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The Peace of God

What turbulent times we live in! As I write, the Prime Minister is hanging on to his leadership by a thread, the ceasefire in the Middle-East is 'on life support', and the economy is in turmoil. And then in our personal lives so many are anxious over the cost of living or their health or family relationships. With the combination of all these things it's hardly surprising that so many struggle with their mental health: stress, anxiety, depression. And often there is a knock-on effect on our physical health and we start suffering with stomach pains or headaches or back pain. It's easy to get into a downward spiral and find ourselves in a 'hole' that is hard to climb out of.

Now of course there are many practical things we can do to help ourselves. Having plenty of exercise and being out in nature will certainly help – as a colleague of mine used to say, 'a healthy body is a healthy mind'. What we eat and drink also has a big impact on how we feel. Eating healthy food and avoiding too much alcohol will improve our well-being. I know if I eat too much fatty food or drink a bit too much red wine it has a negative effect on both my tum and my mood!

Some people advocate 'mindfulness' where you sit quietly and focus your attention on the present moment - thoughts, feelings and sensations - rather than dwelling on the past or worrying about the future. There is probably much to commend this practice for reducing stress; however, there is the danger that it can become rather introspective and all about 'Me' and 'Because I'm worth it' rather than looking outward to the needs of others.

In his letter to the Philippians (Chapter 4), Paul has this helpful teaching: 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus'. Perhaps we could call this 'Christian Mindfulness' where the focus is not on ourselves but on God and others. He is saying that actually we don't need to be anxious; anxiety doesn't achieve anything anyway – as Jesus pointed out: 'Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?' – it's more likely to reduce our lifespan! But we can't expect to be free of anxiety by our own efforts; we must look to God. We need to bring all our concerns to him in prayer: our concerns for the world, for our nation, for our community, for our family and friends and for ourselves – we lay it all before God. And we do so with thanksgiving, thanking God for his wonderful love for us, for all he has done for us and all he gives us.

As we bring all this to the Lord we begin to experience his peace, a peace that is beyond our understanding because it is a gift from God. And God's peace guards our hearts and minds against anxiety and keeps us focused on the love of God in Jesus Christ.

John Bennett

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Community and Church News & Events



United Benefice Service & Jenny's Farewell


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16 th May	Saturday - Heatree
31 st May	Games Night
14 th June	To be confirmed



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St Peter's, Buckland-in-the-Moor

For contact information, ministers and church officers please see front of the Link
Church Services—see Page 22 for details or
www.ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/buckland

Date	Table Flowers	Time	Service
7th June	Jonet	15.00	Holy Communion
14th June	Jonet	10.30	United Mission Community Service - Ashburton
21st June	Isabel	15.00	St Peter Patronal Service
28th June	Isabel		

St Peter's 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.

HALF-WAY

Half-way to being able to both repair and replace where necessary the rain water goods; the guttering between the walls and the roof of Buckland's Medieval Grade Two Star building. The cast iron guttering is past its prime, and rain water leaks both down and inwards between the joints of most of the six-foot lengths around the base of the church roof. Water then gets into the 14/15th century built walls and forms cracks and the plaster becomes '*blown*'. We need to save this special building for future generations and before it becomes unsafe and lost.

THE OTHER HALF

Required to finance this work is £9,000, hence the fundraising day on **Saturday 4th July**. Come for Coffee and Cake from **11.00am**, a Light Lunch, Afternoon Tea or a Cream Tea.

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Date	Time	Service
14th June	10.30	United Mission Community Service - Ashburton
21st June	09.00	Holy Communion at Huccaby
28th June	17.00	Evening Worship


Soup & Pudding Lunch
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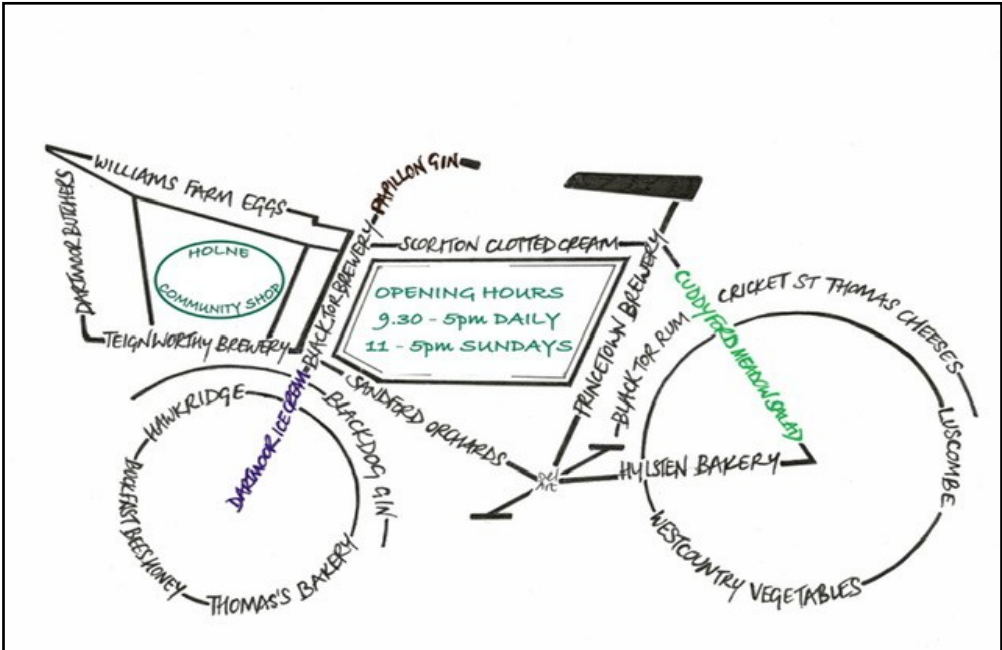


