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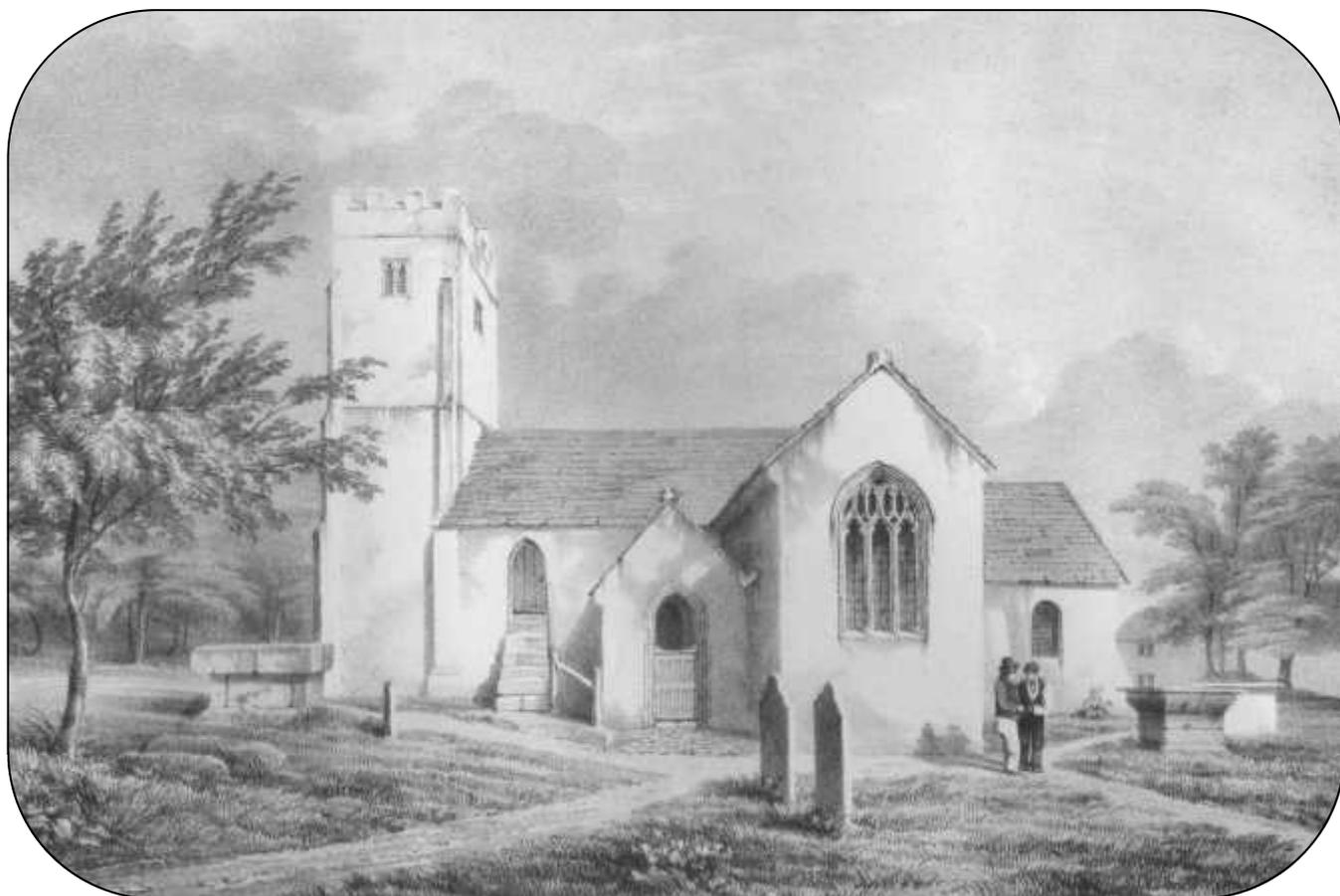
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*Parish Magazine*



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**Rector**

Reverend Martin Wood, The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop EX6 6HY 01647 24119

**Whitestone and Oldridge Churchwarden**

Dr. Jane Richards, Quarryfield House, Whitestone (01392 811492)

# NORTH KENN MISSION COMMUNITY

## SERVICES FOR MAY 2014

### Sunday May 4th

<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Whitestone</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Revd Tim Gorringe</b>
9.30 am	Holcombe Burnell	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11.00 am	Tedburn St Mary	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3.00 pm	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Canon Geoffrey Moore
6.00 pm	Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Lay led

### Sunday May 11th

<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Whitestone</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Canon John Tutton</b>
9.30 am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Tim Gorringe
11.00 am	Cheriton Bishop	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
11.00 am	Tedburn St Mary	Donkey Service	
3.00 pm	Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	

### Saturday May 17th

<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Whitestone Parish Hall</b>	<b>Saturday Surprise</b>	<b>Revd M Wood</b>
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### Sunday May 18th

