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SERVICES FOR JUNE 2011

Sunday July 3rd

8.0 am	**Whitestone**	**Holy Communion**	**Revd Martin Wood**
9.30 am	Holcombe Burnell	Parish Communion	Revd Tim Gorringe
11.0 am	Tedburn St Mary Recreation Ground	United Service	Revd Martin Wood
3.0 pm	Pathfinder Village	Holy Communion	Canon Geoffrey Moore
6.0 pm	Cheriton Bishop	Christians Together	Revd Martin Wood

Sunday July 10th

9.30 am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Canon John Tutton
9.30 am	**Whitestone**	**Parish Communion**	**Revd Tim Gorringe**
11.0 am	Cheriton Bishop	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3.0 pm	Pathfinder	Fellowship and Prayer	
6.0 pm	Tedburn St Mary	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

Sunday July 17th

10.30 am	**Cheriton Bishop**	**Celebration of Mission Community**	**Bishop Bob**

Sunday July 24th

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

Sunday July 31st

10.30 am	Holcombe Burnell	Team Eucharist	Revd Martin Wood Revd Tim Gorringe to preach

Every Thursday

10.30 am Pathfinder Holy Communion (BCP)

July 7th	Revd Martin Wood
July 14th	Revd Martin Wood
July 21st	Revd Martin Wood
July 28th	Canon Geoffrey Moore.

FROM THE RECTOR

Don't miss the bus!

What do they say about waiting around for a bus? When you wait a long time, you will find that two come along at once. (Although it might be that the bus no longer runs on this route sadly). I am not sure that this also applies to Bishops but it seems to have a resonance in this case. I spoke to Bishop Bob last year at a meeting and he commented that he had not visited these villages for some time. I reminded him that he was coming in June as part of his Bishop on Tour and he would be coming again to celebrate our mission community. What I could not foresee was that he would come and visit us in successive months. If you missed Bishop Bob in June you have another chance in July. He is coming to Cheriton Bishop Parish Church on the 17th July for a Celebration service at 10.30am and lunch afterwards in the village hall. You might wonder what is it that the Bishop is celebrating? That is not quite so easy to explain in a few words. The churches were set a goal to connect with their local communities to ensure that churches were engaged and part of village life. There is always a danger that churches become introspective and lose sight of their chief aim of telling others about Jesus' life and resurrection. We have been challenged to do this in each of the communities and now plan to work hard at this activity. It is the rising to this challenge of trying to engage in village life that the Bishop is celebrating. It is worth remembering that we are only really at the start line and there is never really an endpoint but rather we hand the challenge on to successive generations.

We have come full circle to our question about waiting for the bus. The church relies on people to make church. Whilst the buildings are important and significant, without people coming together in church they lose their function as a meeting place for people with God. Sadly when people are no longer part of the church it loses its identity and ceases to be an active church but a relic of the past. We are aware that we have to engage with people in our villages for our churches to continue. Nobody I think wants the situation where services are cancelled and the church closes its door.

It is therefore a partnership where the church needs to meet people and address their concerns. The church cannot do this alone, it requires people to respond to the invitation and be part of the people who meet to form the church.

It is important that neither the church nor the village miss the bus!

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

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:	**Holcombe Burnell**	**Wednesday:**	**Tedburn St. Mary**
Thursday:	**Cheriton Bishop**	**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

On the 12th June 2011, Tristan Henry Fairley-Hobbs, grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Fairley, Ford Farm, Whitestone.

The Society of Mary and Martha

The Sheldon Open Air Theatre will be helping summer go with a swing, and you can help rebuild the Sheldon Long Barn by buying tickets - why not bring along a church group, work colleagues or friends or family? The theatre itself is a hidden gem tucked into the hillside - the oldest amphitheatre in Devon. With a team of up to 40 cheerful volunteers and a capacity audience of up to 500, it makes for a really friendly night out, and suitable for all ages. That's even before you get to the list of great performers to enjoy. Original local young musicians will have you up and dancing. And plenty of chances to re-live pop classics from the 60s to the 80s with tribute bands so good you'll think they're the real thing! Our tickets are priced to be genuinely affordable from £7 if you take advantage of the early bird discount before the end of June.

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16th July : Mad Dog Mcrea with Sound of the Sirens (Irish folk rock)
22nd July : The Fab Beatles
23rd July : Abba Magic
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30th July : Joey the Lips (10 piece soul disco revue)
3rd August : Kiss This! ('80s party band)

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Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folk want to serve God, but only as advisors.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever

Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.

