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Community News and Events July 2026 Edition 290

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After the terrible tragedy of the helicopter crash in which three members of the Royal Navy lost their lives, many people came forward to help in any way they could. The Currant Bun Catering Truck at the A30 Sourton Down services is one example. Jan and her team supplied free food, drink and support to the teams of personnel attending. Their car park was commandeered as a parking place for personnel vehicles and the Currant Bun was closed to the public. The Royal Navy was very appreciative of their kindness and generosity and wanted to reimburse them but the owners were adamant that they were 'simply doing what many others would have done' in the face of an appalling tragedy.

Now we can thank them indirectly. The monthly quiz at the White Hart on 8th July is in aid of 'Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Blood Bike Service, a charity dear to the owners' hearts. Please support it.

The Vicar writes....

What with haymaking in full flow at the moment, I was thinking about the haymaking terminology. Some of it is obvious like mowing or baling, some of it less so like, tedding or wuffling. Then there was the haymaking machinery like an 'acrobat' or 'a cock pheasant'. Sometimes the language changed according to which part of the country you were in, in Somerset bringing the bales back to the barn was 'carting' or 'hauling', whereas in Devon it's usually 'draying'. When the hay was ready to bale it was called 'fit' or 'vitty', I remember an old chap referring to hay that was bit green as 'gay'. Saying you didn't want to bale the hay because it was a bit gay could land you in a whole heap of trouble these days.

I wonder what previous generations would make of our regulated language today where job titles are changed, whether it be: secretaries (administrative assistants), dustbin men (sanitation engineers), stewardess (flight attendant), waiter (server); or the annoying: chairman (chairperson), mankind (humankind). Sometimes it can be almost comical: fat person (differently weighted), being a person of girth myself, I can relate to that one, short (vertically challenged). All nice and PC you may think but language is important, it describes how we perceive the world. When prostitute becomes 'sex worker', criminal offender becomes a 'justice involved individual' or more concerningly, a paedophile is a 'minor attracted person', what is it saying about our moral values?

Of course, all of this is nothing new, homo sapien persons have always changed the labels to quieten the conscience. About 700BC (sorry BCE) the prophet Isaiah wrote "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness". To the modern mind sin is just sneaking an extra piece of chocolate

but it has serious consequences. We can call lust love, greed ambition, pride confidence, cowardice self-care; It does not become harmless because we rename it or culture approves it or our hearts explain it away. Before God, sin remains sin, and it will damage your life. Or as Shakespeare put it: 'A rose by any other name would smell as sweet'. Carting or Draying, it's the same job.

In the old Prayer Book service, it tells us not to 'dissemble nor cloke' our sins but to confess them before Almighty God.

Jeremiah Knight is an ex-Hindu who converted to Christianity, he says:

"There is nothing that truly explains the condition of the world as it is today except the Bible. Man can describe the symptoms, but only Scripture exposes the disease. Politics may explain conflict. Psychology may explain behaviour. Sociology may explain patterns. But only the Word of God tells us why the human heart is so restless, corrupt, proud, violent, confused, and hostile to its Creator. The Bible says, "The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?" (Jeremiah 17:9). That one verse explains more about the world than all the proud theories of man. The problem is not merely bad systems, poor education, poverty, trauma, or lack of opportunity. Those things matter, but they are not the root. The root is sin. Scripture tells us that men suppress the truth in unrighteousness, exchange the truth of God for a lie, and worship the creature rather than the Creator (Romans 1:18, Romans 1:25). That is the story of the world. Man rejects God, then wonders why everything collapses when God is removed from the centre."

So why not try, 'acceptance of your shadow side and self-disclosure to the supreme being?' or as we say in church, 'confession'.

Adrian Brook

Friends of St Bridget's

Membership fees are now due - still only £6 per year.

This is really important at the moment as the approach to grant bodies for the large sum of money needed for the restoration of the tower in the first instance and the main roof following on, will require that we demonstrate that the community supports this. Having a substantial membership of FOSB is one way of demonstrating this.

If we wish to keep the church building functioning within the village, not only for those who wish to worship regularly there, but for the important family events like weddings, baptisms and funerals and the festivals through the year we all love, we need to find the money for very significant repairs.

So if you've been thinking about joining or haven't got round to renewing your membership, do it now. It will make a difference for greater than the £6 you give.

Forms in the church or contact Georgina Hodgson on 07789146177 or 01837 861183

Friends of St Bridget's Annual Report 2026

The Friends of St Bridget's (FOSB) continues to work towards its original purpose: preserving and protecting the fabric of St Bridget's Church for future generations.

St Bridget's remains one of the most recognisable and important historic buildings in our village. While the regular congregation is small, the church continues to serve the wider community through baptisms, weddings, funerals, school events, seasonal celebrations and as a place of quiet reflection. The FOSB welcomes support from anyone who values the building, regardless of religious affiliation.

During the past year, volunteers have once again given generously of their time. Regular churchyard clean-up days have helped keep the church and churchyard looking cared for and welcoming. The Support a Grave initiative continues to make a visible difference, and we remain grateful to everyone who has taken part in these efforts.

A number of practical improvements have also been completed. A new noticeboard has been installed in the church porch, providing a more attractive and effective way of sharing information with visitors and villagers alike. A new screen door has also been fitted to the vestry to improve ventilation and help reduce moisture build-up within the building.

Community events continue to be an important part of our activities. The annual plant sale returned this year and proved to be a tremendous success, attracting support from across the village and raising valuable funds for the church building. We would like to thank everyone who donated plants, helped organise the event, or came along to support it.

The FOSB Photo Competition has now reached its third year and we hope it will continue to generate interest within the community when it is launched again this summer.

Alongside these activities, much of the committee's effort over the past year has been focused on understanding and planning for the significant repair challenges facing the church.

Following recommendations arising from the Quinquennial Inspection, attention has centred on the condition of the tower, associated roof structures, and safe access for inspection and maintenance. Water is entering the tower and nearby church areas, and access to the tower's upper levels is unsafe.

There have also been recent concerns regarding the condition of the bells and bell frame, which will need further attention and specialist advice. This adds another important dimension to the work required within the tower.

