

On Polling Day, 4th July, it is hoped that all our four churches will be 'prayer spaces' for any who can take a few moments to pray for the nation on this important day. Some 'prompts' suggesting topics for prayer will be provided. If you wish to pray but cannot get to church, the prompts can be emailed to you, or delivered if advised in good time.



Ordination of the Rev'd Sam Randall as Priest

On Saturday 22nd June, a service for the Ordination of Priests was held at St Matt's Church, Exeter – a truly inspirational service led by Bishop Jackie, and at which her husband, the Rev'd David Runcorn, preached.

It was very special to me as our daughter-in-law, Sam Randall, was one of the ordinands. Sam has been taking services in our four parishes and will be continuing to do so. She has been really inspired by our small congregations – a great contrast to the large, busy, city churches that she has previously known!

Pictured with her (*right*) is our granddaughter, Libby, who will shortly be going to work as an *intern at St Aldate's Church in Oxford with other young people while they discern their vocations. They will both appreciate your prayers for their future work. *Marie Randall*



**An intern is a student or trainee who works, sometimes without pay, in order to gain work experience or to satisfy requirements for a qualification.*

The funeral of the late Edward Hobson will take place at St Andrew's at 3 pm on Friday 5th July, followed by refreshments in The Union.

Flower & Craft Festival at St Andrew's, Moretonhampstead

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

The Festival, held at St Andrew's Church, Moretonhampstead, in mid-June, over 40 separate exhibits, many of them with a theme based on lines of the hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful*.

The Festival was a resounding success, with an opening service conducted by Bishop Nick McKinnel, and the closing one by Sue Sheppard. The photos below say it all!

A BIG THANK YOU

It was lovely to see so many at our Flower and Craft Festival last month, thank you all for coming along and supporting it. And a special thank you to those individuals, groups, clubs, businesses and others who put together such imaginative displays for us all to enjoy.

Thanks also to those who gave up their time to set it all up, to be there on the days and to take it all down at the end.

And of course great thanks to those whose vision planned this all and who oversaw the whole event; we are deeply indebted to you.

A small selection of photos taken by Mike Rego





News and events in our villages – mainly in date order

Church services may be found on the group website: moretonbenefice.uk

The Lustleigh Prayer Meeting is at 9.30 am every Tuesday at Twyneo.

U3A does not meet during July or August, and North Bovey Belles WI is not meeting this month.

Manaton Discussion Group meets at 2.00 pm on Thursday 4th July at Water Mill.

The Lustleigh Society will be holding an Open Day in Lustleigh Village Hall on **Saturday 6th July, 10.30 to 3.30**. The Lustleigh Tith Map of 1837 will be on view for the first time in many years along with the Apportionment giving details of landowners and land use. Visitors will be able to see newly acquired pictures and other significant items from the Archive. There will also be a display by the Kelly Mine Preservation Society, and the Devon Family History Society will be on hand to assist with enquiries about family history. Coffee, tea, cakes and other refreshments will be available all day!

Also on 6th July – Moreton’s next **Charity Market Coffee Morning** is at **10-11.30** at the Community Club. Items of produce always welcome. The one in May raised **£147**. A knife-sharpening session is also being held outside the Community Club that morning.

Morecare has a Coffee Morning on Monday 8th July at the Community Club – and on every second Monday of the month.

Manaton Monthly Market – 10.30-12.30 on Tuesday 16th July.

Moretonhampstead Makers’ Market is on **Saturday 20th July, 10 am-1 pm** at the Community Club. For information on being a stall-holder, please ring Caroline on 07854 482349.



Moreton Music Day will run **from midday to midnight on Sunday 7th July** at three locations: The Horse, The White Hart and St Andrew’s Parish Church. Enquiries: Bee Denning (07958 083493).

LEAP (Lustleigh Entertainment and Arts Project) is presenting another series of summer concerts at Lustleigh Parish Church following their popularity last year. All concerts will start at **12 noon** and last about an hour. There is no advance booking or tickets, but we ask that you make a donation as you leave, which will be divided between the artistes and the Church Fabric Fund.

On **Saturday 27th July**, a local group, *The Hawkmoor Sax Quartet* will offer easy-listening jazz with favourite standards to enjoy.

A final lunchtime concert will take place on Saturday 31st August.



Grand Charity Auction fund-raiser – with magnificent lots to bid for – will be held in Moreton at **The White Hart, from 7 pm on Thursday 18th July**. Tickets @ £20 (available from Larry’s the newsagent in Court Street) include dinner.

