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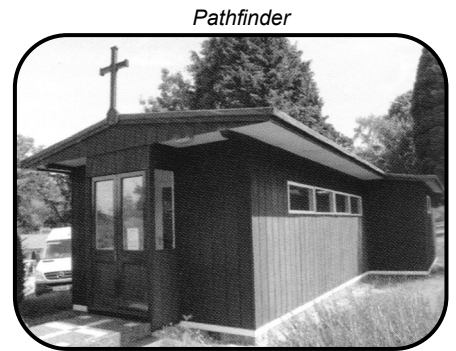
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<b>10:00 am Whitestone</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Lay led</b>
11:00 am Tedburn St Mary	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3:00 pm Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January

10:30 am Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January

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

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January

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10:30 am Tedburn Methodists	Covenant Service	
<b>11:00 am Whitestone</b>	<b>Parish Worship</b>	<b>Revd Martin Wood</b>
11:00 am Holcombe Burnell	Morning Prayer	Lay led
3:00 pm Pathfinder	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

10:30 am Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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	
<b>6:00 pm Whitestone</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Revd Martin Wood</b>

## **Looking forward to 2026**

As we start a New Year, it is natural to wonder what this year might bring. My mind immediately thinks it must be the Winter Olympics, which this time are in Italy, in Milan and Cortina. The games start on 6<sup>th</sup> February, so it's not too long to wait for. I find winter sports fascinating, from the speed and amazing jumps on snow and ice to the stillness of curling competitions. It will make for great sporting entertainment. Another event is the Men's Football World Cup, taking place in Mexico, Canada, and the United States, starting on June 11<sup>th</sup>, and the final is on July 19th. The long wait for the national side to add a second world title continues. We still look back to the 1966 London final; sadly, only three players are still alive from the original squad of twenty-two. There is still much hope that the national side can win the World Cup for a second time. Finally, there is the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Originally, the games were to be held in Australia, but when they withdrew, Glasgow stepped in. The Commonwealth brings a very diverse set of nations and countries together. I think this unusual mixture is very much part of its appeal. Additionally, the home athletes represent their own nations, so we get teams from Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland. I am sure there will be many other events in 2026 which will bring great excitement and anticipation.

Another milestone occurs on 4 July, which marks 250 years of American Independence. For many people, there will be special anniversaries in 2026, which will be marked and celebrated. It can range from a 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary or birthday to maybe someone's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. All of these milestones will be important and will give rise to moments of great celebration. What are you or your family looking forward to in 2026?

What is interesting to me is that our relationship with God is always waiting for us to accept the invitation to take part. Like most things, if you ignore it and say you will do it later, it never gets done; in fact, it is more likely to get more difficult. We are all challenged to engage with this New Year and our life situation. Will we be able to make this year a better one? For that to happen, we need to be able to enjoy the relationships with our family and friends. So much of what makes us happy is to do with good relationships. Our relationship with God is a good place to start to make a difference in our outlook and expectations. It is amazing how helping and encouraging can bring joy and happiness in unexpected places. Make 2026 a joyful year!



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Vicky Bryant

## Ruth Charles

Ruth's funeral will take place at St Catherine's Church at 1:30 pm on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Afterward, attendees at the service are invited to join Paul at Whitestone Parish Hall. If you are attending, it would be appreciated if you could let Paul know beforehand to help assess the catering requirements.  
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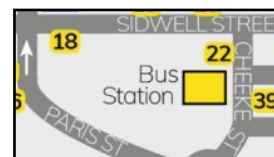
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At present, it is proposed that the terminal stops in Exeter will be Stop 39 (arriving) and Stop 22 for the Return journey to Whitestone. Both these stops are in Cheeke Street.



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## PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES - 11th December 2025

Minutes of Parish Council at Whitestone Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

Attendance: Chair – Cllr T Baird  
Councillors M Belt, M Frankum, C Lang, E Purser,  
P Stott, T Taylor  
District Councillor J Parrott  
Mrs P Vaughan, Clerk to the Council.

