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## COVERING SOUTHERN EXMOOR

As we put the magazine together the snow has only just left the hills of Exmoor. The warming sun is beginning to brighten our lives and the swallows should return shortly. Another reminder that it's time to get out and about. Along with the many regular and returning events, several new opportunities arise, why not get out and about, try something new!

We have a new photographer on the front - thanks to Pauly Allen. If you would like to see your photo on the cover, do get in touch.

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*Best wishes, Ceri Keene and Claire Savill*

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Wednesday 30th May A talk by David Jury on his pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela

'CAMINO DE SANTIAGO'

Wednesday 27th June

A talk by Ian Barclay on 'THE PYRENEAN ICE CAVES'

### The West Somerset Rural Life

**Museum** is Allerford is struggling both on volunteers and visitors. The lack of volunteers is threatening the museum as they may not be able to open as regularly as they do.

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**Town Tour** Why not join us on a guided walk exploring the history of Dulverton. Discover some secret places and hear tales of old from local guides. No need to book. £3.00 per person. Meet at Dulverton Heritage Centre <http://www.dulvertonheritagecentre.org.uk/>

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30am Grand Book Fair**

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**28<sup>th</sup> May – 1 June May – Free fun quiz for kids** at Dulverton Heritage Centre during usual opening hours: Mon - Fri 10.30am - 4.30; Sat 10.30 until 1pm, Sun 2.00 - 4.00

**May 30<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm – Talk at Dulverton Heritage Centre on “Blackmore at Blundell’s”** (and other links of the School with Exmoor) by Mike Sampson, Archivist at Blundell’s School. The talk will focus on R D Blackmore’s time at the School and the prevailing conditions, S.H. Burton’s time as a Master there and other surprising connections between Blundell’s and Exmoor. Admission: £3.00 per person.

**31<sup>st</sup> May at 3pm – A talk on the Fascinating Lives of Exmoor’s Butterflies and Moths** Butterfly expert, Megan Lowe will be speaking about the fascinating world of butterflies, moths, and their caterpillars with a little help from some live specimens. Learn about the fussiest butterflies on Exmoor, the people trying to save them, and what we can all do to make the future brighter for butterflies. Open to all, families very welcome. Admission: £3.00 per person.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 3pm, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 3pm & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 3pm Town Tour** Why not join us on a guided walk exploring the history of Dulverton. Discover some secret places and hear tales of old from local guides. No need to book. £3.00 per person. Meet at Dulverton Heritage Centre <http://www.dulvertonheritagecentre.org.uk/>

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**Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup> – Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> – Art Exhibition** by Andy Palmer ‘For the love of trees’ Original, watercolour, graphic and mixed media, limited edition prints, inspired by Exmoor. <http://www.dulvertonheritagecentre.org.uk/>

**Thursday 10th May**  
7:30 p.m. Congregational Church Hall,  
Chapel Street, Dulverton.

**EXMOOR POSTAL ROUTES**

Up until the 1970's Exmoor's post was routinely delivered on foot, on horseback or sometimes by motorbike. The posties were Exmoor's main method of communication – often unofficially carrying newspapers, bread, tobacco or even medicines to outlying farms and villages. This talk by Dr Helen Blackman is about the Exmoor Society's investigation of these old routes as part of their archive work.

Here you see Dr Blackman re-tracing part of one of these routes.

DGES members free: Non-members £3 please to help with expenses. Refreshments follow talk.

**DULVERTON GROUP EXMOOR SOCIETY**





## Dulverton Town Hall

Friday May 11th **MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS** (Cert 12A) Director: Kenneth Branagh 114mins

A lavish trip through Europe quickly unfolds into a race against time to solve a murder aboard a train. When an avalanche stops the Orient Express dead in its tracks, the world's greatest detective, Hercule Poirot, arrives to interrogate all passengers and search for clues before the killer can strike again. Stars Kenneth Branagh as Hercule Poirot, with an all star cast including Penélope Cruz, Willem Dafoe, Judi Dench, Johnny Depp, Josh Gad, Derek Jacobi, Michelle Pfeiffer.

