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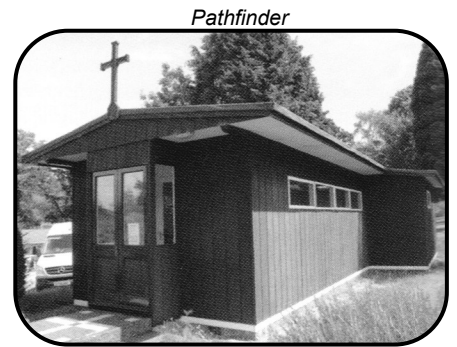
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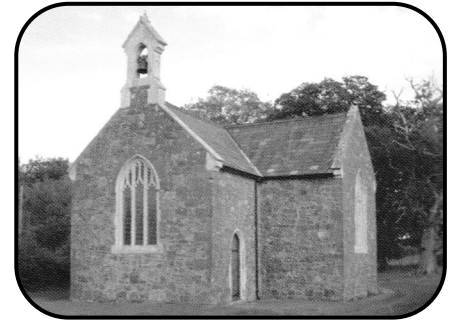
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Holy Communion

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Friday 3rd April Good Friday

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Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday

9:30 am Whitestone

Holy Communion

Revd Martin Wood

11:00 am Holcombe Burnell

Holy Communion

Revd V Lee

11:00 am Tedburn St Mary

Holy Communion

Revd Martin Wood

3:00 pm Oldridge

Holy Communion

Revd Martin Wood

6:00 pm Cheriton Bishop

Holy Communion

Revd Martin Wood

Sunday 12th April

9:30 am Whitestone

Parish Communion

Revd Martin Wood

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

6:00 pm Tedburn St Mary

Evening Prayer

Revd Martin Wood

Thursday 16th April

10:30 am Pathfinder

Holy Communion

Revd Martin Wood

Sunday 19th April

9:30 am Cheriton Bishop

Parish Communion

Revd Martin Wood

11:00 am Whitestone

Parish Worship

Revd Martin Wood

3:00 pm Pathfinder

Evening Prayer

Lay led

6:00 pm Holcombe Burnell

Evening Prayer

Revd Martin Wood

Sunday 26th April

9:30 am Cheriton Bishop

Morning Prayer

Lay led

9:30 am Tedburn St Mary

Parish Communion CW

Revd P Rapsey

11:00 am Holcombe Burnell

Family Service

Lay led

3:00 pm Pathfinder

United Service

6:00 pm Whitestone

Evening Prayer

Ian Stobart

Sunday 30th April

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FROM THE RECTOR

Light overcoming darkness

As we move into April, the days are longer than the nights. Lent draws to a close on Holy Saturday, 4th April. The word lent is from the Old English word *lencten*. *Lencten* means "spring." Literally, it means the lengthening of days as the sun's light lingers in the sky just a bit longer. The sense of more light in the evening was dramatically increased by the arrival of British Summer Time on the 29th March. For Holy Saturday, the sunrise and sunset times in Devon are 6.46 am and 7.53 pm, giving a total of 13 hours and 7 minutes of daylight. Maundy Thursday gives us the full moon before Easter (the date of Easter is set as the Sunday after the spring full moon). This means there should be a bright moonlit night if the clouds allow us to see the full moon. So why is the light so important? If we cast our minds back three months, it was dark when we got up and dark when we got home from work. The darkness had the upper hand, and everything around us was dormant, waiting for light and warmth. Now we can see everything around us returning to new life, with fresh greenery and plants growing quickly again. The light brings renewal and the promise of warmer weather.

For Christians, there is an extra dimension to that renewed hope. As we recall Jesus' death on Good Friday and him lying dead in the tomb on Holy Saturday, the shadow of death had been cast over Jesus; there was a sense of desolation. There is also a clear sense of darkness and injustice prevailing over goodness, accompanied by pervasive hopelessness. If that were the end of it, then the story of Jesus would have died a long time ago. Easter Sunday, 5th April, recalls how the women find the tomb empty, and Jesus appears to Mary and the disciples. He is not dead but alive. The shadow of death and the sense of evil overcoming good is replaced with the promise of new life and hope. Jesus becomes the first person to show a life after death, and he promises an eternal destiny beyond the grave that many people call heaven. It also gives hope to people as loved ones die, and when, as on Easter Saturday, all appears to be hopeless.

