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NORTH KENN BENEFICE

SERVICES FOR JUNE 2009.

Sunday June 7th Trinity Sunday

8.0.am.	**Whitestone**	**Holy Communion**	**Revd Tim Gorringe**
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 Village	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
6.0.pm	Cheriton Churches	Songs of Praise	Revd Martin Wood

Sunday June 14th

8.0.am.	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Tim Gorringe

Kenn Deanery 1100th Diocesan Celebrations *See details in text*
11.0.am Teignmouth Confirmations
7.0.pm Dawlish Celebration with Bishop Bob

Saturday June 20th
6.0.pm Whitestone Parish Hall Saturday Surprise Revd Wood

Sunday June 21st

8.0.am.	Tedburn St Mary	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30.am.	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Revd Tim Gorringe
3.0.pm.	Pathfinder	Evensong	Rosemarie Scaife
6.0.pm.	Holcombe Burnell	Evensong	Lay led

Sunday June 28th

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

Every **Thursday** 10.30.am. Pathfinder Holy Communion (BCP)
Revd Martin Wood

FROM THE RECTOR

1100 Anniversary

In 2009 Churches of all denominations across Devon are celebrating 1100 years of the westward expansion of Christianity from Sherborne to Devon. In the same spirit as Eadwulf, the first Bishop of Devon in 909, Bishops Michael, Bob and John are setting out to strengthen the faithful, restore the lapsed and find the lost. Bishop Bob will be spending four days from June 10th to June 14th in our deanery. The Bishops will be encouraging church leaders, calling out those who are looking to serve God in their community in a new role, telling the Christian story afresh in a variety of venues. On the final day the 14th June Bishop Bob will be baptising and confirming new disciples of Jesus at St Michael's Teignmouth at 10am. There will be a Songs of Praise on the Den at Teignmouth at 12pm, concluding with an Evening with Bishop Bob at St Gregory's Dawlish. There are many other events planned like a walk along part of the Old Salt Road to Whitestone Church, a Family Fun event at The Orange Elephant and a Youth event at Dawlish with a Giant Sports Cage! A leaflet is available from the churches detailing all the events.

The Friday Night Youth Event is a night for the youth from across Devon. Come and see the Cathedral as you've never seen it before. There will be live bands, a skate park, inflatables, food, guitar hero, prayer interactive zones, worship, DJs and loads more besides. The Archbishop of Canterbury is popping in for a chat on the sofa and then to lead everyone in worship. The event is part of Night Church.

Event Climax is a Celebration Day in Exeter on Saturday 27 June 2009.

On Saturday, at Exeter Cathedral, they are planning for the arrival of 2000 – 4000 pilgrims from various denominations. The Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams is celebrating and preaching at the Eucharist at 11.30 am on the Cathedral Green. Jim Bailey will be leading an exciting multi-media and interactive children's celebration in the Bishop's Palace Garden from 2.30 - 4.45 pm open for children aged 5-11. Life on the Beach events will take place on the Cathedral Green from 2 - 5 pm. Songs of Praise, led by Judi Spiers, will take place on the Cathedral Green from 5.15 pm. More details Celebration day and booking can be done through Exeter Diocese web site http://exeter.anglican.org/anniv. Enjoy it this June, you might have wait fifty or hundred years for another chance!

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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.

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Whitestone's contribution to the Kenn Deanery celebrations of the 1100th Anniversary

On Wednesday June 10th Bishop Bob of Crediton will be walking from Hangman's Corner - the turning down to Oldridge - along the Old Salt Road and then down to Whitestone Church for Evening Prayer and refreshments at about 4.0.pm.

You are asked to park your cars at the church anytime after 2.30pm and a Minibus will transport you to the starting point of the walk. It is only 1 1/2 miles, hilly but not steep and there are wonderful views from the top road before you descend to St Catherine's, so come and join Bishop Bob and enjoy the experience.

FROM THE REGISTER Funeral: John Shinn on 1st May 2009

27th June 2009

Celebration Day events

Exeter Cathedral Green

11.30 am	Celebration Eucharist with the Archbishop of Canterbury
1 pm	Lunch stations and Food & Drinks marquee open
2 – 5 pm	Life on the Beach – outreach and entertainment
2.30 – 4.45 pm	Children's event with Jim Bailey (on the Palace lawn)
3 – 4.30 pm	Seminars with keynote speakers at venues across the city
5.15 – 6.15 pm	Songs of Praise with Judi Spiers and Canon David Winter
7 – 9.15 pm	AJ's Big Band – a concert to close the Exeter Festival

PARISH CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

Elected at the Annual Meeting:

Churchwarden	Dr J Richards	
Synod Representatives	Mrs E Milverton	
	Dr J Richards	
Elected Members	Mrs Blockley	Mr Fairley
	Mrs Halling	Mr Hutchinson
	Mrs Hutchinson	Dr Kellagher
	Mr Mierop	Mrs Oliver
	Mrs Rutter	Mrs Scaife
	Miss Stanbury	Mrs Thomas
	Oldridge	
	Mrs Cheriton	Dr Keith

At the meeting, thanks was recorded to all those who contribute either financially or in practical ways to help maintain the church. Thanks was also recorded to Mr P Field for all the years that he has spent working on the production of the Parish Magazine. We are most grateful for all his work.

We are grateful for Mary Stanbury's years of service as a Churchwarden.

