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Dear friends,

I first started supporting the Methodist Church in Ashburton 20 years ago, and have now been minister there (and at Poundsgate) for 19 years. There have been a number of changes in that time, of course, not least the selling off of our Methodist Church building in Ashburton. It was a difficult decision to come to, but has released the physical resource to become the Arts Centre, a leading live music venue, and has released the congregation to play a more practical, relational and engaging part within the life of the town. It has also helped our relationships as an integral part of the Moorland Mission Community to grow and flourish. Change for us, which might have been scary, has been positive.

I have now also been an ordained Methodist Minister for some 33 years, and so can class myself as fairly experienced, and I have valued the collegueship of many others along the way. There are many things that I have learned over that time, but the one thing I shall mention here is that of expectations – partly because someone has asked me about that today. Many people, I think, carry the weight of the expectation of others – but in my experience just as problematic can be the expectations we place upon ourselves, which can be unrealistic in terms of what we can achieve, how much we can get done, how much we should be doing, how we should appear. Sometimes our self-expectations come from a feeling of not being good enough, or a need to please other people, or to have a sense of self-worth, or due to a belief that it all depends on me. I remember one colleague telling me that they felt they had to work longer hours than everyone else because they thought they were slower.

Last Sunday in the service I conducted we sang the hymn, 'Praise my soul the King of heaven', which includes the lines that God is 'Slow to chide and swift to bless' and that we are 'Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven.' My Christian journey has confirmed in me those words – that my value comes not from what I can achieve or from my own or others' expectations, but from the belief and experience that I am loved and cherished simply for who I am, that I am the recipient of grace. Maybe we could learn to be more gentle with ourselves; and maybe then also, we could practice being more gracious towards others, so that we don't impose on them expectations which are unreasonable.

With best wishes for the summer. God bless,

Kevin

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Ben Feasey, Project Manager at Devon Communities Together, said:

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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
5th July	Village Vases	15.00	Evening Prayer
12th July	Sandra		
19th July	Sandra	15.00	Holy Communion
26th July	Gabriel		

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.

WHAT CAN YOU FIND IN YOUR OWN MEDIEVAL LISTED BUILDING?

Currently, copies of both The Parish Link and the Parish News are in Buckland Church on a help yourself basis whilst Michael is recovering.

This is not a completely new idea. Some years ago the Parish Magazine was always delivered to the church for personal collection and copies of Around Ashburton have always been left in the church and are still delivered there every two months and disappear at an alarming rate.

So, lets collect our copies once again, and wish Michael well.

Saturday 4th July
St Peter's Church
Buckland in the Moor

11am-
5pm

Village Vases

Come and see the church decorated with vases of flowers grown and arranged by the village

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Date	Time	Service
9th July	09.00	Holy Communion - Huccaby
12th July	15.00	Moor & Messy
12th July	18.00	Holy Communion
26th July	17.00	Evening Worship


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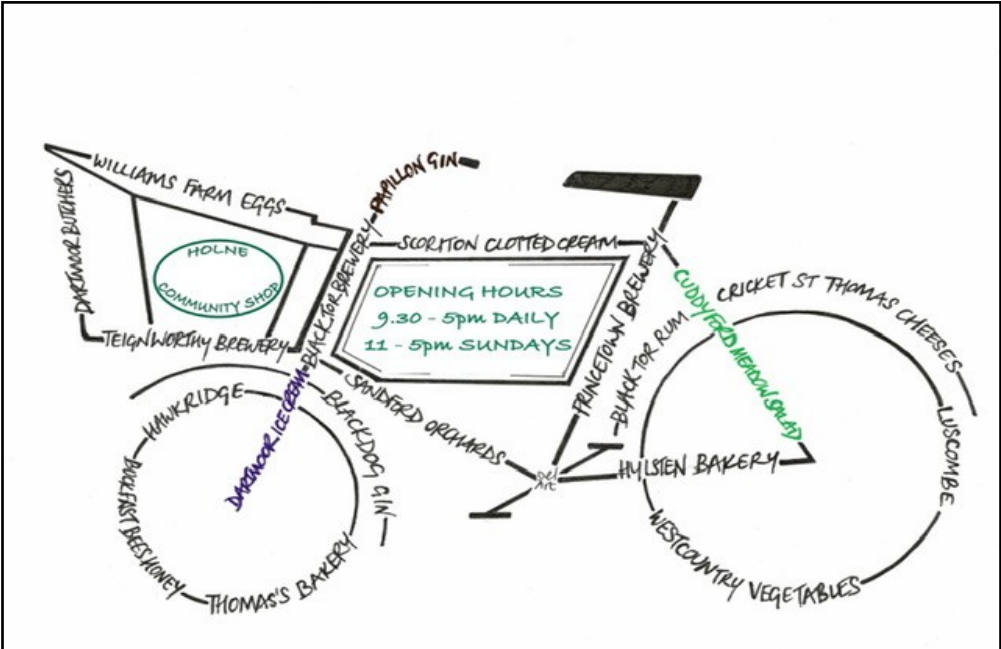


