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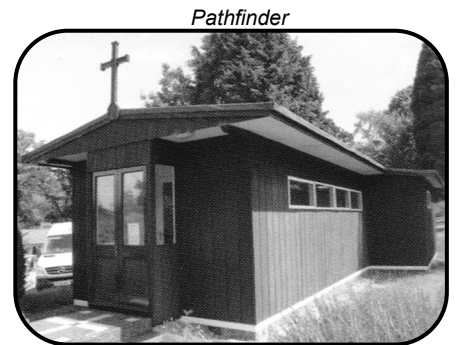
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Sunday 05 July 2026

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6.00 pm	Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

Thursday 9 July 2026

10.30 am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 12 July 2026

9.30 am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd V Lee
9.30 am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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

Sunday 19 July 2026

9.30 am	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Revd V Lee
11.00 am	Whitestone	Parish Worship	Lay led
3.00 pm	Pathfinder	Evening Prayer	Lay led
6.00 pm	Holcombe Burnell	Evening Prayer	Lay led

Thursday 23 July 2026

10.30 am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 26 July 2026

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
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FROM THE RECTOR

A warmer time of year

In our country, July is the hottest month. It has the highest average temperature of all the months. August is not much cooler. July has two advantages over August: the day length is longer, so there's potentially more sunshine, and the weather is usually drier. As a schoolboy, I remember being stuck in the boiling hot classroom at the end of the summer term. I was excited and looking forward to the summer holiday filled with sunshine, fun and camping. As soon as the holidays started, the heavens opened, and camping was wet and soggy, often forcing us to give up and go home when everything got wet!

The 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow start around the beginning of the school holidays. I have great concern that they may have quite a bit of rain. Aside from the chance of rain, I am sure the games will create fantastic chances for sporting excellence. The Commonwealth Games are also known as The Friendly Games. Interestingly, they were the first to integrate para-athletes, making the event very inclusive. This happened twenty-four years ago. The Commonwealth has been very much part of the late Queen's great unifying works. The King has taken on this role. There is a King's baton relay, which started on 10th March 2025; it will take 500 days to visit 72 nations. Interestingly, the baton is made from sustainably sourced ash wood from Scotland. Behind the games are the ideas of bringing people together and helping people to achieve their full potential. There is also a legacy of inspiring people to try new things that they might not have known about.

I am struck by how much life is like this. We try to navigate life's ups and downs whilst always planning for a better tomorrow. The great lesson to learn is to make the most of today while being ready for the future. Paul reminds the Corinthian church that the race of life (1 Corinthians 9:24-26) is for an imperishable prize: eternal life. Unlike a competition where there can be only one winner, we can all share in that imperishable prize. The sense is that we should all enter, compete, and be fully prepared to engage in life. It is not a manifesto to do nothing, because everyone will get a share anyway. As I move through life, there are times when I fall flat on my face and lose track of where I am going, but we all need to pick ourselves up and keep going. We are to be encouraged that God and the great cloud of witnesses who have already run the race now surround us and cheer us on in the race that is life (Hebrews 12 vs. 1-2). We are never alone and are always being encouraged forward into God's nearer presence, especially when we stumble and fall. So, whatever your plans are for July, be encouraged that God is willing you on, even when it all goes differently from how you imagined it might!

*Rev. Martin Wood. The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop EX6 6HY 01647 24119
(Tuesday to Sunday) revwood163@gmail.com*

Prayer for the month:

Send your Holy Spirit to help our community here in Whitestone to live in joyful service through knowing your love for us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

From the Church Register

Louisa Jane Cutting
Died 9th May 2026
92years old
Buried on 10th June 2026 at St. Catherine's Church



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IN AID OF BREAST CANCER UK

It's Pam & Bob Hunt's 50th wedding anniversary in early July. They would like to welcome any friends and neighbours to their home on:

**Wednesday 1 July,
10.00 to 11.30 am or
2.00 to 4.00 pm**

to have a cup of coffee or tea plus a piece of home made cake at a cost of £4.00 with all proceeds going to Breast Cancer UK .