Easter is also about a renewed and restored relationship with God, where our shortcomings and failures are wiped clean. We can bring about changes in our everyday relationships through love and forgiveness, which mirror how God treats us. It brings about the possibility of a little heaven here and now. Jesus taught us to pray '*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven....*' It is a wonderful thing to see how God can change our situation and relationships if we allow him to guide us.



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Monday 11th May 2026
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Vicky Bryant

WHITESTONE PLAYERS AGM

**WEDNESDAY 22nd April 2026
in the Billiard Room at the
Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

This is an especially important AGM as various changes to the Pantomime structure will be proposed. It is important that your input is considered and discussed.

If you have any matters that you would like included for discussion, please email the secretary,
Judith Read - at judithjuduff@gmail.com

Everyone is welcome. Please do come and join us to find out what is happening, talk about how you can become involved (on and off stage) and either meet up with everyone or catch up with the 'Pantomime Family'. It is all about fun and laughter.

We look forward to seeing you.

PARISH of WHITESTONE with OLDRIDGE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

The 2026 AGM of Parishioners and the Annual PCC meeting will take place in the Billiard Room, Whitestone Parish Hall on **Wednesday 15th April at 7.00 pm**

Notes:

1. The AGM of Parishioners is to appoint Churchwarden/s
2. Any person on the church electoral roll or on the local government electoral register is welcome to attend the AGM of Parishioners.
3. All those on the church electoral roll are welcome to attend both above meetings

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IN MEMORY OF PETER HANSON

Whitestone's Peter Hanson died at the beginning of March this year. His funeral will take place at St Catherine's Church on 31st March at 2:00 p.m. Many tributes to Peter have been received by the Parish Magazine and a few are reproduced here to give an insight into Peter's contribution to Whitestone.

" In 2006 many of the community activities in the village had ceased. On 23rd March that year Peter (a new resident) instigated and led a meeting to form a Social Club. It was decided that a meeting would consist of a talk followed by an informal chat with shared food/drink. Peter became the Chairman and has remained so ever since. Not only did that bring villagers together for a monthly meeting, but it also inspired the start-up of other groups and brought life back into the village. One of these was Whitestone Walkers – the first walk (advertised by Peter as a gentle walk) was down Hill Lane, up the other side to Holcombe Burnell and back. Surprisingly people came back the next month!

Twenty years on and the Social Club and the Whitestone Walkers are still going strong and there are now numerous other social groups that meet regularly in the village.

Thank You Peter"

" When Guy and I first moved to Whitestone over ten years ago, we immediately noticed what a welcoming, vibrant community it was, with a whole variety of activities happening at the Parish Hall and an email circulation list connecting people. When I enquired how this sense of community had been achieved and how it had been set up, the answer was almost unanimous answer: Peter Hanson. And then somewhat later, I noticed a circular from Neighbourhood Watch, in collaboration with the Co-op, asking for nominations for an award for exceptionally neighbourly individuals. I immediately thought of Peter. This is what I wrote:

Peter has made an enormous contribution to our community: he is always willing to help and is the first person anyone turns to if they need anything done, from organising community activities to putting out an appeal to find a lost cat, or setting up a community response to a potential reduction in local bus services. Peter has set up an email list, open to anyone in the community, whereby people can contact each other about anything, from needing to borrow a ladder, to how to manage driving in bad weather on our steep and pot-holed roads. He also helps people to make use of a shared set of tools and helpful items which he keeps, or of which he knows the whereabouts. In addition he (with others) installed improvements to the Parish Hall, like solar panels, a new kitchen and new toilets (thereby helping to ensure its financial viability), as well as being involved in the local pantomime.

As this suggests, Peter is quite exceptional in the effect he has had our community. Since he and his wife Ros moved here, he has quietly regenerated the community into a really lively village with lots happening, open to everyone. He has galvanised various social activities like the social club; for example he successfully applied for a grant to hold a social occasion for us all to get to know each other better, given that our large parish is rather widely dispersed. He does not call attention to himself but is always supportive of any village event. Peter is unassuming, modest and gentle, and never imposes his views on others. He seems to show up when needed. and simply facilitates things by being thoughtful and dedicated to the welfare of our community. He is unfailingly helpful to other people.

