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It's summer! And welcome to our bumper edition. We've had some wonderful sunshine, we can only hope it lasts for the summer fetes and events - there are so many! Please keep your events and items coming in - so much to do, so little time.

We have another new photographer on the front - Michael Pilley. If you would like to see your photo on the cover, do get in touch.

At Exmoor News, we appreciate the very kind people who deliver our magazine or take copies in their shops etc., we are extremely grateful and send our thanks to you all. And please do let our advertisers know you found them in our magazine as it means we can keep providing it free to you.

Best wishes, Ceri Keene and Claire Savill

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EXMOOR HOLIDAY CLUB

The Exmoor Holiday Club run by Little Owls Nursery in Dulverton is taking bookings for the summer holidays now. The club will be running Monday to Thursday alongside the nursery and it will be open for all primary age children in the area, not just those who attend Dulverton Schools. Sessions are available between 8am-6pm.

It will run for 5 weeks from Monday 30th July – Thursday 30th August. A fun programme of sessions will be published on All Saints School website shortly.

The nursery is currently taking bookings for September for 0-4 year olds.

If you are interested in your child attending the the holiday club or the nursery please call deputy manager, Carole Flottesch, on 01398 324360.

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Saturday 21st July 7pm to late

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Brompton Regis Show & Gymkhana - 18th August

At Brompton Regis Cricket Field, Renford Knapp, TA22 9NJ

Come and join us for a brilliant day out for all the family. We have a majorettes display, children's activities, traditional shows of garden produce, flower arrangements, cookery, handicrafts and eggs. Plus stalls selling bric a brac, books, plants, 'anything in a bottle' . . . a raffle and tombola . . . an Auction of Pledges . . . and of course, refreshments with ice creams and a BBQ. (Refreshments open at 9.00am and stalls and children's activities start at 10.00am).

The ever popular Dog Show starts at 12.30pm with pedigree and family fun classes. And we will be running our great Gundog Scurry throughout the day.

All entries for dog classes are taken on the day.

The Horse show and gymkhana starts at 9.00am and includes showing, Exmoor and mountain & moorland classes, gymkhana, show jumping and fancy dress.

All entries on the day.

Schedules for the cookery, flower, veg, eggs and handicraft shows available from Brompton Regis Village Shop (open Monday - Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm)

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Su Elsdon, Show Secretary - email: su@elsden.me.uk - 01398 371473



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Dulverton Heritage Centre

2nd July – 7th July

Local artist Richard Blackmore exhibiting many of his new creations in the Gallery at the Dulverton Heritage Centre.

Thursday 5th July 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/>

Sunday July 8th - Saturday July 14th

Art Exhibition by Andy Palmer 'For the love of trees' Original, watercolour, graphic and mixed media, limited edition prints, inspired by Exmoor

Sunday 15th July 3pm Town Tour

Details as above

23rd July at 3pm Talk by the Dulverton Weir and Leat Trust

The heritage of Dulverton Urban Watermill Landscape (weir, mill leat and watermill system) has been recognised by academics as "one of the best preserved Medieval Urban Watermill Landscapes in England". The system has national heritage importance because it is largely intact, although it is urgently in need of restoration and conservation. Come and learn about this unique and exciting project which will conserve and manage the heritage, archaeology and wildlife over the next few years.

Sunday 15th July 3pm Town Tour

Details as above

Saturday 28th July Grand Book Fair

A traditional book sale all day at Dulverton Heritage Centre (weather permitting). Why not bring along your unwanted books for recycling?

Sunday July 29th – Saturday Aug 4th

An exhibition of visionary shamanic art and tools by shamanic practitioners Kerry Manning-Dedman and Mark Dedman

DUNKERY BEACON FUN RIDE & FAMILY DOG SHOW

Sunday 19th August

Cutcombe market, Wheddon Cross.

10am-12

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Adults £15 children £10

Family dog show 2pm

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Meets on the last Wednesday of the month at Fishers Mead Community Centre, Dulverton (adjacent to Exmoor Medical Centre) 10.15 for 10.30 am.

WEDNESDAY 25th JULY A talk with musical accompaniment of some ancient & modern instruments by Arwen Leaver. "Flaute Dolce (Sweet Flute) Recorders from Garklein to Bass"

Please note there is no meeting in August.



