

PRESS RELEASE Flower Festival – Postbridge – 18-21 Sept. 2014

Isolated Dartmoor village puts on amazing show for local church

One of the **most isolated rural villages** in Devon, Postbridge, high up in the heart of Dartmoor, with a population of only 60+ houses, has come together to demonstrate in flowers their **incredible community spirit and love of the Moor**.

The **Flower Festival in St.Gabriel's Church, Postbridge**, runs until Sunday, and is open to all from 10am-7pm on Saturday 20th September, and 10-4 on Sunday 21st September.

Refreshments of pasties and ploughmans, cream teas and cakes, are available in the **Village Hall** next door to the Church.

Guided over the past 18 months by main organisers Annie Smerden and Sarah Watson, **more than 20 local contributors**, mostly from Postbridge itself, have created a banquet of mid-summer and early **autumn flower arrangements**, each **celebrating a different aspect of High Moorland life**. The Church bursts with blossoms, and the detail within the arrangements is truly inspiring – from the farmer who sits at the entrance surrounded by flowers, the tiniest rabbits hanging from one display, the Galloway cow with a garland of honeysuckle, model houses high up in the rafters (how did they get them up there?), and posies hanging from each pew.

It really must be seen to be believed. When people walk in to the church all you hear is a soft 'wow'! **For a small community**, and a small church, the results are truly **amazing**.



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Welcome to the Flower Festival, St.Gabriel's Church, Postbridge



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