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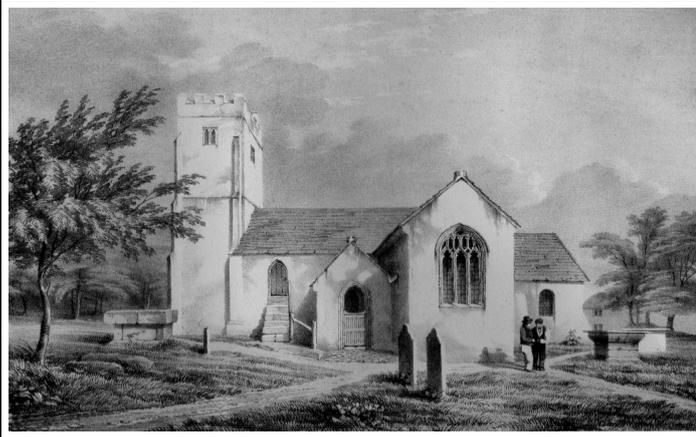
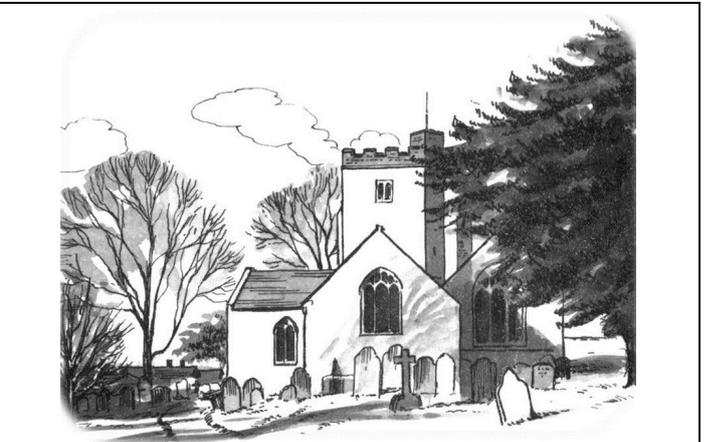
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SERVICES FOR JUNE

Sunday June 7th

9.00 am	Whitestone	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30 am	Holcombe Burnell	Parish Communion	Canon John Tutton
11.00 am	Tedburn St Mary	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3.00 pm	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
6.00 pm	Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

Sunday June 14th

9.30 am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Canon John Tutton
9.30 am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11.00 am	Cheriton Bishop	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3.00 pm	Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	Lay led
4.00 pm	Tedburn St Mary	Evening Prayer	Lay led

Sunday June 21st

9.00 am	Tedburn St Mary	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30 am	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11.00 am	Whitestone	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3.00 pm	Pathfinder	Evensong	Lay led
6.00 pm	Holcombe Burnell	Evensong	Revd Martin Wood

Sunday June 28th

8.00 am	Cheriton Bishop	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30 am	Tedburn St Mary	Parish Communion	Revd Tim Gorringer
11.00 am	Holcombe Burnell	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3.00 pm	Pathfinder	United Service	
6.00 pm	Whitestone	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

Every Thursday 10.30 am Pathfinder Holy Communion (BCP)

June 4th	Revd Martin Wood
June 11th	Revd Martin Wood
June 18th	Canon Geoffrey Moore
June 25th	Revd martin Wood

Ordinary time returns

The month of May sees the end of Easter and Pentecost. There is no special season to celebrate and we return to our normal routine in June. The church calls this ordinary time when there is no special season. This year there were just two weeks of ordinary time between the end of Christmas and the beginning of Lent. Or, since the beginning of Advent we have been in a special season for twenty six weeks or half a year. On the face of it, ordinary time does not seem very interesting. However, when we are busy and pressurised by work or crisis, the idea of a quieter simpler time is enormously appealing. I have to admit to looking forward to quieter and simpler periods of time. I feel that we had enough watching and waiting (Advent and Lent) and celebrating (Christmas, Epiphany, Easter and Pentecost) has made me tired. We can only stretch ourselves beyond our capacity for a limited period of time. If we ignore the warning signals we start making bad judgments, forgetting important things and often becoming ill. Our lives need to be accentuated by highlights and low lights, but for most of the time our lives should be normal. Too much of the good stuff can be exhausting and make us complacent. Too much of the bad stuff can make us feel low, withdrawn and lead to depression and illness. Life has for the most part to be lived normally. What is normal? This is a cause of great debate but I think we know what is right and good for us and we should aspire to get that balance. As priest I always think that Easter and Christmas come too close together. It would have been handy to have Easter in the middle of June! As far away from Christmas as is possible, sometimes we have to accept God's time rather than what would be more convenient for us.

As part of normal living, there needs to be a good spiritual dimension. We need to keep the lines of communication open to God. It is just as important to share our small worries and simple thanks on a daily and regular basis. God is not just there for crisis and important times. It is important to develop a real relationship with God and include Him as an integral part of our everyday lives. Sadly when people neglect to cultivate a good relationship with God they assume that God will turn his back on them as they have done on him, until some crisis hits them. The opposite is true, God welcomes us any time for whatever reason.

Ordinary time reminds us that we need to cultivate a good and healthy lifestyle that incorporates a spiritual dimension. Little and often works so much better than crisis management.

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:

Tuesday: Holcombe Burnell

Wednesday: Tedburn St. Mary

Thursday: Cheriton Bishop

Friday: Whitestone

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2014 FABRIC REPORT FOR ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

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THANK YOU LITTER PICKERS

A big 'thank you' to the lucky 13 who turned out for the spring litterpick on Saturday 16th May. As has previously been the case, the sun shone the whole morning and the cool breeze made this a great morning to be outside.

A special thanks must go to Julie Knight who joined us from Tedburn, to Caroline who joined us for the first time and it was great also to see Mike Quinn demonstrating his continuing recovery following his recent transplant.

Despite the overgrown vegetation, we amassed a large haul of the usual detritus of modern society- bottles, drink cartons, cigarette packets, etc., etc. but the strangest find was a black plastic lace-up bodice which the finder un-sportingly declined to model for us!

Thank you everybody who joined us and Shane from Teignbridge District Council who provided us with the necessary 'kit'.

I will be organising another Litter Pick in October when the vegetation has died down. Watch this space and please join us if you can.

Philip Nierop



THANKS

Dear All,
Many thanks to you all who voted for me at the Council Elections. As I said in my leaflet, the work that is done for my area is non Political. I have always voted on issues that affect YOU - the residents of Whitestone, Tedburn St Mary, Pathfinder and Holcombe Burnell.
Many thanks to my Loyal helpers and my agent (Marie).
Once again, many thanks.

Peter Bromell

ROBERT PROUSE

With sadness we have to report the death of Mr "Bob" (Robert Victor) Prouse aged 88 years on the 27th of April 2015 at the Exeter Hospice.

Bob was the much loved husband of Olive, loving father of Robert and the late David, father-in-law of Veronica and Ruth and a dear grandad of Gemma, Katie, Vicky, Philip, Alice and Sally. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Bob lived and farmed at West Rowhorne until his retirement to Tedburn St Mary. He was a much respected farmer and a good neighbour. Our sympathies go to his family.

The funeral service was at the Exeter & Devon Crematorium on Monday 18th May. It was a celebration of his life and there was standing room only in the chapel.

The family would like to thank all the staff on Dart and Yealm Wards and all at Hospiscare for their care and support given.

CHURCH AGM REPORT

The Annual Parish Meeting of the Churches of Whitestone, Oldridge, and Pathfinder took place on the 21st of April. Dr Jane Richards was re-elected as Churchwarden and Dr. Richards and Miss M. Stanbury were appointed as Deanery Synod Representatives. The following were elected to the P.C.C.

Mrs M. Eyre.
Mr M. Fairley.
Mrs J. Halling.(Pathfinder)
Mrs S. Harding.
Dr. A. Kellagher. (Treasurer).
Mrs E. Milverton.
Mr P. Nierop
Mrs R. Oliver.
Mrs C. Rutter.
Mrs J. Thomas.
Dr. R. Keith (Co-opted)
Mrs M. Cheriton (Co-opted)(Oldridge).

Mrs Thomas retired as Secretary and a tribute was paid to her for her many years of dedicated service.

Services were held in all three churches and we were fortunate to have the ministry not only of the Rector, Revd. Martin Wood, but also Canon John Tutton and the Revd. Professor Tim Gorringe.

The bell ringers have rung for Sunday services throughout the year and their efforts have been much appreciated by parishioners as well as members of the congregation. Fundraising has started for the necessary replacements for the bell ropes and repairs to the bells themselves.

In March 2014 the Church Electoral Roll stood at: Whitestone 27, Pathfinder 6, Oldridge 5.
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The fabric report was presented by Dr. Richards.

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FAMILY FUN QUIZ

When the fete is over, you will be able to relax with another Family Fun Quiz, hosted by Dr Jane Richards.

27 June 2015
7.30 pm
Whitestone Parish Hall

Previous events have been great fun and questions have included such highly technical matters as "Name the Year?", 'Advertising icons' and 'What's the name of Peppa Pig's brother?'. No technical knowledge is required (or expected!).

Go on—surprise yourself with what you really can recall.

Just come along, either as a table of four or by yourself and join with others to make a full table.
The only cost is £5 per table of 4.

We look forward to seeing you.

Crisps and nibbles will be provided but please bring a bottle if you need real brain food.

Start swatting now:
Who wrote Beethoven's Fifth Symphony?
How many months have 28 days? (All of them!)
How do you know when you have run out of invisible ink?

See you there.