God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

Some minds are like concrete thoroughly mixed up and permanently set

I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?

A lot of church members who are singing 'Standing on the Promises' are just sitting on the premises.

Be ye fishers of men. You catch them - He'll clean them.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

Don't put a question mark where God put a full stop.

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

God loves everyone, but probably prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious nuts!'

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

He who angers you, controls you!

If God is your Co-pilot - swap seats!

Don't give God instructions -- just report for duty!

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

We don't change the message, the message changes us.

You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:
1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

Dan and Rosie Button

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Dear Everyone,

This will be, not quite but almost, our last Prayer Letter. I have been writing them since 1992 and I know that many of you have been praying for me, and then us as a family, for all that time. Thank You So Much.

Firstly, please pray for the ongoing work of the university, and the Theology department. This term (now in week three) we have started up a PhD programme in Theology, with six students. This is exciting, but also means the lecturers are more stretched than ever. You may remember our former dean, Alfred Olwa, has been away doing his own PhD at Moore College in Australia. He will be back later this year to resume teaching, which will be a great help. Pray for Olivia as she leads the department

Plans are already underway for a big celebration of the centenary of Bishop Tucker Theological College, now the Bishop Tucker School of Divinity and Theology within the university, in 2013. It will be a university-wide celebration of this amazing history.

This term's mission week starts on June 14th. Please pray for the speaker, Mark Blair, who worked here as a missionary "before our time" and is now working in Asia. Also that many students will give their lives to the Lord and others be encouraged in their faith.

The new University Library building is coming on fast, although a few weeks behind schedule. However, a big need for prayer is that the government has been making noises about charging VAT on the cost of the building, although we should be exempt. It would mean a huge payment would be due which may threaten the completion of the building. Please pray that this will be resolved soon.

On the family front, we are just one month away from leaving. We fly on 1st July, to spend some time in the US with Dan's family. Then Rosie arrives in England on 31st July, arriving about a week ahead of Dan and the children, to try to get our house in Gloucester slightly sorted out! We are shipping some furniture in a container, so we will only need to acquire certain essential items, while others we may have to borrow for a few weeks while we wait for our own to arrive in the container. The timing of a container is hard to predict, but as far as we know it should arrive a few days after Dan... Please pray that this will all go as smoothly as possible...

We are delighted that Abigail was given a place in a good school in Gloucester, For Alex, since he is transferring into Primary School in an in-between year, the Local Authority, when we contacted them earlier this year, said they will try to help us "nearer the time" of our move. So we are embarking on that issue now - please pray for that.

Please also pray for Abigail and Alex as they make this big move. They are very much looking forward to living in England but we pray they will make new friends quickly, and settle into the new lifestyle well.

We have agreed with the university that we will do a bit of work for UCU during our first year in England, with the UK Partners of UCU. So if anyone would be interested in hearing ongoing news of the university and the work here after we have left, just let us know!

Finally please pray for us as we make our goodbyes here and as we adjust to the huge transition ahead. We are being given a farewell lunch on 22nd June, which will involve speeches... The Children's Library team gave me a lovely farewell tea and gift. Dan is yet to preach once more next week in the university mid-day service. It feels sad to leave a community which we feel so involved in, and yet, the right time to be leaving. Of course we are also excited about the new stage of life ahead, and being nearer our family and friends in England.

Please note that we had to change our email addresses when ukonline shutdown earlier this year.
Dan's is now: danielbutton2011@gmail.com
Rosie's is now: rosiebutton2011@gmail.com

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PILATES IN THE HALL

Please note that classes will stop during July and August and restart on Thursday, 1st September at 6:30 pm.

Classes are £5 each or £24 for a block of 6.

See you in September!

Have you got a bike that, maybe, you haven't ridden for a while?

Would you like to join me for a gentle ride on Sunday July 10th?

Meet at the Parish Hall 10am and we'll ride to Heath Cross, Rowhorne, The Royal Oak (maybe stop for a tea or coffee), then slowly up the hill (maybe walking) back to the village.

Hope you can join me,
Peter Hanson

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LETTER FROM PETER BROMELL

Dear Friends & Residents,

A **BIG** thank you to everybody who voted for me in the recent District Council Elections for Teignbridge, also for the help I had in getting my leaflets delivered.