Dulverton Town Hall

Friday July 13th GREASE SING-A-LONG (Cert PG) Director: Randal Kleiser 120 mins
 Marking the 40th anniversary of Grease, the most successful movie musical of all time, with a special sing-along screening. Don those pink jackets, grease up those quiffs and let your inhibitions go. Experience the friendships, romances and adventures of a group of high school kids in the 1950s. A wholesome exchange student (Olivia Newton-John) and a leather-clad Danny (John Travolta) have a memorable summer romance.

Friday July 27th THE POST (Cert 12A) Director: Steven Spielberg 120 mins
 Katharine Graham (Meryl Streep) is the first female publisher of a major American newspaper, The Washington Post. With help from editor Ben Bradlee (Tom Hanks), Graham races to catch up with The New York Times to expose a massive cover-up of government secrets that spans three decades and four U.S. presidents. Together, they must overcome their differences as they risk their careers and very freedom to help bring long-buried truths to light.

Friday August 10th THE MERCY (Cert 12A) Director: James Marsh 112 mins
 The true story of amateur yachtsman Donald Crowhurst (Colin Firth) and his disastrous attempt to win the first Golden Globe singled-handed round the world yacht race in 1968, with a dream that ran aground. Also stars Rachel Weisz as his wife.

Friday August 24th LEAN ON PETE (Cert 15) Director: Andrew Haigh 120 mins
 Charley, a teenager living with his single father, finds work caring for an aging racehorse named Lean on Pete. When he learns Pete is bound for slaughter, the two embark on an odyssey across the new American frontier in search of a place to call home. A poignant, compassionate and heart-rending portrait of love, loss and acceptance that resonates with deep humanity.

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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Show Jumping commencing at 11 am. – including Nursery
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Gymkhana & Family Dog Show at 2pm.

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**Oakford & District
Flower & Produce Show
Saturday August 11th
Oakford Village Hall
2 - 4pm**

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EXMOOR CROQUET CLUB

Until October the Exmoor Croquet Club will be playing on the QE 2 Playing Field behind the church at Exford every Tuesday at 2pm.



As a trial this year on the 1st Tuesday of every summer month we will continue into the evening. We hope this may suit those who would like to play but have work commitments during the daytime. All other weeks play begins at 2.00 pm as before.

We are a friendly club who play for fun and companionship. You don't need to be 'sporty' or 'athletic', so why not come and enjoy a game?

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For details contact: Diana 01643 831439;
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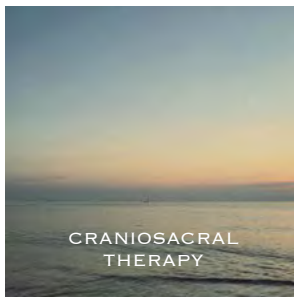
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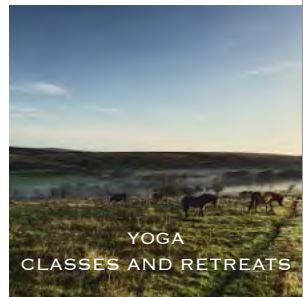
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Tuesday 3rd July

??? Mystery Trip ???

Friday 3rd August

Visit to The Gate House, Ilfracombe, described by
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Saturday 18th August

The Dulverton & District Flower and Produce Show
at Dulverton Town Hall,

8.00am-9.45am Registration

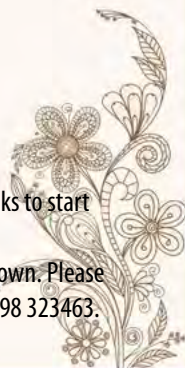
10.00am Judging

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4.00pm Auction

Talks take place in the Dulverton Town Hall. Doors open at 6.45pm. Talks to start
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Brushford Parish Hall was rebuilt 25 years ago to serve the people of Brushford and the surrounding rural area. It currently hosts a wide range of activities from Aerobics to Zumba via Badminton, Camera Club, Flower Show, Short Mat Bowls and Theatre performances. The present Committee has worked hard to ensure it is responsibly maintained and is currently fundraising to tarmac the car park to make the Hall more easily accessible to all. But it's getting a bit much for us. We need up to 5 new members to bring their experience, skills and especially common sense to the party. A background in property/building, customer-facing retail/hospitality, marketing or admin would be great but we also need sensible people prepared to spend a little time in meetings (we meet 6 times a year including the AGM) and a little more time sharing the tasks that keep the Hall running smoothly. This could be taking bookings, checking the building is ready for use, volunteering at a fundraising event; we urgently need someone prepared to take minutes and act as Secretary.

We welcome members of all ages (16 to 116+) and we would like to increase our diversity (more men!). We can show you how to do things you haven't done before and are keen to learn from you in turn.