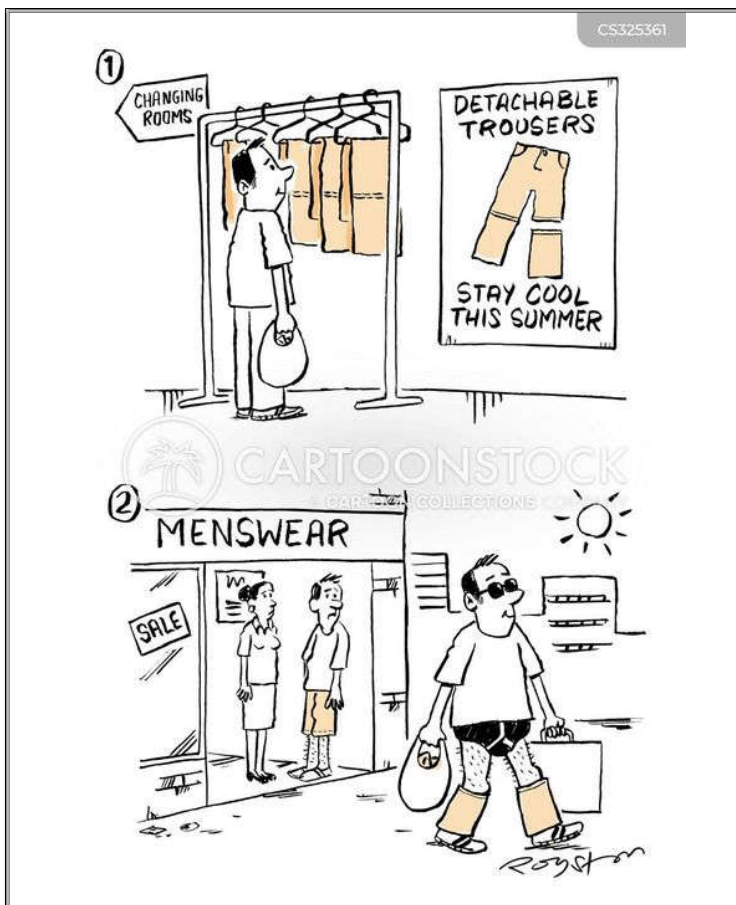
St Bridget's has now been registered with Historic England on the Heritage at Risk Register. While this underlines the seriousness of the building's condition, it should also strengthen future applications for grant funding and help demonstrate the importance of acting before further deterioration occurs. As a result, the FOSB and PCC have begun developing a phased project to address these issues. The scale of the work is likely to be well beyond the resources currently

available to the Friends group alone, and external funding will be essential. Encouragingly, discussions have begun with contractors, architects, the Diocese and other relevant bodies to identify the most appropriate way forward. Although there is still much work ahead, the committee is committed to taking a careful and measured approach so that decisions are based on proper investigation, expert advice and the long-term interests of the building.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the FOSB over the past year, whether through membership, volunteering, attending events or making donations.

Support for the FOSB remains vital. Membership costs just £6 per year and, perhaps more importantly, demonstrates to grant-making bodies that the church building matters to the community it serves. Membership forms are available in the church.

Together, we can help ensure that St Bridget's continues to stand at the heart of Bridestowe for generations to come.



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A Thankyou

Thank you to those who came to our Crazy Art Sale at Rowdens Barn we were pleased to see that pictures were going to new homes. Some sales are still going through but we hope to donate at least £300 to the Paediatric Oncology Unit at the RD&E.

Thank you again

Brian and Cynthia

Bridestowe Parish Council

The next full meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 15th July** at 7.30pm in The Ark (Methodist Church)

Clerk's contact details:

Kayleigh Walker

Little Kellacott Farm, St Giles on the Heath,
Launceston PL15 9SW

Tel: **07854 275 955**

Email: clerk@bridestowe.org.uk





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- **The Famous Crockery Smash**
- **Egg Throwing and Egg and Spoon races**

- **Tug of War**

Plus plenty more including the ever popular tombola stall.

Food & Refreshments

Enjoy the famous Hog Roast, followed by an evening BBQ.

Drinks available include: • Beer / Cider / Wine – provided by White Hart PH • Cocktail Bar serving Snake Oil and other Wild West delights

Treats for all ages: • Sweets • Soft Drinks • Ice Creams supplied by Riverside Stores • Popcorn • Tea &

Cake Stand

Can't wait to see you all there. It's going to be a brilliant day, rain or shine, and don't worry — we've got lots of undercover areas if the weather decides to misbehave!

Would you be prepared to lend a hand at Bridfest? If so, please come to a volunteers' meeting at 7pm in the White Hart on **Monday 20th July**.

Calling all BaSE advertisers. As you advertise in this newsletter free of charge, I wondered if you might consider donating a raffle prize or sponsoring one of the attractions? Any contribution would be appreciated. Contact Ali Young 07857 677 627

Saddle Up, Bridestowe — the Wild West is Coming to Town!

Bridestowe is gearing up for the biggest event we've ever hosted. Get ready, because Wild West Bridfest is riding into the village and it's going to be one unforgettable afternoon/evening.

Saturday 1st August Kicking off at 1pm Bridestowe Sporting Green

Live Music Line-Up

We're opening the show with an Open Mic session — local talent taking to the stage to get the party started.

Then the music keeps rolling with:

- **The UP**
- **Longshore Drift**

Just a Coincidence by Howard Barkell

It might be called a coincidence but both my wife and my mother have the same initials, as well as some other shared characteristics! None of the four Christian names are the same. Imagine Mary's surprise that while tidying up some graves in St. Petroc's churchyard recently she uncovered the same three initials E.M.B. It was a substantial memorial cross with granite kerbstones but had no other means of identification except the date 1941, suggesting that shortage of money hadn't been an issue when selecting it. So who was this mysterious person whose family seemed to want this relation to remain anonymous? Naturally I had to investigate further.

The burial register for that far back now resides in the record office, but somebody had thoughtfully made a list of the names and date of burial it contained before depositing it. Scrolling through the list of entries for 1941 produced the name E.M.Boundy.

