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For **August** the photo is a view of
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Dear Friends,

I write this letter to you in the days following the shocking and tragic death of Ann Widdecombe, who lived with us in our own local community. It has shaken many of us to consider that such a horrific event might happen on our doorstep. Ourselves aside though, our thoughts should rightly remain with the family and friends of Ann, as they come to terms with the passing of someone they loved and held dear. Ann herself professed a deep Christian faith, and I pray that those around her will experience the comfort and peace that only God can offer us in such moments.

Almost as shocking as the circumstances of Ann's death, are some of the comments that people felt were acceptable to share on social media platforms in the wake of the breaking news of her death. While Ann's politics were not universally popular, and many would have disagreed with her views on different matters, the vile and hateful words that people felt were acceptable to share publicly about someone in the aftermath of such a tragedy beggar belief. I prayed that Ann's loved ones would be protected from these awful words, that further pain not be heaped upon their grief.

Seeing the profiles of some of the people sharing the nasty comments, I was staggered (though sadly not surprised) to see a number who would call themselves Christians. Now, being Christian doesn't mean you're not human, that you're not broken and fallible, but being a Christian should mean that we are disciples of Christ, seeking to be transformed, changed for the better, by His Holy Spirit in our lives. I was reminded of some words of Jesus:

“... what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.” (Matthew 15:18)

It is a salient lesson to us all, to consider carefully the words we share, whether it be out of our mouths or typed on a screen. What do our words say about us? When we are posting on social media or talking in the queue at the village shop, what do our words say about the nature of our heart, that we might say something that is evidently not loving towards our neighbour, or with callous disregard as to how it might make someone else feel? Whether we have a faith or not, there is a truth that cruel words we express speak to the character of who is saying them. Christians, however, believe that we are all created in the image of God, and as such, there should be more imperative upon us to consider Jesus' words. If the words of our heart defile us, then they defile also the image of God in us. In our posts on social media, or in our conversations in person, we should be seeking to speak as Jesus would desire. I see the plank in my own eye, and know I must heed this teaching too – not be a hypocrite – so I encourage us all to consider our hearts and our words more closely in our walk with God and with one another.

Yours in Christ,
Rev'd Phill

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For further details contact
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GOOD NEWS about the Haytor Hoppa,

the Bus Service for Widecombe – Newton Abbot

Attached is this year's bus timetable for the 271 service from Newton Abbot out to Widecombe and back which in the past has operated on a Saturday (May – September). The exciting news this year is that it will also be operating on a Thursday giving more opportunities for residents and visitors to get around.

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WIDECOMBE, Swallerton Gate	0948 1158 1453 1658
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Church Services—see Page 22 for details or

www.ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/buckland

Date	Table Flowers	Time	Service
2nd August	Gabriel	15.00	Holy Communion
9th August	Rebecca		
16th August	Rebecca	15.00	Evening Prayer
23rd August	Jonet		
30th August	Jonet	18.00	Postbridge - United Mission Service

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.

AMAZING

Yes - amazing the variety of flowers that the residents of Buckland-in-the-Moor managed to grow during this hottest of hot summers; as well as finding such a variety of vases (containers). Also amazing, the sight of the garden flowers and vases when joined together to sit in splendour.

To sit in this cool medieval stone building, listening to live music on a variety of instruments – so peaceful! To choose to partake of refreshments in the village hall opposite – the variety of cakes, the scrumptious sandwiches, the strawberries, and the cream tea!

Thanks must go to ALL the residents and their friends who made the day so successful; all in aid of replacing or refurbishing the cast iron guttering that has kept the parish's own historic building in good condition these past six or seven centuries. Thank you all Buckland's resident ladies and gentlemen. Between you, £820 was raised towards securing the goods to keep the grade two star building's interior walls dry, and thank you, all you wonderful people who care for this ancient community-owned building.

P.S. The lovely framed picture of the Northern Lights over Buckland sold for £100.

FOOD & WATER Save Date: **2026 Harvest Thanks & Harvest Tea – 4 October.**

Buckland Community Hall

The Community Hall at Buckland-in-the-Moor is available to hire. It is a modern building set in a quiet and beautiful location and has parking.