That was written in 2018, and I'm glad to say he was given the award, which we celebrated later at an event in the Parish Hall. He will be greatly missed."

"Peter will also be remembered for his services to the Whitestone Parish Council, the Parish Plan and to the Whitestone Parish Hall Management Committee."

Sadly, Peter's wife, Ros, died just one year before Peter and we extend our sympathies to their surviving children. Peter's funeral will take place at St Catherine's Church on March 31st at 2:00 pm. Extra parking will be available at St. Catherine's Nursery and Glebe House .

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MINUTES OF WHITESTONE PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2026.

Attendance:- Chair – Cllr T Baird
Councillors M Belt, M Frankum, P Stott,
T Taylor
District Councillor J Parrott – arrived at 7.50pm
Apologies:- County Councillor A Connett,
Councillor Lang.

104. Minutes of the Council Meetings held on Thursday 25th January and Thursday 12th February having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chair.

105. MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIR

105.1 Cllr Baird requested that fly tipping was to be reported to Devon County Council via the link on the Whitestone Parish website.

105.2 It was reported that an invoice had been received from Parish Online for £90.00 to cover mapping software. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed not to renew this procedure as several alternative mapping resources are available.

106. PLANNING

106.1 26/00263/FUL Construction of slurry lagoon at Upper Kingswell Farm, Longdown. This application was reviewed and has not received any major concerns from the local community. Minor concerns raised during the meeting included importation of slurry from other farms and use of large vehicles to transport and distribute slurry damaging the roads and causing traffic problems.

Refusal of Planning Applications

106.2 26/00109/AGR Agricultural access track at Hill Farm Barn, Hill Lane

106.3 25/02060/CLDP Certificate of lawful use for proposed replacement single storey extension at the rear of the property at 2 Cleave Cottage.

Discharge of Conditions

106.4 25/00488/COND2 Discharge of conditions 3 (external materials) & 10 (surface & foul water drainage) on planning application 25/00488/VAR – Variation of condition 2 on planning permission 21/02612/FUL (dwelling to replace existing agricultural building) to amend design of the dwelling at Styles Barton Meadow.

107. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Councillor Parrott provided a further update on Local Government Reform with feedback from Central Government expected in June 2026 to

confirm preferred remodel for Devon. Parish Council elections will take place in May 2027.

108 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

108.1 Feedback from Teignbridge Leaders event

Cllr Stott gave a full report from representatives from Whitestone Parish Council who attended the Local Leaders Event hosted by Teignbridge District Council. Details of a new CIL Fund were presented which offers Parish and Town Councils the opportunity to bid for “match funding” (at a 50:50 rate) to support community projects. Projects of between £1,000-£100,000 can be funded but the size of funding pot is obviously limited by the available funds from the Councils.

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108.2 Judicial Review

Cllr Stott reported that a further invoice for £379.80 had been received from Leigh Day Solicitors which finalized the payments for the Judicial Reviews against Devon County Council Planning and this would be passed for payment tonight.

108.3 Budget

Will be discussed at the April Council meeting.

108.4 Council Surgeries

After discussion this was fixed for Saturday 25th April 2026 from 11am to 1pm and will be advertised to “Meet and Greet of Parish Councillors”. Parishioners are invited to come along with some ideas of what you would like to see happening in the Parish. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

108.5 Parish Plan update

Initial discussions took place and this will be resolved at the April Parish Council meeting.

108.6 Improvements at bus stop area

We are waiting for the better weather to be able to continue with painting the bus shelter.

108.7 Whitestone Sports and Social Club Funday

This event, although not organized by the Parish Council, will take place on Saturday 18th July from 2pm to 5pm and it is hoped that all residents will support.

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108.8 Crossway Park & Community Garden
 Cllr Taylor reported that lots of work has been undertaken in the Community Garden to remove invasive species of weeds and ensure that paths remain accessible to all residents. The Parish Council would like to thank all those who have helped with the gardening over the past month. Next steps are being considered including a potential shelter.

The Community Garden working party will still be meeting on Saturday 18th April and members of the Parish are invited to join for refreshments and discussion of next steps.

The Parish Council are also hoping to get a team of volunteers to help paint the back and possibly front of the garages with the paint that has kindly been donated as part of the refurbishment around the Community Garden area.

