>	23rd	Buckland Whist	<a href="#">21</a>
3rd	Bickington Spanish Evening	<a href="#">39</a>	25th	Christmas Ceilidh	<a href="#">36</a>
5th	Bickington Fireworks	<a href="#">39</a>	25th	Jim Causley Concert	<a href="#">37</a>
5th	Princetown Tidy Session	<a href="#">40</a>	28th	Dartmoor Forest PC	<a href="#">40</a>
6th	Postbridge Coffee Morning	<a href="#">19</a>	<b>Forthcoming Events - December 2023</b>		
7th	Holne Whist	<a href="#">6</a>	3rd	Bickington Christmas Lunch	<a href="#">37</a>
7th	Princetown History Group	<a href="#">35</a>	6th	Carols, Coffee and Cake	<a href="#">11</a>
8th	Dunstone Charity Lunch	<a href="#">33</a>	9th - 17th	Christmas Tree Festival	<a href="#">31</a>
9th	Widcombe Social Group	<a href="#">31</a>	18th	Crisis Community Christmas Sing	<a href="#">38</a>
11th	Dartfest 2023	<a href="#">36</a>	19th	Postbridge Whist	<a href="#">19</a>

## Rainfall in September 2023

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	134.5mm (5.3")	14	17th 19.3mm (0.8") 19th 18.6mm (0.7")
	(September 2022 - 213.4mm (8.4"))		
Holne	180.7mm (7.11")		16th 28.6mm (1.13")



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

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
5th Nov	10.30	Rose McAfee	Rose McAfee	Remembrance Poppies
12th Nov	10.45	Debbie Dracup	Wendy Cruze	Remembrance Poppies
19th Nov	10.30	Penny Whale	Brenda Boston	Audrey Mortimore
26th Nov	10.30	Clare Born	Judy Southcombe	Audrey Mortimore

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**Widecombe Parish Council**  
 Next Meeting  
**Thursday 2nd November**  
 in the Church House at  
 7.30pm



**Widecombe and Leusdon Churches** will gather in the square at Widecombe **before 11am on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November** to observe the Two Minute Silence for Remembrance of those who fell in two world wars. We usually enjoy the presence of school and pre-school children, perhaps some parents will bring them. The church bell will be tolled up to 11am.



## Widecombe Community Hall CIO Update

**Thank You** to the Widecombe Fair Committee for making us their Charity of the Year. We had a great day at the Fair, chatting to loads of locals and visitors, sharing our progress and plans. We also had the pleasure of drawing the winning ticket for our Quilt Raffle and Eileen Harris has now received the quilt, as donated by the Widecombe Sewing Circle. This raised over £1600, so our sincere thanks to all that supported us with this.

**Do you struggle to access existing community facilities?** If so, we'd love to hear from you. We are keen to compile evidence from local people about the need for our accessible hall, as this will significantly increase our chances of funding bids being successful. If you have mobility or health issues which restrict your access to, and enjoyment of, community spaces please get in touch so we can understand this better and ensure our new facilities meet this need. Email us, message us on Facebook or call Yvette on 01364 631543 for a chat.

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If you think you could help us with future fundraising, including bid writing and grant applications, we'd love to hear from you! Please get in touch to find out more.

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# Widcombe Fair 2023 Report



The 2023 Widcombe Fair was a most successful event and the Chairman would like to thank all the Team Leaders and their helpers for the hard work that goes into staging such a big event, both in the months leading up to it and on the day. The weather was perfect – sunny, but not too hot, and dry underfoot. We couldn't have ordered better.

The horse events were well supported and went smoothly. As ever the cattle and sheep classes attracted much interest. Many thanks to all the judges for giving up their time and expertise and to everyone who entered the different classes.

The turnout of Austin7s, classic cars, tractors and vintage farm machinery was excellent and proved a popular draw. Thank you to all those who brought their vehicles and machinery along.

The main attraction, Spike Milton's Lumberjack Show, was a great success and drew big crowds for every show. The Dartmoor Hill Pony Display Team got a great reception from the audience.



*Spike Milton & Team*



*Children's class 'A happy Pizza'*

There were plenty of entries in the Craft and Produce tent after a challenging year for gardeners. As ever Widcombe School added to the displays with their wonderful crafts and artwork. What a talented bunch of children there are at our little school.

Widcombe History Group provided another fascinating display in their tent which drew lots of interest from locals and visitors alike.