THE NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST

One charity supported by St Catherine's is the National Churches Trust. Better known as the Historic Churches Preservation Society, it recently joined forces with the Incorporated Church Building Society in order to modernize it's legal structure and combine administrative functions. Almost half of the Grade I listed buildings in England and Wales are churches, and unlike other countries there is no state funding for the repair and maintenance of churches. The Trust gives modest grants towards repairs, and acts as a focus for raising money. The money comes from donations, gifts and legacies. (Many counties, including Devon, also have historic churches trusts which help their local churches and chapels). The Trust is working to encourage the development of long-term strategies to ensure that church buildings are properly funded, have wide community use and support, and are managed to the highest standards.

Concerts in the Church

(Holcombe Burnell Church)

IN HARMONY

3 Women and a Piano singing Music from the 30s and 40s

Supporting Act

Exeter's Finest

CITY STEAM JAZZ BAND

Thursday 25th June at 7.30 pm

Tickets £6.50 children free
from Jane 01392 811246 and Sue 01392 811816

Cheese and Wine available

Hbchurchconcerts.blogspot.com

(All profits to Church Funds)

URPRISE SURPRISE SURPRISE SURP

SATURDAY SURPRISE

Saturday June 20th
Parish Hall 6.00 pm.

An informal Service for all the family.

Come to sing
(hymns and songs to suit all tastes)

to learn, to be still, to meditate, to pray (if you wish) but above all to have fun.

It's Church with a difference, for regular church people and for others who are just interested.
Maximum 45 minutes!
And always a

!!!! SURPRISE !!!!

MARY'S DAIRY DIARY - MAY 2009

Everywhere is drunk on the spirit of spring – fields, grass growing like crazy, woods, trees dripping with new leaves, and hedges, suddenly completely covered with Queen Anne's Lace, cow parsley, until the lanes are so narrow that flowers touch your car on both sides as you go along.
Birds are mated, nests built, and now the serious business of hatching eggs and feeding young. The pheasant cocks still plague the hens who lay their eggs in the hedge. The only way they can get any peace and quiet is to sit on their eggs, and even then the cocks make their alluring little cooing noises and try and scramble on the ladies on their nest. The hens (and their eggs) are sitting targets for the foxes who've got cubs of their own underground to feed. A scuffle, a squawk and a few feathers later and the cubs get fed and the cocks get increasingly lonely, in vain displaying to our hens, who are very flattered behind their fence.

CROPS - May is a month of primary colours on the crops - bold splashes of red where we plough and drill maize, coming though like a green shimmer on the red. The yellow of the oilseed rape fills in – last month the flowers started, yellow scattering on the green, but now the flowers have coloured in completely like a diligent child, right to the corners. Then you get a cornflower blue of a cloudless sky – a bit of rain to wash everything clean and keep the crops moving on, please. The wind races over the thickening plants and lengthening leaves of wheat and barley, leaves catching the gusts. We put in some spring barley in fields we had fallowed for wildlife over winter. That's coming up nicely, broad leaves pushing through the warming soil, determined to catch up with its winter-sown cousins, 6 months older. It will never equal the yield, just not enough time, but it spreads our workload a little and gives harbour for over-wintering wildlife in the uncultivated fallow, with tangles of growth while winter sown fields are barren.

GRASS - The grass is doing its takeover bid for the world. Just a few short weeks ago, we were anxiously watching as the grass cover shrank to a lawn in the face of our hungry cows. It happens every year, and every year it feels like a knife-edge drama. Now we are working out which fields to cut for silage at the end of this month. We use cutting grass to keep the plants tender and palatable, and avoid plants running to seed, which they urgently want to do. We also begin to store feed for next winter, time-shifting the seasonal richness.

Towards the end of the month, the silage team swings into action, first the mower, cutting great swathes of grass – 4 tonnes an acre if we cut at the beginning of the month, 10 tonnes at the end, but less nutritious. We aim for 7 or so tonnes to get the balance between quantity and quality that we want. The tedder run across the swath, looking like an alien with long fingers, spreading the grass out to dry then rowing it up in front of the harvester. The harvester, with its characteristic whine you can hear a parish away, picks up, chops and blows the grass into the high-sided trailers. The trailers tip the grass at the silage pit, where the heaviest tractor scoops the grass into a wedge, rolling all the air out. Then, the final stage, we sheet it down with plastic to exclude the air. Then it is the turn of the lactic acid bacteria to turn the sweet sugars of the grass into acid to pickle the grass to preserve the goodness for winter. Getting it all under cover before it rains makes the difference between a delicious feed making well balanced milk or a slimy mess that at best the cows are unwilling to eat. So forgive us, please, for hastening tractors and trailers that are less willing than normal to show off their reversing in the lanes, forgive us the great caravanserai of forager and tractors when we move fields. Our manners return when the silage is tucked up safely.

COWS - May also brings serving the spring calved cows, so they calve next year in February, ready to catch the spring growth again. This year the cows look in good condition, recovered from calving well. We hope to repeat the great fertility we had last year. We do our bulling checks through the day, into the night and at dawn, seeing who is riding, who ridden, and serve the animals who stand rock steady to be ridden. In May, we serve to produce dairy heifers, so use bulls of dairy breeds, bulls selected to give the best cows for what we want, good graziers with balanced milk for our cheese.

HEIFERS - We also serve the heifers. We've selected out the ones too small to serve, to grow on to join the autumn herd. The rest are a joyful gaggle of teenagers – I walked amongst them down a steep hill, and could hear them behind me snorting, larking, thundering down the hill behind me. You turn round, and it's like grandmother's footsteps, they come to a halt, barging into each other from behind, pretending they were there anyway. We are keeping the calves in a little longer to strengthen them, hoping to grow them beyond the health problems their older sisters had last year, before we put them out.