This is the first time I have covered the parishes of Longdown and Holcombe Burnell, as well as Whitestone and Tedburn and it was great to get out and meet so many people. I knew I was going to have a hard time as the competition was out to get me!

I am sure Politics are not meant to come into village affairs and I will continue to serve you all to the best of my ability. Thanks to Fred and Philip for a fair fight but better luck next time!!!

All the best,

Peter Bromell
0164761655 peter.bromell@virgin.net

LETTER FROM PAT MARTIN

What can I say! I am still reeling from the excitement and unbelief of Monday 13th June !
What a night! I shall never forget it.
There are so many to thank that I must start with Mary, Jane and Jock whom I believe, with the help of many others, were the main organisers. Then of course there were the entertainers (I wonder where they hired them??). First came a real Whitestone Special - The Whitestone Whistlers. I was thrilled to see them again- and with new recruits - as well rehearsed and in step as usual!! This was followed by the lovely singing of Esther, one of the Pantomimes younger members, and finally, we had fun and games from those two terrible Ugly Sisters, Gareth and Nigel.
After a brief spell of singing by the audience, I was dragged on to the stage, planted on the Throne and crowned with a magnificent diamond tiara! Then Mary Belt proceeded to present me with a magnificent bouquet, a fantastic donation to my new garden in Wales and a lovely mug with my name and views of Whitestone printed on it from the Parish. I was then given two lovely mugs from the W.I. So when I take my coffee in to my new garden, I shall always think of all my friends in Whitestone. As many of you know, for several years I have resisted leaving Whitestone but, with my failing eyesight, I was becoming a worry to my family and a burden to my neighbours and friends, so I knew the time had come. Derick and I came to run the shop and PO in Whitestone 43 years ago and the village rapidly became the centre of our lives. I dread leaving but I shall take with me so many happy memories. Thank you all for coming to the party , making it such a wonderful evening (I didn't realise so many would be glad to see the back of me!). It was lovely to see so many young people and whole families there.

THANK YOU ALL for your friendship, love and great generosity, Pat

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June is rich and luscious, leaves dripping from the trees, all new unfurled and perfect. Everything has a prosperous look. The badgers scuttle away from us every time we go down the lane at night, fat and mercifully healthy looking. The red hinds feast on the broad flag leaves of wheat, with the sweet ears just emerging. They are so well fed that they are inattentive, and jump out almost on top of us out of the hedge. I scramble up the hedge to see a herd of 40 hinds looking at me indignantly and quizzically wondering why I disturb their feast. They seem to know that it's the close season and trot over the skyline in an orderly formation: I can smell them on the wind, there are so many of them, so they are still grazing just out of sight.

CROPS - the wheat ears are flowers first, pouring pollen out into the wind. Heavy rain at pollination can mean a poor set of seed, but there is so much pollen and usually some dry weather in the critical few days in Wimbledon week (a landmark for wheat as well as tennis) to fill the ears well. Then the flower starts filling – it looks exactly like a full green ear of wheat except it is stalky not starchy. It fills first watery ripe, then milky, then doughy then cheesy towards the end of the month depending on weather. The flag leaf, the one that waves in the wind, is the main motor receiving the sun's energy. The dry weather is keeping it healthy and clean of mould, although deer are chewing away at them. The crops always look magnificent and thriving now, only later as the plant ripens do we see if the luscious growth results in harvestable grain - will we get enough rain to fill the grain - we've had more than other people. This year the crops are worth more money, and it has cost us more to grow, so we watch and wait anxiously. Wheat looks expensive, although it's only half again what it was when I started farming in the early 80's – most things have gone up 5 or ten times as much or more, think about a pint of beer or a gallon of petrol or a house.

Our maize is looking good - the plants go from looking small and chilly to growing almost visibly as we get into summer, leaves meeting across the broad rows.

GRASS - we've cut all our grass silage, winter feed, and we anxiously wait for rain to push on grass growth. The cows are eating more because we are really pushing to see how much milk and what quality for cheese we can get just from grass, with very little else. So we are eating the grass that formerly we made into silage, so we have to keep kicking ourselves to remember the emptier silage pits would just contain the silage we would be feeding next year at this time if we didn't trust the grass as much. But now the grass growth has slowed up with no rain.