11.00 am	Tedburn St Mary	Methodist Church Hall	Christian Aid
3.00 pm	Cheriton Village Hall	Rogation Service	Revd Martin Wood
3.00 pm	Pathfinder	Evensong	Lay led
6.00 pm	Holcombe Burnell	Evensong	Revd Martin Wood

### Sunday May 25th

8.00 am	Cheriton Bishop	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30 am	Tedburn St Mary	Parish Communion	Canon John Tutton
11.00 am	Holcombe Burnell	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3.00 pm	Pathfinder	United Service	
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Whitestone</b>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Revd Martin Wood</b>

### Thursday May 29th Ascension Day

7.30 pm	Cheriton Bishop	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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### Every Thursday 10.30 am Pathfinder Holy Communion (BCP)

<b>May 1st</b>	<b>Revd Martin Wood</b>
<b>May 8th</b>	<b>Revd Martin Wood</b>
<b>May 15th</b>	<b>Revd Martin Wood</b>
<b>May 22nd</b>	<b>Canon Geoffrey Moore</b>
<b>May 29th</b>	<b>Revd Martin Wood</b>

## Climbing the church tower

This year, the month of May misses out on Whitsun. You may ask what is Whitsun? It is shorthand for White Sunday when people who were to be baptised traditionally wore white clothes. They were baptised in their white clothes at Pentecost. The lateness of Easter has pushed Pentecost into June; Sunday 8th June to be precise. Therefore Whitsun is actually the second Sunday in June. Similarly Ascension Day is pushed right back to the end of May. Ascension Day is on Thursday the 29th May. It is the day that the church remembers Jesus' return to heaven which we are told in the Acts of the Apostles happened forty days after Jesus' resurrection on Easter Day.

In my first parish as the curate, Ascension Day was a very memorable day for the primary school children. It was a day they looked forward to and remembered with great affection. The reason for this was a school trip to climb the church tower. If you have climbed a church tower then you will know the climb is far from exciting. The climb up the church tower is full of interesting challenges. It is often very dark, almost pitch black, except for the occasional window or light bulb. It is very dusty and the walls cover you in dust and sand. The stairs are too narrow and there is no handrail to hold on to, you just grab the wall or stair for support. As you go around in the dark you lose a sense of where you are, and it seems that you must be near the top, when in fact there are still more steps to climb. When you come at last to the top you are drawn by the promise of daylight and clean fresh air. There is one last obstacle, a ladder and tiny door to scramble through on your hands and knees. Thus far the climb up the tower is more of an ordeal than a reward.

At the top of the tower you see your familiar surroundings from a completely different perspective. It is a wonderful sight full of new things to see that are usually hidden. In addition you can see for miles all around. The view from the tower makes the journey up and down worthwhile. Ascension Day was indeed memorable for those school children. Ascension Day marks a change of perspective. The disciples had to look to Jesus to be taught and inspired. Like the climb up the tower it was difficult and dark, when Jesus died on the cross it looked like they would never reach their destination. The new light of Easter Day drew them to a whole new place and perspective. At Ascension they are directed by Jesus towards the world, to go and make disciples of all the nations. Sometimes we need not to be disheartened by the darkness of the journey, but be encouraged by the new light and perspective that awaits us as we rise towards God.

*Rev. Martin Wood. The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop EX6 6HY 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:

<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Holcombe Burnell</b>	<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Tedburn St. Mary</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Cheriton Bishop</b>	<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Whitestone</b>

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

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## SATURDAY SURPRISE

Our next "Surprise" is on Saturday 17th May in the Parish Hall from 6.00pm - 6.45pm. This will be the final one of this session. It was started in October 2007 as an alternative to the Sunday Family Service on a limited number of Saturdays in the year, in order to accommodate those for whom Sunday mornings are difficult, and to be something different with young people particularly in mind, as well as the normal congregation. We got off to a good start with over 60 people at the first service and numbers kept up reasonably well. However the initial group of young people have moved on and regrettably they haven't been replaced.

It may be that the format needs to be revised, and the PCC will be discussing this over the coming weeks. It would be great to have a good crowd at this last one to give it a good send-off, and to give encouragement to those planning for the future.

John Hutchinson.

## LENT LUNCHES

Many different delicious soups were provided and enjoyed on 5 Wednesday Lunchtimes in Lent. Thank you to all who organised the lunches and to all who came and made them enjoyable and sociable events.

As a result, Water Aid benefited by £115.57 and Devon Air Ambulance by £66.78. Additionally, 26.8 kg (59 lb) of donated food went to the Exeter Food Bank.

## CMS PROJECT

St Catherine's supports the Church Mission Society (CMS) and an extract from their latest newsletter thanking the church for its donation was interesting as an example of their work.