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Other information is currently being gathered and it is hoped to provide additional local material.

Please pay it a visit and enjoy looking around the church, going into our wonderful community shop and partaking of refreshments in the tearoom.

Would anyone like to run a playgroup?

Holne playgroup was a lovely group but due to a lack of volunteers to carry it on, sadly it has had to fold.

The village hall is available and toys are still in the hall. If someone would like to come forward to take this on, please contact Hannah Iskander hannah@hotmail.co.uk

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- Holne Village Hall (plant sale) £260
- Parish Link £500
- Holne Church (Tubs, plants & flags) £562.52
- Dartmoor Search & Rescue (Ashburton) £2,000
- Devon Air Ambulance £1,708
- Food Bank £50

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St Raphael, Huccaby

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A Dartmoor Baptism

St Raphael's was recently delighted to facilitate a special service organised by the Multifaith Chaplaincy at the University of Exeter. On 10th May two students reaffirmed their baptismal vows in the waters of the West Dart, at Week Ford in the valley just below the Chapel. The outdoor service was led by Elly Moseley, the Anglican Lay Chaplain, and by the Revd Simon Taylor, the Free Church Chaplain. The Chapel hosted the group of about 20 participants afterwards.

When I was shown the text for the service, I was moved by the skilful way the Dartmoor landscape was integrated with the worship, especially through the Opening and Closing words. These were written by Revd Simon Taylor and taken from a longer liturgy he wrote a couple of years ago for a previous baptism at the same stepping stones. Baptist ministers have freedom to write and use their own liturgies, and Simon "particularly loves writing liturgies inspired by the natural world and has often found inspiration on Dartmoor".

Quotation (with kind permission) from the first group of Closing words cannot do justice to the way such invocations link and flow throughout this liturgy, but may give some indication of the impact (the bold part of each couplet is to be spoken by All):

"As the clouds cling to the high tors, **so may God's arms of love always enfold us.**

As the rain soaks into the earth, **so may the life God gives renew us.**

As the stream flows over the moor, **so may God's Spirit of grace flow through us**

As the waterfall shapes the rock beneath, **so may God enable us to reshape the world in the image of Christ.**

As the river meanders across the valley, **so may God lead us along the path of peace.**

As the ocean welcomes the returning waters, **so may God be our refuge now and always."**

The qualities of St Raphael's Dartmoor location draw in congregations from way beyond its immediate locality, who contribute their distinctive devotional practices to the Chapel's life as a place of worship. We are looking forward to hosting a different rite of passage over the Summer - two weddings!

Richard Wells

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Date	Time	Service
14th June	10.30	United Mission Community Service - Ashburton
28th June	12.15	St John the Baptist Patronal Service

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.

Leusdon Memorial Hall

We held our monthly coffee morning on Wednesday 7th May, we were able to raise £128.00 for hall funds. **The next coffee morning is on Wednesday 3rd June 10.00-12.00 midday**

The whist drives continue on 8th June starting at 2.00pm

The AGM will take place on Monday 6th July at 7.30pm, we would welcome you there. As previously announced, the Chairman and Secretary are standing down after several years' service.

If you would like to join the committee or help in any way please contact any committee member or email the secretary at leusdonmemorialhallsec@gmail.com or you can just come to the AGM. When the jobs are shared as they are now, they are not too onerous and are very rewarding.

Our social media presence continues to grow and followers have now passed 451. It is a resource open to all community and local charities, invaluable in publicising local activities. Our old chairs have been in constant demand during the summer by local groups and families for various events. They are available to borrow for other Community events. All we ask is that this would be acknowledged. Should you wish to book the Hall, it is available for hire at £11.00 per hour, which now includes electricity and heating, there are special rates for regular users. Further details can be obtained by contacting our booking secretary: leusdonmemorialhallbooking@gmail.com. Tables at the Coffee Morning can be booked for £5 per table per session, please either book these by using the details above or coming to see us at the coffee morning. In the meantime, if anyone would like to discuss any aspect of the Hall please contact myself or any committee member.

