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Our July and August issue has come around so quickly, and, with the spring having sprung and summer upon us we look forward to spending time in and around our wonderful area of Exmoor. We are so fortunate to have the moor, coastline and easy to reach towns - we have it all.

If you have any stories you would like to share please email us. We have had some feedback from our advertisers who acknowledge you have let them know you found their business via our magazine. Thank you. This is so important as it means we can keep providing our magazine free to you. We wish all our readers an enjoyable summer.

Best wishes Ceri Keene and Claire Savill

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MAY					
Rainfall total	51.6mm	55.5mm			
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Carole Woods 01643 831151 or Claire Woods 07880 439089 or

Gwenda Bassett 07900 837183 for further information.

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WINSFORD FETE AND SHOW WITH FAMILY DOG SHOW

Saturday 13th August 2016, 1.00pm

Sheep Racing (1st race 2.00pm)

Children's Fancy Dress (1.20p,) and Races (2.45pm) Show Auction of Produce starts at 4.00pm

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WANTED!

Winsford church invites you to enter your home grown produce, home cooking, crafts, photographs etc into the

WINSFORD FETE SHOW TENT

Produce and home cooking to be auctioned in aid of the church.

Entry with all details available from The Oak Shop, Winsford, (Winsford residents will receive an entry form with Across Exmoor)



In aid of All Saints Church funds

MINEHEAD AND EXMOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL TUESDAY, 26th JULY, 7.30pm ALL SAINTS CHURCH, DULVERTON

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Saturday 10th September 2016

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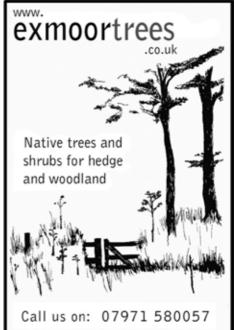


Tickets available 1st August from The Tantivy & Dulverton Post Office. £12.50 per person, booking essential, tables of up to 6





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GUILDHALL HERITAGE AND ARTS CENTRE, DULVERTON

Open from March 21st to end of October Mondays - Fridays, 10.30- 4.30, Saturdays, 10.30- 1, Sundays 2-4.30 www.dulvertonheritagecentre.org.uk

Tuesday 5th July 4pm Town Tour - A guide through Dulverton's historic past; listen to stories and learn of some secrets of Dulverton from days gone by. £2.50pp

Sunday, July 10th - Saturday, July 16th - Art Exhibition in the Gallery –Dawn Mangan, Jos Harral and Peter Moss – an exhibition in a mixture of media, to include paintings in watercolour, acrylic, oil and mixed media, covering a variety of subjects

Sunday 17th July 3pm - Town Tour - A guide through Dulverton's historic past; listen to stories and learn of some secrets of Dulverton from days gone by. £2.50pp

Sunday 17th July - Saturday 23rd July - Dulverton Art Classes Summer Exhibition Pauline Pearce's students exhibit their drawings, paintings, and collage work across a range of subjects

Sunday July 24 to Saturday August 6 - An Art Exhibition by Artists 303 Formed 50 years ago by Artists working along the A303 road, painters, print makers and mixed media are dedicated to their particular means of expression and their artistic development

Thursday 28th July 4pm - Town Tour A guide through Dulverton's historic past; listen to stories and learn of some secrets of Dulverton from days gone by. £2.50pp

Friday 29th July 10.30am – 4pm Book Sale for Railway and Heritage Centre Funds at Dulverton Heritage Centre (weather permitting)

Tuesday 9th August 4pm - Town Tour - A guide through Dulverton's historic past; listen to stories and learn of some secrets of Dulverton from days gone by. £2.50pp

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Thank you...to those that supported our recent quiz at the Town Hall and to the many helpers behind the scenes. It was a great success and we plan to make it an annual event - look out for details next spring.

Dulverton Pharmacy Advice

Hay fever is a common condition caused by an allergic reaction, most commonly to pollen. In the spring it's tree pollen that causes hayfever with grass pollen being the main culprit in late spring and summer. Some of the most common symptoms are people experience are, sneezing, watery eyes. itchy throat, itchy nose, blocked/runny nose.

We stock various remedies in our pharmacy, depending on your symptoms. Antihistamine tablets work by stopping the release of the chemical histamine in your body. They usually effectively relieve symptoms of runny nose, itching and sneezing. Eye drops are used to reduce itching and swelling in the eyes. Some people prefer to use nasal sprays instead of tablets.

