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Well, winter time approaches... and dare we mention Christmas already!

We are always mulling over ideas and thought it would be of interest to our readers if you or a friend has an interesting job in the area and would like to share your experiences, please do let us know. We have a wool grader waiting in the wings to tell us about his job... and there's a bit more to it than you think! We look forward to hearing from you.

If you fancy a chuckle read Buster Browns article - A dogs day out, on page 31. Made us smile. Please continue to let advertisers know if you found them in our magazine - as it means we can keep providing our magazine free to you.

If you have any stories you would like to share please email us.

We wish all our advertisers, contributors and readers a very happy Christmas and New Year. Best wishes

Ceri Keene and Claire Savill

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UPCOMING DIGITAL COURSES

Digital Photography using your tablet 2 x weeks 4th and 11th November 10:00 — 12:00
Windows 10 on your laptop 2 x weeks 18th and 25th November 10:00 — 12:00
Electronic Elves — how to make Christmas easier 2 x weeks 2nd and 9th December 10:00 — 12:00
Each course costs only £24:00. Concessions available. For more information or to enrol please telephone 0330 332 7997. Please bring your own Laptop or tablet along — we have some to lend.

Rotary Club presents BLACK CAT JAZZ Saturday 5th November from 6.45pm

Tickets £10 from The Tantivy, Dulverton or Bampton Fruit & Veg or £12 on the door. Full Bar

WINTER HARMONY

An evening of acoustic folk, blues and other genres.

Sat 26th Nov, from 7pm. Bar & snacks. Tickets £5 from Dulverton PO & Tantivy order via perfect_curves@icloud.com



Upcoming courses - Brushford village hall

Digital Photography using your tablet

Do you have an I Pad or an Android tablet or thinking about buying one? On this course you will look at: how to use a tablet to take beautiful photos, edit them to get the best results and then share with your friends and family. An informative, fun course suitable for all.

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WINSFORD VILLAGE HALL

CRAFT FAIR

Sunday 6th November 2pm to 5pm Tables of Crafts Cake Stall and refreshments

CHRISTMAS SALE

Saturday 26th November 10.30am start Cake stall, Christmas stall, Books, Raffle, Clothes, Bric-a-Brac Lots of Bargains.

In aid of Exmoor Community Youth Club

FAMILY CHRISTMAS BINGO

Saturday 10th December 8pm start

Refreshments and Raffle In aid of Winsford Playgroup

Contact Sue Hayes 01643 851372



West Anstey Village Hall Entertainment & Events

Tuesday, 8th November 7.30 p.m. Film: - 'Brooklyn' (12)

Saoirse Ronan, Domhnall Gleeson, Emory Cohen, Jim Broadbent & Julie Walters. Adapted by Nick Hornby from the award-winning novel by Colm Toibin. sans frontieres; Set in small-town Ireland and Brooklyn in the 1950s, this is a compelling and moving portrait of a young woman and the choice she has to make between her home and her first love. Tickets: £3.50 on the door

Light Refreshments available in interval.

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Tuesday, 13th December 7.30 p.m. Film: -'The BFG' (U) From the story by Roald Dahl

Director: Steven Spielberg with Mark Rylance, Ruby Barnhill, Penelope Wilton.

Sophie, a young orphan, is transported to the land of Giants and Dreams for the adventure of a lifetime. Tickets: £3.50 adults, £2.50 children on the door. Light Refreshments available in interval. Enquiries to 01398 341 615

Above events sponsored by Anstey Arts and Beaford Arts

Tuesday, 22nd November: 10.30 - 1.00 -Coffee House + 2nd-hand clothes and other items for Hall Extension Fund.



Dulverton Town Hall 7.30pm

Tickets are \$7.50 each and available from Dulverton Post Office or call the ticket line 01398 323474

MOOR MOVIES

WINSFORD

1st November Desert Dancer (15)

Drama based on the true story of a group of young Iranians risking their lives to dance and put on a performance where their Country's laws forbid it.

22nd November The Man Who Knew Infinity (12A)

The story of the self taught mathematical genius, Srinivasa Ramanujan, who earns a place at Cambridge University during WW1 and his relationship with his mentor. Starring Dev Patel and Jeremy Irons.

13th December Love and Friendship (U)

This period comedy adaptation of a Jane Austin novella sees recently widowed Lady Susan Vernon leaving a trail of scandal behind her. Starring Kate Beckinsale.