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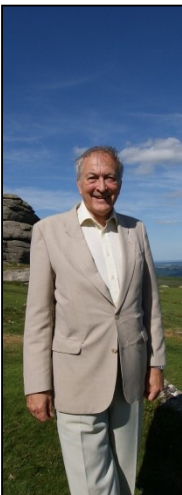
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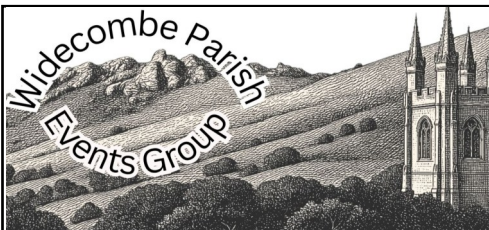


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leusdonmemorialhallsec@gmail.com



Would you like to see more going on in the Parish?

What would you like to see/What ideas do you have?

Why not join us in planning events?

Email us for more information or to put some ideas forward on

WidecombeEC@proton.me

Why not pop along to our next meeting on Monday 8th June at 6.30pm held at the Old Inn

Dates for your diary –

25th June – Car Boot Sale from 9am

25th July - Car Boot Sale from 9am & Widecombe Village Fete from 10am

22nd August – Car Boot Sale from 9am

Leusdon Memorial Hall AGM Monday 6th July at 7.30pm All welcome

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This month we will be going on a short walk thinking about God's creation and following the Churchyard trail

Please bring a donation for our shared tea, if you are able

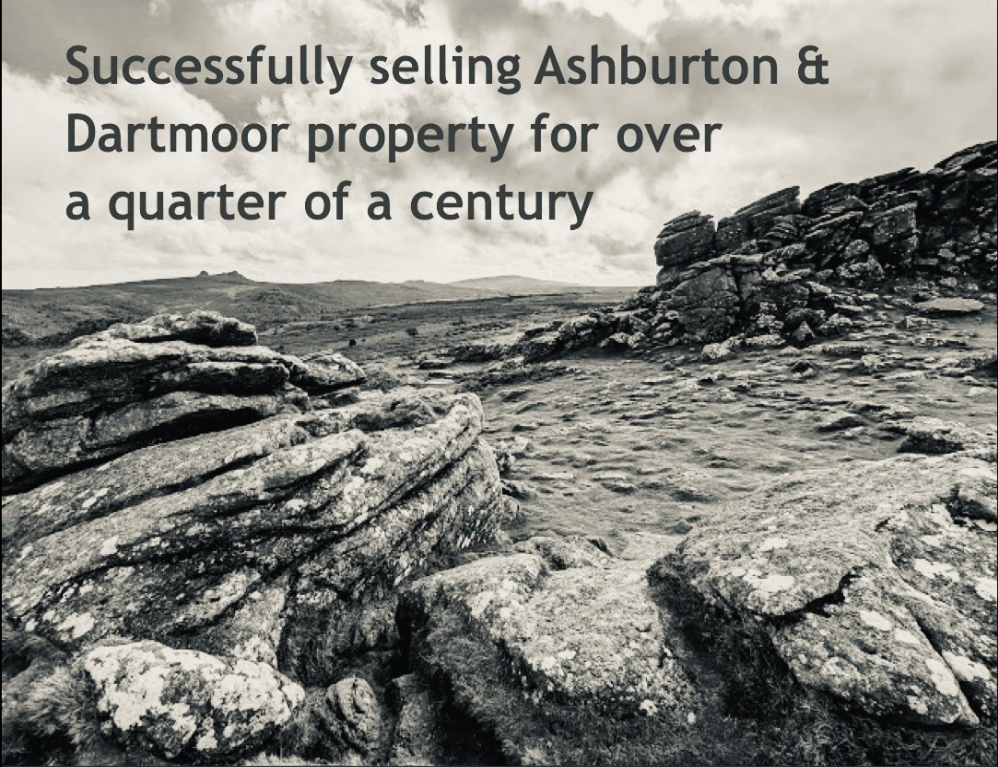
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St Gabriel, Postbridge

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Church Services — see Page 22 for details or
www.ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/postbridge

Date	Time	Service
14th June	10.30	United Mission Community Service - Ashburton
21st June	18.00	Holy Communion

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.



Postbridge Coffee Morning Monday 8th June 11am - Noon



Next month: 6th July

These coffee mornings are held in Postbridge Village Hall to raise funds for St Gabriel Church and we'd like to thank all who have contributed.

Maureen



POSTBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL



Our next Monthly Coffee Shop & Mini Market will be held on

Monday 15th June 11.00am - 12.30pm.