COWS - The cows look well on this tighter regime. The August calving cows are just coming to the end of milking, and we are using them to tidy pastures up, instead of mowing it tidy – better the grass is in a cow's belly. I walked across a grassy field to one they were tidying up and they clustered around the gate, asking

politely but insistently if they could go and have some of that nice grass please. But just like people, calving is easier if you aren't too fat, so I had to equally politely tell them they couldn't have it, it's odd to see a herd of cows collectively look disappointed.
The spring calvers are now about half or more in calf, by the end of June they will be mostly in calf, and we will put the bulls in to catch the last few shy ones. Very fast the furious frolic of mating gets much quieter.

Calves are now growing in confidence, coats shining as they settle into grazing. Their big sisters, a year older, half grown, are just now at long last seeing Mr Bull, and just like a gorgeous man with a group of teenagers, he becomes the centre of attention. We hope lots are already in calf to a dairy bull, but for ease of handling, for the real thing, we use an Angus bull, so the calves will be very tasty.

The milk now settles into a lovely clovery balance, and more clover comes into the sward and it starts flowering – I like to think you can even taste the clover, but I may be adding that idea in to the flavour.

CHEESE - We did an exercise where we looked at our cheese gradings compared with the fat and protein content, and we can now make cheese that makes very well from milk that is a little too fatty or a little too proteiny by carefully adjusting how we make the cheese – cutting the junket finer, or working the curd to keep the right amount of moisture in. But the cheese that was made from the milk of the correct ratio had a perfect quality about it, which showed up particularly in the beautiful 'candle-like' appearance of the core we take with the cheese iron that presages a perfect cheese. So we keep to our aim, to have the cows produce the perfect milk for cheese, which always seems easier the more they rely on grass – not surprising as it's the natural food of a cow.

In the store, we carry on our cleaning of cheese, each one being cleaned all over about once every 4 weeks. All the work is paying off, as we are looking at about one -tenth of the bluing inside the cheese – a huge relief after very damaging levels of internal mould – not bad for you, just not what people expect from our cheese.

PRIZES 2011

Devon County Show

Mature Cheddar	1st
Mature Cheddar	Best Cheese made in Devon
Mild Cheddar	1st
Mild Cheddar	Show Reserve Champion
Cheddar with Herbs	1st
Hard Goats Cheese	2nd
Vanilla Ice Cream	2nd
Butter	3rd

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Mature Cheddar – best pair of sixteenths	1st
Raw Milk Cheddar	2nd
Cheddar with Herbs	2nd
Hard Goats Cheese	3rd

RECIPE - Cauliflower Cheese Soup – Montpelier Basement, a supperclub in Bristol:- http://supperclubfangroup.ning.com/profile/TheMontpelierBasement or Twitter@MontpelierBsmt gave me this recipe on Twitter – amazing when your phone gives you a recipe. The amounts serve 4:

I small cauliflower, 1 large potato, 2 garlic cloves, 850ml milk, 25g butter, 175g Quickes Traditional Mature Cheddar, Maldon salt & freshly ground black pepper.

Trim, wash and finely chop the cauliflower, core & all. Peel & finely chop the potato & garlic. Put cauliflower, potato & garlic into a large pan, cover with the milk & put on a low heat. Simmer until the potato is very soft. Add the butter and the cheese and, using a stick blender, blend till totally smooth. Season to taste. Serve with fresh bread for a light lunch or a delicious light first course.

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WHITESTONE PARISH COUNCIL 9h JUNE 2011

Minutes of Whitestone Parish Council meeting held at Whitestone Parish Hall on Thursday 9th June 2011 to be ratified at the Council meeting on Thursday 14th July 2011

Attendance: Chairman – Councillor P Nierop
Councillors Mrs M Belt, Mrs P Fisher, S Heathcote, D Munro, M Quinn Mrs B Netherway, R Phillips
District Councillor P Bromell
County Councillor J Brook
Mrs P Vaughan, Clerk to the Council
20 members of the public.

Apologies: Councillors A Reed and A Skeet

The meeting was preceded by the June Draw for the 100 Club in support of the Parish Hall Development Fund and the winning number was 65 and belongs to Rosemary Holder.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Hodges referred to the minutes of the April Council Meeting when a letter had been sent requesting financial information regarding School Houses. At that time the Clerk had asked that this item be referred to the June meeting as the May meeting would be the first meeting of the newly elected Council. Mr Hodges said that parishioners were attending tonight because they understood that this discussion would take place and now found that it was not on the agenda. The Chairman responded that information was still in the process of being collated and he drew attention to the fact that this item was not listed on the agenda for this meeting.

