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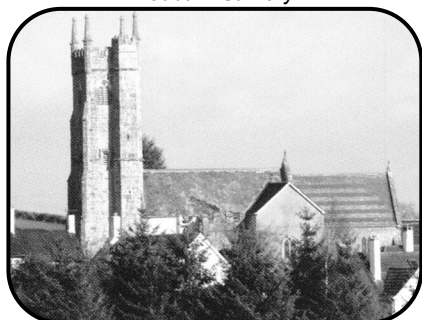
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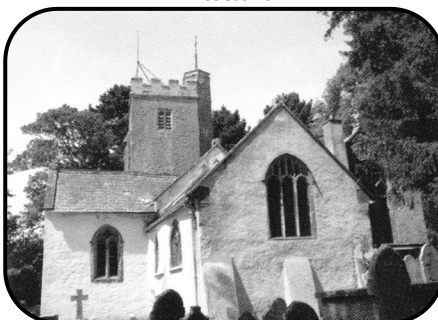
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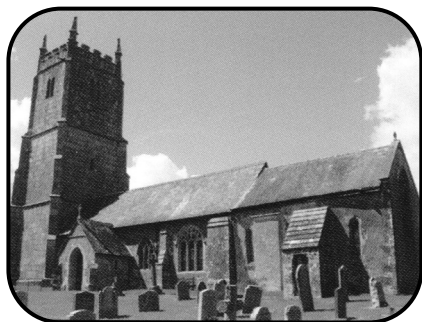
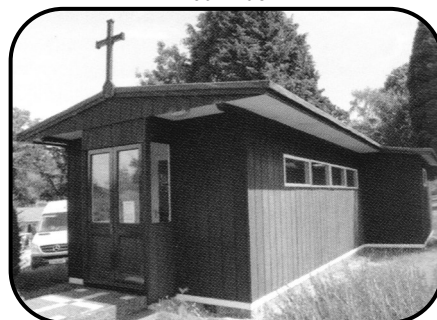
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Sunday 5th January

9:30 am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
10:00 am	Whitestone	Morning Prayer	Lay led
11:00 am	Tedburn Methodist	Covenant Service	
3:00 pm	Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

Thursday 9th January

10:30 am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 12th January

9:30 am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9:30 am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	V. Lee
11:00 am	Cheriton Bishop	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3:00 pm	Pathfinder	Prayer & Fellowship	
3:00 pm	Tedburn St Mary	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

Sunday 19th January

9:30 am	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11:00 am	Whitestone	Parish Worship	Revd Martin Wood
11:00 am	Holcombe Burnell	Morning Prayer	Lay led
3:00 pm	Pathfinder	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

Thursday 23rd January

10:30 am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 26th January

9:30 am	Cheriton Bishop	Morning Prayer	Lay led
9:30 am	Tedburn St Mary	Holy Communion BCP	Revd Martin Wood
11:00 am	Holcombe Burnell	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3:00 pm	Pathfinder	United Service	
3:00 pm	Whitestone	Christian Unity*	Revd Martin Wood

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This service is for all Christians in the Parish, whatever their denomination, to come together for worship and fellowship. Please do join us.

The next Quarter of the 21st Century

The start of 2025 signifies the next quarter century of this third millennium. Seeing how much has changed in the last twenty-five years is amazing. The biggest change is technology, particularly mobile phones and internet access. We do not tend to buy physical things like music and films; we download them now. We now have smart televisions and many streaming services, and recording live television programmes is a rare event. Twenty-five years ago, we were worried that the computers would stop working because the year 2000 was not programmed into the year field! Sadly, young people seem to be under more pressure and we are concerned with their wellbeing. Loneliness and isolation particularly with older people are still causing much concern. We all want to address some of these shortcomings to improve life for both young and old. Another major concern is climate change, we see direct evidence of the changes in flooding most recently in Valencia and prolonged heatwaves in Europe with the threat of wildfires. On a more positive note, we see many electric cars, low-emission zones, and power coming from renewable energy sources such as solar and wind farms. There is still a long way to go to make the necessary changes.

We often signify twenty-five years with silver, so we have silver wedding anniversaries and we have become accustomed to the multiple jubilees in the Queen's long reign, we had silver, gold, diamond and incredibly platinum. King Charles' Silver Jubilee would be 2049 and he would be ninety-nine years old. That seems a long way off at the moment! When I started working at my first company it used to have long service awards when you had served the company for twenty years. That seemed impossibly long to me aged just twenty-one. These achievements are rightly celebrated as significant milestones but the journey continues and we have to keep striving to work at our commitments and responsibilities. Sometimes, these milestones are useful for looking back and seeing how far we have moved forward and perhaps remembering some of the good highlights during that time.