CHEESE - the milk now is at its least creamy with the riotous soft growth limits the fibre that the cows use to make fat. The cheese makes more firmly with less fat – our challenge is to adjust the make so it is variations on the same tune, rather than a different cheese. It is hard work at peak milk, not just to make today's cheese, but press and dress the last three days cheese and turn all the extra cheese we've made over the last few weeks by hand while it hardens up.

RECIPE - My son asked me to make a nettle and wild garlic soup – we've never had it, but he thought it would taste good, and it does. I chopped an onion and put it to simmer in stock while I went and picked a good handful of nettle tops (no flowers, too grainy – I keep a patch picked down so it's always young leaves) and about half the amount of wild garlic leaves, a brief walk and cooking at the same time. Wash the leaves, put them in the pan until tender. Season, thicken (I used rice flour, but you could use bread or cook a chopped potato in with the onion), add a dob of cream and whizz up with a stick whizzer. Serve with Quickes Traditional Mature Cheddar grated on each bowl, and fresh bread.

WHITESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Extracts from Minutes of meeting held at Whitestone Parish Hall on Thursday 7th May at 7.30pm to be confirmed at the Council meeting on Thursday 18th June 2009

Attendance: Chairman – Councillor Mrs M Belt
Councillors P Hanson, D Munro, Mrs B Netherway, R Phillips, M Riches, Mrs T Taylor,
County Councillor J Brook (for part of the meeting), Mrs P Vaughan, Clerk to the Council
Mr E Beeching, Mr and Mrs P Trowbridge, Mrs L Gunter, Mrs H Tattersfield,
Mrs M Franklin, Mrs C Waddell, Mr P Neirop, Mr M Quinn, Mrs P Martin.
Apologies: District Councillor P Bromell

The meeting was opened by the Chairman and the May Draw for the 100 Club in support of the Parish Hall Roof Appeal was made by Mr Eric Beeching. The lucky number was 25 and belongs to Sam Smiles. Councillor Belt reported that she has attended a meeting of the Teignbridge Rural Aid last night and was pleased to report that following an application by the Parish Council they will be making a grant of £5,000 to the Roof Appeal.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Councillor Mrs Belt then stood down as Chairman in order for the election of a Chairman for the year 2009/10 to take place.

Election of Chairman
Councillor Mrs Mary Belt proposed by Councillor Riches seconded by Councillor Munro.
Election of Vice Chairman
Councillor Phillips proposed by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Netherway.
Parish Hall Committee
Proposed by Councillor Hanson, seconded by Councillor Munro that Councillors Belt, Phillips, Riches, and Taylor be elected en bloc.
Parish Hall Liaison Member
Councillor Riches proposed by Councillor Belt, seconded by Councillor Taylor.
Footpath Warden
Councillor Munro proposed by Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Belt.
Church House Foundation Member
Councillor Netherway proposed by Councillor Belt, seconded by Councillor Taylor.
Crossway Park Officer
Councillor Netherway proposed by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Belt.
School Houses Sub-Committee
Councillor Belt, Phillips and Hanson proposed en bloc by Councillor Riches, seconded by Councillor Munro.
Responsible Financial Officer
Mrs P Vaughan proposed by Councillor Belt, seconded by Councillor Netherway.
Internal Independent Auditor
Mr Ken Abrahams proposed by Councillor Belt seconded by Councillor Netherway.

The Council then proceeded to the business of the Parish Council Meeting.

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th April and the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23rd April 2009 having been circulated were taken as read and signed as a true copy by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

Presentation of Accounts
The accounts/balance sheet having been distributed at the April meeting were proposed and seconded for approval by the Council. All in favour.
Certification of Annual Audit
The Annual Audit, having been presented to the meeting for authorisation, was duly approved for presentation to the Audit Commission and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk informed the Council that the Internal Audit will be conducted by Mr Abrahams on the 6th June 2009.
Insurance Cover for the Parish Council
The Local Councils Insurance Policy is due for renewal from 1st June and has been increased from £2,162.30 to £2,371.03. Discussion took place on the method of payment and the Clerk was instructed to implement payment by instalments.
2 School Houses
It was reported that the kitchen has now been installed and following the floor coverings being laid the house will be ready for occupancy. It was resolved that contact be made with three estate agents regarding the letting of the property on the same basis as No 1. It was agreed that if possible preference be given to a local person and ten working days be allowed before a non local person be selected. The tenant to be responsible for Council Tax, water rates and utilities.
The Clerk presented the following quotations for flooring:-
(1) £1734.92 (2) £1705.16 (plus extras) (3) £1248.00
It was proposed and seconded that number (3) quote be accepted but following concerns regarding the bathroom floor needing levelling it was agreed that Councillor Belt would obtain a quote for this to be done by the carpet fitters. Should this be in excess of £100 then alternative arrangements to be made for this to be done.

STATEMENT ON SCHOOL HOUSES AND PARISH HALL

A statement had been prepared by Councillor Hanson and distributed to Councillors and needed to be discussed and authorised for publication to parishioners. The discussion took place at the end of the meeting and some amendments were made to the content and it was then resolved that it should be made public. A vote of thanks was given to Councillor Hanson for his preparation of the document. (*The statement is included at the end of these minutes*)

MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN

It was reported that there were trees overhanging roads within the parish at Nadderbottom, Kennel Lane, Kent Hill, at the bottom of Pound Lane.

Concern is raised regarding the overgrown road signs within the parish and the Clerk was instructed to contact Highways regarding this.