*If you are interested and would like to chat about what is involved contact
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Twenty-eight residents arrived at Justin and Linda Tyers' beautiful, self-built, straw house at Exton, nr Dulverton.

Justin enthused young adults from across the Moor with a tour of their magnificent home which they have built themselves.

Delivering a detailed seminar, Justin's 'can-do' approach, his "It's all possible and help is available" style, inspired 17 of the young adults present to want to try this themselves.

Land, finance, and planning permission are the keys. Justin and Linda demonstrated how they have managed each of these, and offered to help aspiring young people with

their plans.

Exmoor Young Voices, formed three years ago to help young people stay living and working in the Park, organised this seminar for local young adults. Chairman, Will Lock, said "This is another important step in retaining the vital local knowledge and skills needed to deliver the National Park's policy and plans for the future."



Contact Jade Evans, EYV Coordinator,
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if you want to know more and to get yourself on their mailing list.

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DULVERTON LIBRARY MATTERS

JULY/AUGUST

THE FRIENDS OF DULVERTON LIBRARY will meet on Thursday July 5th at 2pm. There is no meeting in August.

THE LIBRARY BOOK GROUP will meet at 2pm on July 6th and the book we will be discussing is THE BALLROOM by Anna Hope. The book we will be reading July in THE VERSIONS OF US by Laura Barnett To be discussed on August 3rd. August's book will be 1st TO DIE by James Patterson. James Patterson is the author most borrowed from public libraries.

THE CRAFTERNOONERS will meet on Fridays July 13th and August 10th at 2pm. There is no project for July and no charge. In August the project is BEADED BRACELETS. A charge of £1 applies plus £1 for materials.

SCRABBLE CLUB will meet on Thursdays July 19th and August 16th at 2pm.

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FTL are a group of volunteers committed to raising funds for, and awareness of, the Library services and its equipment. This is achieved by various social and group activities - Mahjong, Creative Writing, Scrabble, Poetry, Woolly Wednesdays, Sketching, Crafts, Games Day, Rummikub Club and by organising competitions and quizzes.

FTL funds the Children's Summer Reading Challenge and has invested in much needed equipment in the children's area ... and much more besides.

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I would also add that being a relative newcomer in Taunton this has been a valuable way of making new friends in addition to feeling I am being useful.

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Walter was working for the Prings at Great Champson Molland and in the 1911 census is listed as being a 'cowboy'!

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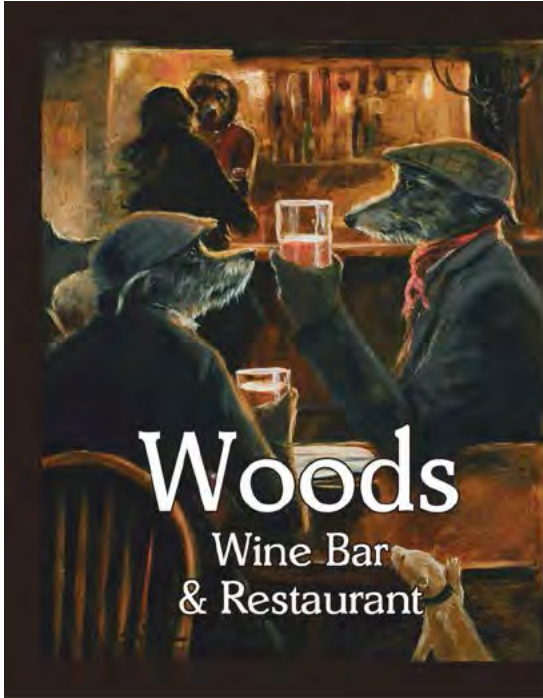
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Unfortunately, Dangermouse decided that the new home was not for her and escaped without trace. After three weeks with no sign of her, Cats Protection League were contacted and her details listed on CPL websites and on social media, the microchip company alerted and neighbours contacted.

In February 2018 we received a message from her owner to say that she had been found safe and well, but after a bit of a trek and having used up



one of her nine lives! She was found trapped down a pit in an old mill building on a farm some four miles from where she had escaped and was only recovered by the farmer's son who went down a ladder to help her. She was frightened, hungry and had been calling out loudly seeking help!

Fortunately the farmer realised that she was an owned cat as she was so friendly, and his sheep scanner showed that she was microchipped. With the help of the local vet, her owner was traced despite the puzzle that her details were still registered to South Wales.

