

ST. CATHERINE, WHITESTONE

with

Pathfinder Village

And

ST. THOMAS, OLDRIDGE

Parish Magazine



St. Catherine's Church, Whitestone

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NORTH KENN BENEFICE

SERVICES FOR APRIL 2008

Sunday April 6th

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| 8.0.am. Whitestone | Holy Communion | Revd Martin Wood |
| 9.30.am. Holcombe Burnell | Parish Communion | Canon John Tutton |
| 11.0.am. Tedburn St Mary | Family Service | Revd Martin Wood |
| 3.0.pm. Pathfinder | Holy Communion | Revd Martin Wood |
| 6.0.pm. Cheriton Bishop | Evensong | Lay led |

Sunday April 13th

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| 8.0.am. Holcombe Burnell | Holy Communion | Canon John Tutton |
| 9.30.am. Whitestone | Parish Communion | Canon John Tutton |
| 11.0.am. Cheriton Bishop | Family Service | Lay led |
| 3.0.pm. Pathfinder | Prayer and Fellowship | |
| 6.0.pm. Tedburn St Mary | An April Evening | |

Saturday April 19th

6.0.pm. Whitestone Parish Hall Saturday Surprise Revd M Wood

Sunday April 20th

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| 8.0.am. Tedburn St Mary | Holy Communion | Revd Martin Wood |
| 9.30.am. Cheriton Bishop | Parish Communion | Revd Martin Wood |
| 3.0.pm. Pathfinder | Evensong | Rosemarie Scaife |
| 6.0.pm. Holcombe Burnell | Evensong | Peter Chalk |

Sunday April 27th

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| 8.0.am. Cheriton Bishop | Holy Communion | Revd Martin Wood |
| 9.30.am. Tedburn St Mary | Parish Communion | Revd Martin Wood |
| 11.0.am. Holcombe Burnell | Family Service | Lay led Revd Wood to preach |
| 3.0.pm. Pathfinder | United Service | |
| 6.0.pm. Whitestone | Evensong | Jocelyn Walmesley White |

**Every Thursday 10.30.am Pathfinder Holy Communion (BCP)
Revd Martin Wood 3rd, 10th and 24th. Canon Geoffrey Moore April 17th.**

FROM THE RECTOR

Raising doubts

Easter has come and gone. The cross and resurrection have been negotiated on Good Friday and Easter day. The church's year is between resurrection and Ascension at the beginning of May. In these clear cut events lies the notion of something certain and real. They can become the hooks to hang our beliefs on.

For me the gaps between these fixed points allow doubts to grow inside me. I am in good company because some of the disciples still doubted at Jesus' Ascension.

"Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted." Matthew 28 verses 16, 17

Doubt in this case is not rooted in disbelief in the events themselves but in my understanding of what might be happening and its significance. I truly believe that the reactions to the resurrection by Jesus' disciples echo this uncertainty and doubt. If I look at the resurrection accounts there is no explanation of what happened to Jesus between Friday night and dawn on Easter. The absence of a physical body is given as evidence of resurrection but the resurrected body is able to appear and disappear in locked rooms which appear to demonstrate a freedom from physical constraints. The blindness of Mary and the two disciples on the road to Emmaus to Jesus' identity and then their immediate recognition of Jesus raises questions how different did Jesus appear to be. I wonder if they were prevented from seeing to ensure that they heard the message before being able to see the risen Christ. The resurrection presents many unanswered questions, which make more of a mystery than an open and shut case for understanding. I am happy to grapple with doubts even if there may not be a satisfactory explanation on this side of death, perhaps the full understanding comes from our experience of resurrection.

What is clear in the post resurrection appearances of Christ is that he is able to bring people from doubt to belief. In resurrecting the faith of the disciples, Jesus goes to great lengths to tackle their doubts to provide explanations and tangible proof for his resurrection. He is never critical of the doubts but uses them to provide proof for the resurrection. I can only marvel at the transformation of the disciples between Easter and Pentecost. At Easter they are in fear of their lives and by Pentecost they preach to crowd of strangers about the resurrected Christ. The transformation is rooted in the rescue of faith in the face of growing doubts. I am sure that the questioning and the doubting are part of growing our faith as long as we allow God the freedom to work within us. Being able to freely admit that we do not know the answer is perhaps the first step to finding an answer. Remember in raising doubts you are in good company and often working through doubt brings stronger belief.