81. Cllr Baird opened the meeting and the minutes of the Council Meetings held on 6th November 2025 having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chair.

### 82. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Councillor Parrott reported that proposals for boundaries for Councils are at present under consideration.

### 83. MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIR

**84. 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 will sent which can be viewed on Teignbridge District Council Planning site.

84.1 25/00439/MAJ Redevelopment of existing golf course including revisions to course layout, addition of separate course, and additional practice facilities requiring the importation of 360,000 cubic metres of clean naturally occurring soil at Fingle Glen Golf Club, Tedburn St Mary.  
Whitestone Parish Council were notified that this application has been proposed for committee.

84.2 25/01753/FUL Replacement of temporary mobile dwelling with permanent dwelling for agricultural workers at Nadder Ridge, Nadderwater.  
Whitestone Parish Council have reviewed this application and raised concerns around access to the main road between Whitestone and Nadderwater (as the entrance is very tight) and also that the proposed plans for the house are not in-keeping with the surrounding area. Also that we would like to see an agricultural tie applied to this proposal as a condition.

84.3 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission  
25/01025/FUL Demolition of agricultural building for change of use to residential and construction of self build detached house with a detached double garage/ car port and associated groundworks following Class Q (23/01001/NPA) Resubmission of 24/02099/FUL on land south east of Hill Farm, Pound Lane.

84.4 Appeal Dismissed  
25/00031/REF Appeal against the refusal of planning application 25/00638/LBC Two storey side extension with single storey glass link at Chants Cottage, Heath Cross.

84.5 Refusal of Planning Permission  
25/01363/FUL Erection of two light industrial buildings and associated infrastructure at Cross Park Farm, Heath Cross.

84.6 Refusal of Planning Permission  
25/00887/AGR Agricultural building on land at Pound Lane.

### 85. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

85.1 Resignation of Michele Baxendale Nichols as a Parish Councillor  
The Council wished to thank Ms Nichols for her term in the office of Parish Councillor.

85.2 Proposal for Cllr Martin Frankum to be added as a signatory for the signing of cheques.  
It was resolved that Cllr Martin Frankum should be added as a signatory for the signing of cheques.

#### 85.3 Road Signage

Discussion took place regarding unsuitable road access for HGV vehicles for minor roads off the C50 and it was resolved that County Councillor Connett be approached to request that he approach Highways regarding recent incidences of stranded vehicles which have been stuck on Hill Lane, Pound Lane and Heath Lane. The Council would like Councillor Connett to explore the potential installation of "unsuitable for HGV" signage at the top of Hill Lane, Pound Lane and Heath Lane and the bottom of Heath Lane and Hill Lane.

#### 85.4 Quotation for pruning of walnut tree

Three quotations had been received, namely £90.00, 228.00 and £450.00 for the necessary work and it was agreed that this expenditure be held over until April 2025.

#### 85.5 Donation to Parish Hall Committee for kitchen refurbishment.

It was proposed and seconded that a donation of £100.00 be made to the Parish Hall Committee to help towards funding for this refurbishment.

#### 85.6 Legal costs for Lower Hare Farm

Cllr Stott provided an update on additional legal costs that have been requested following the two Judicial Reviews on the landfill at Lower Hare Farm. He explained that he is trying to negotiate the additional cost, which was not expected, and is working through the backlog of emails and documents that were originally completed by previous members of the Parish Council. The full costs associated with both reviews are summarised as follows:-

Judicial Review 1 – Devon County Council withdrew from the case

Total legal costs incurred by Whitestone Parish Council  
£16,805.80

Total legal costs paid from Devon County Council  
£11,774.74

Costs to be paid by Whitestone Parish Council £5,031.06 – this is the contented costs which was requested in December 2025.