Saturday 27 June 7.30 pm Whitestone Parish Hall

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Please come to this annual event at the Parish Hall. There will be plenty of plants for gardens at bargain prices and our wonderful cream teas are not to be missed! Award winning Village Voices and Hand Bells to entertain you. WHAT a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

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We meet every third Monday of the month
at 7:30pm in Whitestone Parish Hall
Contact - Gill Oakey, 811585

JUNE Tips from Whitestone Garden Club

Everyone's favourite month, the gardens are full of flowers and the vegetables growing well !

Here's a good feed recipe for especially ripening tomatoes. It is high in potassium and just made from Comfrey leaves.

You'll need :
Comfrey leaves enough to fill a bucket.
Bucket with lid.
Bricks and water.

1. Harvest the comfrey leaves with a knife cutting leaves off 5cm from the ground.
2. Cram leaves into the bucket and weight them down with the bricks.
3. Just cover with water put the lid on and leave for 6 weeks.
4. Strain the brownish -green and smelly liquid into a plastic bottle and dilute to use on your tomato plants .

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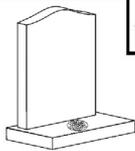
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PARISH PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

Hopefully you have all received your Parish Plan Questionnaire now. If you haven't (and you live in the parish) please get in contact with Vicky on 01392 811391.

We aim to revisit every property after 3 weeks of your delivery to collect the completed questionnaires. If you have answered on line then please just complete questions 1a and 1b on the paper version for us to collect and those households who wish to opt out please indicate this by filling in page 4 on the paper copy.

Your responses will then be sent off to be independently analysed.

Thank you for your time.

Whitestone Parish Plan steering group

Cuban Airwaves Whitestone's own Salsa Band

Every month "Cuban Airwaves" meet to play a set playlist in the Parish Hall.

Everyone is welcome, especially any budding acoustic musicians, singers or percussion players.



We play popular Cuban and other Latin music and sheet music is available if required. We meet on a Friday evening at 7:30 pm so please ring if you are interested to find out details of this month's session.

The next date for our meeting is:

19th June (Main Hall)

Please make a note in your diary.

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Community Compost Open Day Friday 5th June from 11am to 3pm Old Forde House, Newton Abbot

Interested in setting up a community composting scheme in your town or village?

Come and join us and we will guide you through the process of setting up a group in your area including;

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- A visit to a local community composting site

Guest speaker
Nicky Scott from
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There will also be an opportunity to visit another local community composting group on Saturday 6th June 2015 in the morning.



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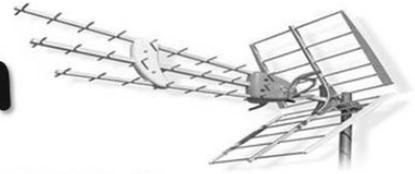
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PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES 14th May 2015

DRAFT Minutes of Whitestone Parish Council meeting held at Whitestone Parish Hall on Thursday 14th May 2015 to be ratified on 11th June 2015.

Attendance:

Councillors Ms T Baird, Mrs M Belt, Mrs B Bramhall, Mrs L Fairley, L Hickman, D Munro, R Phillips, A Reed. Mrs P Vaughan, Clerk to the Council
Mrs B Netherway, Mrs S Greenfield
Apologies District Councillor P Bromell

There was no Public Participation.

Councillor Hickman, the retiring Chairman, declared the Annual General Meeting open and welcomed new Councillor Mrs Linda Fairley to the Council following the election on 7th May 2015. Councillors then signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office Forms.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Retiring Chairman then sought nominations for the post of Chairman:-

Election of Chairman

Councillor L Hickman was proposed by Cllr Munro and seconded by Cllr Bramhall. All in favour.

Councillor Hickman was thereby elected and signed his declaration of office as Chairman and called for nominations for the following:-

Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor Reed was proposed by Cllr Bramhall and seconded by Cllr Baird. All in favour. Councillor Reed was thereby elected and signed his declaration of office of the role of Vice Chairman.

Footpath Warden

Councillor Munro was proposed by Cllr Hickman and seconded by Cllr Belt. All in favour.

Church House Foundation Member

Councillor Belt was proposed by Cllr Baird and seconded by Cllr Belt. All in favour

Crossway Park Officer

Councillor Bramhall was proposed by Cllr Reed and seconded by Cllr Hickman.

Parish Hall Committee

Proposed and seconded that Councillors Belt, Phillips, Fairley and Hickman be elected. All in favour.

Parish Hall Liaison Member

Councillor Belt was proposed by Cllr Baird and seconded by Cllr Phillips. All in favour.

Asset Group

Proposed and seconded that Councillors Reed, Phillips, Baird, Belt and Fairley be elected. All in favour.

Responsible Financial Officer

Mrs P Vaughan proposed by Cllr Belt and seconded by Cllr Phillips. All in favour.

Internal Independent Auditor

Mr K Abraham proposed by Cllr Belt seconded by Cllr Phillips. All in favour.

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

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th April 2015 and the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23rd April 2015 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 late reports from the Whitestone Handbell Ringers, Cuban Airwaves and the Table Tennis Club.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR / DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Apologies had been received from District Councillor Bromell who has been re-elected for Teignbridge North and owing to the numerous committee meetings was unable to attend tonight.

PLANNING

Planning Application

15/00994/FUL Replacement porch at Pound Hill, Halsfordwood Lane. The application and plans were examined by the Council and was supported with no objections.

15/01201/LBC Installation of biomass boiler in existing shed including new roof and wall at Glebe House. The application and plans were examined by the Council with no objections.

Grant of Conditional Planning Permission

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

15/00250/FUL Change of use of barn to holiday accommodation and provision of a holiday lodge at Rowhorne Farm

15/00259/FUL First floor rear extension at Haccadown, Longdown

15/00475/FUL Single storey side/rear extension at 18 Merrymeet.

15/00650/VAR Removal of Condition 2 on planning permission 2003/2625/47/04 to permit non-ancillary occupation of the converted barn at Southway House, Tedburn Road.

Granting of Certificate of Lawful Use or Development at Rebecca Springs

15/00109/CLDE 1 Rebecca Springs. 15/00110/CLDE 2 Rebecca Springs, 15/00111/CLDE 3 Rebecca Springs, 15/00112/CLDE 4 Rebecca Springs, 15/00113/CLDE 5 Rebecca Springs, Nadderwater

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Rural Aid Funding Application for Whitestone Parish Hall

As minuted in March, the application form for a Rural Aid Grant of £1,000 towards repair work to the stage and hall floor and sanding and re-sealing the floor of the main hall and stage was duly signed by the Chairman.

Parish Defibrillator

It was reported that the second set of pads from St John Ambulance as authorised at the April meeting have now been delivered and the invoice was presented for payment by the Parish Council as agreed.

Crossway Park

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of new equipment for the Park and Cllr Hickman and Cllr Reed have been investigating this and will be reporting to a future meeting.

School Houses

Devon Sales and Lettings have submitted property inspection reports for both properties and it was noted that the tenant at No 2 has given notice and will be vacating in June. Discussion followed and it was agreed, with all in favour, that when the property is empty any necessary renovation work will be carried out to bring the property up to standard for re-letting. Cllr Hickman and Cllr Reed will be meeting with the Letting Agents with regard to this and the future tenants.

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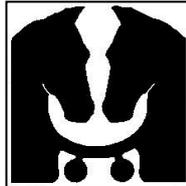


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MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Hickman thanked the meeting for his election and spoke regarding his desire that the process of the Council should be a democratic one and for the benefit of the Parish as a whole, particularly with regard to budgetary matters.

FINANCE

Authorisation for continuation of Grants

It was proposed and seconded that the following grants be continued. All in favour.

- Whitestone Parish Hall Management Committee - £97.50 per month.
- Parochial Church Council (for the Church Magazine for inclusion of Council Minutes) £165.
- Whitestone Gardening Club for tending the Community Garden adjoining Crossway Park - £125.

Income

- School Houses rents for May £1,425 – Letting Agency fees £136.80 (including £22.80 VAT) = £1,288.20.
- Teignbridge District Council – half year Precept £3,000
- VAT 2014/15 Repayment £1,671.70

Expenditure

- Whitestone Parish Hall Management Committee (May) £97.50
- St John Ambulance £102.20 (includes £17.03 VAT)
- Clerk's expenses £32.44
- Roc Assessments £130.00 (arranged and paid through Devon Sales & Lettings).
- Broker Network Ltd £1,023.90

CORRESPONDENCE

Council Insurance Policy – Notification received from Came & Company regarding the renewal from the 1st June 2015. Three quotations were offered and it was recommended that the Council should renew with Hiscox. If the Council agree to an inflation adjusted 3 year binding agreement the annual premium can be reduced from £1,077.79 to £1,023.90. Discussion followed and it was resolved that the option of a long term agreement be accepted. All in favour.

Derek Fisher has forwarded information supplied from Devon & Cornwall Police regarding a 'Farmwatch' scheme in this area. Farming related groups interested in marking their farm equipment should contact Chudleigh Police Station via 101 or email at Teignbridge@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk.

Devon County Highways responded to complaints logged at the April meeting and said that centre lines are not required on roads which are less than 5.5m wide. The potholes reported have been sent to their contractors for attention.

Devon County Public Rights of Way – information regarding payment of Grants.

DALC Training for new Councillor – It was noted that there is a training day to be organised in Exeter on 15th September and Cllr Fairley indicated she would like to attend.

REPORTS

- Cllr Mrs Belt expressed appreciation for the presentation of flowers which had been made to her at the Annual Parish Meeting to commemorate her 20 years of service on the Parish Council.
- Concern were expressed at overgrown hedges at Nadderwater which were interfering with traffic
- Concern regarding the Oldridge Road between Hangmans Corner and Cleave Farm where the road surface has dropped away.
- A complaint was made regarding the speed of vehicles on the Tedburn Road, from Pathfinder to Exeter, and the Clerk was asked to make a complaint to Devon & Cornwall Police asking for some speed censoring to be put into place. It was noted that there had been a fatal car accident on this road within the last few days.
- Surplus water was reported across the road by Chants Cottage.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Greenfield gave the following report on the Parish Plan Steering Group:- "A full update was given to the Annual Parish Meeting. The working group has had the paper questionnaire and accompanying paperwork copied and we are delivering the questionnaires this week (week commencing 11th May). Please support this plan by taking the time to complete the questionnaire and encourage all members of your household to do so as we really do want to hear your views. We are looking forward to receiving lots of responses".