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Date	Time	Service
9th August	18.00	Holy Communion
16th August	09.00	Holy Communion at Huccaby
23rd August	17.00	Evening Worship
30th August	18.00	United Mission Community Service - Postbridge

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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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The lives of many of us in this locality were touched by the vibrant energy, good humour and helpfulness of Suz Way, who recently died so unexpectedly:



“Peter and Annie Way and all the family and Dave Sergeant and all his family would like to say a huge thank you to all the local Dartmoor friends who came to the remembrance for Suz at the Old Inn at Widecombe on Monday 6th July.

It was almost unbelievable the number of people who came. We estimate that there were around 180 people! Suz would have been very humbled, as we all were, that so many people came to pay their respects.

Thank you also to the Old Inn at Widecombe who were very welcoming and helpful and looked after us so well. Thanks also to the MANY people who sent cards to both families.

Sincerely, Peter and Annie.

Music

The Ashburton Singers, directed by Bridget Ansell, gave a joyful evening concert in St Raphael's on the 9th July. The varied but coherent programme of sacred and secular music from the fifteenth to the twentieth century was enthusiastically received by a sizeable audience. The concert was part of the choir's summer tour in aid of local charities, and we are very grateful for the donations towards the upkeep of the Chapel from the performers and audience. The Chapel's acoustics really seemed to suit the soaring blend of voices, and we do hope to host the Singers again.

The **Ashburton Chamber Music Festival** is also coming to St Raphael's again on **23rd July**, repeating last year's hugely popular *Nachtmusik* concert, which has been specially devised to draw on the Chapel's magical Dartmoor location, surrounded by nature. The concert takes place between **9:30 and 10:30pm** with minimal lighting as the sunset light fades, and without interruption by any introductions or applause. The hushed, contemplative atmosphere in the gathering dark combines with the intensity of the music in a truly moving experience. Tickets can be booked through ashburtonmusicfestival.org.uk

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Date	Time	Service
9th August	12.15	Parish Communion
23rd August	12.15	Parish Communion
30th August	18.00	United Mission Community Service - Postbridge

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 AGM on **6th July at 7.30pm**. This year we said goodbye to a couple of members, notably **John 'Flash' Southcombe**, who first went to the hall for the Youth Club and then joined and served on the committee from 1969 to 1974. Flash rejoined the committee in 2011 and took on the role of Chair for a second time in 2020. The committee thanks Flash for his energy and commitment across the many years. For those who attend our events, you will still see both Flash and Judy helping out at the monthly coffee mornings. This year we also welcomed **five new members**, bringing our committee to a full and enthusiastic team of **fifteen**. There were several changes within the officer roles, with a new Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. We wish everyone well as they take on their responsibilities.



Following the success of our evening events, most recently The Italian Job, planning is underway for our next big event in **2027**. Who knows what the events committee will come up with!

Our **Afternoon Tea** will take place on **Sunday 30th August**. This is **advance-ticket-only** to make sure there is plenty for everyone. To reserve your space please email leusdonmemorialhallbooking@gmail.com (See page 17 for more details)

As always, our **monthly Coffee Mornings** continue, with the next one on **5 August, 10.00am–12.00 midday**. July's Coffee Morning raised **£168.45** for Hall funds – thank you to everyone who joined us. If you haven't been before, do come along and say hello.

We also offer **tables at the Coffee Mornings** for anyone wishing to share their craft, produce, or hobby. Whether you're a crafter, painter, beekeeper, or simply have something interesting to showcase, tables are available for **£5 per session**.

Our ever-popular **Whist Drives** continue on **10th August**, with a prompt start at **2.00pm**.

Stay connected and keep an eye on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Leusdonhall/ We regularly post updates about Hall events and activities within the local community.

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With the recent hot and dry weather it is more important than ever to leave out a shallow dish of fresh water and if at all possible dry or wet cat/dog food will help our hedgehogs as food is more of a challenge to find in these conditions.

