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SERVICES FOR MAY 2008

Thursday May 1st Ascension Day

10.30.am.	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Canon Geoffrey Moore
7.0.pm.	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Canon John Tutton

Sunday May 4th

8.0.am.	**Whitestone**	**Holy Communion**	**Canon John Tutton**
9.30.am.	Holcombe Burnell	Parish Communion	Revd Tim Gorringe
11.0.am.	Tedburn St Mary	Family Service	Lay led MW preach
3.0.pm.	Pathfinder Village	Holy Communion	Canon Geoffrey Moore
6.0.pm.	Cheriton Bishop	Evensong	Lay led

Sunday May 11th Pentecost

8.0.am.	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Tim Gorringe
9.30.am.	**Whitestone**	**Parish Communion**	**Revd Martin Wood**
11.0.am.	Cheriton Bishop	Family Service	Lay led
11.0.am.	Tedburn St Mary	Joint Christian Aid Service	Methodist Hall
3.0.pm.	Pathfinder	Fellowship and Prayer	

Sunday May 18th

8.0.am.	Tedburn St Mary	Holy Communion	Revd Tim Gorringe
9.30.am.	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11.0.am.	**Whitestone**	**Family Service**	**Lay led MW preach**
3.0.pm.	Pathfinder	Evensong	Rosemarie Scaife
6.0.pm.	Holcombe Burnell	Evensong	Peter Chalk

Sunday May 25th

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

Every **Thursday** 10.30.am. Pathfinder Holy Communion (BCP)
8th Canon John Tutton 15th and 22nd Revd Martin Wood
29th Canon Geoffrey Moore

FROM THE RECTOR

The month of May starts in an impressive style by celebrating Ascension Day on Thursday 1st May. It continues style by celebrating on the Sunday 11th May Pentecost. I always think it is worth explaining a little about these dates and their origins. In the Acts of the Apostles we are told that Jesus ascended to heaven after 40 days. It has become the custom to celebrate Easter for these 40 days. The church looks at the many appearances of the risen Jesus Christ and his teachings on life after death. The whole notion of resurrection and life after death is a difficult concept to grasp. It is worth remembering that the people who had seen the resurrected Christ also found it hard to believe. When Jesus leaves the apostles at the Ascension he tells them to wait a few days for God's power to come upon them.

We are told that those few days turned out to be ten days because God's Spirit came upon the apostles fifty days after Easter. The word Pentecost derives its name from the Greek word "*penecoste*" which means fiftieth day. So here we have a timetable of events, Easter Sunday, which is followed forty days later on a Thursday, with Ascension Day. Then ten days later is Pentecost which is on a Sunday, seven weeks after Easter.

Pentecost was a traditional time to join the church. Entry into the church was marked by baptism. The custom of wearing white clothes for this became a tradition. As the tradition grew it was known as White Sunday and then abbreviated to Whitsun. So Whitsun also a celebrates Pentecost. There is a tradition of a Bank Holiday on the Monday after Whitsun. There is an apparent problem because Pentecost is celebrated this year on 11th May whereas the bank holiday is on 26th May. The Whitsun Bank Holiday was replaced in 1971 by a fixed spring bank holiday on the last Monday. The connection to Whitsun or Pentecost Sunday and its Bank holiday was lost.

Pentecost marks a change of strategy. While Jesus was around, his mission was directed through his leadership. Inevitably the reach of Jesus was limited to where he travelled, the people he spoke with and lives he touched. At Pentecost the apostles took over the task of spreading the good news. With at least twelve apostles and their followers, the impact of Jesus was felt throughout the world. Looking back, Pentecost was the start of new phase of mission that has reached around the world and has impacted on an estimated 2.1 billion Christian people (approximately one third of the world population). Pentecost is an example of something small becoming really big. You might argue that it is a miracle in itself. It was started by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and inspired by God's spirit.