Friday May 25th **FINDING YOUR FEET** (Cert 12A) Director: Richard Loncraine 111 mins

When 'Lady' Sandra Abbott (Imelda Staunton) discovers that her husband of forty years (John Sessions) is having an affair with her best friend (Josie Lawrence) she seeks refuge in London with her bohemian sister Bif ( Celia Imrie). The two could not be more different - Sandra is a fish out of water next to her outspoken, serial dating, free-spirited sibling. But different is just what Sandra needs at the moment, and she reluctantly lets Bif drag her along to a community dance class, where gradually she starts finding her feet and romance as she meets her sister's friends, Charlie (Timothy Spall), Jackie (Joanna Lumley) and Ted (David Hayman). A heartwarming comedy with an all-star cast.

Friday June 8th **DARKEST HOUR** (Cert PG) Director: Joe Wright 125 mins

A thrilling and inspiring true story begins at the precipice of World War II as, within days of becoming Prime Minister of Great Britain, Winston Churchill (Gary Oldman Academy Award Best Actor) must face one of his most turbulent and defining trials: exploring a negotiated peace treaty with Nazi Germany, or standing firm to fight for the ideals, liberty and freedom of a nation. As the unstoppable Nazi forces roll across Western Europe and the threat of invasion is imminent, and with an unprepared public, a skeptical King, and his own party plotting against him, Churchill must withstand his darkest hour, rally a nation, and attempt to change the course of world history.

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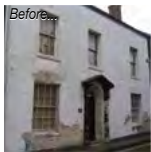
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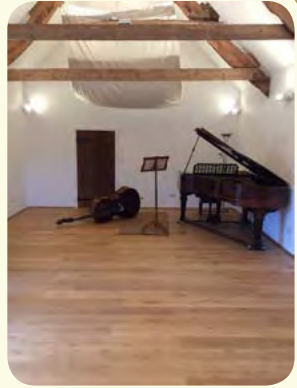
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## DULVERTON LIBRARY MATTERS

**MAY/JUNE 2018**

The **FRIENDS OF DULVERTON LIBRARY** will meet on Thursdays May 3rd 2018 and June 7th 2018 at 2pm.

The **LIBRARY BOOK GROUP** will be meeting on the first Friday of the month (4/5/18) at 2pm. The book we will be discussing is ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT by Erich Maria Remarque. The book we will be reading in May will be REDEMPTION by Richard Burke, to be discussed on 1/6/18. June's book will be THE BALLROOM by Anna Hope.

The **CRAFTERNOONERS** will meet as usual on the 2nd Friday of the month. (11/5/18 and 8/6/18) at 2pm. The craft project for May is AIR DRYING CLAY and for June will be JOURNALS. A charge of £1 applies plus a small charge for materials.

**SCRABBLE CLUB** will be meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month (17/5/18 and 21/6/2018) at 2pm.

**LEGO CLUB** will meet on the 3rd Saturdays of May (19/5/18) and June (16/6/2018) at 10.30am. Booking is essential and a charge of £1 applies.

The **KNIT AND NATTER GROUP** meet on the last Friday of the month (25/5/18 and 29/6/2018) at 2pm. Please bring your own knitting with you.



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Full details and booking here-

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The Library consultation period has been extended for a further 7 weeks. You now have until **Wednesday 13th June** (originally 22nd April) to show your support for your library by completing a Library Consultation questionnaire, available online at <http://www.somersetconsults.org.uk/consult/ti/LibrCons2018consultationHome> or in the library.



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His gravestone is at the Terlincthun British Cemetery Wimille, whilst there is a memorial plaque on the Dulverton Church wall.

Joan Ferguson (nee Page), who many of you will remember, told me some time ago that her father, Bert, the billiards champion, who was a Corporal in the Royal Engineers, met up with Robert shortly before he died.

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**Screening**  
Wednesday  
2nd May

**Directed By**  
Ritesh  
Batra

**Starring**  
Jim Broadbent  
Charlotte Rampling

?????

