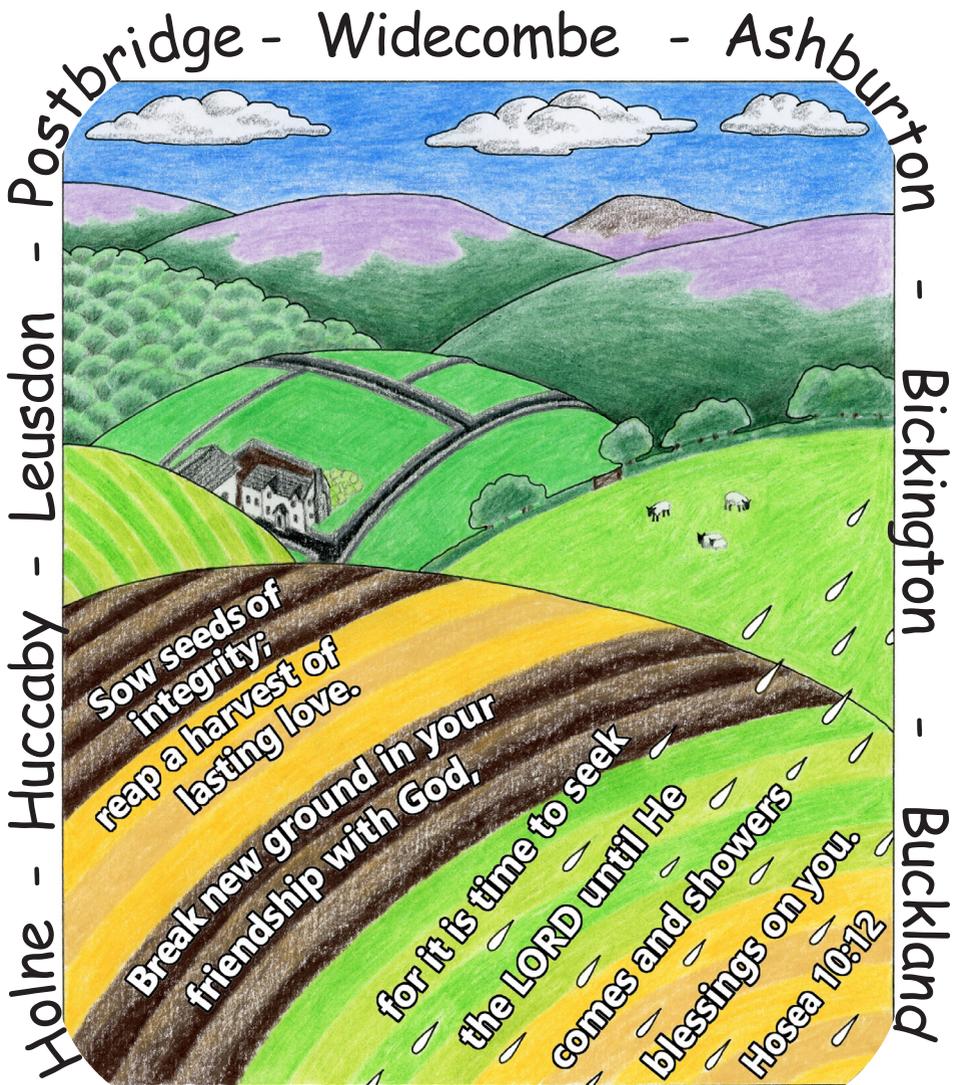


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Chorus:

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
For all His love.*

There's little doubt that we've all sung the words of this chorus at some time in our lives - and most likely, at this time of year. It is from the classic harvest hymn 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter', written in 1867. The original version, based on a Psalm, was originally written in German and later translated into English by a Rector's daughter. Her translation was quite 'loose' and since then the words have been tweaked again so that it could better serve as a harvest hymn. For over 100 years, children across the land have been singing this song at harvest festivals in schools and churches. It is such a well known hymn that it has even inspired a parody by John Betjemen which highlighted the pitfalls of modern farming methods in 1969. There's also another, modernised version which begins with the line: We plough the fields with tractors...