We had music stages on the village green, at the Rugglestone Inn and in the main tent on the Fair Field. The programme was packed from early in the day until the evening and contributes to the atmosphere throughout the day.

With all the other stands and trade stalls the Fair Field and village were buzzing all day long.

## Widcombe Fair Dog Show 2023 – report from Michele



The 2023 Widcombe Fair Dog Show was a huge success, raising £230.00 for the Widcombe Fair charities

I would like to thank all the owners and dogs who joined in the fun. I had 230 entries to judge which was very enjoyable but challenging with so many lovely dogs. Thank you to my steward Alison Whale for her hard work.

The Best in Show and Best Crossbreed was "Agatha" owned by Lottie and Reserve Best in Show and Best Cuddliest Dog was "Farley" owned by Amy.

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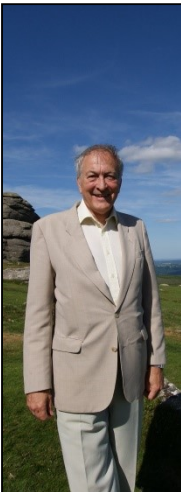
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This means that the trees will be up for the Christmas Market, Christmas Whist Drive, Carol Service, as well as the end of term celebrations for the School, Preschool and Widdy tots!

The trees will go up on **Friday 8th December** and come down on **Monday 18th December**

The theme this year is "**ANIMALS**" which, as usual, can be interpreted any way you like!

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

This Year's Charity is still to be decided.

Entry forms will be available in the Church from the beginning of November or from me,  
**Judy Southcombe 01364 621520**

[judyouthcombe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:judyouthcombe@yahoo.co.uk),

or Mary in the Kiosk.

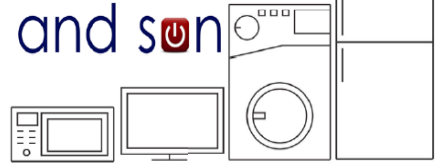


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## Dunstone & Poundsgate Methodist Chapels

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 5th November at 15.00.**

### Dunstone Charity Lunches

#### Wednesday 8th November from 12 noon until 3pm.

It will be in aid of 'Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child. If possible please bring gifts suitable for children to include in our shoebox or cash

Last month we sent £240.00 to Living Waters Village in the Borneo jungle.

There will be soup, bread, sushi, savory dishes, salads and cakes.

There is no set price, you are asked to make as generous a donation as possible for the charity we are collecting for.

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

***Future Dates:*** *The Dunstone Carol service will be held on  
Tuesday 19th December at 6pm*



### Save the date - Saturday 16th December - The Shallowford Outdoor Nativity.

*More details to follow in the December Link.*

### Widcombe Website – Volunteers Wanted

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

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

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

Many thanks **Roger Claxton**

## News from the East Shallowford Trust



We did something quite daring...well, for us... this month. We actually invited several schools and youth group leaders to the farm, to 'be a student' for a weekend. The results were ... hilarious!

We had six mainstream secondary school teachers, and a further six special needs organisers, supervisors and weirdly, the one thing several of these people had in common was a penchant for cold water swimming. Mad is all I can say! The first two ladies arrived early and asked Robert, who was down from London, if he could show them a good place to dip. The sun admittedly, was out, but even so! The West Webburn is NEVER warm! The next bunch arrived in dribs and drabs, coming in various vehicles, without managing to get lost and arriving mostly in time for chili and rice, with salad from our garden! All rather nice, although the spiced blackberry and apple crumble was particularly scrumptious!

On Saturday morning the teachers and leaders flung themselves in all directions with veritable enthusiasm as Will requested them to move sheep through two gates towards the electronic sorting crate. Sheep fled in every direction, even several times backwards and forwards through the gates. Learning curve? Very fast! Will, John and I watched with amusement. We tend not to tell children or



***Teachers and leaders learning to move and sort sheep. For a while they thought this was a 'made up' task. No – the flock needed sorting pre-tupping season!***

adults how to open a gate or move an animal, at least not when it is something they can figure out harmlessly themselves. Our pig gates serve as the best puzzle. It looks like an ordinary bolt that should just pull open. People wiggle it, jiggle, pull and strain. Eventually, after considerable huffing, puffing and much indignation, they usually step back and look, only to find a little piece of metal that has to be flipped up to let the bolt slide. All good and highly entertaining for us to watch! If only everything in life was so easily solved!

It was just wonderful to watch adults, only two of whom had any farm or outdoor experience, truly engage. The pigs took nearly two hours to muck out on the first session, by the second they had it down to 20 mins. Communication and team

work amongst professionals is possible. Faith in humanity? Restored!

