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FROM THE RECTOR

The Olympics London 2012

The first of the two summer Olympic months has finally come around and the countdown clock to the games stands at just 27 days and 60 days for the Paralympics on 29th August. London has been counting down for over 7 years and probably planning for at least 10 years. I guess there is a particular sport and event which you are looking forward to seeing. It appears the 100 meters final is one of the really big ones but it will be decided in under 10 seconds! What is it about taking part that is so important? We have to look at the Olympic creed.

The Olympic Creed says:

> *'The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well.'*

We can see by participating in an Olympic event you have already struggled and worked hard just to be there. That in itself is a great achievement that anyone can be proud of for the rest of their lives.

Behind the glamour of competing in an event there are a whole host of challenges for the organisers. There are the obvious challenges of food, accommodation and transport. But equally important is the simple task of leaving your tracksuit before the race and being able to collect it after the race. There are an army of people called London 2012 Games Makers. These are volunteers who are working for two weeks for no pay and probably giving up their holiday to be a part of the Olympics. You might think that the terms and conditions are not very appealing, but over 240,000 people applied for some 70,000 roles. It is a reminder to us that taking part is much more worthwhile than any financial reward. Being part of something much bigger than ourselves, gives us a real sense of pride by being part of that big event.

The bible use images of participating in a race. Paul reminds the Corinthian church that the race of life (1 Corinthians 9 vs. 24-26) is about an imperishable prize, eternal life. The sense is that we should all enter, compete and be fully prepared for engaging in life. We are to be encouraged that God and the great cloud of witnesses who have already run the race now surround us and cheer us on in the race that is life (Hebrews 12 vs.1-2).

As we watch the Olympics and cheer on our favourites, let us also remember how hard the other competitors have worked in training. I am sure we will see the Games Makers in the background of the events and remember how important it is to be a part of the Olympic Games. It is the same for God who sees all of our best efforts and encourages us to keep going.

Rev. Martin Wood is on sabbatical and is unavailable. Please contact the church warden for church matters.

Rector's Sabbatical Leave

Sabbatical means literally a ceasing or a rest from work. The foundational Bible passage for sabbatical concepts is in Genesis where God rested (literally, "ceased" from his labour) after creating the universe. After ten years of service in the church you are able to apply for a sabbatical. I will have completed twelve years of service in June and not quite being able to create any kind of universe! Some people take the opportunity of doing something completely different like doing some research, writing a book or completing a pilgrimage. I will be trying to follow the biblical model of taking a rest. I will do some DIY tasks that I never have enough time to complete. I will visit my family and friends at the weekend which is very hard because I usually work every weekend. Finally I will have a long holiday.
I am on sabbatical leave from 1st June to 31th August. Tim Gorringe and John Tutton are continuing to help cover our services with some help from visiting preachers. The churchwardens will be the first point of contact for church matters.

Rev Martin Wood

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JUBILEE WEEK-END PICTURES

I took several photos of the events over the Jubilee week-end and some of them are on the Whitestone web-site. If you would like copies of any of them, I will print them off at 50p a go in aid of the Hall Development Fund. There are others on my computer if you want to come and look.

Jane R 01392 811492
Quarryfield House

CHURCH SURVEY

Many thanks again to all those who completed the Survey. We received an over 10% response, which was very encouraging, particularly as we could gain the impression that many responders were probably not weekly church attenders.

The Parochial Church Council will, over the coming months, be considering the many useful and positive comments made, and trying to determine how it might be possible to put the most practical of these into effect, but meanwhile you may be interested in just a few of the most frequent key points made. Inevitably there were also a few notes of criticism, which we also appreciated, and these will be given equal consideration.

It was very encouraging to learn that St Catherine's is seen as an important ingredient in village life, part of not only our own but the Nation's historical heritage. It is seen as a focus of and focal point for the community, particularly at times of personal or national distress, and identifies Whitestone as a village and not just a suburb of Exeter. It should be a meeting place at times of celebration. It is a reminder of the debt the nation owes to our Christian heritage which has underpinned most of our laws and social provision. People do like the sound of the bells!

Whilst many recognised that regular church attenders did take a full part in general community life, it was felt that the Church should perhaps be more overtly seen as part of village life. There were a number of, sometimes conflicting, statements of preference as to the content and style of music in our worship! The geographical position of the Church building and lack of parking were recognised as problems, and some felt that greater use might be made of the Parish Hall, as is done already with Saturday Surprise.

Several potentially valuable offers of help were made, but the responses being anonymous made it impossible to pursue these opportunities!. We would appreciate it if the people concerned would identify themselves!

From the Church's point of view this was a useful and valuable exercise, and we appreciate the time and thought taken by those who responded. We hope also that the survey served as a reminder of the existence and purpose of the Church in the Parish.

John Hutchinson.

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MARY'S DAIRY DIARY - JUNE 2012

The kaleidoscope of green - olive oaks, luminous beech, pink then green larch, iridescent pasture - of spring settles down into the mid greens of serious growth as the sun reaches its zenith. The much looked for rain has fuelled growth everywhere. I peeped into a nest, exquisitely woven together, even some baler twine inextricably bound, and saw some fat little hairless nestlings waiting expectantly for more food from the fecund landscape. Their indignant mother zoomed past me, and I retreated, put in my place. The house martens buzzed Tom as he went into the old barn - 'we're busy on vital chick rearing business, keep out of the way'.

CROPS - The oilseed rape finishes flowering, then the pods grow in a heavy cabbagey tangle. Now is the time when the rich oil is forming in the tiny seeds, now tiny and green, and will become little black ball bearings. The plants grow tall, all fighting to harvest the rich sunlight. If you stoop down, even on a bright day, it is dark and enclosed at mouse and vole height, a great metropolis, safe at last from airborne predators. The wheat and barley start looking like crops and not just broad leaved grass, as the flower spikes come through, green ears, soft and empty, fertilized by wind in great clouds of barely visible pollen, winter barley first, wheat at the end of the month and spring barley later. Then the broad leaves fill the ears with the sun's energy, rich store for the sunless days of winter.