The church looks at what makes Jesus special in January in the season of Epiphany. We discover that Jesus can transform difficult situations, take ordinary things and make them special, and restore broken relationships. These relationships are not one-dimensional in isolation. It is not just about my relationship with God. Jesus makes clear how we relate to other people has a bearing on how we can relate to God. We are called to help others rather than focus on helping ourselves. As we look around the world, many places need light and hope.



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Kenn Deanery Ringing Night and Christmas Ringing at St. Catherine's Whitestone

Ringers from across the Kenn Deanery met at St. Catherine's Church, Whitestone on Thursday 5th December for a social gathering and some ringing. There were ringers present with varying degrees of experience from Dunsford, Whitestone and Alphington. These meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month and rotate between all the Churches in the Deanery providing the opportunity to socialise over tea, coffee and biscuits and gain experience of ringing different bells with different combinations of ringers. Those ringing included Judith Read, Herb Piper, Gareth Clatworthy, Jock Kirkpatrick, Ed Purser and James Bryant. Many thanks to Vicky Bryant for supporting with refreshments.

Church bells are due to be rung at St. Catherine's on the evening of the 19th December as a precursor to the Christmas Carol service and on Christmas Eve and before the late Church Service. Many thanks to Cynthia Venner and Martin Blight from Holcombe Burnell Tower for joining with the available Whitestone ringers to make Christmas Eve ringing possible.

We are looking for experienced ringers or learners to join us in 2025. Please contact me if you would like to come along to a practice night early in the New Year to meet us and see what is involved. We practice on Thursday evenings.

James Bryant

EXETER FORUM

Meetings take place in the Mint Methodist Church, Fore Street, Exeter, EX4 3AT on Wednesday mornings. The talks start at 10:45am, while coffee is available from 10:15am. Full descriptions of talks and speakers appear on the Exeter Forum website www.exeterforum.org Visitors are welcome subject to a small charge for each talk.

Wednesday 1 January 2025	No meeting	Christmas break
Wednesday 8 January 2025	Todd Gray	Elizabethan Insults in Exeter <i>Todd's talk will draw on his historical research to show the language used to insult people in Elizabethan Devon. Although most of the words used appear in Shakespeare, people should note that this talk is</i>
Wednesday 15 January 2025	Robert Hesketh	Weirdest Buildings of the West Country We welcome Robert back to give a talk on the weird and wonderful buildings of Devon and Cornwall. This talk is a follow up to his story of Devon's Castles and looks at both historic and recent buildings and why they were constructed.
Wednesday 22 January 2025	No meeting	Exeter Forum Members New Year Lunch
Wednesday 29 January 2025	Mike Harrison	Cybercrime Mike will provide an insight into the issues of Cybercrime from his perspective in the Police Force with plenty of practical advice.

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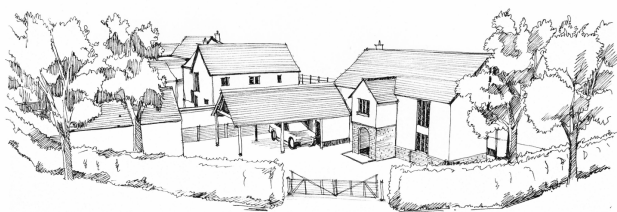
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Whitestone GARDEN CLUB by Antony Galton

In Flanders and Swann's charming (and touching) ditty 'Misalliance', which was performed recently by a group of us at the Parish Hall, reference is made to 'the Bindweed, or Convolvulus to give her proper name' – which prompts the question, in what way is Convolvulus a more proper name than Bindweed? Of course there are plenty of situations in which the use of scientific names of plants is important, indeed necessary, but in most everyday situations the use of common English names is more appropriate, and it seems a pity not to avail ourselves of the wealth of often colourful and expressive English names on offer. There is a tendency though, particularly among gardening folk, to neglect the good old English names in favour of botanical Latin, and I do find this somewhat regrettable. Why talk about *Acer*, *Antirrhinum*, *Aquilegia*, *Potentilla*, and *Veronica* when we have at our disposal such lovely names as Maple, Snapdragon, Columbine, Cinquefoil, and Speedwell?

