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The Jubilee Inn is offering the luxury champagne tea on Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26 from 11am until 12noon and from 2.30pm until 6pm. Priced £24.50 each or £45 for two.

Claire Sellar-Elliott explained: "Enjoy a selection of pink finger sandwiches, homemade pink scones, strawberry clotted cream, homemade 'pink' cake, mini 'pink' desserts with pot of tea and a glass of Brut Rose Pierre Gobillard Premier Cru. Advance bookings only. £5 per booking will be donated to Breast Cancer Research.

"During the Easter holidays, we will also be helping raise money for the charity by hosting children's crafts including Easter egg painting and bonnet and roll bunny making with proceeds and donations to the charity. So, come for lunch and book a 20-minute slot beforehand for your children to craft with us too. Advance booking only."



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March - The Measure Of A Man

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Screening 15th March 2017, 7.00pm, Petroc - Tiverton

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March Meeting Wednesday 29th A.G.M. Please note earlier time of 10.15 for the A.G.M. to be followed by a talk on 'Wiltshire Farm Foods' by Jennie Byham

Wednesday Meeting 26th April 'Diplomatic Anecdotage' A talk by Sir Roger Carrick

Thursday 9th March at 7:00 p.m. **Dulverton Group Exmoor Society** ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Followed at 7:30 p.m. by "The Lynton-Barnstaple Railway"



A talk by Ian Cowling.



after the talk.

Thursday 13th April at 7:30 p.m. HORNETS "Gentle Giants" A talk by Stephen Powles

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ea and Coffee provided after the talk.



West Anstey Village Hall Entertainment & Events

Tuesday, 14th March 7.30 pm

Film: `Mother's Day ' (12A)

Jennifer Anniston, Timothy Olyphant, Julia Roberts, Britt Robertson

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Tickets: £3.50 on the door

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Thursday, 20th April 7.00 pm `AS THE CROW FLIES'

Pentabus Theatre Company Theatre with 2-course Supper

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Dulverton Town Hall

Friday March 10th

THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN UK 2016 (Cert 15) 112 mins

Director: Tate Taylor

Rachel, devastated by her recent divorce, spends her daily commute fantasizing about the seemingly perfect couple who live in a house that her train passes every day, until one morning she sees something shocking happen there and becomes entangled in the mystery that unfolds. Based on Paula Hawkins' bestselling novel.

Friday March 24th

A STREET CAT NAMED BOB

(Cert 12A) 103 mins

Director: Roger Spottiswood UK 2016 103 mins The moving and life-affirming true story of the unlikely friendship between a young homeless busker and recovering drug addict, James Bowen, and the stray ginger cat named Bob who changed his life.

Friday April 7thFANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM(Cert 12A)Director: David YatesUK 2016133 minsThis spin-off of the Harry Potter franchise jumps back in time to explore the wizarding
world of 1926 New York, which is being threatened by both mystical acts of destruction
and a group of extremist No-Majs (the American term for Muggles, those unable to
use magic). Author Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne) arrives in the city as part of
a global study of fantastic beasts, but he gets caught up in this conflict when some
of the magical creatures in his care are accidentally released. Katherine Waterston,
Alison Sudol, Dan Fogler, Colin Farrell, Ezra Miller, and Johnny Depp co-star in this
fantasy adventure, adapted for the screen by J.K. Rowling from her own book.

Tues April 11th 3pm Easter School Holiday SWALLOWS AND AMAZONS (Cert PG)Director: Philippa LowthorpeUK 201697 minsFour children (the Swallows) on holiday in the Lake District sail to an island and starta war with rival children (the Amazons). In the meantime, a mysterious man on a
houseboat accuses them of a crime they did not commit. Set against the breathtaking
backdrop of the Lake District, the film is a heartwarming adventure for all the family.