Holne Whist

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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

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David knows he's descended from Edward Beard (1605 -1665) who married Mary Phippes (1605 -1694) on 21st November 1625 in Bickington. They are recorded to have had three children, Richard Beard (1629 - 1713), Thomas, (1631 - 1713) and Marie who was born in 1637.

David is very keen to know if anyone in the Holne area knows anything about this family, and whether any of the Beards or Phippes' are buried in Holne Churchyard? He has more family details if anyone would be interested to know more. His email address is david.beard@westnet.com.au

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Richard Wells



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St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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Date	Time	Service
12th July	12.15	Parish Communion
26th July	12.15	Parish Communion

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

Miles, Mark and Geoffrey Partridge would like to thank those who attended mum's memorial service. Thanks to Rev Phillip Parker, Annie Way for the beautiful flowers, Norma Tempest for the table decoration, John Neeve the organist, church wardens and The Old Inn. The collection raised £483 for Children's Hospice SW.

Leusdon Memorial Hall

The Hall AGM will take place on Monday 6th July at 7.30pm, we welcome you there

We held our monthly coffee morning on Wednesday 3rd June, we were able to raise £138.00 for hall funds. The next coffee morning is on **Wednesday 1st July 10.00-12.00 midday.**

The Whist Drives continue on 13th July starting at 2.00pm

The past twelve months have been a very busy and productive period for Leusdon Memorial Hall. We have continued to invest in the building, most notably through improved disabled parking and the installation of new windows. We are now exploring options for updating the heating system, and our treasurer is working hard on securing grant funding to support this. We were fortunate to receive generous grants from the Widecombe Fair Committee and our local Teignbridge councillor, and we are extremely grateful for their support.

Hall usage has grown significantly over the past year. Our lettings have increased thanks to the enthusiasm and professionalism of our booking secretary, supported by the wider committee. We have already begun allocating funds for further improvements. The 90 new chairs purchased last year have been very well received, and the old chairs are now stored and made available to other community groups for outdoor events.

As always, our monthly coffee mornings and whist drives continue to be a cornerstone of Hall life. Alongside raising much-needed funds, they provide vital social connection and help reduce loneliness and isolation within the parish. We also organised three major events this year; the French Bistro evening, the Afternoon Tea and most recently The Italian Job evening all of which were hugely successful. Similar events are planned starting in August, when we will again host the popular Afternoon Tea with entertainment and great cakes!

Regular activities at the Hall continue to thrive, including a weekly keep-fit class and a monthly religious service with meditation.

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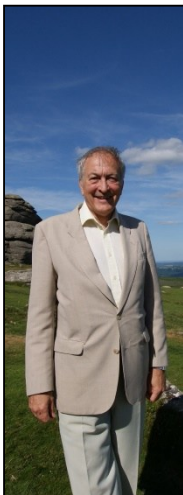
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Our social media presence continues to grow, with followers now exceeding 450. This platform is open to all community groups and local charities and has become an invaluable way to publicise events and activities. We have held our hire charges steady for the past year, and all bookings remain inclusive of electricity and heating.