Councillor Belt reported attending the Committee Meeting of the Teignbridge Rural Aid last night when the application for a grant of £5,000.00 made by the Council for the Roof Appeal Fund had been authorised.

FINANCE

Income

Rent from 1 School Houses - £650 less £89.70 Commission and an account of £113.92 for repairs to toilet.

Half Year Precept from Teignbridge District Council - £4,000.

Expenditure

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

Dave Surridge (tree work at Parish Hall) - £552.00

Clerk's expenses - £29.11.

Chairman's Allowance - £100.

Parochial Church Council (annual allowance for the Church Magazine) - £100.

Whitestone Gardening Club - £50 (half annual allowance for maintenance of the Community Garden)

Mr Joll grass cutting and general cleaning to Crossway Park and surrounding areas and the bus stop area for quarter January to March 2009 £216.74 and £20 for the P7 Footpath. Mr Joll had also been responsible for tidying the garden at 2 School Houses and donated his charge of £36 for this service to the Hall Roof Appeal.

Radmore and Tucker (repairs to the ride on mower) - £235.25

Teignbridge District Council Tax (due 1st June) - £132.00

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Eric Beeching has indicated his desire to serve as a Parish Councillor and was given the necessary forms to complete and will attend the June meeting for co-option to the Council.

Mr P Trowbridge – report regarding a choked foul drain in the outside toilet at the Parish Hall. Councillor Riches reported that these drains had been cleared by Mr D Jordan and Mr

D Fisher and thanks were expressed for them doing this extremely unpleasant task.

A letter from the Devon County Public Rights of Way was read to the meeting indicating that work would be carried out on Footpath 28 and on Bridleway 27. Councillor Munro will be liaising with the Public Rights of Way Officer regarding these improvements and he was thanked for his efforts as the Council's Parish Paths Warden.

A copy of a letter sent to the Boundary Committee for England from the County Secretary of the Devon Association of Parish Councils was read to the meeting and distributed to Councillors.

Notification from Teignbridge District Council that following their formal objections to the removal of 32 BT kiosks in their district the one at Whitestone will be retained.

Devon NHS Primary Care Trust – response to a letter of complaint stating that an investigation into the discontinuation of the mobile chiropody service is being carried out.

Mr Brian Greenslade, Leader of Devon County Council wrote informing of increases in highway maintenance budgets for 2009/10 to £60,895 million.

South West Highways notified of proposed road closure in Pound Lane from Barton Cottages to Hill Lane with effect from 13th to 17th July and drainage works at Nadderbottom from 7th to 18th September. In both cases diversionary routes will be signed and maintained.

PLANNING

Planning Application

09/01334/FUL Erection of industrial building (Use Class B2) and the retention of hardstanding area for the parking and manoeuvring of vehicles at Lower Trelake Business Park, Tedburn Road. The plans and application were discussed and the majority of the Council felt that this was over development in an area of great landscape value.

REPORTS

Councillor Hanson reported a request from a parishioner that rent for the houses be recorded in the minutes.

Councillor Hanson reported a request from a parishioner that Councillor's details and telephone numbers be displayed in the parish. The meeting discussed this but the majority were not in favour. It was noted that the Clerk's details are available on all noticeboards.

Potholes reported at Nadderwater. Breaking up of road surface at Oldridge and also in Heath Lane.

It was noted that the repairs in Kennel Lane had been carried out and the Clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks.
Councillor Netherway reported on attending the Church House Trust meeting when nine applications had been considered, seven of which were granted
Councillor Netherway reported that the Crossway Park was looking very nice but the Footpath No 7 needed to be cut.
County Councillor Brooks reported that owing to the coming elections in June Council business was slow at the present time but he re-iterated the news from Brian Greenslade regarding more funding for road repairs.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Mr Neirop reported that the Highways Department had been cutting verges and it was distressing to find that they had for the second year on the trot cut down the wild orchids which were growing on the north side of the road half a mile west of Heath Cross and he requested that the Council should send a strong complaint at this destruction of a protected wildlife plant.
Discussion then ensued with all members of the public participating in voicing their concerns regarding the issues involved around the houses and the Parish Hall. The Chairman answered questions and reassured the meeting that any monies collected for the Roof Appeal were not being spent on the refurbishment of the houses and when the houses were rented out this would result in an income which will benefit the parish and result in a reduction of the Precept. It is hoped that the statement which will be published will give a clearer definition of the situation. Mrs Gunter said that she felt the public would like to have an special open meeting when this could be discussed more publicly and not as part of a Council meeting and it was agreed that this could be organised at a future date
Mrs Gunter reported that a BT pole had been removed from the bank at her house leaving a large hole which had not been filled in.
Mrs Tatterfield complained about the car parking on the main road at the Halsfordwood Lane/Pound Lane cross road which impedes vision for traffic when pulling onto the main road.
The meeting closed at 10.15pm.
Date of Next Meeting: 11th June 2009

SCHOOL HOUSES AND THE PARISH HALL ROOF

This document has been produced by Whitestone Parish Council to explain the current situation regarding the above.