Rev. Martin Wood. 12 Church Lane, Whitestone. Tel 01392 811304 (Tuesday to Sunday)

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DAILY OFFICE (MATTINS AND EVENSONG)

Martin will be saying the Daily Office (Mattins and Evensong) in each of the churches once a week at 9.00 am and 3.00 pm as follows:

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| Tuesday: | Cheriton Bishop |
| Wednesday: | Tedburn St. Mary |
| Thursday: | Holcombe Burnell |
| Friday: | Whitestone |

He will be very pleased to see anyone who wishes to join him or speak to him at these times as well.

FROM THE REGISTER

10th February 2008 – Baptism of Joshua Henry Skinner.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

We will be revising the Church Electoral Roll during April prior to the Church AGM on **24th April**.

If you wish to join the Roll please complete the application form by **3rd April** and return to Mrs. J. Thomas, 2 Barton Cottages, Whitestone, Exeter, EX4 2LB.

Forms are available from the Church Table, Mrs. Blockley (Pathfinder Village) or Mrs. Thomas.

ST. CATHERINES A.G.M.

The A.G.M. Will be held on **Thursday, 24th April** in the Billiard Room of the Parish Hall at 6.45pm, please note the earlier time. All parishioners are invited to attend and vote on the election of the P.C.C. and receive the report and accounts of the previous year.

SATURDAY SURPRISE

The fourth *SATURDAY SURPRISE* will be on **Saturday, 19th April** at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall. An informal service with something for all from babies to 90-year olds. Songs, hymns, a simple story with a message, prayers – and of course a surprise element!

For those who find Church unfamiliar, difficult or even threatening, as well as regular church people, this is an introduction to a new way of worship that's not restricted to Sunday mornings, and lasts no more than 45 minutes!

Please come and see what there may be for you. No questions asked and no pressure!

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

We are looking for singers and instrumentalists to join the existing small group who lead the music at *SATURDAY SURPRISE*. Basic skills are sufficient. Anyone interested, please contact Laura Wood on 01392 811304.



HOPE ON THE STREETS

A MILLION HOURS OF KINDNESS – Hope 2008 is not just an evangelical initiative – there are many ways in which churches can work together to bring hope to our communities. Devon churches already have a faithful presence in community work.

This **May** we have the opportunity as Christians to work together to show God's love in practical ways to neighbourhoods discouraged by fear of crime, violence, debt, poverty and more.

SOME IDEAS ARE:

Clean Ups – Parks, Streets, Homes, Gardening, Removing Graffiti, Decorating a 'grot spot', Litter collection, Murals, Car Wash.

Socials – Music or dance workshops, Sports programmes, Surfing/skating sessions, Parent/toddler groups, Party in the park or beach.

Services – Shopping for housebound, Soup Kitchens, Meals on wheels, Toy exchange, Thrift shop, Laundry service, Ironing service.

For some practical help visit:- www.exeter.anglican.org/society/socialinclusion

TURN LIVES AROUND – This month in the South West 150 people will leave prison to face an uncertain future.

Two out of three were unemployed when they went to prison – two-thirds of those who did have a job lose it while in prison and will have no means of earning a living when they are released. Half of all prisoners have a reading age of only 11 years.

Nearly three quarters of sentenced prisoners suffer from two or more mental health disorders. So perhaps it's not surprising that nearly seven out of ten find themselves back in prison within two years.

The Peninsula Initiative is a new Community Chaplaincy working with people in HMP Channings Wood, Dartmoor and Exeter and the project needs your help in prayer and financial support.

Find out how your church can support work among people leaving prison. If you are interested in learning more or having a speaker please email sally.farrant@exeter.anglican.org or leave your details on 01392 294918.

