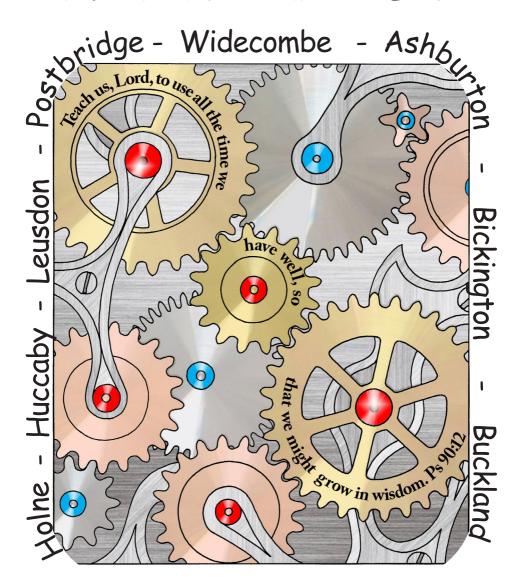
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The Parish Letter

Discerning the signs of the times

'The problem is communication – too *much* communication' mused Homer Simpson, as he tried to make sense of how he had upset his wife. If you have ever watched 'The Simpsons', you will know that Homer usually got the wrong end of the stick but, in doing so, hit on some truth.

In these last 18 months, personal face to face communication has been limited during this pandemic. However, many of us, via TV, radio, telephone and social media will have received and heard more news than ever before. Some might even echo Homer's musing – 'too much communication!'

Trying to make sense of an overload of news, opinions and information, whilst being isolated and without an opportunity to talk it through with friends, can lead to feeling confused, anxious and frustrated.

This summer, headlines that denounced Britain as 'racist' were side by side with pictures of thousands of people desperate to come to this country. Families risking their lives to cross the English Channel in flimsy vessels; migrants who recognise Britain as one of the most tolerant and liberal societies in the world.

How do we understand and discern what is really going on?

The Psalmist said: The Word of God is 'a lantern to my feet and a light to my path'. (Psalm 119 verse 105). The bible acknowledges that the world has always been a confusing place where God's people have needed to find guidance and counsel to walk their way through it. The bible can help us interpret what is going on and find light for our path.

In the autumn, I am running an eight-session course called 'The Big Story' which will help us to understand the bible, see how it reveals God's guidance and direction for his people and better enable us to interpret the signs of the times today. It is at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings, starting on 23rd September, and will be via Zoom and in person at St Andrew's, Ashburton.

I hope you may be able to join us as we explore and learn together.

With my best wishes

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- Move evergreens
- · Prune climbing roses
- Plant and/or divide perennials
- Plant spring bulbs in grass

Andy

From the Registers

St Andrew's, Ashburton

Interment	Leusdon	26 July 2021	Anita Miriam Wareham
Wedding	Widecombe	31 July 2021	Guy Horswell and Annie Womack
Baptism	Postbridge	1 August 2021	Amelia Ivy Rose Hatcliffe
Baptism	Huccaby	8 August 2021	Raphael Cairn Barnes
Funeral	Holne	9 August 2021	John Fogden
Wedding	Widecombe	14 August 2021	Chris Meller and Pippa Tigwell
Funeral	Widecombe	27 August 2021	Gerald Lamb

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St Gabriel, Postbridge	Daily

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An hour of quiet reflection at Postbridge Church

The monthly services that will return to the church one day can be found on: https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/p.htm

They can be used at any time, in particular if you are feeling you need a time of quiet in these challenging days.

Geoffrey

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

Should I wear a face covering in a church building?

Although social distancing measures and face coverings are no longer required by law, the incumbent may still make decisions to retain some or all of these measures if they believe doing so is important for safety in their building, or if they judge that it will help people to feel more secure in returning to worship and other uses of the building.