Well, there are reasons we might do this. One is if we want to distinguish between different species of the same genus, for which well-established common names may not exist. There are about 130 different species of *Aquilegia*, any which can be called a columbine, and quite a few of them are available for growing in gardens. Some of them do have good English names. Our native *Aquilegia vulgaris* is the Common Columbine; the European alpine *A. alpina* is, not surprisingly, the Alpine Columbine; and *A. canadensis* is Canadian Columbine, though naturally enough in Canada it is known simply as Wild Columbine, or Eastern Red Columbine (there is a Western Red Columbine as well). And this is one of the problems with English names: in some cases there are simply too many of them, and in other cases none at all. Looking down the list of *Aquilegia* species in Wikipedia, I find, for example, *A. borodinii* from Siberia and Mongolia; no English name is given, though it would be easy enough to make one up – Borodin's Columbine, say – and one finds plenty of such made-up names in the literature, modelled on the Latin name but never actually used much.

Another problem is that the English names are often ambiguous. I remember my father telling me that when as a boy he stayed on a Devon farm, one of the local children told him that a certain wild flower was called Bird's Eye. Now what plant was that? It is impossible to tell. Consulting the index of Geoffrey Grigson's splendid 1955 book 'The Englishman's Flora', I find no less than 16 references to Bird's Eye: in different parts of England this name has been applied variously to Cuckoo Flower, Wild Pansy, Red Campion, Chickweed, Greater Stitchwort, Pearlwort, Herb Robert, Bird's-foot Trefoil, Scarlet Pimpernel, Bird's-eye Primrose, Forget-me-not, Brooklime, Germander Speedwell, and Ground Ivy. Of these, only Bird's-eye Primrose (*Primula farinosa*) – which doesn't grow in Devon – retains the bird's eye in its standard English name, although one quite often encounters Bird's-eye Speedwell as an alternative name for Germander Speedwell (*Veronica chamaedrys*). In general, amongst the plethora of local vernacular names for any plant, one or two of them have become elevated to the status of standard English names. There are plenty of cases where there are at least two vying for this accolade, witness Cuckoo Flower vs Lady's Smock, Cuckoo Pint vs Lords-and-Ladies, Gorse vs Furze vs Whin, Goosegrass vs Cleavers, Thrift vs Sea Pink, and so on.

And then there are the confusions that can result when a supposedly standard name gets misapplied. Take Mare's Tail, for example. The floras all agree that this name belongs to an attractive, if understated, water plant, *Hippurus vulgaris*, with upright emergent leafy stems and tiny purple flowers, a welcome addition to any pond. But it has also become widely used to apply to a pernicious weed, *Equisetum arvense*, whose official English name is Horsetail; it is a relative of the ferns and spreads by means of tough rhizomes that can penetrate several feet underground and is a devil to get rid of. So what is the 'correct' use of the name Mare's Tail? I'm not sure that this is an entirely meaningful question, but since *Equisetum* already has a perfectly good English name – Horsetail – and *Hippurus* has no widely used alternative, we should surely encourage the use of Mare's Tail for the latter in preference to the former.



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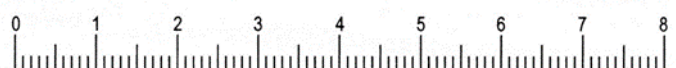
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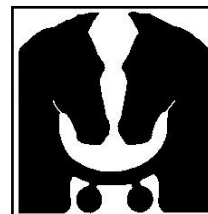
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Christmas came early to the Tedburn WI meeting. Members wore their Christmas Jumpers and there was lots of

sparkle and laughter.

The committee and everyone were treated to a tasty buffet and mulled wine (see picture above).

Our President Jane Burrow kept the official business as short as possible, however a vote had to be taken on the WI resolutions and "Recycle and Repair" attracted the majority.

Our speaker Jude Coram is a magician and he entertained us. He was very funny and he asked several members to help him with his magic. He is so clever and we all marvelled at his sleight of hand and his memory when his tricks involved a pack of cards.

The buffet was much enjoyed and we all felt that Christmas had started, the atmosphere was one of friendship and there was lots of chat, eating, drinking wine & coffee.

2024 is the year when we have been blessed with several new members, hopefully 2025 will be as good.

Our programme for 2025 is now complete and there will be lots of interesting speakers and of course some enjoyable outings.