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BELL RINGING

Practice nights are on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm. Visitors are welcome, please contact Joy Field on 01392 811600 beforehand.

BENEFICE CHOIR

Anyone who would like to join the choir and sing please contact Jackie Lightband (811527). New recruits always welcome

GUILD OF ST. RAPHAEL (Sec. Mrs. E. Milverton, Tel: 811268).

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 29th April** at 2.30pm in Pathfinder Village Church. The speaker will be Mrs. Irene Ferguson from Holcombe Burnell Church.. Any enquiries or requests for prayers to Mrs E. Milverton on 01392 811268.

Table Tennis

It was a great pleasure to see so many "keen and enthusiastic" new players at our early February session! Our next hall booking is for the **7th April**, at **7.30pm**.

We have heard that there are other people who would like to come along and have a go, we are still looking for people to come along and join in with the fun. It doesn't matter how good (or bad) you are, the light exercise will give your heart and lungs a good work out, and as the evening passes you get a lot better. At £1 for adults and 50p for children it will not break the bank!! Finally, children if you would like to play, (and we want you to), you must bring a parent or responsible adult with you for the evening. If you have any queries or questions, contact Rob Prouse on 01392 811376 or 07720510452. We look forward to seeing you all on the **7th April** by which time we hope to have a **third table!**



WHITESTONE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (Sec. Mrs. M. Smith, Tel 01392 430485).

The next meeting of the Whitestone WI will be held on Monday April 14th 2008 at 7.30pm in Whitestone Parish Hall. The speaker for the evening will be Mrs Pauline Fox who will give a talk on Women in Saudi Arabia.

Whitestone WI really does need new members, we are a very friendly group of all ages. If anyone feels like giving one of our meetings a try (without any obligation to join) you will get a great welcome. WI's are closing down all over the country due to lack of members - please help us stop Whitestone becoming one of those statistics.

MOTHERS UNION

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 16th April** at Mrs. Chalk's house at 2.30pm. There will be a talk on 'Victim Support'.

WHITESTONE GARDENING CLUB (Sec. Mary Stanbury. Tel: 811532)

The next meeting is on **Monday, 21st April** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall Billiard Room.

There will be a talk by Ruth Charles and a sale of plants from her nursery. She will answer questions from members. Visitors welcome £2 for the evening.

PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Mrs Roz Hanson will be taking the bookings for Whitestone Parish Hall, her telephone number is 01392 811878.

CHURCH HOUSE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Applications for grants for students and those eligible should reach the Hon. Secretary in writing by **Wednesday, 14th May 2008**.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall (Green Room) on **Wednesday, 21st May** at 7.30pm.

Hon. Secretary, Mrs. J. Thomas, 2 Barton Cottages, Whitestone, Exeter, EX4 2LB.

SHELDON EVENTS FOR APRIL

Friday Fringe

The Nature of Desire, **Friday 11th April**.

Professor Tim Gorrige from Exeter University on the spirituality of the body, and the theology of the built environment.

The evening starts at 7.45pm. Please contact Sheldon to book a place. £5 for sandwiches and expenses payable on the night. Fat Pigeon Bar open.

Do you love to sing

Come and join a large choir for a one-off "Prom from scratch" in the magical setting of the Sheldon Open Air Theatre on **Saturday 26th July 2008**. 2pm rehearsal, 8pm concert. This event is an opportunity for local people to be part of the celebrations during July and August 2008 of 30 years of Sheldon Theatre and 21 years of the Society of Mary and Martha.

Conducted by Roy Nicholson, the event will have a "Last Night of the Proms" atmosphere and the programme will include popular classics, songs from the shows and spirituals. Phone or email theatre@sheldon.uk.com

For more information tel: 01647 252752, smm@sheldon.uk.com, www.sheldon.uk.com

WHITESTONE SOCIAL CLUB- Secretary Bob Waddell, (tel. 01392 811346)

On March 8th we held a very successful second anniversary meal in the Parish Hall. Members were welcomed with a glass of pink champagne before sitting down to a candle-lit roast beef supper, followed by profiteroles to die for and cheese and biscuits- all superbly cooked by Bob and Pam Hunt and served up by the committee. And best of all, all of this was free.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday April 24th** at 7. 30pm. in the Parish hall at which Bob Waddell will give a talk on Rocks & Minerals followed by our usual 'Bring & Share' food & drink.