Here are a few helpful tips to reduce the effects of the pollen if you are a hayfever sufferer. Pollen counts tend to be higher during the early evening, keep windows and doors shut when pollen is high. Avoid mowing the lawn altogether during your susceptible months.

Choose low pollen days for gardening. Keep away from grassy areas when pollen counts are high. Regularly splash your eyes with cool water. It will sooth them and clear them of pollen. Remember that wrap-around glasses protect your eyes from pollen getting through.

When driving on a high count day or time of day keep windows closed. Smear Vaseline around the inside edges of your nostrils - it helps stop pollen from getting through. We look forward to seeing you in Dulverton Pharmacy and helping you with your hayfever.







The Friends of Dulverton Library meet in the library at 2.30pm on the first Thursday of the month.

Vintage Film Club - 3 pm at Fishers Mead Community Centre – 2nd Wednesday every month:

Wed 13th July – Flying Down to Rio – the first ever pairing of Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers – 1933

Wed 10th August – The Great Gatsby starring Robert Redford & Mia Farrow - 1974

Dulverton Action Group - Litter-picking – 3rd Sunday every month:

Sun 17th July – 10.30 meet by the Heritage Centre - Everyone welcome! Sun 21st August – Ditto

Withypool Flower Show and Fete on Wednesday 17th August at 2.30 pm Traditional stalls and sideshows Raffle, Teas and Childrens Races Come and join us for a family afternoon out by the beautiful river Barle.

D&SSH Bagley Hunter Trials, Family Dog Show, Lurcher and Terrier Racing

Sunday 21st August 2016, starts 11a.m at Cloutsham, nr Porlock TA24 8JU For schedules E mail sarahwoollacott@yahoo.co.uk or ring 07816225974

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FROM HERE TO ABSURDITY SATURDAY AUGUST 20th 8pm DULVERTON TOWN HALL

Direct from the Edinburgh Fringe, the quick-fire satirical sketch show is sure to provide a great night out.

Writtenand performed by Private Eye contributor Richard Kelly, From Here to Absurdity comprises 30 original comedy sketches that recall the hey-day of Peter Cook and Beyond the Fringe. It has already been performed at innumerable venues across the country and has headlined at both the Edinburgh Fringe and Chicago Sketch Festivals. A series with Radio 4 is currently being negotiated.

Kelly will be joined on stage by Ashley Hern, formerly of the Oxford University Revue, and Lucy Simons, a stand-up comedienne already well known to the comedy clubs of Manchester, Liverpool and the North-West. In the course of their set, the Absurdity trio will skewer numerous features of everyday life, including (to quote the cast) "death, divorce, dysentery, dementia and devolution". Those with a hatred of political correctness and senior managers are also likely to find something amusing.

So if you fancy live comedy that's a bit different to stand-up, Dulverton is the place to be on Saturday 20 August - Tickets are £8 and are available at Dulverton Post Office or 01398 323818 or janaross2003@yahoo.co.uk Further details of the show can be found at www.2absurdity.co.uk.



WEDNESDAY 20th JULY

A trip to Barrington Court Tudor Manor House and Getrude Jekyll Gardens. £9 per person (National Trust members free).



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Wednesday 27th July

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All other details as normal - ie meet between 10 - 10.30 for coffee, with talk following on.

Note: There is no meeting in August.



4th July [Monday] MAPPERTON GARDENS A guided tour to this romantic Italianate garden deep in a lost Dorset combe, complete with grotto's and orangery. A guided tour has been arranged.

20th August [Saturday] ANNUAL DULVERTON & DISTRICT FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW.

If you are entering this year then schedules will be available from the end of January at the Post Office and M&H Fruit & Veg. If not then come and see and enjoy the exhibits from 2pm onwards. It is intended as a fun day and should not be taken too seriously so why not pick up a schedule and see what you can enter.

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Dulverton Town Hall

Friday July 8 7.30pm
Dir: Pawel Pawlikowski

POLAND 2013

123 mins

Anna, a young novitiate nun in 1960s Poland, is on the verge of taking her vows when she discovers a dark family secret dating back to the years of the Nazi occupation. She has to see Wanda, the only living relative, before she takes her vows. Wanda tells Anna about her Jew ish roots. Both women start a journey not only to find their family's tragic story, but to see who they really are and where they belong.