*"Neema Crafts is one of our partner projects in Tanzania. Neema Crafts was started ten years ago by a CMS mission partner with three young deaf men, a £400 grant from the UK and a bag of elephant dung that they turned into stationery.*

*Today the centre has trained and employed more than 100 deaf and disabled men and women in a variety of skills and roles, including papermaking, carpentry, ceramics, tailoring, solar panel construction and so much more. Neema also houses a thriving café, guesthouse and therapy unit.*

*To view some of their products, visit the CMS web shop: [cms-shop.org.uk](http://cms-shop.org.uk)"*

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 2014/15

### Members and Officers

At the Annual Church Meeting held on Thursday March 27th the following were elected as members of the PCC for the year 2014 to 2015.

#### Incumbent

Revd Martin Wood

#### Churchwarden

Dr Jane Richards

#### Deanery Synod Representatives

Dr Richards and Miss Mary Stanbury

#### Elected Members

Mrs Mary Eyre

Mr Martin Fairley

Mrs Jenny Halling (Pathfinder)

Mrs Sue Harding

Mr John Hutchinson (Vice Chairman)

Mrs Ruth Hutchinson

Dr Anna Kellagher (Treasurer)

Mrs Eileen Milverton

Mr Philip Nierop

Mrs Rebecca Oliver

Mrs Caroline Rutter

Mrs Jeanne Thomas.(Secretary)

#### Co-opted members

Dr Richard Keith

Mrs Muriel Cheriton (Oldridge)

If you have any matters you wish to discuss about the church, its services and activities, please contact any of the above.

Jane Richards.

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**PARISH HALL**

**Sat MAY 17th**

**6.00 - 6.45pm**

**LAST "SURPRISE"**  
*for this session.*

**COME AND GIVE IT**  
**a good send-off !**

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF THE

WHITESTONE PARISH HALL  
COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT  
(Regd. Charity No 1134187)

WILL BE HELD ON

**TUESDAY, 6th MAY 2014**

IN THE PARISH HALL AT 7.00 pm

THIS IS A PUBLIC MEETING OPEN TO ALL  
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AND NADDERWATER

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## VACANCY

### PARISH HALL CARETAKER/CLEANER

Applications are invited for the position of  
Caretaker/Cleaner on a one year contract at the  
**Parish Hall**  
commencing **1st June, 2014.**

Job Description and further details are available  
from the Secretary on 01392 811979

Applications, in writing, to be forwarded to  
Derek Fisher at "Dormers",  
14 Church Lane, Whitestone EX4 2JT  
by 14th May, 2014.

### \*\*\* STILL A FEW PLACES LEFT \*\*\* TIVERTON CANAL HORSE-DRAWN BARGE TRIP



Looking forward to the long, lazy days of summer ?  
How about joining the Social Club for a horse-drawn  
barge trip along the Tiverton Canal on Wednesday  
28th May.

Boarding time is at 6.30 pm. We will then depart at  
7.00 pm to enjoy a leisurely two and a half hour  
journey along the canal.

The cost is £11.20 for adults and £8.70 for children  
(it is half term week ) Fully paid-up members of the  
Social Club will be subsidised.

There is a bar on board. Food can be ordered but  
must be paid for in advance or you can bring your  
own. The choices are :

Cod and chips	£7.35
Chicken and chips	£6.90
Veggie burger and chips	£6.75

### URGENT

Names and remittance must be given to Pauline  
Fisher (Tel : 01392 811979 ) A.S.A.P.

## JUST FOR FUN

### PONDERISMS

(SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT, BUT NOT TOO SERIOUSLY)

1. I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
2. Healthy is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
3. Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.
4. All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
5. How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?
6. Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, 'I think I'll squeeze these dangly things and drink whatever comes out'? Hmmmmm, How about eggs ? . . . .
7. If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?
8. Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?
9. Does pushing the lift button more than once make it arrive faster?
10. Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

### CHURCH HOUSE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Written applications for grants for students and those eligible should be made to the Hon. Secretary by Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Billiard Room of the Parish Hall on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 8:00 pm

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

### CAN YOU HELP AGAIN?

I am the chairperson on the PTFA at Ellen Tinkham Special School in Exeter and we are again collecting unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, belts, curtains, towels and bedding (not duvets and pillows).

Please give me a call and I will come and pick up your bags. The closing date for collection is **Friday 9th May** and all money raised will go towards the refurbishment of our hydrotherapy pool.

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## WHITESTONE PARISH COUNCIL - APR 2014

DRAFT Minutes of Whitestone Parish Council meeting held at Whitestone Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014 to be ratified at Parish Council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Attendance:

Chairman – Councillor P Nierop  
Councillors Mrs M Belt, Mrs B Bramhall, Mrs P Fisher, S Heathcote (left at 9pm), L Hickman, D Munro, M Quinn, A Reed.

District Councillor P Bromell (left at 9pm)  
County Councillor J Brook (to give his report)  
Mrs P Vaughan, Clerk to the Council  
Mr P Rich (in attendance for Planning Application),  
Mrs S Greenfield.