109.FINANCE

109.1 Balances at Nat West Bank as at 28th February 2026

Current Account	£200.00
Business Reserve Account 1	£19,586.95
Business Reserve Account 2	£3,561.01
	£23,347.96

Income

109.2 1 School Houses rental to 02/04/26
 £950.00 - £444.00 (inc. £29.00 VAT) = £506.00

109.2 2 School Houses rental to 07/04/26
 £1100.00 - £192.00 (inc. £32.00 VAT) = £908.00

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

Expenditure

109.3 L Blades – (Lengthsman works) – cheque 849 £286.80

109.4 T W Woodley (Allsorts) (4 weeks cleaning Park Toilets) – cheque 850 £64.00

109.5 Whitestone Parish Hall (hire of rooms for meetings/Park facilities) cheque 851 £90.60

109.6 Clerk’s salary and expenses cheque 853 £449.04

109.7 HM Revenue and Customs (Clerk’s income tax on salary) - cheque 854 £101.40

109.8 Leigh Day – Challenge to decision of DCC Planning – cheque 855 379.80

109.9 Exeter Property Maintenance (paid through Winkworth) £270.00

110. REPORTS

110.1 Cllr Frankum reported that he had applied to the P3 Scheme for £3,000 for maintenance of pathways etc. within the Parish.

110.2 Cllr Belt reported that the dog bin at the Parish Hall was broken and she had reported this to Teignbridge District Council. Also the broken sign for the passing place in Pound Lane will be reported by Cllr Frankum as well as the 30miles per hour sign near Edenfield.

Cllr Belt reported to the meeting on the recent death of Peter Hanson who used to be a member of the Parish Council and condolences were offered to his family.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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Date	Speaker	Title
Wednesday 01/04/26	<i>Easter break</i>	<i>No Meeting</i>
Wednesday 08/04/26	<i>Easter break</i>	<i>No Meeting</i>
Wednesday 15/04/26	Professor Martin Sorrell	The Phantom Train Professor Sorrell will describe antifascist Francesco Fausto Nitti's two-month journey on a deportation train from the South West of France to Dachau. Initially planned to last three days this was the longest and probably the most eventful of all deportation journeys out of France during the Second World War.
Wednesday 22/04/26	Lottie Dale	Falling With Style Lottie returns: Her dad was a pilot in WW2 – and she acquired his love of flying. Unable to afford flying lessons she learned how to fall out of perfectly serviceable aircraft. After her first at 31 years old in the next 17 years she completed more than 1200 skydives having been in Air Display Teams, taken part in British Record Jumps and competed at National Level.
Wednesday 29/04/26	Sally Smith	The Women Who Went Round the World Sally will make a welcome return visit to follow up her talk on magnificent women in the air. This talk will look at the amazing journeys of women who circled the globe, by land, sea and air including the adventures they had and some of the trials they had to overcome. (This talk was postponed from 2025)
Wednesday 06/05/26	AGM and short talk	The Exeter Forum AGM will follow a short 25 minute talk. Subject and speaker to be confirmed

It continues to be an enjoyable and sociable year for the members of Tedburn St Mary WI. The ladies of this local group, now numbering over forty in total, have had lots on offer to them via their WI in March 2026.

A lunch out was held at The Post Inn, a local inn at Whiddon Down. Tedburn St Mary WI aim to have a lunch out every month, providing members with the opportunity to relax and socialise, but also to give support to local businesses. A further lunch outing is planned for April.

Sadly, the weather continues to challenge the plans for a monthly walk, but Tedburn St Mary WI members hope to soon be out admiring the Spring flowers, along with the members dogs, who also like to join in with the fun!

The speaker at the March meeting was Mark Chambers, who delivered a comprehensive and informative presentation about the Teign Valley Railway. This was illustrated by his fascinating collection of vintage photographs of the railway. This presentation sparked lots of memories for members of family stories of the railway, and journeys experienced in the past. Mark conducts guided walks along the railway route, which members are welcome to participate in and find out more about this part of our local history.



Some Tedburn St Mary WI members with Mark Chambers, following his presentation on the Teign Valley Railway.

Tedburn St Mary WI crafting sessions are always well supported, and continue to offer a variety of art and craft active and projects for members to engage in. 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 month, 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.