We now have 55 members who pay £12 a year to join. If you join, the anniversary meal is free, as is the Christmas buffet if funds permit-so it really costs very little.

If you would like to come along to a meeting to give it a try it's just £2.

The aim of our club is to provide a friendly and sociable environment in which to meet others from the village. Please come.

WHITESTONE WALKERS

Last walk:

13 people and 2 dogs went in search of the best of the Spring & it was good to have some young people along. Starting at the Sandygate pub near Kingsteignton we went along a recently opened track through woodland until we reached the river Teign. A muddy stretch along the bank led to a right of way that was closed by slurry. Retracing, we hit the road and got back to the pub for a commemoration lunch, it being our first-anniversary walk. Gratifyingly the rain, which had held off, started pouring the minute we reached safety. Members' pedometers tallied a bit better than last time. The recorded 5.09 miles came down to 5 exactly allowing for the blocked path.

John Maloney

Next walk:

The next walk will be on **Sunday April 6th** through the Teign Valley at Dunsford Wood Nature Reserve. Depending on the weather and how we feel on the day there will be a choice of two walks of either 4 or 5.5 miles. We start from Boyland Road (Map Ref:O.S.Leisure Map 28. 784.893) and walk south east beside the river Teign through the Dunsford Wood Nature Reserve and the Meadhaydown Wood Nature Reserve to Steps Bridge. There is a small restaurant at Steps Bridge, which may or may not be open but if not there is seating nearby. Distance to Steps Bridge is approximately 2 miles, on level ground which could be muddy if wet.

A return walk along the same route could be varied slightly as there are a choice of paths beside the river, and set further back from the river, making a total distance of approximately 4 miles. Or we can return through to Cod Wood to Clifford Farm to make a circular walk of approximately 5.5 miles - This path is not so well kept as the one in Dunsford Wood, and will require stout walking shoes or boots.

Meet as usual at the Parish hall, **9 30am**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 24th- Pathfinder Village hall, 1 30 to 3 30pm. Exercise sessions. Free. Share transport.

May 5th -Art and craft Fair, Parish Hall, 10am to 4pm. Closing date for exhibitors April 18th

May 17th- Games evening for all in the Parish Hall, 7 30pm. Free entry.

June 21st- Music event in the Community Garden, 7 30pm. Local musicians play for your entertainment on midsummer night. Free.

July 12th- Village Fete 2pm to 5pm. Quiz night Parish Hall 7 30 pm.

ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR, BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, 5TH MAY

As last year, anyone living in the Parish and wishing to take part will have priority over others. If you wish to exhibit your work and not sell, this will be free of charge. If you'd like to take part, please contact Peter Hanson on 01392 811 878.

WHITESTONE FETE is planned for 12th July 2008 at 2:30pm with a staggering variety of stalls and attractions. As well as the usual skittles, children's races, white-elephant, books, cream teas, cakes, raffle, face painting and tombola, we are planning to include a Fun Dog Show, china breaking stall, local donkeys from the sanctuary, a children's fancy dress competition (theme –Summertime), local photo competition, Dance group show and an amazing Duck & Sheepdog demonstration. A Family Quiz is also planned for the evening.

All of this urgently requires willing helpers on the day. Please let us know if you are available to help in any capacity.

Please contact: Mary Belt 811374

Linda Cox 811640

Jock Kirkpatrick 811205

As always, any profit made will go towards the upkeep of the Parish Hall and local charities. Since Sept 2000, over £2,300 has been donated by Whitestone Sports and Social in this way.

Daniel and Rosie Button

Prayer Update March 2008

Dear Everyone,

Thank you as always for your prayers and support over the last weeks. Quite a list of prayer requests this time...