Subtitled

Friday July 29 7.30pm

BEING AP (Cert 12A)

Dir: Anthony Wonke

UK 2015

103 mins

The incredible inside story of one of Northern Ireland's greatest ever sportsmen A.P. McCoy. His final season shows the fascinating mix of sacrifice, doubt, decisions, triumphs and failures, injury and finding a way to leave the stage. The characteristics that have driven him to dominate the most dangerous of sports remain as strong as ever. With unprecedented access to A.P. and those closest to him, the billionaire owner JP McManus, the trainers and fellow jockeys and above all his wife, this insightful documentary celebrates an incredible man, and also the universal themes of relationships, decisions and sacrifices.

Friday August 12 7.30pm WATER DIVINER (Cert 15)

Dir: Russell Crowe

AUSTRALIA/TURKEY/USA 2014

111 mins

After the Battle of Gallipoli in 1915, an Australian farmer, Connor (Russell Crowe), travels to Turkey to find his three missing sons. While staying at a hotel in Istanbul, he is thrust into a vastly different world, where he encounters others who have suffered their own losses in the conflict: Ayshe, a strikingly beautiful but guarded hotelier raising a child alone; her young, spirited son, Orhan, who finds a friend in Connor; and Major Hasan, a Turkish officer who fought against Connor's boys and who may be this father's only hope. With seemingly insurmountable obstacles in his path, Connor must travel across the battle-scarred Turkish landscape to find the truth and his own peace. Beautifully photographed and thematically rich.

Friday August 26 7.30pm DAD'S ARMY (Cert PG)

Dir: Oliver Parker UK 2016 100 mins

1944 and World War II is reaching its climax. The Allies are poised to invade France and finally defeat the German army. But in Walmington-on-Sea morale amongst the Home Guard is low. Their new mission to patrol the Dover army base is a great chance to revive spirits and reputation, until glamorous journalist Rose Winters arrives to write about their exploits, setting the pulses racing and putting the local women on red alert. MI5 then discover a radio signal sent direct to Berlin from Walmington. There's a spy on the loose! The outcome of the war is suddenly at stake, and it falls to our unlikely heroes to stand up and be counted. Perfect imitations of TV's beloved predecessors from Bill Nighy, Toby Jones, Michael Gambon and Tom Courtenay.

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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Our hall is well used by several groups in the town. If you are looking for a comfortable venue for up to 40 people to meet, do get in touch. Our contact is 01398 323030.

Family and toddlers meet every Tuesday morning in term time - numbers have shot up lately but there is room for more. If you want to come along contact Wendy on 01398 324395.

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Dulverton has three pubs, or should that be three-and-ahalf given that the Lion also

has the Tap? It was four until recently, but the Rock at the top of town has now shut its doors (perhaps for good, but who knows, it was shut for some time in the late 1990s I'm told).

Even with three (or three-and-a-half). Dulverton is remarkably well endowed with pubs, given that many towns its size are down to one. For that let us give thanks, but if you wander around town you will see that Dulverton was once home to many more hostelries: the thatch-topped Boot, now a holiday home, but once owned by Wiveliscombe brewers Arnold & Hancock. The New Inn is on the High Street, where the surgery used to be until its move in 2009; continue strolling and you will see a plaque for the White Hart, once a milk bar and now a hairdressers, while down on the High Street, another sign recalls the White Horse.

The Lamb Hotel (once christened with the fiercer name of the Ram) is now a block of flats ('that was the posh place,' I'm told by one local, 'though the spirits were always cheaper there'). History records even more: The Barnstaple (now Webbers and before that a butchers); the Country House Inn was supposedly at Wreneaton, next to the site of Stanbury's car showroom, which itself was once an orchard (apples for cider perhaps?). There were others and one local once told me that there was once 49, which I find it hard to believe.

On the other hand, who knows? Many of these pubs would have been beer and cider houses, where locals sold their home made beverages — possibly a lot more cider than ale, though Porlock Vale was a notable growing area for barley. Times and tastes change, but wander around Dulverton and let your mind imagine the plethora of public houses. The English pub is part of the warp and waft of our society and long may it be so.