SCHOOL HOUSES
The two houses and some land behind the Hall were purchased for the Parish from the Church House Educational Foundation in November 1975 with the Parish Council acting as Custodial Trustees. The purchase money of £3000 was provided by the Parish Council with the help of an interest free loan of £500 from the Parish Hall Committee, repayable within 5 years. The tenants at this time were the caretaker and his relief. Previous to this, since the purchase of the Hall from the Church House Education Foundation in 1972 (financed by a temporary increase in the rates), the tenants' landlord had been different to the tenants' employer and this created difficulties. Until November 2006 the caretaker and his wife lived in 2 School Houses rent free in return for their services at the Parish Hall and the Parish Hall Management Committee paid an honorarium of £10 a week to the Parish Council. The relief caretaker lived at 1 School Houses, paying a rent of £60 a week to the Council. Payment for his relief duties was made direct to him by the Hall Management Committee.
When the houses became vacant in December 2006, the Council decided to refurbish them and rent them out so that the rental income could be used for the benefit of the Parish. No 2 School Houses would require a lot more work (and expense) partly because it was found to have dry rot. It was therefore decided to refurbish No 1 first.
The Parish Precept of £6,000 which was allocated by Teignbridge District Council through the Council Tax provides for normal running expenses of the Parish such as Clerk's salary, administration expenses, insurance for the Council (which includes the Parish Hall and the play park), maintenance of the Crossway Park and the bus stop area, membership fees, and necessary small items of maintenance. There is not normally any significant money left over for anything else.
The balance in the Council's Capital Reserve (deposit) account at the time was £2,342 after excluding money reserved for P3 (footpaths etc) work with a further £2,731 in the Reserve account so it was decided to proceed with the necessary refurbishment work as soon as possible.
There was some discussion with regard to getting a mortgage for the cost of the works to both houses so as to allow them to be refurbished more quickly and thereby benefit sooner from the rental income. This was discounted because nobody on the Council was willing to take the responsibility of signing a mortgage deed.
The refurbishment/repair work for 1 School Houses cost £4,766 and was completed in July/August 2007.
The Council discussed how to rent it out and decided to have the property managed by an agent. Although this was likely to cost in the order of 10% of the rental income, it was felt that professional letting agents would have access to more potential tenants and thus be able to achieve a better rental income. The Council approached three different agents and instructed them to initially give preference to a tenant from within the Parish. When no interest was shown from within the Parish the agents were instructed to offer the properties more widely. Tenants were found and the house has been occupied since September 2007.The Parish has received a net income of £10,164.91 to 31st March 2009.
To ensure the Council had enough money to complete the refurbishment of House No 2 as quickly as possible, they asked for the Precept for 2008/9 to be increased to £8,000 (which will equate to £26.32 for a Band D property for 2009/2010).
So far 2 School Houses has cost £14,914, made up of £2,619 for dry rot treatment, damp-proof course, new floorboards, insulation under floor boards and kitchen outer wall, £4,112 small building works and redecoration, £2,127 for bathroom, £2,983 for electrical work, including off-peak storage heaters and electric shower, and the rest for two exterior trenches to prevent water ingress, new attic window, front door water bar, electricity and council tax payments. Part of the cost of this work has resulted from the decision to take out the old LPG gas boiler with its' attendant annual servicing and Landlord's Gas Safety Certificate

The Council expect the work to be completed fairly soon, after the new kitchen has been fitted, carpets etc have been laid and a number of smaller items of work have been completed. The estimated final cost is of the order of £20,000. It will then be rented out in the same way as No 1.
As soon as possible, the Council intends to reduce the Precept.

PARISH HALL ROOF
The Parish Hall is owned by the Parish (through the Parish Council, acting as Custodial Trustee). The roof has been leaking for some time so it has been decided that it should be replaced. At the same time, insulation could be brought up to current standards which should result in a significant reduction in heating bills.
A survey was carried out for us free of charge by Mr Chris Gibbs, a Chartered Building Surveyor. Mr Gibbs' budget costing was £32,500 + VAT for the pitched roofs which includes an allowance for some timber repairs, with an additional £8000 + VAT for refurbishment of the 3 flat roofs to the front and check/repair of the ones at the back. In addition we were advised to allow £2,500 for repair and painting of the fascias and bargeboards. Total would be £43,000 + VAT.
The Council invited quotations for the necessary work and received five. These vary from £13,000 to £31,500 (for the pitched roofs, prices varied depending on the sort of tiles to be used) and from £5,685 to £9,000.for the flat roofs (i.e. in some cases somewhat lower than Mr Gibbs' budget costing).
As the Council does not possess the necessary funds they, in conjunction with the Parish Hall Committee, launched a Roof Appeal with the target of £30,000. We have applied for grants towards this and it is hoped that we will have some good news soon but this is by no means certain.
Any money raised in this way is in a separate Roof Appeal Fund bank account and will be ring-fenced and used only for the new roof.

Possible New Hall
A number of parishioners were of the opinion that instead of spending around £50,000 (initial budget estimate when contingencies were allowed for) on a new roof, consideration should be given to a completely new Hall which would be more fit for purpose than the current one.
The Council invited Ms Dawn Eckhardt of the Community Council for Devon, to come along to a Parish Council meeting to advise us as to what would be involved in this process. As a result, the Council decided not to pursue this course and to produce a statement regarding their reasons, as follows:

Reasons it was decided not to pursue the idea of a new hall:
The cost was likely to be at least £500,000 and possibly considerably more.
It was thought this sort of money could not be raised from within the Parish so we would need to apply for a grant.
Grants are not allocated just for building work and in most cases you are required to provide "like for like" finance. You have to be able to show how the work would benefit the people of the Parish. This requires a Parish Plan to be completed to show how current perceived needs are not being met and how they will be met after the completion of the work. Producing a Parish Plan would mean contacting every household in the Parish to ascertain their needs and desires.
We would be more likely to succeed in an application for a grant if the parish hall was a registered charity. This would entail considerable extra work and the appointment of Trustees.
A business plan would also be needed to substantiate the monetary viability of running a new build.
Where to build it? If on the current site we'd be without a hall for at least a year, possibly much more, with loss of the use of the Hall as well as the income from it.