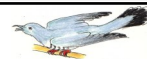
Stan, our wonderful plant man will be with us this month!

All our usual stalls and the famous Postbridge raffle

If you are interested in bringing your stall, Charity or Trade

please call **Sue on 01822 880223**

The cuckoo arrived in Postbridge on 18th April!



POSTBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

Fun Quiz Night

Saturday 20th June, 6.30pm

All ages welcome

Please bring your own food and cold drink as required

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The Dartmoor Discovery Ultra Marathon (DD)

The Dartmoor Discovery Ultra Marathon Road Race will be taking place again this year on **Saturday 6th June**, starting and finishing in Princetown. More than 200 runners will leave Princetown at 09:30 and tackle the tough 32-mile course, before returning to finish in Princetown at the Community Centre

Many thanks to all of you who have come out in the past to watch the runners go past, they are always very complimentary about the support they receive along the way, so please come out again if you can and give them a cheer.

The runners will be passing the following locations during the approximate times indicated:

Dartmeet	10:05 to 10:35	Poundgate	10:20 to 11:08
New Bridge	10:35 to 11:30	Ashburton	10:50 to 12:15
Buckland in the Moor	11:14 to 12:42	Rugglestone Inn	11:40 to 13:30
Widcombe in the Moor	11:45 to 13:40	Postbridge	12:25 to 15:25

returning to Princetown between 13:00 and 16:00.

Every effort will be made to ensure the race causes as little disruption as possible to all residents on the race route and race traffic will be kept to a minimum.

If you have any queries or would like to help in any way, please e-mail or call the Race Director, Liz Barnett; ebarnett1@sky.com; 0793 086 0481.

Tickets are now on sale for the sixth

Whiddon Autumn Festival

on **16-20 Sept** across Chagford, Drewsteignton, Gidleigh, Throwleigh and Moretonhampstead.



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AUTUMN
FESTIVAL

This year's festival offers an exciting programme, including returning Ensemble-in-Residence Corvus Consort, solo

violinist Fenella Humphreys and pianist Harry Baker. There are plenty of community events to get involved in, like the Come & Sing workshop, the Music & Coffee Morning and the Family Concert, which are pay-what-you-feel events.

Free and discounted tickets are available for all of the main concerts. To find out more about the 2026 programme and to buy tickets please visit the festival website, at www.whiddonautumnfestival.co.uk.

We hope to see you there!



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Ilington 11.00 - 13.00

Next to Ilington Village Shop

Postbridge 14.00 - 15.00

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- * **Find us on Facebook**, "The Crew of the Outreach"

Church Services for June 2026

7th June		1st Sunday after Trinity			Green	
<i>Readings - Genesis 12.1-9, Psalm 33.1-12, Romans 4.13 - end, Matthew 9.9-13, 18 -26</i>						
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
			Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion	
			Ashburton	10.30	Family Service	
			Ilsington	10.30	Holy Communion	
			Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion	
14th June		2nd Sunday after Trinity			Green	
<i>Readings - Genesis 18.1-15 [21.1-7], Psalm 116.1 10-17 [or 116.9-17], Romans 5.1-8, Matthew 9.35 -10.8 [9-23]</i>						
Ashburton	10.30	United Mission Community Service Farewell to Jenny Weigel	St Andrews		All-Age Communion	
21st June		3rd after Trinity/Fathers Day			Green	
<i>Readings - Genesis 21.8-21, Psalm 86.1-10 16-end [or 86.1-10], Romans 6.1b-11, Matthew 10.24-39</i>						
Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion	
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ilsington	10.30	Fathers' Day Family Communion	
Widcombe	12.00	Luncheon	Bickington	10.30	Morning Worship	
Postbridge	18.00	Holy Communion	Buckland	15.00	St Peter Patronal Service	
			Ashburton	18.30	St Petroc's Reflective Service	
28th June		4th Sunday after Trinity			Green	
<i>Readings - Genesis 22.1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6.12-end, Matthew 10.40-end</i>						
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	09.15	Breakfast Church	
Leusdon	12.15	St John the Baptist Patronal Service	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion	
			Ilsington	10.30	Morning Praise	
Holne	17.00	Evening Worship				

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!
No service 17th June



Communion at home

If you would like to receive Home Communion please see [page 2](#) for contact details

Rainfall in April 2026

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without Rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	48.1mm (1.9")	18	15th 12.3mm (0.5")
	April 2025 131.7mm (5.2")		
Holne	61.8mm (2.43")		14th 16.2mm (0.6")