Perhaps the question to ask is if Jesus and Pentecost are so much a catalyst for change then how much have you moved on in belief and sharing this good news? I would like to think we would all be the richer for such the experience.

Rev. Martin Wood. The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop 01647 24119(Tuesday to Sunday)

PS For the more observant you will have noticed that I will have moved from Whitestone to Cheriton Bishop you will need to change my phone number.

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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:

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.

SATURDAY SURPRISE SERVICES

There will be NO SATURDAY SURPRISE in May. Instead there will be a family Service in Church on **Sunday, 18th May** at 11.00 am.

BENEFICE SERVICE COLLECTION

You will be interested to know that the collection for the Friends of Mashambanzou Trust (the Charity caring for AIDS orphans in Harare that we support) at the team service on 30th April, realized £180.

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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, 27th May** at 2.30pm in Pathfinder Village Church. The speaker will be Mrs. Jocelyn Walmesley White. Any enquiries or requests for prayers to Mrs E. Milverton on 01392 811268.

WHITESTONE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (Sec. Mrs. M. Smith, Tel 01392 430485).
The next meeting of the Whitestone WI will be held on **Monday, 12th May** at 7.30pm in Whitestone Parish Hall. This will be a members evening for discussion of resolutions.

MOTHERS UNION
The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 21st May** at Mrs. Gilbert's house at 2.30pm. There will be a talk on 'Wild Life in Devon'.

WHITESTONE GARDENING CLUB (Sec. Mary Stanbury. Tel: 811532)
The next meeting is on **Monday, 19th May** when the group will be visiting Sherwood Garden at Newton St Cyres. Meet at the Parish Hall at 17.45 hours to share transport. Cost still to be notified.
There will be no meeting in June, but there will be one in August, when we normally have a break.

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.

WHITESTONE PLAYERS
There will be an OPEN MEETING, to include a short AGM, on **Wednesday, 7th May** in the Parish Hall Billiard Room. Please come along and find out how you can join in, whether as ***actors, stage hands, costume makers, painters or singers -*** there are plenty of opportunities.

EXERCISE SESSIONS

KEEP FIT AND HAVE FUN

PATHFINDER VILLAGE HALL 2.00 - 3.00 pm ON THURSDAYS

1st May	**Alexander Technique**	**8th May**	**Keep Fit**
15th May	**Yoga for Life**	**22nd May**	**Step at a Time**
29th May	**Tai Chi**		

Sessions are open to people of all ages and abilities and are FREE.
(£1 donation for refreshments).

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MARY'S DAIRY DIARY - APRIL 2008

April is bluebell time, that delicate hyacinth smell suddenly brought to you on a breath of wind, and there is the glorious unbelievably blue carpet. In our Devon woods, we very often get wild garlic, stinking lily as it's called, alongside – so you catch the bluebell smell, then you're in the middle of wild garlic – never mind, it makes a lovely soup, the beautiful white star flowers a pungent addition to landscape and food.

The song birds are all in full twitter, competing for territory to the benefit of our ears. We've a couple of woodpeckers that come to our bird feeders – the greater spotted ones, with a flash of red on their chest. I love the 'yaffle' laugh of the green woodpeckers as they fly to a new tree, then their crazy drilling into wood that echoes across the valley.

CROPS - are on their dizzying race for growth after the slow progress of early spring. Everywhere we look, fields and hedgerows, the warm sun and rain has things grow almost visibly. We feed this crazy growth to allow the plants to develop roots to go down to beat the dry times, it's that as much as strong clean leaf growth that feeds the developing ears, still buried deep inside the plants. More leaf makes more root that drinks to drive growth – 'plants only drink' as my father says.