Sunday 4th December

2.30 – 4.00 pm Exford Village Hall



Craft stalls ~ plants ~ local produce cakes ~ bottle stall ~ toiletries

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We'd like to wish all our customers a very merry Christmas and Happy new year and look forward to seeing you soon.



Sunday 4th December

Our annual winter festival is shaping up to be really special this year. As with the past few years, Fore Street will be a traffic-free zone bustling with the winter market of food, drinks and the entertainment stage.

The shops will be open all day and the events on stage start at 2pm. Father Christmas will be visiting Dulverton from 2.30pm and will see all you good children in his Grotto at The Heritage Centre. Emma Munroe will also be painting magical faces in the Grotto.

The Christmas Tree Trail in the Town Hall is a must to see. It was a huge success last year and will have even more trees this year. Captain Coconut and Merlin the Magician are back to create a mystical awe of 'how do they do that?'. The brass band, choir and carol singing will definitely give you that festive feeling, all helped with a mince pie and a cup of Gluwein. The Christmas Bazaar is will be back in All Saints Church this year too. The breathtaking fireworks are at 6pm followed by our rocking band up to 7.30pm when the event closes.

We are please to tell you the Victoria Eveleigh will be back to enthral us all with enchanting tales. And don't forget to visit the Dulverton Model Railway by the Heritage Centre, opening especially for Dulverton by Starlight.



Wed 23rd
November
Dulverton Town Hall
Eyes Down
7.30pm

Light Refreshments Provided

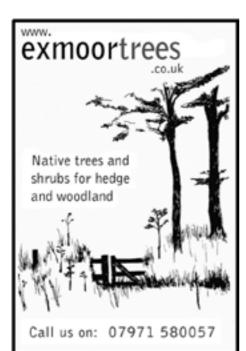
We have a few treats and surprises up our sleeves for you that we will let you know about closer to the time. Keep up to date with what will be happening on www.dulvertonbystarlight.co.uk and on Facebook, @dulvertonbystarlightx.

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Co-responders volunteers

Anyone can volunteer to be a Co-Responder; they don't have to be a Fireman and anyone who wishes to find out more can have a word with the Officers at the Dulvefrton Fire Station.

They are also having a recruitment drive to get more Firemen for the Dulverton Fire Service. We do not want to lose the Co- responders or even the Local Fire Service as they provide a valuable service to the town and surrounding areas.

Also see the otter article on page 18.

EXMOOR U



Wed 30th November

St. Margarets Hospice & their Nepal Trek Challenge of 2014

A talk by Jane Lillis of St Margaret's & lan Williamson

No meeting in December

Vintage Film Club - 3 pm at Fishers Mead **Community Centre:**

Wed 9th November - The Bitter Tea of General Yen starring Barbara Stanwyck - 1933

NO FILM IN DECEMBER as the Community Centre is unavailable

Dulverton Action Group - Litter-picking:

Sun 20th November – 10.30 meet by the Heritage Centre - Everyone welcome! NO MEETING IN **DECEMBER**

Somerset Waste Partnership - Permits

Somerset Waste Partnership focusing on the introduction of the permit scheme for vans, pick-ups and trailers using Somerset's recycling sites from October. For information on their services visit their website at www.somersetwaste.gov.uk



Brompton Regis Village Hall
Saturday 10th December
Doors open 6.30PM
Eyes down 7.30PM
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Friday 16th December Saturday 17th December at 7.30 p.m.

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Friday November 11th Director: Tom McCarthy

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129 mins

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Friday November 25th Director: Whit Stillman

LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP (Cert U)

92 mins

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Friday December 9th Director: Matt Brown

THE MAN WHO KNEW INFINITY (Cert 12A) UK 2016 (Cert 12A)

The true story of friendship that forever changed mathematics. In 1913, Srinivasa Ramanujan (Dev Patel), a self-taught Indian mathematics genius, arrived at Trinity College, Cambridge, where over the course of five years, forged a bond with his mentor, the brilliant and eccentric professor, G.H. Hardy (Jeremy Irons), and fought against prejudice to reveal his mathematic genius to the world. A tale of inspiration.

Friday December 23rd A FAMILY CHRISTMAS FILM – TO BE ANNOUNCED –WATCH OUT FOR DETAILS IN PARISH MAGAZINES, LOCAL PAPERS, ETC, OR CONTACT AS BELOW Tickets –Dulverton Films members £3, non-members £4.50, students, accompanied by an adult, £2.50. (Tickets may be available on the door - £4). Book in advance at Dulverton Post Office (Tel: 01398 323474) or email janaross2003@yahoo.co.uk. Bar open from 7pm.