Abigail and Alex's school...

Abigail and Alex go to a small international primary school in Kampala called Ambrosoli. It is a very friendly, lovely school – both our children love their teachers (as do we!) The school has grown a lot in the last few years and now has over 200 pupils from about forty countries, mainly European and other African countries. Last Christmas an issue arose as to whether the school should have Christmas carols, since we now have several Muslim and Jewish families in the school as well as some other faiths. Rosie has become part of a parents' working group to look at the issue of how we approach religion in the school. The other members of the group are a Muslim couple from Egypt, a Bahai Ugandan lady, a Jewish lady from Israel, a Dutch man with Buddhist leanings, an Austrian Catholic mum and a Swedish mum who is Lutheran. The issues that have been brought up so far include: whether we want to have RE taught as part of the curriculum, whether the school should have a Bible club and a Quran/Arabic club offered (as they currently are) by the school, whether the school should recognize all the holy days of all the religions represented, whether school meals should all be halal (maybe too expensive to offer a variety of diets...?), whether the PTA should host a carol service next year or leave it purely to parents to organize "unofficially", etc etc. This group is mainly opinion-seeking (putting out a questionnaire) and making recommendations from the parents - the final decisions will be made by the school board. *Please pray for me as I participate in these meetings!!* And for the Board and our new headteacher (who is a Christian) as they make these important decisions. There has always been an open and positive attitude towards Christianity in the school, as well as acceptance of the other faiths, and that is what I would like to see continue!

Dan's department...

The General Studies department (now renamed "Foundation Studies" to reflect the purpose of its courses) is having their retreat/weekend getaway on March 15th/16th. A great programme of talks, outings and prayer has been planned, with a guest speaker Fred Mukhwana, who heads the Child Development and Children's Ministry programme that Dan helped develop. Dan will also be one of the speakers. Last year this was such a positive time for the tutors and lecturers involved – please pray that it will be equally encouraging and refreshing for everybody this time, and pray for Dan and Fred as they share.

Women in Theology...

The Women in Ministry group has had some interesting discussions in our recent meetings, especially on the area of singleness and marriage. Evidently some of our male students are prone to advise the single female students that they must get married before they get ordained - but without offering to be the groom...! Please pray for the single girls in our group, for wisdom in this area, for God to protect them from wrong marriages/relationships, and for husbands who can support their ministry. Pray for the rest of our meetings this term, that they would be upbuilding and helpful for the women who come.

Our Students...

Another class of our Theology students will complete their studies in April, and leave for ministry. They include good friends like Nebiyou and his wife Hewan from Ethiopia, who are going to lead the Anglican congregation in Egypt. Also, Shearsby who will go to a parish in South Africa, and Phocas, a Tanzanian student and live wire, as well as many others we have become close to. Please pray for them as they finish their work and write their exams. Meanwhile we are in the process of accepting a large new group of first years who will be starting in May. Pray that the right people will be accepted and enabled to come here by the diocesan Bishops.

We wish you a Happy Easter. With our love and prayers, from
Rosie, Dan, Abigail and Alex.

Heavenly - Fair for all

'Christ's example, especially his shared meals and his Last Supper, shows that eating and drinking glorifies God. ... Food is not merely another economic commodity governed in its production and distribution by the laws of the market. Since it is essential to life, it is both a sacred entity and a global common good.'

Dr. Edward P. Echlin is a Catholic ecological theologian, honorary research fellow at All Saints College, Leeds University, Christian Ecology Link.

Christian Ecology Link encourages churches to serve meals using the LOAF Principles:

Locally produced, Organically grown, Animal friendly, Fairly-traded. Downloadable placemats, posters and leaflets are available from their website www.christian-ecology.org.uk

Fairtrade begins at home

The Bishop of Exeter supports Fair Trade for British farmers. The pursuit of cheap food coupled with the buying power of the big supermarkets is putting farming livelihoods at risk.