Then this week we were super lucky to gain the support of Dartmoor Preservation Association, who appeared with tools, coats, boots and determination! They smashed a path through chocking, vicious blackthorn (no sloes yet unfortunately) thrashing through thick brambles with barbs that were definitely developed to avoid something, possibly elephants (straight-tusked elephants) about 125,000 years ago, or perhaps mere cows and ponies in the last 12,000 years!

Either way, paths were made for the cows who will be let lose sometime next year to carefully chew the thick grass, leaving the Devil's Bit Scabious exposed for the butterflies to lay their eggs and the caterpillars to cheerfully munch! If anyone would like some DBS plugs for planting – please let us know!

We are also having thoughts about how to best use the poly tunnel and raised beds. An advert will be released sometime soon-ish to ask if anyone would like to help us. Run a small vegetable business, supply a community larder, or just help us out?

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## Other Community News and Events

### Prinetown History Club

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

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

**December 5th** Club AGM, Quiz and Buffet

For further information, please contact:

Mr John Lissenden

**phone** 01752 47573

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

Mr Bill Radcliffe

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

**facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PrinetownHistoryClub/events>



### High Moorland Women's Institute Prinetown

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

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

### Buckland in the Moor

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The poster features a dark background with a brick wall texture. It includes illustrations of a guitar, musical notes, and a stick figure playing a trumpet. The text is presented in various colors and fonts, with the title 'Up Beat' in large, stylized letters.

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*Dartmoor Preservation Association (DPA) folk enjoying a well-earned rest on the marsh having slashed a path for cows and butterflies!*

We will need some of the produce to help teach our young visitors, but the plot is quite large and we are keen to share, so do please contact us if anyone is interested in vegetable gardening (before spring has sprung).

In the mean time, the teachers now all know how to move sheep in pens and across fields and of course, how to sweep out a pig pen! With age comes much skill and wisdom!

*Julia*

**MED Theatre** have a couple of exciting events we wanted to share with you coming up in November. **DartFest 2023 asks 'What If...?'**: in a festival of new work, young people from Dartmoor and surrounding areas will explore the themes of historic changes to our environment and the role played by our predecessors in our current climate crisis. Three pieces of work will be presented by participants of MED Theatre's after-school groups, taking audiences on a journey, delving into the history of climate change and offering a taste of the hunter-gatherer lifestyle. Performances will be in Moretonhampstead Parish Hall on **Sat 11th November: 2pm and 4:30pm.**



Also, with winter fast approaching we are back with a **Fundraising Christmas Ceilidh** again this year. Come and join us on **Saturday 25th November** for an evening full of fun, dancing, and Christmas cheer! It will be at the Moretonhampstead Parish Hall with the amazing Moretonhampstead Folk Orchestra playing and David Faulkner calling some fun dances for all to enjoy. There will be a bar and nibbles available for sale, and a Christmassy raffle (prize donations welcomed!!). Tickets for both events are available through our website (tickets for the Ceilidh are also available on the door).

For more info [E-mail info@medtheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@medtheatre.co.uk) or visit [www.medtheatre.co.uk/whats-on/](http://www.medtheatre.co.uk/whats-on/)

## Looking back: Whiddon Autumn Festival 2023



This September, North Dartmoor experienced the third annual Whiddon Autumn Festival (WAF), a music festival curated by local-born musician Freddie Crowley, dedicated to high-quality vocal and chamber music and community engagement. Over five days, the festival presented seven concerts and six other events, including a Children's Concert, Come-and-Sing Workshop, Music and Coffee Morning (all free to attend) and the annual Jazz Night. Particular highlights included the sold-out opening concert, 'Byrd Takes Flight' in Drewsteignton Church; the performers in the WAF Children's Choir, made up of pupils from local primary schools; and the beautiful and contemplative Solo Harp Recital (Throwleigh Church) and Festival Compline service (Gidleigh Church).

The festival will be back next September for their fourth year. Take a look at the archive and sign up for their mailing list at [whiddonautumnfestival.co.uk](http://whiddonautumnfestival.co.uk).

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Ashburton Methodist Church in Community invite you to our  
"Christmas Community Sing" in Ashburton Arts Centre on:  
**Monday 18th December at 7.00pm**

We are delighted to be able to welcome the **Newton Abbot Salvation Army Band** who will rouse our singing of familiar carols. Following last year's successful event, we hope you will again be able to come and enjoy the simplicity of singing a few familiar carols and eating some festive treats together.