GRASS - all the rain meant heavy growth of grass. What the cows can't eat now, growing away from even their ravenous mouths, we harvest as silage at the end of May or maybe into June. It's always a hard call to get it right. We weigh up between hitting the weather windows to make perfect, well fermented silage; going slightly earlier to get the richest, sweetest feed; or later, where the crop is heavier, stalkier, will take longer to recover, less rich but more fibre to keep cows' rumens grinding away. The whiter the aftermath in the fields after we've cut, the later we went, and the more silage in the pit. If we cut in June, we will turn those fields eerie white after the long time shaded by grass.

COWS - Cutting the extra grass means that the cows' grazing stays spring-like all the way through the summer, leafy, rich, milk-making grass. It was making so much fat in the milk we ended up feeding the cows a couple of kilos of the fibrous remains of seeds after vegetable oil had been crushed, to get the milk correct for cheesemaking. That brought the fat down and the protein up in the milk. The higher protein showed the girls have enough energy for peak fertility. At the beginning of June, a lot of the cows are cycling - hot to trot, riding each other in daisy chains of three or four in a row. By the end of the month, and a lot of tired arms later, nearly all the cows will be in calf, and the challenge is picking out the few who are bulling (showing they are ready to conceive) as they have a lot fewer playmates.

HEIFERS - The bulling heifers meet the fine black

gentlemen, those lovely gentle Angus bulls you may have seen looking elegant and wistful in Slades Field, patiently waiting for their moment. They spend a lot more time and effort than we do to sniff out any heifers at their most fertile that the arm didn't catch. Sometimes the bull gets too keen on a favourite, and the young lady in dire need will ride the bull to get his attention, which always works, ears back from the bull, but he gets on with his work.

The calves carry on looking remarkably winning and sweet, enormously excited when the milk bar turns up, companionably sitting together or suddenly getting up and racing around in a game.

CHEESE - such a remarkable difference to the curd when we changed the feed, back to a firm curd, just right. The amount of cheese we are making is just right for the team to make comfortably, if you call throwing around three quarters of a hundredweight in cheese and mould comfortable. The cheese feels right on the shelf, just the right firmness and mould growth to form a lovely even rind. We are very proud that we have solved the cheese mite problem by our magical blowing and sucking machine - hard work as each over six month old cheese needs to be moved into the machine every month. It's worth it as we are currently the only traditionally matured cheddar able to age beyond 14 months, when a cloth wrapped cheddar starts coming into its full glory.

Dare we go back to ageing a small amount to 3 years? We called it 'Antique' - it was extraordinary in flavour, but we lost all our stock to the ravages of mite. I'm just beginning to wonder if we dare try again, encouraged by Tom Chatfield, our lively new Sales Manager.

SHOP - come and try the delicious coffee in our new little café area, tell us what you think.

OPEN FARM SUNDAY - Please put Sunday 17th June in your diary, we are opening up the farm - milk a cow, try making cheese, see some shiny machinery, a little tractor for children to climb on, say hallo to calves and sheep and pigs. Taste cheese, and we'll also have a hog roast from Kenniford Farm to keep your strength up. We want to show off all the steps between sunlight and water and delicious things to eat. It will be a fabulous day. I'd love to say I'm looking forward to seeing you there, but I will be at work meeting cheeselovers in Washinton DC and telling them what you'll be seeing.

RECIPE - Quicke Gratin: I'm enjoying Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's 'Veg Every Day', lots of fresh ideas on how to cook vegetables. I enjoyed the recipe for quick Swiss Chard stalks gratin - separate the leaves from the stalks of the chard, cut the stalks into half inch pieces, and sweat in a little butter and olive oil with some chopped garlic until tender, stirring every now and again. Add the leaves from a few thyme sprigs (I always use lemon thyme), salt and pepper and cream (I use cheese starter, like a full fat yogurt with a bit more flavour). I have added the leaves of the chard if I haven't got another use for them at this stage. When it starts to bubble, put in a dish and scatter over half in half Quickes Traditional Cheddar and breadcrumbs. Put under a hot grill till golden brown. I served it as a side dish, or Hugh suggests serving with his dressed Puy lentils (with fresh herbs and chopped spring onions) or some new potatoes as a supper.

MARY QUICKE

GOOD COMPANIONS

Meeting In Pathfinder Village Hall --- 2.30pm

4th July....Cream Tea
18th July..... Natalie Husk ....The Leprosy Mission

What a fantastic Bank Holiday Jubilee weekend it was last month, both on the television, and in our villages. Our own Jubilee Celebration afternoon tea ending with a rousing chorus of 'God Save The Queen' it was a fitting way to bring to an end our celebrations. Thank you to those who brought along Memorabilia for us to enjoy.

We look forward to our 'Cream Tea' on the 4th. Also our next speaker Natalie telling us about 'The Leprosy Mission' Natalie has raised many thousands of pounds herself in aid of this great charity, and completed a 630 mile South West Coastal Path walk in 2011 with her faithful dog Toby.

If you are at a loose end on a Wednesday afternoon why not come along, we try to find speakers to suit all tastes at most of our meetings, hold a draw, and finish with a nice cup of tea and biscuit. In addition we also run coach trips 3 or 4 times a year.
Our next coach outing is to Bude on Wednesday 22nd of August so gather your family and friends together for a nice day out. You do not have to be a member. We have ordered a nice sunny day!!!

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WHITESTONE PARISH COUNCIL 10 MAY 2012

Minutes of Whitestone Parish Council meeting held at Whitestone Parish Hall on Thursday 10th May 2012

Attendance: Chairman – Councillor P Nierop
Councillors Mrs P Fisher, S Heathcote, D Munro, Mrs B Netherway, A Reed, A Skeet, R Phillips, M Quinn
County Councillor J Brook (for part of the meeting)
Mrs P Vaughan, Clerk to the Council
Mr D Friend, Mr A Greenfield, Mr C Hodges, Mr R Jordan, Mr P Davidson. Mrs S Greenfield (from 8.30pm).