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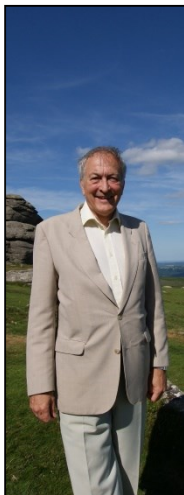
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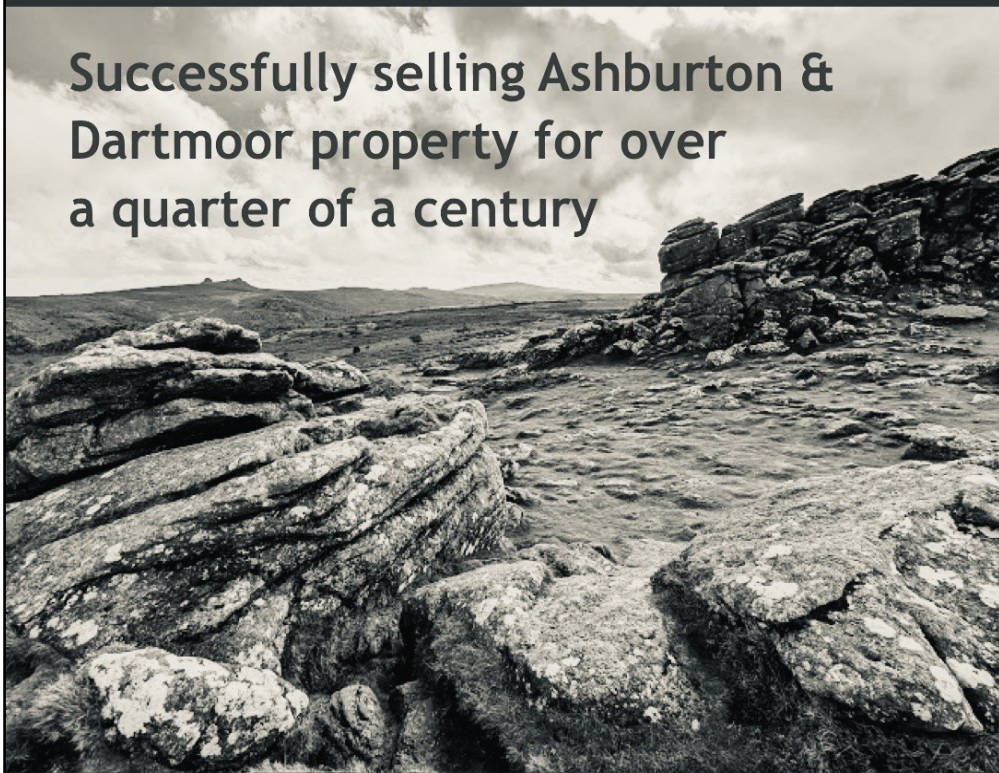
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Date	Time	Service
30th August	18.00	United Mission Community Service

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

No Coffee Morning in August, back September 7th

Following month, October 5th

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



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Church Services for August 2026

2nd August			Lammas		Green	
Readings: Genesis 32.22–31, Psalm 17.1–7,16 [or 17.1–7], Romans 9.1–5, Matthew 14.13–21						
Widecombe	10.30	Morning Worship	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
			Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion	
			Ashburton	10.30	Family Service with Baptism	
			Ilsington	10.30	Holy Communion	
			Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion	
9th August			10th Sunday after Trinity		Green	
Readings -Genesis 37.1–4, 12–28, Psalm 105.1–6, 16–22, 45b [or 105.1–10], Romans 10.5–15, Matthew 14.22–33						
Widecombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ilsington	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Leusdon	12.15	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion	
Holne	18.00	Holy Communion	Ilsington	10.30	Morning Praise	
			Bickington	15.00	Moor & Messy	
16th August			11th after Trinity		Green	
Readings - Genesis 45.1–15, Psalm 133, Romans 11.1–2a, 29–32, Matthew 15. [10–20] 21–28						
Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	All-Age Communion (With Prayers of Love and Faith Blessing)	
Widecombe	10.30	Morning Worship	Ilsington	10.30	Holy Communion	
			Bickington	10.30	St Mary the Virgin Patronal Service	
			Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer	
			Ashburton	18.30	St Petroc's Reflective Service	
23rd August			12th Sunday after Trinity		Green	
Readings - Exodus 1.8—2.10, Psalm 124, Romans 12.1–8, Matthew 16.13–20						
Widecombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	09.15	Breakfast Church	
Leusdon	12.15	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion	
Holne	17.00	Evening Worship	Ilsington	10.30	Morning Praise	
30th August			13th Sunday after Trinity		Green	
Readings: Exodus 3.1–15, Psalm 105.1–6, 23–26, 45b or Psalm 115, Romans 12.9–end, Matthew 16.21–end						
Postbridge	18.00	United Mission Community Service				

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 see [page 2](#) for contact details