Everyone welcome.



David Lee (known as Dave)

Dave passed away peacefully on Sunday 7th June 2026, aged 82 years. He was the devoted husband of Pam and the loving father of Joanne and Sophie and the caring Grandad of Thomas, Emily, Milo and Louis. He will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him.

The funeral service will be at the Exeter & Devon Crematorium on Tuesday 30th June at 2pm, St Pauls Chapel, and all are welcome. Dave will be leaving from home and travelling through the village with the family at approximately 1.20pm.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, will be for the Alzheimer's Society and may be made at the retiring collection or sent to LeRoy Funerals, 10 Alphington Road, Exeter, EX2 8HH.

The funeral will be live streamed. Please follow the link:
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A User Name **kezi5845** and a password **919546** will be required to view.

TRIBUTE TO DAVE LEE

We first met Dave when we became involved in the Whitestone Pantomimes. He would be there at the foot of the stage playing his guitar enthusiastically alongside the pianist.

Our paths thereon crossed regularly, mainly at Table tennis club and at Village Voices rehearsals, but we really got to know Dave when he set up "Cuban Airwaves" and wanted James and I to join him and other musicians to form a band. Dave was extremely enthusiastic about Cuban music and this rubbed off on us all. Our annual "Cuban Airwaves" parties always involved Dave plying us with over generous sized mojitos and expected us to finish the evening by playing through a few more Cuban numbers!

Dave gave his time generously to so many village activities and he will be greatly missed.

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MINUTES OF WHITESTONE PARISH COUNCIL AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 11TH JUNE 2026

Attendance:- Chair – Cllr P Stott
Councillors M Belt, M Frankum, C Lang, T Taylor
District Councillor J Parrott
Mr Mark Escott
Mr Phil Mingo

Apologies:- Cllr T Baird,
County Councillor A Connett

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Mingo reported that he was in attendance regarding the footpath at Crossway Park where the soakaway from the Teign Housing properties was causing concerns. After discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to Teign Housing regarding the matter. District Councillor Parrott said that he would also look into the issue.

41. Apologies having been received from Cllr Baird the meeting was convened by Cllr Stott and the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2026 having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chair.

42. Co-option of new Parish Councillor

Mr Mark Escott was asked to join the Council following his application and he subsequently signed the necessary declaration of acceptance of office and then joined the meeting.

43. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Councillor Parrott provided an update on Local Government Reform. He confirmed that a final decision should be received shortly on the model of the new District Council and that the formation of a showdown authority will be in place until 2028. He also confirmed that the local plan had been signed off with the development at Atwells Farm forming part of the plan. It is important to note that planning permission for his development has not been started as a housing developer will need to be tendered before the development proceeds. He also confirmed that delayed refuse collections are being addressed. Cllr Belt requested that the dog bin be replaced as it is decaying. District Councillor Parrott confirmed this would be followed up.

44. 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 be sent which can be viewed on Teignbridge District Council Planning site.

44.1 26/00820/CLDE Certificate of Lawfulness for erection of building and continuous use as a single self-contained residential dwelling house (Use Class C3) together with use of land as residential

at Exeter View Stables Rowhorne Road. Planning notification for information only – no action required by the Parish Council.

44.2 Grant of conditional planning permission
26/00529/FUL Change of use of an existing single dwelling house (Use Class C3) to a residential children's home (Use Class C2) for the care of up to two children at Marylands.

45. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

45.1 Council Surgery

This will take place from 7pm to 7.30pm on 10th September 2026 and will be advertised through posters, Facebook and via the Parish magazine. Cllr Lang confirmed that she would take these actions forward.

45.2 Crossway Park & Community Garden

Cllr Taylor gave an update and soil and grass seed had been installed within the area for which the Council gave their thanks.