Cllr Belt reminded the meeting of the Whitestone Annual Fete which will be held on Saturday 27th June and said offers of help and contributions would be greatly appreciated.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

PARISH PLAN DEADLINE !!!

Hope you've filled in your Parish Plan Questionnaire which was delivered in May. If you have chosen to use the on-line version at www.whitestone-devon.org.uk/ the last date for completion is midnight on **31st May 2015**

If you have any comments to make on the content, layout or any other matters concerning this magazine, please contact the Editor: Mrs Jennifer Kellagher, East Rowhorne, Nadderwater, Exeter EX4 2LQ 01392 273864.

We always welcome any suggestions to improve the magazine.

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The things parents teach you

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2. My mother taught me RELIGION. - "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL. - "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My mother taught me LOGIC . - "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the shops with me."
5. My mother taught me FORESIGHT. - "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
6. My father taught me IRONY. - "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
7. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. - "Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
8. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY. - "If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"
9. My mother taught me about ENVY. - "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
10. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION. - "Just wait until we get home."
11. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE. - "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
12. My father taught me HUMOUR. - "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
13. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT - "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
14. My mother taught me about my ROOTS. - "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
15. My mother taught me WISDOM. - "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
16. My father taught me about JUSTICE . - "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

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WHITESTONE BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Providing Fun, Crafts, Games, Stories and Singing and much more for all 0 – 5 year olds (and their parents/grandparents & carers)

We hope everyone enjoyed their Half-term break. Although May was a short month for us, we seemed to get it all done. June is another exciting month as we will be celebrating Father's Day and we will be having a Spring Scavenger Hunt too. We will be taking part again this year in the BIG Toddle for Barnardos, on **TUESDAY 23rd JUNE 2015**. The theme is Pirates so there is plenty of time to make your child (and yourself) into pirates or parrots!! We will be having a picnic afterwards to celebrate. We will of course keep you updated of all of our events via our newsletters and Facebook page. We look forward to welcoming you to our cheerful and fun group. Just pop along for a coffee and a chat while your little ones play in a safe and friendly environment.

Thank you to everyone who supports our group as it really is appreciated.

Tuesday session dates in JUNE are
2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd
Come along and join the fun!!

For More Information please contact us at:
whitestonebabyandtoddlergroup@live.co.uk



Facebook – Whitestone Baby and Toddler Group.

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING.

Sunday 14th June
Royal Oak, Nadderwater
7pm until 10pm

It's the Kick, Ball, Change annual party. A group of avid Ballroom dancers that are completely obsessed by all things Ballroom but particularly the BBC programme Strictly Come Dancing. They meet twice a week, once to dance and once to get together to watch repeats of the programme.

They are hoping to raise enough money through fund raising to get tickets for them all to go to a recording of the Show so they can meet their idols BUT are things going wrong - maybe one member will not get to go...Come and find out why....

Dinner will be Traditional Roast Beef Dinner followed by homemade Sherry Trifle (if you have any dietary needs, please contact Tracey on 01392 272352 and she will sort something out).

Tickets on sale now £29.95.

THE GREEN PARADOX

I had to smile at The Green Corner (2) (May edition) belated report of the September 2014 NY march by 400,000 protestors* demanding Action on climate change and the apparently connected commitment by the Rockefeller Fund to 'purge its holdings in coal and tar sands, gradually withdraw from oil and gas and invest funds in green energy'.

Call me cynical but the current generation of Rockefellerers display a deftness of touch that their arch capitalist forebear would be proud of! With US Coal prices in the doldrums and the Athabasca Tar sands oil project threatened by the increasing efficiency of US gas frackers, the Rockefeller's decision to switch funds into green energy where risk is minimised and income guaranteed through Government and state subsidies, makes perfect sense. The positive PR derived from the timing of the announcement, would be to the fund, the icing on the cake!

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, showed a similar deftness of touch by his commitment on oil sands but retention for the time being, of the Church Of England's holdings in oil and gas, a shrewd move demonstrated by the rapid recovery of oil prices from recent lows.

The Pope also, with a fine sense of irony, played host recently to one of the world's biggest religious movement, the believers in catastrophic manmade global warming, who like Western Governments remain fixated on curtailing CO2 emissions to combat 'climate change'.

The sad thing is that the Global warming movement has led to a huge misallocation of resources both scientific and financial to combat a threat that is supported only by models. Meanwhile, in the real world, higher CO2 levels are increasing the planet's vegetation cover while global temperatures have remain unchanged for 18 plus years and the future of Australia's Antarctic base Mawson is threatened by the build up of sea ice! Energy costs in the West are increasing exponentially even as energy security decreases and in Africa, India and many other areas poverty remains endemic, child mortality high and access to clean water and good sanitation remains a dream. A dream paradoxically that requires access to something we in the west have until recently taken for granted; cheap abundant energy.

Philip Nierop

*The official figure was 311,000

BOOKING THE PARISH HALL

Please contact the Booking Clerk, Pauline Fisher to arrange bookings for the Parish Hall.

Pauline Fisher

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT WHITESTONE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 23RD APRIL 2015 AT 7.30PM

Attendance:

Chairman of the Parish Council – Councillor L Hickman
Councillors Mary Belt, Beryl Bramhall, Tracey Baird,
Mike Quinn, Philip Nierop, Tony Reed, Deric Munro.
Pat Vaughan (Clerk to the Parish Council),
Belle Netherway, Sandy Oxford, Jennifer Kellagher,
Anna Kellagher, Wendy and Terry Tume, Peter Hanson,
Sheila Greenfield, Margaret Nierop, Derek Fisher,
PC 2823 Sharon Kerridge-Smith,
PCSO 30234 Paul Tucker.

Apologies: Dr J Richards, Councillor Mrs P Fisher,
Mr J Bryant, Mrs L Watkins, Councillor R Phillips,
Mr J Kirkpatrick.

Minutes of the 2014 Meeting having been distributed were taken as read having been approved and signed at the Parish Council meeting of 8th May 2014.

Parish Council Chairman's Report

Report by Councillor Les Hickman

As this Council's tenure comes to an end, we are becoming increasingly aware of the changes to local services and the challenges that present to parish councils right across Devon, including small parishes such as Whitestone. On this backcloth of increasing austerity and times of change, I wish to record and commend all the councillors for their commitment to ensuring the best interests of the parishioners are kept at the forefront of all decision making. Much work has been undertaken during the challenging past year, bringing together a range of views. Rather than this being a negative process, the Parish Council has benefited from a strong democratic process that has reflected the diverse views held in the parish. The following areas give a flavour of some of the work undertaken.

School Houses - Following the initial complex work to explore the viability of the school houses, parishioners will recall the subsequent public meeting held in May 2014 chaired by an independent chair – many thanks to Mr David Oakey for fulfilling this role and presiding over the presentation and discussions. The event attracted 59 people who participated in this democratic process, the result of which was the commissioning of an independent assessment of the financial accounts, together with an independent condition survey of the houses. This was duly completed and considered by the Parish Council at the September 2014 meeting. As a result the vote was carried not to sell the houses at this time. It has, however, been necessary to commit time, energy and money to maintain the houses at an acceptable level. I am pleased to report that this has been achieved by our Asset Group, within the agreed financial envelope. I believe the right decision was reached as, given our reduced expenditure, we now receive an acceptable income, with the retention of the houses being a clear asset for our Parish.

Crossways Park - The apparatus in the children play area has been regularly monitored, both by councillors and external experts. It is unfortunate that some equipment has had to be dismantled and removed in the interests of health and safety. The Council is currently exploring appropriate replacement of this equipment as well as the

improvement to the safety mats. In addition I am pleased to report that, as our Parish Council is committed to giving consideration to the needs of all parishioners, we have commenced research to explore the possibility of providing outdoor fitness equipment for adults to use. Parishioner's views about this would be most welcome.

Planning - The Parish Council has dealt with approximately 40 planning applications over the past year and reported their views to the decision makers at Teignbridge District Council.

Parish Hall - The Parish Council was successful in obtaining a grant of £900 from the Rural Aid Fund; this was used for cavity wall insulation and wood-worm treatment. In addition the Parish Council continues to give a grant to the Hall Management Committee to assist with insurance and help towards cleaning expenses. In consultation with the Hall Management Committee, an application was also made for a grant to enable the purchase of a defibrillator and a training package, at a cost of £1,630. A grant of £900 was received from the Elector's Fund with the Parish Council being responsible for paying the remaining balance. Mr Derek Fisher kindly arranged for the installation of the defibrillator, the training in its use and the ongoing management. A number of parishioners volunteered and have been trained how to use the defibrillator and their telephone contact numbers have now been published in the Whitestone Parish Magazine.

Waste - Teignbridge District Council continues to arrange for a rural skip to be used for disposal of bulky items, the skip will be situated at the Hill Lane junction with Crossways on Saturday 25 April 2015.

Highways - With the anticipated constraints on budgets, the Parish Council took a proactive approach and has undertaken a review of roadside drains and potential for flooding. The options for a plan of action regarding risk of potential flooding are currently being explored.

As we are all aware the issue of potholes awaiting repair is well known. I would urge parishioners to report any concerns regarding potholes directly to the Devon Highways Potholes Hotline, as this is the most timely, efficient and effective method of reporting these concerns, rather than via the Parish Council.