Apologies: Councillor Mrs M Belt (on holiday), District Councillor P Bromell

The meeting was preceded by the May Draw for the 100 Club in support of the Parish Hall development Fund. The lucky number was 96 and belongs to Ruth Charles.

Councillor Nierop opened the Annual General meeting and stood down as Chairman in order for the election of officers for the year 2012/2013 to take place

33. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

33.1 Election of Chairman
Councillor Philip Nierop proposed by Cllr Quinn, seconded by Cllr Skeet. There being no other nomination Cllr Nierop was duly elected, signed his declaration of office and called for nominations for the following:-

33.2 Election of Vice Chairman
Councillor Mrs Fisher proposed by Cllr Quinn, seconded by Cllr Munro. All in favour.

33.3 Asset Group Committee
Proposed by Cllr Fisher and seconded by Cllr Skeet that Councillors Heathcote, Netherway, Philips and Quinn be elected en bloc. All in favour.

33.4 Footpath Warden
Councillor Munro proposed by Cllr Reed, seconded by Cllr Phillips. All in favour.

33.5 Church House Foundation Member
Councillor Netherway proposed by Cllr Munro, seconded by Cllr Heathcote. All in favour.

33.6 Crossway Park Officer
Councillor Netherway proposed by Cllr Reed, seconded by Cllr Fisher. All in favour.

33.7 Parish Hall Committee
Proposed by Cllr Munro and seconded by Cllr Phillips that Councillors Belt, Heathcote, Nierop and Quinn be elected en bloc. Cllr Belt having indicated that in her absence she should be willing to stand again if nominated. All in favour.

33.8 Parish Hall Liaison Member
Councillor Munro proposed by Cllr Skeet and seconded by Cllr Quinn. All in favour.

33.9 Responsible Financial Officer
Mrs P Vaughan proposed by Cllr Quinn, seconded by Cllr Munro. All in favour.

33.10 Independent Internal Auditor
Mr Ken Abrahams proposed by Cllr Munro, seconded by Cllr Netherway. All in favour.

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

34 Minutes of the Council meetings held on the 12th April 2012, 26th April 2012 and the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th April 2012 having been circulated were taken as read and signed as a true copy by the Chairman with the addition to the Annual Parish Meeting Minutes of a report from Sustainable Whitestone which had not been read on the 26th April.

35. PLANNING

Planning Applications

34.1 12/01208/MAJ Installation of 3740 solar panels on timber framing including ancillary cabins for switch gear and transformer and 117m subterranean connection cable on land adjacent to Little Beer Copse, Five Mile Hill.
Councillors discussed the application and plans and there were no objections.

34.2 12/01346/FUL Single storey extension to form sun lounge and kitchen at 1 Centre Cottages.
The Chairman invited Mr Jordan to comment on his application and then the Councillors discussed the application and plans and it was supported with no objections.

Notification of Appeal

35.3 12/0021/REF Informal Hearing for Appeal against refusal of planning permission 11/03176/FUL for the siting of two mobile homes and three touring caravans for residential occupation for a single gypsy family at Springdale Farm, Bondhouse Lane.

Planning Granted

34.3 12/00254/FUL Loft conversion to include raised roof height and dormer on side (west) elevation, single storey extensions to side (west) and front and provision of rear terrace at 9 Merrymeet.

36. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

36.1 School Houses
Correspondence from the Letting Agents was discussed and various items noted as a result of their inspections. The Clerk to contact the Letting Agents regarding the item concerning chimney sweeping at No 1.

36.2 Quotations for Insurance Cover
Insurance cover will become due for renewal from 1st June and two quotations have been received, namely £1,359.44 and £915.30 with enhanced insurance cover. With regard to the second quote if the Council agree to an inflation adjusted 3 year binding agreement the annual premium can be reduced by a further 5% giving a premium of £869.54. Discussion followed and it was resolved that the option of a long term agreement be accepted. All in favour.

This Company, Came & Co also offer an independent annual playground inspection service but as the Council have only just had this completed it was decided to investigate this when the inspection became necessary next year.

36.3 Asset Group Report
Various items were discussed regarding the Crossway Park and proposals for work on the various items brought to the Council's attention by the ROSPA Report

will be brought to the June meeting by Cllr Netherway. It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the football net has been replaced and the Clerk was instructed to contact ROSPA regarding the suitability of this being left in situ in case it should cause injury. It had been found that there were some items in the tractor shed and Cllr Munro will contact Mr Joll to ascertain if any of this is his property. It was requested that the Clerk should write to Mr Fisher for status of who holds the keys to the garages and also obtain a set of keys.

The Clerk was instructed to now contact Whitton and Laing to ask them to carry out the 10 year Asset Maintenance Plan as agreed in March.

36.4 Revised Standing Orders
A draft copy had been distributed to Councillors but after some discussion it was resolved that this item be placed on the June agenda as some Councillors wished to have more time to make comparisons with the existing Standing Orders.

36.5 County Councillor Brook gave a short report regarding road works being completed and mentioned that he did still have some locality budget project money available for grants. He informed the meeting that he is to become Chairman of the County Council and may not be able to attend Parish Council meetings as often as in the past. Cllr Nierop congratulated him on his appointment.

37. MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN
Cllr Nierop felt that it might be helpful to have a list of preferred supplier tradesmen whom could be called on to carry out any work required and he will place this on a future Council agenda.

38. **FINANCE**
38.1 The accounts/balance sheet for the year ended 31st March 2012 having been circulated at the April meeting these were proposed and seconded for approval by the Council. All in favour.