Rainfall in June 2026

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without Rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	122.0mm (4.8")	13	1st 32.5mm (1.3")
	June 2025 183.7mm (7.2")		
Holne	11405mm (4.51")		5th 38.1mm (1.5")



From the Registers

Baptism	22nd June	Widecombe	Margaret Rose Brauner
Wedding	4th July	Widecombe	Adam Partridge and Katie Baker

Dates for the Diary

August 2026		Page	August 2026		Page
3rd	Widecombe Events Committee	26	16th	Parish Link Copy Deadline	
4th	Holne Whist	9	17th	Postbridge Mini-Market	19
4th	Princetown History Club	35	22nd	Widecombe Car Boot	26
5th	Widecombe History Group	29	25th	Dartmoor Forest PC	40
5th	High Moorland WI	35	27th	Buckland Whist	7
5th	Leusdon Coffee Morning	15	30th	Leusdon Afternoon Tea	17
5th	Yelverton Rotary Sports & Craft	38	Up and coming in September		
5th	Shallowford Butterfly Survey	39	8th	Widecombe Fair	24
9th	Moor & Messy Summer Picnic	5	12th	Widecombe First Beating of the	27
10th	Leusdon Whist	15	16th	1st day of Whiddon Down Festival	21
12th	Dunstone Charity Lunch	33	19th	Murder Mystery	30
13th	Widecombe Social Group	25	19th	Widecombe 2nd Beating of the	27

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

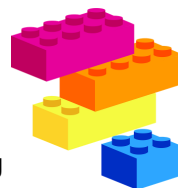
34. A Photograph: 'Dartmoor Flora'
 35. A Limerick with a Farming Theme
- ### CHILDREN'S CLASSES – Age 7 and under

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
2nd August	10.30	Wendy B	Wendy	Kriss B
9th August	10.30	Ronnie	Hugh & Sue R	Kriss B
16th August	10.30	Philly	Alison W	Sue D
23rd August	10.30	Penny	Penny	Sue D
30th August	18.00	United Mission Community Service - Postbridge		Penny W

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Widecombe Parish Council

Will not meet in August.

Next meeting Thursday 3rd September



Widecombe & District Social Group

Thursday 13th August

The Cheese Shed

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A cheese tasting at the Church House Widecombe, 7.30pm

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Why not pop along to our next meeting on Monday 3rd August at 6.30pm at the Old Inn, Widecombe

Dates for your diary –

22nd August – Car Boot Sale from 9am

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
bunting, gazebos, fences, posters, sheep
hurdles, signs

Clearing up Wednesday!

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

www.widecombefair.com/contact

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WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR BEATING OF THE BOUNDS BOOKING INFORMATION

The beating of the parish boundary will take place on the following dates

Day 1 Saturday 12th September Hemsworthy Gate to Ephraims Pinch 13.4km
total ascent 378m

Day 2 Saturday 19th September Ephraims Pinch to Newbridge 13.8km total ascent 250m

Day 3 Sunday 27th September Newbridge to Hemsworthy gate 9.27km total ascent 440m

We will be following the official parish boundary as close as we are able to or is practicable to do so. 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.

Bookings will open on 1st August 2026

Please email claire.partridge@widecombeparishcouncil.gov.uk to book your place

In your email please include the following:

Name or names of participants

Which dates/days you can attend

Contact telephone number

More details including maps and information on the three days will be available on the Parish Council website from the 1st August so please check this out before booking.

<https://widecombeparishcouncil.gov.uk/latest-news/>



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

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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

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**For any other rates please contact
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Payment by cheque is preferred. Cheques to be made payable to Widecombe Church House Fund and send to Sarah Reeve,

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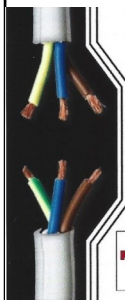
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Church contacts: Sandy McFeat 07860 555206 or Serena Walcot (01364) 631279

Sunday Services

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

Poundsgate - 2nd August at 3pm. Led by Revd. Kevin Hooke in conversation with Alwyn Marriage



Dunstone Lunches

Wednesday 12th August from 12 noon until 2.30pm.