From the Registers

There are no entries from the Registers

Dates for the Diary

June 2026		Page	June 2026		Page
2nd	Holne Whist	9	14th	UBS & Jenny's Farewell	5
2nd	Princetown History Group	35	15th	Postbridge Mini Market	19
2nd	Ashburton Book Group	35	17th	Dunstone Lunch	33
3rd	Leusdon Coffee Morning	15	20th	Postbridge Fun Quiz	19
3rd	Widecombe History Group	29	21st	Widecombe Church Lunch	26
4th	Widecombe PC	25	23rd	Dartmoor Forest PC	40
6th	Shallowford Festival	39	25th	Buckland Whist	7
8th	Leusdon Whist	15	25th	Widecombe Car Boot Sale	17
8th	Widecombe Events Group	17	26th	Widecombe Dinner & Dance	28
8th	Postbridge Coffee	19	27th	Piano Recital Widecombe	28
11th	Widecombe Social Group	25	Up and coming events in July		
12th	Buckland in the Moor Talk	6	6th	Leusdon Memorial Hall	17
12th	Shallowford Coffee Morning	39	25th	Widecombe Village Fete	17
14th	Parish Link Copy Deadline				

WIDECOMBE FAIR 2026 Local Craft and Produce Schedule

VEGETABLES (ALL vegetable classes 1-15 must be locally grown)

1. 3 Coloured potatoes
2. 3 White potatoes
3. 3 Onions – Grown from sets or seed
4. 3 Carrots – Trimmed and washed
5. 3 Beetroot – Trimmed and washed
6. 6 Runner Beans
7. Longest Runner bean
8. 6 French beans – any colour
9. 2 Courgettes
10. A Squash
11. 2 Leeks
12. 4 Tomatoes
13. A Single Vegetable or Fruit not mentioned.
14. 4 Culinary Herbs in a Jar
15. A Selection of 5 different varieties of vegetables in a standard box (12"x16")



FLOWERS (ALL Flower Classes 16-22 must be locally grown)

16. 3 Dahlias
17. A single specimen dahlia, any type
18. A Single rose
19. A Single stem of any flower (excl. Dahlia & Rose)
20. 3 Hydrangea flower stems.
21. A vase of 9 mixed flowers (3 of each variety)
22. A vase of decorative foliage



FLORAL ART

23. A woodland arrangement
24. An arrangement in an unusual container.
25. An arrangement in a teacup.
26. A Harvest Wreath

ART AND CRAFTS

27. A woven, knitted or crocheted item
28. A Needlework item.
29. A Widecombe Fair Poster (A4)
30. A pencil sketch
31. A painting, any subject, any medium
32. An item made from wood, metal or clay
33. Any Craft Item not Mentioned

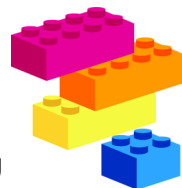
34. A Photograph: 'Dartmoor Flora'
 35. A Limerick with a Farming Theme
- ## CHILDREN'S CLASSES – Age 7 and under

36. A painting or drawing (A4 Size)
37. A Poem or Short Story (one Side of A4)
38. 10 interesting items in matchbox
39. 4 Decorated Cup Cakes
40. A Model made from any medium
41. An item of headwear e.g. helmet, crown hat any medium



CHILDREN'S CLASSES - Age 8 to 12

42. A Painting or Drawing (A4 Size)
43. A Poem or Short Story (one side of A4)
44. A Lego Model
45. A Decorated Cake
46. A Photo, any subject
47. A Decorative Bird Nesting Box



HOME PRODUCE

48. 6 Decorated Biscuits (uniform in type/size)
49. A Decorated Ginger Cake
50. A Traditional Victoria Sponge
51. A Traditional Pasty
52. A Vegetarian Quiche
53. A Wholemeal Loaf of Bread
54. A Sourdough Loaf
55. A Jar of Jam
56. A Jar of Dartmoor Honey
57. A Jar of Lemon Curd
58. Jar of Chutney
59. A bottle of homemade alcoholic drink,
60. A bottle of homemade non-alcoholic drink
61. 6 Chicken or Duck Eggs displayed in a basket



For more information, please see our conditions of entry, visit our website:

www.widecombefair.com or contact Mrs Jenny Pascoe by email: pascoewooder@yahoo.co.uk



St Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

For contact information, ministers and church officers please see front of the Link
Church Services — see Page 22 for details or
<https://ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/widecombe>

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
7th June	10.30	Annabel	Rose M	Fiona S
14th June	10.30	United Community Service - Ashburton		Fiona S
21st June	10.30	Clare B	Jenny P	Val C
28th June	10.30	Philly	Philly and Michael	Val C

Widecombe Church is open all day, every day, 9-5. You are welcome to visit at any time – an opportunity to sit quietly, say a prayer and enjoy our beautiful building.

