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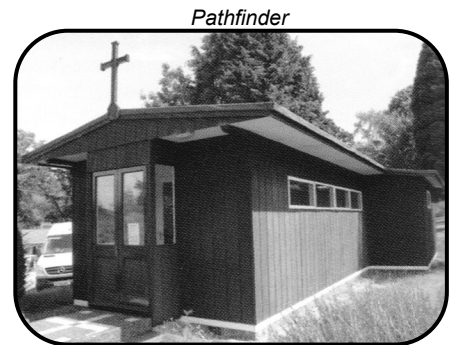
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Sunday 8th February

9:30 am Whitestone

9:30 am Holcombe Burnell

11:00 am Cheriton Bishop

3:00 pm Pathfinder

3:00 pm Tedburn St Mary

Parish Communion

Holy Communion

Family Service

Prayer and Fellowship

Evening Prayer

Revd P Sourbut

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Sunday 15th February

9:30 am Cheriton Bishop

11:00 am Whitestone

11:00 am Holcombe Burnell

3:00 pm Pathfinder

Parish Communion

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Morning Prayer

Evening Prayer

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Wednesday 18th February

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Holy Communion

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Sunday 22nd February

9:30 am Cheriton Bishop

9:30 am Tedburn St Mary

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6:00 pm Whitestone

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Family Service

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Evening Prayer

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Making Good Habits

It is said that we are creatures of habit. Habits can be both good and bad. It is thought that the brain carries out actions without you having to think about them. These become our habits. The subconscious is considered the most reliable part of the mind. As you practice doing something, you're transferring that action to your subconscious. People often say the more I think about it, the harder it is. It is helpful for us to have good habits. A simple example of a good habit could be brushing our teeth twice a day. Our teeth and our dentists really appreciate that good habit. It is a habit that prevents future problems. Given how good it is, you might be surprised to hear that only about 75% of adults maintain this habit. When I think of habits, I find it much easier to focus on the bad habits. A quick list of some of the bad habits: eating unhealthily, drinking too much alcohol, not drinking enough water and not taking enough exercise. Like most things in life, doing good needs extra effort, which often makes good habits harder to achieve. Conversely, doing little to help ourselves can lead to the development of bad habits. It is all too easy to fall into bad habits!

Which brings us to Wednesday, 18th February, Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. When I go into school and explain the church seasons, I explain Lent as the season for watching and waiting. We are waiting for Easter. The watching part is a little harder. We are watching to see how we are doing in our relationship with God. We are looking for areas where we can stop doing wrong. We also want to improve and develop in new ways. It is always good to help others and ourselves into better situations. A traditional approach is to give something up or start something new for Lent. You commit to doing this for the forty days. I wondered how long it took for things to become a habit. It was thought to be three weeks, but recent research suggests sixty-six days. So, a good Lenten observance is well on the way to becoming a new habit. Sadly, if you do not maintain it, it is unlikely to become a lifelong habit. I am sure Lent is always a timely reminder that we need to review and adjust our relationship with God. The wonder is that God does not tire of my below-average performance but rather encourages me to make the most of life and see how things grow and develop. So why not do something good for Lent? It might become a good habit, and it will certainly help you and other people.



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Date and Time	Theme
Wednesday 25 th Feb. 3.00 pm Pathfinder Church or 7 pm Zoom	Water into wine
Wednesday 4 th March 3.00 pm Pathfinder Church or 7 pm Zoom	Two Healings
Wednesday 11 th March 3.00 pm Pathfinder Church or 7 pm Zoom	Feeding 5000 and walking on Water
Wednesday 18 th March 3.00 pm Pathfinder Church or 7 pm Zoom	Healing a man born blind
Wednesday 25 th March 3.00 pm Pathfinder Church or 7 pm Zoom	Raising Lazarus

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WHITESTONE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

15th JAN 2026

Minutes of Whitestone at Whitestone Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th January 2026

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.
 Ms M Gibbard, Mr P Mingo, Mr D Brewer
 Apologies:- County Councillor A Connnett,

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Brewer spoke to the meeting regarding the planning application for Stoodleys Farm and his comments were duly noted.

89. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th December 2025 having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chair.

90. **REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**
 District Councillor Parrott reported on the current situation regarding re-organisation of the District Councils.

91. MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIR

Cllr Baird noted that thanks had been given to Whitestone Parish Council for arranging the taxi scheme in operation for the Parish due to the road closures.