Judicial Review 2 – Parish Council instructed the case wasn't strong enough to proceed

Received from benefactor on 10th October 2024  
£16,218.40

Costs incurred by Parish Council from their legal team  
£16,218.40 - Cheque paid 12th December 2024

Damages instructed to be paid by Parish Council £10,000 – initially £5K then another £5K in November 2025

All Councillors expressed frustration that these costs had been incurred without full transparency around the decision-making process.

Cllr Stott summarized that it is most likely that the Council will end up paying over £15,000 costs (Originally the Council only approved £2,500 + VAT) All Councillors agree that going forward this type of legal action would require much improved levels of transparency in terms of risk and decision-making processes.

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**86. FINANCE**

86.1 Bank balances at Nat West Bank as at 30th November 2025

Current Account	£200.00
Business Reserve Account 1	£23,007.28
Business Reserve Account 2	<u>£3,552.59</u>
Total	£26,759.87

**86.2 Precept for 2026/27**

Documentation regarding the finances of the Parish Council had been distributed and after lengthy discussion it was resolved by voting that the Precept should be increased to £7,500 for the coming year with Cllr Purser stating that he thought it should remain at a lower level.

Income

86.3 2 School Houses rental to 7th December	
£1,050.00 - £165.00 (includes £33.00 VAT) =	£885.00
96.4 2 School Houses rental to 7th December	£50.00 -
£6.00 (includes £1.00 VAT) =	£44.00
86.5 1 School Houses rental to 2nd January	£950.00 -
£114.00 (includes £19.00 VAT) =	£836.00
86.6 2 School Houses rental to 07/01/26	£1,100.00 -
£132.00 (includes £22.00 VAT) =	£968.00
86.7 Sale of donation items for Community Garden	
	£220.00

Expenditure

The following expenditure was proposed and seconded for payment. All in favour and the cheques were signed by Councillors Baird and Belt.

86.8 L Blades – (Lengthsman	£283.65	Grass Cutting	
£40.00) Cheque 835			£323.65
86.9 T W Woodley (Allsorts) (4 weeks cleaning of			
Whitstone Park Toilets) Cheque 836			£64.00
86.10 Clerk’s salary and expenses Cheque 838			
			£449.04
86.11 HM Revenue and Customs (Clerk’s income tax			
on salary) Cheque 839			£101.40
86.12 Renewal of membership for Countryside			
Protection for Rural England Cheque 837			£36.00
86.13 Stevens Glass & Glazing (repairs at 2 School			
House through Winkworth)			£138.00
86.14 GP Roofing & Property (repairs at 1 School			
House through Winkworth)			£415.00

**87. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 87.1 Thanks from Parish Pals for Grant
- 87.2 Thanks from British Legion for Grant

**88 REPORTS**

88.1 Councillor Belt noted that the Musical Evening which was held in the Hall was very enjoyable but she was disappointed with the support from her fellow Parish Councillors.

88.2 Councillor Taylor raised concerns regarding potholes within the Parish and will be reporting these to Highways.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

The December meeting for members of Tedburn St Mary WI was held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> at Tedburn St Mary Village Hall, with WI members and visitors in attendance. Following the business section of the meeting, Tedburn St Mary WI celebrated the festive season with a Christmas party.

Competitions, games and a delicious buffet were enjoyed by all.

Trish Mansell, finance manager and representative of the local charity Farms for City Children was also at the meeting. Trish was delighted to accept the 12 crocheted geese Tedburn St Mary WI member Donna Dewar has created for the schools who access the charity, and expressed her sincere thanks.



Tedburn St Mary WI member Donna Dewar with the beautiful geese she has crocheted and gifted to local charity Farms for City Children.

Tedburn St Mary WI members have also participated in a visit to Bow Aquatic Garden Centre and shared time together over lunch...



...and been busy making decorative Christmas wreaths and Christmas chocolates.



Our regular meetings are held in Tedburn St Mary Village Hall on the first Tuesday of each month, at 7.30pm. As always, we love to meet prospective new members, and you will be warmly welcomed if you would like to attend.