The January meeting will be held at the "Travellers Rest" when we will enjoy a belated Christmas meal.

The members of Tedburn WI wish everyone a really Happy Christmas and a really Happy New Year.

If you are thinking of joining us remember the first meeting is free.

Please contact Jane Burrow for further details:
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WHITESTONE SINGERS FLANDERS AND SWANN and FRIENDS

Reviews:

The Whitestone Singer's musical evening featuring Flanders and Swann was a fabulous showcase of village talent. The performers brought a lovely sense of humour to the iconic songs, capturing the wit of Flanders and Swann's lyrics. Further performances from two duos, two pianists and Whitestone handbell ringers went really well with some accompaniment from the audience to a few Christmas songs. The evening offered both nostalgia and joy, and everyone left feeling festive.

Jo Barker

I'd like to add to Jo's excellent review by naming names!

John Eyre and Liz Watkins were the drivers behind putting together this fabulous evening.

Carol Galton not only accompanied the singers but also treated us to a beautifully played solo piano piece.

Ron Bramhall played 2 lovely romantic pieces on the new piano.

James Bryant and Bryan Durrant gave us their 'Simon and Garfunkel' duo style that had us all singing along!

Bob Hunt and Dave Lee were a splendid guitar and ukelele duo.

The Handbell ringers included our own indomitable Jennifer Kellagher. Jennifer has been a big part of the ringers for more years than she'd care to remember and has said that this performance will be her 'swan song' (no pun intended!). Never say never Jennifer!

Many thanks to them all for their hard work entertaining us and to everyone who came to support the event.

Mary Colson

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WHITESTONE BOOK CLUB
Review - January 2025

BOOK CLUB REVIEW

This is Going to Hurt by Adam Kay

By degrees hilarious and painfully honest, this is a no-holds barred account of one junior doctor's time on the frontline of the NHS.

Kay describes the brutal realities of working for the NHS with its life and death decisions, relentless 97 hour weeks and impacts on work life balance.

Referring to the diaries he was obliged to keep during his years as an obstetrician, he compiled a raft of stories and thoughts ranging from simple one line 'notes-to-self' to more lengthy tales of patients he cared for.

Being told that he would have to come back for a week-end halfway through a two-week holiday abroad because the cover he had had to arrange himself fell through.

Falling asleep in his car in the hospital car park before he even managed to start it and waking up the next morning only to find he'd slept so long he was still late for work -on Christmas Eve.

In 2010, after six years of training and six more on the wards, Kay hung up his stethoscope.

Feedback from the group discussion was very positive, this is an eye opening, engaging and easy book to read. Thanks to Edith for hosting our bring and share festive lunch - a good time was had by all.

At our next meeting on January 13th we will review *All the Light we Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

Jane Rose

WHITESTONE FREE LIBRARY

Hello Readers,

I am very pleased to report that the Parish Hall Library has a fantastic refinished wood floor.

A special thanks to Jock for seeing this process through and undertaking the painstaking preparation of pilling countless staples out of the floor so it could be sanded. The books are back in and hopefully by the time this newsletter arrives with you I will have managed to get down and reorder them. At the moment they are just plonked on the shelves and not alphabetised.

We are open for donations and browsing. Hurrah!

Why not look in next time you visit the hall.

Happy reading!

Judy Sanford

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The PCC at St. Catherine's Church would like to say a big thank you to all those kind residents and land-owners who live close to the church who over the past year have opened up their fields and driveways to allow cars to park. We have had quite a few big church events over the past year and parking is never easy. We are very grateful.

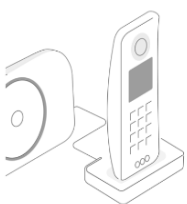
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JANUARY PARISH MAGAZINE

You may have noticed that this January edition of your favourite magazine is not quite up to the standard you have come to know and love!

That is because our long term, long suffering but highly skilled compiler, Jock Kirkpatrick, is in New Zealand on a very well earned holiday.

So it has fallen to me, Mary Colson, to attempt to do what I clearly can't!

So please don't complain to Jock about errors or omissions—it's all my fault and I apologise in anticipation of complaints!

Normal service will be resumed for the February Magazine.

This is a good time to remind ourselves of how much Jock does for us all by producing the Parish Magazine so brilliantly every month.
Thank you Jock!