She also gave thanks to Mr Mingo gritting on the lastlot of bad weather and for taking on the job of Snow Warden for the Parish and he indicated that although he has not as yet undertaken any training he has arranged for delivery of grit for the roads and Cllr Baird indicated that she would be sending him a list of the grit bins within the Parish.

92. **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.

92.1 25/01848/FUL/25/01849/FUL25/01850/FUL25/01851/FUL25/01852 Erection of agricultural building to house rotary dairy parlour at Upper Kingswell Farm.
 The Council reviewed this application and no concerns were raised.

92.2 26/01986/FUL Retention of earth works at Stoodley Farm, Six Mile Hill.
 The Council received significant concerns from the community regarding this proposal:-
 - Environmental concern around moving soil
 - The makeup of material that is creating the levelled area being structurally unsound
 - Concerns about the track

- Compromised drainage due to impact on the ditch in the hedge
 - Visual impact fro the A30 and Fingle Glen Golf Club
 - Concerns about stability of the retained earth works, slippage, land slides etc.
 - Concerns about the proposed agricultural building and demonstrable agricultural impact.
 - Furthermore, there is a lack of information regarding the application in terms of drainage environmental assessment, bi diversity impact etc.
- There was no support from attendees at the Parish Council meeting for the development and clear opposition from the local parishioners.

Refusal of Planning Permission

25/01661/AGRFDR Agricultural building for storage of vehicles, hay and fodder on land at Ngr 283487 94080, Heath Cross.

93. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

93.1 Signage: unsuitable road access for HGV for minor roads off the C50.

Discussion took place regarding this issue and investigation will take place regarding prices for A3 signs being placed on the roads affected.

93.2 Improvements at bus stop area

Cllr Belt reported on this area.

93.3 Crossway Park

Cllr Taylor reported that the slide has now been repaired.

Cllr Taylor to make enquiries for a rules and regulation sign for the playpark.

93.4 Quotation for pruning of walnut tree and other trees at bus stop area.

To be left until next financial year

93.5 Donation to Parish Hall Committee for kitchen refurbishment

This had been decided at December meeting but will be paid at this meeting.

93.6 Legal costs for Lower Hare Farm

Cllr Stott reported on the current situation and a decision was made by the Council that the outstanding sum of £5,031.06 (solicitors costs from the Judicial Review) should now be paid.

94. FINANCE

94.1 Bank balances at Nat West Bank as at 31st December 2025

Current Account	£200.00
Business Reserve Account 1	£23,490.54
Business Reserve Account 2	£3,555.64
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Income

94.2 1 School Houses rental to 2 nd January	
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94.3 2 School Houses rental to 7 th February	
£1,100.00 - £132.00 (includes £22.00 VAT) =	£968.00

Expenditure

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

94.4 L Blades (Lengthsman works)	£220.00
94.5 T W Woodley (Allsorts) (5 weeks cleaning of Whitestone Park Toilets)	£80.00
94.6 Whitestone Parish Hall (hire of rooms for meetings/Park facilities)	£101.10
94.7 Whitestone Parish Hall Donation towards kitchen refurbishment	£100.00

95 REPORTS

95.1 Cllr Taylor reported that she will liaise with District Councillor Parrott regarding potholes within the Parish.

95.2 Cllr Belt reported that she had to get a road sweeper out regarding mud on the road going out of the village. Also that the Hall Committee are in talks regarding a banner to advertise the Parish Hall.

95.3 Cllr Lang reported people having a BBQ in the playpark and this is not permitted.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm



TEDBURN ST MARY W.I. JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Tedburn St Mary WI celebrated the festive season - Christmas and New Year, with a lunch party at The Travellers Rest. Members were served a delicious meal by the pub, and everyone had a most enjoyable time. Many thanks to all the staff at The Travellers Rest, who worked so hard to make it such a special occasion. It was much appreciated.

Tedburn St Mary WI members have also participated in a craft session and walk, getting 2026 off to a busy start.

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. There are lots of activities on offer at Tedburn St Mary WI every 9 months, including good speakers, walks, and knitting and craft sessions. 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

Green (and hitherto Pleasant) Land?

The largest island in the world that guards the Arctic Ocean is causing quite a stir these days.....a Trump inspired commotion.

This land of mainly Inuits, part of the Danish nation, has served for donkey's years as NATO's early warning station against those Soviets of yore (rehashed as Putin's Russians) but now could be the focus of some long-term repercussions.