**Title**  
**CLASSIC FILM**  
(To Be Chosen)

**Screening**  
Wednesday  
23rd May

**Directed By**  
?????

**Starring**  
?????



**Title**  
**The Fencer**  
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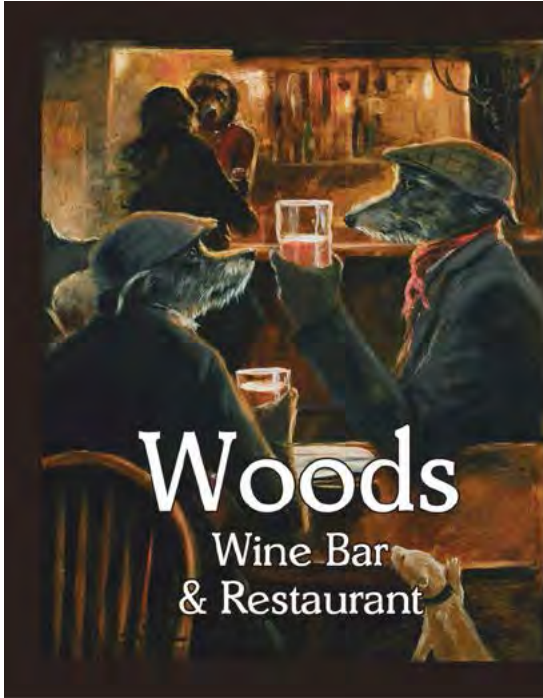
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The route starts and ends in the picturesque Exmoor Town of Dulverton and follows the route of the river Barle up to Tarr Steps. From there the route climbs up onto the moor, with far reaching views in all directions, before heading south east to the river Exe and then back into Dulverton for the finish line.

Rob Lott, Head of Communications at Calvert Trust Exmoor said; "We're delighted to be running this fantastic event again for the third year. Last year 282 riders took part, enjoying a fantastic ride and raising over £5,650; enabling us to help more people with disabilities to access cycling



and other adventurous activities. We are extremely grateful to the wonderful people and businesses of Dulverton and the surrounding area; without their support in allowing us to use their land, volunteering to be marshals, running refreshment stations, and helping set up the route, this event just wouldn't be possible."

Registration for the event is just £21 per rider, with £20 of that fee going directly to Calvert Trust Exmoor to help them support people with disabilities to enjoy accessible adventure activities, including accessible cycling. (The remaining £1 is an administration fee retained by British Cycling).

*To find out more about Eat Dirt on Exmoor or to sign up visit [www.calvert-trust.org.uk/eatdirt](http://www.calvert-trust.org.uk/eatdirt) or email Sharon from Calvert Trust Exmoor on [sharon@calvert-trust.org.uk](mailto:sharon@calvert-trust.org.uk).*

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## Simonsbath Festival 2018:

May 7 – June 21 2018

Simonsbath Festival returns on Bank Holiday Monday May 7 with May Day celebrations for all the family on Exford Village Green and an exciting mix of classical, jazz, opera and world music concerts, talks, walks and an art exhibition which take place in the village of Simonsbath in the heart of Exmoor over the following six weeks to Midsummer.

Full details of the programme will be available on the website [www.simonsbathfestival.org.uk](http://www.simonsbathfestival.org.uk) and you can follow the festival on Facebook and Twitter.

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blocks used in the work on show. You might even want to have a go yourself as there will be opportunities to make your own mono print. (Consult the website for dates) There will also be work by well known ceramicist, Jacki Leighton Boyce.

You will be able to meet with some of the exhibiting artists on selected

days (Please refer to our website for more details on dates) and to discuss their work with them. The exhibition will provide visitors with an opportunity to see top quality artwork, reflecting something of the local area. All framed work on show will be for sale and there will also be a large number of unframed prints from which to select. This is a good opportunity to purchase some original art work at an affordable price.

We have a new venue this year, The Old Pottery, which is next door to the Exmoor Forest Inn, so very easy to find. There is plenty of parking space for visitors in the Ashcombe Car Park, which is clearly sign posted from the road (B3223).

The exhibition, which is free, will run from 12th May to the 28th May, will be open from 10.00am until 4.00pm each day and until 6.00pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays, so providing an opportunity for Festival concert goers to drop in to the exhibition before the show. The Exmoor Forest Inn offers delicious lunches, teas and evening meals and there are lovely walks beside the River Barle, or up through Birch Cleeve or Ashcombe Woods, so providing an opportunity for an enjoyable day out.

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Ours is a little rotten in places, but there's plenty of room to get my nose all round for the daily inspection. I can smell stuff, you know, furry things. Gets my adrenaline really pumping. Great literature has been written in a shed, She said. I hope there's no high hopes for me.