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Messy Church September 18th, 2021

There have been two Messy Church celebrations on Saturday afternoons in June and July. They were a huge success with lots



of families coming. The weather was kind to us in June and we played hopscotch outside and people ran around outside with craft time inside the church. In July the theme was walking with Jesus in the community and the weather was uncertain. We were joined by visitors from Middlesbrough who enjoyed our Messy Church. Despite the weather we had tugs of war outside. Inside we made a 3D plan of Ashburton, made Jesus' friendship bracelets and footprint paintings. We asked about people who help us in the community. Then listened to a story about Jesus, who talked to the outsider - this challenged us.

The exciting difference with having Messy Church on a Saturday is that the whole family comes, Dads and all. It seems to be a time that all the family can manage. Talking with the joint Methodist and Church of England planning team it has been decided to move the Messy Church Saturday to the third Saturday in the month.



So please share the new Autumn Messy Church Dates with everyone. September 18th 4-6pm, October 16th 4-6pm November 20th 4-6pm December 20th to be confirmed nearer the time.

A germ of an idea for the themes for the Autumn term is growing in my heart and head. To explore Messy Church "I ams". If we put Jesus at the centre of our lives in our eyes, heart, and hands we can make a huge difference to the world.

As we plan, please pray for us. Jane, Please Phone 654 067 for more info.



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Date	Time	Service
5th September	-	-
12th September	18:00	Holy Communion
19th September	09:00	Holy Communion at Huccaby
26th September	17:00	Evening Worship

St. Mary the Virgin, Holne

Like other parts of society, the Church is feeling its way following the lifting of Covid restrictions. In August, the funeral of John Fogden took place at St. Mary's with 63 attendees, something which could not have happened a few weeks earlier. John was obviously well-known and respected in Holne, so it was good that so many people were able to say their good-byes in the church. However, Church leaders are asked to be mindful of the concerns of people who feel more vulnerable and services, singing of hymns, and the celebration of Holy Communion are being adapted accordingly.

We want people to feel welcome and safe when they come into the church. At St. Mary's we are always pleased to see new faces. If you feel that attending a service might be uncomfortable because you have never been to church or have not been to a service for a long time, don't worry! Everyone is given a service booklet which has the order of service in it and modern language is used.

A service of Evensong is held every fourth Sunday in the month, usually at 5pm. It is a short, simple service which allows some quiet time to think and pray. And now that we are allowed to stay and chat afterwards, there will always be someone to talk to if you want to.

You might have noticed that the Trim Trail created by Heidi Lewis is back in the churchyard. Come and give it a try. Whilst the areas for wildflowers are not at their best now, we are looking at extending them into other parts of the churchyard. It will be exciting to see what comes up next year.

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We also hope to have a couple of small 'sail' type banners soon which will have the dual purpose of making the church look more welcoming and disguising the unattractive render on the side of the church facing the road.

Finally, St. Mary's Church is *your* church. The Parochial Church Council are doing their best to maintain this Grade 1 listed building so that is there for funerals, weddings, and baptisms, but the people who worship there are also there for you and to help in any way we can. Contact can always be made directly with our Rector Mark Rylands, Heidi Lewis or myself – all details at the front of the magazine.

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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. Gill Gray gill@priddons.co.uk 01364 631111 and

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St. Raphael, Huccaby

Broadband is now available at St. Raphael's, and we look forward to using the facilities it can provide in the coming months. In particular, we are looking at purchasing the equipment to enable visitors and worshippers alike to donate using a credit or debit card. Many churches have already installed contactless giving kit because many of us are no longer carrying cash. This will be very useful for next year's snowdrop season which is not far away!

A recent trip to Wales took Tony and I to St. David's Cathedral. It is well worth a visit, and it was our second look at this fascinating Cathedral. Among other things, it has been a place of pilgrimage for centuries. As work on the various Pilgrim Trails between our local churches and chapels continues, we were able to draw on a few more ideas to use to help people think about our churches not just as a tourist attraction but as a place to encounter God.

I also found a booklet entitled "In Quietness and Confidence", which contains a collection of thoughts compiled by Mary Oakley. The title is taken from Isaiah Chapter 30 verse 15:

In returning and rest shall you be saved. In quietness and confidence shall be your strength

I was familiar with the second half of the verse because it was my school motto. It was many years after I had left school that I discovered it was from the Bible, and it has served me well over the years. As diaries start to fill up again, it is worth remembering that despite all the downsides of lockdowns, for many they provided time to reflect and rest.