In conclusion as I have already mentioned this is the last month of the current Parish Council and official notice has been given of an uncontested election for Whitestone. As a result, seven of the current Councillors have been duly re-elected, with the addition of Mrs Linda Fairley. This leaves an opportunity for two interested parishioners to join the Parish Council as co-opted members.

Sincere thanks are extended to the three retiring Councillors – Mrs Pauline Fisher, Mr Mike Quinn and Mr Philip Nierop for their hard work, commitment and dedication over the past four years. I also cannot let this occasion pass without thanking our Parish Clerk, Mrs Pat Vaughan, for her work and commitment to ensuring the smooth running of the Parish Council.

Finally, I am also proud on this occasion to honour Mrs Mary Belt, who has dedicated 20 years to the Parish Council and to present her with a small token of thanks.

Devon & Cornwall Police Report

Report by PC Sharon Kerridge-Smith and
PSCO Paul Tucker

PC Kerridge-Smith introduced herself to the meeting as having responsibility for the Exminster and Rural area and included PCSO Tucker who accompanied her. She said there were 24 crimes reported over the last year, the most recent were thefts from sheds in the Nadderwater area which were believed to have been carried out by youths from the Exeter area although no one had been apprehended. She advised on the need for security of outbuildings as again these proved a temptation for thieves looking for tools, machinery and also keeping cars and vans locked. She also said that there is a process afoot to restart the "Farm Watch" scheme which aims to increase the prevention and detection of farm related crime and all farms are being asked to sign up to the Community Messaging service. An etching device has been secured and she will attend any farms that are interested and mark items with a postcode to make them identifiable so if they ever do get stolen the Police would hopefully be able to locate the farm owner should the item be recovered. This is only for farms and small holdings currently.

The Community Messaging service is a free service offered by Devon and Cornwall Police to keep you informed about policing news and crime information in your area. These messages will contain relevant information regarding crime in your area, e.g. Policing issues, warning of bogus callers and burglaries. You can choose to receive these messages as an individual or as part of a group and they will be sent by telephone, email or fax and you can decide how and when you would like to receive the information. Contact should be made via our Neighbourhood Email account - Teignbridge@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Councillor Hickman thanked her for her report and the officers then left the meeting

Church House Education Foundation

Report by Dr Anna Kellagher

This Trust was set up in the 18th Century by Mr John Splatt, a successful candle maker in Heavitree. It is intended to provide financial assistance for residents of the ancient parish of Whitestone who wish to further their education or training. All applications are assessed in confidence by the Trustees with reference to the provisions of the Trust Deed. Successful grant applications range typically from £50 to £500, depending on particular and personal circumstances.

The Trustees met twice during the year. Grants totalling just over £2,600 were made in response to 10 applications during 2014.

Applications for grants, with details of what is needed, should be sent to Dr Anna Kellagher, East Rowhorne, Nadderwater, Exeter, EX4 2LQ. Tel: 01392 273864

Whitestone Pilates Group

Report by Peter Hanson (organiser), Mary Belt (treasurer)

The Pilates group has been running for five years now but sadly, our teacher says she is unable to carry on as she has too many other commitments. So we are currently looking for another teacher and hope to be able to re-start as soon as we find one.

Whitestone Sports & Social Club

Report by Mary Belt

Mrs Belt said that there was no report from the Club this year as they had not run a Fete in 2014. However the date of 27th June has been fixed for this year's Fete.

Whitestone Baby & Toddlers Group

Report by Wendy Tume

We'd like to thank you for inviting us again this evening to give you our annual report for 2014/15. We have had yet another successful year at Whitestone Baby & Toddlers in the Parish Hall. We have just celebrated our 2nd Birthday and our numbers are still growing, we have 30-40 members at present and on average we still have a weekly attendance of between 15-20 babies and toddlers. These are made up of children from Whitestone, Tedburn St Mary, Nadderwater, Cheriton Bishop, Exwick, Redhills and other surrounding areas including Kennford.

The Whitestone Baby & Toddler Group continues to provide a friendly, safe environment for children to participate in various activities and for parents/ grandparents and carers to meet and have a chat and a coffee. So far this year we have had an Easter Egg Hunt, Valentines, Mother's Day and a Cake & Coffee Morning to raise funds for a little girl in the group who suffers from a rare form of epilepsy. In fine weather we still love to use the playground at the back of the hall to offer extra play and activities.

We took part again in Barnardo's Big Toddle in June 2014 and used the playfield as our 1 ½ mile toddle. We raised a fantastic £300 for the charity and were able to keep 25% of this for our group too. We are taking part again this year so watch out for the Pirates of Whitestone in June having a toddle in the park.

We continue to run the group voluntarily and without our team we would not be able to offer the sessions we do. We lost about 8 children in July last year as they started their next journey into big school. We will lose another 5 this year and we celebrate this with a Good Luck Party on the last session of the Summer, families come to celebrate with us and each child is given a little certificate and a book about starting school from all of us at Baby & Toddlers. We have a lot of new babies and toddlers and their Mums, plus 2 Grandads and a Dad who have joined us from the community so we can continue to give the families the safe and friendly environment we have created in our group.

The group will carry on holding various fund raisers throughout the year so that we are able to maintain and provide new equipment and art /craft materials for our children to learn and grow through play. We nonetheless welcome any offers of funding and have applied for a few grants to help us continue the group's achievements. We also have let various children's parties borrow our tables and chairs for a donation to the group which has proved popular.

We liked to thank you for your time and the continued support from both Whitestone Parish Council, the Parish Hall Committee and the lovely community of Whitestone, you have made us most welcome. In addition a big "Thank You" to the Parish Hall Committee for installing the baby changing table in the disabled toilet it has proved helpful.

Whitestone Parish Footpaths and Bridleways

Report by Councillor Deric Munro

Of the 13 public rights of way that come under the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme 8 meet the full criteria for ease of use as laid down by Devon County Council.

Bridleway 2a at Rowhorne – Bails stacked at the entrance reduce the width to below 3m, 3 gates are difficult to operate and some of the route is excessively muddy.

Footpath 22 at Bowlish – wooden steps installed some years ago on steep parts of the track are now in an advanced state of decay. A fallen tree also obstructs the track.

Footpath 22 at Copperwalls – the signpost at the southern end is broken off at ground level.

Bridleway 27 at Tomshead Cross at Oldridge – rutted and muddy.

Footpath No 28 by Lilly Brook known as Coombve Lane – mud at several points.

Footpath 7 which runs from Hill Lane to behind the Parish Hall – this only just complies as part of the path has been very muddy and vegetation from adjacent gardens is encroaching on the width.

Whitestone Book Club

Report by Sandy Oxford

In its fifth year Whitestone Book Club continues to thrive with membership numbers in excess of the norm for book group sets. Devon Library Services have been so supportive of us that they find the extra books required for us to have one each and included them with the usual set of ten. This service has been free so far but due to the financial cutbacks required of council services a fee will be charged for each set from September.

It continues to be stimulating to read and discuss a wide range of games ranging from classic to “Scandi Noir” and to encounter authors new to us. With settings which ranged from America to Africa, France and Germany in the Second World War it has been interesting to learn more about times and places.

This year we introduced a points system, giving books a score out of 10. Three books have, so far, scored 9 or more:- “Mill on the Floss” by George Eliot, “The Poisonwood Bible” by Barbara Kingsolver and most enjoyed with a score of 9.6 was “A Thousand Splendid Suns” by Khaled Hosseini.

Some members of the Book Club were able to hear and to ask questions of author Penelope Lively when she appeared at the Royal Albert Museum in Exeter. It was a lively and entertaining evening.

Most of all, I think Book Club members enjoy the discussions hearing what others think of a book we have read.

Arts and Crafts Morning

Report by Sandy Oxford

Arts and Crafts Mornings are times, once a month, when a room in the Parish Hall is booked and set up for working on a project. People bring their own project and materials and are then able to work in their chosen task without the distraction of those jobs they “should” be doing at home!

This is not a club so there is nothing to join. Some people come regularly whilst others come as and when work, volunteering or family commitments allow. Often the impetus for coming is on order to finish a project started many years before.

Following the success of the first Fused Glass Workshop a second was organised, allowing participants to be bolder in their approach and to make some lovely Christmas decorations. Those interested in photography have enjoyed further discussion and evaluation with Cyril Chudley. We are trying to be more thoughtful in the composition of our photographs.

People attending Arts and Crafts Mornings have helped and supported each other, sharing techniques and teaching each other how to do things.

Everyone is invited to come along and join the happy working atmosphere and share some tea and biscuits.

Whitestone Parish Hall Management Committee

Report by Derek Fisher, Secretary

During the past year the Committee has continued to make improvements to the fabric of and facilities available in the hall:- all the windows have now been replaced with double glazed units; the long flat roof of the hall has been insulated and a suspended ceiling with new lighting fixed; new blinds have been installed in the Billiard Room; the walls of the Green Room and behind the stage have been cavity filled; one of the outside Parish Hall signs has been lit at night; the Green Room now houses a small lending library.

Donations have enabled the Committee to provide new stage curtains and blinds for the kitchen and we are currently drawing up plans to convert the front of the stage to provide an under-stage storage area.

The Committee was unable to secure the services of a joint caretaker and cleaner for 2014 with the result that, whilst a cleaner had been secured, the caretaker roles had to be shared out amongst existing Committee members. We were pleased to receive continued financial support from the Parish Council in funding the services of a cleaner.

A detailed Health and Safety Review was conducted at the start of the year, with almost all those areas highlighted for attention, having now been addressed and rectified. The Committee was disappointed that the Parish Council felt unable to follow up on a request to seek a Prescribed Right of Access but understood the reasoning and note its willingness to re-visit the issue should problems arise in the future.

