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# EXMOOR NEWS

## DULVERTON & SOUTHERN EXMOOR

Welcome to the first edition of the rejuvenated Exmoor News. You'll now find your Directory on the last page for ease of use. As part of our fresh new look, we're experimenting with colour in this issue – we welcome feedback from readers and advertisers alike.

Any contributions you wish to make of interest to the wider Exmoor community along with the usual events notices etc will be gratefully received. If you would like to add copy, change contact details etc., please get in touch. We will also be

improving and adding information to our website ([www.exmoornews.co.uk](http://www.exmoornews.co.uk)) and will be adding online copies of the magazine each month - this will increase the readership and give more value and reach to our advertisers.

We would like to thank all the contributors, distributors and advertisers for their past support and we look forward to hearing from you all in the future.

Ceri Keene and Claire Savill

The deadline for the May/June issue of the Exmoor News is

**Thursday 7th April 2016**

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DECEMBER		DULVERTON	WINSFORD
	Rainfall total	204.7mm	221.1 mm
	Wettest Day		26.5mm, 30 <sup>th</sup>
	Coldest temp	-0.2, 11 <sup>th</sup>	
JANUARY	Warmest temp	14.4, 19 <sup>th</sup>	
	Rainfall total	209.2mm	270.2mm
	Wettest Day		37.5mm, 26 <sup>th</sup>
	Coldest temp	-5.8, 20 <sup>th</sup>	
	Warmest temp	12.6, 26 <sup>th</sup>	
	Total rainfall in 2015: 2167mm    Wettest month in 2015: January 233.9mm		
	Thanks to John Gregory, Ann Le Bas, Jon Snell and Tracey Staples		

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The Calvert Trust Exmoor is a charity that works with people with disabilities and provides the opportunity to engage in outdoor activities and sports.



**"EAT DIRT ON EXMOOR"**

**Mountain Bike Challenge**

**Dulverton - 2 May 2016**

A group of Mountain Bike enthusiasts and the Calvert Trust Exmoor have combined to plan a challenging and fun Mountain Bike Event on the May Bank Holiday. The 15 mile route will start and end in Dulverton. Participants are required to pre-register on the British Cycling web site:

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/141908/Eat-Dirt-on-Exmoor>

This will be a challenging route and participants will need to be experienced Mountain Bike riders and will need a reasonable degree of physical fitness. Further information from:

Graham Stephens: 01398 324543 or 07816 863025  
Robin Nicoll at Calvert Trust Exmoor telephone 01598 763055  
E-mail: [fundraising@calvert-trust.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@calvert-trust.org.uk)



**Saturday 5th March**

**Winsford Village Hall**

Doors open 7pm, Start at 8pm

Refreshments and raffle

In aid of Motor Neurone

Enquiries - Sue Hayes 01643 851372

## EXMOOR'S BIG BREAKFAST

**EXFORD MEMORIAL HALL**

**Sunday 10th April**

**9am till 12 midday**

in aid of FOES

(friends of Exford school)

Details Lorna Vigars 01643831450

or Dawn Atkins 07531353253



## AN EVENING IN for St. Margaret's

Whether it's a cosy catch up or a formal dinner party, whatever you do, you will be doing something really special.

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[www.somerset-hospice.org.uk](http://www.somerset-hospice.org.uk)  
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## BAGLEY HUNTER TRIALS, DOG SHOW & TERRIER RACING

at Bagley, Cloutsham, Porlock  
on Sunday 21st August 2016

Details: [sarahwoollacott@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarahwoollacott@yahoo.co.uk)

## GARDENING TIPS by John Morgan

*Apple trees should be pruned now before the spring buds open.*

*Stay off frosted grass as it will turn yellow and soon be muddy.*

*Spring bulbs are coming up early this year so if we have late snow on the blooms and tree blossom - brush it off to keep the petals from burning.*



## WORLD WAR 1 CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS

Many of you will have read the small booklet that I wrote for the unveiling of the War Memorial in 2006, either at that event or at the Heritage Centre's centenary commemorations. However, more information becomes available all the time especially the publishing of the 2011 Census so I thought it would be good to commemorate the centenaries of each of the men who lost their lives.

This month it's William John Newbury.

William was born 1894 at Bridge Street Dulverton to John and Elizabeth with a brother Henry and sisters, Ann, Mary, Maud and Lily. Subsequently the family moved to Rosemary Lane and by 1911 William was working as a gardener.

William joined the Devonshire Regiment going to India in early 1914 stationed near Lahore and then he was sent to Mesopotamia in April 1914. He became a Lance Corporal but died of his wounds on 24th January 1916 and is buried at the Kut War Cemetery. Several of you will remember his sister, Lily Webber, whilst his niece is still living in the area.

*Tony Sloley, Dulverton Heritage Centre*

Anstey WI is part of The Somerset Federation of 132 Institutes with 3,800 members. Meeting are normally held on the first Thursday of the month at 7.00pm in either West Anstey V H, Yeo Mill or East Anstey VH, Oldways End. New Members and Guests are welcome to join us.

### Anstey WI events

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Talk on Fire Safety by Devon and Somerset Fire Services

April 7<sup>th</sup> Demonstration Tai Chi by Andrew Blabey.

May 5<sup>th</sup> AGM

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Talk by Mac McLaren 'My Memories of Penlee Lifeboat Disaster' with Strawberry tea.