Remember that the first meeting attended is free, to enable you to decide whether to join our WI. Just contact either Jane or Rachel.  
President Jane: Tel: 07814659526  
Secretary Rachel: Tel: 01647 61868

## WHITESTONE PLAYERS – PANTOMIME

It's panto time again. We are doing Hansel and Gretel in February and rehearsals are well underway. There is still time to get involved if you have that little thought that you would like to tread the boards. We are doubled up on a number of parts so any volunteers will be welcome. The tickets are on sale and being snapped up quickly so don't miss out.

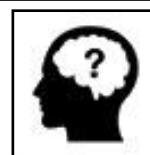
On a more serious note we often forget to tell you what happens to the profits from each year. This is decided at the AGM and is split into three areas. Initially we look at any larger expenses that the pantomime might require. This could be new backcloths (we use them until there is so much paint on them that they nearly stand up by themselves!), updating the sound system and the lighting, repairing and organising the costume and prop sheds or any other needs that are brought to our attention.

The other two thirds go to the nominated charities. We like to aim to give £250 to each charity. This year we gave £250 to Prostate Cancer UK and £250 to the National Autistic Society. Each year we aim to donate to a local charity and a national one. Our charities this year are Dartmoor Search & Rescue and Mind UK. Please help us to support these vital services by supporting the pantomime and hopefully having a good laugh at the same time!

## THIS MONTH'S BRAIN TEASER

### BRAIN TEASER CORNER

What two-digit number replaces the question marks in this sequence?



**?? 81 02 22 42**

Answer next month.

## LAST MONTH'S BRAIN TEASER

### BRAIN TEASER CORNER

**The elves are wrapping presents. Each elf can wrap 6 presents every 10 minutes. If there are 60 presents that need wrapping and only 3 elves available, how many minutes (round up to the nearest minute) will it take for all the presents to be wrapped?**



The answer is 34 minutes .  
If 1 elf can wrap 6 presents in 10 minutes,  
3 elves can wrap  $3 \times 6 = 18$  presents in 10 minutes.  
Therefore, 3 elves can wrap 60 presents in  $60/18 \times 10 = 33.33$  minutes (rounded up = 34 minutes)

## EXETER FORUM

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Date	Speaker	Title
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026</b>	<b>Dr Todd Gray</b>	<b>Devon's Home Front Diaries, 1937 to 1945</b> We welcome back Todd Gray who will talk about the experiences people during their everyday lives in Devon in the build up of the Second World War and through the war itself as shown through their diaries.
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026</b>	<b>Dr David Jenner</b>	<b>Antarctic landscapes and wildlife</b> David Jenner makes a welcome return to the Exeter Forum for another of his talks featuring his wonderful photography. David has recently visited Antarctica, and he will show aspects of the fantastic wildlife in this talk.
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2026</b>	<b>Stuart Raine</b>	<b>The sinking of the Lusitania and its aftermath</b> Stuart will look at the tragedy of the Lusitania and the controversy surrounding its loss in World War 1. He will also reveal the links between this event and changing attitudes towards the war in Europe in the United States.
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026</b>	Lunch	<b>Annual Christmas Lunch – no speaker.</b> <b>Please see separate details for this event</b>

**INTENDING TO VISIT THE USA?  
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11 Dec 2025**

If you are visiting the U.S. from overseas, and you have some questionable social media posts, you may want to reconsider your travel plans.

The U.S. may require foreign tourists to share five years' worth of social media history with the federal government before entering the country. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a 60-day notice in the Federal Register yesterday, requesting public comment on this plan, so it's not final, and it could change. He said this potential change is in line with an executive order issued in January to collect information about foreign visitors applying through the U.S. Visa Waiver program.

As part of this program, which applies to people from countries including the U.S., Japan, Australia and France, travellers would be asked to share email addresses from the last decade, telephone numbers, names and information of family members, and social media information.