Several members of the public then voiced their disapproval of any suggestion that the School Houses were to be sold to finance work to the Parish Hall and in particular were concerned for the tenants of the houses being upset by the inference that this might happen and lengthy discussion followed. The Chairman disputed the information which was being circulated and said that the request which had been made was merely to clarify the position regarding the Parish Council finances.

It was suggested from the public that any decision to sell the houses should be placed before the parishioners and that a Public Meeting should be called in order for parishioners to voice their concerns.

The Clerk then read two letters of objections to the sale of the houses to fund the building work to the Parish Hall received from Mr E Beeching and Ms A Bird who had believed that the item was to be on the agenda for tonight.

The Chairman then closed the meeting to public participation and proceeded to the agenda.

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th May 2011 having been circulated were taken as read and signed as a true copy by the Chairman.

PLANNING

Planning Applications

11/01522/FUL Two storey side extension and extend roof to rear at Ham Farm, Tedburn Road. The application and plans were examined and the Chairman opened the meeting to allow the owner of the property, Mr Peter Rich, to explain the application. Councillors then discussed the application and there were no objections.

Letter of notification from Teignbridge District Council

10/03576/COU Springdale Farm, Bondhouse Lane this application will be discussed at the Development Control Committee meeting on Monday 13th June at 9.45am

Grant of Conditional Planning

11/01112/LBC Replacement of render on south elevation and replacement of timber lintels at Deerslake, Halsfordwood Lane.

11/00872/FUL Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling at Heath House

11/00957/FUL Garage at Heath House.

The Clerk reported receiving notification of a planning application for Poole Farm, Tedburn St Mary. No details have as yet been forwarded and as it will require comments within 21 days a decision was made for a meeting to be called for Thursday 23rd June at 7.30pm in order to discuss this.

County Councillor Brook requested that he give a report as he had another meeting to attend. There is going to be a meeting to address Highway issues and he was made aware of the very significant undermining of the road which has occurred at Nadderwater brought about by the heavy vehicles travelling to Tops Steps which is causing concerns and promised to raise this matter. He reported that Cross Park Farm is being visited by the Planning Officer following complaints from a large number of residents.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

School Houses

The Chairman updated the meeting on damp proofing works which had been carried out and informed the Council that the contractors, after commencing the work and acting upon the advice of their surveyor, had found it necessary to amend the original schedule of work. Some extra remedial work had also been necessary. This has increased the amount of the invoice to £5,270.40p, which included £878.40 VAT. The work has now been completed and it was resolved that this invoice is paid.

Following a query regarding the outstanding payment due for exterior painting to School Houses a satisfactory explanation was submitted to the meeting and it was resolved that the payment of £625.55 should be made.

Garages

The Clerk distributed four estimates for the work required for the repair of the garage roofs. As the contents are so detailed it was agreed that Councillors should examine these and this item be placed on the agenda for the 23rd June in order for a decision to be resolved.

Parish Hall

The Clerk reporting receiving information from Rural Aid Scheme that a grant award for £4,000 had been approved for the Parish Hall extension. A vote of thanks was given to Councillor Belt who serves on the Rural Aid Committee for her support in gaining this Grant.

In answer to a request for the relocation of the Public Footpath sign at the entrance to the Hall car park approval has now been received from the Public Rights of Way for the Parish to undertake this task and it was agreed that Councillor Munro will liaise with the Hall Management regarding this.

Bank Mandate
Owing to the election of a new Council the signatories on the Bank Mandate were discussed. At present they are Councillors Belt, Munro and Netherway and Mrs Vaughan. It was resolved that Councillor Nierop be added and the necessary paperwork was completed.

Planning for community infrastructure and facilities
Councillors Nierop and Quinn had gone through the questionnaire and the Council gave approval to the answers provided with a few additions. The Clerk was instructed to return the information to Teignbridge District Council.

MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN
Proposal to improve consideration of planning matters
The Chairman put forward his ideas for improvements to the consideration of planning applications. A successful vote was taken for the establishment of an advisory sub committee to consider the applications prior to the Parish Council and give guidance and explanations to the Council. The Chairman then called for Councillors who would be willing to serve and as no one came forward it was agreed that this proposal would have to be abandoned. Discussion followed regarding the nomination of two Councillors who would attend organised site visits and Councillor Phillips recommended that it should be the Chairman or Vice Chairman accompanied by whichever Councillor lived in the vicinity of the site and this was agreed as a satisfactory option.