The Health and Safety Document is re-assessed annually and all the Committee’s Policy Documents are reviewed on an annual basis. A small group of volunteers continue to meet weekly to carry out various improvements and maintenance to the facility.

Bookings for the hall continue to increase with the venue proving popular as a venue for children’s parties. We have gained a number of new users taking the hall on a regular basis and the Committee is pleased to have been able to grant free use of the hall on a number of occasions during the year for functions of benefit to the parish as a whole, as well as hosting a CCD led initiative enabling hall management committees to come together to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Although the Hall Development Fund Account has now been closed the solar panels continue to provide an excellent financial return which is allowing the early re-payment of the loans used to fund the installation. The panels have also provided the hall with a degree of free

energy, however, the Committee is conscious that the heating system in the hall is not meeting the need of users and to that end a number of consultants have been asked to provide a report on future options.

The Committee has also agreed to the sanding and resealing of the main hall floor which will take place in August and is actively exploring the possibility of re-placing the pillar in the main hall with a less obtrusive structure.

Finally, whilst not strictly a Management topic, the Committee is pleased to have been able to support the Parish Council in the provision of a Defibrillator with a number of trained operatives now available for the benefit of the whole Community.

Sustainable Whitestone

Report by Jock Kirkpatrick, Liz Watkins and Peter Hanson

There are a fair number of Whitestone residents who believe in sharing things that are surplus to requirements, and in living reasonably economically and certainly not wastefully. They accept that we all need to live this way for the sake of the environment and to help safeguard our children's future. To this end there is an informal email system involving about 200 adults - or about 1/3 of the population of Whitestone - which relays free offers of unwanted goods to others who might be able to make use of them. It also puts out requests for others to loan or give unwanted goods or materials. There are also a number of machines which we hold for anyone to borrow, - such as a large diamond bladed angle grinder, a ceramic tile cutter, an arc welder, a branch shredder and an SDS hammer drill.

This year has seen offers taken up of such varied things as tractor tyres, a piano, ducks, rabbits and chickens, a TV, a chain saw, dexion garage shelving, garden chairs, table and parasol, children's books, games and puzzles, a box of light bulbs, baby monitor.....the list goes on and on. Because the list exists it has also been used to return a number of lost dogs and cats to their very grateful owners. If you're not on the list and would like to be, please contact any of those named above.

Whitestone Gardening Club

Report by Derek Fisher

The club has continued to meet throughout the year with a small but enthusiastic membership. Having lost a stalwart member last year, in the form of Jean Christopher, it was with sadness that this year we lost David Gibson, another long standing member of the Club and in fact our Treasurer. Despite that the club has gained a number of new members.

We were able to renew our association with Jean Christopher by combining a day trip to Combe Trenchard to visit Jean and Vic at their new house and garden at Lifton. An evening visit to Little Ash Bungalow at Fenny Bridges was also enjoyed by those attending, as was the pub meal on our way home.

Winter meetings covered such topics as hanging baskets, carnivorous plants, Devon violets and colour in the autumn and winter garden. An excellent Christmas meal was enjoyed at The Travellers whilst the annual plant sale and cream tea, together with entertainment, in the Parish Hall raised a total of £340 of which 50% was donated towards the renovation of the church bells.

Our Chairman has continued to offer monthly garden tips in the Magazine for the benefit of the Parish and the Club continues to maintain the Community and other garden areas in the village. This year we will be replacing the chipped bark surface in the Community Garden and remain grateful to the Parish Council for their support during the past year.

Whitestone Social Club

Report by Mr. Peter Hanson, Secretary

Next year the club will be ten years old! It came into being because without a pub (at least in the village centre) or a shop, there wasn't an easy way to meet others in the village - unless you had a dog. So a meeting was called for March 23rd 2006, via a notice in the parish magazine, asking anyone who was interested to come along to the hall one night to discuss the idea of a social club. We discussed what we might do at the meetings, whether children would be able to come, what about money, food and drink etc.

In the end we decided to adopt the formula we still have of asking everyone to bring something to drink and something to eat and we'd put them all on a table to share. This works very well in that it's a bit like the way everyone at a party seems to congregate in the kitchen where the all food and drink is, and that's what seems to form what many might think is the best part of the meeting.

We don't just stand around eating and drinking and chatting though, enjoyable as this is - sometimes there'll be a talk - this year we had talks on such varied topics as wildlife in your garden, the history of cheese, medical detection dogs and (by one of our members), life as a smallholder. At other times there's been an activity such as a treasure hunt in Exeter, a barn dance, a barge trip, a music evening - anything we can think of really.

We have about 50 members who each pay £12 a year and anyone else can come along for £2 a time. This brings in enough to pay for speakers, hire the hall, subsidise some of the trips and give everyone a free 3 course meal with bubbly on our anniversary, as well as a buffet supper in the run-up to Christmas.

Everyone is welcome to any meeting and we look forward to another great year.

Whitestone Parish Plan

Report by Sheila Greenfield

Parish Plans are a statement of the community as it is now and how to see itself developing over the next few years. The headline for the year is that we are ready to consult the Parish.

The physical questionnaire has been translated into a web enabled version which can operate and is accessible via the internet but still preserves the responders anonymity.

There is now a very close match between the paper and the web-enabled version of the questionnaire, in look and feel. This ultimately will also make reply processing and analysis easier and ensures a consistency of questioning irrespective of media used.

In early May, after the bank holiday and the general and local elections, the Steering Group members will be hand delivering the physical paper questionnaire to every household within the parish. Each member of the

household has the option of responding either via the paper copy or via the web enabled version. The logic for the timing of the questionnaire is that the Steering Group members felt that parishioners will have been bombarded with enough information over the period between Easter and the election, and that we hoped for a more sympathetic response after this busy period and the early May Bank Holiday, had passed.

We have had supportive assistance through the process from Teignbridge District Council and we thank them for that. We have generally given monthly updates to the Parish Council on key progress throughout the year and a full report as a catch-up at the end of the financial year 14/15 was provided to the March meeting. We are very grateful to the Parish Council for its continued financial support in the last (14/15) and this (15/16) financial year.

The group would like to express its appreciation of the patience shown by the parishioners and the Parish Council over these matters. Much work goes into the planning and design of these questionnaires. This is to try to achieve meaningful data gathering and to allow some automation of the analysis of the statistical information gained to allow easy presentation of the results. At times this may seem a very slow process for all concerned.

It is with sadness that we report that, in April, Councillor Mary Belt left the steering group having provided wonderful assistance from the start of the project. She has seen the work through the really difficult stages of building the questionnaire from scratch and her wisdom will be missed by the remaining members of the Steering Group. We thank her most sincerely for all her support, time commitment and input.

Forward looking once we have had the completed questionnaires back, contents of the survey will be analysed. We will produce survey results and a draft Action Plan for comment from the residents of Whitestone Parish. We will then produce the full Parish Plan and an Action Plan to try to take the key ideas forward that have a significant community backing. We will send a summary leaflet of our findings and the main outcomes to every household. We will send you a full plan if you request it. If you do want to discuss anything in connection with the Parish Plan, please do contact any member of the Steering Group, i.e. Sheila Greenfield (Chair), Andrew Greenfield (Treasurer) Peter Hanson (Secretary), Vicki Bryant and Marian Durrant.

During the report Margaret Nierop asked for clarification regarding the financial situation of the Group and, following a request from Philip Nierop, Mrs Greenfield gave an explanation regarding the proposed conclusion of the Plan.

Financial Report

The Annual Audit of the Parish Council will be completed by the Audit Commission on the 8th June 2015 and the following is the balance sheet to be presented:-

Opening Balance	£11,024.50
- Expenditure	£22,376.84
+ Income	£29,199.54
Closing Balance	*£17,847.20

*closing balance includes £230.71 P3 Grant money

The following reports having been received with apologies for non attendance were read to the meeting by the Clerk to the Parish Council

Village Voices

Report from Mrs L Watkins

The choir has had another very successful year with several concerts and our second appearance in the Devon Performing Arts Festival in March, in which we were placed equal first with St Thomas Gospel Choir in the Community Choir Class.

The group sang at the Gardening Club afternoon in May last year and have been invited again this year. We also sang in the hall in July, for the "Music in the Garden" event.

In September, after a month off, we had a workshop led by Colin Rea of "Big Noise Chorus." He worked to extend the range of all the voices and everyone was appreciative of his expertise.

At Christmas we went again to Carousel Court (Sheltered accommodation) in St Thomas to entertain, putting on a half hour programme of Christmas Music. We also joined with Cuban Airwaves and entertained sixty or so in the Village Hall to some Carols, songs and Cuban Music.

We are keen to recruit ladies, either Sopranos or Altos, as there is an imbalance in the choir at present.

The Whitestone Walkers

Report from Mr J Kirkpatrick

The Whitestone Walkers held its first walk in March 2007 and was attended by four people. This informal group has now expanded to over thirty individuals, with about half that number turning up for each walk. We are not a club; we do not have membership fees, committees, insurance etc., therefore each walker is responsible for his or her own safety. Being a resident in the parish is not necessary; anyone is welcome to join us. We normally meet at 9.30 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the Parish Hall car park and share transport where possible. We walk in all weather and dogs and children are welcome on any walk which averages about 5 or 6 miles. Details of the proposed walks are published in the Parish Magazine and on www.whitestone-devon.org.uk about two to three weeks in advance.

The walks for 2014 included numerous walks on Dartmoor, Lypstone to Exmouth and back, Whitestone to Longdown over the fields with return via the Twisted Oak to Whitestone, a walk along the coast at Sidmouth and Whitestone to Newton St. Cyres through the woods and return.