Apparently, it's a policy proposal that came through an announcement in the federal register and really blindsided a lot of people at the Department of Home Security and the State Department. They've been scrutinizing travellers more recently and this is a next level.

It may be subjected to legal challenges by constitutional laws on things like free speech and 4th amendment protections can be suspended on international borders. We've seen that before.



A concert poster for Nicola Howard. At the top, there is a musical staff with several notes. Below it, the name "Nicola Howard" is written in a large, dark serif font, with "IN CONCERT" in a smaller, all-caps serif font underneath. The central image shows Nicola Howard, a woman with dark hair, wearing a dark red sleeveless dress, sitting at a table covered with a red cloth. On the table is a large, light-colored floral arrangement. To her left, a microphone is visible. The background is dark. Below the image, the text reads: "Saturday 14 th February 4pm", "HOLCOMBE BURNELL CHURCH", "LONGDOWN EX6 7RZ", "TICKETS £7.50", "JANE: 01392 811 246", and "CYNTHIA: 01392 811302". There is a small feather icon on the right side of the text area.

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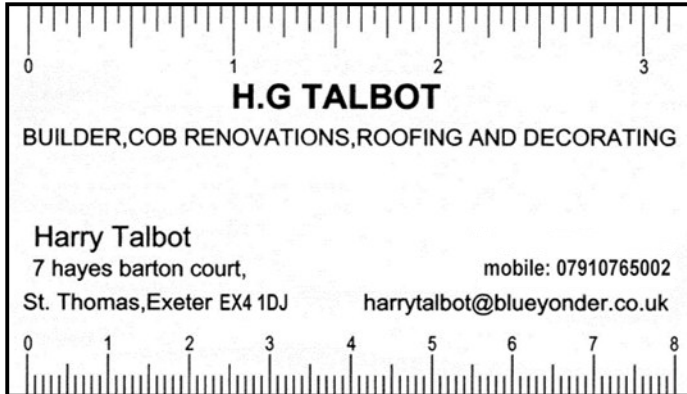
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# PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMMERS

## SUMMARY OF THE SOCIAL CLUB MEETING NOVEMBER 2025

In November the Social Club had an interesting and educational talk by Mick Harrison – the Cyber Protect Officer for Devon & Cornwall Police. Mick shared the document below which is worth reading as it has useful tips for avoiding being scammed.

1. **PASSWORDS / 2FA / 2SV.** Use Strong Passwords. Consider using **-ThreeR@nd0mWord\$**. Your password MUST contain at least 12 characters. Don't use the same password for all your accounts. The strongest should be for your primary email account and this password should not be used for anything else. Where possible activate 2 Factor Authentication (2FA) / Two-Step verification (2SV). This generally involves sending a text to your mobile phone to double check that it is you carrying out a particular transaction. If you have difficulties remembering lots of passwords, consider using an on-line 'password manager'. There are various free and paid for password managers available. These include – KEEPER, NORDPASS, ROBOFORM, BITWARDEN, 1PASSWORD (please have a look at the latest reviews on-line). You can also consider saving passwords in your web browser, although not on a shared device.

2. **UPDATES and APPS.** Always take operating system and software updates as soon as possible. Turn on your Anti-Virus / Firewall and keep them updated. Don't use old operating systems that are no longer supported. These are particularly vulnerable to attack. Only download Apps from accredited Apps stores.

3. **BACK-UPS.** Regularly back-up your important data onto a removable hard drive. Consider keeping your back-ups off-site, in a fireproof / waterproof safe.

4. **PHISHING / SOCIAL ENGINEERING**  
Never assume incoming emails are genuine. Even if you recognise the email address because email accounts can be 'hacked'. Never believe voice calls and text messages are genuine, even if you recognise the phone number. Phone numbers can be 'Spoofed' (falsified). ALWAYS CONFIRM using the contact information you have obtained from your own records or from publicly available sources. Remember – **OUT OF THE BLUE, IT'S NOT FOR YOU** - Criminals will PHISH to obtain information from you. **DON'T GIVE OUT ANY SENSITIVE INFORMATION TO INCOMING CALLERS.** Send all email PHISHING attempts to **report@phishing.gov.uk** and send fake text messages onto 7726 (Spam). Call 159 to quickly be directed to your banks Fraud Team. Ideally use another phone if you are making the call in response to a call you have just received.