45.3 Parish Plan

Cllr Stott suggested that most actions of the Parish Plan had been enacted and that it would be useful to test some fresh ideas with the Parish regarding priorities and allocation of funds. The Council will propose five ideas at the next meeting and then test them via the Facebook Group to determine popularity

46. FINANCE

46.1 Income

It was noted that no income had been reported from School Houses and the Clerk was instructed to request an explanation from the Estate Agents.

Expenditure

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

46.2 L Blades – (Lengthsman £248.40 Grass cutting £290.00)	£538.40
46.3 T W Woodley (Allsorts) (4 weeks cleaning of Whitestone Park Toilets)	£64.00
46.4 Clerk's salary and expenses	£465.94
46.5 HM Revenue and Customs (Clerk's income tax on salary)	£101.40
46.6 Mrs T Taylor (soil and grass seed)	£186.00
46.7 Whitestone Parish Hall (Hire of Hall £84 Play Park facilities £32.10)	£116.10

47 CORRESPONDENCE

An email had been received from Reverend Martin Wood giving thanks for the Council grant of £225.00 which will be of great help towards the cost of maintaining the Parish Magazine.

48 REPORTS

48.1 Cllr Belt reported that there had been complaints from residents regarding dog walkers allowing their pets to foul people's gardens. The Parish Council urges Parishioners to please pick up after your dogs.

48.2 Cllr Belt also reported that cyclists have been spotted in the playpark. The Parish Council is requesting that bikes please be kept out of the park.

48.3 Cllr Taylor reported having received a quotation of £1,972.01 for dealing with the fencing behind 1 and 2 School Houses. There was a difference of opinion between Councillors that repairing the fence was a priority at this time particularly as some remedial works had already been undertaken to fix the gate and a broken fence post, but a vote was taken and it was agreed that the work be carried out. It was agreed that two more quotes would be sourced before the next meeting.

48.4 Cllr Lang added a reminder for the Whitestone Parish Fun Day on Saturday 18th July from 2pm to 5pm at the Parish Hall, Crossway Park and Community Garden. Any donations for the raffle or tombola will be gratefully received. Please drop any donations to Cllr Belt or Cllr Lang.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Vandalism at Crossways Play Park

It is extremely disappointing to report that a number of the safety covers on the play equipment have been deliberately damaged. These covers have been cut with what appears to be a very sharp knife or similar tool.

This is not accidental damage or wear and tear. Somebody has intentionally taken the time to vandalise equipment in a children's play area.

The Parish Council has invested thousands of pounds in improving and maintaining the play park, Crossways Park, and Community Garden to provide safe, attractive spaces for everyone to enjoy. Acts like this are completely unnecessary and undermine the hard work and money that has gone into these facilities.

Whether this was carried out by children or adults is irrelevant. What is particularly concerning is that someone was apparently carrying and using a large knife or other sharp implement within a children's play area.

We will be reviewing the CCTV footage, and if those responsible are identified, the matter will be reported to the police.

If anyone has seen anything suspicious in or around the play park, please let us know.

Please help us look after these community facilities so that everyone can continue to enjoy them safely.

Thank you.



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Ben Feasey, Project Manager at Devon Communities Together, says:

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Our concerts are open air — this is an English summer, so the possibility of rain is part of the deal. Premium ticket holders can claim a refund before 10am on the day. Otherwise, if we assess it's safe to go ahead then sou'wester, wellies, good company, and you'll have a brilliant time.

THIS MONTH'S BRAIN TEASER

Strangely, when Fred look at his digital watch at five times during the afternoon, the times formed a simple pattern.



1:52 2:33 3:50 4:31 ?

Select a time below to replace the question mark.

5:03 5:14 5:25 5:33

Answer next month.

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S TEASER

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE LAST NUMBER IN THE FINAL ROW?



3 8 1 4 2 = 10

2 6 10 7 5 = 6

11 4 3 2 9 = ?

Sum the odd numbers in the row and sum the even numbers in the row. The answer is the difference between these totals ? = 17.

PARISH HALL DRIVEWAY REPAIRS

The Parish Hall Management Committee would like to thank Andy Bailey for his expert repair of the pot holes in the Parish Hall driveway.