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Applications need to be fully costed with documentary evidence provided and must be accompanied by a completed data protection form which is available on the Whitestone website*. They should be sent to the Hon Secretary, Sue Llewelyn, Trillow, Halsfordwood Lane, Nadderwater, EX4 2LD or by email:

susan.llewelyn@hmc.ox.ac.uk
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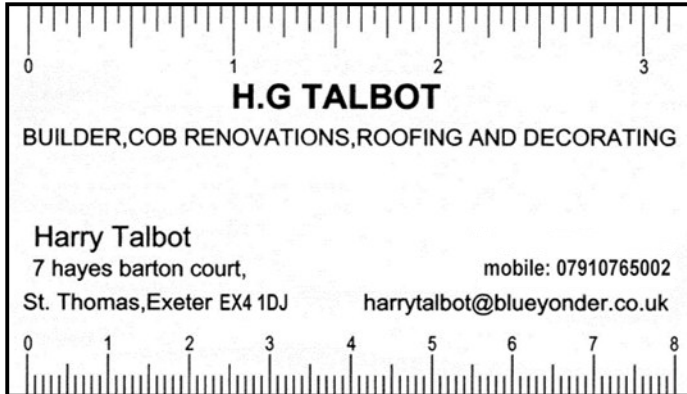
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News from the Moors

I hope you are all keeping well and have enjoyed the moments of kinder weather that we have been treated to. It has been a mix of highs and lows at our various places over the past month. One of the highs has been the fabulous 'A Woman's Place' exhibition, which has been on display throughout the castle during March. It has been very well received by our volunteer team and visitors, especially as it features a portrait of our very own Bunny Johnstone and our longest serving volunteer Pat, who has been with us for 35 years. In light of this warm response, we hope to extend it's time in the castle through April.

A low has been a delay in reopening the Devils Cauldron entrance to Lydford Gorge. Our annual rock face surveys were completed in February. During these checks, the team identified movement in a large section of rock above the Devil's Cauldron trail. This means the area cannot currently be signed off as safe for visitors. The exceptionally wet winter has likely contributed to the natural movement of the gorge's rock. We are now assessing the best way to secure the section safely. We'll share updates as soon as more is known, and we hope to reopen by the end of March. The waterfall entrance opened as planned on Saturday 14 March.

Winter is always a busy time in the garden and this winter at Finch Foundry has been no exception. The fabulous StOC team laid the hedge on the picnic area side of the Secret Passage in November. Laying a hedge like this creates good habitat for wildlife allowing small mammals and birds to move around safely in the scrub and providing food for them to eat in the form of insects and berries. The holly trees, on the hedgeline by the Quaker Graveyard, had to be cut down but holly is one of those trees that will quite happily re-grow if it is cut down to a stump, so we are going to leave these trees to re-generate. The regenerated holly will provide good wildlife habitat once they start to re-grow.

We have used some of the 'arisings' from the holly to create a dead hedge to screen our compost heap area from the rest of the garden. Building dead hedges is an excellent way of making use of woody material in gardens. Not only can you build a screen (or sculpture), but the material provides wildlife habitat for birds, mammals and insects as well as the bacteria and fungi that will eventually contribute to the hedge rotting down. We noticed a robin rooting about in our hedge within seconds of our finishing its construction. There is still quite a lot of holly brash left over and we have piled this in Mill Meadow for the time being. Our plan is to continue our dead hedge theme and build a dead hedge sculpture on Mill Meadow. Again, this creates an attractive wildlife friendly space and hopefully may inspire people to try building their own structures in their back gardens! So, as always, lots going on! I very much hope to bump into you out and about soon.

Best wishes all,

Paula

Volunteering & Community Manager,
Dartmoor 07826 945107,
paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk

The Silence of the Girls by Pat Barker

This is the story of the Iliad described through the experiences of women and girls captured and turned into slaves during the Trojan Wars. Barker reframes the story through the voiceless women of war in this vivid novel.

When her city falls to the Greeks, Briseis's old life is shattered, her husband and brothers murdered. Transformed from queen to captive, she is given to the god-like warrior Achilles as a prize of war. This book is about people - their egos and wars—both personal and political. The dirt, filth, disease and brutal physicality of the Greek army destroying everything to conquer Troy was a difficult read for most of our members.