Whitestone Band of Bell Ringers

Report from James Bryant

This year has been a struggle in terms of maintaining regular ringing with six ringers. We remain short of ringers from within the Parish and have occasionally been supported by ex-Whitstonians and ringers from neighbouring parishes.

We will greatly miss David Prouse who, as you know recently passed away. He is a big loss to ringing in the Parish.

As the tower we did put in a team for the Kenn Deanery competition at Holcombe Burnell in September, ringing in the Novices Section, both call changing and round

ringing. We had creditable performances in both sections. During the competition one of the bell ropes broke which meant that for some teams it was a very long day! Not us, fortunately.

We have recently purchased 7 new rope bottoms and sallies, at a cost of around £1000 and Jock and Sue Kirkpatrick and Herb Piper committed a lot of time to the logistics of ordering and replacing the ropes, whilst minimising disruption to ringing. These were installed in February and whilst the new ropes are quite hard on our hands they are a big improvement on what we had before.

Following the report last year in which concerns were raised about the number 3 bell, a further report was obtained by Jane Richards which indicated that urgent repairs were not required and so no further action is being progressed in respect of such repairs at present. I'd like to thank those people who have raised funds or pledged support. Any funding raised will be used, probably within the next 5 years to support the Church with the cost of future repairs.

This year is the 90th Anniversary of the Devon Association of Ringers with a celebration taking place in the Cathedral on Saturday 25th April. There will be a range of activities and ringing competitions through the day.

We do hope that Church bells will ring for another 90 years and more in Whitestone however we do desperately need new ringers to keep the tradition going. Anyone wanting to give it a try is most welcome.

Ecclesiastical Parish of Whitestone with Oldridge **Report from Dr J Richards (Churchwarden)**

There are three churches in the Parish: St Catherine's - the parish church, St Thomas - a daughter church at Oldridge and St John at Pathfinder - a building licensed for worship. The churches are part of the North Kenn Mission Community. Revd Martin Wood is the incumbent of the Benefice and is assisted by Canon John Tutton and the Revd Professor Tim Gorringe. Non-Eucharistic services have been led by the churchwarden and other members of the laity.

The Church Electoral Roll was revised before the AGM in 2012 and stands at 38 in March 2014 comprising:- Oldridge 5, Pathfinder 6, and Whitestone 27.

Pathfinder Church Services – midweek Holy Communion for the Benefice followed by Home Communion for residents of Treelands Residential Home, average attendance 5. Sunday services in the afternoon, Holy Communion or Evensong also a United Service led by the interdenominational group. The church has been used for the Benefice Women's Day of Prayer in March. The Benefice Choir meet there for practices. Successful fund-raising coffee mornings have been held during the year to finance the installation of a church toilet and improvements to the porch area.

Oldridge Church Three services have been held at Oldridge – Easter Communion, Harvest Festival Evensong and Christmas Carol Service.

Events attended by members of the congregation. A Lent Course entitled "Exploring the Creed" taken by Professor Revd Tim Gorringe was held at various events across the Benefice and attended by several members of the

congregation. Other events included the Installation of the Right Reverend Robert Atwell as the 71st Bishop of Exeter on 5th July, attendance at meetings of the Kenn Deanery Synod. The Revd Martin Wood is currently Rural Dean of Kenn and Dr Jane Richards the Lay Chairman. Canon John Tutton and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in September and most of the congregation attended a lovely service at Cheriton Bishop to share in the event. Food and domestic supplies collected over the harvest thanksgiving period in 2014 were taken to St Petrock's for support of the homeless.

Benefice Choir has provided extra musical items for festivals and team services. The Bellringers have rung for Sunday services throughout the year and their efforts have been much appreciated by parishioners as well as members of the congregation. Fundraising has started for necessary replacements for the bell ropes and repairs to the bells themselves. The ringers joined with Holcombe Burnell ringers for an outing to East Devon in the summer and for their Christmas Dinner in December.

Faithful volunteers have continued to keep the church well cared for with cleaning and beautifully decorated with flower arrangements

In 2014 many things had to be done to the fabric of the Church. Over the winter months several tiles came off the roof and had to be replaced by Gary Rowsell. In February, the boiler house flooded three times in one week and caused the cut-out of the boiler which was already on its last legs. Following examination by two heating engineers and the Diocesan Advisor for church heating the PCC accepted a quotation from Ed Allason-Bailey and a replacement oil-fire boiler with a sump pump drainage system was installed in July 2014. The programmer and a thermostat were repositioned in the vestry in more accessible places. This has been very effective and efficient after a slight hiccup when it belched black smoke, due to a design fault admitted and corrected by the manufacturer. In June the vestry was redecorated by Nick Thom using traditional methods and lime plaster and grey lime wash. In the churchyard his students from Exeter College straightened many of the old tombstones under his supervision. The annual Churchyard Working Party took place in early August and the PCC is most grateful for all the help given and in giving the interior of the Church a "spring clean". The hedge in the extension is growing well and the grass has been cut during the summer months by Graham Dicker. The PCC continue to look into the possibility of a composting toilet somewhere in the churchyard. At the end of August the east wall of the churchyard was seen to be bulging outwards and in danger of falling into the road. As ours is a closed churchyard the responsibility for its maintenance belongs to Teignbridge District Council who very quickly examined it and made it safe. Their contractors rebuilt the wall over three weeks at the end of September and have made a very good job of it including drainage holes at the lower edge so this should not happen again.

Financial report – The income on the general account for 2014 was £26,799, an increase of just over £4,500 over the previous year (£22,235). This can be accounted for by an increase in the amount of planned giving (approx £950) and a large donation to cover the cost of replacing the boiler. Generous donations were received in both 2014 (for the boiler) and 2013 (for the work in the new churchyard and for new hymn books). Expenditure (excluding donations to charities) was £22,062 (compared

to £18,802 in 2013) giving a surplus of nearly £4,750. Just over £2,400 was given to various charities supported by the church, Expenses in 2014 included the installation of a new boiler and decoration inside the church, whereas in 2013 the one-off costs incurred were the replacement of the fence in the new churchyard as well as replacing the hymn books. The cost of the magazine in 2013 includes the cost of 11 magazines while for 2014 there were 13 invoices. Heat light and water costs were up because there were three deliveries of heating oil in 2014 compared to 2 in 2013 and electricity costs were reduced in 2013 due to a credit note as a result of changing electricity suppliers. At the end of the year the total in the current and clubs bank accounts had increased to £16,939. Interest on the Fabric Fund was just over £40.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm with Councillor Hickman thanking everyone for their interesting reports.

The following reports were not read to the meeting as they were not received in time but were reported to the Parish Council meeting on 14th May 2015

Whitestone Handbell Ringers

Report from Chris Piper

Whitestone Handbell Ringers have been meeting every Wednesday afternoon this year and continue to enjoy the ringing. At the beginning of December 2014 we played for The Good Companions Christmas Party as Pathfinder. We also rang at Treelands Residential Home at Christmas 2014.

We now have seven members in the team. We continue to advertise in the Parish Magazine and on the Village website for additional members but to no avail. We currently have two engagements proposed for the coming summer months and hopefully will have further enquiries nearer Christmas.

Cuban Airwaves

Report from David Lee

"Cuban Airwaves" is a Cuban Band of up to 14 musicians who meet once a month in the Whitestone Parish Hall. After our initial meeting in Spring 2013, just 2 years ago I am pleased to report that we are still attracting a loyal and enthusiastic following.

Although we mainly play for our own enjoyment we do sometimes perform in the Parish Hall when our efforts are rewarded by a generous and appreciative response. We have an established repertoire of popular Cuban songs, mainly in Spanish, which we add to at each meeting.

Recently one of our guitarist has decided to buy a base guitar adding to the number of instruments in the band. We have a new member who has started to learn drumming on our Bongos and Congo's and who is also a new singer.

Being a fairly specialised activity we recognise that we will probably continue with this kind of organic growth and we will never be a mass demand activity, but I see no reason why, with the enthusiastic following that we now have, we should not continue to enjoy meeting and playing music for many years to come.

Table Tennis Club

Report sent by Sandy Oxford on behalf of Rob Prowse

Table tennis, with up to four tables available, takes place on Monday evenings between 7.30pm and 10pm unless it is a Bank Holiday or there is a Social Club meeting. Players of all ages and abilities are made very welcome. This year we have seen several youngsters showing an interest in the game. Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

The standard of play continues to improve in those who play regularly. A singles competition provided even more interest and challenge. Table tennis evenings are fun, friendly and surprisingly energetic and so contribute to mental and physical fitness. Everyone is made welcome.

These Minutes were presented to the Whitestone Parish Council meeting on the 14th May 2015 with the addition of the reports from Whitestone Handbell Ringers, Cuban Airways and the Table Tennis Club and signed by the Parish Council Chairman as a true copy

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LOCAL TALENT !

Homebase Garden Academy student Nicola Oakey is about to build her first RHS Show garden at BBC Gardeners World Live (11-14 June).

Nicola successfully submitted a design for 'Beautiful Borders' category of the show. Her design was inspired by 'Industrial Heritage' of the West Midlands.

This an amazing achievement , we wish her every success.

More details about her garden can be found on www.workingplot.com

PILATES ---- Let's keep it going!

Pilates classes in the Village Hall have proved popular and on behalf of the group of regular attenders and others who may wish to experience the health benefits of Pilates we are investigating setting up a new weekly class on a Wednesday evening.

Our previous excellent instructor, who found her new job ruled out most of her evening work, has offered to help find a new tutor. There is interest from the existing regulars in accepting this offer but to make the new class viable we do need new joiners who can commit to a regular Wednesday evening class. No previous experience is necessary and the improvement in inner strength from the exercises is amazing.