It is really important to continue to take time out for the sake of our minds and bodies. Take time to look around at nature; find a peaceful place like the Chapel; be quiet and regain your strength. You may even hear God speak to you and provide comfort, hope, consolation or whatever else you need at that time. Even if you don't believe in God, you have nothing to lose and everything to gain.



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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

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5th September	16:00	Evening Prayer
12th September	12:00	Parish Communion
19th September	12:00	Parish Communion
26th September	12:00	Harvest Festival

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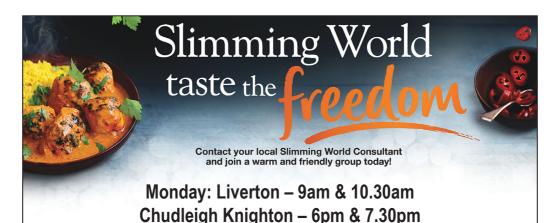
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You are invited to bring food or produce to help decorate the church. Tins and dried food will be given afterwards to the Ashburton Foodbank.

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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It is planned that the first coffee morning will be on Wednesday 1st September 10.00-12.00. It will follow the usual pattern with a few minor alterations, one of these being the 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. In addition we hope to set up 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.

Whist Drives will start up again on Monday 20th September and will change to the afternoons from 2.00pm. They will be preceded by a soup and roll 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 of Lunch and Whist will be £5.00. Whist only £3.00 which will include half time refreshments and a draw.

On Saturday 28th August at 3.00pm a memorial seat will be installed on the Green with tea, coffee and biscuits served in the Hall, time to be confirmed.

We look forward to seeing you at some or all of the above events as we slowly return to normality.

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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Church Services - see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Service
5th September	-	
12th September	09:00	Holy Communion
19th September	-	
26th September	18:00	Harvest Festival

Postbridge Church Harvest Festival - 26th September at 6pm

Sing your Favourite Traditional Harvest Hymns Enjoy our Church decorated with Flowers and Produce Join us for a "bring and share" supper in the Village 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 a celebration of the culmination of the Farming year. 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 - Postbridge Church is open all day, every day. You are welcome to visit at any time – an opportunity to sit quietly, say a prayer and enjoy our beautiful building. Face-coverings are no longer legally required, but many people are still wearing them for extra protection.

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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.

Tel: 01822 880224

Church Services for September 2021

5th Septem	ber	Trinity	/ 14			Green
Readings - Isa	aiah 35:4-	7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10 [11-1	3] 14-17; Mar	k 7:24-3	7	
Widecombe	10:30	All Age Service	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion	
Leusdon	16:00	Evening Prayer	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion	
			Ashburton	10:30	Family Service	
			Buckland	11.00	Animal Service	
12th Septer		Trinity				Green
Readings - Isa	iah 50:4-9	9a; Psalm 116:1-8; James 3:1-12; M	lark 8:27-38			
Postbridge	09:00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion	
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	TBC	14:00	Moor Church	
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion				
Holne	18:00	Holy Communion				
19th Septer	nber	Trinity	/ 16			Green
Readings - Wis 9:30-37	sdom of S	Colomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or Jeremia	h 11:18-20; P	salm 54;	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; N	<i>l</i> lark
Huccaby	09:00	Holy Communion	Bickington	10:30	Animal Service	
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26th Septer	nber	Trinity	/ 17			Green
Readings - Nun	nbers 11:4	-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; Jame	es 5:13-20; Ma	ark 9 38-5	50	
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion and Baptism	Ashburton	09:00	Breakfast Church	
Leusdon	12:00	Harvest Festival	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion	
Holne	17:00	Evening Worship				
Postbridge	18:00	Harvest Festival				
3rd Octobe	r	Trinity	18			Green
Readings - Ge	enesis 2:1	8-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-	12; Mark 10:2	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	
			Buckland	15:00	Harvest Festival	

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 1st September	Ashburton	10:30			
Wednesday 8th September	Ashburton	10:30			
Wednesday 15th September	Ashburton	10:30			
Wednesday 22nd September	Ashburton	10:30			
Wednesday 29th September	Ashburton	10:30			

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September 2021		
11th	Parish Field Open Day	30
11th	Devon Open Studios Starts	35
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16th	Phyl's Follies Interest Evening	35
18th	Messy Church	9
19th	Moor Otter Trail Ends	27
20th	Leusdon Soup Lunch	19
20th	Leusdon Whist Drives Restart	19
23rd	The Big Story Course Starts	5
26th	Devon Open Studios Ends	35

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

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

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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.