Friday April 21st	THE LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS	(Cert 12A)		
Director: Derek Cianfrance	UK 2016	133 mins		
Tom is a World War I veteran who maintains a lighthouse off the shore of Australia				
with his wife Isabel, a woman desperate to have a baby. Her prayers are answered				
when an infant washes up on shore in a rowboat. Tom thinks they should notify the				
authorities but ultimately gives in to Isabel's wish to keep the girl. Fate strikes again				
when the couple meet the child's biological mother on the mainland. Now, Tom and				
Isabel must make a decision that will forever affect the lives of four people.				

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.

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In this mix of dark comedic wordplay and macabre insight, Beckett's mastery is evident – absurdity in the face of meaninglessness, sorrow in the face of futility, humour in the face of mortality.

Tickets for performance £9.50, students in full time education £7.50, from Dulverton Post Office or contact Jan Ross on 01398 323818, janaross2003@yahoo.co.uk

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The Dulverton Players' spring production will be "Daisy Pulls It Off" by Denise Deegan, an award-winning comedy.

In July the Players will be staging their popular murder mystery evening. This year's classic whodunit is "Murder at the Party Conference", with one of producer Christine Dubery's delicious suppers. In the autumn the Players will be performing a stage version of the popular TV comedy series, "Allo 'Allo" with Ryun Smallbone directing and starring as the hapless barowner, Renee, as he struggles with life in Occupied France.

DULVERTON PLAYERS PRESENT THE AWARD-WINNING WEST END COMEDY



AT THE TOWN HALL, DULVERTON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26⁷¹¹ TO SATURDAY, APRIL 29⁷¹⁰ 7.30 PM EACH EVENING TICKETS FROM THE DULVERTON POST OFFICE TEL 01398 323474



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MOOR MOVIES

Tuesday 14th March ALLIED (15)

Action drama film about an Intelligence Officer when his relationship with a French Resistance fighter is put under extreme pressure from the war. Starring Brad Pitt and Marion Cotillard.

Tuesday 28th March A STREETCAT NAMED BOB (12A)

A feel-good true story of the unlikely but heartwarming relationship between a homeless busker and Bob, a stray cat.

Tuesday 11th April THE LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS (12A)

Romantic period drama where an Australian lighthouse keeper and his wife raise a baby they find drifting at sea. Starring Michael Fassbender.

Tuesday 25th April THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN (15)

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2.30 pm* at Fishers Mead Community Centre (*PLEASE NOTE: we will be starting the film at 2.30 pm from MARCH onwards):

Wed 8th March – A Handful of Dust – starring Kristin Scott Thomas & Judi Dench – 1988

Wed 12th April – Great Expectations – starring John Mills & Valerie Hobson – 1946

Dulverton Action Group -Litter-picking:

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Gone Fishing

Well it won't be long now before the fishing seasons open, Salmon on the Exe opens on the 14 th Feb, and trout on March 15 th. I hope it is going to be a better season than 2016, so far as the rivers were concerned it was a very dry year which reflected in poor salmon catches. In the 80's, on a good year, the Carnarvon Arms Hotel would catch about 100 salmon, the same at Tarr Steps and other private beats 30 - 60. Now, for the last 3 years catches for the whole Exe system barely reached 100, of which 85% would have been returned. Fortunately a lot of work has been done to improve the river habitat but a huge amount of young salmon will be eaten up by the Goosanders which are invading the upstream sections of the river and need to be culled to preserve all fish life, in the breeding sections of the rivers.

To add to the doom and gloom Wimbleball Lake seems to be in a mess, there will be no boat fishing this year and no more trout stocked. So bank fishing only for a diminishing number of fish, I bet Clatworthy has a good year.

The really good news is that the Dulverton Angling Association has actually purchased its own fishing rights, so protecting its future for the next thousand years....



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Although we will be on site through the closed period, overseeing the renovations, we will not be taking bookings for the 10th April onwards, until 1st April 2017.

Get Well

Many of our readers will know Robin Ashburner, a stalwart supporter of many good causes on Exmoor... get well Robin.