38.2 The Annual Audit was presented to the meeting for authorisation and it was resolved that this was approved for presentation to the Audit Commission and the Return was duly signed by the Chairman. The Clerk reported that Mr Abrahams will be visiting her on 17th May to conduct the Internal Audit following which the Return will be sent to the Audit Commission.

Authorisation for continuation of Grants
It was proposed and seconded that the following Grants be continued. All in favour.
38.3 Whitestone Parish Hall Management Committee - £125 per month
38.4 Parochial Church Council (for the Church Magazine for inclusion of Council Minutes) - £165
38.5 Whitestone Gardening Club for tending the Community Garden adjoining Crossway Park - £125.
Income
38.6 Precept Payment (Half year) - £3,5000
38.7 Parish Paths Partnership Grant - £170
Expenditure
The following accounts were proposed and seconded for payment. All in favour.
38.8 Clerk's expenses - £59.49 (no VAT)
38.9 Hire of Parish Hall meeting room for Parish Plan Meetings - £15 (no VAT)
38.10 Graham Dicker for two extra grass cuts - £130 (no VAT)

39. CORRESPONDENCE
39.1 A letter of complaint from Mr Joll's son which was sent to Cllr Nierop was distributed to Councillors together with the response which Cllr Nierop had sent. A further letter from Mr Joll received prior to the meeting was read to the meeting. Cllr Quinn felt that some of the animosity had occurred because Council minutes had been placed in the public domain before having been signed off and he also felt that it should be stated that it was a resolution passed by the Council in November which had led to the action regarding the grass cutting and it was not the sole responsibility of the Chairman.

39.2 Parish Hall Management Committee have reconsidered their decision to allow the two photographs of members of the Parish Council to be placed somewhere in the Billiard Room when decoration has been completed and the photographs were returned to them.

39.3 The Clerk received a response from Mr Pester regarding the skip outside Marylands. Mr Pester is unable to drive at the present time or for the next 3 or 4 weeks and wishes to be in attendance when the skip is removed so hopefully after that time he will be arranging removal of the skip. He stated that the reason the skip was so full was because persons other than himself had filled it with their rubbish and he is annoyed because it is covering earth which he had wanted to make use of to infill his rear garden.

39.4 Electrical installation work certificate of compliance has been received in respect of electrical installation at 1 School Houses and this will be forwarded to the Letting Agents.

39.5 Notification had been received from May Gurney of a proposed road closure outside Croft Cottage on Nadderbottom Road, Nadderwater from 25th to 27th July 2012 in order to complete SWW Utility works.

40. REPORTS
- Cllr Netherway reported that only four applicants had applied to the Church House Trust for grants and she will be contacting the Whitestone Website in the hope that the public could be made more aware of this funding.
- Potholes were reported at Heath Cross, by "Greenacres" on the Heath Cross to Crediton Road and at Hackworthy, Nadderwater.
- It was reported that there seems to be some "activity" at Swan Lake.
- It was suggested that perhaps the Council could apply to Cllr Brook for funding for a new board to house the Public Paths map which is on the side of the Parish Hall.
- Cllr Munro said that following the Annual Parish meeting, as a result of comments regarding the waterlogged Footpath 7 he had made further investigations and found that the water seemed to be coming from the Teign Housing property and the Clerk was instructed to write regarding this.

Continued over/

COUNCIL MINUTES continued/

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Mrs Greenfield gave an update on the Parish Plan Steering Group who met on 17th April. After the usual administrative matters, minutes etc., the group considered:-

- funding streams
- distributions and collection of questionnaires
- timeline for the project
- publicity and future events.

Each of these items will be led by a member of the Steering Group. Mary Belt was invited to join the group and she has, subsequent to the meeting, agreed to come and join the Group. The next meeting will be held on 15th May.

Mr Jordan thanked the Council for their consideration of his planning application.

Mr Greenfield commented on remarks which had been made during the Council's discussion on Standing Orders and said that he personally felt that to limit a Chairman to only two years in office was a mistake as it would seem from recent experience that long term knowledge was advantageous.

Mr Hodges commented that he believed the mower referred to in the March minutes had been sold.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Friends of Tedburn St Mary School

Summer Fair
on Saturday 14th July 2012
at the School from 3pm to 6pm
Free admission

We have planned lots of fun activities for adults and children alike to make this a really sociable and entertaining event for all.

Here is a taste of some of the things planned:

- The school's 'Grease' dance performers will be opening the fair
- See the REAL Olympic torch of Georgina Geikie, an Olympic pistol shooter
- Tedburn St Mary Community Choir will be performing
- Judo display by Tedburn's very own Judo Club
- BBQ
- Beer/Cider/Pimms bar
- Cream teas
- Stalls including: cakes, plants, crafts

and lots and lots of fun things to do.

Please put the date in your diary and come along for a fun afternoon while supporting a key fundraising event for Tedburn St Mary School.

If you would like to find out more please contact Julie Shipley either by email: julieshipley81@btinternet.com or telephone: 01392 811795.

WHITESTONE GARDENING CLUB

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We meet every third Monday of the month
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Contact - Gill Oakey, 811585

GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY
The garden should be at it's peak with borders filled with colour and vegetable gardens producing plenty of crops.Lets hope this month will be dry and we can all enjoy relaxing in our gardens.

1. Dead head roses regularly to prolong your displays.
2. Time to take cuttings such as Hydrangea, shrubs, and clematis.
3. Divide Irises by lifting the clump and cutting off small healthy pieces, replant just below the surface in a sunny spot.
4. Disbud dahlias, this produces larger blooms. Remove side buds at the apex of the stem leaving a large bud in the middle.
5. Continue maintaining and regular watering of container and hanging baskets.
6. Water runner beans daily this will help the flowers to set and form pods.
7. Fruits such as raspberries blackcurrants and gooseberries such be harvested whilst dry, all these freeze very well.
8. Time to summer prune all the above soft fruit bushes and canes, in preparation for next season.