Somerset Wildlife Trust Hosts Evening with One Show's Mike Dilger

Somerset Wildlife Trust is delighted to announce that it will be holding a special evening event with Mike Dilger, wildlife presenter on the BBC's 'The One Show', (also co-presenter of 'Natures Top 40, and also presented on Autumn Watch, Spring Watch and Nature's Calendar).

An ecologist, natural history presenter and writer, Mike will share his journey into

wildlife television and his favorite filming experiences alongside some amusing stories from working in Britain and around the globe. 'The Trails and Tribulations of being a Wildlife Presenter'.

Mike will be at Queen's College, Taunton at 7pm on Saturday 19th November. Set to be full of exciting stories, punctuated with amusing anecdotes and images, it's not to be missed by wildlife enthusiasts across the county. Tickets sell fast, so to find out more and to book your tickets: please go to www. somersetwildlife.org/mikedilger.



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The Exmoor Rural Housing Network is launching a new project that aims to try to meet the affordable housing needs of local people living on Exmoor.

This will include:

- * Helping people apply for existing housing
- * Conversions of empty or underused buildings
- * Working with developers and other organisations
- * Setting up local community land trusts to enable local solutions
- * Working with landowners with possible sites

Are you looking for an affordable home?

If so please contact Sue Southwell who will start to explore your housing options with you.

Sue will be building a register of people who are looking for alternative housing. She will also be recruiting and training Housing Ambassadors who will help signpost households in housing need to the appropriate organisations.

Could you help?

You may be in the position of being to help people in your area with a housing need. For example do you have some land or a redundant building or a holiday let you would like to be used in this way? If so let us know about it and we will arrange for pre-planning advice about its suitability. You may be interested in becoming a Housing Ambassador.

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News from the Exmoor Pony Centre, Ashwick, Dulverton TA22 9QE

More of our ponies have found happy lives away from the centre; some on conservation grazing

sites and others at foster homes. One of our very special little characters Monty, aka Jenny's Prince from herd 23 on Withypool, has gone to a home near Bridgwater keeping company with some Shetland ponies. For once he is the biggest pony in the paddock! He was always a super star and right until the moment he drove off down the lane he impressed us by loading beautifully into a large horse lorry with no hesitations at the size of it and the ramp he had to climb!

Four of the ten yearlings we took in over the winter have already been gelded so we were able to offer them space with a group of ponies travelling north to live right at the top of England near Rothbury in Northumberland. We would like to thank Alan Walters Horse Transport for a superb professional job of getting them safely to the other end of the country. The entire group of nine ponies have all settled well at their new home.

Sometimes we are called on to help where unable people are to keep their ponies. This was the case Leicestershire when Wildlife Trust was unable to keep their herd due to difficulties managing their



vegetation supply. We collected their five ponies and sent them north to Juliet Rogers at our northern base where they have been re-homed at a wonderful conservation site.

In early May we sent three ponies, Igor, Ivan and Titch, to graze with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust at a lovely site called Wigpool.

We have also been receiving fabulous updates about our foster ponies around the country, who are undertaking all sorts of jobs some taking part in pony club activities, others doing agility and proving what a wonderful versatile breed the Exmoor pony is. Website: www.exmoorponycentre.org.uk Email: info@exmoorponycentre.org.uk Tel: 01398 323093



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I have to say that, ever since watching 'Ring Of Bright Water, I have loved Otters. I also love exploring Exmoor. So I jumped at the chance to take part as a volunteer in the annual Exmoor Otter survey. The survey is organised by the Somerset Otter Group (SOG), who have been contributing scientific data through close observation of Somerset's Otters for many years. In addition the group organise a detailed survey over a particular weekend each year, where a series of areas are carefully examined for signs of Otter and environmental considerations etc. As Exmoor covers both Devon and Somerset, the Exmoor National Park sent out a request for volunteers to cover some of the Devon sections.

We had a training day at Simonsbath, where experts showed us what to look for, and then I was allocated my own area of the moor to

survey. On the survey weekend the weather was glorious and I was very happy to be exploring an area of river that I'd never visited before. I found good signs of Otter on the first day and then washed them off and came back again the next day to see whether the Otters had been there again. I found the experience fascinating. Once completed, the results were sent off to SOP for analysis and I later got the summary of the survey.

I enjoyed taking part in the survey so much that I did it again the next year and have already signed up for 2017. Volunteering for the Exmoor National Park has enriched my life!