October is the usual time in the UK for us to celebrate the harvest with special services in churches, harvest suppers and often a barn dance or two. 'Harvest' in other countries is celebrated at different times of year depending on the climate and the food produced locally.

In Nigeria, the Yam Harvests are celebrated in August with dancing and parties which bring the whole community together.

In Indonesia, the rice harvest is a time for celebration and thankfulness, with dollies being made out of the rice stalks, and simple temple erected in the rice fields.

Across the Atlantic, in Argentina, there are parades and festivals to celebrate the grape harvest with musicians, food and entertainers.

Across the globe and in their own unique ways, people love to celebrate and give thanks for food.

As well as servicing the vital purpose of keeping us alive, food has the ability to bring together families and communities and forms a central part of our social lives.

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Church News & Events

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Over the coming weeks, there will be many chances to thank God for the harvest this year, to give thanks for the temperate climate, for the dedication of the farmers and for all those involved in the food industry. Some plans are still 'pared down' because of Covid, but others are going ahead - such as the Ashburton Methodists 'Prepare and Share' service where a meal is prepared as part of the service, and the more traditional harvest services in the Anglican churches.

However you choose to celebrate this harvest season, do it in the knowledge that you are joining in with people all over world to say 'thank you', in a multitude of ways, for what God has provided.

As for 'We Plough the fields and scatter'.... Well, this seems to be a 'marmite' kind of a song - you either love it or hate it, there's no in between! For those of you in the latter category, here is a contemporary Harvest Hymn, set to a well loved tune:
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Enjoy!

Heidi

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From the Registers

Wedding	Widcombe	4 September	Simon Warne and Sylvaine Lacrosse
Wedding	Widcombe	18 September	Jonathan Linnell and Rosemary Fenton
Funeral	Widcombe	24 September	Howard Sladen



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- Oct 4th – Addressing ignorance & paying attention to power
- Oct 11th – Casting out fear
- Nov 1st – Acknowledging prejudice
- Nov 8th – Speaking into silence
- Nov 15th – Admitting hypocrisy

We will meet on Mondays in Church House in Widcombe 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 Widcombe evenings.

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St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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Date	Time	Service
3rd October	-	-
10th October	17:00	Harvest Festival with tea and cakes at 16:00
17th October	15:00	Harvest Festival at Huccaby followed by a cream tea
24th October	17:00	Evening Worship
31st October	10:30	United Mission Community Service - St Michael's, Ilington

St. Mary the Virgin, Holne

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival will be celebrated at Holne at 5pm Sunday 10th October preceded by a tea and cakes commencing at 4pm. This will be the first major celebration in the Church calendar since lockdown restrictions were removed, so it would be lovely to see the church full for the occasion. Harvest Festival is the time to celebrate and thank our farming neighbours in any way we can.

Of course, it is also about celebrating God's creation which we can easily take for granted. As we approach the time of the COP26 meeting in Glasgow, we can also reflect on the damage we have done to the world and how we can help to mitigate it. It is not just a task for governments to tackle, but something where individuals can make a difference.

Any donations of fresh, tinned or dried produce for the service will be welcome. Fresh produce will be donated to the Community Shop and dried or tinned goods will go to the foodbank. So even if you cannot attend the service, please use the opportunity to support others with your gifts. We all have something to be thankful for.

We live in a farming community and many of us know first-hand of the pressures and challenges that face farmers in this uncertain world. All financial donations

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It will be run along similar lines to last year.



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made at the service will be given to the Farming Community Network, a charity which provides support to farmers and their families, especially those who may be struggling with their mental health.

We look forward to welcoming you on the 10th!

Gillian Parker

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The next lunch is on 1st October

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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.

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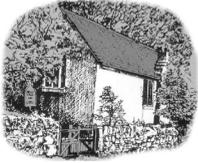
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St. Raphael, Huccaby

Postbridge to Huccaby Pilgrimage

On Sunday 29th August, our first Christian Mission Community pilgrimage took place starting at St. Gabriel's, Postbridge and ending at St. Raphael's, Huccaby. The event had a two-fold purpose – to bring people back together again after so much time apart and to launch the Visitors to Pilgrims initiative.