We have resumed our monthly meetings and for our September meeting we will be walking along the Tavistock Canal. Visitors are always welcome

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

It was great to have so many attend our first Coffee Morning since lockdown in March 2020 and was very enjoyable. We are now hoping to continue with a monthly coffee morning and the next one will be held on Monday 6 September once again at Postbridge Village Hall and is voluntary to bring food / raffle.

This Coffee Morning raised £245.00 in voluntary donations towards the Church Funds and Paul has thanked us for this.

Look forward to seeing you again on 6 September.

Maureen & Sheila

PS The Tour of Britain is on that Monday crossing over Dartmoor to Exeter and is scheduled to go through Postbridge around 4.45pm



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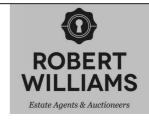
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Otters in Widecombe Church!

Have you seen our Otter with her cub? We think she is beautiful – calm, serene and peaceful.

She is standing relaxed beside one of the fourteen massive granite pillars of our church – carved from boulders over 600 years ago and supporting our beautiful building. She is holding her pup closely – she loves her child and is keeping it safe.

Our Otter is one of the 81 stunning sculptures of otters with cubs - all designed and decorated by local and national artists - spending this summer with businesses, community groups and in public areas across Dartmoor, in Plymouth and in gateway towns and villages.

There is a map of all the Otter locations on https://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/enjoy-dartmoor/moor-otters

Time is running out to see our Otter!

The Trail ends on Sunday, 19th September with all the otters starting to be rounded up from Monday, 20th to get ready for the Otter auction and smarten themselves up to go to their new forever homes.

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SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2021 IN THE CHURCH HOUSE WIDECOMBE and VILLAGE GREEN

SUBJECT TO COVID RULES AT THE TIME.

Entries will be limited to Widecombe and adjoining Moorland parishes only.

Craft & Produce - Entry fee £2 per person will cover multiple entries, only one entry per class

PRODUCE AND CRAFT SCHEDULE

Vegetables Classes

- 1. 3 potatoes washed, white
- 2. 3 potatoes washed, red
- 3. 3 onions grown from sets
- 4. 3 carrots trimmed and washed
- 5. 3 beetroot trimmed and washed
- 6. 6 runner beans
- 7. Any vegetable not in schedule
- 8. Any squash or courgette
- 9. 4 tomatoes
- 10. 4 culinary herbs in a jar
- 11. Comedy vegetable....!

Flowers

- 1. 3 dahlias
- 2. Single Rose
- 3. Single stem any flower
- 4. A vase of mixed flowers (9 stems 3 of each)
- 5. An arrangement of flowers and foliage in an unusual container.
- 6. Miniature flower arrangement not to exceed 6"
- 7. A standard flower arrangement

Note: ALL FLOWERS MUST BE LOCALLY GROWN

Home Produce

- 1. Victoria sponge
- 2. 4 Tea cakes
- 3. Savoury flan
- 4. A plate of nine biscuits (3 of each)
- 5. Battenberg cake
- 6. Traditional meat pasty
- 7. Rustic loaf
- 8. A pot of jam
- 9. A jar of chutney
- 10. A bottle of homemade drink

Art and Craft

- 1. Patchwork or quilting item
- 2. A knitted item
- 3. A painting (any subject, any medium)
- 4. Pebble Art
- 5. Any craft work not in schedule
- 6. Made from Wood
- 7. A short poem
- 8. A photograph (My Dartmoor Garden)

ENTRIES TO be submitted by **Wednesday 8th September** to MIKE & JENNY PASCOE 621333 pascoewooder@yahoo.co.uk

EXHIBITS TO BE STAGED ON THE MORNING BETWEEN 10am AND 12.30pm, Public Viewing 2pm to 5pm. Entries to be removed between 5pm and 6pm.