Happy Gardening from the
Whitestone Gardening Club

WHITESTONE BIRDING

Where to start? I have been asked to write an article every couple of months about the birds of Whitestone. So, to start with – who am I? My name is Judith Read and I am a birder although by no means would I profess to be a very good one. I am also a qualified bird ringer licensed by the BTO (British Trust for Ornithology).
At present our gardens are packed with young birds despite this rotten weather. I have been sitting here with the door open this evening watching at least three juvenile great spotted woodpeckers and the adult female bird coming to the peanut feeders and chasing each other around in the apple trees. They are relatively easy to identify as all the young great spotted woodpeckers have red heads whilst the female has a black head with no colour around the head. The adult male bird has a little square of red at the back of the neck. All the family are very vocal and at this time of year it may well by the noise that draws your attention to them in the first instance.

They are not the only young birds in the garden. Despite a shaky start the great tits seem to have done quite well although I have not seen as many juvenile blue tits as usual. These youngsters can be spotted as they have a 'yellow wash' across their cheeks. As the seasons progress they will lose this and get the white cheeks that we are more used to seeing. This weather is not good news for the tits. They only raise one brood each year and if their hatching does not coincide with the caterpillar hatching the young will really struggle to survive.
The question that is often asked is whether we should continue feeding the birds at this time of the year. Both the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) and the BTO recommend feeding throughout the year. It is important not to feed more than the birds are taking. So it is better to put out smaller amounts regularly rather than to fill every feeder in sight up. If you are feeding peanuts try to make sure that they are in a good mesh feeder. Young birds cannot digest whole peanuts and have been known to choke on them. It has been suggested this year that feeding meal worms is assisting great tits in particular but that depends on whether you can cope with wriggly little things! The other essential for birds is water but I guess at the moment that is a bit academic.

We are lucky in this area as it is a brilliant habitat for birds. The grass in the field behind the village hall is quite long at the moment. As you walk along the path birds flutter up from the grass. There are over 50 linnet in there – beautiful little birds about sparrow size and the older males have red foreheads and sometimes spectacular red breasts. The field is also providing food for at least 20 goldfinches and a good number of house sparrows amongst other species.

The other two species that need a mention here are the swallows and house martins. These migants both nest round the village. The swallows in sheds and barns whilst the house martins build their nests under the eaves of houses. Several of the latter can be seen as you walk down the main road through the village. More uncommon are swifts although I did see two from the top of the church tower over the Jubilee weekend. All of these species 'hawk' over the fields catching insects. When it is warm and balmy they can be seen circling high in the sky. House martins have feathered legs to keep them warm as they fly so high. All three species have very short legs. Did you know that the correct name for our common swallows is the Barn Swallow?

At this time of year birds are not only seen but they are heard. I am sure that all of us at some time have wished the dawn chorus was just a touch quieter! However, then you just listen and enjoy all the song. If you have an interest in birds you can gradually build up a knowledge of bird song. The robin has a very thin sounding song, the richness of the blackbird, the song thrush who repeats every phrase two or three times. At the other end of the day as you open the window there is the tawny owl calling or more likely several tawny owls calling. The 'toowhit' or 'kewick' call is an alarm call but the birds can produce a surprising range of noises.
I have probably written about birds that you see and know plus others that are new to you. I hope that by writing a bit every so often you will be inspired to look the unknown species up in a book or on the internet. In the meantime I will keep the binoculars handy and try to find some interesting new species and antics to tell you about next time.

Judith Read

JOIN US FOR A CYCLE RIDE ON SUNDAY 1ST JULY

We had a most enjoyable ride last month and plan to do it again on the 1st July. Gentle exercise, good company, fresh air and maybe a cup of tea afterwards. What could be better?
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REGISTER OF ELECTORS 2012/13

The Register of Electors is being published early this year due to the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections, which are being held on Thursday 15th November. To ensure that these elections are conducted using the most up to date electoral information, the Secretary of State has instructed Electoral Registration Officers to send the annual household forms by 2nd July, at the latest, and to publish the revised register on 16th October. It is normally published on 1st December. You will only be able to vote if your name appears on this register.

Teignbridge District Council will be sending voter registration forms to every household within the district on 28th June. When you receive your enquiry form it will ask you to provide details of everyone you expect to be living at your address on 15th October. You are required by law to give this information and the law requires us to follow up non-responders, which increases our costs considerably. Although we will be asking you to provide this information well in advance, if your circumstances change after you respond to the form you can alter your registration details at any time by contacting the Electoral Services Office on 01626 215103 and asking for a rolling registration form. However, for any subsequent changes to be effective for the 15th November elections, they must receive a completed rolling registration form by 31st October.

Did you know?

- The Register of Electors is compiled each year with a qualifying date of 15th October
- Although the register is being published early this year the qualifying date remains the same
- The information requested from each household is required by law. Anyone who doesn't respond may be liable to a fine of up to £1,000.
- Electors whose pre-printed details haven't changed and are printed correctly on the form may confirm their details by freephone or via the internet. When prompted they will need to enter the unique security numbers printed in the top right hand section of the form.
- Electoral Registration Officers have a duty to send at least one reminder and make up to two personal visits to households that don't respond to the initial request for information. The more times they have to contact a household, the greater the cost to the council - so please respond promptly.
- Only those whose names appear on the register will be entitled to vote
- Your credit rating may be affected if your name does not appear on the register
- You do have some choice about who can have access your details

The Electoral Registration Officer must publish two registers; the full version and an edited version. The full register can only be used for certain lawful purposes such as elections, law enforcement and checking applications for credit. The edited register is the version which is available for sale and anyone can buy it - this means anyone can use your details for any purpose. If you do not want your details made available on the version of the register which is for sale, you can opt-out by placing a tick in the box on the registration form for persons not wishing to appear on the edited register. You must make this choice each year.