Trump wants it for himself to boost the Empire of the Yanks and won't accept the Greenlanders' and Danes' polite "No thanks!"

It seems the deal they've had for ages hosting US troops is not enough to stop him forcing Danes to jump through hoops.

Their offers to allow him mining minerals they need cuts no mustard with a bloke who's famous for his greed. It's not enough to satisfy his lust for empire building nor is it clear to him that Greenland's lily needs no gilding.

He will not sanction NATO allies guarding their own soil. Allies who (for once!) are offering to share the toil against the threat he claims of Russian or Chinese aggression

(a claim to justify his case for Danish dispossession!) These are the Allies who from time to time he would berate

for penny-pinching on defence and not pulling their weight.

He's clear he's gonna win by purchase or by force of arms, which understandably for most has triggered the alarms. "If buying Greenland from the Danes is out of the equation

I'll take a leaf from Putin's book and get it by invasion! What can the Europeans do, those toothless jerks in Brussels?

There's no way they can lift a finger, challenge US muscles!"

What happened to that motto, claiming that "In God we trust"

if threatening with tariffs forces "allies" to go bust ensuring that defence budgets he'd bullied them to boost cannot be met from incomes now dramatic'ly reduced!

Tariffs that he hitherto has **not** imposed on Putin (another fellow autocrat for whom he's clearly rootin'!) who's sitting on the sidelines now and grinning ear to ear, who'll benefit the most from Donald's bid to commandeer that sov'reign territory that the Greenlanders hold dear, an act that signals NATO's death knell leaving the coast clear

for Russia to do what it wants in **Europe's** hemisphere.

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Date	Speaker	Title
Wednesday 4 Feb 2026	David Westcott	Richard III and the Princes in the Tower David's talk will investigate the reign of one of England's most controversial Kings, Richard III, who visited Exeter 2 years before he was killed in battle. He will look at the various stories surrounding the fate of the Princes in the Tower during Richard III's reign.
Wednesday 11 Feb 2026	John Dean	Scars that Shine: The Madonnas of Pervyse, Mairi Chisholm and Elsie Knocker - WWI Women Heroes. Exeter born Elsie Knocker and her Scottish colleague Mairi Chisholm were called the Madonnas of Pervyse in recognition of their front line care of casualties and innovations in the Belgian trenches of WW1. They received national honours.
Wednesday 18 Feb 2026	Caroline Stephens	General Health, Feel energised & fabulous everyday! Caroline's talk will describe what being healthy means and how we can both maintain our general health and improve our energy levels and feelings of wellbeing.
Wednesday 25 February 2025	Dame Julia Slingo	My role at the Met Office. Dame Julia Slingo served as Chief Scientist at the Met Office for nearly 8 years. She was made a Dame in the 2014 New Year Honours for her services to weather and climate science. Before joining the Met Office she was the Director of Climate Research at the University of Reading.

Road Warden Scheme – Helping Our Community Care for Our Roads

The Road Warden Scheme is a partnership between Devon County Council and town or parish councils, giving local communities the opportunity to help look after their area by carrying out small, practical jobs in and around the public highway.

The scheme allows trained volunteers to undertake minor works, either on the live carriageway or away from it, helping to improve the appearance, safety, and environmental value of our roads and verges.

Why get involved?

- Helps the community carry out small jobs that Devon County Council is not legally required to do and may no longer have the resources to deliver.
- Free training provided through Devon County Council.
- Third-party insurance provided for approved works.
- Communities gain priority status when applying for the Highway Maintenance Community Enhancement (HMCE) Fund.
- A positive way to take pride in and improve our local area

What kind of work can Road Wardens do?

Road Warden volunteers may help with:

- Minor pothole repairs (where they do not meet intervention criteria).
- Clearing weeds and cutting back vegetation.
- Cleaning road signs and gully gratings.
- Cutting grass (with guidance provided)
- Repairing finger posts.
- Managing roadside verges to support wildlife

All works are agreed in advance with the local Highway Neighbourhood Officer and carried out in line with Devon County Council guidance. Road Wardens do not carry out safety-critical repairs, which remain the responsibility of the council.