The weather was ideal and 37 adults, 3 children and 2 dogs enjoyed either the whole of the pilgrimage or joined in at different points. Seven churches from our Mission Community were represented although sadly, none of our Methodist friends were free to join us on this occasion.

We stopped for a picnic lunch by the standing stone near Laughter Tor before completing the journey with a short service commemorating John Bunyan, the author of Pilgrim's Progress, followed by a cream tea. We were joined by others who were unable to take part in the pilgrimage but who wanted to share in the event. It was a joyous occasion and despite a short stretch of challenging terrain towards Huccaby Tor, everyone had a good time.

The Visitors to Pilgrim project is aimed at anyone who enjoys walking on Dartmoor or visiting its churches and is designed to encourage them to encounter God in some way by engaging in an activity in the church. Brochures containing walking routes and information about the churches and chapels in our Mission Community are being produced. More information can be found on the website www.pilgrimtrails.co.uk. Or contact the Deputy Churchwarden, Tony Parker.

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Harvest Festival

We have all missed celebrating harvest last year, so we are delighted that this year's service will take place at **3pm on 17th October** at St. Raphael's. As usual we will be pleased to receive donations of fresh, tinned or dried produce for the service. Fresh food can be taken away for a donation and the dried or tinned goods will go to the foodbank. Any money raised at the service will go to the Farming Community Network Charity. The service will be followed by a traditional St. Raphael's cream tea! We hope to see you there.

Gillian Parker

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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The classes are informal and friendly, handbuilding, but a kick wheel is available. Suitable for all ages and abilities, wheelchair friendly, except perhaps for access to the compost loo. I encourage experimentation, the only limits are the kiln sizes.

The sessions run on **Thursday, Friday and Saturdays, 10-12.30, or 2.00-5.00, and cost £20.00**, which includes first firing and basic materials, and of course, tea/coffee and biscuits, potters essentials. There is more information on my website, www.katelyonsmiller.com

I'm very happy to say that I have just been selected as a member of The Devon Guild of Craftsmen at Bovey Tracey.



St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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

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Date	Time	Service
3rd October	16:00	Evening Prayer
10th October	12:00	Parish Communion
17th October	12:00	Parish Communion
24th October	12:00	Parish Communion
31st October	10:30	United Mission Community Service - St Michael's, Ilstington

Leusdon Church Harvest Festival - 26th September at 12.00

Sing your Favourite Traditional Harvest Hymns

Enjoy our Church decorated with Flowers and Produce

Join us for a “bring and share” lunch in Leusdon Memorial Hall afterwards

Everyone welcome

You are invited to bring food or produce to help decorate the church. Tins and dried food will be given afterwards to the Ashburton Foodbank.

Our Harvest Service is the culmination of the Farming year, following our Plough Sunday Service in January and our Rogation Day Service in May. And this year’s service is special because we can begin to feel a return of normality following the Covid Lockdowns and restrictions. We can now sing to our heart’s content! (see below for more Covid info.)

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.

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

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Leusdon Memorial Hall

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We had our first coffee morning on 1st September. It was very well attended, it appeared that attendees were pleased to be able to meet up with friends again and enjoy time together. As a result we raised over £200.00 for hall funds. The coffee mornings will continue on the first Wednesday of each month along similar lines to the first one.

Hiring out of four tables per month at £5.00 each for anyone to sell anything they wish (within reason). One of these will be reserved for bric-a-brac. A book and jigsaw swapping facility with a 10p administration charge via an honesty box. The coffee/tea, cakes and the raffle will continue. The entry fee will be £2.00 with raffle tickets on sale.

On Saturday 28th August we hosted refreshments in the hall following the installation of the memorial seat on the green outside the hall. Thanks to the History Group, Geoffrey Fenton and Patrick Simpson for arranging this.

By the time you read this the Whist Drives will have started again. They are preceded by a soup and roll or pasty lunch at 1.00pm for any anyone wishing to partake. Further Whist Drives will be held on the 18th October, 15th November and 13th December all starting at 2.00pm. The cost for Lunch and Whist will be £5.00. Whist only £3.00 which will include half time refreshments and a draw.