MAIZE - We've planted a little maize as a good backup feed for cows grazing next winter – ploughed in March, seeds drilled in April, just out of the ground so quickly, giving a pale green shimmer over our red soil. It seems impossible that it'll overtake the grass – in a cold spell, it'll sit looking miserable. It's a sub-tropical plant like sugar cane that uses light to grow more efficiently than our temperate plants, but it doesn't like to grow until the soil is at 10oC – grass and wheat are happy to grow at 5oC. So if it's cold it sulks, but if it's warm it roars away.

GRASS - is the star crop on our farm, growing almost all year in our mild climate, and so well on our rich river valley soils. We graze the cows in just the right size of paddock for them to eat all the grass down in one sitting, then leave it to do that amazing thing – a half inch of new growth overnight from the root reserves, pale green, sweet and soft. We leave that to drive the next cycle of growth. If you eat that (and it is so sweet and juicy, even edible by people, and selected by animals) the roots have nothing left to bump start growth, and leaves develop more slowly. In April, you've got so much growth you hardly notice it if you miss some, but over a season it makes a big difference. From chasing around to find the next lot of grass for the cows as we were in March, the challenge is to keep it well enough grazed down so it grows cleanly next time. Imagine sticking your nose into left-overs from 3 weeks ago – so we try to keep the sward clean and grazed down each time we graze, so the cows are sticking their noses into new sweet growth for every bite. Sometimes we need to cut a field to tidy it up, or leave it to be cut for silage next month if the growth has really outstripped the cows.

COWS - are the star animals, which turn all that lovely grass into milk, harvesting it, ruminating it so their rumen bugs break down the cellulose – the stalky bits that are left if you chew a blade of grass, then turning into that magical milk. The cows are looking well – it's paid off to feed them a milking ration in the 3 weeks before they calved in February. They were used to the food, and ate well in their lower appetite days after calving, so it's really pleasing how shiny and even sleek they are looking – fresh calved cows can easily look starey-coated and gaunt if they've lost too much weight. Now, so soon after calving, they start coming up to their peak milk, and also the time to check whether they are ready to get back in calf next month. The natural annual cycle of peak milk to co-incide with peak grass growth and their human-length pregnancies demands that we need to get them in calf in May. So this month we check them over, to make sure they have cleansed themselves after calving, and the vet has seen to any dirty cows, giving them a 'wash-out' of their wombs. A cow doesn't normally get seriously ill from this, as a person would, but she won't get in calf, so no milk next year. Touch wood, they mostly seem very clean, again suggesting we got the mineral balance and feed right before calving.

CHEESE - That balanced feed and healthy cows is also showing up with a good balance in the milk. Our Swedish Red crossbred cows seem to keep a nice balance, especially as we don't push them too hard. Even so, the milk is rising every day, and we are getting busy in the cheese dairy - 3 vats a day, 4 if we bring in goats milk. There is so much hand work, the cheese to make each day, but the previous 3 days cheese to bump out of moulds, wash in hot water after the first day to form a rind, lard and dress in cheese cloth on the second, then out of the press for the last time on the third morning and take it to store. So more milk rapidly ramps up the work; and we need to leave time and energy to give proper attention to today's milk and curd on its way into mould then press - every stage needs care for it to turn out just as it should.

In the store, we seem to have got on top of our cheese mite - they just look like the dust on a Stilton (which is mite). I'm hoping we'll start seeing a reduction in blue mould inside the cheese - you can have too much of a good thing, delicious though blue cheddar is. Thank you for putting up with a little more mould or discoloured rind or cut taken out of wedges of cheese - no harm to anyone, but not quite the perfect cheese I want. I had a lovely message from America saying how our cheese is tasting so well and stands up well to the journey, we must have trained them very well when we send them on!

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

The next meeting will be on Bank Holiday Monday May 26th and will be a barbecue in the Community Garden (weather permitting – inside the Hall if not) starting at 6pm

Please return booking slip to Carol Waddell by 16 May. The cost is £3.50 for members, £5.00 for family & friends (£2.50 for children)

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.