Widecombe Parish Council

Next Meeting: Thursday 4th June 2026

Leusdon Memorial Hall at 7.30pm



Widecombe & District Social Group

Thursday 11th June
 A Visit to the Gardens
 at

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 (with thanks to Di
 Weymouth)



£3 entry to include
 tea/coffee

Park at Poundsgate Chapel
 6.30pm

Please tell Rose if you'd like
 to come

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Widecombe
 Church House
 Craft Fairs
 Mondays
 June - Sept
 11am - 5:30pm

FREE ENTRY

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 Widecombe Pre-School



St Pancras, Widecombe Church & Community Lunch

Church House,

Sunday 21st June 12 noon.

All welcome.

This will follow the 10.30am service where the Team Rector Revd Phill Parker will be presiding.

Offers of help with cakes or desserts and/or setting up and serving on the day would be much appreciated.

Please contact: Annabel

asalomonsz@gmail.com

Donations for the lunch will go to St Pancras

WIDECOMBE FAIR HELPERS NEEDED

We are busy organising this year's fair.

We are very grateful for all the volunteers who come to our monthly meetings. We are aware that not everyone can make these meetings but may want to help out in some way.

This year we are seeking help with the following roles. If you are able to give an hour or two we would really appreciate it.

On the Day

Helping in the bar (18 yrs and over)

Stewarding the Uncle Tom Cobley Race

Parking Traffic control

Field stewards Sandwich makers

Before and after the day

Help with putting things up in the field
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For more information about WDSG visit
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Friday 26th June 2026

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Event to raise funds for **Widecombe Community Hall**
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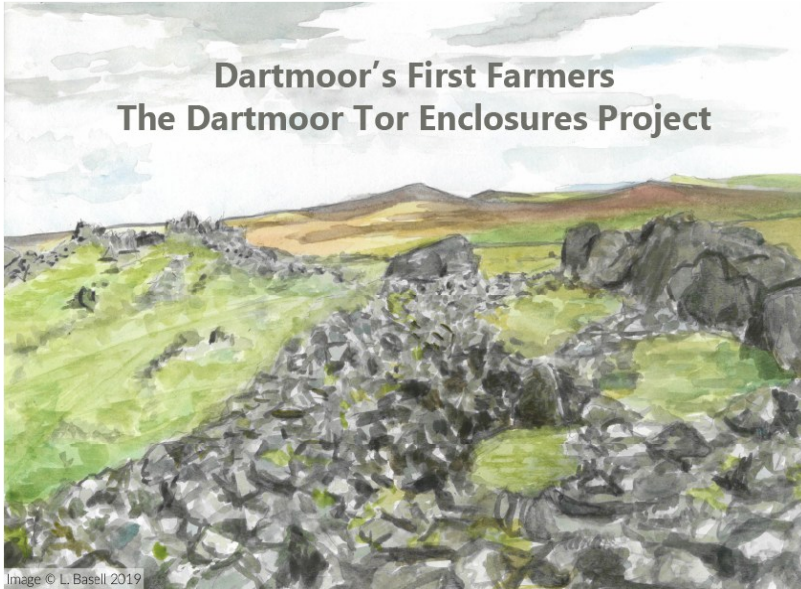


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June

5th - 7th - Folk & Ale Festival

Sun 14th - Andy Quick

Sat 20th - Crank Summer Ball

Sat 27th - Miss Ruby Slipper Drag Night 8pm

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July

Sun 12th - Rich Cottell

Sun 19th - TBC

Sun 26th - Crediton Brass Band

Fri 31st - Ady Bings Bonkers Bingo 7.30pm

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August

Sun 2nd - Exeter Brass Band

Sun 9th - Daniel on Sax

Sun 16th - Okehampton Brass Band

Sun 23rd - Rich Cottell

Fri 28th - Elton John Tribute 8pm

Sat 29th - Marvin Muoneke 8pm

Sun 30th - TBC

All Sunday entertainment starts at 2.30pm being in the garden is weather dependent

 **Bingo**
2nd Thurs of
the Month

 **Quiz Night**
4th Thurs of
the Month



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PreSchool (2-5years)

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Wed 9:15am - 12:45pm

Fri 9:15am - 3pm

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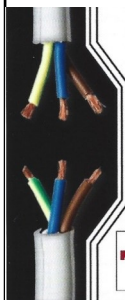
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Church contacts: Sandy McFeat 07860 555206 or Serena Walcot (01364) 631279

Sunday Services

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

Poundsgate - 7th June at 3pm. Led by Revd. Kevin Hooke in conversation with Deacon Ruth Richey.

Dunstone Lunches

Wednesday 17th June from 12 noon until 2.30pm.

This month's lunch is for Widecombe Pre-school

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

Please make as generous a donation as possible.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in May. We raised **£85** for

Dartmoor Search and Rescue and **£67.50** for our Chapel.

A huge thank-you to all our helpers and to all the people who join us at our lunches!