It transpires that she, Elsie Maria, was born in Exeter on 17th October 1872, the seventh and youngest daughter of a well to do business family. She was educated at Exeter High School for Girls and in 1891 passed The Cambridge Local Examinations, the equivalent of today's A Levels. For whatever reason she doesn't appear to have ever had any paid employment but rather involved herself in 'good works.' She directed a concert in aid of St. Sidwell's Church and organised an Easter Fair at the Barnfield Hall for the funds of the proposed Buller Hall, for example.

The highpoint of her life's work probably occurred during the First World War. The Devonshire Regiment's depot was in Topsham Road, Exeter and initially most of the soldiers were from Devon. The Mayoress of Exeter, Lady Owen, created a charity fund to provide the troops serving abroad with a few extras to try and make life more bearable. Miss Boundy was an assiduous worker alongside the Mayoress and was in charge of that part of the fund earmarked for Prisoners of War. In late 1918 they both attended a meeting in London to discuss the winding up of such funds when she was described as the superintendent of the Packing Department. In 1920 she attended the funeral of Harry Medland, an ex- P.O.W. who had a leg amputated in captivity, and had died, aged 23 on his return home. She represented Lady Owen who was no longer Lady Mayoress. Later that year Miss E.M.Boundy (Devonshire Regiment

Prisoners of War Care Committee) was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire 'for services in connection with the war.'

When she moved to Lydford from Exeter is not known, but she was resident by the 1921 census. Unfortunately, her address is just given as Lydford and her occupation is Home Duties. She certainly hadn't deserted Exeter and during the next few years was involved in the Exeter Cathedral Shilling Fund, the Building and Endowment Fund for the College of the South West, the forerunner of Exeter University and the Devon and Exeter fund for the Treatment and Relief of Cancer.

Whether she or the family had Langworthy built is uncertain, but as Langworthy was a Boundy family name it seems likely. It is an old Devon name formed from Old English words meaning a long farmstead and dates from Anglo- Saxon times. At Lydford she was an active Vice Chair of the Conservative and Unionist Association and was a prominent member of St. Petroc's Church, for several years being both Secretary and Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council, just as another E.M.B. has. In 1928 it was largely due to her efforts that an extra £100 was endowed towards Parson Thorpe's stipend. The Prince of Wales as Duke of Cornwall, Patron of St. Petroc's, agreed to match the £50 raised locally due largely to the efforts of Miss Boundy.

A life changing event took place in December 1936 when as she was crossing the A386 road by the Dartmoor Inn she was knocked down by a car. She received fractured ribs and head injuries and spent several weeks in Chollacott Nursing Home at Whitchurch until she recovered.

At the time of the 1939 Register she wasn't at Langworthy, but appears to have been acting as Housekeeper for a young clergyman who was the School Chaplain at Bradfield School. However, two people called Boundy were at Lydford, probably a brother and sister-in-law. Her stay away was curtailed by the increasingly poor health she had suffered since her accident. In 1941 she needed constant care and entered the Whincroft Nursing Home at Horrabridge where she died on 15th September after a stay of about two months. She was 68 years old. Her funeral took place at St. Petroc's two days later.

I wonder how many other interesting people are waiting to be 'unearthed' in our churchyards. Miss Boundy strikes me as being a hard working, no nonsense sort of person who liked to get things done. I expect she ruffled a few feathers among the locals during her time among them!



'Brian says in 1976 we just got on with it.'

Tavistock Parkinson's Support Group - open to surrounding areas

If you have been diagnosed with or care for someone who has Parkinson's, please join us for support and information.

Four sessions are held a month, all in the mornings at the Anchorage Centre, 10.30 - 12pm

1st Friday: Singing

2nd Thursday : Exercises

3rd Friday: Coffee morning

Last Tuesday: Talk by a member of TALKWORKS - *Living with long term illness* on **Tuesday 28th July**

For further information please contact Pam **01822 614204** or call in at The Anchorage, Chapel Street, PL19 8AG for a leaflet.



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Our July speaker is Sally Smith

Tuesday 21 July

2.30pm at Fairplace Church

"Magnificent women in their flying machines"

Journalist and writer Sally Smith has had a lifetime involvement in

aviation, including starting and running the world's only all-girl skydiving display team and coming second overall female in the world ballooning championships. In

2024 Sally was awarded the Royal Aeronautical Society's Women in Aviation, Aerospace and Space Award.

Sally's highly entertaining talk, supported by old photographs, covers the British women who achieved real firsts in aviation, from the women who merrily sailed over London in a balloon in 1785 and the first woman to gain her pilot's licence in 1911 (her husband forbade her to fly!) to the first women to go up into space.



There is something for everyone in this talk, not just women and aviation enthusiasts but for anyone interested in hearing some extraordinary stories of pioneering women, the obstacles they faced and the part they have played in the development of aviation.

Admission - £1.00 to help towards the cost of the speaker, hiring the venue and refreshments. Non members welcome.



COUNT YOURSELF IN FOR BUTTERFLIES

The Big Butterfly Count returns from 17 July to 9 August, gathering vital data to help us recover butterflies and moths. full details are available on the website

<https://campaigns.butterfly-conservation.org/big-butterfly-count-2026-pre-register>

The Over 60's Lunch

will be held on

Tuesday 14th July

Meet at 12.15 for lunch at 12.30.

Please let Jennifer know if you cannot attend. (01837 861592)

Thank you





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What to look forward to:

Explore an array of unique local crafts lovingly created by talented artisans and enjoy live music performances that will set the perfect backdrop for a delightful lakeside day. Gain insights into the natural world with engaging wildlife talks by our experts. For the adventure seekers, there will be watersports activities to make a splash. There will also be fun games and activities to entertain the entire family, and don't forget to bring your furry friends along for scenic dog walks around the lake.

Event details:

The Roadford Lake Summer Fair will run from 11am to 4pm. With free

parking and free entry, it's the perfect opportunity to gather your loved ones and enjoy a memorable day.

Location:

Roadford Lake, Broadwoodwidge, Lifton,
PL16 0RL

Website:

<https://www.swlakestrust.org.uk/Event/roadford-lake-summer-fair>

The Bridfest

Tombola

Ann Allen and I will be running the tombola stall at Bridfest. We are always amazed at how popular the stall is, especially with children. We would be grateful for any donations: bottles, cans sweets, toys, in fact anything to which a ticket can be attached. You can drop them off at 11 Crandford Close or at Glebe Park before the events.