Apologies: Councillor R Phillips.

The April Draw for the 100 Club in support of the Parish Hall Development Fund was conducted at the end of the meeting. The lucky number was 85 belonging to Tricia Ewing.

The Chairman opened the meeting and made special welcome to Councillor Quinn who is still recovering from illness. The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 having been circulated were taken as read and signed as a true copy by the Chairman.

### PLANNING

The Council examined the following applications and Mr Rich was allowed to answer queries in support of his application at Ham Farm, Tedburn Road. The following are the Council's decisions:-

#### Planning Applications

14/00579/FUL Closure of existing access, change of use of agricultural land to domestic use including formation of new access and driveway and erection of double garage at Ham Farm, Tedburn Road. No objections.

Cllr Belt declared an interest in the following application for Bondhouse Lane:

14/00950/FUL Demolition of existing building and erection of four stables, fodder store and tackroom on land off Bondhouse Lane. No objections but a proviso that the building should not at some future date be converted for living accommodation.

14/00668/AGR Erection of an agricultural building at Attwells Farm, Rowhorne Road. It was noted that this application has already been granted.

#### Planning Application Granted

14/00144/FUL Single storey front extension at Pound View Farm.

### MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

#### School Houses

##### Tenancy Agreements

As reported at the March meeting the new Tenancy Agreements have now been forwarded by Devon Sales and Lettings and the Chairman was authorised to sign and the Clerk witnessed these documents.

##### Report from Asset Group

Cllr Reed reported that an electrical inspection had recently been carried out at No 2 School Houses and it was discovered that some of the installation is defective

to the point of being unsafe. There was a very strong recommendation that remedial work is carried out as a matter of urgency.

The price quoted for this is £467 plus vat. It was resolved that this should be carried out.

As reported at the March meeting replacement of the fan oven at No 1 School Houses has now been organised by Devon Sales & Lettings at a cost of £325 + £65 VAT – total cost is £390.

An inspection of the roof timbers of both houses for woodworm has been arranged by Devon Sales & Lettings and procured at no cost to the Council. The inspection found that there is evidence of woodworm in the roof beams but it is not sure that it is currently active. To carry out treatment it would be £210 per property, however, the following would need to be done in order for this to be completed:-

No 1 – The attic cleared, as currently lots of boxes etc (assumed that this is the tenants' belongings)

No 2 – A hatch installed as there is currently no access to the roof space. The eave voids have been checked but the workman was unable to gain access to the roof – he could install a hatch for £100.

It was also commented that there is no insulation in No 1 and the Council may wish to consider having some laid at the same time if you go ahead with the treatments.

Discussion took place regarding this and it was proposed by Cllr Heathcote that any remedial treatment for woodworm should be left until the ceiling repair work in No 1 School Houses, which had already been budgeted for, is carried out. The proposal was seconded with all in favour.

##### Report from Working Group

A report had been circulated to the Councillors recommending that School Houses should be sold as they will require additional investment over the life of the next Parish Council that is beyond our current resources to finance. Lengthy discussion took place regarding the contents and financial implications. It was decided that an Open Meeting should take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May in the Parish Hall and that the report should be publicised in the Parish Magazine and published on the Parish website to give parishioners the opportunity of gaining insight into any proposals which might arise from the report. Copies of the report would also be available at the Annual Parish Meeting. The matter would be further discussed and voted upon at a future Council meeting.

Cllr Nierop thanked the Working Group for their work in compiling this document.

##### Rebuild cost survey for Insurance purposes

Cllr Nierop had arranged for this survey at a cost of £100 for both houses

##### Rural Aid Funding Application for Whitestone Parish Hall

As minuted in March the application form for Rural Aid Grant of £1,100 for the Parish Hall was duly signed by the Chairman.

##### Crossways Park Trim Trail

Repair work for this has been quoted at £520 and it was resolved that this is accepted.

The Clerk reported receiving notification of the yearly Playground Inspection which would be £59.95 excl VAT which is the same as last year. It was resolved that this should be arranged but ask Playinspections to carry this out in June so that the repair work has been completed.

#### Proposed changes to roles and responsibilities of Committees/Groups

Cllr Nierop requested that the responsibility for any work needed at Crossway Park be placed within the remit of the Asset Group. Cllr Fisher indicated that she was willing to continue with the weekly inspection needed for insurance purposes and would liaise with them with any problems. This will be ratified at the AGM meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Discussion also took place regarding scrutiny of Planning Applications but no changes were agreed.

#### Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7.30pm

Notification of this has been published and Cllr Belt and Cllr Nierop volunteered to deliver some letters to the parishioners who give reports at this meeting.

#### Rural Skip confirmed for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014

### **MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Nierop thanked all those who had assisted in the Litter Pick.

He reported that he had attended the Teignbridge Association of Local Councils meeting in March and a great deal of discussion had focussed on the quality of road patching and potholes.