We are grateful to the Arts Centre for their welcome and support for this community evening. As in the past, this is a **free event** but with an opportunity to donate to 'Crisis at Christmas', if people wish to.

**Sarah Kehaya | Ashburton Methodist Church In Community**

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BICKINGTON GOODWILL COMMUNITY

# **Dartmoor Forest Parish Council**



## **Extracts from the Council meeting on 26th September 2023**

**Promotion of the Parish** – Council agreed to contact Duke and Duchess of Cornwall to request a visit to Princetown as it has been a while since the last official royal visit.

**Effect of Bank Closures in Tavistock** – Council expressed concerns over recent bank closures in Tavistock making it difficult for residents who don't use internet or telephone banking. It was noted that there are plans to create a banking hub in Ashburton, and potentially one in Tavistock also. Council agreed it was necessary to write to the main banks which used to have branches in Tavistock to encourage them to create a local hub, so that residents can continue to have contact with bank staff.

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

[0379/12](#) - Forest Inn Hexworthy - Council agreed to recommend Approval.

[0409/23](#) 7 Plymouth Hill, Princetown - Council agreed to recommend Approval.

[0413/23](#) Yellowmead Farm – Council agreed to support this application in principle but wanted to have sight of more detailed plans before responding. Subsequent to the meeting DNPA made the detailed plans available and Council responded to recommend Approval.

[0420/23](#) HMP Dartmoor - Council agreed that it neither supported nor objected to this application given the application relates to necessary Radon work within the perimeter of the Prison.

**Proposed Stock Reduction on Dartmoor-** Council sent a response to the 'Independent Evidence Review of Protected Site Management on Dartmoor' regarding Natural England's proposal to reduce stock levels on Dartmoor. The letter expressed Council's concerns that if the reduction were to go ahead it could have significant negative implications for farmers, commoners and many others who live, work, or run businesses on Dartmoor, and for those who visit Dartmoor to see the livestock.

**Princetown Churchyard Maintenance Group** – The Council agreed for the Parish Lengthsman to cut the grass at cost, in support of the group, who have been working hard over the summer to get the Churchyard looking at its best once more.



**'Tidy Princetown' sessions-** these take place monthly on the first Sunday morning, to help keep Princetown looking at its best. Litter is picked, weeds are pulled, plants are planted - by a small group of Parish Councillors and local Volunteers. It would be great if more residents were able to join in, to cover a larger area each month. Anyone can help out (Children must be accompanied by an adult), and its' just for an hour.

Meet outside the post office – 10am **Sunday 5th November**.

**Date of next meetings:** **24th October 2023**, 7.30pm Princetown Community Centre.  
**28th November 2023**, 7.30pm Princetown Community Centre

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

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# Business Directory

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**Widcombe Ladies Social Group**

**Moorland Merrymakers**

**Widcombe Parish Council**

**Phyl's Follies (Postbridge)**

**Widcombe Sports Group**

Where did that month go, we seem to have slipped into October, enjoying warm and sunny days, picking blackberries making jams and baking pies and crumbles and before we know it we are in November and full speed ahead into Christmas.

If you are reading this and have reached the end, we are pretty sure you will have found something of interest, if, like me, you read the Final Word first, what a bumper edition we have for you, from Christmas Craft Fairs [pg37](#) to a Christmas Ceilidh [pg36](#). If you enjoy music, get your ticket for Jim Causley who will be sharing Songs of Devon [pg37](#) or if you have an appreciation for tapas and sangria pop along to the Spanish evening at Bickington [pg39](#). All our regular events too, see dates for the Diary [pg23](#) and some extras to look forward to in December. We hope you have registered your entry for the Widecombe Christmas Tree Festival [pg31](#), always fun to see the creative displays that people think of!!

As mentioned last month we are still looking for volunteer(s) to join the distribution team, covering an area around Challacombe, Langworthy and Rhiddon Down. If you can spare an hour or two each month and have access to transport please drop us an email with your name and phone number and we will be in touch [link@moorlandteam.org.uk](mailto:link@moorlandteam.org.uk).

A big thank you to our distribution team who make it possible for us to reach so many in our community and to the many contributors, not only for sharing what will be or has happened each month but for finding the time and making sure content reaches us in time too, what would we do without you. As always, if you want to get in touch please just send us an email via [link@moorlandteam.org.uk](mailto:link@moorlandteam.org.uk)

*With best wishes from "The Link Team"*

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