LETTING OF 2 SCHOOL HOUSE

The property at 2 School House is now available for rent. Priority will be given to Whitestone parishioners. Please contact any of the letting agents for details:

Cooksleys of South Street, Exeter on 01392 202220
Bradley of 47 North Street, Exeter on 01392 493300
Staggs of 21 Southernhay West on 01392 434553

2 SCHOOL HOUSE
Mary Belt would like to express her sincere thanks to all the helpers who turned out to do a final cleaning of 2 School House before the visit of the carpet fitters.

HOUSING NEED SURVEY FOR THE PARISH OF HOLCOMBE BURNELL (INCORPORATING THE VILLAGE OF LONGDOWN)
The Parish Council of Holcombe Burnell wishes to establish the level of housing need in the village of Longdown and the demand for low cost homes for local people in the area. This will be important in determining the level of affordable housing provision in the future. A Housing Need Survey took place in May but returns will still be accepted for inclusion for June.

Do you know anyone who has a strong connection with Longdown but has had to move away because of lack of affordable housing in the parish? If so, they might be eligible for affordable housing in the future and might like to take part in the survey. If so, please contact the Community Council of Devon's Rural Housing Officer, John Scott on 01392 383419 and ask for a survey form or contact Holcombe Burnell Parish Clerk, Kelly Voysey, on 01392 662175 or email Kelly.voysey@yahoo.co.uk

WHITESTONE PARISH HALL
Committee of Management
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Committee of Management took place on Thursday 22nd of May starting at 7.00pm at the Parish Hall.

Three Non-Committee Residents of the Parish were welcomed.
The main purpose of the meeting was to receive the reports from the Officers of the Committee for the closing year and to elect the four Members of the Committee for the coming year.
Those elected were as follows:
Mrs. Mary Belt, Mr. Derek Fisher, Ms. Anna Kellagher, and Mr. Peter Trowbridge
Representative Members, one each formally nominated by their established organisations within the Parish were as follows:
Mrs. Lorna Gunter. Gardening Club
Mrs. Ruth Hutchinson. Parochial Church Council
Mrs. Pat Martin. Church House Educational Foundation
Mrs. Liz Trowbridge Womens' Institute
Mr. Peter Hanson Social Club
Mr Jock Kirkpatrick Sports and Social Club
Mr. Michael Riches Parish Council
All of the above to serve for one year.

At the subsequent Meeting of the Committee of Management immediately after the AGM the following members of the new Committee were nominated and elected from those members present as follows:
Chairman: Peter Trowbridge
Treasurer: Anna Kellagher
Secretary: Derek Fisher

Peter Trowbridge
Chairman
Committee of Management

Whitestone Parish Hall
Committee of Management

A Caretaker has been selected by the Committee of Management to serve the Parish Hall.
Mrs. Paula Cook's duties will commence on 1st June 2009. The Committee welcomes Paula to this important job and wishes her well.
One of Paula's duties from 1st June will be to look after the booking of the Hall and all of its facilities.
At present, her contact details are;
Address: 8 Crossways, Whitestone
Tel: 01392 811358
Mobile : 07972499976 / 07786596445
email: paula.cook@friendsprovdent.co.uk
Bookings for the Hall should be directed to Mrs. Ros Hanson until 31 May. The Committee would like sincerely to thank Ros for her work as Booking Clerk for the past many months.

Peter Trowbridge
Chairman

REGULAR PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

There are regular activities in the Parish Hall apart from the monthly society events. In response to suggestions we publish a list. Please note contact numbers for future reference.

WEEKLY		
Tuesday evening	Ballroom Dancing	Colin Thorne - 01392 206442
Wednesday 10.00am - 12.00 noon	Mothers & Toddlers	Rachel Wilson - 01647 61744
Friday evening	Bingo	Ray Kielty - 07949 865204
Saturday 9.00am - 1.00pm	Topaz Dancing	Sally Gray - 01392 424073
MONTHLY		
Parish Council Meeting	Normally 2nd Thursday in the month starting at 7.30pm. Open to the Public.	

WHITESTONE PARISH HALL ROOF FUND COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7pm WEDNESDAY , 29th APRIL, 2009
Present: Ruth Hutchinson, Anna Kellagher, Pat Martin, Derek Fisher, Mary Belt, Mike Riches, Lorna Gunter.
Apologies from Peter Hanson.

Treasurer's report:
An additional £1,156 has been raised this year, giving a total of £7,696 (after allowing for the outstanding 100 club prizes). Since the last meeting we have had a couple of activities. The Gordon Pike musical evening raised £1,021 for the fund, and the Quiz evening raised £51.65. We also had a donation of £84 from the Social Club.

Forthcoming events:
23rd May is the Horticultural Society's Cream Tea and Plant sale in the community garden
4th July is the Sports and Social Club Fete and possibly in the evening instead of doing a quiz they are thinking of having music, doing a pig roast and a bring your own bottle party. **Mary and Jock are working on this.**

Calendar:
Mary, Jock and Peter are working on the calendar pictures. They hope to have all the pictures in by the end of Oct for judging. They are chasing up a potential contact with regard to the printing.