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

Vicky rang at 8 45am with snow falling (or rather traveling sideways at great speed) to ask "What do you think?" With immediate thoughts remembering the very first walk in March last year, with torrential 45 degree slanting rain we thought we'd ask the others if they'd like to do a local circuit if conditions were really bad.

In the event by the time we all met at the Parish Hall the sun was out and the snow was melting so we stuck to the original plan.

The sun continued to shine and we walked through fields of wild Daffodils and woods full of wild Garlic and Wood Anemones alongside the River Teign to Steps Bridge and then back along the other side through Cod Wood to Clifford Bridge. A delightful walk.

Many thanks to Herb and Vicky for organizing the walk,

Peter Hanson

Next Walk

Meet at the Parish Hall on **Sunday May 4th** at 9 45am to share transport. This will be a circular walk of about 2 hrs. We start just after Welwyn Farm on the Tedburn Rd, then follow Lillybrook towards Venny Tedburn then back via Oldridge Church and Tomhead Cross. It's a lovely walk along quiet lanes and footpaths but a little bit muddy in one or two places after the church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 1st - Pathfinder Village hall, 2 to 3 pm. Alexander Technique. **Free.** Call Mary Belt to share transport. See notice in the magazine for other classes.

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**.

May 26th - Community Garden. Social Club BBQ.

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.

Art & Craft
FAIR

Whitestone Parish Hall - Bank Holiday Monday
May 5th 2008 - 10am to 4:00pm

Famous local artists include Ursula Radford who is a member of the naive artists of St Ives and has exhibited at the Tate, Pam Cox and many others. New talent and up-and-coming artists will be exhibiting their work. Don Nicholson will be painting during the exhibition.

Crafts include woodturning, hand dyed silk items, hand-made books with leather covers, jewellery, cards, stained glass articles, sculptural seating and much more.

There will be an area for children to try out creative arts and a cafe selling teas, sandwiches, home-made cakes etc. The raffle includes a top prize of a free year's membership to the National Trust.

FREE ADMISSION

CROSSLINKS

Daniel and Rosie Button

Prayer Update April 2008

Dear All,

Thank you for your prayers over the past month. We hope you had a happy if snowy Easter. On Palm Sunday we drove into Kampala to go to church because our good friends (who I used to work with in Zambia years ago, and who now live here (great!)) were having their little boy Sam dedicated at their church. Almost all the way along the main road to Kampala, there were tall frondy palm branches being waved as people made their way to their services. Whenever we drove past a church (there are many along the wayside), peering into the windows you could see a forest of palms being brandished about, and even many of the matatus and boda-bodas (motorbike taxis) had palm branches attached to their handlebars or roofs. It really felt like a celebration making our way to the capital – very appropriate. In the same way as the people of Jerusalem all those years ago, it felt as though the whole of Kampala was singing Hosanna that morning, yet continuing to put Jesus on the cross in all the very many ways... But it was a joyful drive to church!

Abigail and Alex have had a two week school holiday, much enjoyed by all. The highlight was a VERY wet camping trip, where, having eventually managed to go to sleep in spite of raging wind, thunder, rain and lightning flashing around us in circles, we all woke up with soggy mattresses and soaking pajamas... We had had good fun swimming and fishing the day before and the children took it all in their stride... Rosie however needed many cups of tea to recover...

Thanks...

- The retreat for Dan's department went really well. The tutors had the time of their lives by all accounts, listing as highlights: playing football, great fellowship, riding the donkeys at the Entebbe wildlife park, swinging on the swings, enjoying the beach, visiting another local university, wonderful worship time, bonding together in spite of being from many different tribal backgrounds, and some inspiring talks on "Teaching with and for a Difference." We thank God that it was such a refreshing and encouraging time. Dan was encouraged to see the "team" bonding together so well.
- Rick Warren (writer of the Purpose Drive Life) came to Uganda for some meetings, and Dan was able to take a small group of the tutors to a dinner to hear him speak, along with the Archbishop, many Ugandan church leaders, two Ugandan generals, the head of Ministry of Finance and the head of the Uganda Revenue Authority and Bank of Uganda. It was an inspiring session for many. We gather that the Church of Uganda is planning to do some form of the Purpose Driven Life course this year, hoping to draw in the leaders of some of these institutions – with the exciting vision of a "Purpose Driven Nation"!!