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL DECEMBER 2024

Minutes of Whitestone at Whitestone Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th December 2024

Attendance: Chair – Cllr T Baird
Councillors M Frankum, C Lang, T Taylor,
Mrs P Vaughan, Clerk to the Council.
District Councillor K Lake
Mr E Purser, Mr S Gibbons.

Apologies:- Councillors M Baxendale-Nichols, M Belt,
A Evans, P Stott, County Councillor A Connett,
District Councillor J Parrott

Cllr Baird opened the meeting and the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th November 2024 and Extraordinary Planning meeting on 25th November 2024 having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chair.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR / DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Councillor Lake reported on road repairs within the Parish and noted comments made by Councillors Lang and Taylor.

PLANNING - Applications can be viewed on line by going into the public access system at Teignbridge Planning following the directions giving the application reference. The following applications having been received from Teignbridge District Council with a request for comments were examined and responses were sent which can be viewed on Teignbridge District Council Planning site.

Refusal of Planning Permission
24/00370/FUL Provision of agricultural livestock building at Cross Park Farm, Heath Cross.

Enforcement updates
Cllr Baird read a report from Mr Stephen Hobbs regarding Hackworthy Farm.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Co-option of a new Councillor
An application having been received from Mr Edward Purser to become a member of the Council having been circulated he subsequently signed the necessary declaration of acceptance of office and then joined the meeting.

Request for funding for Handbell Ringers
An application for funding which had been distributed to the Council was discussed and it was proposed and seconded that a grant of £125.00 was made and a cheque for this amount was signed. (cheque no 82). District Councillor Lake is donating £125 from the community fund.

Request for Parish Hall funding
The Council to request a copy of pricing for repairs required together with scope of works and the predicted income for the Hall during the coming year.

Pound Lane issues and possibility of new signage or other measures
It was proposed that this issue be discussed at the January meeting.

Community Garden and Playground
To be discussed at January meeting.

Bus Stop area
The necessary roofing repair was discussed and Cllr Baird will be contacting Mr Blades regarding this. Mr Gibbons volunteered some help which was gratefully received.

Proposed Waste Disposal Site at Lower Hare Farm, Whitestone.
To be discussed by the full Council.

Discuss having a gov.uk domain
To be discussed at the January meeting

BT Digital Switchover
Cllr Baird brought this to the attention of the meeting and confirmed that there was training in progress which she would be attending. She also recommended that she book the Parish Hall in order that parishioners could be made aware of this. This is provisionally booked for Tuesday 28th January.

Annual review of Standing Orders
To be deferred to the January meeting in order that all Councillors are in attendance.

MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIR

Correspondence had been received from a Mr Adams regarding a complaint which had been sent to Teignbridge regarding a mobile home at Higher Hare which had not come from him and he wished his name to not be associated with the complaint.

FINANCE

Precept for 2025/26
Information was distributed and discussion regarding the Precept for 2025/26 will be determined at the January meeting

Income
School Houses rental to 7th December £1,050.00 - £126.00 (includes £21.00 VAT) = £924.00.
School Houses rental to 2nd January £950.00 - £114 (includes £19.00 VAT) = £836.00

Expenditure
The following expenditure was proposed and seconded for payment. All in favour and the cheques were signed by Councillors Baird and Mrs P Vaughan
84.4 Mr L Blades £401.60 (Lengthsman £261.60 + Grass cutting £140.00) (cheque 775)
84.5 Whitestone Parish Hall £346.61 (£56.00 Council Meetings, £290.61 Park Facilities) (cheque 776)
84.6 Devon Association of Local Councils £108.00 (includes £18.00 VAT) (cheque 777)
84.7 CPRE Membership £36.00 (cheque 778)
84.8 Leigh Day £16,218.40 – re Judicial Review (cheque 779)
84.9 Clerk's salary and expenses £448.24 (cheque 780)
84.10 HM Revenue and Customs (Clerk's income tax on salary) £101.40 (cheque 781)

CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Baird read from reports regarding the judgement on Lower Hare Farm which had been sent from County Councillor Connett.