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31st July	Full distance triathlon	X Man Events present this full distance triathlon (2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike, 26 mile run) www.xmanevents.com

Please call 01398 371460 to confirm the above planned events are going ahead / to book / for further details.



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Wednesday 27th July Barney's Birthday Party at Dunster Country Fair

Join our volunteers and fundraisers at the Dunster Country Fair. See the Exmoor ponies in the show ring and celebrate the Centre's and Exmoor Pony Barney's 10th birthday with some birthday cake. There will be cakes suitable for both people and ponies!

Every Thursday in August Activity Afternoons 12pm 3pm

Cream teas, plus pony grooming and pony rides at the Pony Centre.

No booking necessary, just turn up – and don't worry about the weather. All activities at the Centre take place under cover if necessary. Admission to the Pony Centre is free with small charges for the activities. Please note the minimum age for riding is 4 years old.

For more information: Tel: 01398 323093

Email: info@exmoorponycentre.org.uk Web: www.moorlandmousietrust.org.uk

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Home Visits



Friday 1st July 2016 2:00pm-4:15pm Kilve and East Quantoxhead Walkabout

Join this easy 2¼ mile /2¼ hour stroll to discover some of the historical highlights of this fascinating area. Please wear weatherproof boots and clothing. Optional cream tea to conclude the afternoon.

Meet: Car park, Kilve Beach Grid Ref. SS 155442 TA5 1FG

Tuesday 5th July 2016 10:00am-12:30pm Lynton and Valley of Rocks - An historic tour

This is a fascinating 2.5-hour walk to see a different view of Lynton, to learn how it has been shaped over the years and how the Victorians were drawn to the splendour of the Valley of Rocks. 2.5 mls/2.5 hours

Meet: Valley of Rocks ENPA car park & picnic area (car park near public toilets). Grid Ref. 7113 4968

9th July 2016 10:30am-3:00pm Withypool and Tarr Steps

We start this walk by following a lovely stretch of the River Barle along the waymarked path from Withypool to Tarr Steps. We will then cross the ancient monument of Tarr Steps clapper bridge and climb slowly above the valley to the open moorland of Withypool Hill, passing two prehistoric sites before descending back to Withypool. Refreshments and toilets at Withypool and Tarr Steps. 9.5 miles.

Meet: Withypool car park. Grid Ref 842353 TA24 7OP

Friday 15th July 2016 10:00am-12:30pm Dunster Walkabout

An easy 2.5 hour / 2.5 mile walkabout to see and hear about some of the fascinating things in Dunster that the normal tourist misses. Please wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

Meet: Visitor Information Centre, Dunster Steep, Dunster TA24 6SE

Friday 22nd July 2016 10:30am-3:30pm Selworthy and North Hill

Enjoy stunning views on this circular walk of appx. 7 miles from Selworthy up to North Hill, Selworthy Beacon, Hurlstone Point and Bossington Hill. Some

steep climbs and descents. An alternative route may be taken in inclement weather. Please bring a picnic. Dogs under control welcome.

Meet: Selworthy Church overflow car park, Selworthy. Nr Minehead

Thursday 18th August 2016 10:30am-3:00pm The Woods of Simonsbath and the Historic Sawmill

A mile walk taking in Ashcombe Wood, Birchcleave Wood and Simonsbath Sawmill. Hear about the history and management of these plantations created by the Knights around Simonsbath in the 19th century. Slightly uneven ground with some short steep sections. Please bring a picnic and if the weather is bad we can lunch in the sawmill. Never more than appx half a mile from the car park, which has toilet facilities. Families welcome and dogs under close control.

Meet: Ashcombe car park, Simonsbath. Grid ref. SS 773 394 Postcode TA24 7SH

Friday 26th August 2016 10:30am-4.00pm Far West Exmoor

A 9.5 ml challenging circular walk along the South-West Coast Path (narrow and sheer drop in places) from Hunter's Inn to Holdstone Down returning via Trentishoe Down and Ladies Mile. Fairly rough walking with some steep climbs and descents. Please bring a picnic. Dogs under control welcome. Meet: NT car park, Hunter's Inn, Heddon's Mouth GR 655 482

The Society advises that participants take part in activities at their own risk. For all outdoor activities please wear weatherproof clothing and walking boots. Members and non-members are most welcome.

There is no charge for the guided walks. A small donation is appreciated from non-members.

Very occasionally walk details may change so please check the website in advance.