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Other Community News and Events

Prinetown History Club

meets **1st Tuesday** every month
Prinetown Community Centre 7 for 7.30pm

2nd June - A visit to Foggintor School at Fourwinds with Liz Miall

7th July - Farmer Layland Branfield from Moorlands Farm near Two Bridges for a 2nd visit to follow up on his walk last year. A guided walk on his farm looking at his work on Dartmoor. Meet at 6.30pm at the Dartmoor Training Centre near the bridge over the river behind Prince Hall Hotel.

For further information, please contact:

Mr. John Lissenden **phone** 01752 47573

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Mr. Bill Radcliffe

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High Moorland Women's Institute Prinetown

Looking forward to the next year with the AGM now done and 11 members going forward.

In May we had an enjoyable visit to The Garden House, luckily missing the rain showers with various other activities planned ahead.

If you're interested in joining us, we meet 1st Wednesday of the month in Prinetown Community Centre at 7.30pm or check us out on our Facebook page.

Next meeting **3rd June**

Email: sidsan114@hotmail.com

Ashburton Book Group is looking for new members!

We meet at the Quaker Meeting House in Ashburton on the first Tuesday of the month. We choose a list of books, fact or fiction, for the coming months. On alternate meetings we discuss books we have enjoyed to recommend to other members and sometimes people are happy to lend or give away books. We are a friendly group – you can be any age or gender – you just need to love books!

Our books for the coming months are:

Godmersham Park by Gill Hornby,
Four Thousand Weeks by Oliver Burkeman,
A Town Called Solace by Mary Lawson,
The Land in Winter by Andrew Miller and
The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel.

There is a small charge which goes towards the hire of the room.

Our next meeting is on **2nd June at 2.30pm** at the Quaker Meeting House to discuss the first book on the list. Please contact Audrey Ryder on audreyryder@icloud.com for further details or just come along to the meeting.

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Rotary SUMMER REPORT

Yelverton

Summer has arrived and, if you could shelter from the wind, it has been beautifully warm in the sun. With it, we have started our preparations for summer activities and fun (admittedly we would be doing the same if it was raining). Our marquees are getting washed, aired and repaired; our equipment is being polished up; and soon we will be ready to go. What for? We're glad you asked.

We have three fundraising car boot sales at the Yelverton Memorial Hall and field coming up through May, June and July. They are great for finding bargains and for having a tasty Sunday breakfast. Do come along. Entrance is a mere 20p per person or 50p per person carload (£7 for sellers), and every penny we make goes to charity. Meavy Oak Fair follows, where we will be selling raffle tickets for fantastic prizes, and the Harrowbeer 1940s Weekend is always extra special.

The jewel in our crown is the Sports and Craft Fun Day for all children up to the age of 11, accompanied by a parent or carer, on Harrowbeer Airfield opposite the Yelverton Play Park on Wednesday 5 August, 10am–3pm. With around 30 partner organisations taking part, we will be providing an assault course, archery, cycle races, badminton, cricket, vintage tractor rides, tabletop games, crafting activities, Lego workshops, static displays and so much more. Put the date in your diary and come along to have FUN. Further details will be on our Facebook page and in the Tavistock Times Gazette closer to the date.

Of course, we have already been busy. Our Quiz Night on 21 March raised enough money for us to give substantial donations to four of our local village food banks and hubs. On 10 May we held our annual Spring Tea Party, which was enjoyed by around 90 guests from local nursing homes, sheltered housing and private residences. We are grateful to TASS and Tavistock Country Bus for helping us with transport, the Yelverton Co-op for generous sponsorship of food, and Brian Burley, who provided excellent entertainment.

In April we were treated to an entertaining and informative tour of the Premier Foods Ambrosia factory at Lifton (if you want to know about custard, rice pudding or porridge – just ask). We also had an excellent talk from Lucy Hulbert, aged 14, about her cricket tour of Sri Lanka with the Devon Girls' U15 Cricket Team. This was followed by Lottie Clark, who gave us a fascinating insight into the Devon Air Ambulance organisation. Lottie lives in Crapstone and told us it was the first time ever she had been able to walk to work! Fuel price increases have hit our volunteer emergency services hard, and we have donated to Devon Air Ambulance, BASICS Devon and Devon Freewheelers Blood Bikes accordingly.

We have also made donations to help young people's development. Local Scouts Imogen Burbage and Jack Poole will plan and execute a two-week expedition to the Faroe Islands, involving one major project and 10 subsidiary projects, towards the prestigious Explorer Belt award. A further four local Explorer Scouts will attend a jamboree in Denmark, followed by a less arduous expedition to the Faroes. We have also paid for six young people from the Bere Alston Hut to undertake 12 weeks of boxing coaching.

If you know of any local good cause that may benefit from our assistance, or if you wish to join us or help in any way, please contact us via secretary@yelverton.rotary1175.org.