Prayer points...

- The Ugandan tax authorities (the URA) are threatening to treat the university as a profit-making business and levy a 30 % corporation tax on our "profits" ie capital expenditures. The administration is holding meetings with them to try to sort this out as this would be a huge disruption to the university. Please pray for a quick resolution of this serious matter.
- The students are about to start their exams. Please pray for them to do their best! We especially ask prayer for the Theology students who are writing their final exams at this time. We had a good farewell celebration for the 3rd years, on a spot in the college grounds where during the Idi Amin years a group of Amin's soldiers were bombed and killed. Alfred the Dean used this as a motif for "burying any differences students and staff have had, repenting and being reconciled". Please continue to pray for good relationships between members of the theology faculty.
- Our friend Peace who many of you have prayed for has very sadly suffered another bereavement. Her mother died very suddenly, back at home in Bushenyi, of high blood pressure. Peace is bearing up but she is finding it very hard. Please pray for her and for her children Martha and Divine as they come to terms with yet another loss. 14 members of Dan's department, where Peace works, went to support her at the funeral and burial.
- As I write we still wait for news from Zimbabwe. Please keep praying for that country and our former students and friends there.

With love and prayers,

Rosie, Dan, Abigail and Alex

Devon intouch Monthly News Round-up

'A Grand Western Weekend'

A flotilla of boats will take to the open roads of Mid Devon this spring. Their crews will steer a steady course on dry land to the Grand Western Canal which has been chosen to host the 2008 Inland Waterways Association National Trailboat Festival for the first time.

It's the main event in the calendar for enthusiasts of trailboats - the name given to those inland waterway pleasure craft which can be towed by a four wheel drive or similar vehicle and launched from slipways. The event is staged at a different waterway venue each year.

This prestigious gathering of up to 50 such craft from all parts of the British Isles will be part of a two-day 'Grand Western Weekend' over the Spring Bank holiday on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May. It aims to raise the profile of the Grand Western Canal and expects to attract around 3,000 visitors each day.

It will also celebrate the restoration work done over recent years to transform the once disused 11 mile stretch of history-steeped waterway and its towpaths into a haven for boaters, walkers, cyclists and anglers. The canal is a wildlife-rich corridor, teeming with wildflowers, birdlife and dragonflies leading to the Country Park achieving Local Nature Reserve status in 2005.

The canal and countryside fair will offer lots of attractions for boaters and gongoozlers (a canal boater's name for an onlooker) alike - craft and trade shows, local food, roving entertainers, jazz and folk bands, real ale bar, children's games, boat trips, a boat handling competition, and much more.

Conveniently, it all happens at the point where the canal passes the Mid Devon Showground near Halberton so there will be plenty of space for the attractions and car parking as well as for pre-booked overnight visitors to pitch their tents and caravans. There'll be buses from Tiverton and local visitors can get to the event by taking a pleasant stroll or cycle along the canal.

The fleet assembled for the annual gathering of trailboats will include the popular fibreglass Wilderness boats together with other trailable canal boats, cruisers and smaller launches.

Originally built in the early 1800's to transport limestone from Westleigh Quarries to Tiverton, the Grand Western, in Devon was intended as a branch

waterway for a main canal linking the Bristol Channel and English Channel - but that grandiose scheme was eventually sunk by lack of funds.

The coming of the railway signalled the beginning of the end for the Grand Western as a commercial waterway and it fell into disrepair until the Devon section of the canal was purchased by Devon County Council in 1971.