'As bishops of a church which is a major investor in the retail food industry and which is also the landlord to many tenant farmers, we have a duty to consider the relationship between these two areas of business,' said Bishop Michael. 'In particular we have to ask whether this relationship is fair and whether it operates within what we consider to be the principles of Fair Trade. Are human beings treated with dignity and respect, or is there some exploitation of one group of people for the unfair gain of another?'

'The low inflation which the British population has enjoyed for a number of years appears to have been generated, at least in part, at the expense of the livelihood and well-being of the farming community.'

Fairtrade begins at home: a report from the Church's Ethical Investment Advisory Group (EIAG) calls for a genuine fair trade "mark" for food, reared, grown, produced and processed in Britain, offering consumers and suppliers a fair product for a fair price.

Local produce

'The problem is that most people still shop from supermarkets, which find local sourcing inconvenient and less profitable for them. Large retailers prefer to buy from one enormous company and if that happens to be in America or Italy it doesn't rate as a concern to them.'

'It's a shame because as well as the environmental benefits, buying local food is good for you. It is more nutritious as it has not been picked a long time in advance.'

Dee Rooney, Local Food Company, South Brent, in Devon Life

'Put simply, food miles are the measure of the distance a food travels from field to plate. Agriculture and food now account for nearly 30 per cent of goods transported on our roads. This travel adds substantially to the carbon dioxide emissions that are contributing to climate change - which is why food miles matter. A new report by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) says that food miles rose by 15 per cent between 1992 and 2002.'

www.bbc.co.uk/food/food_matters/foodmiles.shtml

Fairtrade

'Bananas are the livelihood of the farmers... it is so important for them to continue to receive the support of the supermarkets, the customers and Fairtrade.'

Conrad James, banana farmer, St Lucia

'The current success of Fairtrade shows that we are on the right path. Because each purchase of a Fairtrade product is an act of practical solidarity – and a real pleasure!'

Heidemarie Wiczorek-Zeul, German Development Minister

Fairtrade sales increase by around 40% every year in the UK, giving hundreds of thousands of producers in developing countries the chance to build a better future and to compete in cut-throat global markets. But Fairtrade Foundation Executive Director Harriet Lamb wants the movement to go further:

'Fairtrade has demonstrated its potential to help producers improve their livelihoods, strengthen their businesses and benefit their communities, but compared with what is needed in the poorer countries of the world, we've really only begun to make a dent in the struggle against poverty and unfair trade.'

www.fairtrade.org.uk

Extracts from Minutes of Whitestone Parish Council meeting held at Whitestone Parish Hall on Thursday 13th March 2008 at 7.30pm to be confirmed at Council meeting on 10th April 2008.

Attendance: Chairman – Councillor Mrs M Belt
Councillors P Hanson, D Munro, Mrs B Netherway,
R Phillips, M Riches, Mrs T Taylor
District Councillor P Bromell
Mrs P Vaughan, Clerk to the Council

Apologies: Councillor Mrs L Cox

No members of the Public

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th February 2008 having been circulated were taken as read and signed as a true copy by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

1 School Houses

Rent for the property had been received from Cooksleys minus an amount for a plumbing repair that had been required in the kitchen.

The Clerk reported that following her report at the February Council meeting an amended electricity account for £138.89 has now been received from npower and following discussion it was resolved that this should be paid.

2 School Houses

The members of the Sub Committee reported on work progress at the house and it was agreed that specifications for painting work be prepared and quotes be requested for this work to be presented at the next Council meeting. Councillor Phillips submitted two quotes for bathroom installations (£206.89 and £266.60) that were placed on file for future reference.

A letter was read to the Council with a request from a couple for consideration as prospective tenants of the house. It was resolved that a reply be sent indicating that it is the Council's policy that rental and letting arrangements are done through a Letting Agency and not by any private agreement.

MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Belt reported on the Neighbourhood Watch meeting that had been held. Flyers had been distributed advertising this meeting and she had been hopeful for a larger turnout but approximately 30 people had attended. Mr Derek Fisher had agreed to become the co-ordinator together with other residents. It had been agreed that six signs indicating that Whitestone was a Neighbourhood Watch area should be obtained and Councillor Belt had collected these from the Teignbridge District Council offices. It was proposed and seconded that these should be purchased by the Parish Council at a cost of £30, all in favour.