Finally, I would like to thank every member of the committee for their continued enthusiasm, hard work, and support. It is their commitment that enables the Hall to thrive.

We look forward to serving the whole parish for many years to come.

John Southcombe email: johnsouthcombe@hotmail.com

For Leusdon Memorial Hall Charity No 300887



For many the sound of screaming swift parties racing over our rooftops is THE sound of summer, but these birds are in trouble – down 66% since 1995 according to the RSPB. UK swifts migrate over six thousand miles from Africa to breed. They nest in our buildings preferring cracks and cavities under the roof often going completely unnoticed. Many of these nest sites are destroyed during home improvements leaving the swifts with nowhere suitable to nest.

These iconic summer visitors may disappear from our skies forever without our help!

Luckily there are simple things we can do to help this endangered species. Installing swift boxes on our homes and sympathetic renovations will help these birds.

Most importantly we need to locate the active nests that we still have and prevent further declines. During swift awareness week why not go for an evening walk in your parish to see if you can find a swift nest. If you are one of the lucky ones I would love to hear from you.

Please report any local swift sightings particularly nests to

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and here: <https://www.swiftmapper.org.uk>



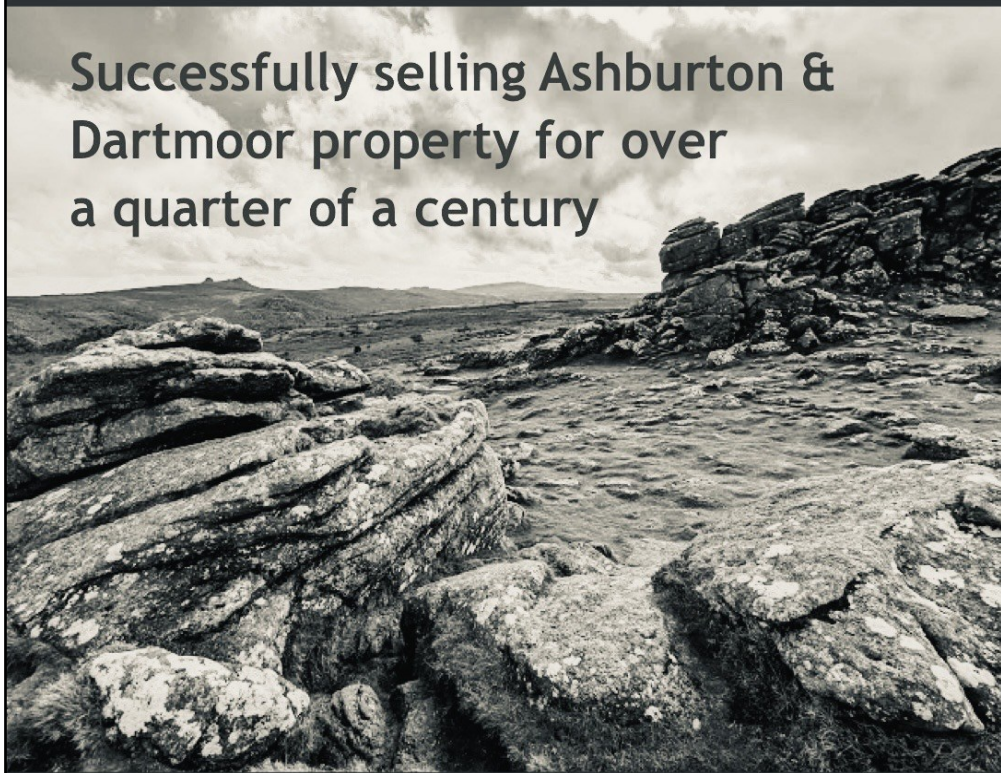
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St Gabriel, Postbridge

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Date	Time	Service
19th July	18.00	Evening Worship

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 6th July 11am - Noon

No Coffee Morning in August, back in September!

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 20th July 11.00am - 12.30pm.

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

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WHIDDON 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.