Thank you so much. Ali Young



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St Thomas à Becket Church, Sourton July

Future Dates

July 5th Patronal Service to celebrate St Thomas à Becket Day
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Cream Teas on August 9th, 16th and 23rd with the assistance of our friends at the Parish Hall.

We also hope to have one on the 30th August providing we have enough helpers to cope with the Bank Holiday weekend! If you would like to lend a hand, please get in touch with Ruth:07967 357505 or Jenny:07879 253903

Regular Services for July

July 5th Patronal Festival Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.

July 12th Service at Bridestowe
July 19th Morning Prayer at 9.30 a.m.
July 26th Service at Bridestowe.

Jenny Batten

Okehampton Recycling Centre

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Summer opening times

April - September

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

Saturday & Sunday 10am - 6pm



Sourton Village Hall - a venue for all occasions

Sourton Village Hall is a popular venue for special events such as wedding receptions, birthday parties, concerts, family parties and wakes following funerals. It is also an ideal function venue for conferences, meetings, training seminars and exercise classes. The hall has good facilities; it offers a large hall that can seat 120 and 220 standing comfortably; a well appointed kitchen and a small meeting room. There is a male, female and disabled toilet off the main hall. Outside there is a patio to the right hand side of the hall and this is often used to have a covered bar. The hall has disabled /wheelchair access with ramped entrances. There is a small area to the front of the village hall for parking but often extra parking can be made available for a large function on request.

For prices and to book contact

Paul Alford 07799 778 779

Sally 07305 112 586

Visit the website to see prices and view the calendar for availability

www.sourtonvillagehall.org.uk

Facebook - Sourton Village Hall

BRIDESTOWE THURSDAY MORNING GROUP

Our meeting this month will be the annual bring and share lunch. That will be at 11 Crandford Close on **Thursday, July 16th** at 12noon for 12.30. If you have not already done so, please let me know if you can come and what you would like to bring.

Ann Allan on 861551 or annallan1948@gmail.com

Movie Watch - June 2026

With School Holidays largely controlling the schedules, June is never a vintage month at the cinema. Last year we endured **Mission Impossible – The Final Reckoning**, which was unashamedly terrible, along with **The Salt Path**, entertaining enough at first viewing but soon devalued and ultimately revealed to be duplicitous nonsense.

We struggled this time but managed one cinema visit, to see Steven Spielberg's big-budget **Disclosure Day**. Not really our cup of tea but positively reviewed and starring the excellent Emily Blunt, amongst others.

As a point of comparison, all we could really offer would be **Close Encounters of the Third Kind**, released to critical acclaim 49 years ago. ET would be another Spielberg title, demonstrating the great man's fascination with the possible existence of alien beings.

This film follows cybersecurity expert Daniel Kellner (Josh O'Connor) and Kansas City TV weather presenter Margaret Fairchild (Emily Blunt) as they become state-secret whistleblowers, working with Hugo (Colman Domingo) to expose nearly eight decades' worth of evidence that the US government has known about extraterrestrial life.

Files are stolen from Wardex, a shady organisation run by Noah Scanlon (Colin Firth) which include video footage showing US organisations not just meeting alien life forms but exploiting, vivisecting and killing them too.

KC traffic is brought to a standstill by stolen, harrowing footage that a newscaster later apologises for streaming on the local network without providing any warning to viewers. Call me heartless but I didn't find scenes showing the mistreatment of aliens particularly harrowing.

Disclosure Day is emphatically not a documentary, despite suggestions otherwise. Colin Firth is not hoarding state secrets and Emily Blunt is certainly not an intergalactic sleeper agent. In many ways it's a shame but in an otherwise terrific cinematic experience, we

were hopelessly unable to shake our disbelief. It's all good fun though.

July and August don't look great at the New Carlton but there may be a few bright spots buried away in the listings.

The Invite is an 2026 American comedy film directed by Olivia Wilde, and written by Will McCormack and Rashida Jones. It is an English language remake of the Spanish film *The People Upstairs*.

Joe and Angela's marriage is on thin ice. When they invite their upstairs neighbours for a dinner party, the night spirals into unexpected places. Have they reignited the spark, or lit the match that burns it all down? The Guardian make *The Invite* '*consistently funny and stylishly directed, made with the kind of care and rigidity that comedies just aren't afforded now.*'

The Invite goes on general release during the first week in July. No firm scheduling details as yet, so keep your eyes open.

In **The Odyssey**, Odysseus, king of Ithaca, embarks on a perilous journey to return home after the Trojan War. Not for me, but a cast comprising Matt Damon, Tom Holland and Anne Hathaway suggests it should be worth a check when released on 17th July.

Spider-Man: Brand New Day launches locally on 29th July and will require advance booking. Fighting crime full-time as Spider-Man, in a world that doesn't remember him, coupled with the pressure of seeing old friends move on without him, sparks a change in Peter that he may not have the power to control. Tom Holland and Zendaya star.

There are some decent-sounding titles scheduled for August and beyond. We'll take a close look at them next month but in the meantime it's always worth keeping an eye on the New Carlton website, for when the weather breaks.

Television output has been dominated by what the BBC annually, if unimaginatively, describe as 'A Great Summer of Sport.' To be fair, it has already been pretty good. I write, post-Ascot and pre-Wimbledon, but there's

plenty more just around the corner. The Tour de France, the British Grand Prix, the Vitality Blast domestic T20 competition, The Hundred, the F1 season (peaking across June and July), the Open Championship and many other events, all of which will mean plenty to their respective groups of devotees.

And then of course, if you're so disposed, there's the **World Cup 2026**. A bloated event covering 48 teams and 104 matches, played across three countries in 16 host cities. The most overblown, commercialised sporting event in history, with every single game televised live on ITV or BBC.

I'm loving it but then I was always going to. My Dad took me to Wembley for the 1966 World Cup, since when I've been hooked. As I write, the Group Stage, designed purely to prolong the event and maximise TV revenue, is lurching to a conclusion, having taken almost three weeks to eliminate just 16 of the original 32 entrants.