### **FINANCE**

The Clerk reported completion of the accounts/balance sheet for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 and the balance sheet showing a balance at the year end as follows:

Current Account	£200.00
Business Reserve Account	£7,425.42
Business Reserve Account	£3,399.08
	*£11,024.50
	*This balance includes £100.64 P3 Grant money

The Clerk reported receipt of notification that the Whitestone Parish Council Annual Audit will be completed by the Audit Commission on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014. Notices advertising the Audit, together with a balance sheet will be displayed within the Parish and the Annual Return will be presented to the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> May for approval and signing. Mr Ken Abrahams will be visiting her on the 29<sup>th</sup> May to conduct the Internal Audit.

#### Income

School Houses rents for April £1,425 – Letting Agency fees £136.80 (including £22.80 VAT) = £1,288.20  
HM Revenue & Customs – VAT £,3,050.41

#### Expenditure

Whitestone Parish Hall Management Committee (April) £125  
Clerk's expenses £30.15  
Devon Association of Local Councils £140.99 + £20.54  
VAT = £161.53  
ACS Electrical £325 + £65 VAT = £390

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nadderwater Signs -Negotiations have now been completed with Devon County regarding these signs and they should be installed in the near future. Cllr Brook has indicated that he is willing to allocate the cost of £469.59 from his Locality Budget and this will be done direct with the appropriate Department.

Road closure Halsfordwood Lane – Notification has been received that this will take place at Halsfordwood Lane, Nadderwater from 28<sup>th</sup> April to 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Dartline Bus Service – Response received from Devon County Council that the 1853 service from Tedburn St Mary does not actually go through Whitestone as after leaving Tedburn it goes along the old A30 via Pathfinder Village and into Exeter via Dunsford Hill. Dartline have informed Devon County that there would be a cost involved in re-routing the service via Whitestone as it would mean the bus arriving in Exeter up to 10 minutes later and given that the driver finishes his duty then he would have to be paid more. This response was discussed and Councillors indicated that they have actually seen this service coming through Whitestone and the Clerk was instructed to write giving this information and asking what the actual cost involvement would be.

A complaint has been received from a resident in Crossways regarding “bags of dog poo” being hung on the fences adjoining the public footpath which runs through Crossway Park. Cllr Munro, who is our Footpath Warden, will be investigating this as it is a littering offence subject to a fine and disposal bins are provided.

### **REPORTS**

Cllr Bramell reported attending the New Councillors Training Day and thanked the Parish Council for funding this as it had proved to be very informative

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs Sheila Greenfield gave a report on the Parish Plan Steering Group and said, “In view of the lengthy report made at the last meeting regarding progress on the Parish Plan and the proximity of the Annual Parish meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> April our report for this month is deferred to the Annual Parish Meeting to avoid repetition”

Mrs Greenfield suggested that the Report from the Working Group on School Houses should be delivered to everyone.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

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## THE HEALTH CORNER

Apparently Earl Grey tea contains extracts of a Mediterranean citrus fruit called bergamot which scientists now believe is a super food for the heart and can also turn out to be as effective as statins. Statins are used to control cholesterol but may have side effects on patients.

Bergamot contains enzymes known as HMGF (hydroxy methyl glutaryl flavonones) which can treat heart diseases as effectively as statins.

Researchers from Italy's University of Calabria used concentrations of HMGF on the proteins which cause heart disease and 'bad' cholesterol.

They then compared the effects with that of statins used to treat the same proteins and found the bergamot extract with HMGF worked as well.

Apart from reducing levels of LDL or so-called bad cholesterol which leads to heart disease, it also increased HDL which is known as good cholesterol.

Citrus foods have been part of the Mediterranean diet and are looked upon across the globe as one of the best ways to get rid of heart disease.

The research appeared in the *Journal of Functional Foods*.

Peter Hanson

## SOCIAL CLUB ANNIVERSARY MEAL

The Social Club held its anniversary dinner on the 22nd March and it was a most enjoyable event.

Congratulations and thank you to Margaret Nierop for preparing such delicious food, Gill Oakey for her table decorations and to the noble band of washers-up and other helpers.



ANNUAL PLANT SALE &  
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Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 3pm, Whitestone Parish Hall

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The poster features a central title in a decorative, serif font. Above the title are floral flourishes and a bee. Below the title is the date and location. At the bottom, there are illustrations of potted plants, a teapot, and a cup of tea with a saucer.

## EXETER COMMUNITY ENERGY

We have a very important date for your diaries. On **17th and 18th May** we're taking over Exeter and much of the surrounding area to kick start our energy future with the Big Community Energy Weekend.

We've got green open homes around the city and beyond, an energy fair at Montgomery School, plus the launch of our first community owned solar project. Ben Bradshaw will be opening the event, and as well as all that there'll be tours of some impressive eco buildings including Montgomery School and Bicton Earth Institute, a café with tea and cake, activities for the kids, plus a big party on the Saturday night at an as yet top secret location in town.