FAMILY FUN DOG SHOW

On the Village Green, entries on the day only, from 2.30pm - £1 per person.

FUN RUN Around the Village

Starting on the Village green at 4PM



We are starting our meetings again:





Church House
Widecombe in the Moor
Wednesday September 1st at
7.30pm

All Very Welcome



The meeting will take place on the Ground Floor at Church House

Widecombe Church House Management Committee Chairman - Mike Pascoe

To book the Hall please contact Rose Mortimore 01364 631238.

Rates of Hire (Local Events)
Daytime £3.50 per hour
Evenings £5.00 per hour

All Day £20.00

These rates are for local non commercial events only. For other rates please ask the bookings secretary.

Payment by cheque is preferred. Cheques to be made payable to Widecombe Church House Fund and sent to Sarah Reeve, Bonehill Cottage, Bonehill Lane,

Widecombe-in-the-Moor, TQ13 7TD

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

Widecombe & District Ladies Social Group

Thursday 9th September at 7.30 p.m in the Church House

The speaker is Gail Fursdon on "All the Tors"

Admission £2 - Hope to see you all, present or new members.

Tea and Coffee. Draw

Come along for a couple of hours and catch up with new or old friends.

We will meet downstairs where the new heating is installed.

Rose Mortimore - 631238

Open Day on the Parish Field, Widecombe Organised by the Parish Council

Saturday 11th September from 1pm Field

Have you ever seen the Parish Field in Widecombe? Do you know where it is? Have you even heard of it? You are invited to spend an afternoon enjoying it

Bring your own Picnic and enjoy being Covid safe sitting in the sun! (Small print - sadly sun not guaranteed.)

Licenced Bar selling cider and soft drinks...

Entertainment from 2.00:

Widecombe School Maypole Dancing
Widecombe Hand-bells demonstration raising funds for their refurbishment
History Group display about the field and its leat
Displays about the plant communities in the ancient meadow
Dartmoor National Park "Time for Nature" Challenge
Pre-school activities and children's races
Apple juicing as a foretaste of the future planned Orchard tree-planting

We'd also like you to tell us how best to use the field in the future e.g. Community Apple Orchard? Allotments? Picnic site? History and information boards?

It's your field and we want to make it a wonderful asset for the Village!

Please contact Daf Edwards (01364 621242) or Geoffrey Fenton (01364 621334) if you'd like to run an activity or have a display. **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.



Regular Bookings: Tuesday & Thursday: Tennis Adults (16+) 6.30 Under 16's with ability are welcome to these sessions with a parent who is also playing.

For queries re tennis phone Di Cameron on 621218.

Please remember to wear soft soled shoes and to leave the court tidy with the net replaced. Report any damage immediately to Claire Partridge (Secretary) on 621468. Close all gates and replace the keys.

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

Thank you and enjoy your sports area.

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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Rainfall in July 2021

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
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	(July 2020 - 7		
Holne	180.9mm (6.88")		4th 28.5mm



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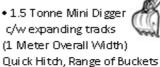


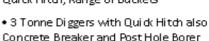
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Sunday Service

Dunstone - Informal service at 3pm in Dunstone Chapel every week and all are welcome.

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

Bible Study Group

We meet every Thursday at 7pm at Dunstone Chapel for Bible study. We are studying the Acts of the Apostles at the moment and everyone is very welcome to join us. We are a small friendly group seeking to enrich our knowledge of God through His word in the Bible.



Cook Wanted

We are seeking a cook who is keen to work flexible hours and deliver nutritious, home style dishes for young people and the occasional event. Must be able to work weekends and be keen to explain the wholesomeness of good food, encouraging young people to cook and eat healthily.

Cleaners Wanted

We are still looking for additional cleaners throughout August and September and perhaps beyond to help with visiting groups. Candidates must have transport, be willing to work flexible hours and pay attention to detail.