The serious stuff begins on Sunday 28th June when the knock-out stages begin. The final will be played in New York at 8pm on Sunday 19th July. I should make whatever domestic arrangements are appropriate.

To close, a few thoughts for non-sports programming, which at least one of us has seen and can recommend. These should all be available on the various catch-up services.

Cornwall - A Year by the Sea (C5). A beautifully-shot Cornish travelogue

Tip Toe - quality C4 drama starring Alan Cumming and David Morrissey

The Hotel Inspector (C5) - Alex Polizzi continues to insult hapless hoteliers

Great Central Asian Railways (BBC) - the latest Portillo travel series. Educational.

Victorian Britain on Film (PBS America) on Satellite Channel 173

World War 2 in Colour (also PBS America)

Dear England (BBC1) - acclaimed Gareth Southgate drama, starring Joseph Fiennes
Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing - (new BBC2 series expected soon)

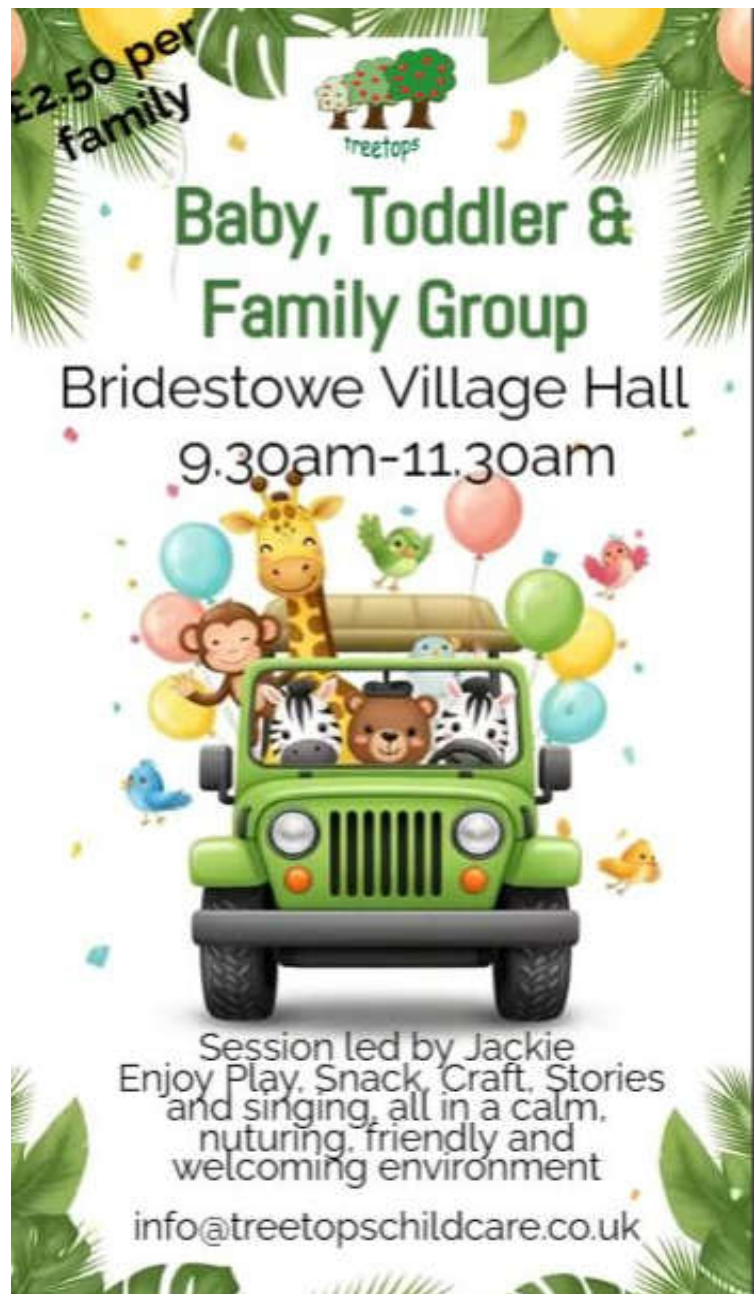
And finally, we both make **Clarkson's Farm**

(Amazon Prime) just about the most entertaining show currently being transmitted, on any channel. Consequently we were distressed to learn of Jeremy's prostate cancer diagnosis, filmed last May but only recently revealed. However all would appear to be well, with the all-clear having been received and shooting of Series Six already underway.

Very much worth catching when the time comes.

DAVID HARRISON

June 2026





Boasley Chapel - Happenings **in July**

Sunday 5th July 3-4.30pm

Afternoon Tea (The Okehampton Lions will also be with us, handing over their Chain of Office, so this will be a busy afternoon.)

Thursday 16th July 12 -2pm

Soup and Sweet

Sunday 19th July 9.30am

Communion Service with Rev Chris Jackson

Thursday 23rd 11-1pm July

Reflection and Refreshments with Angela Banfield

Everyone very welcome at any time.

Thankyou very much to all who supported our scrap event....we filled **two** skips!

BRIDESTOWE READING GROUP

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 2nd July at 7.30pm** at Sanctuary with Esther kindly hosting. We will be discussing *The Betrayal* by Kate Furnivall.



About the book

Could you kill someone? Someone you love? Paris, 1938. Twin sisters are divided by fierce loyalties and by a terrible secret. The drums of war are beating and France is poised, ready to fall. One sister is an aviatrix, the other is a socialite and they

both have something to prove and a murder to hide. THE BETRAYAL is about choices. Hard choices, destructive choices, brave choices, personal and political, current and past. They build into a powerful, epic story of love, loss and the long shadow of war.

<https://katefurnivall.com>

About the author, in her own words

I had the shock of my life when I learned when I was in my forties that I was part Russian. Not a demure all-English rose after all then! It changed my life. Triggered those Russian genes into action. Inspired by my grandmother's dramatic St Petersburg life-story at the time of the Soviet Revolution and her escape to China, I wrote my first historical novel, *The Russian Concubine*, which hit the New York Times Bestseller list and was sold in 25 countries.

I was hooked by the thrill of setting powerful emotional stories in dramatic far-off locations. I took to travelling with a vengeance – Russia, China, Malaya, Egypt, Bahamas, Italy, France. All became backdrops for my sweeping tales set in the first half of the 20th century when the world was in turmoil.