On the Friday 22nd October we will be holding a Family Bingo evening, eyes down at 7.00pm. The cost is £1.50 per book of eight games including refreshments. You can find further details on our facebook page nearer the time.

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 will be available for hire from 1st August at £10.00 per hour, there are special rates for regular users. Further details can be obtained by contacting our booking secretary:

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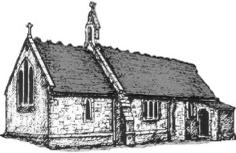
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In the meantime, if anyone would like to discuss any aspect of the Hall please contact myself or any committee member.

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St Gabriel, Postbridge

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Postbridge Whist Drives - Held in the Village Hall

All Whist Drives are cancelled until further notice.



Learners are especially welcome. Entrance fee of £2.50 to include refreshments and prizes.

Contact: Jackie Gee, Bungalow 2, Dartfordleigh, Postbridge, Yelverton, PL20 6TJ.

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Church Services for October 2021

3rd October Trinity 18 Green

Readings - Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

Leusdon	16:00	Evening Prayer	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion
Widecombe	18:00	Harvest Festival	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	10:30	Animal Service
			Illesington	10:30	Family Harvest Festival
			Buckland	15:00	Harvest Service

4th October

Illesington 19:30 Licensing Service

Licensing Service of the Right Reverend Mark Rylands, Priest-in-Charge of St Michael's, Illesington

8th October

Bickington 18:00 Harvest Service & supper

10th October Trinity 19 Green

Readings - Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Postbridge	09:00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	09:00	Sundays@9am
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Illesington	10:30	Holy Communion
Holne	17:00	Harvest Festival			

17th October Trinity 20 Green

Readings - Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30	All-Age Harvest Service
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Illesington	10:30	Morning Prayer
Huccaby	15:00	Harvest Festival	Buckland	17:00	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	18:30	Ecumenical Service St Petrock's

24th October Trinity 21 Green

Readings - Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	09:30	Breakfast Church
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion
Holne	17:00	Evening Worship	Illesington	10:30	Holy Communion
Postbridge	18:00	Evening Prayer			

31st October All Saints Green

Readings - Wisdom 3:1-9 or Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24:1-6; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

Illesington 10:30 United Mission Community Service

There is a service of

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Communion at home

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

(see page 2 for contact details)

Mid-week Communion

Wednesday 6th October	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 13th October	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 20th October	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 27th October	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 3rd November	Ashburton	10:30	

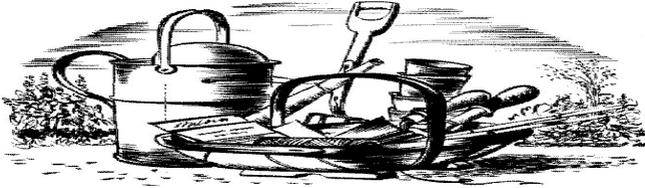
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If you would like to know more about High Moorland Women's Institute or details of the events listed above, please drop Helly an email on hellyhtsn@hotmail.com or follow us on Facebook: High Moorland Women's Institute.

Postbridge Coffee Mornings

Another very enjoyable and well attended Coffee Morning held on 6 September at Postbridge Village Hall.

The next Coffee Morning will be held at 11 am in Postbridge Village Hall on 4 October and once again a voluntary plate of food or raffle prize will be very welcome.

Maureen & Sheila

Princetown History Club

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

5th Oct A talk on "The Trendle, Tavistock" by Andrew Thompson

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

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Church Services - see Page 20 for details

Date	Time	Service
3rd October	18:00	Harvest Festival with bring and share meal
10th October	10:30	Parish Communion
17th October	10:30	Parish Communion
24th October	10:30	Parish Communion
31st October	10:30	United Mission Community Service - St Michael's, Ilstington

Widecombe Church Harvest Festival – 3rd October at 6pm

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Join us for a “bring and share” supper in the church afterwards

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Our Harvest Service is the culmination of the Farming year, following our Plough Sunday Service in January and our Rogation Day Service in May. And this year’s service is special because we can begin to feel a return of normality following the Covid Lockdowns and restrictions. We can now sing to our heart’s content! (see below for more Covid info.)