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Other Community News & Events



Phyl's Follies Panto Interest Evening

We're back for another season of fun and laughter!!!!

Our interest evenings will be held on Monday 13th September and Thursday 16th September 2021 at 7.30pm.

If you are interested in joining our group of artistes (either on stage or backstage) please come along and find out more.

For further details please contact Colin on 07894 541520 or Sarah on 01822 880332

Devon Open Studios

Saturday 11 – Sunday 26 September 2021

Over 300 artists are taking part in this year's Devon Open Studios, with a range of free exhibitions, workshops and opportunities to see artists at work. Visitors to the county will be able to discover Devon's creativity, and locals will have the chance to celebrate the range of talent in the area.



The art and craft on display will include drawing, painting, sculpture, tapestry, ceramics, jewellery and glasswork. Artists range from new talent to experienced professionals, all keen to share their inspiration and creativity with visitors.

Guides are available from community venues, libraries and tourist information offices or can be downloaded from https://devonopenstudios.co.uk/DAN-Guide-020721-TH.pdf.

For further information visit: https://devonopenstudios.co.uk/

NEWTON ABBOT - BOVEY TRACEY Via Heathfield - Stagecoach 39 BOVEY TRACEY - WIDECOMBE Via Haytor - Stagecoach 271

Saturday (Except Public Holidays) - 29th May - 30th October 2021

	39	39	39		39	39	39	
NEWTON ABBOT, Sherborne Road B	0920	1020	1120		1320	1420	1520	
DRUMBRIDGES, Roundabout	0930	1030	1130		1330	1430	1530	
HEATHFIELD, Battle Road	0933	1033	1133		1333	1433	1533	
BOVEY TRACEY, Riverside Surgery	0943	1043	1143		1343	1443	1543	
BOVEY TRACEY, Union Square, Tesco Arrive	0949	1049	1149		1349	1449	1549	
Continues as service 271 to Widecombe	271	271	271		271	271	271	
BOVEY TRACEY, Union Square, Tesco Depart	0952	1052	1152		1352	1452	1552	
HAYTOR VALE, Moorlands House	1002	1102	1202		1402	1502	1602	
WIDECOMBE, Car Park	1013	1113	1213		1413	1513	1613	
	271	271		271	271	271	271	
WIDECOMBE, Car Park	1018	1118		1318	1418	1518	1648	
HAYTOR VALE, Moorlands House	1030	1130		1330	1430	1530	1700	
BOVEY TRACEY, Union Square, Tesco Arrive	1045	1145		1345	1445	1545	1715	
Continues as service 39 to Newton Abbot	39	39		39	39	39	39	
BOVEY TRACEY, Union Square, Tesco Depart	1049	1149		1349	1449	1549	1719	
HEATHFIELD, Battle Road	1059	1159	•	1359	1459	1559	1729	
DRUMBRIDGES, Roundabout	1102	1202	•	1402	1502	1602	1732	
NEWTON ABBOT, Sherborne Road	1112	1212		1412	1512	1612	1742	

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Friday 09.45-12.00				
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Nat West	Wednesday 8 Sep, 22 Sep, 6 Oct, 20 Oct, 3 Nov, 17 Nov, 1 Dec, 15 Dec & 29 Dec			
09.45-10.15	Ashburton Arts Car Park, West Street			
10.45-11.15	Bovey Tracey Co-op Car Park, Fore Street			
https://personal.natwest.com/content/dam/natwest_com/waystobank/documents/mobile-branch-timetables/devon.pdf				



SALMON

A bright burst of pure hope

Local arts organisation, MED Theatre, are enjoying their relaunch into the world of live theatre having already performed their latest dance drama, 'Earth Wind Fire' to a full house, and are excited to introduce their latest community play commission, 'Salmon'.

Written by Artistic Director Mark Beeson in collaboration with three young writers and Freelance Consultant Florrie Taylor, 'Salmon' aims to encourage communities along the river to engage with its history, nature and future.

The Dartmoor based theatre company has partnered with The River Teign Restoration Project to raise the profile of The River Teign among the local community and to ask questions about why the numbers of Salmon and other fish have declined in the river in recent years.