Research trips were riddled with wonderful adventures and weird discoveries that enrich my books. I delve into dark themes as well as intense love stories, and strip my characters to the bare bones in times of crisis to see what they are made of. My books are full of tension, twists and thrills, atmosphere and romance.

I was raised in Wales, went to London Uni and worked in advertising in London. I now live in blissful Devon with my husband, within walking distance of Agatha Christie's house for inspiration. I have two adult sons and two Burmese cats who call the shots.

I have written thirteen historical novels. They have been on the Sunday Times and New York Times Bestseller lists and been shortlisted for the RNA Historical Novel of the Year Award.

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Bridestowe Village Hall Chairperson's Report

The past twelve months have been another busy and successful period for the Village Hall. The Village Hall Trustees and Committee members continue to meet monthly to discuss the smooth running of the Hall and also review the programme of improvements and maintenance to keep things in as good an order as possible as funds and time allow. Firstly, I would like to thank all the Trustees for their ongoing commitment to keeping the Hall running effectively.

The current team has continued to commit time and energy to run this important community facility. Much of the work and time commitment provides a very meaningful contribution to Community life in the village and I am sure that everyone (particularly former Trustees and Committee members appreciate the support that they continue to give on a completely voluntary basis). In particular I would like to thank Phil Down, who for over ten years was responsible for the relationship with regular hirers and for raising all the invoices for all hirers alongside other accounting duties. Phil's last meeting will be the 2026 AGM and we will miss Phil - not only did he do the invoicing; he supported the Treasurer in keeping the Hall accounts in order and could be relied upon to visit the Hall on an ad hoc basis when things needed checking or help was required. Phil will be missed and I am sure everyone who knows him will be aware of what a supportive, kind and reliable person he is - thank you again Phil.

I would also like to welcome Fiona Moore who has been on the Committee for about a year and has now agreed to become a Trustee - Fiona will take responsibilities formerly carried out by Phil and we are delighted to have Fiona on the team.

I would also like to thank Committee members and volunteers who help to keep the Hall going and in particular Terry Pritchard for continuing to be chief cook at bacon baps and Ali Young for making sure the Hall is ready and supplies are in as well as overseeing the session. Thank you too to Debbie Pritchard, Ann Allan and the other volunteers who support this event.

In February 2026 takings for Bacon Baps reached a record of high of over £250 and this is a valuable contribution to Hall funds.

A special thank you to Jimmy Sidgwick and Val Ramsay - it has made a huge difference to have the Hall cleaned to such a high standard and we have had many comments from hirers about how clean and tidy the Hall is. Thank you too to Jimmy who, at time of writing, has nearly completed repainting the side and front of the Hall - it looks so much better and his commitment is very much appreciated.

Another big thank you goes to the regular Hirer's of the Hall whose continued support has ensured that we can continue to keep things going and provide the all-important income stream. We were sad to lose the Keep Fit class on Monday evenings and hope that someone will step forward to fill this gap offering either keep fit, pilates, tai chi or similar.

The next time you are at the Hall please stop and admire the beautiful mosaics in the lobby (picture) which has been created by the Bridestowe Scouts Group. It looks great and the Scouts continue have been regular hirers at the Hall since it was open - so a big thank you to this Group.

The Hall has managed to keep the hire charges at the same rate for four years but with the increase in costs, particularly electricity and oil, we will review our rates in 2026. Please see the Village Hall website for the new rates in due course.

In 2025 some of the money raised was used towards replacing the flooring in the entrance lobby and the Maragaret Moore Suite. This has given these areas a much-needed face lift. The outside carpark lighting has also been replaced and this has improved the overall visibility both in the car park and on the ramp. All the Trustees greatly appreciated the gift of £500.00 from the Bridestowe Commoners - chairs, tables etc are getting worn out/need replacing so this will enable us to replace them sooner rather than later.

The Hall floor is still in need of a complete overhaul at some point but given the enormous cost it has been decided to keep the old floor going for as long as possible. We have also been advised that the Village Hall roof will need replacing within the next ten years.

Most of the existing Trustees have now been supporting the Hall for over eight years so we would really love to welcome some new members. Any contribution, no matter how small would be welcome as there are often odd jobs or simple tasks that need to be done so do please consider being either a volunteer or a Trustee. If you are interested why not come along to one of our meetings – we would be delighted to have you join our team.

Esther C Winter
Chairperson

Another Day of the Triffids?



75 years ago, John Wyndham's dystopian novel *'The Day of the Triffids'* unleashed invasive plants across the planet and made such a memorable impact that ever since, his triffids have entered the language to describe difficult, dangerous or tenacious plants. The irony is that Dartmoor National Park, founded in that same year, has its own problems with some invasive alien species, OK perhaps not the fictional triffids, but some awkward species, nonetheless. Himalayan balsam is one of those and which, with a bit of local help, could be driven off the moor before it spreads its seeds and risks spoiling some of Dartmoor's precious habitats and familiar

views. So please find or perhaps establish your own local balsam control group and help to keep your local stream or river or hillside clear of this plant. If there is no group already helping to clear Himalayan balsam, help and advice can be given by the Dartmoor Invasives Project. Contact: invasives@dartmoor.gov.uk

Starting in May, there will be organised balsam days in and around Lustleigh, Belstone and Princetown. So, if you can spare a day or half a day and have boots and gardening gloves, do come along and enjoy some time outside with like-minded people who are on a mission to prevent this particular 'triffid' from taking over. Please register your interest by contacting invasives@dartmoor.gov.uk
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Dartmoor History Day Saturday, 4 July 2026 at 10:00 - 17:00

This free public event in Chagford will bring together exhibitions, music, stories and community memories from across Dartmoor. Dartmoor History Day will celebrate the history

and heritage of Dartmoor. It will take place in Chagford on Saturday 4 July 2026, marking the 75th anniversary of Dartmoor's designation as one of Britain's first National Parks.

Organised by the Chagford Local History Society, Dartmoor History Day will run from 10am to 5pm at Jubilee Hall, Chagford, bringing together local history groups, exhibitions, live performance, refreshments, and community memory projects from across Devon.