Grant status:
May 12th – The Rural Aid decision – Mary is going to Teignbridge to find out how our grant application has fared.
Airport money – application is in on this fund. Mary had made an application to Tesco for money. They have donated a £10 voucher which Mary has sold and paid £10 into the bank.
There are a few other donations that are potentially on the way.
It is important to ensure that any donations that are made are acknowledged in the magazine. Mary and Anna should know of financial donations as they pay the donations in, but if there are non-financial donations then please can everyone try to make sure that an appropriate notice is drafted for the magazine.
Mr and Mrs Frankum were not thanked for the donations of the sausages and rolls at the Halloween party. When we became aware of this, Mary phoned them to apologise, and the situation should have been sorted. The following notice will be put in the next edition of the magazine.
A belated thank you to Mr and Mrs Frankum for the kind gift of food that was donated to the Halloween party.
ACTION: Anna to get in next month's magazine

Ideas for the future:
Joe Kelly, a salsa teacher, may be prepared to run a salsa evening here to raise money. Wed evening possibly in Oct, Nov. Joe has done similar events on the following basis: 25 dancers charge of £95, additional dancers £2 per head. 3 hours teaching including music provision. suggest charge of £6 or £7 a head. (At £6 /head we would break even on 16 dancers). Raffle – including lessons as possible prizes.
Possibly ask Nicky Collins if she would be prepared to organise this in Sept? This would help to involve younger people in the village.
ACTION: Mary
Alan Waugh – chairman of Institute of Advanced Motorists – may be prepared to come and give a talk, for a donation of e.g. £20.
ACTION: Mary
International dinner
Different people prepared dishes from different countries ?
Car boot sale?
Either go and work down at Matford – organise a team to do parking etc (Cheriton's raised £600)
You have to apply to get your name on the list –
ACTION: Anna to ask Muriel Cheriton about how to do this.
Car boot sale at the Village hall.
Need to advertise well. Also in Tedburn news? Have both table top sale in the hall and car boot sale for other people to have pitches, and also have a couple of pitches for donated goods to sell.
Tentative date – Sunday 6th Sept 2-5pm. Can sell refreshments etc. £5 per pitch suggested. Hall reserved.
ACTION: Anna to put advance notice in magazine.
St Stephen's coffee morning – this is a lot of work and did not raise much money for another group.
Peter Lowe's pictures
The committee have chosen 7 to keep.
The family have donated the pictures to the roof fund management committee. The consensus was to have the pictures valued before being sold.
ACTION: Derek to ask Peter Hanson not to sell them in the Craft Fair.
Snake outside the village hall.
The snake was organised by Derek, and Bel Netherway and the artwork by Annie Hanson.
ACTION: Anna to put thanks for this in next month's magazine
Derek to ask Annie to update the snake with the £1156 raised so far this year.
ACTION: Anna to ask Jock if he can add a snake to the roof fund section in the magazine.

Date of next meeting: 2nd July 2009 7pm.

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 is on **Tuesday, 23rd June** in Pathfinder Village Church at 2.30pm for a talk by Mr Terry Horfleet. Any requests for prayer to Eileen Milverton on 01392 811268.

MOTHERS UNION
Please contact Mrs. Gilbert on 811230 for details of the next meeting.

WHITESTONE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (Secs. Mrs Judith Henshaw, 01392 811416 and Mrs Diane Tattersfield, 01392 811426)
The ladies from Whitestone WI will be going on their annual Summer Outing in June, therefore there will be no meeting in the Parish Hall.

WHITESTONE GARDENING CLUB (Sec. Mary Stanbury. Tel: 811532)
The first of our two outside visits takes place on Monday, 15th June. Meet at the Village Hall at 6:15pm to share transport (Don't forget your £1's) to travel to Stone Lane Gardens and Arboretum (including the Mythic Garden sculpture exhibition) at Chagford. Cost per individual, which includes a guided tour, is £4 payable on the night. Option to stop en route home for a pub meal. All welcome.

WHITESTONE PLAYERS
After a very successful pantomime, the annual dinner of the Whitestone Players will take place at 7:30 pm on Friday, 26th June at the Travellers Rest. (Friday night is Carvery Night - 2 for £11.50). All are welcome.
Please contact Nikki Coombs on 01837 810834 email: nikkicoombs11@hotmail.co.uk

WHITESTONE PARISH HALL ROOF APPEAL

The Cream Tea and Plant Sale in aid of the fund on the 23rd May in the Community Garden was blessed with fine weather, and raised nearly £200. Thank you very much to all the people who helped with providing and serving the food, and those who produced the plants for sale.

This means that the Roof Appeal has raised about £8,900 so far, with a great boost of a donation of £1,000 from the Whitestone Players after the pantomime – thank you very much! We'd like to thank all those who have made donations, particularly this month Mr Joll who has donated his fee for cutting the grass for one of the School Houses, and with sincere apologies, belated thanks to Jeffrey and Clare Frankum who donated the sausages and rolls for the Halloween party and were inadvertently omitted from the list of donors at the time – sorry!
Thanks also to Mr and Mrs Quinn, who have donated paintings by Peter Lowe – a local artist – to the roof appeal fund.
Thank you also to Derek Fisher and Belle Netherway, who have put together the fundraising 'snake' outside the village hall and Annabel Hanson, who did the artwork.
We've had some very good news this month, with the news that the hall has been given a grant of £5,000 from Teignbridge Rural Aid – which means that the grand total raised towards the roof is approaching £14,000.

Forthcoming fundraising events include:
4th July: Sports and Social Club Fete
6th September: Car boot and table top sale at Parish Hall 2-5pm

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WHITESTONE WALKERS

Next Walk – Sunday 7th June, 09.30a.m.

Meeting at the Parish Hall to share cars, we will then drive to the village of Otterton.