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TEDBURN ST MARY WI JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

Members of Tedburn St Mary WI continue to have a busy and enjoyable year. A local group, now numbering nearly forty in total, have had plenty on offer to them via their WI in June 2026.

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. In June the lunch out celebrates the birthday of Tedburn St Mary WI, with members gathering to mark the occasion of another year of this successful community group.

Members are looking forward to participating in the monthly Tedburn St Mary WI walk. This month it will be a guided walk along the former Teign Valley railway.

They will also have the chance to join a workshop in the use of highly pigmented paint crystals, which create vibrant bursts of colour to use in art projects. The workshop focus will be on making an image of flowers in a vase, using painting and collage techniques.

The speaker at the June Tedburn St Mary WI meeting was Alan French, a local horticulturist. Alan has a wealth of knowledge about horticulture and delivered a fascinating presentation, which included lots of gardening tips and information about planting for pollinators, different conditions and soil types, and wildlife friendly gardens. The presentation was linked to a beautiful display of plants, which were available to purchase.



Members of Tedburn St Mary WI admiring the plant display at their June meeting.

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. Just contact either Hilary or Rachel.

President Hilary: Phone:07484147597

Secretary Rachel: Phone:01647 61868

JULY BOOK CLUB REVIEW

Thinking on my Feet by Kate Humble

The Small Joy of putting one foot in front of the other

Kate Humble is a writer, smallholder, campaigner, and has been a well known TV presenter of programmes featuring the natural world and countryside. The book is a journal written over a year divided into the four seasons - spring, summer, autumn and winter with detailed descriptions of the walks undertaken, sometimes alone, other times with her dog, Teg, "alone but not lonely". Her aim is to promote the pleasures and benefits of appreciating the world at a slower pace.

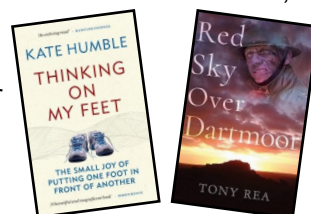
Her walks are not just local in the Welsh border area but, when making documentaries, she writes summaries of walks in Kenya, India, Rwanda, Arctic Scandinavia, New York, France, Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly and running on the streets of London. Back home she even finds time to help a local farmer with lambing!

She has some misgivings about attempting the Wye Valley Walk, a summer expedition of 136 miles camping on the way, with dog Teg. After many miles walking, she is thinking she may have to give up because her feet are badly blistered but a friend helps and her husband arrives with some alternative boots. After forty miles of walking at Newbridge, she is offered a cabin for the night by the camp site owners. Luxury! She finally completes the walk with feelings of guilt after the help she had along the way.

This is when she introduces the therapeutic nature of walking and meets people where walking has helped them cope with difficulties experienced in their lives. A woman, who was diagnosed and cured of cancer, walked every footpath in Wales a distance of 3,700 miles to raise money for ovarian cancer charities. She walks and talks with a therapist in New York, and she adds the story of a man who is walking to overcome his problems with PTSD after army tours of duty in Afghanistan. A Christmas tradition is set after meeting a man in a wheelchair on the Gower Peninsular - his motto "keep moving" is a celebration of life.

The opinions of the Book Club were mixed. The walkers enjoyed it but most lost interest finding it repetitive and disjointed, needing more editing. There were too many descriptions of her feelings, which were considered haphazard and, at times, irritating. The group found the stories of the people she met were the most interesting part of the book, so, if the purpose of writing the book was to inspire us all to walk more, it may have failed.

Next book is *Red Sky Over Dartmoor* by Tony Rea.



Ringin' in Other Bell Towers !! **Whitestone Bell Ringers – Short Ringing Tour.**

On Saturday 23rd May 2026, Whitestone Bell Ringers had a really enjoyable social afternoon visiting some fascinating and historical nearby churches and experiencing ringing in some different bell towers for a change. The weather was wonderful which made the tour even more enjoyable.