Happily, Dangermouse has now been reunited with her family back in Carmarthenshire and is delighted to be reunited with her friends. Thanks to her microchip and the observations and actions of her finders, this is a very happy ending to the story!

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"I've already thought about that Buddy. I've asked

the Commando to come and give me a hand. She'll be here Friday lunchtime so we can wash Honey as well. It'll make you more attractive to a judge too" Judge! What've I done now? I know I got behind the shed and wouldn't come out for half an hour at one o'clock in the morning. I know it was loud and woke everyone up but it was there, honest, I saw it.

"A judge at the summer dog shows. There are lots of nice ones coming up. You won a first prize once". I was the only dog in the ring. He gave you a whistle to help you to work on my recall. (Look, you're still wearing it round your neck on a key ring: the only time you ever use it, is to blow it to see if it still works). "It won't matter if you don't win a prize. It's all about the bonhomie and the tea tents full of sponges and hot dogs." I suppose. Have you got enough clean towels for tomorrow? Where are we going this weekend anyway? I don't want to exert myself too much in this heat. "Hicksteadshow jumping!" (pause for thought)

Buddy Brown (pure Jack Russell) roving reporter

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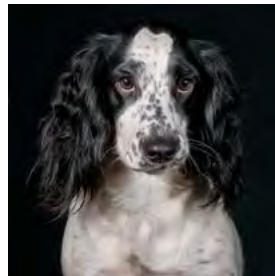
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- WILLITON 'The River' - Every Tuesday 9.30am-12.30pm; Williton Children's Centre
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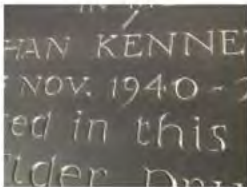
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Our team performance in the Spring League at Taunton was outstanding. We led the top of the table with 4 wins and 2 draws right up until the last game where we had our first loss which resulted in finishing 3rd overall and missing out on 2nd by just one point! The team has shown fantastic progress this season and will be looking to continue the winning ways in summer league.



The team in the Exeter & District league had some tough last games of their season but kept their heads and continued to play the game their way. 18 games played, 14 wins, 1 draw, 3 lost, 789 goals scored resulting in 2nd place and promotion to division 3 in 2018/19! We are absolutely thrilled.

We are looking forward to our annual

summer dinner in July at Tarr Farm Inn which is always a highlight of our year. Also, keep an eye out for our 'Games on the Lawn' event at the end of August. Everyone welcome.

If you want to see what we get up to at Dulverton Netball club, please come along to any training session. Netball is a great way to get exercise and have fun too! As well as training and the leagues, we also have a fantastic social calendar! We love socialising as much as netball! We train every Thursday at Dulverton Junior School courts 6.30 – 8.00pm and you can often find us in The Bridge Inn afterwards for 'team talks'!

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

Spring has finally arrived and some ponies such as Archie (on the left with Lydia) and Morris (on the right with Linzi) are now being taken to summer grazing sites. Some of our ponies get to live in beautiful locations and Porlock Claudius and Porlock Ciaus recently joined a group conservation grazing at the Valley of Stones, a National Nature Reserve in Dorset.

Many of the 16 foals we have assisted throughout the winter have moved on to new homes and we will soon be looking for homes for those still on site. Some of them, such as Pip and Maggie are a real hit with visitors. We took in more ponies in the early New Year. Pebble, a three-year old mare, came to us because her owner could no longer keep her. We encourage all owners to re-home their ponies responsibly and where this is not possible we will occasionally help.

Riding activities are now in full swing and in early May we had the first of our new Day Treks across the moor taking in Tarr Steps and stopping for lunch at Tarr Inn.



In 2015 we sent a herd of Exmoor ponies to the Czech Republic and the projects, funded by European Wildlife, have been so successful they have funded a further eleven ponies to create two more herds in the Podyji National Park. The Moorland Mousie Trust worked alongside the Exmoor Pony Society to ensure delivery of the project and in May the lorry arrived to take the ponies on their two day trip across the continent. The ponies in the Czech Republic are well managed and monitored, ensuring inspection, registration and wellbeing of all of the ponies, who co-graze with European bison. These projects help to promote Exmoor ponies as exceptional conservation grazers.

Gelding ponies is a vital part of our work. Though bloodlines and genetics must be carefully managed, ponies coming to us are not required for breeding and so the kindest and most

responsible thing is to have them neutered. This can cost up to £200 per pony and requires preparation as well as recovery time. Before youngsters meet our vet, who is extremely experienced with Exmoor ponies, staff and volunteers take it in turns to pretend to be a vet and imitate actions the vet will make. This desensitisation is invaluable when it comes to meeting the vet for real.