MED Theatre's other contributions to the project include their education outreach workshops which will tour schools and youth settings near the River Teign, and a poetry and creative writing competition open to the public, which will be launched in September after the production.

The play will be performed beside the river at Fingle Bridge on the 4th September at 2.30pm and 7pm and in Hearn Field, Haccombe-with-Combe on the 5th September at 7pm.

'Salmon' aims to engage people with the issues facing the river, as well as encourage them to enjoy the riverside environment whilst learning about how the river affects people from all walks of life.

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News from the East Shallowford Trust

What happened to summer? Someone said we had one...... a few days maybe with weather so hot we nearly all found a hedge to hide under and sleep away a drowsy afternoon.

In the meantime, we have had visitors, and a lot of them. Not least of all, for our Banned from the Moor event on 11th August. What a blast! Of course, loads of very dedicated dancers replied saying they would venture forth, but on the



Defying the mizzle and most certainly not Banned from the Moor – the whirling moorlanders of East Shallowford

night, the mizzle misted it delicate drops and those less intrepid moorlanders missed out on the merry making in the rain. Actually, it was not so bad! Certainly, we had a mountain of sausages and chicken to keep us all going and the salads and cake?? Well, I can only say nothing was left, so it's just as well a few did not come! It was wonderful to see so many

to whom we owed a truly huge thank you. I hope there were a few pleased people noticing that their hard work and effort had made a warm and homely atmosphere for another generation of youth. Certainly, when Reuben, who has been to the farm many times from Providence, ran into the Barn, he darted around the rooms, then came scrambling down the stairs at high speed yelling, 'You've got to see this. There is a bathroom in every bedroom! I am staying, I'm moving in, I'm never going home! This is my home!' So, we must have got something right!

We have also gained funding for a Conservation Officer for a year, who will help us develop specific programme work with groups around the Marsh Fritillary Butterfly and other essential conservation activities. The aim is also to engage the

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local community, so if anyone is interested, please do contact us. This grant will also enable us to re-build one of our animal barns after which we have another two to construct and the leaking shippen to repair, so fundraising is on-going.

Perhaps some of our best news is that although we will lose Georgina back to Manchester University, we have gained David and have also recruited Nick Creasey who some people may know from his time with Devon Young Farmers. David is living at the farm and has already proven himself to be adept at various skills, but encouraging young people to muck out diligently is high on the list!

So, despite much doom and gloom on the international news and Covid only slowly allowing us to sneak out of our cocoons, the glorious autumn is inspiring us. New schools, new staff, new ventures clothed in the warm



The new pig run being used to turn out the newly weaned sows

heather cloak of Dartmoor's enduring beauty. We have a huge amount of healing and stretching to achieve with those indoor people. Little piggies, sheep and many cheeky chickens will work their magic again!

Julía

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Last ... but not least ...



The Link is proud to be publicising so many announcements of events this month. Some normality is returning to life of the Moor. Though with Covid cases still rising steadily, and the vulnerable perhaps feeling more vulnerable than ever, it's still a challenging time. Despite this, many organisations are tentatively getting going – it feels as if the Moor is waking up from a long sleep. There's a lot to join in with – have a look at the bulging calendar on Page 23.

These events have caught our eye.... "The Big Story" Bible Course (p5), the Soup and Cheese Lunch in Holne (p13), a Harvest Festival (p22), a Postbridge Coffee Morning (p25), the Widecombe History Group (p29), a Ladies Group talk about "All the tors" (p29), a great day out in Widecombe on the 11th, with the Produce Show, Fun Run, Dog Show and Parish Field opening (p28 & 30), art and drama events (p35 and 37) and last, but not least, the chance for you to shine on the stage at Postbridge in the Pantomime – no experience necessary! (p35)

And we want to say a big thank-you to those who have recently volunteered to join our Link Team. We are enormously encouraged that those joining us share our vision of being THE Community Magazine for this part of Dartmoor – the place where all church and community events are listed and advertised. Watch this space for an announcement next month of who's who in our expanding Team.

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