The remote moorland village of Simonsbath might seem an unlikely place for a festival. But

Simonsbath Festival is now in its sixth year and continues to draw audiences from far and wide. Visitors from North Devon, West Somerset and further afield have every reason to visit the village of Simonsbath during the six weeks between May Day and Midsummer in its idyllic setting in the magical heart of Exmoor.

Simonsbath Festival is a non-profit making community venture which celebrates the cultural heritage of Exmoor while inviting top musicians from abroad to celebrate theirs in the six weeks between May Day and Midsummer. The festival offers a variety of other events and activities including walks, talks, classical, jazz, opera and world music concerts.

The festival also works with local schools to organise music workshops to teach children traditional music and songs which have been collected on Exmoor. They culminate in a Midsummer family and community concert on June 23 to close the festival.

The dazzling line-up of events for Simonsbath Festival 2017 start in the customary way with May Day celebrations for all the family on Bank Holiday Monday May 1st on Exford Village Green.

Highlights of the festival include concerts by the Lyra Vocal Ensemble from St Petersburg, singing choral music from the Russian Orthodox Church as well as Russian folk songs; the multi-national band Mankala, celebrating the joyous sounds of South Africa, and Cornwallbased Salsa band Kabasa with authentic Latin-American music. courtesy of London-based jazz band The Dime Notes and supremely talented violinist Tamsin Waley-Cohen returns to Simonsbath with her newly formed Albion Quartet.

By popular demand the fabulous Pop-up Opera return to Simonsbath Festival and will give their unique take on the 18th century Italian comic opera The Secret Marriage by Domenico Cimarosa.

The festival's mid-week events include an award-winning staging of Austen's Women by touring theatre company Dyad Productions and a presentation the work of the great photographer James Ravilious, who chronicled life in rural Devon in the 1970s and 80s. Local farmer David Kennard, whose DVD 'The Year of the Working Sheepdog' sold 80,000 copies worldwide, talks about juggling life as a farmer and film maker, while TV's Matthew Fort, food and travel writer and judge on The Great British Menu, talks about his new book'Summer in the Islands'.

Rob Wilson-North and Graham Wills give presentations based on their extensive research which sheds new light on the Knight family, who made the Exmoor we know today, and wildlife expert and photographer Jochen Langbein gives an illustrated talk on Exmoor's Red Deer.

Full details of the programme are available on the website www. simonsbathfestival.org.uk and you can follow the festival on Facebook and Twitter.

To receive a full colour, printed festival programme or to join the mailing list email info@simonsbathfestival.org.uk or to find out about becoming a Friend of Simonsbath Festival and enjoy ticket discounts and priority booking while also supporting the festival, email friends@ simonsbathfestival.org.uk or call Polly on 01643 831302.

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John joined the 8th Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment and died on the 21st February 1916. He is remembered at the Meaulte Military Cemetery.

Tony Sloley Dulverton Heritage Centre

THE ROTARY CLUB OF EXMOOR

EXMOOR DOES JAZZ - A successful night of New Orleans jazz, organised by The Rotary Club of Exmoor, was held in Brushford Parish Hall on Saturday, 21 January featuring Jeremy Huggett and his Dart Valley Stompers. Word is getting around and we look forward to an even greater number attending on 25 March when we shall feature Roger Marks and his Cornish Armada.

Formed in 2008, Roger's newest band has proved to be popular playing to full houses almost everywhere. Exmoor Does Jazz has got off to a good start with excellent local support from the Dulverton and Bampton areas. We intend to continue, assuming your enthusiastic support, with a session upon a bi-monthly basis. The net proceeds are used to support the charitable work for which the club exists. We are a thriving club with an expanding membership base and further details can be found at – www. exmoor-rotary.org.uk. Should you wish to be kept abreast concerning our bimonthly jazz events, then please register your interest including your name and telephone number by sending an email to:- exmoorrotaryjazz@aol.com













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Following up from the Wool Grading on Exmoor article by Brian Boundy, (Jan/Feb issue) here is the winner of the Golden Fleece, Traditional Carpet Category in the English Championship with an Exmoor Horn fleece. It was overall reserve champion for the whole of the UK.