If you can join our group (and slow down the ageing process!) please get in touch with either-
Judy Sanford – judyellen.sanford@gmail.com
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PLEASE BRING TO THE HALL BY 2PM

GOOD COMPANIONS

**Meeting In Pathfinder Village Hall --- 2.30pm
Agenda for June**

**3rd JuneDiana Lawer.....Seaside Memories
17th June..... No Meeting**

We had two very interesting meetings during the past month, Tony Burgess with his 'Devon Selection'. Some views we recognized, and some we did not. Tony certainly knows his Devon.

Our next meeting had us hoping that antiques that our members brought in to be valued by Mr Whitton of Whitton and Lang, the auctioneers, would be worth a small fortune, but!! Sadly this was not to be.

Our Lottery Bonus Ball money at this present moment stands at £30.00 due to the amount of rolls-overs we are having. This is due to the amount of squares not being sold!! At least whoever next wins will get a good pay out. Please support the cause as it brings in a small amount of income for your club.

Plans are still going ahead for our 50th anniversary celebration afternoon on the 5th of August so any more names of past members can still be passed on to Angela or John.

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

WHITESTONE FETE 27 JUNE 2015

Tables for the sale of your own goods will be available for hire at the Fete for £10. Please contact Jock Kirkpatrick on 811205, Mary Belt on 811374 or Tracey Baird at the Royal Oak on 01392 272352.

NEW! LATIN LINE DANCING

A new Latin Line Dancing class has just started in Whitestone Parish Hall on Thursdays from 6.30pm to 7.45 pm. The cost is £5 per class and it is for adults only. No partner is needed and it is suitable for everyone and all fitness levels. Learn to dance all the Latin Rhythms, exercising your body and mind. Go on give it a go!!

The first meeting on the 14th May had over a dozen participants with four coming from Whitestone and was a great success. Numbers taking part will be important for its continuation so please attend if you can.

For further information, please contact Jan Hawkins IDTA on 01395 224308.

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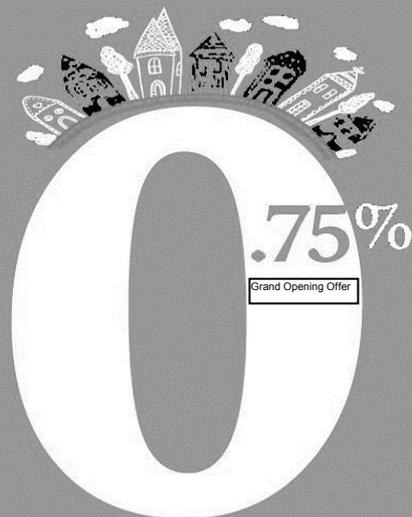
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MAY ON THE FARM

This spring seems more beautiful than any spring I remember. The slow build with the cooler weather tantalisingly stretched early spring out. Then we had the bright dry middle, when buds burst, grass grew, the hedges flowered. Now we have the grand finale of spring. The may, the hawthorn flower, covers the hedges with blossom. The trees drip with new leaves of every green that you can imagine, and few you hadn't believed possible, and young of every kind ventures out into the big world.



That has the buzzards and other birds of prey very happy: daft young rabbits sniffing the growing grass make the job of rearing a clutch of hungry meat-eating chicks considerably easier. A young buzzard waits for me to pass down the lane, knowing rabbits, field mice and voles will startle into his waiting talons. I've seen sparrowhawks use cars in that way to assist their hunting, this year is the first time I've seen buzzards do it.

CROPS - In the fields, the crops grow. Warmth and moisture drive the dance of their growth stages. The stately progression of growth through winter and early spring now gains pace to become the wild bacchanal as ears emerge in barley and wheat, and the rape flowers its vivid yellow. The crops use the soil's precious moisture to grow and flower, harvesting the sun's energy to set seed, to ensure their species' future. As farmers, we take that innate drive in plants and animals and harness it to feed our species.

PLAYGROUND - In the farm playground, it's lovely to see children connecting with this process as they play with the tractors and our pretend cows, and see the grass grow and the lambs and calves eating it. Children know how to play, and we gently inform them of the facts of farming. The children seem to relish the connections they start to see.

GRASS - The cows are day and night at pasture, now there is plenty of grass to feed them. Last month's anxious wait to have enough grass available for them almost overnight changes to measuring how much we need to cut to avoid the grass going long, stalky and unpalatable in front of the cows. We close up the paddocks they will never eat in time, and cut it for winter feed.

SILAGE - Silage making is now a huge enterprise undertaken by contractors who go from farm to farm with maybe a million pounds worth of tackle. Mowers whizz from farm to farm, cutting to catch the good weather. Tedders, with alien looking steel fingers, turn the grass to dry it. The spread grass gets ordered into swaths when the tedder fingers turn the other way. Along comes the king of the operation, the forage harvester, a hungry mouth that claws the grass into its whirling knives, which chop the grass into bite sized lengths, then throws it into the following caravanserai of trailers hauled by skilful drivers. Back to the silage pit, and the heaviest tractor carries and rolls the tipped grass into the enclosed heap, where it will ferment just so under plastic to give a good feed for cows to eat when the grass stops growing next

winter. It's a joyful job, especially when the contractor makes it to your farm in the fine weather window. It is satisfying knowing that some of next winter's feed is safely put away.

COWS - The plants drive to reproduce. The cows do too. They've just recovered from calving, and yearn eagerly to do it all again. At the beginning of May we watch all the spring calving cows to see if they are keen to breed, which they show by avidly riding each other. In the middle of the month we start to satisfy that desire. To start with they get the AI technician's arm up the back passage, guiding by feel the precious semen into the one fertile horn of the uterus - they need to work out which side is pumping, or the semen will be wasted. In the first 3 weeks, almost all the cows will enjoy a service, and about two thirds will become pregnant if we've got everything right with our fertile little cows. They will get another chance at a dairy bull, semen drawn from the best bulls in the world for grazing and producing the right milk for our cheese. We select the best Friesians, Swedish Reds, Montbeliards and a little dab of Jersey. After that, any cows still not pregnant get one go with an eager bull, our little Belted Galloways Rooster and McCoy, then we consider they have chosen a career in the beef industry.

CHEESE - the cows are milking very well, which means words are sparse in the cheese dairy. We have to take care to make great cheese every day, even when muscles ache with the sheer weight of curd to handle. Our cheese is handmade, and we do not have double the hands when the milk is double.

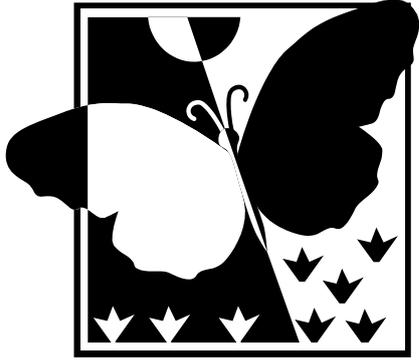
GRADING - We've just graded last year's cheese made at this time, and I'm proud to say we've had the best result ever - 98% in the very top category, and all of them I'm happy to own as Quicke's.

FARM SHOP - In the Farm Shop, come and taste the cheese - I'm really enjoying our mature cheddar, 15 months old. It's beautifully balanced, rich, buttery, with layers of flavour that tell the story of our farm, the seasons and our traditional craft. In the Farm Kitchen, I'm really enjoying sharing my love for edible flowers and salads from unusual plants, accompanying freshly prepared dishes that express the essence of our beautiful valley.

RECIPE - We are fortunate to be hosting some resourceful and hardworking interns from South Africa, Niel Neethling and Elzahn Nel. They were homesick for a proper South African braai - barbecue. They spent the morning preparing a delicious lunch, mushrooms stuffed with caramelised onions, lamb chops and sausages, and pumpkin, all prepared on the barbecue, as well as a delicious malfa pudding (like sticky toffee pudding) and proper custard. They made delicious Braaibroodjies - toasted sandwiches - on the barbecue.

Braaibroodjies - cut white bread generously. Butter well, right to the crusts. Fill well with your favourite. I loved their apricot jam & grated Quicke's Mature Cheddar braaibroodjie. Then they made sliced tomato caramelised onion and grated Quicke's Mature Cheddar, and that was glorious. Toast well on each side on the barbecue. Eat hot. Make enough to eat cold. Niel and Elzahn said people fight over who eats them for breakfast. They didn't make it that far, half a sandwich each came in as a perfect supper after a blow-out lunch. Thanks for a lovely South African Sunday lunch!

Mary Quicke



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THE GREEN CORNER(1)

There's a bus in Bristol called the Number 2 (you'll see why if you read on) which is unique. That's because it runs on gas made entirely from human faeces. The gas is extracted from the sewage works at Avonmouth then purified and enriched to make a fuel that is cleaner and when compared to a diesel engine, emits 80% less nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), 20 % less CO₂ and is almost completely free of particulates. The gas is made by anaerobic digestion - in the absence of air microbes break down the sewage or other organic matter to make "bio-gas". Bristol may lead the way over here but they are way behind Oslo which has 100 of them.

THE GREEN CORNER(2)

If you're cooking something like a curry or a stew you don't need to keep it on the hob boiling away for hours on end. It will still cook if you turn the gas off, - but obviously more slowly as it cools. So if you're not in a hurry you could get it boiling then turn off the hob, and if you wrap it in as much padding as you can find, maybe put the whole thing in a box, it should stay pretty hot and continue to cook slowly. You can then just re-heat when ready to serve.

THE HEALTH CORNER (1)

Colon cancer is the fourth most common cancer in the UK and the second leading cause of cancer in the West. African-Americans are 100 times more likely to develop it than rural Africans. Scientists from Pittsburg University and Imperial College London compared the diets of the two groups and found that the African Americans ate two to three times the amount of animal fat and protein and far less fibre.

The two groups swapped diets for two weeks after which the scientists found the African Americans had less inflamed colons and a reduction in the biological markers for cancer. Tests on the intestinal materials of the Africans suggested their risk of colon cancer had increased. Apparently, in the rural diet, gut microbes produced more butyrate, a chemical with anti-cancer properties.