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JANUARY QUIZ

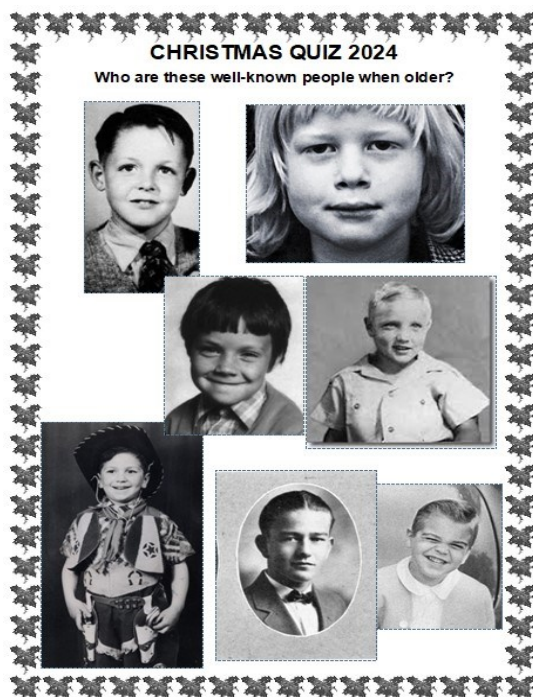
In Scotland, Burns Night is traditionally celebrated in January. But how well do you know Scotland?

1. What is the date for Burns night?
2. What is the official tartan of the Royal family?
3. The Battle of Bannockburn was fought near which Scottish city?
4. What meat goes into Scotch Broth?
5. What fruit goes into the Crannachan dessert?
6. Who wrote 'The 39 Steps'?
7. The buttons of the Scots Guards are in groups of 2, 3 or 4 ?
8. What singer was Marie McDonald McLaughlin?
9. What decorates a Dundee cake?
10. What fish is in an Arbroath Smokie?
11. Who helped Bonnie Prince Charlie escape from Scotland?
12. Where is the home of Queen Elizabeth's late Queen Mother?
13. Where are the Royal Highland Games held?
14. In the Burns' poem 'To A Mouse', the mouse is described as 'Sleekit'. What does this mean?
15. What is the Scottish connection in these anagrams:

NICE STOPS BUTTOCH CREST
PIG E BAPS

Answers next month.

Solution to the Christmas Quiz



Paul McCartney Boris Johnson
Robbie Williams Elvis Presley
Alan Sugar John Wayne George Clooney

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Parish Pals is in the main hall on Thursdays this month

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I knew I was moving to Whitestone so thought I'd better investigate what there is to do in the village. How do you find out what's on in Whitestone? Yep, good old Google and up pops The Parish of Whitestone 'things to do'. There is certainly plenty to do and one thing in particular caught my eye: **Parish Pals**.

The following Wednesday morning I anxiously made my way to the Billiard Room. I opened the door and a roomful of men greeted me. I smiled and said it must be my lucky day!

To be made immediately welcome was wonderful. A very nice man jumped up and gave me a cuppa and others offered me a vast array of biscuits including the good old Wagon Wheel. Shortly after that a couple of ladies arrived and we had a good old chat about yester Whitestone realising we had much in common.

I have been going every week since that eventful day. I am eternally grateful for the kindness and friendship that has been offered to me. I leave each week with a smile knowing I'm no longer lonely or fed up.

I'm looking forward to the summer outings. It's going to be so much fun.

I would highly recommend coming to **Parish Pals** on a Wednesday 10.00am-12.00. Don't be shy, don't be lonely—come and get a warm welcome.

If you need a lift or someone just to make your first time easy give Bruce a call on 07359 456116 or email me, Sallie, on salliewaters@gmail.com.

I look forward to hearing from you. Happy days!
Sallie Waters

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REPORTS

Cllr Taylor reported on traffic speed times near the Pathfinder Village and requested an extension to the speed limit in this area. District Councillor Lake promised to look into the matter.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the January meeting will be held on 9th January 2025

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Minutes of Extraordinary Whitestone Parish Council held at Whitestone Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 25th November 2024

Attendance: Chair – Cllr T Baird
Councillors A Evans, M Frankum, C Lang, P Stott, T Taylor, Mrs V Bryant

Apologies: Councillors M Belt, M Baxendale Nichols

Cllr Baird opened the meeting which has been called to discuss urgent planning applications that require a response to Teignbridge District Council by 29th November 2024

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs V Bryant confirmed that she was in attendance to note comments regarding the review of application 24/01777/NPA.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

PLANNING

24/01772/FUL Erection of roofing over existing yard to create general purpose agricultural building at Upper Kingswell Farm, Longdown

24/01773/FUL Erection of roofing over existing yard to create general purpose agricultural building at Upper Kingswell Farm, Longdown

24/01774/FUL Erection of roofing over existing yard to create general purpose agricultural building at Upper Kingswell Farm, Longdown

Chair invited comments and Councillors noted that considerations should be given to materials, lighting and wildlife boxes. Cllr Taylor commented about the impact of galvanized roofings and visual impact when the sun reflects off the surface and suggested that consideration should be given to a treated surface to reduce glare. Councillor Evans had prepared a draft response and all Councillors unanimously agreed to support this application.