If you are unable to vote in person at elections, you may apply to vote by post or proxy. You can request a postal vote application form by placing a tick in the appropriate box on the registration form. If you wish to vote by proxy please telephone the Electoral Services Office on 01626 215104.

"WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT WHITESTONE ?"

When answering this question on the Whitestone Parish Plan questionnaire I should have added - the Birdlife.

Recently, while eating my breakfast and looking out of the kitchen window at the bird-table just outside, I saw all the following birds coming and going on or below the table within a 5 minute span of time:
Great, Coal and Blue Tits
Chaffinches and Goldfinches
Blackbirds
Nuthatches
Dunnocks
a Great Spotted Woodpecker (his family have been there together since).
I am sure that many Whitestone residents have had similar experiences. Aren't we lucky !

Jane Richards

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THE WHITESTONE LITTER PICK

Oh happy band of .....Litter Pickers!
Many thanks to the intrepid volunteers who braved a typical summer forecast of high winds and driving rain to carry out a litter pick in Whitestone on Saturday 16th June.

An amazing quantity of assorted rubbish was retrieved from the verges and hedgerows. Apart from a large number of plastic bottles and drink cans, other finds included a set of wheels, a football, a letterbox, a Nike Running Shoe (left foot size 9), various car parts and an unpaid Council Tax demand. Alas no damp fivers or fifty pence coins or none that were recorded!

The weather was fine, albeit blustery and those taking part felt it was a worthwhile exercise and one that should be repeated.

Our thanks to Shane Tozer of Teignbridge District Council for providing the logistical back up and a special thanks must go to the youngest members of our team who, despite being new to the village, made an enthusiastic contribution.
The future looks bright.

Philip Nierop

TALK BY MEL STRIDE MP

Monday 1st October – ''The Lighter Side of Parliament'' with Mel Stride MP

Join Mel Stride MP at Whitestone Parish Hall, Merrymeet, Whitestone, Exeter, EX4 2JS, commencing at 7:00 pm. Tickets bookable in advance - £5.00 each including light refreshments from Mary Colson on 01392 811966.

This is not a CDCA event but they are delighted to publicise it to help raise funds for the Whitestone Parish Hall.

If you have any comments to make on the content, layout or any other matters concerning this magazine, please contact the Editor:

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MUSIC AT THE ROYAL OAK

Don't miss the band at the Royal Oak on
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PROBLEM SOLVED
If I don't answer, I'll be in the shower!

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Whitestone Jubilee Celebrations got off to a great start on Saturday 2nd June with the Fete, Children's Races and cream teas in the afternoon. In the evening there was an excellent revue by the Whitestone Players with an amazing contribution by the handbell ringers and others. This was all helped along by a well-planned meal.

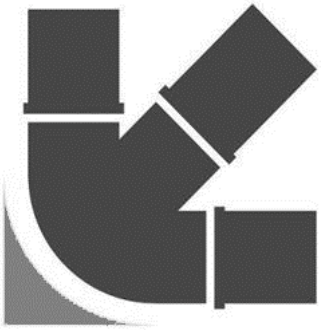
On Sunday there was a Songs of Praise service in St Catherine's with the Rev David Ursell leading the service. Luckily the weather was kind and we enjoyed our picnic in the churchyard afterwards. The church tower was open for visitors in the afternoon and about 70 people took advantage of the opportunity to scale the height and see the view. At one point during the afternoon the bell ringers rang the church bells as part of the nationwide Jubilee ring.

Monday saw the Vegetable Olympics – a fun copy of the real thing with, for example, leek javelin, potato putt, pineapple skittles, cabbage basketball, onion bowls, carrot darts and parsnip relay competitions. Cold weather brought forward the BBQ, but fortunately the rain stayed away and the beacon, built in the field below Whitestone House by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Hawkins, blazed away very satisfactorily.

On Tuesday the Village Tea Party saw the hall filled with people and masses of delicious food. The children who were there were given the £5 Jubilee coins donated by Whitestone Parish Council and Teignbridge District Council. About 20 coins still remain to be collected. If you have notified us that you have a child of 16 or under who lives in Whitestone, please give Jock Kirkpatrick (811205) a ring to arrange a convenient time for collection of your coin.

Congratulations and many thanks are due to the members of the Sports and Social Club – particularly Mary Belt, Belle Netherway, Sandra Lin, Jane Richards and Jock Kirkpatrick, who worked hard and long to organise the festivities, and to all the many helpers, especially the washers-up in the limited facilities presently available in the hall.

Although many of the events were free to take part, the modest funds raised during the Jubilee 'weekend' have been distributed as follows: £200 towards the new Hall kitchen, £200 towards a replacement hardwood bench in the Children's Playpark and £75 to Church funds.



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WHITESTONE PARISH HALL REFURBISHMENT UPDATE.

The work on the building of the new kitchen area will commence shortly, and plans for the fitting out of the kitchen are well in hand. Fundraising for this next phase is ongoing. Creative Whitestone gave a massive £1,300 after the Craft Fair in May, and the appeal received a welcome boost with the news that Rural Aid had made another grant of £3,000 (thank you to Mary Belt for being instrumental in this). The recent fundraising events during the Jubilee celebrations contributed another £260 from individual stalls at the Fete (thank you to Sue Kirkpatrick and Pam Lee) and the auction of the signed Coldplay CD (thank you to Anthony Martin and Gareth Clatworthy), and a further donation of £200 by the Sports and Social Club from the proceeds of the Jubillee weekend (thank you to all those organising and taking part!).

Including the Rural Aid grant, the balance in the Appeal Fund is now approaching £5,000, and the total raised since the start of the Appeal is over £61,500 – a fantastic effort from all concerned.

Future fundraising events include the Whitestone Open Gardens on 24th June, and a talk by Mel Stride on 1st October.

An initial application to the Lottery Fund was turned down, but a new application has been submitted and we hope that this will be more successful.