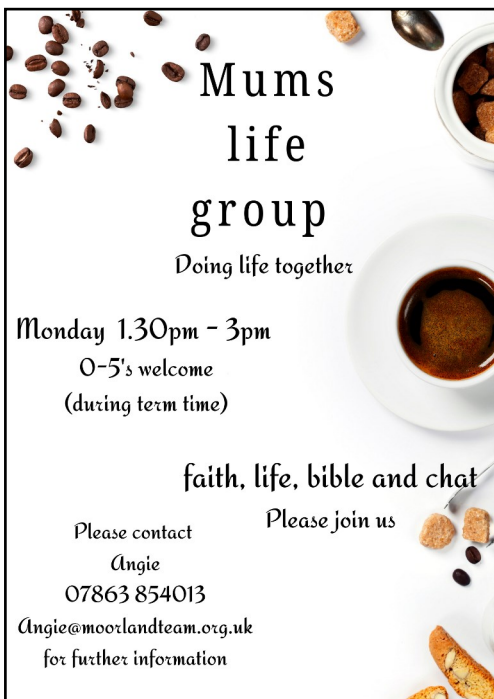


This month's lunch is for Children's Hospice Southwest

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 July. We raised **£90.00** for Kathryn's Mercy Home, India and **£38.00** for our Chapel.

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Other Community News and Events



High Moorland Women's Institute Princetown

Our July meeting was a lovely walk around Burrator Arboretum followed by a fantastic afternoon tea in a garden of one of our members. Our meetings are usually held at Princetown Community Centre on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at 7.30pm unless we have a trip organised. New members are always welcome. If you are interested please message **Sara on 07969733828**

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Next meeting **5th August at 7.30pm**

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Princetown History Club

meets **1st Tuesday** every month

Princetown Community Centre 7 for 7.30pm
4th August - Tyrwhitt's Tramway Walk Join Simon Dell on Roborough Down by the Golf Club stone shed, using the car park adjacent to the dry Devonport leat bridge on the lane from Roborough Down A386 downhill towards Clearbrook village. An easy and fit stroll looking at what is left of the railway.

1st September Join archaeologist and historian Andrew Thompson for his fascinating talk about the 'Arthurian Landscape' of the west-country

For further information, please contact:

Mr. John Lissenden **phone** 01752 47573

email jlissenden@talktalk.net

Mr. Bill Radcliffe

email bill.radcliffe2@bopenworld.com

or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PrincetownHistoryClub/events>

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
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29-31 July	daytime	Holiday Club



AUGUST



2 Aug	10:30am	Holiday Club Celebration & Lamas Service
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AUGUST UPDATE REPORT

Summer is truly with us, with lots of good weather, and we have been swinging into action once more.

We recently held our AGM at an enjoyable evening at the Drake Manor, with retiring President Roger Aggett handing over to Rotarian Nigel Tigwell, who was elected to lead the club forward for the next twelve months. In his acceptance speech, Nigel said:

"I absolutely love being a member of Yelverton Rotary Club and I'm delighted and honoured to be taking the lead for the next year. We have a super team of fantastic people, and I get a huge sense of achievement from what we do."

Our car boot sales at Yelverton Memorial Hall continue to be a good fundraiser, providing a great opportunity to find bargains and enjoy a tasty breakfast. Every penny we make goes to charity.

We were busy again this year at Meavy Oak Fair and, as always, it was a terrific day, working on behalf of the committee selling raffle tickets for some fantastic prizes.

Our Primary School Young Bake-Off competition, held at Princetown Community School, proved difficult to judge. As in previous years, the standard was exceptionally high (and delicious!). We are grateful to Michelin-starred chef, MasterChef finalist and local celebrity Peter Gorton for chairing the judging panel.

On **Wednesday 5 August**, from 10am to 3pm, we will be holding our ever-popular flagship community event – the **Sports and Craft Fun Day** – on Harrowbeer Airfield, opposite the Yelverton Play Park. The event is for all children up to the age of 11, accompanied by a parent or carer. With around 30 partner organisations taking part, we will be providing an assault course, archery, cycle races, badminton, cricket, vintage tractor rides, tabletop games, craft activities, Lego, static displays and so much more.



Put the date in your diary and do come along to have **FUN, FUN, FUN!**

You'll know the event is going ahead when you see us sweeping the moor of droppings the evening before!

We have formed a good relationship with Heather Bridge School in Dousland, whose staff do excellent work helping students overcome individual challenges and achieve personal and academic growth. Their Enterprise Learning programme is a creative, individualised approach to learning, centred around the passions and interests of each young person while developing well-being and skills for independence. The partnership is already proving successful, with students making bespoke wooden planters for local nursery schools, helping to introduce the rewards of gardening to young minds. We hope this unique partnership will continue to bring many more mutual benefits.