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If a dog could choose what it would like to do on a day, the lucky hounds that take their owners to the Exmoor Foxhounds Show on August Bank Holiday Sunday in Exford have it all.

Presented on arrival with an immaculately set up field with five rings and a race track what is a discerning 4-legged companion meant to do first? Certainly last year the morning had begun wet and had filled the air with the sweetest of scents but that was soon lost as the race track became very tempting.

Then we noticed that a busy queue had built up at Dorset Dog Togs and word travelled fast that there were handmade coats in the season's fabrics being tailored to fit.

Pretty coloured ribbons were in abundance too and if a chap showed his appreciation enough he was given another

quick brush off to have his picture taken by a very famous photographer.

There was so much going on: fences to jump and tunnels to run through and if lucky a bit of broken beefburger could be found on the ground. Sadly though for one little boy, his pretty terrier Millie in the final for Best Young Handler found it all too much and deserted him at high speed to join in the racing again causing much hilarity in all breed circles.

If that wasn't enough excitement for a day, one of our judges bid us farewell to go home to Warwickshire and a few moments later returned as he had reversed into a dung heap! A big thanks to our hosts Mr. and Mrs. Kirby for having us again this year and helping us raise funds for our friends at the Exmoor Foxhounds. Can't wait for this August Bank Holiday Sunday.

Buster Brown (Jack Russell cross-type): Correspondent



Conservation work and woodland projects at Wimbleball South West Lakes Trust staff and volunteers at

Wimbleball Lake have been busy experimenting with their new charcoal kiln, and so far have produced 45 bags of high quality charcoal, sustainably produced from our woodlands. The idea is to sell the charcoal to visitors and campers to raise money for the charity, as well as give people the opportunity to support sustainably managed woodlands. Humans have been making charcoal for over 3000 years, there'd have been no bronze or iron age without it. Unfortunately much of the charcoal for sale in this country is not sustainably produced (i.e. wood from illegally felled forests that results in deforestation and desertification) and some even funds terrorist groups in countries

such as Somalia. The process involves stacking the kiln correctly with well-seasoned wood, lighting the kiln and then managing the burn process — it's a bit like baking a cake — if you don't cook it enough the cake doesn't cook (the charcoal won't be charred enough to work effectively), cook it too long and the cake (and charcoal) will be ruined. It's been a fascinating project, lots of people are intrigued by the kiln and stop to chat whenever we're loading or unloading it. We will certainly look at running some courses once we've mastered the art. As well as producing charcoal, we have also been developing our log business and are currently offering well seasoned hard wood logs for £70 / load including free local delivery.

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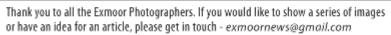




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George Thomas Lugg

George was born in 1885 at 2 Burston Cottages Morebath to Charles and Sarah with brothers Cecil, Frederick, James, Richard and Walter and sisters Daisy, Dorothy and Ida.

By 1901 his father had died and they were living at Rosemary Lane Dulverton. His mother remarried to become Sarah Radley and lived at Northmoor Road Dulverton and subsequently had two further sons.

In 1911 he was living with Herbert and Mabel Payne at Heaths Cottage in the High Street and was working as a Hairdresser.

He joined the Devonshire Regiment and was in India and Mesopotania from December 1914 to August 1915. He was captured at Kut and died on 11 th September 1916. He is buried at Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery. Several of his relatives still live in the Town.

Ernest Baker



Ernest was born in 1890 at Kingsbrompton to Charles, who had been born at Cullompton and was an Agricultural Labourer and Eliza who had been born at Exebridge.

In 1891 he was living with his parents and brothers Frederick, John and William at Castle Court Dulverton but by 1901 they were all at Higher Broford together with two younger brothers Charles and Sidney.

In 1911 his parents were now at Lower Broford, Charles had left home but Sidney was still at home with the youngest Baker, Stanley. Later they moved to New Buildings, Northmoor. Ernest was in the Navy from 1907 to 1916 and was Leading Stoker on HMS Indefatigable when it was torpedoed and he drowned on 31 st May 1916. He is remembered on the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

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COME AND JOIN THE BIG WOODLAND ADVENTURE!

On Wednesday 1 June the Big Woodland Adventure takes place at Nutcombe Bottom, near Dunster (TA24 6TA) from 10am - 4pm with family games and activities lasting all day. The event is free, but donations to CareMoor for Exmoor* are requested.