24/01777/NPA Application for Prior Approval under Part 3 Class Q (a) and (b) paragraph W of the GPDO change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling at The Store, Three Corners.

Chair invited comments and several Councillors raised concerns that the site has never been used for agricultural use and therefore wasn't eligible for development under Part Q. Councillors also raised concerns over the Flood plain and run off into Nadder Brook and the lack of an Agricultural holding number. A draft response was again prepared by Councillor Evans and approved unanimously by the Council to oppose the application.

24/00045/NONDET Appeal against the Non-determination of 24/01202/FUL Plant room and wall at Cross Park Farm, Heath Cross

24/00046/NONDET Appeal against the Non-determination of 24/01201/VAR Variation of condition of condition 2 on planning permission 19/01872/FUL (office building and associated works) to amend design and siting of office building at Cross Park Farm, Heath Cross

Chair invited comments regarding the two appeals 24/00045/NONDET and 24/00046/NONDET. Councillor Stott provided a quick overview and confirmed that there was no action for the Parish Council as it was an internal appeal between the Local Planning Authority and the resident at Cross Park Farm.

The Chair invited any further comments from the Council or Public and closed the meeting at 8.17pm.

CHRISTMAS PARTY REVIEWS

The DJ was great and really friendly. I enjoyed spending time with the people I know and really thought it was a great evening. Thanks



Whitestone Sports and Social Committee for a great evening again this year! **Harlee.**

It was very loud and I also noticed that as a result the audio quality suffered, apart from that it was a great evening! **James**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun	5 Jan	Whitestone Walkers Meet at the Parish Hall 9.30am or at Fernworthy Reservoir 10.30am	p18
Mon	6 Jan	Whitestone Fellowship and Prayer Group At Dr. Jane Richard's house. 7:30 - 8:45 pm Call 01392 811492 for details	p13
Thu	9 Jan	Arts & Crafts Parish Hall 10:00 - 12:00	p19
Thu	9 Jan	Parish Council Billiard Room 7:30 - 9:00 pm	p19
Mon	13 Jan	Book Club Parish Hall 2.00-4.00pm	p19
Thu	16 Jan	Last date for copy for the February magazine	p18
Fri	17 Jan	Social Club 6.30-9.30pm Quiz and curry night	p19
Mon	24 Jan	Social Club 7.30pm Myths and Folklore of Dartmoor	p19
Tue	28 Jan	Digital drop-in Parish Hall 10am-1pm	p13

JOBS FOR THE PARISH LENGTHSMAN

If you notice any damage to Parish property, build up of litter, blocked roadside ditches, or any other matter that would improve the environment and well-being of Parishioners or visitors within the Parish boundaries, please contact the Parish Lengthsman's line manager

Cllr Mary Belt on 01392 811374
wpcccontacthub@gmail.com

***The LAST DATE for contributions to
the next Parish Magazine
(February 2025) is***

Thursday 16th January

EMAIL ADDRESS

magazine@superjock.co.uk

WHITESTONE WALKERS

Next walk—Sunday 5th January 2025

Meet at Whitestone Parish Hall at 9.30am or at venue by 10.30am. Please note that at the time of writing, sections of the main route out of Chagford to Fernworthy will be closed from 4th January 2025. If travelling from Whiddon Down on the A382, I suggest taking the right hand junction near West Withecombe. It may be sign-posted Murchington/Chagford? Continue towards Chagford but after passing through a section with a very narrow bridge and lane (7ft), continue straight on at the next crossroads, ignoring any directions into Chagford. Look for signs to Fernworthy Reservoir (TQ13 8EA).

The walk will be around the reservoir. Stout walking boots or shoes should be worn as there will be some short muddy sections and a couple of uphill sections. The main part of the walk is about 3 miles but there will be an option of an additional loop of about 11/2 miles. There should be hot beverages and food available at the mobile shop near the end of the main walk.