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Church Services for July 2026

5th July		5th Sunday after Trinity		Green	
<i>Readings - Genesis 24.34–38 42–49 58–end, Psalm 45.10–end or Canticle: Song of Solomon 2.8–13, Romans 7.15–25a, Matthew 11.16–19 25–end</i>					
Widcombe	10.30	Morning Worship	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	10.30	Family Service
			Ilington	10.30	Holy Communion
			Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
12th July		6th Sunday after Trinity		Green	
<i>Readings -Genesis 25.19–end, Psalm 119.105–112, Romans 8.1–11, Matthew 13.1–9 18–23</i>					
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ilington	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
Leusdon	12.15	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Holne	15.00	Moor & Messy	Ilington	10.30	Family Service
Holne	18.00	Holy Communion			
19th July		7th after Trinity		Green	
<i>Readings - Genesis 28.10–19a, Psalm 139.1–11 23–24 [or 139.1–11], Romans 8.12–25, Matthew 13.24–30 36–43</i>					
Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	All-Age Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Morning Worship	Ilington	10.30	Holy Communion
Postbridge	18.00	Evening Worship	Bickington	10.30	Morning Worship
			Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	18.30	St Petroc's Reflective Service
26th July		8th Sunday after Trinity		Green	
<i>Readings - Genesis 29.15–28, Psalm 105.1–11 45b [or 105.1–11] or Psalm 128, Romans 8.26–end, Matthew 13.31–33 44–52</i>					
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	09.15	Breakfast Church
Leusdon	12.15	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Holne	17.00	Evening Worship	Ilington	10.30	Morning Praise

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 26th July



Communion at home

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

Rainfall in May 2026

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without Rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	51.9mm (2.0")	18	15th 12.3mm (0.5")
	May 2025 62.2mm (2.66")		
Holne	67.6mm (2.43")		19th 27.1mm (1.2")



From the Registers

Memorial Service	28th May	Leusdon	Ros Partridge
Wedding	30th May	Widecombe	Beth Whale & Connor Jones
Funeral	1st June	Widecombe	Margaret Phipps
Funeral	4th June	Holne	William Rodney Perkins
Funeral	9th June	Widecombe	Brian Hutchins

Dates for the Diary

July 2026		Page	July 2026		Page
1st	Widecombe History Group	29	9th	Summer Concert - Huccaby	13
1st	High Moorland WI	35	9th	Widecombe Social Group	25
1st	Leusdon Coffee Morning	15	12th	Parish Link Copy Deadline	
2nd	Widecombe Parish Council	25	13th	Leusdon Whist	15
4th	Village Vases - Buckland	7	18th	Shallowford 50th Birthday Fete	39
6th	Leusdon Hall AGM	15	20th	Postbridge Mini-Market	19
6th	Postbridge Coffee Morning	19	25th	Widecombe Village Fete & Car Boot	26
7th	Holne Whist	9	25th	Widecombe Hall CIO Open Day	26
7th	Princetown History Club	35	28th	Dartmoor Forest PC	40
7th	Ashburton Book Group	35	30th	Buckland Whist	7
8th	Dunstone Charity Lunch	33			

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

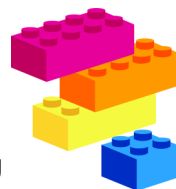
34. A Photograph: 'Dartmoor Flora'
 35. A Limerick with a Farming Theme
- ## CHILDREN'S CLASSES – Age 7 and under

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
5th July	10.30	Val C	Val C	Marian C
12th July	10.30	Ronnie	Brenda B	Marian C
19th July	10.30	Annabel	Annabel and Daniel	Debbie D
26th July	10.30	Penny	Penny	Debbie D

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 2nd July 2026
 Leusdon Memorial Hall at 7.30pm



Widecombe & District Social Group
Thursday 9th July
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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
bunting, gazebos, fences, posters, sheep
hurdles, signs

Clearing up Wednesday!