National Park ranger Adam Vasey says: "This year at Nutcombe Bottom we've got den building, slack lining with Channel Ventures, wild food talks and much more. You can also visit England's tallest tree or have a go on the adventure playground.

"We'll be joined by people from the Crown Estate and the Forestry Commission who be talking about forestry practises and woodland management at Nutcombe Bottom - there's no need to book for this event and everyone is welcome to come along."

Car parking and toilet facilities are available on site; please wear outdoor clothing and suitable footwear.

Come Camping!

This year there are two Big Adventure Family Camp Outs at Horner and Wimbleball - for which booking ahead is essential.

The Big Adventure Family Camp Out @ Horner - from 4:00pm 18th June - 11:00am 19th June 2016

Join the adventure! Come along and camp out in some of the most amazing locations on Exmoor. Site opens from 4pm, set your camp, cook your dinner with activities starting from 6pm. Tents down by 11am the next day. Ideal for first time campers, location: Horner TA24 8HY. Booking is essential.

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The Big Adventure Family Camp Out @ Wimbleball Lake - from 4pm 13th August - 11:00am 14th August 2016

Site opens from 4pm, set your camp, cook your dinner with activities starting from 6pm. Tents down by 11am the next day. Ideal for first time campers, location: Wimbleball Lake Cafe TA22 9NU. Booking is essential

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Two Moors Way Anniversary Charity Walk

Four work colleagues, Peter Porter, Steve Brown, Paul Kemble, and Shaun Tolman are planning to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Two Moors Way with a challenge to walk the length of the famous route, inspired by the fact that Steve's father did it when the route originally opened, 40 years ago.

Paul Kemble explains: "It was only as a result of BBC Spotlight talking to ranger Richard Eales from Exmoor National Park that we realized that the date we were planning to finish (29th May) was the date of the official opening in 1976."

Starting on Wednesday 25 May - the four walkers hope to complete the whole 102 mile route in only 5 days. They will be starting at lyybridge in South Devon, the original start point of The Two Moors Way and crossing Dartmoor and Exmoor National Parks to finish in the seaside town of Lynmouth in North Devon.

The group are raising money for Parkinsons UK and while walking will also be helping to audit a recent revamp of the route's signage, gates and surfaces following some major improvements carried out by Exmoor and Dartmoor National Parks in partnership with Devon County Council to mark the 40th anniversary of the Two Moors Way.

Dan Barnett, Exmoor National Park Access and Recreation Manager said: "Working with the Two Moors Way Association, which is run (continued on page 27)



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by a dedicated group of volunteers, we have been carrying out a number of improvements to the route this year including signage, surface works, a new website and leaflet along with events to help local businesses get the most economic benefit from the route. It's a great way to celebrate the route's 40th birthday and I was pleased to hear of Peter's intrepid team raising money for such a worthwhile charity."

EXMOOR PONY NEWS

Exmoor National Park has been working closely with the Exmoor Pony Society, the Moorland Exmoor Pony Breeders Group and the Moorland Mousie Trust to develop a number of projects to support free-living Exmoor pony herds. Exmoor ponies are an important part of the landscape of the National Park and one of its special qualities.

What makes an Exmoor pony an Exmoor Pony? Trying to find the answer is one of the actions the group agreed on. In addition to the organisations mentioned, the Rare Breeds Survival Trust, Defra, local vet Peter Green and Nottingham University have been working together to work out how to characterise the full genome of the Exmoor pony. The genome is an animal's complete set of DNA, including all of its genes. If the genome is defined, it will help us to understand where the pony has come from and which other breeds it is closely related to. It could also help to guide future breeding programmes.

During the last World War, pony numbers on Exmoor were drastically reduced - meat was in short supply and by the end of the war only around 50 ponies were left. It is from this tiny population that all Exmoor ponies derive. The genetic pool is, therefore, very small and it is important to try and preserve as much genetic diversity as possible to ensure the long term welfare of the ponies on the moor.

The team is currently agreeing the scope of work and fundraising for the project. If successful, the first phase will go ahead when the ponies are collected from the moor at the annual gatherings. Samples will be taken from the ponies and analysed by scientists at Nottingham. It is hoped that by early next year we will, for the first time, have the genome of the Exmoor pony.