Over the last five years the navigable section of the canal in Devon has benefited from an extensive dredging programme and new slipway, built by volunteers and located conveniently close to the M5. The stretch runs between Tiverton Canal Basin and the hamlet of Lowdwells close to the Somerset border, passing serenely by Halberton, Sampford Peverell and Burlescombe through fine Devon countryside with spellbinding views of the Blackdown Hills. Much of the restoration work has been funded by Devon County Council and Mid Devon District Council.

Although it is now an "unconnected" waterway which does not link up with any other canal or river system, the Grand Western is home to an increasing number of privately owned craft - including a 55 foot narrow boat which is available for hire. The canal has no locks - making it easier to navigate.

During the Grand Western Weekend, waterway enthusiasts will be able to explore more than a mile of newly opened waterway near Burlescombe where a series of fascinating historic structures, including limekilns and wharves, have been uncovered and restored by the IWA's Waterways Recovery Group, the Grand Western Canal Trust and the County Council's Canal Ranger Service which is organising the big Bank Holiday weekend event.

Mark Baker, Grand Western Canal Manager, said: " Being chosen to host the National Trailboat Festival has given us a wonderful opportunity to organise a weekend that will raise awareness of what the canal has to offer for boaters and many others.

"It will also promote other waterways in the South West currently enjoying a renaissance, such as the Exeter Ship Canal, the Bude Canal and the Somerset waterways. The weekend will celebrate all the work done by many people to improve the Grand Western Canal for all users."

For more information about the National Trailboat Festival and the Grand Western Weekend visit the web site http://www.devon.gov.uk/grandwesternweekend. You can also phone Mark Baker on 01884 254072 or email mark.baker@devon.gov.uk

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UPDATED GUIDE TO EXE ESTUARY PUBLISHED

The invaluable guide for all visitors to the Exe Estuary, the Exe Explorer, has been updated and reprinted. The free guide is packed with information about where to walk or cycle, public transport links and local facilities such as toilets, refreshments, parking, cycle hire and bus stops.

The Exe Explorer 2008 includes all the latest routes around the estuary including the recently opened Lympstone to Exmouth cycle trail. All the paths are shown on a large colour-coded map which can be used to plan walking or cycling routes which reveal amazing views of the estuary.

The Exe Explorer is available in tourist information centres in Exeter, Exmouth and Dawlish as well as post offices, libraries and some local pubs. The leaflet can also be found at www.exe-estuary,org.uk or from the Exe Estuary Officer Jenny Lockett by email at exeestua@devon.gov .uk or by phone on 01392 382236.

Extracts from Minutes of Whitestone Parish Council meeting held at Whitestone Parish Hall on Thursday 10th April 2008 at 7.30pm to be confirmed at Council meeting on 8th May 2008.

Attendance: Chairman – Councillor Mrs M Belt
Councillors Mrs L Cox, P Hanson. D Munro,
Mrs B Netherway, M Riches, Mrs T Taylor
Mrs P Vaughan, Clerk to the Council

Apologies: Councillor R Phillips, District Councillor P Bromell

No members of the Public

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th March 2008 having been circulated were taken as read and signed as a true copy by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

2 School Houses

It was reported that four requests for quotations for painting and associated work had been sent out. A window in the attic will need to be replaced and an estimate of £422 + VAT has been obtained but it was decided that further estimates should be sought.

Boundary Commission Review

Councillor Belt reported on the meeting that she had attended when the Structural Reviews for Devon had been discussed and information regarding the procedures that will be followed had been distributed to Councillors. It has been stated that no boundaries for Parishes or the Dartmoor Park will change. Stage 3 will take place from 7th July to 26th September and this will involve public consultation on specific boundaries and involve more dialogue with authorities. At this time if the Parish Council has any objections it is important that a "**reason"** is given for any objection.

MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN

Concerns had been raised regarding a field opposite Hurston Lodge which is being used as a dumping ground and the Clerk was instructed to ask advice from the Planning Department regarding environmental issues.

The Chairman reported on attending the Teignbridge Association of Local Councils Meeting on 24th April and the Teignbridge Strategic Partnership meeting on 2nd April. Both meetings had included the Boundary Commission Review on their agendas.

Six Exercise Taster sessions have been organised to take place at the Pathfinder Hall, Pathfinder Village on Thursdays from 2pm to 3pm, starting on 24th April and the last on 29th May. Transport can be arranged and for further information please contact Councillor Belt on 01392 811374. Sessions are free with a £1 donation for refreshments.

The Chairman reported that Mr Joll has requested repairs and servicing to the mowers and strimmer which he uses for grass cutting and it was resolved that Radmore and Tucker be approached regarding this.

At a recent meeting of the Parish Hall Management Committee concerns were raised regarding the state of the roof and it has been arranged by Councillor Mrs Belt for a chartered surveyor to inspect the roof and give a report.

FINANCE

The Clerk reported receipt of notification that the Whitestone Parish Council Annual Audit for 2007/2008 would be completed by the Audit Commission on 30th June 2008. Notices advertising the Audit together with the balance sheet for the year ended 31st March 2008 will be displayed within the parish. The Clerk will contact our Internal Auditor in order that he can complete the Internal Audit. The accounts/balance sheet for the year ended 31st March 2008 were distributed to Councillors and the Annual Return will be presented to the May meeting for approval.

The balance sheet showed balances in the bank as at the 31st March 2008 as follows:-

Current Account	£200.00
Reserve Account	£2,731.24
Capital Reserve Account	£5,342.01
	£8,273.25

This balance includes £3000.01 P3 Grant money

Income — VAT repayment - £388.33 (included in accounts 2007/08).

Expenditure — The following items were proposed and seconded for payment with all in favour:-
Clerk's expenses - £59.05
Membership Devon Association of Parish Councils - £135.50
Membership Devon Playing Field Association - £15.00

Extracts from Parish Council Mins. cont.

CORRESPONDENCE
Public notices for the Rural Skip Service which will take place at Crossway Car Park on Saturday 10th May between 10am and 4pm have been displayed on notice boards.

Community Council of Devon is unable to support the Council's application for a grant towards the cost of the toddler swing as the Devon Playing Fields cannot retrospectively fund projects.

A report has been received from Playsafety who carried out a ROSPA inspection at Crossway Park and a copy of the report was distributed to Councillors. This was discussed but it was noted that there no major faults were reported. The Clerk has been in touch with the suppliers of the new toddler swing as the report noted that the seat height was incorrect and they will be coming to correct this. It was proposed and seconded that the account from Playsafety for £88.13 was passed for payment. All in favour.

PLANNING
Planning Application
08/01275/CLDP Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed dwelling to establish whether Planning Permission Ref EM247/15779 is still extant in respond of a second dwelling at Little Orchard Halsfordwood Lane for Mr Page. Discussed and no objections were noted.

Grant of Conditional Planning Permission
08/00276/FUL Proposed alterations to ground floor rear extension and construction of first floor over at Haccadown, Longdown for Mr and Mrs Wesson.

REPORTS
Councillor Netherway reported large potholes at Pound Down Corner near Pound Farm towards Bickhams

Councillor Riches reported that his wife had a serious car accident caused by subsidence in the road from Heath Cross to Crediton, approximately 2 kilometres from Heath Cross starting by Copperwalls Lodge.

Councillor Hanson reported that the picnic table in the garden is broken.

Councillor Taylor reported on the Parish Hall Management Committee meeting and on the community working party that was being organised over the weekend of the 31st May to do work cleaning and tidying at the Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please note that the **Whitestone Rural Skip Service** will take place at **Crossway Car Park** on **Saturday 10th May 2008**, between 10am and 4pm.