Please contact Sandra Zab (Show Secretary) via
the Widcombe Fair Website

www.widcombefair.com/contact



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

WidcombeEC@proton.me

Why not pop along to our next meeting on
Monday 29th June at 6.30pm at the Old Inn

Dates for your diary –

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

22nd August – Car Boot Sale from 9am





PROCLAMATION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR NOTICE OF BEATING THE BOUNDS

To all residents, parishioners, friends and neighbours of Widecombe-in-the-Moor:

Be it known that the Parish Council of Widecombe-in-the-Moor intends to undertake the ancient custom of Beating the Bounds of the Parish during the month of September.

This time-honoured tradition, observed for centuries throughout England, provides an opportunity for parishioners to walk the boundaries of their parish, to renew knowledge of its extent, celebrate our shared heritage, and strengthen the bonds of community and place.

All residents and those with an interest in the parish are warmly invited to take part in this special occasion. The route will follow sections of the historic parish boundary, and participants will have the opportunity to learn about the landscape, history and landmarks that define our parish.

The Beating of the Bounds will be undertaken in three stages across the three weekends following Widecombe Fair. Places will be limited and advance booking will be required. Priority will be given to parishioners and those with close ties to the parish and community, particularly those able to participate in all three stages of the route. The total distance covered over the 3 days is will be 37km. Full details of the arrangements and booking process will be published in August.



Widecombe & District Sports Group

For membership renewals 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-16s with ability are welcome to these sessions with a parent who is also playing.

For queries re tennis phone **Di Cameron on 01364 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.

Widecombe Church House Management Committee Chairman - Mike Pascoe

To book the Hall please contact Rose Mortimore 01364 621444.

Rates of Hire

Local Events: £6.00 per hour

Non-local Events: £10.00 per hour

Non-local commercial events: £100.00 per day

***For any other rates please contact
the Bookings Secretary***

Payment by cheque is preferred. Cheques to be made payable to Widecombe Church House Fund and send to Sarah Reeve,

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WHATS ON & GARDEN SESSIONS

THIS SUMMER @ THE OLD INN, WIDECOMBE

July

- Sun 12th - Andy Quick
- Sun 19th - Maggy Duffy & Bob Thompson
- Sun 26th - Crediton Brass Band
- Fri 31st - Ady Bings Bongkers Bingo 7.30pm

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 - Grimspound Border Morris Dancers

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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juliayoung644@btinternet.com

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Volunteers needed!

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We are in need of some fresh faces to keep the preschool going! No necessary skills or experience required, just the enthusiasm to help with fundraising and support to keep this fantastic setting available to the young families of our community.

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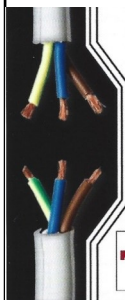
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Church contacts: Sandy McFeat 07860 555206 or Serena Walcot (01364) 631279

Sunday Services

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

Poundsgate - 5th July at 3pm. Led by Revd. Kevin Hooke in conversation with John Mills, hospital chaplain.

Dunstone Lunches

Wednesday 8th July from 12 noon until 2.30pm.

This month's lunch is for Kathryn's Mercy Home' in Southern India for poor and homeless children

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 June. We raised **£80.00** for Widecombe Pre-school and **£80.00** 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

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Prinetown Community Centre 7 for 7.30pm

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.

4th August - Twyrhillt's Tramway Walk with Simon Dell.

For further information, please contact:

Mr. John Lissenden **phone** 01752 47573

email jlissenden@talktalk.net

Mr. Bill Radcliffe

email bill.radcliffe2@bopenworld.com

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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 **1st July**

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 **7th July 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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Book tickets online here

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It's Party Time!

You are all warmly invited to Shallowford Farm's 50th Birthday Fete on the 18th of July.

It will be a classic summer fete, fun for the whole family, so please do come along. Tickets are free and bookable on our website. Some stalls and activities will be on a donation basis. Dogs that are good with livestock are welcome on leads. We hope to see you all there!

But what is it exactly we are celebrating?

Whilst our farm has been part of the Dartmoor landscape for centuries, fifty years ago we began a new chapter, telling the story of how important it is for young people to be able to discover the countryside.