Owner of the Fleece, Henry Rawson of Wellshead Farm, Exford, fleece shown by Ricky Atkins. Ricky is a well known shower of sheep and is an experienced shearer known by many all over Exmoor.

Following the 2016 Golden Fleece competition run by the British Wool marketing Board, the judges comments on the reserve champion fleece were "A fabulous fleece with an excellent crisp handle which is expected from Exmoor Horn wool. Very worthy runner-up to the Golden Fleece for 2016."



Ricky Atkins (left) and Stephen Spencer, Wool Marketing Manager



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



Work at the Pony Centre doesn't stop even though its chilly winter time. The ponies certainly keep us busy and warm.

In Mid-January staff at the Centre were preparing for ten ponies to travel to a new home with Durham Wildlife Trust at their Rainton Meadows Reserve. The time to say farewell came on the 17th January with the day of the move starting at 4.30 in the morning on Exmoor and by the early afternoon they were arriving to a crowd of people all eagerly awaiting their new four legged lawn mowers. Durham Wildlife Trust became interested in using the Moorland Mousie Trust for their Exmoor pony needs when they saw how other organisations in the north of England were using the charity and its ponies for conservation grazing. The ponies will be helping to improve habitat on some of DWT's reserves between the rivers Tees and Tyne.

That same day, the Centre played host to a group of around 50 members of the Chinese community from the Exeter area; a visit arranged by Exmoor National Park and Hikmat Devon CIC. The group enjoyed a talk by Linzi about Exmoor ponies and the work of MMT and the Pony Centre before meeting the ponies for a chance to cuddle and groom and concluding with sandwiches and cake in the Green Room. Everyone said how much they enjoyed the visit and many said they would come back.

The Exmoor Pony Centre is always pleased to welcome groups to see the work of the Moorland Mousie Trust, our parent charity, at first hand and learn more about the breed. The visits are informative and fun with plenty of opportunity for hands-on interaction with the ponies. In the past we have welcomed U3A and community groups, student and school groups and adult learning groups. If you are interested in a group visit please contact us. Our volunteers enjoyed a belated Christmas Social recently to catch up on plans for 2017 and to get together and meet others who share the same passions. We have a devoted team of volunteers helping with a variety of tasks from ponies to admin to fundraising. We are always in desperate need of more helpers so please do get in touch if you could spare any time to help the charity. You will find a warm welcome!

The Centre opened on Monday 13th February and Treks and Riding sessions resume at the end of March. The next Activity Afternoon on will be on Sunday, 9th April from 11am to 3pm to include pony rides, grooming, refreshments and family fun. Full schedule for 2017 is on our website. We hope you can join us.

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Chinese visitors meet Barney (aka Anchor Bitterne from herd A422). Photo: Barry Hitchcox.







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Dulverton Gardening Club

The new season starts and we have a full programme of

events and talks coming up. The Schedule for the Flower and Produce Show on Saturday August 19th in the Town Hall is now available from Dulverton Post Office and M & H Vegetable Shop. Now's the time to plan and plant.

First talk of the year in January was given by Sam Brown, National Trust gardener, on the restoration of the Victorian walled garden at Knightshayes, on the outskirts of Tiverton. Sam told us how the garden and 19 glasshouses had provided fresh fruit and vegetables for the house during the late 1800's.

With the advent of the First World War, as with many large estates, the gardeners at Knightshayes downed their spades and hoes and took up arms, sadly many of them not returning. By the time of the Second World War numbers had further declined although the garden still produced supplies when the house was used as a hospital. When commercially grown produce became readily available, the garden ceased to be cost effective. By the 1970's the garden had been abandoned, the glasshouses had fallen into disrepair and at one point it was used to graze sheep and even served as an overflow car park!

In 1999 the Trust undertook a project to restore the garden to its former glory and by 2003 was fully productive again providing fresh fruit and vegetables for the restaurant kitchen.