5. **PRIVACY SETTINGS.** Regularly check the privacy settings on your Social Media accounts and be careful what you post on Social Media. Do you really want everyone to know your house is empty when you are away on holiday?

6. **WI-FI.** Be cautious when using public Wi-Fi and don't pass sensitive information, passwords, or bank account details over public Wi-Fi.

7. **SECURING YOUR DEVICES.** Ensure all your devices including your mobile phone(s) are password or PIN protected - Keep them 'locked' when not in use. Use Fingerprint or facial recognition if available. Only grant remote access to your device (computer / mobile phone / tablet), to someone you personally know and thoroughly trust. Never grant remote access to any incoming telephone callers. Try and avoid using publicly available USB re-charging points. These can be interfered with to compromise the security of your device (*Juice Jacking*). It is generally safer to charge devices from a standard electricity point or your own portable powerpack.

8. **CREDIT CARDS / BANK ACCOUNTS.** For added protection, please use a credit card for all your on-line transactions. Regularly check your bank accounts and credit card statements for any unusual transactions.

9. **QR CODES.** Carefully check QR codes before scanning them. Do they look genuine? Have they been tampered with? Can you do the transaction without using the QR code? Keep a very close eye on your bank / credit card accounts, after any financial transaction involving a QR code.

10. **INCOMING MESSAGES.** Be wary of ALL incoming messages, including, voice calls, SMS text messages, emails and social media messages, even from persons you may know or email addresses you recognise. Remember accounts can be hacked and emails, social media addresses and phone numbers can be *Spoofed* (falsified). Both voice calls and videos from individuals you know personally can be 'DEEP FAKED'. Don't rely on caller ID display. If you are concerned about an incoming call, hang up, call the caller back using another phone and the phone number **YOU** have obtained yourself from your own trusted sources. Never Assume, Never Believe, ALWAYS CONFIRM. Be particularly cautious of any requests you may get to change the details of a regular outgoing payment or to create a new payment. Always think - IS THIS A Payment Diversion Fraud.

11. **NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSWORDS.**  
Organisations including financial institutions, HMRC, the DVLA, the NHS, other Government bodies, and the Police will never ask for YOUR PIN, YOUR Passwords, YOUR personal or financial details. NEVER-EVER share those details. Any requests you get, claiming to come from such organisations WILL BE A SCAM!

12. **DON'T RUSH.** Question Everything / Seek Advice / Never Assume / Never Believe / ALWAYS CONFIRM. Take Five To Stop Fraud. Visit: [takefive-stopfraud.org.uk](http://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk). An excellent site to visit is *Have I Been Pwned* to check if your email has been compromised in a data breach. REMEMBER – NEVER CLICK ON ANY LINKS, NEVER DOWNLOAD ANY FILES FROM EMAILS OR MESSAGES YOU ARE NOT 100% SURE ABOUT. IF IT IS **OUT OF THE BLUE, IT'S NOT FOR YOU** DELETE IT.

### Reporting Cyber Crime

Telephone 0300 1232040 or go to [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

## WHITESTONE SINGERS and FRIENDS: CONCERT REVIEW

The Whitestone music evening on 4 December, organised by John Eyre and Liz Watkins, was a great showcase of village talent. The evening was topped and tailed with songs from the Whitestone Singers. They first gave us a set of sea shanties, which got the evening off to a roaring start, accompanied by Carol Galton on piano and Bryan Durrant on accordion and drum. There followed contributions from other village musicians. First, some Christmas carols from Julie Knight (voice) and Tricia Quinn (flute), and then "Send in the clowns" from Antony Galton (voice) and Ron Bramhall (piano). The first half was rounded off with some popular songs from James and Vicky Bryant, Bryan Durrant and Steve Tucker, with some lively audience participation.