FRIENDLY FRIDAYS in Moreton are continuing at **The Union**

10-12 Refreshments: £1 per head.

DEVON DAY TRIPPERS are taking a summer break

Wellmoor will be resuming these in September

It is good to report something that most Moreton residents will already know – that our flagship hostelry *The White Hart* reopened as promised on 6th June, with a significant queue forming to enter it at the advertised hour! WELL DONE to James and Hannah, and to all those who worked so hard to achieve this D-Day deadline so successfully.

Moreton’s Library building update

As most Moreton readers will know, while the long-anticipated reopening of the Library took place to some fanfare earlier this summer, the Bowring building has again been declared unsafe for use by the general public, and so there is currently **NO** library facility in the town.

Those who can get to Bovey Tracey will find a well-stocked library beside the car park in Hind Street (very close to *The Cromwell Arms* in the High Street).

We will keep you informed of any progress on this front, and if you want any further information, please reply to the email which brought you this edition of CONTACT EXTRA.

Beating the Bounds in North Bovey



(Left) Jean Grist and Debbie Jenkin take the lead – and (right) the whole group atop a boundary stone on Easdon Hill whilst fulfilling the annual Beating of the Bounds.

'Beating the bounds' is an ancient custom still observed in parts of England, Wales, and the New England area of the United States, which traditionally involves residents of the parish, deliberately including children, walking the parish boundary and swatting local landmarks or boundary markers on the parish boundary with branches (often willow canes), or sometimes even 'bouncing' the children on the markers, in order to maintain a shared mental map and knowledge of the parish boundary, usually every seven years.

The North Bovey Fair will start at **2 pm on Saturday 20th July** on The Green. There will be a variety of stalls – including bric-à-brac, pre-loved clothing, bottle stall, books and cakes. The Dog Show will begin at 2.30 and there will be the usual Duck Race on the River Bovey at 4. Throughout the afternoon delicious teas will be served in the Parish Hall, and there will be competitions for photography and displays in the church. And for a bird's eye view, you might want to go on a trip up the church tower and see the village from on high!

PARKING IS FREE and there will be a FREE MINIBUS SERVICE to North Bovey from the upper (Court Street) car park in Moreton from 1.30.

If anyone would like to donate bric-à-brac and/or clothing to the appropriate stalls, the Parish Hall will be open for these to be delivered on Sundays 7th and 14th July – both days, 2-5 pm.

COME AND JOIN IN!

Spot the Rector in election of new Bishop of Exeter

The Rt Rev'd Dr Mike Harrison was formally elected as the 72nd Bishop of Exeter in an historic ceremony at Exeter Cathedral on Thursday 20th June. Since Saxon times, English diocesan bishops have been nominated by the King or Queen. The election ceremony marks the official acceptance by the Church of England in Devon of the monarch's chosen candidate. The process has remained largely unchanged since it was established by King John in 1214.

Our Rector, Sue Sheppard, as a Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral, was present for this occasion, with the Cathedral's College of Canons – a group which includes the Dean of Exeter and Residentiary Canons, Bishop Jackie and Bishop James, the Archdeacons of Barnstaple, Exeter, Totnes and Plymouth, and honorary and lay canons of the Cathedral. ***But can you find Sue in the photo below?***



Moretonhampstead Twinning Association ...

has a Garden Party on **Saturday 13th July, 2-5 pm**, in The Walled Garden, 12 Mount Pleasant, serving cream teas and cakes, along with bric-à-brac and plants for sale, music, raffle, and even *knife-sharpening! **ENTRY FREE.**

*A knife-sharpening session is also being held the previous **Saturday, 6th July, 10-12**, outside Moreton's Community Club, Court Street.

There is also a need for hosts for a group of young teenagers from Betton for six days, 23rd-29th August. If you CAN help, please reply to the email which brought you this edition of CONTACT EXTRA.

The Green Hill Arts Open Exhibition 2024

Working with *Dartmoor Magazine* on this year's Open Exhibition, every participating artist is offered the opportunity to take part in this professionally curated show at Green Hill Arts Gallery. Hundreds of submissions were received and more pieces than ever before are on view. The standard is extremely high, and the independent judging panel had a very challenging task. Come and enjoy the variety and talent this show has produced.

ENTRY IS FREE

The Green Hill Arts Gallery is open from 10 am-4 pm
from Wednesday to Saturday until 31st August.