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## JUST FOR FUN



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Meeting In Pathfinder Village Hall --- 2.30pm  
Agenda for May

7th May.....Simon Dell.....The Ten Tors Challenge  
21st May.....Social Afternoon.....With Silent Auction

Our speaker Angela White spoke about her Bed and Breakfast trip to the South West of America, giving us a very amusing talk starting from Los Angeles through to New Mexico. Forget about eggs and bacon they were not on the menu.

Tony Burgess our next speaker gave us a very precise potted history of the City of Exeter, with some great slides. He amazed us with his knowledge of the city and its history all without using a single note for reference, no doubting his skill as one of the Exeter redcoats.

We have a social afternoon coming up this month, and any member who has an item they think would be ideal to sell in the silent auction please feel free to donate.

*There are still seats available for our coach outing to The Swannery and Sub Tropical Gardens at Abbotsbury on Wednesday the 14th of May. This is open to anyone interested, so if you wish to book a seat please ring either Angela or John. Cost*

*£10.00 coach plus £13.00 group rate for Swannery and Gardens*



We look forward to seeing you all again in May.

Angela Paddy, Chairman 01647 61934  
John Hunt, Secretary 01647 61958

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Ever thought of taking up lawn bowls?

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## APRIL ON THE FARM

April – flourishing, joyful, exquisite spring, leaves just unfurled, more greens than you ever thought possible. We all, people, plants and animals, and the whole landscape, are emerging from the drenching we've received since Christmas. I disturbed bumble bees at the end of their hibernation while I was weeding my heather plants when it was wet, and they would come out bedraggled, shake themselves fluffy, and fly off. I hope they survived those first few days. Now bumble bees are buzzing in the flowers, flying in their unlikely way past my nose. Are there fewer? Doesn't look like in on the farm, there seem plenty around in our fields and hedges. We need them!



My impression that the weather is moving to big chunks, getting stuck in one phase for weeks at a time. Weather used to be more variable, rain, then fine, then shower, then warm then cold in succession.

**CROPS** - The crops have moved from their winter wet to growth. Their roots will not be well developed (a bit like the root rot that comes from overwatering a pot plant). So I'm concerned about a prolonged period of dry weather – the plants won't be able to chase the water down through the soil profile.

I spoke to someone who was appalled I could be concerned about drought, said they'd emigrate if anyone used the 'D' word. The problem is that one season's weather affects the ability of plants and animals to cope with the challenges of another extreme season. I watched the amazing film 'Chasing Ice', that said that glaciers are the canary in the mine for climate change; it feels like farmers may be too.

**GRASS** - The grass is starting to grow, slowly at first then gathering pace. At the beginning of April, we watch where each blade of grass is growing for the cows. By the end of April, we are working out which fields we will cut for silage, as the cows start swimming in excess grass.

**COWS & YOUNGSTOCK** - The calves and heifers have come through the outwintering really well, growing better and staying healthier than last year. They are enjoying the fresh grass.

Sadly, the group of heifers that were out on kale met a badger that was very unwell with TB. When badgers are very sick, just like a human with TB, they find it difficult to breathe, and they nest outside. Sadly, one found its way onto a nice soft pile of hay we had put out for the calves on the kale. The calves must have gone and talked to it, as they will. 26 out of 90 responded to the skin test, which shows they have met the disease (not have it). We know there is a sett nearby that is struggling with TB. It's difficult to see these lovely calves knowing they will be slaughtered for their curiosity.

The cows are now settling well into milking, and having their brief time between calving and getting in calf again. That is the natural way, to make sure the calf turns up



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on the lushest grass growth. Left to themselves, they try and get in calf much sooner, but we make them wait for at least six weeks. Unlike people, they clean themselves up after calving almost instantly.

The milk is building up for the cheese dairy to process. Six weeks after calving is also when cows produce most milk. It's beautiful and rich; our cross of Friesian, Swedish Red and Montbeliard giving rich and balanced milk at this time of year, unlike the Holstein, who needs lots of cereal to produce milk of the right quality.

**CHEESE** - Lots of milk is lots of work in the cheese dairy. We make today's cheese, and wash and tend the rinds and press the cheese for the previous three days. After that, the team go turning the previous 3 months' cheese by hand to keep it in good condition. No wonder they have upper bodies to die for, and that it is not work for everyone. The moulds are building up beautifully on the rinds, after some over-lush mould gardens during the wet weather.

The team do a brilliant job doing everything there is to be done, even though the milk tide keeps rising, as delicious as December and January, when they are making just a third the amount of cheese.

**RECIPE** - Quickest Goats Butter.

We have just started making goats milk whey butter. It's completely gorgeous, very light, lower melting point and with a sweetness and delicacy that is stunning.