After the interval, Whitestone handbell ringers enthralled us with some tricky renditions of well-known carols. Then came a delightful Christmas carol from John and Esther Robinson – a piece that John wrote over 50 years ago – followed by two Siciliennes from Carol and Antony Galton (cello and piano). Finally, Whitestone Singers returned to their theme of the previous year, with more songs from Flanders and Swann, finishing with a rousing audience-accompanied rendition of the Hippopotamus song, which is becoming a tradition for these occasions. The evening offered both nostalgia and joy, and everyone left feeling festive.

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

Mary Colson

(Photos by kind permission of Tricia Quinn)



SOME ONE-LINERS

Bought a litre of Tipp-Ex yesterday.  
Huge mistake.

I've started a business building  
yachts in my attic. Sails are going  
through the roof.

I stayed up all night to see where  
the sun went. Then it dawned on  
me.

I bought a dog from my local  
blacksmith. When I got it home it  
made a bolt for the door.

Last night I went to a comedy and  
philosophy convention. Laughed  
more than I thought.

Just watched a wildlife documentary  
on beavers. Best dam programme  
I've seen for a long time.

Jokes about German sausages are  
the Wurst.

I was trying to explain puns to my  
kleptomaniac friend today but she  
kept taking things literally

I stole a rabbit today. Then I had to  
make a run for it.

A woman told me she recognised  
me from the vegetarian club but I've  
never met herbivore

I told my friend she drew her  
eyebrows too high. She seemed  
surprised.

What does a clock do when it's  
hungry? It goes back four seconds.

My wife told me I was a fool to build  
a car out of spaghetti. You should  
have seen the look on her face  
when I drove pasta.

Just watched a documentary on how  
ships are kept together. Riveting.

Fools Russian?  
(Where Angels fear to tread!)

After that Alaska farce which promised us the earth  
but seemed instead to ensure Putin got **his** money's worth,  
we've since heard nought from Trump but loads of waffle, flannel, fudge  
as he is strung along by one whose attitude won't budge.  
This guy who's long kow-towed to Putin we've now heard complain  
he's heard no words of gratitude from victims in Ukraine,  
who though they've borne the brunt of Russian war crimes and assault,  
Trump reckons are to blame and it's Zelensky who's at fault!

So having had his recent Nobel Peace Prize bid rejected  
despite his claims he's stopped eight wars since being re-elected,  
the one that he was going to stop on day one of his reign  
has festered on with Russians stealing children and terrain.  
Like his tether, any wits Trump had are at an end!  
A pilgrimage to Moscow? Question is, who should he send?

Trump's envoy is Steve Wittkoff (an estate agent by trade!)  
He meets with Yuri Ushakov, (Vladimir Putin's aide)  
Negotiation was the raison d'être for the trip.....  
bringing home a peace plan to prove Trump had got a grip.  
But someone leaked the transcripts which disturbingly reveal  
that, disregarding Ukraine's fate, the two had struck a deal!

Wittkoff changed his role - became a gamekeeper caught poaching!  
His brief had now extended to non-diplomatic coaching.  
"Massage Donald's ego Yuri! Work on his conceit!  
Eulogize him, laud him, lick his boots, fall at his feet!  
I've got a copy of **your** options, there's no need to edit.  
We'll get this plan to Donald so that **he** can take the credit!"

Trump's 28-point plan for peace was not up for discussion.  
He doesn't read Cyrillics.....and can't speak a word of Russian!

Concensus between Trump and Putin on Ukraine's dissection  
bring to mind Narcissus and his love for his reflection!