How to get involved

If you'd like to find out more about becoming a Road Warden or supporting the scheme in our community, please contact: Councillor Tracy Baird

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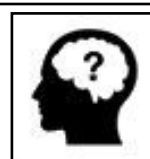
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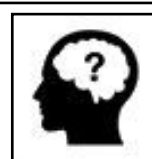


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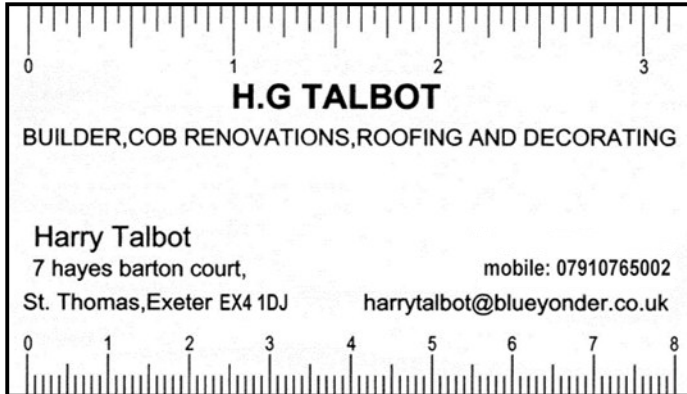
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR REPORTING FRAUD

Action Fraud is now **REPORT FRAUD**.

Starting on the 4th of December 2025, the City of London Police began the soft launch of **REPORT FRAUD**, a new service that replaces Action Fraud as the national platform for reporting cyber crime and fraud. Throughout December, Action Fraud began transitioning to **REPORT FRAUD**. Traffic to the old Action Fraud website was gradually redirected to **REPORT FRAUD**, helping to ensure a smooth transition for the public. The soft launch is now complete.

What's Changing?

The new **REPORT FRAUD** service has been designed by City of London Police to provide a better experience for victims and deliver improved information to law enforcement.

The New **REPORT FRAUD** Service Includes: A new **REPORT FRAUD** Contact Centre and online reporting tool, where victims can make reports of cyber crime and fraud.

The **REPORT FRAUD** Victim Service (formerly the National Economic Crime Victim Care Unit), continuing to provide specialist victim support.

How To Report Fraud and Cyber Crime

Members of the public can now report cyber crime and fraud at reportfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040 (the original Action Fraud phone number).

If you would like more information about the Report Fraud service, please visit: reportfraud.police.uk



Message Sent By
Mick Harrison
(Devon & Cornwall Police,
Cyber Protect Officer, Devon & Cornwall)

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU



Got opinions? Like your village and parish?
We need you!

Our Parish Council is looking for new councillors — ordinary people who care about where they live and want to help shape its future.

No experience needed, no suits required — just a bit of common sense, curiosity, and some time to spare. You'll help with local projects, planning comments, community events and keeping our parish a great place to live.

It's surprisingly interesting, occasionally challenging, and very rewarding.

Fancy finding out more or applying? Contact the clerk:

patricia.vaughan2@btinternet.com

Help keep pavements & roads safe!

But remember - Grit is for public roads & paths only - not private drives!

- When using a council grit bin: • Clear snow/ice first
- Spread a small amount — about a tablespoon of salt per 1 m² (this light layer helps prevent ice forming without waste)
- Focus on footpaths, tyre tracks & high-traffic spots
- Apply before frost or as ice starts forming
- Wear bright/hi-vis clothing for safety
- Report empty or damaged bins to your council via their website.

Stay safe and help your community!

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED FOSTERING

Dear Community/Parish/Village Hall,

We are a local charity-based fostering and fostering short breaks service and have been operating across Devon for 20 years. There is an urgent need to attract new people to think about becoming foster carer(s) and we are making efforts across our Devon communities to search for new people who may be interested. Nationally and locally, children/young people in need of fostering support currently outweigh the amount of available foster carers that can provide this vital care.

If there is anything else you can do to help, please get in touch with me.

Thank you very much for your time and help.

Regards
Andrew Fitzell

Practice Manager, Family Breaks Devon
Action for Children Fostering South West Peninsula and
Family Breaks Devon Regus, Exeter Business Park, 1
Emperor Way, Exeter EX1 3QS.
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Become a Foster Carer

We believe that every child and young person in the UK should have a safe and happy childhood. Choose to foster with us and you could give a vulnerable child a safe and loving home - **and the foundations they need to thrive.**

We will be there for you 24/7, all year-round, to give you any support you need.

We pay you a weekly fee plus an allowance, paid holiday and well earned discounts on lots of leading brands.