It's wonderful just on fresh bread, or I have used it in cooking, to sweat some salsify after steaming. Add some fresh herbs (chervil, chives and tarragon being favourites just now), a drop or two of lemon juice when the goats butter has incorporated in the salsify.

## THE GREEN CORNER

We acquired a 5 kw log burner in November last year and it's made a wonderful improvement to our little bungalow. Every evening we are at home we light it and it's so relaxing to sit and watch the flames. I don't have to walk around in the morning with a coat over my pyjamas and dressing gown any longer and the whole place seems warmer even first thing!

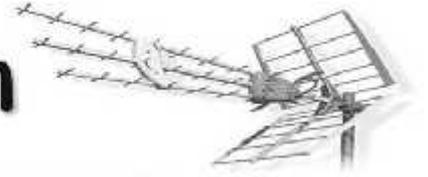
A local company from Newton Abbot came and did a free survey - two brothers - and fitted it in a morning at a very reasonable price.

A phone call brings a huge load of logs from a local man recommended by two very dear neighbours and it's certainly made the cold and wet winter much easier to bear!

We wouldn't be without it now, - especially as it's saved us hundreds of pounds in gas! And of course we feel good that we're burning wood which was made by taking carbon dioxide out of the air, rather than burning fossil fuels.

Pam and Bob Hunt

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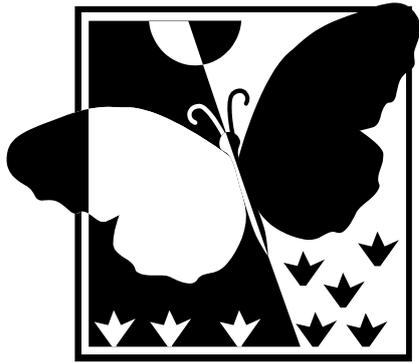
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The next date for our meeting is:

**16th May** (Main Hall)

Please make a note in your diary.

Call Dave Lee on 01392-811579 or email at [dave.lee1071@gmail.com](mailto:dave.lee1071@gmail.com)

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For further details or if you want to hold a stall at the fete contact Marg on 01392 811315.

Sheila Friend 01392 811821

# WHITESTONE GARDENING CLUB



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Contact - Gill Oakey, 811585

## JOBS TO DO FOR MAY FROM GARDEN CLUB

### IN THE VEG PATCH

1. Sow sweetcorn direct into ground from mid may, sow 1 inch deep and 15-18 apart, in block formation this aids wind pollination.
2. Slugs and snails will start to take their toll on new shoots and seedlings, protect with friendly pellets or traps.
3. Sow runner beans 2 inch deep 6 inch apart but first position supports or wigwam of bamboo canes.
4. It's a good idea to protect crops from carrot fly, cover with a fine mesh.

### IN THE GARDEN

5. Dead head spring flowering bulbs by snapping off the heads and leaving the stalks. If you need the ground to replant, lift bulbs carefully, dig a shallow trench and heel the bulbs in, only then lift when they have died down.
6. Clear spring bedding plants and lightly fork the soil, add a little fertilizer, before planting your summer bedding.
7. Train sweet peas up twigs or bamboo canes as they will grow vigorously this month.
8. Hanging baskets can be planted up but do not leave outside until the frosts have gone.
9. If able, the lawn should be cut once a week, lowering the blades a little a time, remember to fertilize if not done last month.

Enjoy the garden. May is the month for the start of the garden shows, get the little yellow book (it's free) and visit some of the wonderful NGS gardens of Devon.

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## TABLE TENNIS

Regular Table Tennis takes place in the Parish Hall on Monday evenings 7:30 to 10 pm except when the Social Club is meeting on a Monday or it's a Bank Holiday. This means, for **May**, we will be meeting on the **12th & 19th**. Everybody is welcome for an evening's fun, entertainment and fitness workout for only £1.50. Up to four tables available.

Just remember that children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

## WHITESTONE WALKERS

Next Walk - **4th May 2014**.

Meet at Whitestone Parish Hall car park at 9:30 am or at Fingle Bridge at 10:00am.

The circular walk starts at Fingle bridge and heads upstream along the River Teign to Clifford Bridge before returning via Drewsteignton to Fingle Bridge.

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## CHURCH BELL RINGING

We practise most Thursday evenings at St Catherine's Church from 7:30 to 9:00 pm with the first 30 minutes reserved for beginners.

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 James Bryant on 01392 811391.

## WHITESTONE ARTS & CRAFTS MORNING

(Co-ordinator Sandy Oxford on 078669 20719)

The last Arts & Crafts morning before a break for the summer will be on **Thursday 15th May** from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. This is a time for you to do something creative. Bring along your project & materials and share the enthusiasm and reward of creating something. Everyone is welcome. £2 covers room hire & refreshments. Autumn meetings will begin on Thursday 11th September 2014 and that may be when you try your hand at something new, inspired by something seen over the summer!