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Widcombe & District History Group

Meetings are held in the Church House in Widcombe on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Wednesday 6th October at 7.30pm

The speaker is Simon Dell on
"Tavistock Canals"

Contact :

Rosemary Mortimore: 01364 631238
or

Helen Barrow: helenagsec@gmail.com

History Group Website:

<https://www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/history/home.php>

Widcombe & District Ladies Social Group

Thursday 14th October at 7.30 pm
in the Church House

The speaker is Robert Hesketh on
"Devon Festivals"

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"Getting the Sack"

Listening to Rodney Cruze talking about sack bags at the recent Parish Field open day, prompted me to think about the term "Getting the Sack" when a person is dismissed from their employment.

The term can be found in use in the Medieval French and Dutch languages and was taken into common usage in our language around two or three hundred years ago.

It is commonly believed to be describing a circumstance where an itinerate workman has been dismissed where his work had been unsatisfactory, and he was provided with a sack to collect and take away his tools.

It is probable that the "sack" of the Middle Ages was always figurative, that it alluded to the ancient Roman punishment of putting a condemned person into a sack and drowning him in the River Tiber. That form of punishment was common throughout Europe in the Middle Ages.

David Ashman. Widcombe History Group

Commemorative Seats

I am pleased to be able to report that the two commemorative seats purchased by public donations earlier this year have now been fixed in their final positions in Leusdon and Widecombe.

The pictures below show how well they have fitted into the village landscapes already.



Thank you everyone for your support

David Ashman, Widecombe History Group

WIDECOMBE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2021 PRELIMINARY NOTICE



This year's Christmas Tree Festival will run from
Friday 10th December until **Monday 20th December**.



The theme this year is **"A Christmas Carol"**
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Full details to follow later.



Widcombe & District Sports Group

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

Alternatively membership forms can be found in the noticeboard by the court.



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For queries re tennis phone Di Cameron on 621218.

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For more information about WDSG visit www.widcombe-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 toddler 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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Poundsgate - First Sunday of the month only, 3pm Zoom

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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.



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MOORLAND MERRYMAKERS

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These film premiere evenings will also have some light cast lead live entertainment to help keep that unique Moorland Merrymakers experience.

Watch this space for further information regarding booking arrangements.

News from the East Shallowford Trust

Having somewhat lumbered exhaustively through a hectic schedule of visitors, with piles of washing, cleaning, washing, more dust collection, bleaching, washing and ironing..... the joy of the new term hit us. And did it hit us hard

The e-mails flew, the phone kept ringing and people driving up and down the road, piling into the Ark for yet another meeting. We are getting there! We are moving forward! However, 'In what direction?' you might ask? I am now officially allowed to inform everyone that we were granted, by some small miracle (and a lot of hard work from Butterfly Conservation, the Hill Farm Project and Will), a grant from the Heritage Lottery for 'Green Recovery'. This means we will be advertising for a Conservation Officer to work with our groups, developing a wide ranging conservation programme with strong elements of local seed collection, propagation and planting. For this particular grant the emphasis is on the devil's bit scabious, which for those of us who walked the Spitchwick Perambulation last September, covers many areas of rhos pasture where this magical plant tenaciously grows.

Rhos pasture? Pronounced by most people in the meetings as 'rose pasture,' a

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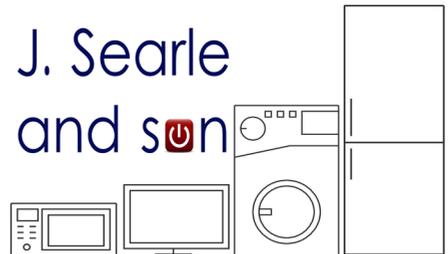
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Marsh Fritillary Butterfly



Devil's-bit scabious

quick search reveals: 'Rhôs pastures are enclosed species-rich purple moor-grass and rush pastures. On Dartmoor they are found in valley systems away from the open moor, usually in a mosaic together with wet woodland, other species-rich grasslands and oakwood. Dartmoor has 1,200 hectares of this habitat, representing 20% of the English resource.' My son and I ventured to Shetland at the end of August and spotted huge swathes of devil's-bit scabious, but sadly not many of the Marsh Fritillary Butterflies for which this grant has been awarded, as we aim to facilitate it's breeding and encourage it to thrive.