Proposal for a Parish Plan for Whitestone
The Chairman read his proposal to the meeting and closed the meeting and requested comments from Mrs Pat Moody, Chair of Tedburn St Mary Parish Council, where they already have a Parish Plan. After discussion within by the Councillors it was resolved that arrangements should be made for a presentation by the Community Council of Devon to advise on the process for carrying this project forward.

FINANCE
The Clerk reported on the Independent Internal Audit completed by Mr K Abraham on 1st June as follows:-
"In order to carry out the internal audit a financial risk assessment was carried out and the Council was assessed as a low risk and all tests were satisfactory. The records were well organised and provided a clear audit trail. There were no issues arising from this year's testing to draw to the attention of the Council. The Council may wish to consider adopting the new model standing orders for local councils, published by NALC in 2010, in place of present standing orders."
This report together with the Audit Commission Annual Return has been sent to the Audit Commission for official audit purposes. Mr Abraham submitted his account for £135. and it was resolved that this payment be made. A vote of thanks was relayed to the Clerk for her work as Responsible Financial Officer for the Council.

A budget review that had been completed by Councillor Quinn, in consultation with the Clerk, was distributed to the meeting. Councillor Quinn felt that this information would inform the Council on their budgetary requirements over the year and thanks were expressed for the insight that it provided. Councillor Heathcote requested that a proposal to commission a survey of the assets of the Council should be placed on a future agenda to inform on probable expenditure that may be needed.

Discussion took place regarding a request from Hall Committee of Management for a grant to cover insurance costs as the Parish Council have in the past been responsible for this but which has now been placed on a separate Policy. It was resolved that this payment of £631.81 be reimbursed to the Hall Committee.

Expenditure The following accounts were proposed and seconded for payment. All in favour

Whitestone Parish Hall Management Committee (May and June donation)	£250.00
Clerk's expenses	£46.33
Farr Ltd – battery for ride on mower	£36.00

CORRESPONDENCE
Devon County Council – response regarding the Highway Matters that were brought to the May meeting. A copy of this letter was sent to the residents who raised the complaints.
Devon County Council – Public Rights of Way. Notification that no P3 Grant payment will be made this year. Thanks extended to Councillor Munro for his surveys during the year.
Letters of thanks for donations from Whitestone Gardening Club and Parochial Church Council.
Letter from DCC Highways regarding complaints raised at the May meeting. Councillor Phillips requested that the Clerk send a letter of appreciation be sent for the prompt removal of the concrete which had set on the road at Twiscombe Corner.
Teignbridge Association of Local Councils – minutes of May meeting. Passed to Councillor Belt.
Devon Association of Local Councils – Nomination paper for selection of four candidates to serve on the County Committee 2011-2015. Discussion ensued and four names were selected.

REPORTS
Councillor Quinn requested that it be placed in the Minutes that all the Councillors serving on the Parish Council were elected at the uncontested election on 5th May 2011.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Mr Greenfield raised a complaint regarding footpath 17 and Councillor Munro will look into this. He also reported that someone has been using a laser beam within the village and stated how dangerous this could be.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm

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Actual electricity generation……..1,133kWhr (worth £451)
Of which used in the house……533kWhr (worth £64.50)
Remainder exported to grid……600kWhr (worth £18)
Total value of electricity generated..……£533.50

This panel is on an east-facing roof which is not ideal. On a south-facing roof it would have generated electricity worth £705

The revenues go up in line with inflation so went up by 5% last April 1st.

Assuming they go up at 2.5% a year for the next 24 years of the scheme, the revenue should total £15,434 or £20,373 for a south-facing roof.

Of course the investment isn't quite the same as putting your money in a building society because you can't withdraw your money - although you can regard it as an investment in your house which should increase in value. Those who have got panels will tell you how very satisfying it is to feel they are not having to pay for about half their electricity.

Something to note though, if you're thinking of getting a panel, is that you should do it before April 1st 2012 because the price paid then goes down from the 45p/kWhr or so (depending on the value of the RPI used to calculate it) paid for existing panels to 37p/kWhr for new installations.

Peter Hanson

MUSIC EVENING IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Monday June 27th, 7:30 pm, Parish Hall.

Please join us for a lovely evening of music, singing and some traditional Indian dancing, hosted by the Social Club.