We are always grateful for free publicity so were pleased when the Western Daily Press asked if they could take pictures of us with the ponies for a feature about the many people who work in all weathers to look after livestock, and to highlight the hardiness and qualities of Exmoor ponies.

The nearly-new Ford Ranger we bought in March to replace our old truck is clocking up the miles having already travelled to Surrey to deliver a foster pony as well as regular trips across Exmoor. We are delighted with the vehicle and the fabulous pictures and sign writing and, thanks to the Elise Pilkington Charitable Trust and Taw Ford-Barnstaple, no public donations were used to pay for it.

Some dates for your diary:

Saturday 30th June at 12 noon - The Moorland Mousie Trust AGM at the Exmoor Pony Centre. All are welcome.

Sunday, 29th July - Summer Celebration - 11am - 3pm
Celebrate Summer and the 12th year since we have been open.

5th - 12th August - The Exmoor Pony Festival.

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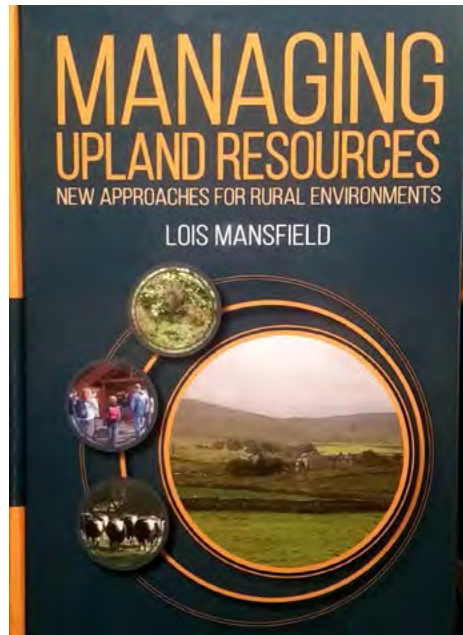


Book review:

The Nuts and Bolts of National Parks

By Lois Mansfield

A truly monumental collection of facts, figures, pictures, and charts has just been created by Dr Lois Mansfield, who has spent the last 30 years analysing 'what's wrong with British uplands and national parks?' – and 'what can we do about it?'. The book is *Managing Upland Resources – New approaches for rural environments*. Once you begin reading the story you realise just how complicated it is. There are so many factors affecting these treasure-houses of our countryside: the hills, the water, the air, and the people; the wildlife, farming, tourism, art, sport – and planning! Fitting all the needs, wishes and rights of all this into a legal framework is nigh impossible, and so far we British have failed. We have dug for lead, copper, tin and gold – then left the hills full of holes as cheaper sources turned up elsewhere; we have over-grazed, over-shot, under-shot, over-burnt and over drained – and made it hard for people to live here – even the ones who look after it and its communities. And despite all the science and data, she makes it an easy and entertaining read, and is joined



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Starting with the photographs of the local areas - Woolacombe, Appledore, High Bickington, South Molton, Hatherleigh and Chulmleigh – Beaford Arts ran workshops with primary schools in each area, asking them to consider what had remained the same since the photographs were taken and what had changed.

An excursion with Devon Wildlife Trust encouraged the pupils to explore the natural landscape depicted in the photographs and then, through workshops with professional artists, the children created their own trails marking out areas of specific interest and significance to them.

Each trail is uniquely presented and many include new works of art created by the children with the artists attached to their school. 3D printed

sculptures made at Devon Library's Fab Lab will be seen in High Bickington and a giant cob horse created with artist Alain Pezard will be seen in Hatherleigh.

There will be a public launch for each trail with an open invitation to anyone who wishes to trace the scenes depicted in the Ravilious and Deakins photographs and use the new trail maps to discover more about our landscape now.

Woolacombe: Thursday 28 June – during school hours, 9am - 3pm

Appledore: Friday 6 July, Appledore Primary School, after school

High Bickington: Thursday 12 July, High Bickington Primary School Summer Fair, after school

South Molton: Friday 13 July, South Molton Community Primary School Summer Fair, after school

Hatherleigh: Saturday 14 July at the school summer fair

Chulmleigh: Saturday 28 July at the Chulmleigh Old Fair, Town Hall, 11am - 3pm

The event is free and advance booking is not required. For new information, visit www.beaford-arts.org.uk

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