THE HEALTH CORNER (2)

Don't forget to drink when you drive. Roy Maughan, emeritus professor of sport and exercise nutrition at Loughborough University, set up an experiment in which hydrated and de-hydrated people drove in a simulator for two hours.

The hydrated people made an average of 47 errors but the de-hydrated people made 101 - similar to drivers that had consumed alcohol.

THE HEALTH CORNER (3)

Look into my eyes (if you're a dog!) Scientists have found that dog owners experience a rush of Oxytocin when their dog gazes into their eyes and this is also mirrored in the dogs. The same happens with a mother and their child.

Oxytocin production helps drive maternal caring and strengthens the bond with their child. The fact that it happens with dogs (but not wolves) helps explain why dogs and humans have been best friends for thousands of years.

Peter Hanson

WHITESTONE FETE 27 JUNE 2015 - 2pm

Come along to the big Whitestone Fete at the Parish Hall. Events, stalls, competitions, food galore and a Licenced Bar!

Children's Fancy Dress, Raffle, Barbeque, Great Egg Throwing Competition, Skittles, Crockery Smash, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Cake Stall, Ice Cream, Cream Teas, Stocks, Kick -a-Ball, Lollipop Island, Children's Plate Garden Competition, Slow Cycle Race, Flower Arrangement Competition, Bottle of Wine or Water game, 'Fluffy Tombola' and lots more.

The Children's Plate Garden Competition is for a "Miniature Garden on a Plate". The garden can be fresh or artificial.

There will be two age categories:
5 to 8 and 9 to 13.

Please attach the child's age on the plate.

The competition for Adults will be for, "A Posy of Summer Flowers"

Please bring your exhibits along by 1.45pm to allow time for judging.
Free entry. Small prizes for all.

Tables for the sale of your own goods are available for hire at the fete for £10. A great chance to sell your unwanted goods or the things you make.

For further details, please contact Jock Kirkpatrick on 811205, Mary Belt on 811374 or Tracey Baird at the Royal Oak on 01392 272352.

All profits in aid of the Whitestone Church Bell Fund and Hospiscare.

See you there for a great family event.

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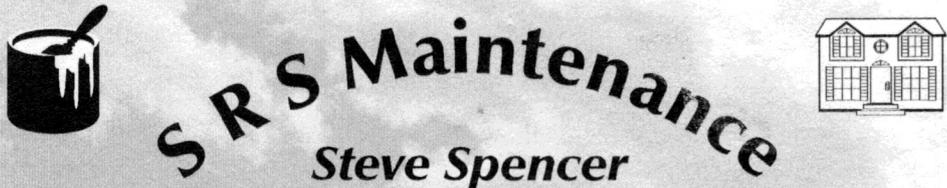
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TABLE TENNIS

Table Tennis usually takes place in the Parish Hall on Monday evenings 7:30 to 10 pm (except when the Social Club is meeting or it's a Bank Holiday). For JUNE, four Mondays are available giving Table Tennis on:

1st, 8th, 15th & 29th June.

Everybody will be welcome for an evening's fun, entertainment and fitness workout for only £1.50. Up to four tables will be available. Just remember that children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

WHITESTONE WALKERS

Next Walk - **7th June 2015**

A Dartmoor walk starting at Bennett's Cross (Grid Ref: SX/68012/81638) beside the B3212, Moretonhampstead to Two bridges road, about 400 yards before the Warren House Inn and on the opposite side of the road.

The circular will take in Grimspound, Challacombe Farm and the Golden Dagger mine.

Meet at 9.30 am at the Parish Hall to share cars or at Bennett's Cross Car Park at 10.00 am.

CHURCH BELL RINGING

We practise most Thursday evenings at St Catherine's Church Tower 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 next Arts & Crafts Mornings will be in the autumn.

**10th September 8th October
5th November 10th December**

The summer break is a time to be inspired by what you see other people have done & perhaps spur you on to trying something new!

Please come when you can. Everyone is welcome.

Cost is £2 charge to cover the cost of room hire & tea and biscuits.

For more information, please contact Sandy Oxford.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

There are people to help and guide you and we try to make it a fun time if not a little serious at times!!

For June, short mat bowls will take place on:

Tuesday evening **2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th**

7.30 pm to 9.30 pm

Wednesday morning **3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th**

10 am to noon

Friday evening **5th, 12th & 26th (NOT 19th)**

7.30 pm to 9.30 pm

Details always available from Gill and David 811585 or

Sue and Jock 811205

VILLAGE VOICES

(Liz Watkins tel.01392 811285)

Rehearsals are **June 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th** at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Performances:

June 6th at the Plant Sale which starts at 2.45 pm.

Monday 22nd June at "Music in the Garden" 7.30pm

July 2nd Carouse! Court, St Thomas. 7.00pm

This is the final meeting of the year. Village Voices will break after this until September when we will hopefully begin with a workshop by Colin Rea.

WHITESTONE SOCIAL CLUB

(Coordinator Pauline Fisher, tel. 01392 811979)

Forthcoming Events are usually on Monday:

27th May Talk " Women Who Murder" (Note: WED)

22nd June Music Evening

27th July Talk and Demo on Dowsing.

Remember you are also very welcome to join us on an occasional basis for £2 a time.

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.

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

GARDENING CLUB

(Secretary: Derek Fisher, tel. 01392 811979)

The next meeting is an evening visit to Yonder Hill at Colaton Raleigh with a pub meal on the way home. Meet at the parish hall at 6.15pm on **Monday, 15th June** to share transport. Yonder Hill is a relatively new garden, planted in 1992, but has now matured to a 3½ acre garden paradise containing a rich variety of interesting plant and wild life. Following a guided tour and opportunity to purchase plants, we will retire to the George and Dragon at Clyst St George for refreshments. Garden entrance is £1.50 for members collectable on the night. (Partners and non-members welcome at £3. (Plus £1 as donation towards your driver's expenses).

DON'T FORGET THE PLANT SALE AND CREAM TEA AFTERNOON, WITH ENTERTAINMENT, AT THE PARISH HALL 2.45PM **SATURDAY, 6th JUNE**

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 most Wednesday afternoons between 2 and 3 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will take place in the Billiard Room of the Parish Hall on:

Thursday **11th June** at 7.30pm.

Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend.

BOOK CLUB

(Co-ordinator Sandy Oxford on 078669 20719)

The next meeting of Whitestone Book Club will be on **Monday 8th June** from 2 pm to 4 pm. The book to read for that meeting is "One Plus One" by Jojo Moyes.

BENEFICE CHOIR

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

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

(Please contact us at:

whitestonebabyandtoddlergroup@live.co.uk)

Whitestone Baby & Toddlers usually meet every Tuesday morning in Whitestone Parish Hall from 10 am to midday. Tuesday session dates in JUNE are **2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd.**

We look forward to seeing you on the other days.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Wed	27 May 2015	Social Club - Talk on "Women Who Murder" - Parish Hall - 7.30 pm
Sun	31 May 2015	Last day for on-line completion of Parish Plan questionnaire - Midnight
Wed	03 June 2015	Good Companions - Diana Lawer - "Seaside Memories" Pathfinder Village Hall - 2.30 pm
Fri	05 June 2015	Community Compost Open Day - Old Forde House, Newton Abbot 11am to 3pm
Sat	06 June 2015	Annual Plant Sale & Cream Tea Afternoon - Whitestone Parish Hall - 2.45 pm
Sun	07 June 2015	Whitestone Walkers - Meet at Parish Hall car park - 9.30 am
Mon	08 June 2015	Book Club - Whitestone Parish Hall - 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Thu	11 June 2015	Whitestone Parish Council Meeting - Billiard Room - Parish Hall - 7:30 pm
Mon	15 June 2015	Gardening Club - Visit to Yonder Hill, Colaton Raleigh Meet at Parish Hall - 6.15 pm
Tue	16 June 2015	Folk at the Oak - Royal Oak, Nadderwater - 8.00 pm
Tue	16 June 2015	LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES FOR JUNE 2015 MAGAZINE
Fri	19 June 2015	Cuban Airwaves - Whitestone Parish Hall - 7:30 pm
Mon	22 June 2015	Social Club - Music Evening - Parish Hall - 7.30 pm
Sat	27 June 2015	Whitestone Fete - In and around the Parish Hall - 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
Sat	27 June 2015	Fun Family Quiz - Whitestone Parish Hall - 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Sat	27 June 2015	Tedburn School Summer Fair - 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Sun	05 July 2015	Tedburn Sings at the Northcott Theatre - 7.30 pm

WEEKLY EVENTS IN JUNE 2015		
	Dates	Event
Mon	1st, 8th, 15th, 29th	Table Tennis - Whitestone Parish Hall - 7:30 to 10:00 pm
Tue	2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd	Baby & Toddler Group - Whitestone Parish Hall - 10:00 am to Midday
Tue	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th	Short Mat Bowls - Whitestone Parish Hall - 7:30 to 9:30 pm
Wed	3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th	Short Mat Bowls - Whitestone Parish Hall - 10:00 am to Midday
Wed	3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th	Whitestone Handbell Ringers - 2:00 to 3:00 pm
Thu	4th, 11th, 18th & 25th	Tedburn Art Group - Whitestone Parish Hall - 1:45 pm to 4:45 pm
Thu	4th, 11th, 18th & 25th	Line Dancing - Whitestone Parish Hall - 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm
Thu	4th, 11th, 18th & 25th	Village Voices - Whitestone Parish Hall - 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm
Fri	5th, 12th & 26th (<u>NOT</u> 19th)	Short Mat Bowls - Whitestone Parish Hall - 7:30 to 9:30 pm