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GREEN LIGHT FOR MAJOR DEVON AND SOMERSET SUPER-FAST BROADBAND INVESTMENT

Hundreds of thousands of businesses and communities across Devon and Somerset are set to benefit after the Government today gave the green light for a multi-million pound public and private sector investment in super-fast broadband.

Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt announced that the Government was backing a joint bid led by Devon and Somerset County Councils to help the rollout of super-fast broadband across rural areas.

Devon and Somerset are to receive a £30m share of £50m funding, which was allocated today. The other successful bids are from Wiltshire and Norfolk.

In his announcement Mr Hunt said: "Broadband is becoming just as essential to homes and businesses as electricity and telephone lines and it is now only a matter of time before people in these three new rural areas have access to the connection speeds more commonly associated with towns and cities.

The Devon and Somerset bid, with support from Plymouth, North Somerset and Torbay Councils, was one of only three to get the go ahead from the government's Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) Unit.

The move was welcomed by business leaders who praised the lead given by the local authorities and said the investment would deliver a £750 million boost to the local economy and could create 50,000 new jobs in across Devon and Somerset.

Local government politicians said Government backing means the Councils can press ahead with plans for a massive investment programme, likely to be in the region of £100 million. A super-fast broadband network from Plymouth to Weston-super-Mare will benefit 836,000 businesses and residents.

The Councils say that with the support of Government investment they will undertake an open and competitive procurement process to secure the best broadband solution or solutions that will meet the needs of Devon and Somerset.

Will Mumford, Devon County Council's Cabinet Member for Economy and Strategic Planning, said: "Government funding, along with our own resources will help us secure the private finance we need to begin a massive investment programme. It will create jobs, transform the competitiveness of local businesses and improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of people.

"Super-fast broadband for rural businesses will give them a level playing field with our urban counterparts. This has been a huge team effort. There has been fantastic all-party political support from our MPs and great backing from our Local Enterprise Partnership who made this their number one priority. We've got a lot more to do in terms of securing European funding and private sector investment, but this is the flying start we wanted."

"Our plan is to make sure that everyone has access to basic broadband by 2015, with at least 85% of premises having access to super-fast broadband speeds and 100% by 2020."

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A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls.

He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls..

He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full.

The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.'
The professor then produced two bottles of beer from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand.
The students laughed. 'Now,' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life.

The golf balls are the important things---your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favourite passions---and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else---the small stuff.

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or golf balls.
The same goes for life.
If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take time to get medical check-ups. Take your spouse out to dinner.
There will always be time to clean the house and fix a tap. Take care of the golf balls first---the things that really matter.

Set your priorities.....
The rest is just sand.

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented..
The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked.'
The beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers with a friend.

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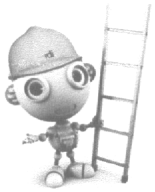

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The afternoon walk will take in part of Fernworthy Forest and extend on to the open moor as far as the Grey Wethers Stone Circles. Distance approximately 6 miles.

The reservoir car park is at map ref.669.838 and we will meet there at 10.15 a.m.
There is a picnic site and toilet facilities at the car park.

Boots or good walking shoes will be essential.

GARDENING CLUB
Sec. Mary Stanbury (Tel: 01392 811532)
Next Meeting Monday, 18th July, 2011

Our full day trip this year is to Holcombe Court, between Tiverton and Wellington. This is a 7 acre area of varied gardens around a Grade 1 listed Tudor manor house. Included in the gardens are herbaceous borders, trout ponds, Victorian rockery, woodland garden, vegetable parterre within 18th Century walled garden, espaliers and an apple orchard.
This is a rare opportunity to visit a garden not regularly open to the public where the owner will greet us with a soft drink, provide a guided tour and then leave us to wander for an hour or so.
Lunch will be taken at The Old Well, an interesting garden centre, near Culmstock providing the opportunity to browse the varied range of plants available for sale.

Meet at the Parish Hall to share transport at 9-30am . Cost £5 for entry to Holcombe Court donated to local church funds. Guests are welcome but non-members should advise Derek Fisher on 01392 811979 to establish numbers attending.

CHURCH BELL RINGING
We practise most Thursday evenings at St Catherine's Church from 7:30 to 9:00pm. We urgently need more ringers - please help to keep up this English tradition in Whitestone.

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TEA AND A CHAT
There will no Tea and a Chat in July and August. We look forward to seeing you in September.