Directions: from the A3052 at Newton Poppleford, take the B3178 Budleigh Salterton road and then turn left shortly after Bicton Park. We will meet there at approximately 10.15a.m. There are a number of places to park in Otterton near the village green.

The morning walk will be along the South West Coast Path near Ladram Bay, before returning to Otterton beside the river Otter. Distance approximately 5 miles.

Refreshments are available at The Kings Arms public house or Otterton Mill restaurant.

The afternoon walk will be a circular walk on Woodbury Common not exceeding 5 miles.

ART & CRAFT FAIR

Just a note to say thank you very much indeed to everyone who helped out on the day in so many different ways. Although we thought we had the various jobs covered, in the event we found we needed more help- but the great thing was, people just volunteered to get stuck in. So thanks again to everyone.

The Fair was a great success with many more visitors than last year and was helped along by a demonstration on the stage of felt making, an exhibition of Peter Lowe's paintings and the new Creativity Competition. There were only 6 entries for this but, if we do it again next year, hopefully there'll be more entries now that everyone knows what's involved. The winner of the most carefully crafted section was Pauline Fisher for her knitted policeman and street lamp and the winner of the most creative section was Peter Hanson for his photo of a training shoe, socks and sunglasses arranged to look like a dog.

The café was very busy most of the day, helped along by sandwiches, home made soup, chilli and tea, coffee and cakes. In all, £1000 was raised which will be donated to the Hall Roof Fund.

WHITESTONE CALENDAR

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far and please continue to send your photographs to Jock Kirkpatrick (Tel: 811205) at 2 Merrymeet, Whitestone or kirkpatrick@eclipse.co.uk

A final decision of the photographs to include will be made around the end of October to allow time for the calendar to be produced professionally.

Although the final cost of the calendar has yet to be decided, it is hoped that it would be in the region of £5 to £10. An early indication of your likely order would be appreciated.

WHITESTONE FETE 2009

Please make a note that this year's fete will be on the 4th July 2009.

Any items for the 'White Elephant' stall and crockery for the 'Crockery Smash' would be most welcome.

Please contact Jock Kirkpatrick on 811205.

WHITESTONE SOCIAL CLUB - Secretary Peter Hanson, (tel. 01392 811878)

We're organizing a "Ghosts and Legends" circular tour around Exeter centre, led by a Redcoat guide on Monday 27th July. The cost to both members and non-members will be £2.50. Everyone is welcome . The tour starts at 6 30pm at the Cathedral West Front and will take about 90 mins. After this we're going to a nearby pub where you can eat if you wish. Parking in the City centre car parks is free after 6pm. If you'd like to come please send payment to Pauline Fisher "Dormers", 14 Church lane, EX4 2JT **by Monday 22nd June at the latest. Cheques payable to Whitestone Social Club.**

The 'Bring & Share' food & drink evenings are a great way to meet other people in the village. In particular newcomers to the village can get to know people, make new friends and find out what is going on.

Why not join, it's only £12 per year, or try one of our 'Bring & Share' food & drink evenings to see if you like it; it's only £2.00 a head.

Future Events:

Monday 22nd June	Talk on climbing Mt. Cotopaxi plus "Bring and Share"
Monday 27th July	"Ghost walk" in Exeter followed by meal.
Monday 24th August	Barn Dance
Monday 28th Sept	Talk by Exeter Redcoat, plus "Bring and Share"
Monday 26th October	Talk on home brewing, plus "Bring and Share".
	Joint meeting with Sustainable Whitestone. Everyone welcome.
Friday 6th November	Bridgwater Carnival
Monday 7th (?) December	Christmas meal, Exeter College

PETER FIELD has now retired from typing up the copy and compiling the magazine, which he has been doing month in and month out for around 40 years—a record few could hope to emulate. As the latest editor, I would like to thank him for his skill and commitment for all this time and effort. Jock Kirkpatrick has kindly agreed to take over from him—though probably not for the next 40 years!

Contributions for the July 2009 Parish Magazine to Pat Martin, 11 Merrymeet, by Tuesday 16th June. Any queries, comments, suggestions or complaints about the magazine, please, to the editor, Mrs. J. Kellagher, East Rowhorne – (01392) 273864.

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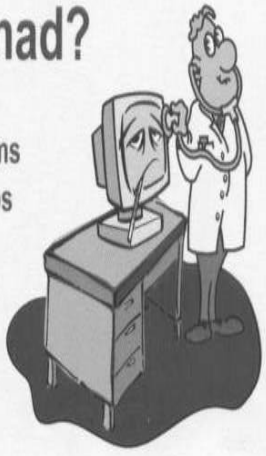

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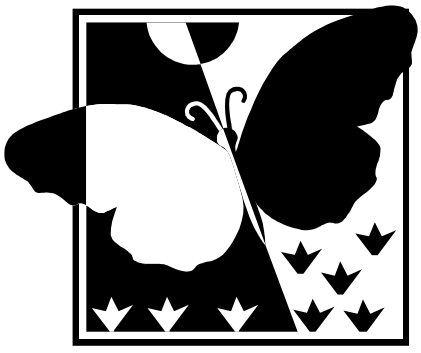

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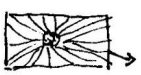

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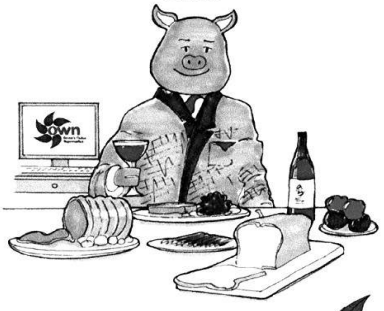

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