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Contributions for the June2008 Parish Magazine to Pat Martin, 11 Merrymeet, by Friday 16th May please. Any queries, comments, suggestions or complaints about the magazine, please, to the editor, Mrs. J. Kellagher, East Rowhorne – (01392) 273864.

Our Parish Hall needs help!

The Parish Hall Committee feel that lovely as it is, our Parish Hall is looking a bit tired and in need of a bit of TLC. So we're proposing to have a weekend working on it on May 31st and June 1st. There's a lot to do,-cleaning, painting, fixing things and tidying up the outside and the garages so if you can spare any time over the weekend, please come and help. Bring children as well, if you think they can help.

These are some of the things that we think need doing – though you may have your own ideas:

Main Hall

. Hang curtains properly
. Remove brackets no longer used and cables not connected to anything.
. Stack chairs no more than 4 high and position better
. Re-plaster corner of wall by entrance door
. Paint door to Billiard Room
. Paint pink bit of wall over entrance door
. Clean light fittings, scrape off paint
. Sort/clear out underneath stage. Liaise with Gareth Clatworthy about this.

Kitchen

. Fix cupboard doors and kickboards
. Clip heating pipes to wall properly
. Fix hole in ceiling
. Paint ceiling
. Fix new door knob or secure existing one properly

Billiard Room

. Clip heating pipes to wall
. Paint damp patch on ceiling
. Fix ends of curtains

Extension

. Clean up water heater/fix new plate underneath to replace rusty one
. Replace broken draft strip on folding doors
. Clip heating pipes to wall

Green Room

. Paint over mould on walls.
. Fix draft stripping to exterior door
. Clean window frames and skirtings

Ladies WC

. Paint water heater
. Repair wooden support between cubicles
. Paint wall by basin

Behind stage

. Paint walls where mould has been cleaned off
. Get rid of rubbish
. Clean, clean, clean

Storage area off Billiard Room

. Sort out and clean up
. New labels for electric heaters

Outside

. Get rid of leaves by front door and elsewhere
. Remove saplings growing out of drains
. Children's play park – remove rotten balance beam and stepping logs, hammer in wooden wedges to stabilize two of the logs in the 8 log Agility trail.
. Fix wood to post of Community Garden gate for gate to shut against. Refix latch.
. Fix wood to post of Play park gate for gate to shut against.
. Tidy up inside garages
. Paint wooden window frames
. Paint notice board outside front door

If you think you can help with any of these things, please come along. We'll start at 12am Saturday on the outside (weather permitting) as the inside is used till 1pm.

Bring whatever tools you think will be needed, together with things like step ladders and dust sheets. If you have any Magnolia matt vinyl wall paint or other material you can bring, the Hall committee will pay you for it. Look forward to seeing you there,

The Parish hall Committee

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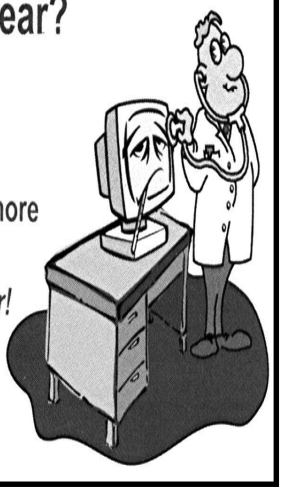

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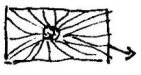

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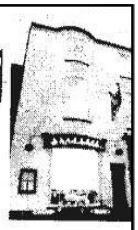

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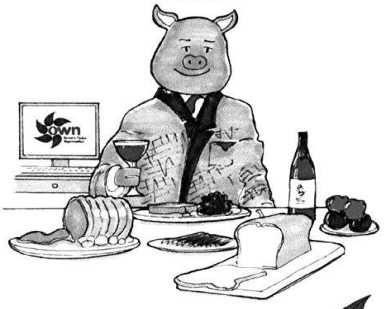

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