SUSTAINABLE WHITESTONE

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Please read Peter Hanson's GREEN CORNER article on the actual savings achieved from P.V. Solar Panels over the last 12 months.

WHITESTONE BOOK CLUB

At our June meeting, we enjoyed sharing favourite passages from our book of the month, which made us all laugh out loud! Kate Atkinson was an author new to several of us and we are now keen to find other works by her.

For our next meeting, we are reading 'The Jane Austen Book Club' by Karen Joy Fowler. This, too, promises to be amusing.

We meet next on Monday July 11th, 2 to 4 pm in the Whitestone Parish Hall. Cost £1.50.
Everyone is welcome to the Book Club so do join us - we would love to see you there.

WHITESTONE SOCIAL CLUB

(Coordinator Pauline Fisher, tel. 01392 811979)

Forthcoming Events:

June 27th	Music Evening in the community garden
July 25th	Games evening
August 22nd	To be decided.
Sept 26th	Policing the Peninsular, lighthearted look at history of police by Simon Dell
Oct 24th	Hedgehogs in your garden by Devon Wildlife Hospital.
Nov 28th	Murder & Mystery evening
Dec 12th	Alan Dark, professional magician and entertainer
Jan 19th	Barn Dance with "Redwing"

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. There's also a book swap club. Meetings start 7 30 pm in the Parish Hall.

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The last date for contributions to the August 2011 Parish Magazine is

Monday 18th July

Please send articles to Jock Kirkpatrick
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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

Tue evening		
Sequence Dancing	Colin Thorne	01392 206442
Thurs 6:30-7:30pm		
Pilates	Peter Hanson	01392 811878
Fri evening		
Bingo	Ray Kielty	07949 865204
Sat 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.

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As well all the many 'Polyfilla' jobs, major tasks included painting walls and ceilings, clearing and painting gutters and drainpies, and removing overhanging branches. The 'stage' toilet was tackled and the whole frontage of the Hall and grounds given a major tidy-up. Along the front of the Hall, the car parking was improved by cutting back the overgrown laurel hedge by up to 5 feet! The new leak in the flat roof of the extension was also fixed.

Well done everyone who attended and thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
27 June 2011	Social Club - Music Evening in the Community Garden - 7:30pm
03 July 2011	Whitestone Walkers - Meet at the Parish Hall at 9:30am
07 July 2011	Patchwork & Quilting - Whitestone Parish Hall - 2 pm
09 July 2011	Tedburn St. Mary School Summer Fair - noon to 3pm
10 July 2011	Peter Hanson's Bike Ride - Meet at Parish Hall - 10am
11 July 2011	Whitestone Book Club - Parish Hall - 2:00pm
16 July 2011	Whitestone Fete - Whitestone Parish Hall & grounds - 2:30 - 5 pm
17 July 2011	Bishop Bob - Celebration of Mission Community - Cheriton Bishop - 10:30am
18July 2011	LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ITEMS FOR THE JUNE MAGAZINE
18 July 2011	Gardening Club - visit to Holcombe Court - Meet at Parish Hall - 9:30am
25 July 2011	Social Club - Games evening
28 July 2011	Tea & a Chat - Whitestone Parish Hall 3:30pm
04 August 2011	Patchwork & Quilting - Whitestone Parish Hall - 2pm
August 2011	Social Club - to be arranged
01 September 2011	Pilates in the Hall restarts - 6:30pm
05 September 2011	Table Tennis - Whitestone Parish Hall - 7:30pm
19 September 2011	Table Tennis - Whitestone Parish Hall - 7:30pm
26 September 2011	Social Club - Talk - Policing the Peninsula
03 October 2011	Table Tennis - Whitestone Parish Hall - 7:30pm
17 October 2011	Table Tennis - Whitestone Parish Hall - 7:30pm
24 October 2011	Social Club - Talk - Hedgehogs in your Garden
31 October 2011	Table Tennis - Whitestone Parish Hall - 7:30pm
07 November 2011	Table Tennis - Whitestone Parish Hall - 7:30pm
21 November 2011	Table Tennis - Whitestone Parish Hall - 7:30pm
28 November 2011	Social Club - Murder Mystery Evening
05 December 2011	Table Tennis - Whitestone Parish Hall - 7:30pm
12 December 2011	Social Club - Christmas fun with a Magician
19 December 2011	Table Tennis - Whitestone Parish Hall - 7:30pm
19 January 2012	Social Club - Barn Dance with 'Redwing'