FINANCE

Income Rent received from Cooksley for 1 School House.

Expenditure The following items were proposed and seconded for payment with all in favour:-

Clerk's expenses and quarterly salary £271.92
Mr Joll £178.00

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters from Teignbridge District Council and Devon County Council regarding the Boundary Commission Review of Local Government in Devon had been distributed to Councillors and further information from the Devon Association of Parish Councils was read to the meeting. Meetings have been arranged throughout Devon and Councillor Belt will attend a meeting at Christow on the 20th March and report back to the Council

Chief Constable for the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary presented a progress report on the policing service over the past 12 months.

Teignbridge District Council - Warm4Winter leaflets were distributed.

Teignbridge District Council - changes to the process for complaining about the conduct and standards of behaviour of local Councillors. This will now be in the hands of a Standards Committee set up at Teignbridge District Council and a notice to this effect has been placed on the Parish Hall notice board. Councillor Mrs Belt informed the Council that Teignbridge Association of Local Councils were now looking for two more representatives to serve on this Committee and it was resolved that her name should be put forward.

Highways Agency had notified the Council regarding the closure of the gap in the central reservation at the Fingle Glen Junction and discussion followed regarding this with District Councillor Bromell supplying an update from the Fingle Glen Junction Business and Community Action Group which is being distributed throughout the area. It was agreed that a letter should be sent from the Parish Council supporting that further consideration should be given to the building of slip roads and a bridge in order to alleviate the increased traffic which is now noticeable as going through the village.

It was noted that Mr Mike Walker, JP, would be attending the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 22nd April to give a presentation on "Magistrates in the Community".

PLANNING

Planning Application

08/00935/COU Change of use of redundant barn to dwelling house (revised scheme) at The Barn, Hill Farm, for Mr S Gibbons. Plans were examined and discussed with no objections.

Grant of Conditional Planning Permission

07/05080/FUL Two storey extension, balcony and conservatory at Dormers, 14 Church Lane for Mr D Fisher.

REPORTS

Councillor Taylor reported on ruts in the road surface near Copperwalls Lodge.

Councillor Riches reported a drain cover still missing near Pound View Farm and another damaged in the same area.

Councillor Munro reported complaints regarding dog mess on the public footpath and in the area of the children's playground where it was a hazard to children's health. An appeal was made to dog owners to be more careful when walking their dogs and use the dog bins provided.

The parking area at Crossways was also discussed and fears that emergency services might have difficulty in accessing with the current arrangements.

There had been no reports on the 173 bus service.

Councillor Netherway reported that she and Councillor Mrs Taylor had attended the Playground Inspection on 12th March and there were several items which were in need of attention. It was agreed that this would be discussed when the report was received from Playsafety Ltd.

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EXTRACTS FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL IN TOUCH FOR MARCH 2008

DETAILS OF SHAW PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED

Negotiations with Shaw Healthcare are continuing but Devon County Council has announced details of the proposals that could revolutionise the delivery of care on the council's current residential homes sites.

The proposals would see the Council's 26 residential homes transferring to Shaw Healthcare, who will invest £100 million to develop social care services across Devon.

Over an 8 year programme, the proposal would include:

- 19 new builds on existing sites
- 1,070 new units of accommodation, including 370 Extra Care flats for older people with care needs.
- Increase in care for older people with dementia*
- Increase in care for older people with nursing needs*

*Specialist care services for people with dementia and needing nursing care are in short supply right now in Devon. This mix of new build state-of-the-art residential homes, extra care housing and more provision of much-needed specialist services will increase the range and choice for older people needing social care.

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Contributions for the May 2008 Parish Magazine to Pat Martin, 11 Merrymeet, by Wednesday 16th April please. Any queries, comments, suggestions or complaints about the magazine, please, to the editor, Mrs. J. Kellagher, East Rowhorne – (01392) 273864.

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Sydenham & Vernon

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