We then travelled to Tedburn St. Mary and then on to Throwleigh near Chagford and finished our trip at Drewsteignton. After our final session at Drewsteignton we retired to the Drewe Arms Community Pub for a well earned drink and some great pub food.



Anyone for another?

We started at home at St Catherines, to build confidence as, for some, the tour would be their first opportunity to ring unfamiliar bells in different towers.



The ringers outside Tedburn Church

Attending ringers were Jock and Sue Kirkpatrick, Judith Read, Jon Wells-Hall, Belinda Pierce, Herb Piper, Gareth Clatworthy and James Bryant.

Belinda and Jon acquitted themselves very well given the relatively short time they had been ringing.

All the towers we visited had 6 bells (some towers have 8 or more bells) and in one the chiming clock had to be disengaged to allow us to ring the bells.

Sets (Peals) of bells have their individual characteristics. Some are easier to ring than others. Each set may be relatively heavier or lighter than the ones we are used to ringing. When not ringing, exploring these historical buildings is also fascinating.

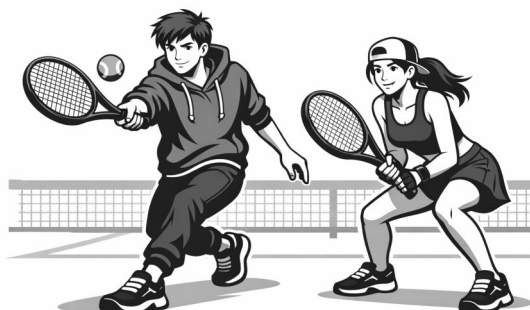
Why not come along and join us? In addition to learning to ring, it is a great social activity and we are very patient with new ringers! You don't have to be especially physically strong, musical or religious to take part. If you would like to find out more, please don't hesitate to contact me on 01392 811391. We practice on Thursday evenings.

Interesting facts:

There are about 5000 towers in the UK that allow change ringing -(what you hear on a Sunday or at other times). There are fewer than 300 ringing towers in the rest of the world combined!

In Devon alone we have access to 150 towers. Change ringing, in statistical terms, is almost unique to the UK and Call Change Ringing (as opposed to Method/Scientific Ringing) is recognised as associated with the South West and Devon in particular.

James Bryant (Tower Captain).



THIS SUMMER

Coaching aimed at new or inexperienced players.

Tedburn St Mary Tennis Club are running 4 coaching sessions in the summer holidays for youngsters (at least 11 years old) who are new to tennis or with little experience. Although others can also apply. There will be a qualified coach to take the sessions. Places are limited to only 8 players per session and so register your interest early! You can apply for any or all sessions.

Closing date Friday 17th July.

SEESION DATES – 20th / 21st July and 24th / 25th August. (If are cancelled 26th August is the reserve date)

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL -
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The Harringarian Bureau Of Gypsy-Beat Presents

ADVANCE NOTICE



The Budapest Café Orchestra will be returning to Whitestone Parish Hall on **Saturday 7th November 2026**. Tickets will go on sale on 1st August at £15 from:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitestone-entertainments

The Budapest Café Orchestra is a group of four very talented musicians who play music from around the world using a variety of instruments.

Last time they were in Whitestone, the concert was a sell-out with demands for a return visit to re-live the thrill and pleasure and to bring along friends to share the experience.

Seating is limited to 135 seats so book as soon as the box office opens on the **1st August**. The price of tickets includes the booking fee.

EXETER FORUM

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

Date	Speaker	Title
Wednesday 1 July	Brian Fernley	The Amazing Mr Cotton. The story of Sidney Cotton is quite remarkable. He worked as a spy (with Ian Fleming) in WW2 and learnt to fly in WW1 hunting seals. After WW2 he took up gunrunning. He made and lost fortunes many times.
Wednesday 8 July	Robert Hesketh	Surnames in Devon and Beyond. Robert will show that like place names, surnames are an integral part of our county's and nation's heritage.
Wednesday 15 July	Dr. Robert Pew	Not so silent Witness. Robert, a General Practitioner, will recount his forensic experience working with the Police.
Wednesday 22 July	Caroline Harlow	"Reflections on my role as High Sheriff of Devon." Caroline has just completed her Shrieval year and will explain its importance and significance.
Wednesday 29 July	Adrienne Hesketh	Scott Joplin's Life and Music. Scott Joplin, composer and pianist, is probably best known for <i>The Entertainer</i> , which featured in the 1970s film <i>The Stinson and Maple Leaf Rag</i> . Adrienne will show the versatility and importance of the work from the man they called the <i>King of Ragtime</i> .

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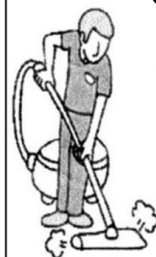
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The Whitestone Sports and Social Committee

FUN DAY

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**The LAST DATE for contributions to the
August Parish Magazine is**

Thursday 16th July

EMAIL ADDRESS

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.

WHITESTONE

Parish Pals



Join our coffee morning, it's the perfect way to **make** new **friends** and **brighten** your day.

Each Thursday
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at Whitestone
Parish Hall

10-12 NOON

£2 Contribution each meetup

For more information call Beryl on 811713

WEEKLY EVENTS IN JULY 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 & 29th	Short Mat Bowls Parish Hall 10.00 - 12 noon
Wed	15th	Handbell Ringing Hall Extension
Thu	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th	Parish Pals Parish Hall 10.00 - 12 noon
Fri	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st	Short Mat Bowls Parish Hall 7.30 to 9.30pm

WHITESTONE WALKERS

The next walk is on Sunday 5th July 2026.

A 4½ mile circular walk lead by Sue & Jock starting from the Newton Poppleford Community Car Park. Meeting at Whitestone Parish Hall at 09.30 or at Newton Poppleford Community Car Park for a 10:15 start. The car journey from Whitestone is about 35 minutes.

If you intend to go direct to the walk start, please let me know in order that we do not start without you.

Walkers1@superjock.co.uk 07949447193

Directions. Go through Newton Poppleford until you see the only bus stop shelter on your left.

Immediately, take the first left (Back Lane).

The car park is about 50 yards on, just past the Tennis Courts. Parking is free.

The walk will go through Harpford and Harpford Woods, then uphill to Beacon Hill, across to Tipton St John and then back to the car park near the River Otter.

The terrain can be difficult, stony & muddy at times. Appropriate footwear will be essential.

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 MEETING

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 June** at 7.30pm.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

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

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.

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BOOK CLUB

The next meeting will be on Monday **13th July** at 2.00pm in the Parish Hall.

CHURCH WORKING PARTY

Advanced notice for Saturday morning **8th August** Volunteers required for outside jobs from 10:30 am. Details next month

SOCIAL CLUB

(Secretary Bryan Durrant 01392 811328)

Mon 27th July

Picnic in the park. Everyone to bring their own food/drink and seating. Exeter Ukulele group will be playing for us. The event will move inside the hall if the weather is bad. Open to non-members. Rather than the normal £4 visitor charge we ask that you make a £4 donation to Exeter Ukulele's charity - FORCE

Friday 7th Aug

Boat Trip to Sidmouth departing Exmouth at 0945 to coincide with Sidmouth Folk Festival. Open to members and friends. Tickets are £13.50. Names to Bryan by Monday 27th June.

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

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

Whitestone Gardening Club meets in the Parish Hall on Monday **20th July** at 7.30pm, when Jacquie Felix will be talking about "The Principles of Garden Design".

ARTS AND CRAFTS MORNINGS

The Arts & Craft group will resume on Thursday 10th September.

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.

TABLE TENNIS

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

WHITESTONE SUMMER FUN DAY

Come and enjoy the annual Fun Day on **18th July** in the play park from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. All the usual attractions will be there including BBQ, licensed bar, raffle, tombola and children's races including sack races for those who can handle it (including adults!). A star attraction is the 'Bird of Prey Experience' where you can meet the birds close-up.

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

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