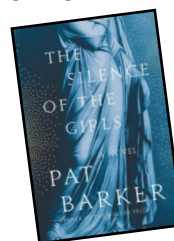
Women are told repeatedly to remain silent, to submit to whatever comes their way because fighting against it is inevitable. Heroic behaviour isn't admirable when viewed through the lens of the women they abuse. The women call Achilles a butcher, his men and historians call him great, brilliant, godlike but nobody could challenge this violent patriarchal culture.

This book is deeply humane and invites us to look differently at history and at our own ways of telling stories about the past and the present, and at how anger and hatred still exist in our world today.

As the story progresses, Achilles is portrayed not just a brutal warrior, but as a complex troubled man. All the characters are well defined, the writing is excellent and draws the reader into another world. With accurate historical detail and great prose, Barker describes the reality of Greek camp life.

Feedback from the group was largely negative - a powerful read; deeply depressing; brilliant writing; formulaic; didn't enjoy the reimagining of history; absorbing and engrossing.

At our next meeting on April 13th we will review *A Long Night in Paris* by Dov Alfon.



Jane Rose.

**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 14 which is held by Jo Cox who collects the prize of £25

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY			
Wed	1 Apr	Table Tennis Parish Hall 7:00 - 9:00 pm	p 17
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Thu	23 Apr	Parish Council Billiard Room - Parish Hall 7.30 - 10.00 pm	
Fri	24 Apr	Parish Council Surgery Billiard Room - Parish Hall 11.00 am - 1:00 pm	
Sun	26 Apr	Exeter Bonzai Society Parish Hall 10.00 am - 5.00 pm	
Mon	27 Apr	Social Club Parish Hall 7:30 pm	p 17

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WEEKLY EVENTS IN APRIL 2026		
Day	Dates	Event
Mon	6th, 13th, 20th & 27th	Pilates Parish Hall 6.15 to 7.15 pm.
Tue	7th, 14th, 21st & 28th	Short Mat Bowls Parish Hall 7.30 to 9.30pm
Wed	1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd	Short Mat Bowls Parish Hall 10.00 - 12 noon
Wed	8th & 15th	Handbells Parish Hall Extension 2 - 4 then 1:30 - 3:30
Thu	2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th	Parish Pals Parish Hall 10.00 - 12 noon
Fri	6th, 13th, 20th & 27th	Short Mat Bowls Parish Hall 7.30 to 9.30pm

**The LAST DATE for contributions to the next
Parish Magazine
(May2026) is**

Thursday 16th April

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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

WHITESTONE WALKERS

Next Walk – Sunday 12th April (Not 5th April)

Meet at Whitestone Parish Hall at 09:30 or at 10:10 the free Car Park at the Newton Poppleford (Just after the local shop, turn right into School Road. Turn right again into free car park).

If you are going direct to Newton Poppleford then please let Jock know at:

walkers1@superjock.co.uk

The walk is a loop of about 4.3 miles that takes in Aylesbury Common. It is mainly on paths/lanes but can be muddy in places.

Jock & Sue

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:

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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 **9th April** at 7.30pm.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

We normally meet THREE times a week. Please see table on page 16 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.

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting will be on Monday 13^h April at 2.00p in the Parish Hall.

WHITESTONE ENTERTAINMENTS

Very advance notice – The Budapest Café Orchestra will now be returning to Whitestone on Saturday 7th November.

SOCIAL CLUB

(Secretary Bryan Durrant 01392 811328)

Mon 27th April Devon's Wonderful Hedges
An illustrated talk by Dr Rob Wolton. Dr Wolton is an ecologist, farmer and author. His talk will cover the history, wildlife and management of Devon's hedges and small woodlands

Sat 9th May Annual Dinner (Members only).
Names of attendees and any special dietary requirements to Bryan by Monday 27th April.

The annual subscriptions for 2026 are now overdue. The cost remains 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. 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 gardening club will meet on Monday 20th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall when Becca Redkite will be talking about 'Companion Planting'.

There will also be an outing to Stone Lane Gardens, Chagford (with a guided tour) on Thursday 16th April (pm)

All are welcome.

Contact Lesley on 07803-173305

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

April 9th Main Hall

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

TABLE TENNIS

The next session will be on Wednesday 1st April at 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

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Tel: 01392 811245 email: carolinehoneywill@icloud.com

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