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## BOOK CLUB

(Co-ordinator Sandy Oxford on 078669 20719)

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- 28th Apr** Wildlife in your Garden. Dave Smallshire  
**28th May** Horse Drawn Barge Trip (\*\*WEDNESDAY\*\*)  
**23rd June** Music Evening  
**28th July** Games Evening.

All '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. Most meetings are in Parish hall and start at 7:30 pm but please note the exceptions.

### **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.

### **GARDENING CLUB**

(Secretary: Derek Fisher, tel. 01392 811979)

Our meeting in May will be on Saturday, 10th and take the form of our now Annual Plant Sale and Cream Teas. Village Voices will be providing light entertainment and there will be the usual draw. Please bring all donated plants, produce and other garden related items to the Parish Hall for 2-30pm. Prizes for the draw would also be welcomed.

### **PILATES IN THE PARISH HALL**

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### **BENEFICE CHOIR**

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

### **SHORT MAT BOWLS**

(Contact David Oakey tel. 01392 811585)

With three sessions a week, it should be easy to find a time suitable for a game of short mat bowls. Talk to anyone who has played and they will confirm what fun everyone is having. So if you have not played short mat bowls come along and give it a try! £1.50 per session includes tea/coffee and a biscuit at the break.

Flat soled shoes with no heels, or socks please.

- Tuesday 7.30 to 9.30 pm  
Wednesday 10.00 to noon  
Friday 7.30 to 9.30 pm ( Not 16th May)

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The Whitestone Parish Council meeting will be on: Thursday **8th May** at 7.30pm. Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend.

### **VILLAGE VOICES**

(Liz Watkins tel.01392 811285)

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<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b>		
Thu	01 May 2014	Whitestone Parish Hall Committee of Management - LAST DATE FOR RETURN OF NOMINATION FORMS
Sun	04 May 2014	Whitestone Walkers - Meet at Parish Hall car park - 09:30 am
Sun	04 May 2014	Church House Educational Foundation - LAST DATE FOR APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL GRANTS
Tue	06 May 2014	AGM Whitestone Parish Hall Committee of Management - 7:00 pm
Tue	06 May 2014	Moretonhampstead Bowling Club - Outdoor bowls "taster" - 5 pm
Wed	07 May 2014	Pathfinder Good Companions - "The Ten Tors Challenge" - Simon Dell Pathfinder Village Hall - 2:30 pm
Wed	07 May 2014	AGM of Church House Educational Foundation - Billiard Room - 7:30 pm
Thu	08 May 2014	Parish Council Meeting - Billiard Room - Parish Hall - 7:30 pm
Fri	09 May 2014	Collection of unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, belts, towels, bedding, etc. LAST DATE FOR COLLECTION BY VICKY BRYANT
Sat	10 May 2014	Gardening Club - Annual Plant Sale and Cream Teas - Parish Hall - 2:30
Mon	12 May 2014	Book Club - Parish Hall - 2.00pm
Wed	14 May 2014	Parish Hall Caretaker/Cleaner Vacancy - LAST DATE FOR APPLICATION
Thu	15 May 2014	Arts & Crafts Morning - Parish Hall - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Fri	16 May 2014	Cuban Airwaves - 7:30 to 9:30 pm
<b>Fri</b>	<b>16 May 2014</b>	<b>LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES FOR JUNE MAGAZINE</b>
Sat	17 May 2014	Saturday Surprise - Whitestone Parish Hall - 6:00 to 6:45 pm
Sat Sun	17 May 2014 18 May 2014	Big Community Energy Weekend - Exeter
Tue	20 May 2014	Folk at the Oak - Royal Oak - 8pm
Wed	21 May 2014	Pathfinder Good Companions - Social Afternoon - with Silent Auction Pathfinder Village Hall - 2:30 pm
Wed	21 May 2014	Open Meeting - Sale of School Houses - Parish Hall - 7:30 pm
Thu	22 May 2014	Elections to the European Parliament - Vote between 7am and 10 pm
Wed	28 May 2014	Social Club - Horse Drawn Barge Trip

<b>WEEKLY EVENTS IN MAY 2014</b>		
	Dates	Event
Mon	12th, 19th	Table Tennis - Whitestone Parish Hall - 7:30 to 10:00 pm
Tues	6th, 13th, 20th, 27th	Baby & Toddler Group - Whitestone Parish Hall - 10 am to noon
Tues	6th, 13th, 20th, 27th	Short Mat Bowls - Whitestone Parish Hall - 7:30 to 9:30 pm
Wed	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	Short Mat Bowls - Whitestone Parish Hall - 10:00 am to noon
Thu	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th	Pilates - Whitestone Parish Hall - 6:45 to 7:45 pm
Thu	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th	Village Voices - Whitestone Parish Hall - 7:45 to 9:30 pm
Fri	2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th	Short Mat Bowls - Whitestone Parish Hall - 7:30 to 9:30 pm