We were talking about it with one of our truculent 16 year olds at a particularly bad moment when hidden sweets were being removed. 'Who cares about a butterfly. We all die anyway.' So, in my attempt to bring this

back to some reality, I asked if they have seen 'Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy?' 'Yes' – eyebrows raised up and a small hint of interest. 'Well, you remember the extra terrestrials decided to blast Earth out of existence because we were in the way of an intergalactic highway?' 'Yea', 'Well, that is you talking to the butterfly!' No major response, but some grunt!

Planting is never going to be the average teenager's idea of a brilliant activity. However, in a week's activities, an hour or so in the poly tunnel, pressing soil around the roots of a plant plug, a small whip pressed into the earth, pulling up a fresh carrot and smelling that wonderful tingle of wafting dampness when potatoes are yanked out of rich soil Those moments are seared onto the inside of memories and will trigger something real and positive in the future. More to the point, when 'What can we do about Climate Change' questions are asked, some practical answers will be given. Answers where our groups will have planted trees,

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restored heavy rocks from fallen walls, collected seeds from flowers which will have names and not just be things to fling at each other. Respect, the vast interweaving of humanity in our complex natural world..... we get there in the end one way or another.



The cones mark the area of the planned new lean-to barn.

This grant will also enable us rebuild the Corner Barn following the dismantling of the old one about five years ago. As our general youth have little tolerance to farm bugs and diseases, we have to take great care to separate the accommodation area from farm areas. My grandfather would turn in his grave! As a pharmacist he recognised the children who grew up indoors with no exposure to soil and animal bugs. It rendered their immune systems more

vulnerable and they were ever in his shop as older youth with snively noses and poor health. There is plenty of literature on the relationship between isolated, super clean children and high levels of leukemia. However, I digress..... the issue is re-centring our farm activities towards the existing Animal Barn, so we have a 'safe' area with some more dry outdoor space. We have three more farm barns to build and then we are done with building (whooopeee)!! These Barns will enable us to store straw, house a few more animals, work under cover but outside when it's pouring with rain, create an accessible outdoor loo and handwashing facilities and generally provide a space for working with animals, woodwork, willow and..... So the list goes on. The area is already used as farm space – it just needs a few more hit and miss boarded walls and a roof on our poor long suffering shippen, that leaks like a sieve and is now stuffed with all our Christmas materials for the Nativity (which reminds me..... we hope to hold one again this year if anyone is interested!!). Our aim is to finish building by April!! Can we do it? Can we raise the funds, gain the materials (no joke) and then concentrate on the people, the farm activities and our wildlife? We love a challenge – but can we succeed this time?

Julia

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This month we're pleased to announce some new members joining us in the Link Team:

Rachel has been working away for some weeks now contacting advertisers, asking them how things are going, and sending out invoices for those placing ads. The good news is that money is now coming in again after our Covid hiatus, and for the time being, thanks to Rachel's work, the financial future of the Link looks secure.

Also we have three new editors in training who are bravely tackling Adobe Indesign and getting ready to take it on from our existing editor, Peter, who has single-handedly been producing the Link for several years. Our new editors are Richard and Suzy from Holne and Marilyn from Huccaby. They have a hard act to follow, and we are very grateful they have stepped up!

There is still role we are hoping to fill - that of "Distribution Manager". This is a job that takes about four hours a month and mostly is just a matter of driving round in a loop covering Postbridge, Huccaby, Holne, Leusdon, Buckland, Sherril and Widecombe, dropping off the relevant number of copies as you go, and getting to know where the copies are currently delivered, and then working out how to fill the gaps in our coverage.

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