Our own fellowship continues to provide plenty of enjoyment. We recently enjoyed an excellent evening of bowls at Yelverton, a film night at The Wharf, and a fascinating talk by Gillian Anderson about life as a Notary.

Our annual Club Assembly also took place in July, where we planned how we will achieve our aims over the coming twelve months and established the various sub-committee leadership teams.

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

They say Teamwork makes a joy...

By the time you read this, the Shallowford Trust will have held the first main event of its 50th anniversary year at East Shallowford Farm, a summer fete with local visitors and from further afield, working together with partners, providing a taster of what Shallowford does.

In September we will be at Widecombe Fair, not only with the usual pop-up café in Church House, but with an exhibit tent in the main fairground, closely followed that same week with a series of sponsored cycle rides, radiating from East Shallowford.

On Saturday 18th October, there will be a 50th anniversary service in Widecombe Parish Church, and that's not to forget the weekly 50 years, 50 people, 50 stories posted on the website each week:

www.shallowfordfarm.co.uk/50-years-in-50-stories/

July has been busy at East Shallowford with visiting groups: two schools from Exeter for week long residentials, a weekend visit from Providence House in London, numerous visitors, and the weekly Thursday visits from a school in Exeter. We took some time to take stock with them on their last visit of the school year.

Bailey said that 'the weather environment can be a bit challenging, especially the rain, but I think you've just got to persevere with it.'

Dylan's carer said that 'I think Shallowford Farm has been amazing for him, because since he started, when he comes back home, he's always been positive about it, and we can see how he's developed by being outside, and experiencing this environment. He's thriving by being here, and I can see that here everyone wants him to thrive.'

Sean Paul said that 'coming to East Shallowford, I like the views, I like the fresh air, I like the free spaces.' His grandmother said that 'he's been coming here for three years, and he's changed so much. He's opened out since he's been here.'

Riley said: 'I just love the fact that it's different every day and you just don't know what's going to be happening, and what you're going to be tasked with. I love being able to complete goals and things. I never thought I would be coming here to a farm, but here I am, and I'm just so happy. I'm really excited about being here and being with the community and even finding that farmers are so nice. It's really nice to see everyone getting along together, because they do say that teamwork makes a joy.'



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

<https://www.shallowfordfarm.co.uk/events/>



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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, 25th August. Postbridge Village 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

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*Next issue available on **Thursday 27th August***

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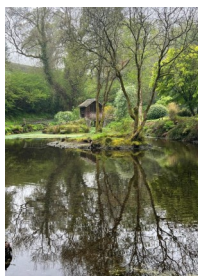
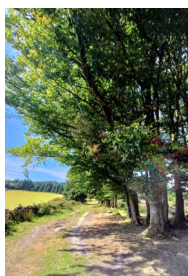
Several people have said recently that they'd like to know where the photos on our front cover were taken. As a result of this, on page [2](#) you will see that this month's photo shows Dartmeet taken from just beside Combestone Tor. Last month we featured the path into Bellever forest. June's picture was taken at Bagtor Mill, when the garden was open in the National Garden Scheme. And May was of the bluebells in the Challacombe Valley. If you don't keep back copies of the Parish Link (perish the thought!) you can still see the pictures by going to the Widecombe website and clicking on the Parish Link page: <https://widecombe-in-the-moor.com/widecombe-parish-link/> if you're reading this online. Please ask us if you'd like to know the location of any previous photos.

August is inevitably a quieter month, as so many people go away while the children are off school. But we do still have some things happening! East Shallowford Farm are running a training day for fans of Marsh Fritillary butterflies. Check their piece on p[39](#). Yelverton Rotary Club are holding their Sport and Craft Day on Harrowbeer Airfield, see p[38](#). Leusdon Memorial Hall are hosting an Afternoon Tea, as they did last year – very successfully. See p[17](#) for details of this. The summer pop-up cake stall on Widecombe Green will be back throughout August, dates are all on p[26](#). This is a fundraiser for the new Widecombe Hall which has a roof, as we've seen, but still needs to be finished!

And don't forget, now is the time to decide what to enter for Widecombe Fair. The Craft and Produce Schedule is on p[24](#). September will come along surprisingly quickly.

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