PARKING:

Travel time from Whitestone is about 40 minutes. As you drive into the forested area around the reservoir, you will see a sign to the toilets/main car park on the right. Do not take this, continue on the single track road for around 1/4 mile until you see a large workshop/ barn building on the left with parking next to it. Alternatively, there is parking on the other side of the road on a grassed area. (What Three Words: profile, spelled, steam). If you are going direct to Fernworthy please let me know at Jcbryant@gmail.com

James Bryant

WEEKLY EVENTS IN JANUARY 2025

Day	Dates	Event
Mon	6th, 13th & 27th	Pilates - Whitestone Parish Hall 6.15 to 7.15 pm
Tue	7th, 14th, and 21st	Baby & Toddlers Parish Hall 9.30 - 12 noon
Tue	7th, 14th & 21st	Short Mat Bowls Parish Hall 7.30 to 9.30 pm
Wed	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th	Short Mat Bowls Parish Hall 10.00-12 noon
Thu	16th, 23rd & 30th	Parish Pals Main Hall 10.00 - 12 noon
Fri	3rd, 10th & 24th	Short Mat Bowls Parish Hall 7.30 to 9.30 pm

PILATES AND EXERCISE THERAPY

Pilates with Caroline Dodd is on Monday evening in the Parish Hall from 6.15 to 7.15 pm. for all levels and abilities. Pilates can help improve posture, reduce pain and help you move more freely to improve your quality of life. £8.00 per class or £30.00 monthly.

Please get in touch with Caroline if you have any questions or to book the Exercise Therapy class. Mobile 07791105987 or email: caroline_dodd@sky.com

HANDBELLS

We are looking for a couple of new people to come and join our team of handbell ringers. No experience is required. We meet every two to three weeks, normally on a Wednesday afternoon. For more information, contact Bryan Durrant on 811328.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Please contact the Parish Clerk, Pat Vaughan, for the latest information. (01392 411628) or view the Whitestone website www.whitestone-devon.org.uk Next meeting is in the Billiard Room of the Whitestone Parish Hall on Thursday **9th January** at 7.30 pm.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

We normally meet THREE times a week. Please see table on page 18 for the actual dates.

Tuesday 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Wednesday 10.00 -12 noon

Friday 7.30 - 9.30 pm

The cost is only £2.50 (50p for 16s and under) including tea/coffee and a biscuit.

To protect the green mat (rink), please wear soft shoes with completely flat soles if you have them. If not, bowling in socks is perfectly OK. Why not come along and have a go. There is no need to have your own bowls as we have plenty of sets available.

SOCIAL CLUB

(Secretary Bryan Durrant 01392 811328)

Friday 17th January Quiz and Curry night. Teams of four. Open to members and non-members. Charge for non-members on this occasion will be £6.00 If you are attending (member or non-member) then please let Bryan know by **Monday 6th January**.

Monday 24th February Talk by Paul Rendell on the Myths and Folklore of Dartmoor

After 17 years at £12, we are having to increase the annual subscription in 2025 to £16 to cover increased hall charges, new bank charges and increasing speaker costs. Subscriptions are due

from 1st January 2025.

The Social Club normally meets monthly, mostly in the Parish Hall, and is a great opportunity to meet other people. After the speaker there is normally a social "bring and share" food and drink session. Annual membership is £16 (which includes an annual dinner). Non-members are most welcome to join us at meetings in the hall (except for the annual dinner) on an occasional basis at a cost of £4.00 per evening. Meetings in the hall normally start at 7:30pm.

CHURCH BELL RINGING

If you are interested in learning how to ring, please contact James Bryant on 01392 811391 for more information. Practice night is usually every Thursday at 7.45 until 9:00 pm.

GARDENING CLUB

The Whitestone Gardening Club will not meet in January. Next meeting is February 17th for the AGM followed by a talk on 'Vegetable Growing' from Sally Nex. Visitors are very welcome Contact Lesley Williams on 07803-173305

ARTS AND CRAFTS MORNINGS

Our next meeting is on **Thursday January 9th**. If you enjoy doing a craft such as painting, knitting, sewing etc. come along to Whitestone Parish Main Hall and work on your project. Enjoy tea/coffee and a chat. Cost: £2 per session. For further information contact Marian Durrant 01392 811328 or Nikki Phillips 07763 879897

BOOK CLUB

Next meeting is in the Parish Hall at 2:00 pm on **Monday, 13th January**.

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The Whitestone Parish Hall is available for bookings.

Contact the Booking Clerk, Caroline Honeywill, for the latest information.

Tel: 01392 811245 email: carolinehoneywill@icloud.com

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