Why we need your help

More than 30,000 children enter the care system each year



Over 9,000 more Foster Families are urgently needed



Can you help? Yes...

If you are over 21 (25 in Scotland and Wales)

If you have a spare room

If you are a permanent resident of the UK

If you have time to dedicate to caring for a young person

Action For Children Fostering welcomes people from all ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds, with physical disabilities and the LGBTQ+ community. You can be single, married, a homeowner or a tenant. If you have space in your heart to change a child's life you can be a good foster carer.

Find out more at: actionforchildren.org.uk/fostering

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Caring for a child with disabilities can make an incredible difference.

That's why we need dedicated and passionate people to give children with disabilities regular overnight short breaks.

As a carer for our Family Short Breaks service in the south-west area, you'll create safe, meaningful and fun experiences for a child with a disability. Parents benefit by knowing their child is safe and cared for during a short break.

Do something incredible today.

Find out more:

actionforchildren.org.uk/devonshortbreaks

Or call us on **01392 360 865**



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VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

St. Catherine's PCC are in need of volunteers to join the team to help keep the church clean. (You do not need to attend church services - just a willingness to help us out).

What does this involve?

You would be added to the cleaning rota and would be responsible for cleaning the church approximately every 8 weeks. Cleaning mainly involves vacuuming the carpets and floor areas, removing any obvious cobwebs and a little polishing if needed. We have a vacuum cleaner and dusters etc which are kept in the church for cleaning purposes. Typically this takes around 40 minutes.

Please email Mary if you think you can help or require more information at:

colsonmary47@gmail.com

Thank you

BOOK CLUB REVIEW DECEMBER 2025

The Trouble with Goats and Sheep by Joanna Cannon

This book successfully captures the claustrophobia of suburban life in 1970s Britain.

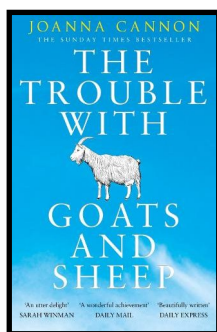
The book title comes from a parable and highlights the difficulty in judging others and reveals that everyone, even those who seem "sheep-like," hide secrets and flawed "goatish" behaviour.

A heatwave is blazing and Mrs Creasy is missing. The cul-de-sac is alive with whispers and long buried secrets bring old resentments to the surface. For 10 year-old Grace's best friend Tilly, the mystery is a welcome distraction from the usual summer holiday boredom and they decide to take matters into their own hands.

An entertaining read with many characters, both a mystery and tragedy. Fragments of the story slowly appear until the mystery is solved with a surprising climax.

The book created feelings of nostalgia for a simpler time, with glimpses of what people will do under duress, and how the more people that are involved, the more intense and dangerous things can become.

We enjoyed this book, despite the convoluted plot and many characters to keep track of. It has an undercurrent of serious emotions - the price of buried lies, the cost of wanting to belong and the effects of prejudice against differences and assumptions people make about each other.



THE 100 CLUB DRAW IN AID OF THE WHITESTONE PLAYPARK

Every month, a number from 1 to 100 is drawn by a parishioner at the Parish Council meeting.

This month's lucky number was 30 which is held by Tabitha Thom who collect the prize of £25

BOOK CLUB REVIEW JANUARY 2026

The Heart goes Last by Margaret Atwood

Atwood puts the human heart to the ultimate test in this book.

Stan and Charmaine are trying to stay afloat in an economic and social collapse. Job loss has left them vulnerable and forced to live in their car. They desperately need to improve their situation. The Positron Project in the town of Consilience seems to be the answer. No one is unemployed and everyone gets a comfortable house to live in. On alternating months, residents must leave their homes and function as inmates in the Positron prison system. When their month of prison service is complete, they can return to their "civilian" homes.

At first, this doesn't seem like a big sacrifice to make in order to have shelter and food to eat. But when Charmaine becomes romantically involved with the man who lives in their house while she and Stan are in the prison, a series of troubling events unfold, putting Stan's life in danger.