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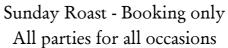




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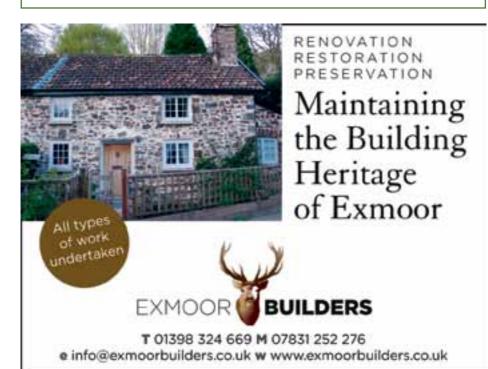
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Local Liberal Democrat candidate raises money for Dulverton Weir & Leat Project in the 'Exmoor Beast' Bike ride

Peter Pilkington the Liberal Democratic candidate for Exmoor & Dulverton ward in the upcoming County Council elections in May 2017 took part in the recent Exmoor Beast bike ride across Exmoor. He choosing Dulverton Weir & Leat Conservation Trust as the charity to which he would donate the money he raised from sponsorship. With hundreds of other riders he heroically rode for 76 miles in typical Exmoor conditions of wind and rain (with occasional sunshine!). Providentially, the route of the course actually came past Dulverton Weir and Peter was able to briefly stop and inspect the weir from Northmoor Road. Philip Hull, a Trustee of

Dulverton Weir & Leat Conservation Trust was there to greet Peter and thank him personally for his efforts on the charity's behalf.

Philip Hull, pictured with Peter below, commented "we are delighted that Peter chose us as the charity he would support in this event. Having met him on the day I know what an arduous time he had that day – the weather was terrible. We appreciate his support and interest". Peter Pilkington commented "fundraising for local charities like the Dulverton Weir project was a great motivation for getting me round the course. I hope to be entering others in the future"



















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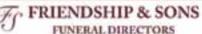
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New bridleway route through Worth Wood

Exmoor National Park Authority is pleased to announce that the long term closure on Public Bridleway DU10/38, Parish of Withypool & Hawkridge has been lifted.

A landslip occurred following the major flood of 24 December 2012 which destroyed a 40 metre length of the bridleway on the western bank of the River Barle at Worth Wood. This made the legally recorded route impassable at this point and it has been closed ever since.

This autumn, practical works have taken place to create a new route for the path set further up the slope from the river and on the 8 September, Exmoor National Park Authority confirmed the Public Path Order to divert public bridleway DU10/38 onto this new route.

Dan Barnett, National Park Access & Recreation Manager said: "It's taken a while to find the best way of tackling this issue, but the new route provides a long term sustainable solution for the public bridleway and paves the way for further access enhancements along this popular and beautiful valley.

"We can now explore funding options for installation of a new bridge below Great Bradley which would allow us to move the Two Moors Way onto the west side of the Barle and provide a much more user friendly path between Withypool and Tarr Steps."

Porlock Shingle

It is the 20th anniversary of the breach of the Porlock Shingle ridge following a mixture of high tides and stormy weather in 1996.

Twenty years is not considered long in terms of landscape and ecological changes, but the extent of the changes that have taken place in Porlock bay and the surrounding area have been remarkable. Through the Porlock Marsh Vision Project, work continues to try and understand this fascinating area and to make the Marsh more accessible for people to enjoy.

Porlock Marsh BioBlitz

A great weekend of wildlife-hunting at Porlock Marsh in July resulted in over 400 different species being identified (with more records still to come). An amazing range of species were found, including (continued on page 27)



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birds, butterflies, moths, bats, plants, insects, mammals and lichens, demonstrating just how biodiverse the marsh and surrounding areas are.

The event was organised as part of the Porlock Marsh Vision project, in partnership with the National Trust and their tenant farmer who hosted the event at Bossington, Exmoor National Park Authority, Somerset Wildlife Trust, Somerset Environmental Records Centre, Natural England and the Exmoor Natural History Society. Led by a fantastic range of experts, wildlife hunters were able to explore the wildlife of the marsh, streams, hedgerows and farmland, with a sea-watch crew looking out for marine species and sea birds. Some great spots included porpoises and grey seal off Hurlstone point, 2 peregrines chasing an oystercatcher, and close up views of skylarks who are usually just heard singing above the fields. There was something for everyone to get involved with, including stream dipping, bug hunting, searching for plants and insects, and watching experts catch and ring birds.