Exmoor Pony Grant Fund

In another initiative, Exmoor National Park Authority has established an Exmoor Pony Grant Fund to promote and conserve free-living Exmoor ponies. Grant applications could include equipment, measures to conserve the landscape using Exmoor ponies, promotion of the breed, marketing or research.

Sarah Bryan, Head of Conservation & Access at Exmoor National Park said: "The Exmoor landscape would be incomplete without the free living Exmoor pony and I believe that the Genome Project marks a pivotal moment in the long term survival of this endangered breed. We are delighted with the progress that is being made and look forward to seeing the results of this innovative project. "We are also pleased to be able to announce the launch of the Exmoor Pony Grant in recognition of the essential work that owners carry out to keep these iconic herds on the moor and we look forward to receiving applications."

Grants of up to £500 on a total project spend of £1,000 are available. For more information visit: http://bit.ly/1XV6zCG or from Monday 6 June please contact Heather Harley, conservation officer (farming & land management) on 01398 322277, hjharley@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk

SUBMITTED FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION

The Exmoor National Park Local Plan has reached an important

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milestone as it was sent or 'submitted' to Government for independent examination on 6 th May.

The starting point for work on the Plan were the views and comments made by everyone who came along to one of the 'Your Future Exmoor' events and these have been very important in drafting the new plan. It includes policies which will guide development and the use of land in Exmoor until 2031 and indicate what kind of development will be permitted in planning applications. The aim is to achieve sustainable development so that local communities and businesses thrive, whilst conserving and enhancing the National Park. It will replace the Local Plan adopted in 2005.

The most recent consultation on the Publication Draft of the Local Plan was held during the summer last year, and there were 120 responses to it. The Inspector will take account of the

representations submitted as far as they relate to the Plan's soundness. Local Plan which has been sent to Government - the Submission Draft - can be found on the Authority's website at www.exmoornationalpark.gov.uk along with policies maps, and other supporting documents. Reference copies can also be viewed during normal office hours at the National Park Authority Offices, Exmoor House, Dulverton.

National Park Authority Chairman Andrea Davis said "It is fantastic to have got the Exmoor Local Plan to this stage. It is the result of extensive consultation with local communities. businesses and stakeholders and is underpinned by a detailed evidence base. I am grateful to everyone who has contributed to this Plan for Exmoor, particularly those members of the Authority who have been closely involved with its preparation. We now wait to hear the Inspector's views on the Local Plan and any issues that he feels require further debate."

Planning Inspector Roger Clews has been appointed by the Planning Inspectorate to hold an independent examination into the Plan. He will assess whether the Authority has met the duty to cooperate and meets legal requirements. If so he will then identify issues and matters that need further examination to ensure that the Plan is 'sound'. This is likely to include holding hearings. The Inspector controls the examination process from start to finish and will decide the programme and timetable for it, including who will be invited to appear at the hearings. A Programme Officer, Christine Self, has also been appointed and she will support the Planning Inspector in running the Examination and be the first point of contact for any enquiries.

Her contact details as well as further information about the Examination and the timetable, will be on the Authority's website as it becomes available. Following the closure of the hearings, the Inspector prepares a report to the Authority, which may include changes to the Local Plan, with recommendations. If 'main modifications' to the Plan are needed, there will be a further round of consultation on them.





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PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION - The Changing Moods of Porlock Marsh

Porlock Marsh Vision Group is launching a photographic competition of photos inspired by Porlock Marsh.

Clare Reid, Project Manager said: "If you are inspired by Porlock Marsh then here's your chance to enter our photographic competition. We are looking for photos that capture the spirit of Porlock Marsh in all its different moods and weathers, its dynamic, changing landscape, and how people enjoy the Marsh. We want people to tell us what inspired them to take the photo, and why it is special to them. There are some great prizes to be won.

"As well as people submitting recent photos inspired by Porlock Marsh, we're also interested in historic photos showing how it's changed over time, particularly how it has changed in the last 20 years since the breach. We'll be organising an exhibition of the best photographs at the end of the competition, and it would be great to also have some older pictures.

"If you've got any old photos that you think might be suitable then please get in touch."

There are five categories:

Landscape and heritage, Wildlife, People

Plus there are two categories for the best photograph of any aspect of Porlock Marsh taken by a child 11 years and under and 12 to 18 years old. The top 5 photographs in each category will be judged by a local panel on their wow factor and how they tell the story of Porlock Marsh

The competition runs until 30 Sept 2016 and is open to amateur and semi-pro photographers. Entrants can submit up to 5 entries.