The glasshouses however were beyond repair and were finally demolished. However, the restoration is continuing and it's hoped to rebuild one of the original Victorian glasshouses. The Trust only has a small number of permanent gardeners and is always grateful for any help provided by volunteers. If you're interested in lending a hand in the garden then contact Sam on sam. brown@nationaltrust.org.uk

Welcome back! Dulverton Farmers Market is open for business again!

Taking place on the last Saturday of every month commencing in April and for each of the following six months, our town will host another successful market in the Lion Car Park. The market will open from 10 am till 2:30.

Traders will sell their locally produced food and drink and, as you will remember, a wonderful choice of street food to take away or eat right there and then!

Alternative parking is provided free on market days at Exmoor House and directions will be given for visitors.

As you know, this market gives the town an extra boost to its permanent traders as well as bringing interesting local skills and expertise.

We really hope you will continue to

support our local community by coming to the market in the centre of town, tasting delicious food, sampling new menus and, most of all, entering into the spirit of community life, by chatting to traders who are proud of what they produce and are more than happy to share their enthusiasm with you.

If you are a producer and would like details of the cost for pitches please contact 01398 323474. We look forward to meeting you again at Dulverton Farmers Market!



Social Netball

Every Thursday, 6.30-8.00pm, at Dulverton Junior School TA22 9DE. £3 for non-members; the first three sessions are free. We welcome new members of all abilities and fitness levels, and offer the chance to play competitive netball,

Exmoor Croquet Club

The Exmoor Croquet Club will begin their 2017 season on 4 th April. We meet at 2pm every Tuesday till the end of October, at the QE 2 Playing Field behind the church at Exford.

Dulverton and Exmoor Squash – the great indoors

Two squash courts were built in 1984 for the whole community, by local enthusiasts, at the award winning Sportsfield in the middle of Dulverton. Locals borrowed money from guarantors who were soon paid back by the 200 members. They built a \pm 74k project themselves for \pm 34k. The Sports Council said it would never work – too wet and not enough people! Monthly boxes and ladders took off, even a team in the county tournament – and the beautiful courts, the envy of bigger cities are still going strong 32 years later.

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social netball, or just attend training if you prefer. We also enjoy socialising as much as our netball, with an extensive social events programme!

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The Big Sleep

What's happening? Why dolhave to get up? It's still dark. Okay. Her electric toothbrush's going. Why does my buddy get so excited about it. I know.

It's just an excuse to shout in my ear again. He's been doing this a lot recently. Yawn. Shove off! I'm having a lie in.

We have to go to the office e-v-e-r-y day. It's meant to provide some form of stimulation. We let people in the front door nicely and go to the postbox a couple of times. S-n-o-r-ing. I'm alright once I get out of the house though and have a stretch as long as we head in the direction of the car. There's a rug in the back of that and once the heater gets fired up, I might stand up to bark out of the window at a passing neighbour. There's several of those up and down our street early morning. Tia and Stanley always bark back which is nice but old Molly hasn't got the energy anymore. Oh, it's so quiet. Sigh. There are some new kids on the block. My buddy's got a real nose for it and explodes into action when he gets onto the scent and keeps me in touch.

We had a nice time at Christmas – visits to the pubs that had a roaring fire to curl up to. Lots of meat 'n' veg AND gravy. Got left behind one day when She went Christmas shopping. She was gone a long time. It was dark when she left and dark when she got back. A really nice lady came to see us to make sure we were alright and took us for a walk, plumped our beds up when we got back and put the tele on.

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and says "Spring's just round the corner" I go and have a look but can't see anything there so munch a few more biscuits and go back to sleep. I'll see if I can find it again tomorrow.

Buster Brown (Jack Russell x-type) Correspondent. Credits: Wag 'n' Walk telephone 07852 265789. The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler published 1939

Thankyou from Starlight

We would like to thank all who made Dulverton by Starlight 2016 so special, and for all their hard work. A total of £597.54 was raised through the donations on the day. We need more committee members and volunteers, are you willing? Contact: email: teresa36@gmail.com, or call 01398 323770 or contact ISIS in Dulverton.

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