The bird ringers found lots of evidence of breeding with juveniles and brooding birds. A good range of birds were recorded over the 24 hours including sea birds, farmland and woodland birds - Manx shearwater, gannets and guillemots, whitethroats, willow warblers, goldfinches, rock pipits, and linnets to name a few. Over 200 plant records were also collected including common plants found in farmland and scrub as well as classic saltmarsh plants such as sea purslane, samphire, and sea beet, and a new record for Porlock Marsh of sea kale. 30 species of lichen were also found. on the trees surrounding the marsh and the pebble ridge. The stream dippers found lots of stoneflies and mavflies, cased and caseless caddis flies, as well as freshwater shrimps, bullhead and even eel. The warm weather brought out the butterflies, including silver washed fritillary, large white, red admiral, meadow brown and small skipper.

The BioBlitz continued late into the night with a chance to meet a barn owl and tawny owl at the Exmoor Hawk and Owl Centre, before setting out with bat detectors to find a number of different species. Moth traps were also set overnight, with 72 species found including buff tipped, poplar hawk moth, swallowtail, and the elephant hawk moth.

Clare Reid, Porlock Marsh Vision project manager said: "A huge thanks to all the organisations and people who helped to

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make the BioBlitz a great success, including the National Trust and Mike Dyer for hosting the event, all the walk leaders who helped to identify the great range of species, and Kitnors catering for feeding everyone so well! "Hopefully this will be an event that will be repeated in future years to help build our knowledge and understanding of the wildlife of Porlock Marsh."

Comments from BioBlitzers:

"A very entertaining and interesting day"
"Really enjoyable day. The staff and guides were fantastic"

"More of the same please!"

The BioBlitz was organised as part of the Porlock Marsh Vision project, a partnership project promoting the conservation and enjoyment of Porlock Marsh. For further information about the project, go to http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/Whats-Special/porlock-marsh-vision





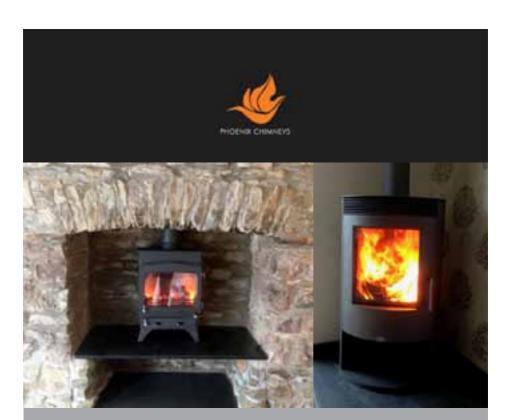


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A Dog's Day Out (or Night In)

She calls it a sudden drop in the overnight temperature, me and my new companion call it bed! The decision is whose?

Regardless of the luggage that came up with him from Plymouth, my new friend's intentions were made quite clear on his arrival as he sprang onto The bed and flew under the duvet. He's been there more-a-less ever since, only coming up for air when the humidity rises. My choice is simple. I no longer have that youthful spring left in my legs. In any case, I wasn't born with much in that department. Big feet on the end of my knees, like my owner. However there are two comfy dog beds on the floor to curl up in and if I concentrate hard enough and take a long run up to the pouffe, I can make it onto the sofa.

Recently I have been invited onto The bed to read two books kindly brought as a gift for us by a visitor from London. Mrs. Tinman, a semi retired English teacher has never let go of her need for a good basic education and desire for perfect manners. Titled Test Your Dog and Test Your Dog 2 – The Advanced Dog IQ Test, these are easy to read (and fully illustrated for the real dumbos).

Example in 'Test Your Dog' and The Situational Exam Test 13 the instructions are given in a standard multiple choice form, "a", "b" or "c". So, When a friend your dog likes, but sees rarely, comes to visit what is his reaction? a. shows extreme happiness when your friend arrives. b. shows hesitation at first but soon shows signs of recognition or c. acts as if your friend is on the FBI's Most Wanted List? The rating scale for each page can be marked with number of points your dog earns for that question. Easy peasy. The Advanced Dog IQ Genius Edition is more tricky. It states to be truly happy, dog experts say, dogs need to work. So the question that asks Is your dog more likely to Eat from the rubbish bin (nil points) Helps you drag the bags to the outside bin (1 point) or Separate out the recycling (2 points) is a much tougher ask. I thoroughly recommend this read for the long winter nights in or even your Christmas stockings in your quest to improve interspecies relationships.

Buster Brown (Jack Russell cross type) Correspondent

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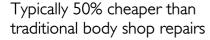


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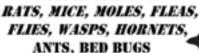
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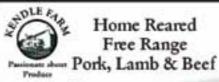
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