Jobe November 2025



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY			
Sun	4 Jan	Whitestone Walkers Meet at Parish Hall car park at 9:30am or at venue at 10:20	p 19
Mon	12 Jan	Whitestone Prayer Group at Gary & Mary's house 7.30 pm to 8.45 pm	p 5
Thu	8 Jan	Arts & Crafts Club Parish Hall 10.00 - 12 noon	p 19
Thu	15 Jan	Parish Council Parish Hall 7.00 - 10.00 pm	p 19
Fri	16 Jan	Social Club Quiz & Curry Night	p 19
Fri	16 Jan	Last date for copy for the January magazine	p 18

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**Cllr Mary Belt on 01392 811374**  
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**The LAST DATE for contributions to the next Parish Magazine (February 2026) is**

**Friday 16th January**

**EMAIL ADDRESS**  
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WEEKLY EVENTS IN JANUARY 2026		
Day	Dates	Event
Mon	5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th	Pilates Parish Hall 6.15 to 7.15 pm.
Tue	13th & 20th	Short Mat Bowls Parish Hall 7.30 to 9.30pm
Wed	7th, 14th, 21st & 28th	Short Mat Bowls Parish Hall 10.00 - 12 noon
Thu	Please check	Parish Pals Parish Hall 10.00 - 12 noon
Fri	2nd, 9th & 23rd	Short Mat Bowls Parish Hall 7.30 to 9.30pm

## **WHITESTONE WALKERS**

### **Next Walk – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

Meet at Whitestone Parish Hall at 9:30 or at venue by 10:20. Meet near the east end of Sidmouth Esplanade opposite the junction with York Street near the Independent Lifeboat Station.

Parking in any of the nearby car parks cost £2 for all day (Sundays) such as Ham West (EX10 8BW) or Roxborough (EX10 8DD). Payment using RingGo App (ticket machines may be available?).

What3words:- To find the meeting point - what3words: ///cling.clock.echo

This is a walk of about 5.5 miles starting from the Esplanade. The first part of the walk does include a couple of long inclines. Stout footwear should be worn and walking poles or a stick may be useful in a couple of places, especially if slippery/muddy underfoot. A circular route that includes a little coastal path, takes in Soldier's Hill, with some fine sea views followed by woodland walking and a return to Sidmouth via the Byes and refreshments if so required.

**If you are going direct to Sidmouth please let me know at Jcbryant15@gmail.com**

## **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 currently have a full team of handbell ringers and continue to 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](http://www.whitestone-devon.org.uk) There is no meeting in August and the next Council meeting is in the Billiard Room of the Whitestone Parish Hall on Thursday **15th January** at 7.30pm.

## **SHORT MAT BOWLS**

We normally meet THREE times a week. **However, panto rehearsals mean a restricted January.**

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**

**Jan 16th 2026**

Quiz and Curry night. Teams of four. Open to members and non-members. Charge for non-members on this occasion will be £7. If you are attending (member or non-member) then please let Bryan know by **Monday 5th January.**

### **Monday**

**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026**

Talk by James Forshall on the work of the "Friends of Street Children Charity"

The annual subscriptions for 2026 are due on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026. The cost will remain at £16 for 2026. Money to Bryan either by cash or by bank transfer please (We now incur a charge for any cheques). The Social Club normally meets monthly, mostly in the Village 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 (£7 for the curry/quiz 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**

There is no Gardening Club meeting in January. The next meeting will be on Monday 16th February at 7.30pm for the AGM and a talk by Christine Skelmersdale on 'The Year-Round Bulb Garden'. All are welcome. For further information, contact Lesley Williams on 07803-173305

## **WHITESTONE ENTERTAINMENTS**

Very advance notice – The Budapest Café Orchestra will be returning to Whitestone on Sunday **8<sup>th</sup> November 2026.**

## **ARTS AND CRAFTS MORNINGS**

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COST: £2 per session

**January 8<sup>th</sup> Main Hall**

For further information contact Marian Durrant 01392811328 or Nikki Phillips 07763 879897

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