I've definitely got a sense of smell though and good hearing too. In fact I am a pretty smart dog. Honey, my live-in secretary who speaks little English and unable to take notes, is more of a sight hound. She prefers to skip around with her head in the air after the birds and flies. When I look at her closely, she doesn't

have, how can I say, an aquiline nose like mine, more a podgy flat one. She has little interest in our shed and has laid claim to the kitchen at food preparation time instead. I only have to poke my head round the corner to check what's cooking and there she is—teeth bared. I quite like it though. I've always had this quirky thing about a chase.

I can't wait to get into my shed. It's still full up from our house move but I can see potential.

Instinctively it is a place of work. It's not on an allotment; how cool would that be helping with all the digging, or in a farmyard (reserved for the annual holiday) but it is my shed and for that reason alone, a potential place for a genius.

*Buddy Brown (pure Jack Russell) Roving Reporter*

*References: Dylan Thomas, Mark Twain, Roald Dahl and Virginia Woolfe (all of whom wrote works of great literature in a shed)*



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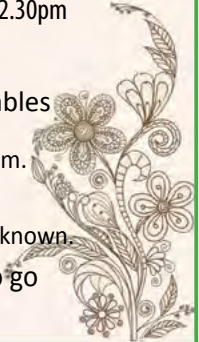
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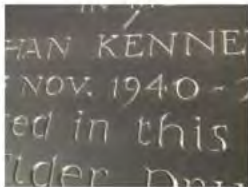


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June 3rd is SWFFL's 10th anniversary, and we are launching group no 10 in Berkshire in May. So 10 groups in 10 years! The anniversary celebrations are going to be held on 3rd June at Wembleball, which we now call Head Office as this is where SWFFL was founded. Please do feel free to come along to the day to see the organisation working. Members will be fishing and committee members and volunteers will be delighted to chat with you. Starts at 11am at Wembleball by the lecture room. Another date for your diary is 15th July when SWFFL

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

Due to the weather, it has been a particularly demanding time at the Pony Centre which was snowbound for several days. Ponies still had to be fed and checked daily and with lanes blocked by deep snow drifts it was no easy task. One field, a mile away, was completely cut off and could only be reached on foot pulling a sled with the supplies on. As well as all the day to day tasks and clearing up after the winter weather we are continuing with castrating and handling foals and preparing them for moving on to new homes.

At the same time, there are the riding ponies to bring up to condition for when the trekking season begins, and some new riding ponies to bring on. Jensen, who we started working with last year, is coming along well and now his pal Pascoe has begun his training, too.



Pascoe spent his first four years with fosterers then came back to the Centre where he spent a year learning manners and acting as 'uncle' to a succession of new foals. This winter he finally began his training to be a riding pony and, as you can see from the photograph, has happily accepted wearing a bridle and is being led round the lanes by Lydia. Next step will be the saddle.

On May 12th from 12 to 4pm, we are holding a "Cream Teas and Exmoor Ponies" afternoon at Allerford Village Hall, near Porlock. There will be lots of pony-related activities and the village hall will be providing their popular cream teas. So do come along and meet the ponies.

We are still looking for someone to co-ordinate our fundraising and we would love to hear from you if you think you might be interested. Thank you to everyone who

## Welcome to the Exmoor Self Build Seminar

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May**

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supported our Fun Quiz and Carvery at the Sportman's Inn, Sandyway on 16th March, it was a fabulous evening and raised over £750 for the ponies.

Our next Activity Day at the Centre is on Thursday, 31st May, 11am - 3pm with all our usual activities. And don't forget you can visit us from 10-4 Sun, Mon, Wed, Thur and Fri. Pop in and see the ponies, have a look in our Green Room to see lots of information about the breed, their heritage and special qualities, plus learn about the work of the charity and meet some of our four-legged friends! Rides must be booked in advance.

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Our popular Companion Dog Show (entries on the day) will give your faithful mutt a chance to strut his or her stuff, whether a pedigree pooch or a family friend. Plus our exciting Gundog Scurry attracts those with sporting dogs.

The horse and pony events run throughout the day and are a big attraction, with jumping, gymkhana, showing and fancy dress classes.

Schedules from Brompton Regis Village Shop (open Monday - Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm).

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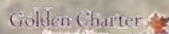
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