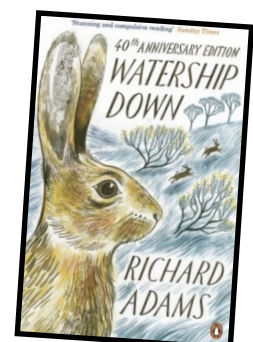
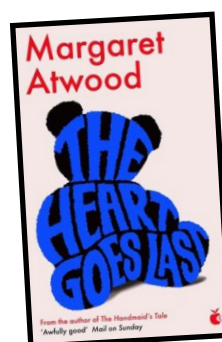
With each passing day, Positron looks less like a solution and more like a chilling prophecy. This book explores themes of desperation, desire, greed, exploitation and brutality. It describes a project that impacts personal freedom and an attempt at total social control.

With superb writing, Atwood creates a vivid vision of society decay, of struggle and hope—and the timeless workings of the human heart. It ends ambiguously with Charmaine and Stan together again but questioning their reality, as a "restorative" brain procedure is revealed as a placebo, leaving them to find their own way back to love in the dystopian world of Positron.

The book has themes of free will, identity, and manufactured happiness in a society where love is manipulated.

It generated a good discussion, and had mixed reviews. A challenging book to kick off the new year!

At our next meeting on February 9th we will review Watership Down by Richard Adams



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY			
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Sun	22 Feb	Exeter Bonzai Society Parish Hall 10.00 am - 5.00 pm	
Mon	23 Feb	Social Club Talk by James Forshall on the work of the "Friends of Street Children Charity" Parish Hall 7:30 pm	p 19

JOBS FOR THE PARISH WARDEN

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 Warden's line manager.

Cllr Mary Belt on 01392 811374
wpccontacthub@gmail.com

The LAST DATE for contributions to the next Parish Magazine (March 2026) is

Monday 16th February

EMAIL ADDRESS

magazine@superjock.co.uk

WHITESTONE
Parish Pals



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(NOT the 2nd Thursday of the month)
at Whitestone Parish Hall

**10-12
NOON**

£2 Contribution each meetup

For more information call Beryl on 811713

WEEKLY EVENTS IN FEBRUARY 2026

Day	Dates	Event
Mon	2nd, 16th & 23rd	Pilates Parish Hall 6.15 to 7.15 pm.
Tue	10th, 17th & 24th	Short Mat Bowls Parish Hall 7.30 to 9.30pm
Wed	11th, 18th & 25th	Short Mat Bowls Parish Hall 10.00 - 12 noon
Thu	19th & 26th	Parish Pals Parish Hall 10.00 - 12 noon
Fri	13th, 20th & 27th	Short Mat Bowls Parish Hall 7.30 to 9.30pm

WHITESTONE WALKERS

Next walk on Sunday 1st February 2026

A circular walk of less than 5 miles in the Teign Valley. Organiser & Leader Herb
Email as above. Tel: 07773552906

Meeting at Parish Hall at 0930. or Drewsteignton Square at 10.00am. If you intend to meet us at Drewsteignton, please notify me at: herbpiper@hotmail.com so that we do not start without you.

Parking is available at Drewsteignton Village Car Park (signposted on approach to village from Crockernwell direction) or passing through Village Square turn left towards Fingle Bridge, parking on left) Both locations are free but car park requests a donation.

Walk will be muddy and very uneven surfaces in places. Substantial footwear essential. Fingle Bridge Inn open for refreshments during walk or Drewe Arms in Drewsteignton Village at end of walk. Sunday Roast available. Herb.

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

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 There is no meeting in August and the next Council meeting is in the Billiard Room of the Whitestone Parish Hall on Thursday **12th February** at 7.30pm.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

We normally meet **THREE** times a week. **However, the panto means no bowls in the first week of February.**

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.

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.

SOCIAL CLUB

(Secretary Bryan Durrant 01392 811328)

Monday

Feb 23rd 2026

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

Monday

March 23rd

Talk by Dave Westcott on the SW Coastpath section from Plymouth to Exmouth, including a bit about the Brunel Atmospheric Railway at Starcross. Dave is the person who has previously given us talks on Exeter Quay.

The annual subscriptions for 2026 are due on 1st 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.

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.

GARDENING CLUB

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 **Saturday 7th November 2026.**

I am still waiting to hear from the Bondleigh Barn Band regarding a performance in the Spring.

ARTS AND CRAFTS MORNINGS

Are you trying to finish a painting, some sewing, knitting or anything else? Come along to Whitestone Parish Hall and give yourself time to finish off your project.

TIME: 10.00 to 12 noon

COST: £2 per session

February 12th Main Hall

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

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting will be on Monday 9th February at 2.00p in the Parish Hall.

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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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