PARISH PLAN

A great big thank you from Vicky Bryant to all those who answered her plea and helped her deliver the questionnaires on behalf of the Parish Plan Steering Group

NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW

Starting this autumn

WHITESTONE ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB

An opportunity to make time for an existing project, to finish something you've been meaning to get on with, or to try something new.

This will not be a taught class. It will be a chance to share enthusiasms and to learn from each other.

Meetings will be on the last Thursday morning of each month - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Cost £2.30 (to cover room hire).

If you are interested, please call Sandy Oxford on 078 669 20719.

NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW

COMMON SENSE ADVICE ON INSURANCE AND CAR ACCIDENTS

Always opt for the legal protection insurance on your car or house policy. Never use solicitors for a claim where the arrangement involves them taking any proportion of the money you are awarded. Treat adverts for "no-win, no-fee" solicitors with the same degree of scepticism you would reserve for soap-powder commercials. Always carry a small disposable or digital camera or camera phone with you in the car. If you have an accident, take pictures of the damage to, and locations of, both vehicles, as well as any impact debris and the other driver; a picture really does tell a thousand words and the chances of you being sued for a frivolous claim diminish enormously.

Always tell your insurers and remember the insurance form might be produced in court later - so take care with it.

Saying sorry at the accident scene does not mean you admit it was your fault, nor will the judge think as much. It might even mean the matter goes no further than the roadside.

Don't be frightened by solicitors' letters threatening huge legal bills for small accidents - it's all bluff.

If the other side has solicitors involved, make sure you get one, too (via the insurance company - don't do it yourself). The insurers may nominate solicitors, but the final choice is up to you. Don't select a solicitor on the basis that he is a friend or because he did a good job with your house conveyance. Don't believe anything your friends tell you about courts, compensation, making a claim or any other legal issues. Advice for nothing is worth exactly nothing.

Don't take the claim personally and keep a sense of proportion. It's a car accident, not a Senate hearing. Drivers who state that it's a "matter of principle" have either more money than sense or fail to understand what the court system is there for.

By a Barrister

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WHITESTONE WALKERS

Next Walk – Sunday 8th July 2012.

Meet at the Parish Hall at 9.30 am before driving to Flowerpots Car Park off Okehampton Street, Exeter to catch the 09:57 am train from Exeter St. Thomas to Starcross (£3.70). The train trip to Starcross only takes 10 minutes. Alternatively, catch the No. 2 bus from Exeter Bus Station at 09:50 am to arrive at Starcross Station at 10:21 am.

The walk will start as soon as the No 2 bus has arrived.

The 8.5 mile walk will be back to Exeter passing Powderham, The Turf pub, Double Locks pub, and Exe Bridges following the Exe and canal.

Depending on stops, we should be back by about 2:15 pm.

Only walking shoes should be required as the route is mainly cycle paths, roads and other well-maintained paths. (But, if wet, it could be a bit muddy from Powderham to the Turf)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Whitestone Parish Council will be on Thursday 12th July 2012. at 7:30pm

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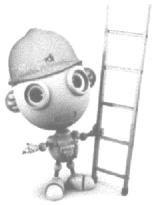

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CHURCH BELL RINGING

Thanks to all who have responded to this cry for help and we are pleased to report that Dave Lee, Trisha Millinson, Judith Read, and Sue & Jock Kirkpatrick are doing their best to keep up this old tradition in Whitestone. We practise most Thursday evenings at St Catherine's Church from 7:00 to 9:00pm.

If you would like to learn, find out more, or are a visiting ringer, we would be very pleased to see you. To confirm that we are practising on a particular Thursday, please telephone Nigel Bateman on 01392 811677

GARDENING CLUB

Secretary - Derek Fisher (Tel 01392 811979)

As previously advised, the day visit takes place on Thursday, 5th July. Meeting at the Parish Hall at 9am, we will share cars to visit The Garden House at Yelverton. Following a guided tour and lunch we shall visit another garden at Wildside, a few hundred yards away. Individual entry to the Garden House is £6 (Group Rate) and to Wildside £5. Friends and visitors are very welcome to join us for the day but I do need some idea of numbers attending so both members and non-members should please advise the above named of your intentions.

For information, The Garden House is an 8 acre site on the edge of Dartmoor with many different areas to explore. Described as 'Perhaps the most breath-taking of all gardens", in Summer it is a tapestry of delight. It is relatively disabled friendly and, whilst dogs are not allowed, there is ample opportunity for 'walkies' on the open moor about a mile away. Wildside has been developed by the former Head Gardener at The Garden House and displays a naturalism in gardening, seeking to work in harmony with nature.

There will be no Gardening Club Visit in August.

PATCHWORK AND QUILTING CLASSES

Contact: Ruth Smith (01392 660862)

The next patchwork group meeting will be held on Thursday 12th July in the Parish Hall from 2 - 4 pm. We are a small friendly group who would gladly welcome some new faces, you do not need to have any previous experience just come along and see what it is about.

WHITESTONE BOOK CLUB

(Contact: Sandy Oxford 07866 920719)

We usually meet on the second Monday of each month, from 2 to 4 pm, in the Parish Hall. Cost £1.50.

Our new book is a complete contrast to our text for the June meeting which was Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew". For our next meeting on July 9th, we are reading "Dona Nicanora's Hat Shop" by Kirstan Hawkins.

PILATES IN THE PARISH HALL

Please note that classes take place on Thursdays, from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm

Classes are £6.50 each or £30 for a block of 6.

All welcome.

WHITESTONE SOCIAL CLUB
(Coordinator Pauline Fisher, tel. 01392 811979)

Forthcoming Events:

June 25th	Music evening in Community Garden
July 23rd	Games Evening.
August	To be decided
Sept. 24th	Exeter in the 1960's. "Quotations, Stories and Smiles"
Oct 22nd	Beetle Drive.

Those of you who attended the April meeting involving a talk about Shelter Box may be interested to know that our donations will be helping a family in Somalia. Their Operations Manager has sent a letter of thanks for our support.