Visitors will be able to explore historical displays curated by some of Devon's most active local history organisations, including groups from Lustleigh, Moretonhampstead, Okehampton, Throwleigh and Widecombe in the Moor. The Devon History Society will present a special exhibition, Devon in the 1920s, offering a fascinating glimpse into everyday life in the county a century ago. The event will also feature live performances of Dartmoor-themed songs and stories, alongside displays from the Chagford Heritage Centre showcasing highlights from its rich local history collections.

In partnership with the Chagford Community and Memory Café, organisers will also invite local residents to share memories of life on Dartmoor in decades past, helping preserve personal stories and experiences for future generations.

Jon Lawrence, Chair of Chagford Local History Society, said:

"Dartmoor has an extraordinary history shaped by its landscape, communities and traditions. Dartmoor History Day will bring together people from across the moor to celebrate that heritage and to share stories that might otherwise be lost. We hope the event will appeal to anyone with an interest in Dartmoor's past, present and future."

This free event is open to everyone with an interest in Dartmoor's heritage, landscape and communities.

Location: Jubilee Hall, Chagford

No booking required

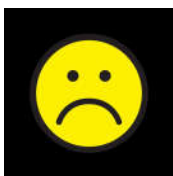
Free to all

Bacon Baps will be served on **Saturday 25th July 10am - 12 noon** **Bridestowe Village Hall.**



Ian and Dawn will be there with their locally sourced meat and eggs.
Remember we do have a card machine.
If you would like to have a table at a bacon bap session, either as a one-off or on a regular basis, do get in touch.
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Michael and Ness Pearce have been selling their eggs for over 20 years, leaving them at the corner of Beech Tree Meadow with people paying for them in an 'honesty box'. (A quick thanks to Aunty Trish for allowing them to use the spot!) Parents dropping off children would often buy them, along with passersby. Now, however, eggs have been taken without payment and even the money has been stolen. With regret, Michael and Ness have decided to stop selling eggs in this way as it's not financially viable. However, if you would still like some eggs, Ness will drop them off to you on her weekly visit to the village



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www.bridestowe.org.uk/village-hall to see prices and view the calendar for availability.

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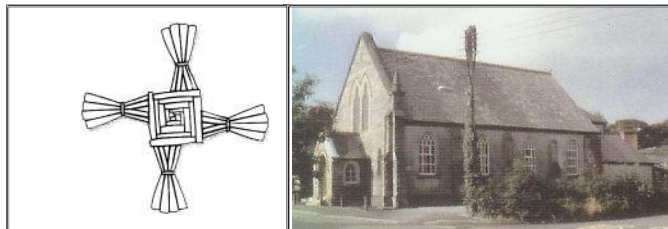
Please support this fundraising event by buying a quiz sheet that will be on sale at Riverside Stores from 1st July until 8th August. Great prizes to be won!

Pictures are slightly easier this year and you don't necessarily have to have all the answers to win.



GOOD LUCK!

Bridestowe Church Partnership



Sunday Worship for July 2026

Sunday 5th

9.30am Service at Sourton

10.30am to 12.30pm Cafe Church at The Ark
(Worship, Coffee, Tea, Chat, Children's activities)

9.00pm Compline service in St Bridget's.
Compline, also known as Night Prayer, is the final church service of the day and lasts about 15 minutes.

Sunday 12th

9.30am Holy Communion at St Bridget's Church

11.00am Service at the Methodist Chapel with Angela Banfield

6.30pm Praise service at the Methodist Chapel with Rev Chris Jackson

Sunday 19th

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Bridget's Church

11.00am United Service at Methodist Chapel with Chris Jackson. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sunday 26th

9.30am Holy Communion at St Bridget's

11.00am Morning Service at the Methodist Chapel with Bridestowe worship group

Let's sing

From the brain to the heart, singing has been found to bring a wide range of benefits to those who do it, particularly if they do it in groups. It can draw people closer together, prime our bodies to fight off disease and even suppress pain. So might it be worth raising your own voice in song! Psychologists have long marvelled at how people who sing together can develop a powerful sense of social cohesion, with even among the most reluctant of vocalists becoming united in song. Research has shown that complete strangers can forge unusually close bonds after singing together for an hour.

Bridestowe Church partnership are hoping to start an all-age community singing group in September. Singing a variety of songs. If you

are interested in being involved please look out for more details next months BaSE and in other places.

On **Tuesday 14th July in St Bridget's at 7.00pm, The Faggottinis** are presenting **Music for a Summer Evening**. Tickets (min donation of £5) can be secured from Riverside Stores and includes a glass of wine and light refreshments.



The Ark

We hope you can cope with this very hot weather. Remember that the ARK is a COOL place.

The Coffee Morning in June raised money for Tavistock Memory Cafe. We were able to send £225. Thank you to all who attended.

The Coffee morning in July is on **Saturday 11th July**. 10 am to 12 noon. The charity this month is Farming Community Network, a voluntary organisation & charity that supports farmers and families within the farming community. Whether the issue is personal or business-related, FCN is here for you. It run a confidential, national helpline and e-helpline which is open every day of the year from 7am to 11pm and our volunteers provide free, confidential support to anyone who seeks help. Over 10,000 people a year benefit from FCN's support and it can help with a variety of issues. Do come along and support our farmers. The hot weather has impacted on them greatly. We look forward to seeing you all.

The Ark opening times

Tuesdays 10 - 12 with coffee, cake and a friendly chat, and 2 - 4, when you can play whist.
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EVENTS IN JULY

Summer Book Quest Launch: Saturday 11 July

Join us for the launch of this year's Summer Book Quest, 'The Mission to Wayfarer Island'. Call in to sign up and take part. Also help us to create our Summer Book Quest display in the children's area of the library.

The Pearl Exchange On Tour: Thursday 2 July 18:00-20:00

The Pearl Exchange is a creative community space based in Bude for 18-35 year olds. Throughout June and July they are bringing pop up workshops to towns across Cornwall and Devon. Come along to Okehampton Library for a free creative workshop where they'll be making zines and badges - all materials are included as well as free tea, coffee and snacks. Find out more and book a spot on The Pearl Exchange website - thepearlexchange.org.uk/events/okehampton-the-pearl-exchange-on-tour/

NHS Speech & Language Drop-in Session: Tuesday 7 July 9:30-12:30

Would you like any advice and support for your child's speech, language and communication skills? Visit this easy access drop-in session with your pre-school child to see an NHS Speech and Language therapist to get advice, support and strategies from the team.