What do you love most about Dartmoor? Is it how bright the starry sky is on a clear night, or the sight of rolling hills topped with tors? Perhaps it's the sound of the dawn chorus or the rivers babbling by? Maybe it's watching the seasons change, getting to witness the familiar arrival of your favourite characters as we move through the year.

How does it make you feel? At Shallowford we want everyone who stays with us to feel that too. A safe space to discover new worlds. For 50 years we have known that getting your hands in the soil, caring for an animal, and sleeping somewhere quiet can do something for a young person that nothing else quite can. It can make all the difference.

So that is why we are celebrating! Giving thanks to our past 50 years; to everyone who has been a part of our story up to now, all those that helped us get here, each person who visited as a child (and those that come back with their own!). To opening the doors to our next 50y, welcoming new characters to be part of our next chapter.

Here is what we have **coming up on the farm...**

Our 50th Birthday Fete – 18th July, 11am to 4pm - hopefully you know all about this one by now!

Butterfly Survey Training - 5th August, 10am to 4pm – Run with Buglife and Butterfly Conservation, this training day will teach you all the theory you need to know about the Marsh Fritillary and how we monitor them, before giving you a chance to head out into the field to practice your new skills. Look out on the website for how to book your free space.

Check out our events calendar here

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Dartmoor Forest Parish Council - Update

I thought I would introduce myself - I'm Abi Horn. I joined Dartmoor Forest Parish Council as the new Parish Clerk at the end of March. I am very much enjoying getting to know the parish, the councillors, and the local community.

I am still learning the place names across our large parish area, so please forgive me if I occasionally have to ask where something is! I am sure I will get there eventually, and I appreciate everyone's patience and help as I settle into the role.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested in helping shape the future of our community and would like to find out more, please come to our next council meeting. Alternatively, you can email the Clerk or speak to one of our existing councillors.

Sensory Garden Project

The Parish Council is progressing with our Sensory Garden project, which has received funding from the National Lottery. The project also includes the installation of new benches in the play park. Following a tender process, the Sensory Trust has been appointed to design the garden and support community engagement activities once it is complete. Construction work will be undertaken by a local builder alongside the Parish Lengthsman.

While there is a clear vision for the space, the design has not yet been fully agreed. We would love to hear from residents with ideas or suggestions. If you would like to share your thoughts, please come along to a council meeting or speak to Cllr Hazel Williams, who is leading the project on behalf of the Council.

Work will begin with South West Water connecting the site to the water supply. There will be no road closures – only a short pavement closure while the connection is completed.

We are delighted to see this exciting community project and look forward to sharing updates as work continues.

See full list of councillors here <https://www.dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk/members.php>

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, 28th July, 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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Business Directory

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 23rd July***

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It's not often we get an email from Australia, but this month we have - our audience clearly reaches places we hadn't expected. David Beard is a keen family historian and has traced part of his family back to Holne. If you think you can help him with his research he would be delighted to hear from you ([11](#)).

Lots of things are happening around our patch in July, this month we see the Ashburton Singers performing at Huccaby on the 9th ([13](#)), the long awaited East Shallowford 50th Birthday Fete on 18th ([39](#)) and the first Widecombe Village Fete from the new Widecombe Events Group, on 25th ([26](#)). This last is run in conjunction with - another first - a chance, at last, to see inside the new Widecombe Community Hall, which so many of us have supported as it's grown out of a muddy field...(26)

Widecombe Parish Council is reviving the age-old tradition of Beating of the Bounds, please see the announcement explaining what it entails. ([27](#)) And if you would like to walk the parish boundary, full details of how to book your place will be in next month's Link. Now might be a good time to start a fitness regime?

And finally, may we humbly apologise to the team of dedicated chefs and helpers who run the Dunstone Lunches? Last month we got the date wrong, which didn't help our rallying cry in last month's Last Word, asking people to go along. So, just to clarify, the Dunstone Lunches are always on the *second* Wednesday of the month, and this month, that falls on July 8th!!!! ([33](#))

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