Additionally, after the May talk on Fire Safety, a letter of thanks was received from the Plymouth & Devon Racial Equality Council Destitution Fund who advised us that the speaker's gratuity had been donated to them.

"On behalf of the Staff and Co-Directors of PDREC I would like to re-iterate our grateful thanks to you all.

Chris Cumbers"

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.

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 free for a first visit and then only £2.00 a time if you prefer to just come occasionally.

WHITESTONE HANDBELL RINGERS
(for information, contact Mrs Chris Piper 01392 811365)
If anyone would like to join us, we welcome both experienced and learners alike. At present we practice every Wednesday afternoon between 2 and 3 p.m.
If you would like to know more, please contact Mrs. Chris Piper.

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

The last date for contributions to the August 2012 Parish Magazine is

Monday 16th July

Please send articles to Jock Kirkpatrick
2 Merrymeet, Whitestone
kirkpatrick@eclipse.co.uk

Whitestone Handbells

We are urgently in need of more ringers.

If you would like to try ringing handbells,

we would love to give you the opportunity,

We have a peal of 21 bells and we practice on Wednesday afternoons.

Please contact - Chris Piper - (01392) 811365

BOOKING THE PARISH HALL

Please contact the Booking Clerk, Ros Hanson, to
arrange bookings for the Parish Hall.

Ros Hanson
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THE GREEN CORNER - A QUESTION FOR YOU:

What's best for the environment - to grow tomatoes for UK consumption here at home using artificial heat or in Southern Europe but no additional heat?

According to a recent edition of the Food programme on Radio4, it could be growing them here. Leaving aside the often unbelievably squalid working conditions in southern Spain and Italy and the appalling over extraction of water from the water table, the programme profiled a venture which is being planned in the Vale of Evesham which uses virtually no water and heats the greenhouses with waste heat. And because the fruit is grown closer to the supermarket, it can often be picked and on the supermarket shelf within 24hours. This in turn means it can be left to ripen longer on the vine which gives them a better flavour. This is how they plan to do it:

- An Anaerobic Digester (AD) plant digests waste plant and animal material from the farm. This works like a compost heap but without oxygen so it produces methane gas (CH4) instead of carbon dioxide (CO_2).
- The methane is burnt in a CHP (Combined Heat and Power) plant to produce electricity which is sold to the grid or used on the farm.
- The waste heat is piped to the greenhouses
- The tomatoes are grown hydroponically. Their roots are sealed in a plastic gutter through which nutrients flow. The only water used is what the plants take up while growing.

AD plants allow you to claim money from the Feed-In-Tariff scheme (like solar panels). One Dorset farmer makes £1,000 a day from his AD plant which is fed by cattle manure and waste products. He says the return is 19% pa on his investment. Strangely, only 4 farmers in the UK have taken up the idea, whereas there are 400 AD plants in Germany.

Peter Hanson

DEVON TO HOST PENULTIMATE STAGE OF 2012 TOUR OF BRITAIN

The Tour of Britain will aim to build on the Olympic fever of London 2012 when it returns to Devon in September.

The organisers of the Tour and Devon County Council announced on 26 April that Stage Seven of this year's event will be hosted in the county on Saturday 15th September.

This year's Devon stage will start in Barnstaple and will cover around 106 miles (170.7km) of the county before finishing in Dartmouth. The route will again take in Dartmoor National Park, where there will be a celebration of cycling, and it will re-visit some towns which have hosted Stage starts and finishes in recent years, including Bideford, Hatherleigh and Tavistock. It will also wind its way through other communities including Instow, Great Torrington, Okehampton, Princetown, Buckfastleigh, Kingsbridge, Torcross and Stoke Fleming.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Mon	25 June 2012	Social Club - Music Evening in the Community Garden - 7:30 pm
Sun	01 July 2012	Cycle ride - Parish Hall - 10am
Wed	04 July 2012	Pathfinder Good Companions - Cream Tea - Pathfinder Village Hall - 2:30 pm
Thu	05 July 2012	Gardening Club - visit to The Garden House at Yelverton - Parish Hall at 09:00am
Thu	05 July 2012	Pilates in the Parish Hall - 6:45 pm
Sat	07 July 2012	Royal Oak Fete, Nadderwater - 2:30pm
Sun	08 July 2012	Whitestone Walkers - Meet at Parish Hall - 9:30am
Mon	09 July 2012	Whitestone Book Club - Parish Hall - 2 to 4pm
Thu	12 July 2012	Patchwork and Quilting group - Parish Hall - 2 to 4 pm
Thu	12 July 2012	Pilates in the Parish Hall - 6:45pm
Thu	12 July 2012	Parish Council Meeting - Billiard Room of the Parish Hall - 7:30pm
Sat	14 Jul 2012	Coffee Morning - Pathfinder Hall Fund Raising Event for the Church - 10:30am
Sat	14 July 2012	Friends of Tedburn St Mary School Fair - At the School - 3 to 6 pm
Sat	14 July 2012	Music at the Royal Oak - Band - 7:00pm
Mon	**16 July 2012**	**LAST DAY FOR SUBMISSIONS OF ITEMS TO THE MAGAZINE**
Tue	17 July 2012	Come and sing - Royal Oak - 8pm
Wed	18 July 2012	Pathfinder Good Companions - Natalie Husk - The Leprosy Mission - Pathfinder Village Hall - 2:30 pm
Thu	19 July 2012	Pilates in the Parish Hall - 6:45pm
Mon	23 July 2012	Social Club - Games Evening - Parish Hall - 7:30 pm
Thu	26 July 2012	Pilates in the Parish Hall - 6:45 pm
Fri to Sun	28-30 Sep 2012	Holcombe Burnell Church Arts and Crafts Show
Tue	01 October 2012	Talk by Mel Stride - “The Lighter Side of Parliament” - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm