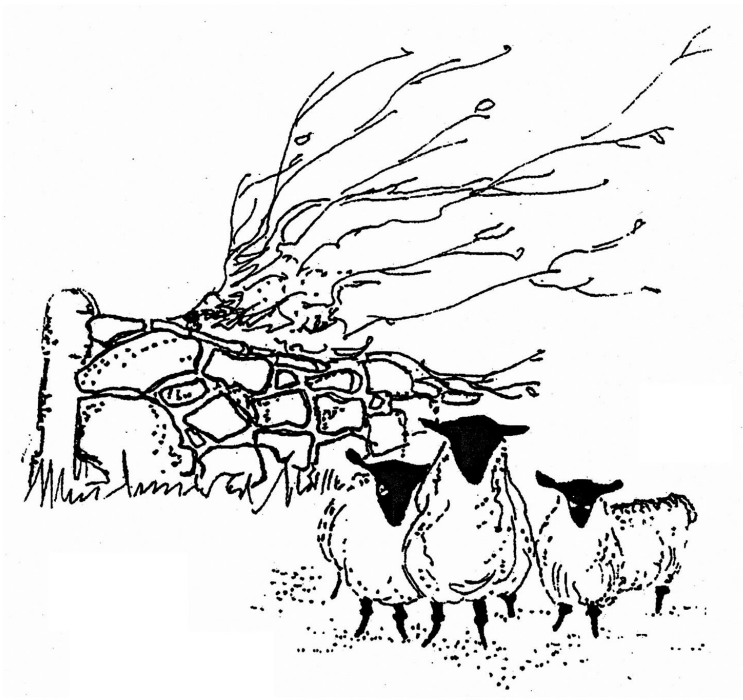


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Hello

The Beacon committee has been really busy this month as you will see. But we are not alone. There has been so much going on in our villages and there is more to come - just look at the Events pages.

I really enjoy reading all the articles I receive from our regular contributors and I get great pleasure from the occasional reports of what has been happening too. It is a real pleasure to share good news alongside the 'important' stuff. I am always delighted to receive any comments, stories, reports, in fact just about anything from anyone living in our four villages. So please, take a photo, write a sentence or even two to let everyone share in the joy.

*Fiona*

**The deadline for copy for inclusion in the June 2022 issue is  
Sunday 15th May**

You can email material to [editor.thebeacon@icloud.com](mailto:editor.thebeacon@icloud.com)

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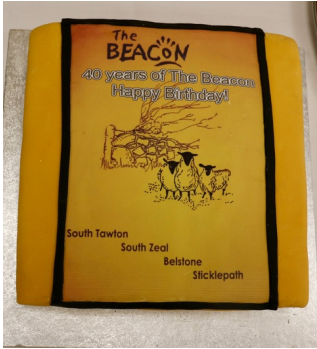
## **Beacon 40th Celebration 9th April 2022**

On behalf of all those who attended, many thanks go to the Beacon Magazine Committee for organising a most worthy celebration party to mark 40 years of the Magazine's publication. For three hours the Victory Hall South Zeal was a happy buzz of chatter and laughter enjoyed by some 50 people all of whom in one way or another have contributed over the years to the Beacon's success. We did our best to do justice to the truly splendid buffet supplied by Carolyn from the Kings Arms, and I must mention the wonderful cake! The complete set of bound Beacons was on display with other items from the South Tawton Archive including sales records, delivery rounds, indexed articles and notes about past editors. Robin patiently assembled the





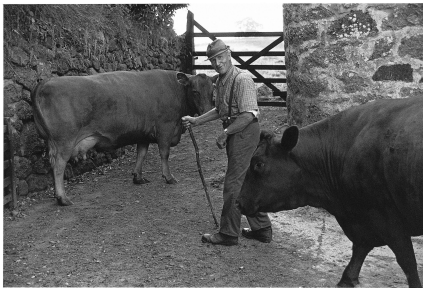
gathering on stage for a memorable camera take, one which will doubtless be compared with that on display of the 25th year celebration all those moons ago. Many of those present could be identified in that earlier image, none of them looking a day older. As a contemporary record of local life over the past 40 years the Beacon is an unparalleled resource of interest and value for the future. And the numbers of people present, with the addition of a few unable to attend, illustrated an enviable strength of community in the



Beacon parishes. Special thanks again to Jane (supported admirably by Sean), Lesley, Robin and Fiona for their hard work setting up the party, we all enjoyed it immensely.

Nick Atkinson

## **New Exhibition of Dartmoor photographs goes on show this summer at Throwleigh**



*One of Chris Chapman's Dartmoor farm photographs. Copyright: Chris Chapman*  
A unique collection of Dartmoor photographs is set to go on show in a 180-year-old West Devon chapel this summer.

The well-known Dartmoor photographer Chris Chapman, who lives locally at Throwleigh, has been taking pictures of life around the moor for fifty years. Over this time he has built up a nationally important archive of photographs.

With the support of a grant of £9,647 from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, the members of Providence Methodist Chapel, Throwleigh, will be mounting a special exhibition of Chris Chapman's photographs during a series of open days between June and October. Details of opening times will be announced in May.

Ian Crawford, the chapel's project coordinator, said: "We are delighted to be opening our doors this summer to give everyone the chance to see Chris Chapman's wonderful Dartmoor photographs. We look forward to welcoming local families and visitors from further afield, including walkers along the new Archangel Way."

The chapel's heritage project is also being supported by the Methodist Church and Devon County Council. Cllr James McInnes, County Councillor for Hatherleigh and Chagford, said: "This is an important project. Chris Chapman captures the essence of Dartmoor and its residents. It's a rare gift and this project will bring his pictures to a wider audience."

Alongside the exhibition, Providence Methodist Chapel will be hosting a series of talks and running a project to discover more about the families who have been connected with the chapel going back over eight generations to 1839. Anyone interested in helping with this project is welcome to contact Ian Crawford at Providence1839@gmail.com.



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We know that you have been enjoying the trips now that we are able to travel again and have tried to incorporate some of your requests. Please ring the office to book.

May 7<sup>th</sup> Bernaville Garden Centre

May 14<sup>th</sup> Exmouth

May 21<sup>st</sup> Lifton Farm Shop & Launceston Retail Park

May 28<sup>th</sup> Paignton Zoo

June 4<sup>th</sup> No Trip – Platinum Jubilee

June 11<sup>th</sup> IKEA, Exeter

June 18<sup>th</sup> Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth

June 25<sup>th</sup> Dunelm & Green Lanes, Barnstaple

Thanks to us being successful in accessing a grant, the cost of the trips will again be subsidised, £10 for Okehampton and along the route.

Community Car Bookings

PLEASE ring and request your transport for hospital appointments as soon as you receive notification, we are having to disappoint more clients as we have not been given enough time to find an available volunteer. You can ring and leave a message on the

answerphone during the late afternoon/evening which then gives us a chance to work on it early in the morning when we return to the office. PLEASE DO NOT ring volunteer drivers direct, their numbers are only provided to you on your appointment day for collection following your appointment.

#### Office

We are sad to inform you that Liz has decided after 12 years, to retire at the end of May although she has kindly agreed to continue to support us by helping with our fundraising events and car boot sales. We are currently recruiting and hope to find a suitable replacement soon. We know that you will join us in wishing her well and will miss her friendly voice on the end of the phone (even though most people are unable to tell our voices apart, we do answer to Sue or Liz!)

#### Rotary Fair

We will be attending this event in Simmons Park, Okehampton on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June from 11am to 5pm which is part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Please come along and say hello.

#### Drivers

We are always looking for more volunteers and would particularly like to find someone in the Chagford/Throwleigh/Whiddon Down area and also Lewdown as we are having to send our drivers long distances to enable these journeys to take place.

#### Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent event, we raised £470.68 including extra donations. Special thanks to Annie and Minnow in the kitchen, our independent stallholders and our helpers including Vera Bray and Abi Westlake, Ann Warren, Graham Harding, Lindsey Harrison and Tom Bowden.

#### Good Grief Café

This takes place every Wednesday from 11am – 12.30 at Church Hall, Market Street, Okehampton.

#### Goods

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#### Wheelchairs

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### **In memory of two wonderful ladies**

Don Reason, husband of Yvonne and father of Sallie, donated the picture of Finch Foundry, drawn by artist Sallie, to Sticklepath Village Hall in memory of his late wife and daughter.

Both Sallie and her mother Yvonne were extremely talented ladies. They were members of Sticklepath Phoenix Group and founder members of Cogs and Wheels ladies Morris team. They also volunteered at The Foundry for many years.

Their personalities and fun are missed by all who knew them.

### **Sticklepath Open Gardens Sunday June 12th**

A date for your diaries - June 12th. We are pleased to announce that Sticklepath Open Gardens will be back once again this year, after the two year plague gap. As usual there will be cream teas at the village hall and Malcolm's famous plant sale. Programme tickets will be available from the village shop or on the day at the village hall. Some proceeds will go to Ukraine causes and some to village funds. More details: [ged.fitzgibbon@gmail.com](mailto:ged.fitzgibbon@gmail.com)

## Weather Watch

On the TV forecast, or any forecast you will often hear the presenter describe the temperature for the following day and then say something like “that’s a few degrees warmer than average”. When I began working for The Met Office as an observer, compiling the monthly weather report was part of the job. That involved gathering all of the months data from our twice daily climate reports, checking it over and working out where is sat compared to our long term average, for which we would use the past three decades. Working out the average or mean temperature for the month back then was just a case of working out the average maximum (by adding up the 30 or 31 maximum temperatures for each day then dividing by 30 or 31) and minimum temperatures, adding them together and dividing by two to get the mean.

Nowadays weather stations are more sophisticated, and they will automatically record the temperature every minute. That’s why in my stats the mean temperature is not quite the same as the average max and min divided by two. With that in mind I always think its an odd turn of phrase to say that a temperature on any given day is “a little above where it should be”, because more often than not the maximum and minimum temperatures will be warmer or colder than the average temperature, and to actually get a temperature bang on average is quite unusual.

As you can tell from me talking about how we work out statistics, March was a pretty quiet month weather wise, certainly nothing like a repeat of Eunice thankfully! Although we did get some lovely warm sunny days which fooled us into thinking spring had sprung, by the end of the month a blast of arctic air brought us some light snow flurries on the 31st, the first “proper” snow flakes I have seen all season!

I don’t think I have ever gone through an entire winter season without seeing snow, even in these days of milder winters. I for one am glad that I can still say that. I think it will be a sad day when we have a completely snow free winter, but I expect that time will come within the next few decades.

## Summary for March 2022 (difference from average in brackets)

Temperature (°C):	Rainfall (mm):
Mean (1 minute) 7.5 [+0.7]	Total for period 83.1 [83%]
Mean Minimum 3.8 [+0.2]	Wettest day 21.6 on 12th
Mean Maximum 11.4 [+1.3]	Wet days 14
Minimum 0.3 on 31st	Dry days 17
Maximum 17.2 on 24th	
Air frosts 0	

Notice of the **Beacon Path AGM** 6th May 7.30

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Cllr Lynn Daniel

## HMP Dartmoor

If you care about the fair and humane treatment of prisoners why not consider joining the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP Dartmoor?

In every prison there is an Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) made up of volunteers from the community who are appointed to independently check on conditions in custody. They are independent of the Prison Service and are responsible for monitoring and reporting on behalf of the community.

HMP Dartmoor, in Princetown, is a Category C adult male training prison with around 650 men. The IMB at HMP Dartmoor is currently recruiting and is looking for people from all walks of life who live locally (within 30 miles) to join them.

Board members regularly visit the prison to carry out a range of duties to ensure that people in custody are treated fairly and humanely. Members have unrestricted access to the prison at any time and can talk to any prisoner they wish to, out of sight and hearing of members of staff if necessary. A typical monitoring

visit might include time spent in the kitchens, workshops, accommodation blocks, recreation areas, healthcare centre and chaplaincy. Board members also play an important role in dealing with problems encountered by people in custody such as concerns over lost property, visits from family or friends, special religious or cultural requirements, or serious allegations such as bullying. Importantly, the Board's monitoring at this training prison includes looking at the range of educational and vocational programmes.

Paul Snell, a current IMB member at HMP Dartmoor, says: "You see the criminal justice system from the inside and work as part of a really dedicated IMB team. Anyone over 18 can apply – prisoners come from all backgrounds and so should our members."

You will usually need to give about two to three days a month, but this can be flexible depending on your circumstances. Members are required to attend at least nine of the twelve monthly board meetings.

Whatever your background, if you're enthusiastic and open minded, have good people skills and sound judgement, and have a commitment to independence and inclusion, then you could be the person we are looking for. You don't need any special qualifications or experience, as the Board will provide mentoring, alongside training and support. This is an unpaid voluntary role, but expenses such as travel, childcare and loss of earnings are covered. Appointments to the Board are made by government ministers and you would need to undergo a security check before appointment.

If you are interested, you can call or text 07732 647 264 quoting Campaign reference 1232/Dartmoor/2022 for an informal chat with a current Board member or find out more on [www.imb.org.uk](http://www.imb.org.uk) Closing date for applications: 22 May 2022

## **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Sticklepath**

To celebrate this amazing milestone, Sticklepath Parish Council will be organising a Street Party style celebration in the Playing



Fields on Friday 3rd June from 1-4pm.

BYO picnic (and picnic blanket) and if you feel willing and able why not bring along a Jubilee themed cake or dessert to share. Tea and coffee will be provided and please feel free to bring along a little tippie of your choice if you fancy raising a glass to toast the occasion.

There'll be plenty of fun and games organised for the kids with our very own "Jubilympics" to get involved in and of course red, white and blue will be the dress code for the day.

Commemorative mugs will be available free to all under 16's on the day or available to purchase in the village store afterwards.

## **Dartmoor folk festival is back!**

In 2020 we went virtual and 2021 combined with Zale Fayre. This year Dartmoor is back for a full weekend festival 5th-7th August.

We have had time to reflect over the last couple of years on what's important and with this in mind we are making a few changes to make things more manageable while still keeping all the elements that make the Dartmoor Folk Festival special.

The main difference is we will not be using the Recreation Ground field for evening events which means we don't need to have the huge marquee and all that that entails. All the concerts will be in the Victory Hall and the Ceilidh in the school hall. Entry to these events will be by ticket only.

We will still be using the field for all the usual fun afternoon events and have a sizeable marquee in case of wet weather. Entry to the field, all the workshops and sessions will now be free with donations on the day. We will still have fantastic concerts with top folk acts, step & broom dance competitions, dancing, displays, ceilidh, sessions, duck race, children's entertainment, ramble & folk service.

We will have craft stalls, a catering van and a Festival bar on the field for both afternoons and into the early evening.

The other main change is that we will be selling all weekend concert/ceilidh tickets in advance and this will be a strictly limited number due to the capacity of the Victory & School Halls. We are

going live with ticket sales on Wednesday 4th May via the Festival website so please keep this date in mind as we really want our local supporters to have first chance and not miss out on tickets. For more information and ticket sales please visit the website. We are really excited about being back after what has been a challenging time for everyone and hope that we can have a Dartmoor 2022 Festival for everyone to enjoy.

## **Carnival Meeting May 4th 2022**

An informal meeting will be taking place at 7.30pm at the Kings Arms to decide if there is any interest to keep the carnival going. This will be the final opportunity to save the Carnival. If no one comes forward then the Carnival will fold on this night. So please come forward and help save this wonderful tradition. For more info call: 840946 or contact us on Facebook

## **In Memory of Pauline Dunn**

Born in 1946, Pauline led a full and fun life. She married Norman - the love of her life - as a glamorous 20 year old, and thus commenced a happy and loving family life. Her children Simon, Linsey and Darren (RIP) were her joy. They were a very close-knit family which grew with Pauline's five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. They all brought laughter and love to Pauline, who enjoyed spending precious time with them and never felt old enough to be a great grandmother.

Pauline and Norman lived with their family in Milnrow near Rochdale, where she ran two very successful wool shops. She loved the interaction with customers. One of her jobs was to create part-knitted garments which the actors of Emmerdale would be seen finishing. It was a great pride for the family to see her creations on screen.

As the family grew Norman and Pauline made the move to Okehampton, then to Sticklepath in the early 1980's. She worked for many years as a receptionist in UB Frozen Foods, where she made lifelong friends with many of the staff and guests. Later, Pauline and Norman took up a summer job working for Eurocamp

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beside the shores of Lake Garda. Pauline would frequently be at the wheel of their car, towing the caravan to Italy. As Norman's eyesight deteriorated, Pauline would drive the entire route. They spent twelve happy summers there, greeting guests and eventually turning to entertaining them on stage with their brilliant Abba performances. Pauline's ability to always work with a smile on her face, and Normans irresistible comic character, inevitably led to them making more friends who would return year after year to the site to enjoy their company.

Eventually poor health forced them to leave Eurocamp and they settled back into Sticklepath full time, where they soon became well known in the village. Pauline played for the Taw River darts team on occasion, tried her hand at patchwork, and still enjoyed her knitting. She was a good artist, and remained active, lively and fun loving right up to her diagnosis of dementia. In 2019 her daughter Linsey moved in with them to give care for her mother. Pauline's infectious laughter and her love of life won her many friends. Her sudden death on the 24th March has shocked many. She passed away peacefully in her sleep at Lakeside Care Home; the family and friends are very appreciative of the care and support given by staff in the Home. She will be sadly missed.

## **Cream Teas at Church House**

Church house will be open each Sunday from 2pm until 5pm for cream teas, cake and refreshments . The season is from May to September. The upper rooms will be open if anyone wants to explore the rare smoke-blackened thatch that gives us a grade 2\* listing .

## **National Trust News from the Moor**

The main news from us is the ongoing clear up following the run of storms in February. Sadly, we had a lot of damage to trees at Parke, Lydford Gorge, Finch Foundry and Castle Drogo. The Ranger and Garden teams have been working to make the trees safe and remove them where necessary with incredible help from our dedicated team of volunteers.



On a happier note, Castle Drogo has now re-opened for the new season and it has been wonderful to welcome people back in to the castle again. We have also hosted a creative writing workshop at Parke with the Learn Devon team and plans are underway for workshops at Lydford Gorge too. By the time you read this update, both Lydford Gorge and Finch Foundry will have also re-opened but it is always best to check the website for all the latest opening details – storms seem to sneak up on us all at the moment.

We are now well in to ground nesting bird and lambing season. I'd also like to mention the butterflies who are starting to appear from the undergrowth - they definitely need us to be kind to them. Please help us to care for our wildlife by following any signage, especially keeping dogs on leads and to the paths at this time. Finally, for all the pony fans out there, the ponies are now back on Piddledown Common at Castle Drogo. Regular walkers will know how canny the ponies are, especially if any gates are left open.

Paula

Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor  
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## **Belstone Church News**

What a great time was had by all on Mothering Sunday at St Mary's Church, Belstone. Jo Curry led the Service accompanied by several children who decorated gingerbread hearts and made daffodil posies. The choir sang whilst the children delivered their gifts to the congregation. It was lovely to see enthusiastic young people in St Mary's.

There is a change to our last Service in May as on the 29th there will be a combined Holy Communion with Inwardleigh and All Saints joining us in Belstone at 11am. Everyone is welcome.

Sue Cruickshank (Church Warden)

## **Dartmoor Diary - The Light of the Rain**

The Iris is a lovely thing ...there are so many different kinds. But in common they all have the same wonderful, complex form, and

their liquid transparency is astonishing. The white flag is one of my favourites. It seems to thrive on neglect. All my efforts to refine or enrich the numbers inevitably fail. Left well alone, it does much better than when I get involved.

The light of the rain is a wonderful thing. There isn't a light as soft or diffuse anywhere, and the gift of nuance and tone, and the suggestion of form are all powers that the light of rain has in spades. The gentle light of rain takes a colour and triples it, so the world appears saturated and full of tone.

The white flag Iris is the perfect partner for this miraculous light. Its translucence, sensuous detail and complex texture is perfect for demonstrating its best qualities.

That is what I've been doing today. Marrying the two. Photographing indoors with the irises that I've taken from the allotment that I've soon to surrender. An homage if you like, because I don't know if I'll be successful in bringing them on again. Maybe I will. Maybe I won't. Either way I have the light and for now at least, I have the Irises. I place them together with natural Foxgloves that offer a similar scale, but otherwise couldn't be more different in character.

He'd probably disagree, but Trevor, who gifted my first Iris, a Yellow Marsh Iris, was both a mentor and a great friend. He taught me most of what I needed to know about teaching. And that was simply to care. A modest and gentle man, whose kindness some mistook for weakness, in fact had a fury, a passion and determination to help others. He had a gift for noting where he was needed and he dropped everything to be there immediately.

## **Geoff Lakeman & Rob Murch**

**Friday 6th May 2022 8:00pm, Church House, South Tawton**

**Tickets £12**

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songs out of his vintage duet concertina. Rob Murch brings the "wow factor" to the banjo, with his unique, punchy fingerstyle playing. Both live on Dartmoor, so it was inevitable they'd gang-up musically. Expect self-written and West Country songs, rattling folk tunes and foot-stomping ragtime and cakewalk riffs. Rob's percussive finger-ballet up and down the fret board of his 100 year-old instrument is mesmerising. He's revered throughout the UK for his long-time work with the renowned Dartmoor Pixie Band and The Watch trio. After 50 years as a journalist music-loving Geoff recorded his debut CD, "After All These Years" at the age of 69, which garnered four and five-star reviews and national radio airplay. He's acclaimed for his "masterful" playing of the rare Crane duet concertina and his "rich, melodic voice." The duo's relaxed yet sparkling stage presence together is bubbling with the "feel-good" factor.

Please email [andrew@frangleton.co.uk](mailto:andrew@frangleton.co.uk) for tickets or call 07773 321375.

## **Permissive path - South Zeal Pumping Station to South Tawton Mill.**

In the past twelve months cyclists and motor cyclists have used the path as a green lane. More recently a sheep has been badly mauled by a dog and dogs have been seen generally harassing sheep.

Under the terms of agreements between the landowners and the DNP dated 16 October 1992 and 22 November 1994 the landowners have the right to withdraw permission for any reason after prior consultation with DNP.

Although we are very reluctant to take such drastic action, as this is an amenity for the community to enjoy, we feel the need under the circumstances to suspend right of access.

John Perrin and Neil Sibley.

## **BELSTONE YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER**

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, the youth group will be holding a cafe in Belstone Village hall to help raise funds for the group.

The cafe will be open between 11am–2pm,  
so please pop in for a slice of cake or take advantage of our 'all  
you can eat cake & coffee' offer!

We would love to see you!

### **Local News From One Hundred Years Ago – May 1922**

There's no doubt about the top local story this month, coming three years after the scheme was first proposed. Under the headline 'Red Letter Day' we read; *Friday [26 May] was a proud day for South Zeal and South Tawton, and crowds gathered to witness the laying of the foundation stone of the new Victory Hall at South Zeal. As planned at present the building will consist of one spacious hall, but the hope and intention is to enlarge the scheme later when circumstances permit, by the addition of a reading room and a games room, with probably a billiard table. An excellent site in the centre of the village was generously given by Mr and Mrs George Keener, of South Zeal, and the invitations for subscriptions to defray the cost of the building has been handsomely responded to. After defraying preliminary expenses there was in the hands of the treasurer prior to Friday's ceremony, a sum of £540 towards the £1000, the contract price of the Hall.*

*The Hall will have a clear inside space of 30 feet by 60 feet. It is being built of Dartmoor granite with cement and rough cast outside, and varnished match-boarding inside. There will be a platform, and provision will be made for movable partitions. It will be well lighted and ventilated, and heating will be by means of large fire grates. The work is being executed by Messrs W Counter and Sons, local builders. The Executive Committee have as chairman Edwin Stanbury, of North Wyke, South Tawton, who became chairman on the death of Mr GD Cann, and who has thrown an immense amount of zeal and energy into the matter.*

*The principal stone was laid by Mrs Kingsford-Lethbridge, of Wood, and three others were placed in position by Mr and Mrs Keener, Mr Stanbury and Petty-Officer David Rees, representing ex-servicemen, this stone being in remembrance of comrades who fell in the war and whose names will be recorded on a roll of honour to be placed inside the hall. Mr Keener said that was the happiest moment of his life. If they wanted young men to remain on the farms they must provide places*

where in their leisure they could amuse and educate themselves. The Victory Hall would, he hoped and believed, provide facilities to that end. Mr Keener handed to the chairman of the Parish Council (Mr W Tucker) the deeds of the site as a free gift to the parish. Mr Stanbury observed that he was born in the parish 65 years ago, and it had always been his wish to do everything he could for its welfare. His father's name was engraved on one of the bells in South Tawton Church tower; his own name was now recorded on one of the Victory Hall stones, and the name of one of his sons [Richard] was inscribed on the roll in the Parish Church of those who fell in the war, so that three generations of his family were memorialised in the parish. He hoped the Hall would prove a real benefit to the present generation of parishioners and to posterity.

Ever since early 1921 Belstone Commoners had been fighting Devon County Council over plans to open a quarry in Belstone Cleave. Now, all of a sudden, it looks like they have another battle on their hands – and unlike the quarry dispute, they were not alone. At South Zeal, some consternation has recently been caused in this district by an Order from the Duchy of Cornwall Authorities prohibiting the removal of fuel etc from Dartmoor. At a public meeting it was unanimously resolved to form a voluntary fund to contest the case should any Commoner be prosecuted. In the meantime parishioners were asked to 'carry on' exactly as in former years. Mr Perryman of Chagford, and George Glanfield, of Belstone, were present, both of these parishes having been similarly warned. As usual, opinions differed; a well known authority on Dartmoor says he does not think that it is a matter of the real peat-cutting being stopped so much as aiming at the prevention of 'skimming'. This 'skimming', he explained, means just removing the surface layer without touching the underlying peat at all. The practice seemed to be particularly common in the Chagford district, where acre after acre was to be found that had been treated in this manner. It takes anything from ten to twelve years for any herbage to grow again on the land that has been 'skimmed', and has meant the destruction of much pasture land.

In brief. Work on the bowling green in Okehampton's new pleasure ground is nearing completion. The tennis courts are also being prepared with all speed. The turf is being brought from the moor. With the arrival of the 61<sup>st</sup> Battery, Royal Field Artillery, Okehampton Camp re-opened for the first time since the start of the First World War in 1914. Having made a wager that he could walk from Okehampton to Plymouth instead of returning to school after the Easter holidays, a



*schoolboy managed to escape from the custody of his mother whilst walking on the moors. He got as far as Mary Tavy and asked for refreshment. Word was sent to Tavistock police in the meantime, however, and the boy was sent back to Okehampton.* Chris Walpole (quotes in italics are from the *Devon and Exeter Gazette*, *Western Morning News* and *Western Times*).

## **Belstone Cricket Club**

'Build Back Better' is a popular current slogan and it certainly applies at Rew Meadow at the moment. Storm Eunice did its worst in February by destroying the shelter that housed our tractor and pitch roller ... but now a new much improved shed has been built in its place by PHJ Dennis & Sons.

There's still time to register your kids for the 2022 All Stars and Dynamos fun-filled Friday evenings – just visit [www.allstarscricket.co.uk](http://www.allstarscricket.co.uk) or [www.dynamoscricket.co.uk](http://www.dynamoscricket.co.uk). The first of eight sessions is on Friday 6 May.

Home games for May are as follows:

	Start time
Sun 8 v Holsworthy (North Devon League Cup)	1.30pm
Sun 15 v Westleigh (North Devon League Div One)	1.30pm
Wed 18 v Paddington Bears (charity match)	6pm

Last but not least don't forget the first car boot of the year is on Saturday 28 May. As usual sellers can arrive from 9am to set up, price £5 for cars and £6 for vans. Buyers arriving before the official opening time of 10am pay £2; everyone else arriving after 10am pays £1 to enter (£1 per car or £1 per walking group of up to four). For more details please phone 01837 840498.

## **St Mary's Church Heritage Centre Sticklepath**

The Foxwillow performance held in March further confirmed the beautiful acoustics in St Mary's and the trio hope to return sometime later in the year. If you missed it, make sure to look out for the future date!

On the 3rd April the baptism was held for Arthur Williams, a



wonderful celebration with his family and many friends from the village Community Church and beyond. The service was led by Revd. Mark Fuller, a family friend from Portishead, Bristol. Arthur's older sister, Edith, was the last to be baptised in St Mary's. A very happy occasion.

On the 12th April, we all gathered at St Mary's to bid farewell to Pauline Dunn. It was evident how loved Pauline was, as the church was completely filled with family, friends and neighbours. The service was led by Revd. Stephen Cook who also read the eulogy. Pauline's sense of fun and zest for life was epitomised by the final choice of music, 'Dancing Queen'. A beautiful tribute to a good life. Our thoughts go with Norman, Lynsey and all the family at this sad time.

With the warmer days and dry conditions, work in the church garden has been steaming ahead. Raised beds, made from reclaimed wood, have been constructed and put in place alongside the stone shed behind the church, and decades worth of compost sifted through to fill them. This all completed in just a week.

It is hoped the children will use this space for strawberry plants, herbs and many other plants, to help attract bees, butterflies and moths. Seeds will also be broadcast in the set aside wild flower area.

On Good Friday, the STOCS members set to and laid a pathway towards the picnic table and compost bins, securing recycled plastic mesh. Primroses and daffodil bulbs were relocated, a stunning log seating area constructed and holes dug in preparation for the planting of the dwarf fruit trees by the children on the 20th April, where refreshments were served after the event. If you are visiting St Mary's, do make a point of looking behind the church building, by the Leat wall.

There are too many people to thank individually for all their hard

work, but you know who you are!

Thank you also to the flower arrangers who decorated the church for Easter and to the volunteers coming forward to help with other jobs.

Village Praise will be held on 1st May at 10.30am and the monthly Communion at 8.30am on 22nd May.

Please come and join us. Carol J

## **St Andrew's and St Mary's News**

Our last special service before Easter was the celebration of Mothering Sunday on Sunday 27 March and it was lovely to involve local families and children in this. Elinor, Jessie and Merryn re-enacted the story of how God created Mothers; a very hard task whilst on his sixth day of overtime. The story recounts a conversation between God and an Angel, describing the 'build a Mother' job specification. The Mother needs to run happily on black coffee, tea and leftovers, have six pairs of hands and three pairs of eyes, one pair in the back of her head, a second pair adapted to see through closed doors (and round corners?) and a third 'standard' pair of eyes to look lovingly at her children. Many thanks to Elinor, Jessie and Merryn for bringing the story to life for us. Thanks also to Elinor who lit the candle for our prayers for Ukraine and finally many thanks to Rose and Jill for creating all those lovely Mothers' Day posies for us to share.

And about a week later, Merryn and Albany were out with parents on a walk around the villages, and were nipping on ahead on their scooters. They were on the country lanes and although told to stay within sight of Mum, Albany couldn't resist the temptation to nip on ahead. Mum reprimanded the miscreant – pointing out to him that 'I can't see around corners!' – to which she received the immediate reply, "Well Mummy, if you were built like the First Mother, you would be able to!" - so you see; people do listen to what is said in church!

Easter week brought a poignant communion service on Maundy Thursday and on Good Friday a gentle opportunity to focus on Jesus' last moments on Earth through readings and music. On

Easter Sunday we welcomed many to our communion service to give thanks for our Risen Lord. We are appreciative of Revd Mark for leading all of these services.

Foodbank Friday coffee and contributions morning in Church House, South Zeal on 1 April was organised by Tracey Smith and Phillip and Jane Lynn. These cheerful community gatherings continue to be successful and well supported and getting together for a natter with friends is a welcome antidote to what we hear each evening on the national news! In these uncertain times it is doubly important to value our friends and build on what we know and trust. The morning raised over £100 plus a box filled with donations of food and these were delivered to Okehampton Foodbank by Revd Mark the following week. You will be very welcome to our next Church House, South Tawton Foodbank Friday coffee morning which will be on Friday 6 May.

Our May Church Bingo will be in the Victory Hall, South Zeal, on Tuesday 31 May, starting at 7:30pm. Enjoy the extra daylight for a summer's evening out.

John Candler and Paul Snell (Church Wardens)

Will Pyne (Assistant Church Warden)

## **Thought for food**

Spring has sprung and nature is reborn

The curved circle of life has thrived in this mild and relatively dry winter on the edge of the Moor.

January started with dark days and gloom. Nature was asleep. At the end of the month, almost like clockwork, the pond woke up to a chorus of frogs: Hundreds of them. They made a wild mass croak but as soon as they detected human presence the sound stilled. However it was unmistakable as the first sign of new life in a new year. The resulting mass of frog spawn was quickly followed by the arrival of a grey heron. The solitary creature feasts on the newly laid spawn in the following weeks. Nature is cruel.

Over the coming months the spawn turns to tadpoles and these in turn transform into young frogs who are superb hunters of slugs

and snails. Our later plantings of lettuces and other vegetables are well protected by them, in fact it is rare to see a slug in our vegetable garden. Throughout the year, frogs can be found throughout our property wherever there is a bit of dampness. To encourage them we leave small piles of logs, which provide an excellent moist habitat. The abundance of frogs enables another higher predator to survive: The grass snake. As with all predators, they serve a purpose in keeping their prey population healthy and in balance.

February saw an abundance of fungi, particularly in our higher fields bordering the South Tawton Common. These much misunderstood creatures, neither plant nor animal, are one of the most important indicators of soil health. They play an important role in connecting the plant ecology and the geology, helping to build soil fertility.

March was exciting as we were able to stop feeding our cattle hay and let them graze the winter forage rye, which was sown last September. There are many benefits to out wintering cattle and this year ours were indoors for only eight days: This avoids burning diesel to transfer their dung and straw to the fields: Instead they deposit the fertiliser in situ, as nature intended. It also helps to sustain the dung beetle population. These essential creatures pull manure down into the ground, capturing its fertility and carbon. We encourage them by providing them with cattle dung all winter and avoiding the use of cattle worming medication by good grazing practice.

As I write in April, the copper beech tree outside my window has just started to come into leaf. The bees have survived the winter and are already gathering pollen from the abundant willow blossom. Plants which will form a green manure have been sowed to feed the bees, birds, cattle and soil. We have grey and pied wagtails as well as many other birds making nests and the cuckoo flower is in bloom, This means its namesake will shortly arrive from its long journey from warmer climates. By the time you read this, the swallows will have returned to nest, marking the spring time complete.

Clarence



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## South Zeal Open Gardens Sunday 19th June 2022

Hello! Just a quick update:

Thank you to everyone who has come forward and offered up their gardens - I will be emailing you very soon. We have enough gardens now in the South Zeal area but only one in South Tawton so we could do with a couple more there.

Could we please remind people to put any spare plants from cuttings /seedlings etc aside for the plant sale which is an excellent fundraiser for the Victory Hall.

I am hoping to visit everyone's garden in the next couple of weeks.

If anyone is interested in getting involved or helping out on the day then please get in touch. Many thanks. Georgie

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## Sticklepath Heritage Group

Remembering Binky Braithwaite



The 1000 year history of the village is well displayed in St Mary's but we need to consider the impact of some residents over the last few decades. One larger than life character was Binky Braithwaite. So many stories of his exploits have been told but not recorded locally. We are looking for memories of him as a character (and what a character?), but also of the Gutbarging contests, International Chess challenges with the Red Lion in Exbourne, the Campaign Against Morris Dancing, and how to preserve pub customers in the Candle Factory. There's more, but we would love to bring it all together for a display on June 18th when the Devon Family History Society visit the village. Contact: [derekmoore60@hotmail.com](mailto:derekmoore60@hotmail.com) or Tel:840316

The photograph below is of the Carlitz family from Dresden ( mostly) that visited the village over Easter. They are actually



descendents of the Pearse Family, and they liaised with the Heritage Group to find out more about their family. Emily Pearse married a German before the war and set up home in what became Eastern Germany. We have been able to tell them some more about their ancestors, largely due to the

details Carrel Jevons provided in a talk to the Group some 3 years ago. Tom Pearse's grave was visited, and the family are following the leads wherein the family originated: Hatherleigh, Davidstowe and Richmond. Now the Carlitz family has grown, and the Easter reunion brought together members from Germany and Australia, but the members in China couldn't make it, understandably. We welcome any more information about the Pearses, so that we can grow this fascinating family history.

## **Notes from the minutes of South Tawton Parish Council March meeting**

West Devon BC Cllr Lynn Daniel reported that a Council-backed low interest-rate lending scheme can help local home owners to make essential repairs and efficiency improvements to their home. West Devon Borough Council is reminding residents of a local scheme to help with the cost of fixing your home.

### Victory Hall Committee

Hall improvements have been carried out, with more decorating taking place over the Easter holidays. No members of the public have come forward to join the committee and membership is very low.

As all Cllrs are Trustees for the Village Hall, it was agreed that all Cllrs would become members of the committee and attend meetings when they can. Parish Clerk volunteered to take on the role of Committee Secretary.

### Platinum Jubilee

Events will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> June between 12.30 and 6pm on the Recreation Ground Field (or Victory Hall if wet). STPC will provide pasties and buns and attendees are encouraged to 'bring and share' their own food. The Wreckfords will be playing 2 musical sets. A jubilee coin will be given to all U11 children who live in the Parish with any spares available to be purchased. The lighting of the beacon has been approved by the DNPA, Commoners Association and the Furzdon Estate. Permission from the Duchy is still awaited.

### Beating the Bounds

Event will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> August, Ian Brooker will be asked to lead the walk. A hog roast and pasties/buns along with drinking water will be provided by the council and the Commoners Association will donate a barrel.

### 20's plenty for Devon (Doc D09/22)

The South Tawton parish community has clearly expressed in the past, and continues to express, its concerns about the impacts of speeding traffic on the residents of the villages. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) states: *A large number of evaluation studies have demonstrated a link between the introduction of 20mph zones and a subsequent reduction in casualties.* South Tawton Parish Council is implementing a number of measures to help mitigate the effects of climate change and support opportunities for improved health and wellbeing. A 20mph limit would be consistent with, and would underpin, these measures through, for example, significantly reduced vehicle carbon emissions throughout the villages.

Therefore, in order to:

Increase child and adult activity levels

Promote healthy active travel options (walking and cycling)

Address climate change challenges and opportunities

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South Tawton Parish Council resolve to request Devon County Council to normalise a 20mph limit/zone throughout all residential roads and areas in the villages of South Tawton and South Zeal with the utmost haste.

### Replacement benches

The benches have been delivered and are currently awaiting installation

### **Annual Parish Meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Clerk will invite guest speakers from Police (Crime and Community Speed watch), SZ Primary School, DNPA (Ian Brooker), WDBC (Lynn Daniel), DCC (James McInnes), Kevin Penna (Broadband champion). Additional topics for presentation/discussion from members include Chairs Annual report, Platinum Jubilee events 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Beating the Bounds event 28<sup>th</sup> August

## **School News**

### **From Head of School, Sarah Marvin -**

The Spring Term has not been without its Covid challenges, but there has been so much laughter and happiness too. It is such an enormous pleasure and privilege to be a member of such a school and to be a part of the children's learning and play. Thank you to all staff who have worked tirelessly to make education fun and meaningful for the children, to all the children for being so beautifully behaved, hardworking and smiley, and to all the parents for their support and enthusiasm. I hope that everyone has a lovely, sunny break and stays healthy and safe. I am thoroughly looking forward to the Summer Term.

Friday was a particularly fun-filled and sunny day. The children all looked wonderful wearing yellow and blue clothes in support of Ukraine and this non-uniform day raised a staggering £331.79

The children all had the chance to take part in circus skills workshops, very kindly funded by our PTA. We seem to have many budding circus performers amongst our pupils and it was lovely to see everyone outside having fun in the sun.



Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday.

Due to the extra bank holiday for the Queen's Jubilee falling within the May half term break, all schools have been granted an extra day's holiday in this academic year. South Tawton Primary School will be therefore not be open to pupils on Monday 6th June.

The highlight of the week for me was the wonderful Y3/4 production. The acting, singing, dancing, props, costumes and lighting all combined to produce a polished and excellent performance. Well done to all involved and a big thank you to all the staff who supported the pupils and made this possible.

I received a lovely message from the staff at Parkland's Leisure Centre. "We would just like to acknowledge how well behaved and polite the children from South Tawton Primary School are. The staff here have commented on numerous occasions now of how the children always say hello upon arrival and thank the staff. We have several primary schools use the centre but your pupils have really stood out to the team here. They are a pleasure to have here and we wanted to share this with you."

Tag Rugby.

We are delighted the annual Tag Rugby event for schools across the DMAT is back this year and being hosted once again by South Tawton.

### **Governor Message**

I welcome our new governors, Liz Davidson, Lucy Dennis and Wes Frewin. We also welcome back Ben Morris who had been on sabbatical so he could concentrate on the COVID vaccination programme. Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to Mark Neave, one of our foundation governors, who is moving to a new parish. It's been another busy term for governors, and I thank you all for your hard work and support too.

There are still some vacancies for governors, so if you are interested or know someone in the community who may be please contact me at [eneath@dmatschools.org.uk](mailto:eneath@dmatschools.org.uk). We would particularly welcome someone from the North Tawton community.

We are hopeful that next term we will be able to come into school more so we can see all the wonderful things that are happening in our schools and to meet up with pupils, parents and staff to hear their thoughts about the schools. We also hope to join in with community events. So please keep an eye out for us. Next term we will have our details posted on the school websites so hopefully that will help in recognising us!

Emma Neath      Chair of Three Hares Governors

## **PTA News**

Guess the number of Easter eggs in the Jar - the winning number was....167 Thank you to all of the Y6 pupils who helped to raise this amount.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

The PTA provided Easter eggs for every child and the Easter bunnies were busy on Friday hiding them around school for the children to find.

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## Church of England

### St Andrew's South Tawton, St Mary's & Pavilion South Zeal

Sunday 1st	11.15am	Holy Communion & Baptism	St Andrew's
Sunday 8th	10am	Holy Communion & Baptism	St Andrew's
Sunday 15th	6.00pm.	Evensong	St Andrew's
Sunday 22nd	10am	Iona Service	St Mary's
Sunday 29th	11.15am.	Benefice Communion Service	St Andrew's

### St Mary's Belstone & St Mary's Sticklepath

Sunday 1st	9.30am	Celtic Morning Prayer	Belstone
	10.30am	Village Praise	Sticklepath
Sunday 8th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Belstone
Sunday 15th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Belstone
Sunday 22nd	8.30am	Holy Communion	Sticklepath
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Belstone
Sunday 29th	11am	Joint Holy Communion	Belstone

## Sticklepath Community church

Every Sunday      10.30am      Sticklepath Village Hall

## Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. Chris Jackson Tel: 01837 52302

Fairplace Church

Okehampton

## Roman Catholic Church

Parish Priest: Father Darline Marianathan. Tel: 01837 52229

St Boniface

Okehampton

Holy Family church

Chagford

## Okehampton Quaker Meeting

Ockment Centre

Okehampton

## Regular Events - May 2022

please contact organiser for updated details

Every		MONDAY	
Knit & Knatter	(1st & 3rd) 1.30-3.30	Bert Stead Room, Sticklepath Village Hall	
Pilates	5.45pm	Sticklepath Village Hall	Yvonne West 07712611670 yvonnevest@live.co.uk
Yoga	7pm	Belstone Village Hall	Sarah 849110 07592 377028
3rd Monday Folk	8pm 3rd Monday of the month	Kings Arms, South Zeal	
Every		TUESDAY	
Yogalates	9am	Whiddon Down	Sarah 849110 07592 377028
Yoga	10.30	Whiddon Down	Sarah 849110 07592 377028
Tai Chi exercise Tai Chi form	10.00 - 11.00 11.00 - 11.30	Pavilion South Zeal	Kate 01837 840959
Art Group (STAG) ON LINE	10 am	<a href="http://karimcgowan.com">karimcgowan.com</a>	Kari 840695
Belstone Arts & Crafts Group	9.30 - 12.30	Belstone Village Hall	Marion 840498
Dartmoor Walking	2.30 - 3.30	Different location every week <a href="http://dartmoorwalking.co.uk">dartmoorwalking.co.uk</a>	Denise 07944 630677
Hatha Yoga ON LINE	7 - 8.30pm	<a href="http://vivekagardens.com">vivekagardens.com</a>	Fiona Law 880050
South Zeal Players	7.30 - 10pm	'Battershay', SZ	Robin 840654
1st South Zeal Beavers	6pm - 7.30pm	Scout Hut, South Tawton	Nicki Glanville 07510612205
Sticklepath Phoenix Group	Third of each month 7.15pm	Sticklepath Village Hall	Lorinda 01836 840326
Every		WEDNESDAY	
Moor Harmony	7.45-9pm	Victory Hall	Jeremy 840 741
Sticklepath Coffee Morning	10.00-11.30am	Sticklepath Village Hall	
Meditation Group	6.30 - 8.00 pm	On line	Alison 849085
Dartmoor Walking	10.00- 11.30am	Different location every week <a href="http://dartmoorwalking.co.uk">dartmoorwalking.co.uk</a>	Denise 07944 630677

Every		WEDNESDAY	
Meet Your Local Councillor	3rd Wednesday of the Month	Coffee Morning Sticklepath	Cllr Lynn Daniel
Taw River Meditation Group	7.00-8.30pm	Church House, South Tawton	Alison on 01837 849085.

Every		THURSDAY	
Pilates	9.30am	Sticklepath Village Hall	Yvonne West 07712611670 <a href="mailto:yvonnevest@live.co.uk">yvonnevest@live.co.uk</a>
Belstone Cafe	10am-noon	Belstone Village Hall	<a href="http://www.belstonevillage.net">www.belstonevillage.net</a>
Drawing, Fun, Friendship	2.30 - 4.30	South Zeal Pavilion	John 01837 840366
Ukelele Group	7pm - 9pm	Church House	Nathan
Yoga	7pm - 9pm	Belstone Village Hall	Sarah 849110 07592377028
Cogs & Wheels Ladies Morris Dancers	7.30 - 9.45pm	Victory Hall	Donna <a href="mailto:dtombs65@gmail.com">dtombs65@gmail.com</a> phone 07711 294331
Mariners Away Shanty singers	8.30-10pm	Kings Arms	
Meet Your Local Councillor	2nd Thursday of the month	Coffee Morning Belstone	Cllr Lynn Daniel

Every		FRIDAY	
Sticklepath & Okehampton Conservation StOCs	10am	Finch Foundry car park	Mike 840183 Ian 840435 <a href="http://www.stocgroup.org">www.stocgroup.org</a>
Food Bank etc	11am-12noon First Friday of the month	Church House, South Tawton	
Meet Your Local Councillor	First Friday of the month	Coffee Morning South Tawton	Cllr Lynn Daniel

Every		Saturday	
Dartmoor Walking	10.00- 11.30am	Different location every week <a href="http://dartmoorwalking.co.uk">dartmoorwalking.co.uk</a>	Denise 07944 630677

Every		SUNDAY	
Tinner's Morris		Informal practice sessions outdoors & dancing out	Derek 40316
Devi Folk Session	8pm First Sunday of the month	Devonshire Inn, Sticklepath	Derek 40316

Every		SUNDAY	
Cream Teas	Starting in May	Church House	

## Coming Events

May	
Sun 1st	Cogs & Wheels dance in the dawn above Belstone at the Flagpole and Nine Maidens
Tues 3rd	South Tawton Annual Parish Meeting 7pm Victory Hall - see poster
Wed 4th	Carnival meeting 7.30pm Kings Arms - see article
Thur 5th	Cogs & Wheels dancing at The Kings Arms, South Zeal, 7.45pm
Fri 6th	First All Stars/Dynamos session at Belstone Cricket Ground <i>see article</i>
Fri 6th	Geoff Lakeman & Rob Murch 8pm at Church House - see article
Fri 6th	Beacon Path AGM 7.30pm Devonshire Inn
Tues 10th	Annual Parish Meeting followed by Belstone Parish Council Annual Meeting 7.30pm Belstone Village Hall
Thur 12th	Pizza & Pasta at The Ox. 6-9pm.Takeaway or Eat in. Fabulous home made Pizzas and Pastas .Menu on our website or available in the bar.
Sun 15th	Belstone Youth Group Fundraiser 11am-2pm Belstone Village Hall - see article
Thur 19th	Cogs & Wheels dancing at The Tors Belstone, 7.45pm
Mon 23rd	Community Defibrillator Seminar 7pm Victory Hall - see poster
Tues 24th	Belstone Annual Parish Meeting. Contact clerk for details
Sat 28th	Car Boot Sale, Belstone Cricket Ground - see article
Tues 31st	Belstone Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Belstone Village Hall Meeting Room

June	
Thur 2nd	Lighting the Beacon at 9.45pm
Fri 3rd	South Zeal/South Tawton Jubilee event, 3pm. Recreation Ground
Fri 3rd	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Sticklepath - see article
Sun 12th	Sticklepath Open Gardens -see <i>article</i>
Thur 16th	Friends of St Mary's, Sticklepath meeting see <i>article</i>
Sun 19th	South Zeal Open Garden
July	
Sat 2nd	Zale Fayre
August	
5th-7th	Dartmoor Folk Festival - see article
28th	Beating the bounds, South Tawton & South Zeal

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May 2022	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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Recycling, food waste and refuse week	9	10	11	12	13
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T	8.00 to13.00, 14.00 to16.45	7.00am to 5.30pm
W	8.00 to13.00, 14.00 to16.45	7.00am to 5.30pm
Th	8.00 to13.00	7.00am to 5.30pm
F	8.00 to13.00, 14.00 to16.45	7.00am to 5.30pm
S	8.00 to13.00	7.00am to 3.00pm
S	Closed	8.00am to 1.00pm

Village Post Office opening times

	Sticklepath Village Hall	Belstone Village Hall	South Zeal Stores	Throwleigh St Mary's Church
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Tues		9.30 - 11.30	09.00-13.00 14.00-16.45	13.30 -15.00
Wed	9.30 - 11.30		09.00-13.00 14.00-16.45	
Thur			09.00 -13.00	
Fri			09.00-13.00 14.00-16.45	13.30 -15.00

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