Good for our health

Living on the moor, or regularly visiting and being immersed here, it's easy to take it for granted, and not realise it is different for those, as it were, coming from a more uncertain perspective.

Let's start with the science. A study by the University of Glasgow in 2024 'showed that children who spent an hour a day in nature were up to 50 per cent less likely to experience mental health difficulties, and saw positive effects on their behaviour, social skills and physical activities'. Over the last year alone at East Shallowford Farm, we have provided 280 children the opportunity of day visits in nature.

Let's quote the Prime Minister, who of course may not be in office by the time you read this. In an interview with Hilary McGrady of the National Trust, Sir Keir stated that one of his 'concerns is that in a number of urban areas, there's not enough access to greenery, to nature...Nature and culture hugely shape who we are as human beings, who we are as communities, and what we are as a nation'. Over the last year alone at East Shallowford, we have hosted over 400 children on residential groups for inner-city children and young people, giving them access to green spaces - and much more - that they can't get where they live.

Next quotation is from Alfie, a lad who was interviewed at East Shallowford by BBC Radio Devon: 'I've been coming to the farm for a year and a half now. It's been a fun experience, because it's just nice to get outside, spend some time with other people, get to see the animals, learn how to care for them, and feed them; and working together as a team.

'It's made me enjoy being outside a lot more, and I think, because of the farm, it's actually made me feel more comfortable being around people as well.'

On a residential with Providence House, our longest standing partner, Jasmine came down with 4 other girls. She said this: 'I grew up on a housing estate in Battersea. From my high rise window I'd be able to see all of the train tracks, other blocks of flats and the city skyline. I think the biggest difference here for me isn't visual, but sound. The silence. No sirens. No car sounds. No trains. Silent through the night. Silent when you wake up. Silent outside'.

Perhaps someone should tell the Prime Minister we've been doing this for 50 years.

For more stories of 50 years at Shallowford visit: [50 Years in 50 Stories – Shallowford Farm](#)

For your invitation to Shallowford's 50 year celebration visit: [Shallowford's 50th Birthday Fete – Shallowford Farm](#)

Robert Musgrave MBE

Rivers and Moorland Festival - 6th June, 12pm to 6pm – come find us at the festival to learn more about the Marsh Fritillary.

Our summer coffee morning - 12th June, 10am to 12pm - you are welcome to join for coffee and cake and learn more about what's going on at the Farm. Free to attend, no need to book.



Check out our events calendar here
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MAY



3 May	10.30am	Family Service: One Way
10 May	3-5pm	Moor & Messy
*15-17 May	daytime	MC Weekend Away at Heatree
24 May	9.15am	Breakfast Church
31 May	10.30am	All Age Communion: We Are Family



JUNE



7 June	10.30am	Family Service: Have Faith
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28 June	9.15am	Breakfast Church

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Members of the public are welcome to attend and may speak during Public Sessions, whether to comment on agenda items, raise issues for future meetings, or simply listen. Agendas and minutes are available on our website: <https://www.dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings.php>

Date of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting, 23rd June, at Princetown Community Centre, small hall. Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dartmoorforestpc.net>

Parish Clerk: Abi Horn **Tel:** 07480 834523 **email:** clerk@dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

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*Next issue available on **Thursday 25th June***

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I'm sitting here on a wet and cool May day, wondering if you're reading this in sweltering heat with your feet in a bowl of cold water and a fan buffeting your face? Whatever the weather, there are some immovable features of the season: the longer light evenings; the broken shells of fledged wild birds; the whiff of a nearby barbecue and the sneeze of a passing hay fever sufferer (me). And of course, as ever, the slap of the Parish Link landing on your doormat or the ping as it arrives in your inbox.

Once again, our cover image was provided by Ray Williams – this photo was taken on a recent gloomy day at Bagtor Mill. I know I'm repeating myself, but please do get in touch if you have a photo you'd like to see on the Link's front cover.

It amazes me every month how many groups consistently present events around our area, from regular whist drives and coffee mornings to monthly meetings and trips and sporadic affairs like the Quiz Night at Postbridge (p19), the Dinner Dance at the Lavender House for the new Widecombe Community Hall, (p28), the Piano Recital at St Pancras (p28). I'd like to mention in particular the Dunstone Lunches, which happen on the middle Wednesday of every month (p33). The food is all home prepared and donated by the chefs and of a very high quality and variety. Numbers of diners have dwindled and they deserve more hungry punters! The latest organisation to form is the Widecombe Parish Events Group (p17).

I think all of these people deserve a round of applause! I'm sure any of them would be grateful for offers of help from new volunteers. There is a round-up of events on the Dates for the Diary section in the centre pages.

Looking forward to seeing you at some of these events!

Have a very happy June.

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