To submit and for terms and condition go to www.exmoornationalpark.gov.uk/porlockmarsh. Please take care when taking your photographs, keep to the footpaths and check the tide times before visiting Porlock Marsh as some paths and the boardwalks are submerged at high tides.

Porlock Marsh Vision Group. Contact Clare Reid, Porlock Marsh Project Manager, email: clare.reid@clarereidconsultancy.co.uk, or the Porlock Parish Council clerk, Chris Fitzgerald

Background

The Porlock Marsh Vision is a partnership project promoting the conservation and enjoyment of Porlock Marsh. The project is being undertaken in partnership with the two main landowners - Porlock Manor Estate and the National Trust, along with Porlock Parish Council, Natural England, and Exmoor National Park Authority.

The project is being delivered through funding from the Exmoor National Park Partnership Fund, with match funding from Porlock Parish Council, the National Trust, and the South West Coast Path Association.

Porlock Marsh is located at the eastern end of the Exmoor coastline. Information boards about the Marsh including suggested walking routes are situated outside the Porlock Visitor Centre, and in the car park at Porlock Weir. There are some great prizes to be won, including A rock pool guided walk with coastal wildlife expert Nigel Phillips, together with a copy of his Finding Rockpool Wildlife field guide. A one hour photography session for two at the Exmoor Hawk and Owl Centre with Rod Smith and his owls. A voucher for a watersport session with Exmoor Adventures worth £35 and more... Thanks to all those who donated prizes — Exmoor Hawk and Owl Centre, Exmoor Adventures, Porlock Visitor Centre, Nigel Hester at National Trust, and Nigel Phillips.



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Bogtastic 2016

Following on from last year's successful event which was attended by more than 400 people, Bogtastic 2016 takes place on Tuesday 26th July from 10am to 4pm in and around Simonsbath.

This free family event is a fun adventure day celebrating Exmoor's wildlife, moorland and heritage with many activities and displays. In Simonsbath, the River Barle flows past the historic water-powered sawmill, under the old stone bridge and by a meadow, along a beautiful moorland valley. Here you can play games and go stream dipping to find out about the river's wildlife - fish, otters, birds, bats and creatures you've never seen - it's a great place for a picnic too. Take a minibus up the hill to where the sky larks sing at Blackpitts and explore the bogs full of multi-coloured mosses.

Held during UK National Park's Week, Bogtastic is the South West's biggest and best bog festival. This 'drop in' event will feature the Bogstacle course, live bats, the opportunity to visit one of the South West's last remaining operational water powered sawmills, and lots more all-weather and undercover activities. There is something for everyone! It is free entry, with toilets and food on site and locally. Bring your wellington boots and dress for any weather - there is shelter in case it tries to rain. See you at the welcome tent! Entrance is free, although some activities may request a small charge. For further information on Bogtastic please contact: Lynmouth National Park Centre on 01598 752509 or visit www.exmoornationalpark.gov.uk or the facebook page www.tinyurl.com/ Bogtastic16 for updates #Bogtastic16.

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Justin and Linda Tyers are building with Straw Bale at Exton and would like to hear from individuals or families interested in volunteering to put the walls up, have some fun ... and learn with them along the way. They need you sometime during August. If you'd like to register your interest and be informed of the exact dates nearer the time email 'Straw Bale Dates'; to justin@justintyers.plus.com. Justin has a blog you can follow at: justintyers.co.uk/blog





Timber frames are not always used in Straw Bale building — but Justin and Linda have built a corker! You're welcome to visit their site to have a look at it anytime.

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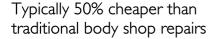


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- * housing all the Young Voices either live at home, unable to afford to do otherwise, or move away reluctantly
- * affordable housing neither affordable nor available for single young people * wages in relation to rents
- * digital access and communications, especially for on-line returns, business, agriculture, and social enterprise
- * employment * transport for work and local activities.
 Their solutions to the housing crisis include student-type starter rooms, starter flats for young workers, self build, homeshare.

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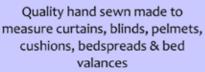


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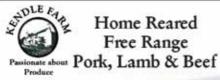
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