Summer Book Quest Display Craft: 20-25 July During library opening hours

Help us to create our Summer Book Quest display in the children's area of the library. Call in during library opening hours. Free activity for ages 5+, donations welcome. Check our Facebook and Instagram or posters in the library for our upcoming events.

Recycling for Good Causes: Okehampton

Library have taken some inspiration from other Devon Libraries who are doing their bit assisting in tackling the climate crisis and we are proud to say that we have also teamed up with Recycling For Good Causes to offer a

recycling point in our library! You can now drop off certain electronics, stamps, currency or jewelry at the recycling point in front of the customer service desk and these items will get sorted and recycled, whilst also raising money for our charity Libraries Unlimited.

Badges for sale

Okehampton Library now have badges for sale! Collect all of the designs to support our library. Suggested donation £1 each, all proceeds will go to Libraries Unlimited, the charity that runs libraries in Devon and Torbay.

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Tuesday	09:00-17:00
Wednesday	09:30-12:30
Thursday	09:00-17:00
Friday	09:00-18:00
Saturday	09:30-12:30

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Okehampton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk

Lunar cycle for July

<i>New moon</i>	<i>14th</i>
<i>First quarter</i>	<i>21st</i>
<i>Full moon</i>	<i>29th</i>
<i>Last quarter</i>	<i>7th</i>



July's full moon is known as the Buck Moon, relating to the new antlers that emerge on a deer buck's forehead around this time.

17 July – 24 August - The Perseid meteor shower

In July and August the Perseid meteor shower will take place, caused by the debris stream from the comet Swift-Tuttle.

The Perseids are a highlight of many astronomers' calendars due to their high hourly rate and bright meteors. At the peak you could see up to 150 meteors per hour, and you might even catch some fireballs too. The Perseid meteor shower is active between 17 July and 24 August, with the shower peaking on 13 August. Fortunately, this year the peak of the shower occurs during new moon, so conditions are ideal for seeing the best of the Perseids – moonlight won't drown out the fainter meteors.

Meteors will appear to radiate from the constellation of Perseus, so find a dark spot and look there for the best chance of seeing some shooting stars.

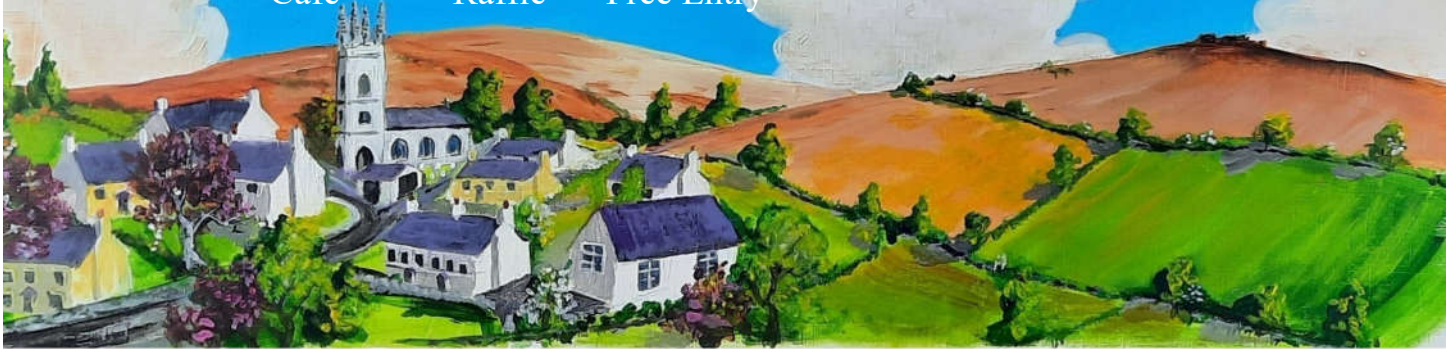
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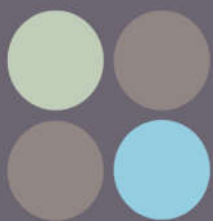
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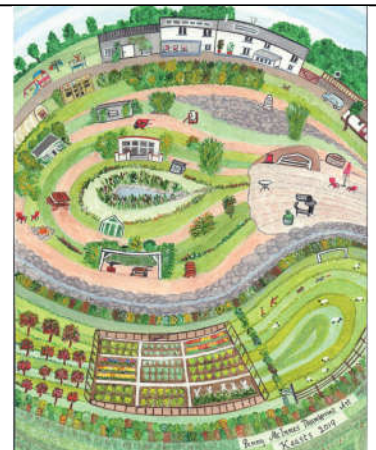
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Friday 3rd	6pm, Bridestowe School Ground, Family rounders
Saturday 4th	10am - 5pm, Jubilee Hall, Chagford, Dartmoor History Day
Sunday 5th	11am - 4pm, Roadford Lake, Summer Fair 1pm - 4pm, Belstone Village Fair
Wednesday 8th	8pm, The White Hart, Quiz in aid of Freewheelers Blood Bike Service
Saturday 11th	10am - 12 noon, The Ark, Coffee morning in aid of Farming Network
Tuesday 14th	12.15 for 12.30pm, Over 60's Lunch 7pm, St Bridget's Church, Concert
Wednesday 15th	7.30pm, The Ark (Methodist Church), Bridestowe PC meeting
Thursday 16th	12 for 12.30pm, 11, Crandford Close, Thursday Morning Group lunch 12-2pm, Boasley Chapel, Soup and Sweet
Monday 20th,	7pm, White Hart, Bridfest Volunteers' meeting
Tuesday 21st	2.30pm, Fairplace Church, Okehampton u3a, talk
Saturday 25th	10am - 12pm, Bridestowe Village Hall, Bacon Baps 9.30am, Cemetery gates, Volunteer Group
Tuesday 28th	10.30am - 12 noon, The Anchorage Centre, Tavistock, Parkinson's Support group talk 6-8pm, Sourton Village Hall, Pottery event



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