*For more details: Cos Wood 01398 341472 Anstey WI President*



## QUIZ NIGHT

PRIZES BAR

MOORLAND HALL

Wheddon Cross

Friday 18th March 2016 at 7.30pm

(Doors open at 7pm)

QUESTIONMASTER

PADDY KING-FRETTS

Winning trophy fashioned by artist & blacksmith Bill Poirier

£12.50 per person to include supper  
Teams of 3 to 6

Booking advised. To book a table - contact

Mo Best 01984 641175

Susan May 01271 850494

**GREAT  
SOMERSET  
WALK**

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**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016**

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HOSPICE CARE

## West Anstey Village Hall

### Entertainment & Events

**Tuesday, 8th March 7.30 p.m.**

**Film: - 'Suffragette' (12A)**

Carey Mulligan, Helen Bonham-Carter, Brendan Gleeson,

Anne-Marie Duff & Meryl Streep

A British historical period drama about the fight for women's suffrage.

A vivid depiction of why women joined this movement and how they were treated, as experienced by one young laundry worker.

*Tickets: £3.50 on the door Light Refreshments available in interval. Enquiries to 01398 341 615*

**Friday, 8th April 7.00 pm**

**Kit Hawes & Aaron Katlow - Acoustic Duo**

An exciting Musical Evening with a 2-course Supper:

If you enjoy acoustic, folk and roots music on guitar and violin, do come to hear Kit and Aaron play and sing a variety of songs from many sources, including their own compositions. "rip-roaring violin, guitar and vocals" (Larmer Tree Festival)

We are delighted to welcome them back on a return visit to W. Anstey!

*ADVANCE BOOKING PLEASE on 01398 341 615*

*Tickets (including a supper): £13 adult; £10 child; £42 family of 4. Raffle & Pay Bar*

*Both events sponsored by Anstey Arts and Beaford Arts*

## MOOR MOVIES

WINSFORD

**Tuesday 15th March**

**THE LADY IN THE VAN (12A)**

Comedy film of Alan Bennett's stage play.

Starring Maggie Smith.

*Winsford Village Hall 7.30 p.m.*

**Tuesday 12th April**

**BROOKLYN (12)**

An Irish immigrant in 1950's Brooklyn must decide between the two countries and the people she loves. Elegant film adaptation by Nick Hornby.  
*Winsford Village Hall 7.30 p.m.*

## EASTER SALE

**Saturday 19th March**  
**Winsford Village Hall**

**10.30 start**

Easter stall, cakes,  
books, clothes, toys,  
bric-a-brac & raffle.

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**EXMOOR** **UBA**  
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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

## Meeting Wednesday 24th February

### 'History of Nursery Rhymes'

A talk by Carolyn Williams

## Meeting Wednesday 30th March

### A.G.M. at 10.15 followed by 'Ebola & General Relief Work'

A talk by Robert Hodgson

*Please note earlier time of commencement*

Non-members welcome £2.00  
Further details : Yvonne Moorfoot  
01398 323529

## EXMOOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

Exmoor Photographers is a group of friends and a growing network of enthusiasts who enjoy taking photographs, making digital images and sharing information and ideas.

This is not a traditional camera club. We mainly meet on-line and when we do get together, we don't do 'meetings', we have fun. All subjects, all types of image, every kind of photographic device, all forms of processing - or none - are equally valid.

### It's the image that counts.

We call ourselves Exmoor Photographers because we live in and around Exmoor but we photograph life, however and wherever we find it. Beginners, professionals and everyone in between are welcome. One of the many things that makes us distinctive is that we offer safe encouragement to young photographers and encourage their use of mobile phone cameras and free apps. We will be running workshops for young people on photography and digital art. We will also be organising photography outings, exhibitions and occasional talks and tutorials.

Visit our website [www.exmoorphotographers.org.uk](http://www.exmoorphotographers.org.uk) and for further information contact [alan@alanjonesimages.com](mailto:alan@alanjonesimages.com)





# THE SIMONSBATH FESTIVAL NEWS...

2015 was a good year for Simonsbath Festival with lots of well attended events taking place between our now established Festival dates of May Day and Midsummer! 2016 will be our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we're very pleased to have been able to make donations to a variety of local and worthy causes over the past four years.


In our first year 2012, Simonsbath Festival made a financial donation to the Beacon Centre Cancer Unit at Musgrove Park hospital. The Festival also made a 50% contribution to the sound system in St Luke's church (matched by the Diocese of Bath and Wells). In 2013 a donation was made to the Exmoor Search and Rescue Team and in 2014 the Royal British Legion South Molton branch benefited. We presented a maypole to

the children of Exford School and arranged for May Day activities for local children. In 2015 a donation was gratefully received by the West Somerset Food Cupboard.

We also established a project to revive interest in and knowledge of the traditional music and songs of Exmoor. "Songs from the Exmoor Forest" was supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and has involved music workshops in local schools culminating in community concerts and in 2015 the workshops were run by local popular folk and traditional entertainers Tom and Barbara Brown.

It is our intention to continue to gift money and support projects from the proceeds of Simonsbath Festival. Please help us to achieve this by supporting your local annual Festival - see our new website [www.simonsbathfestival.org.uk](http://www.simonsbathfestival.org.uk) for info of the 2016 events and become a Friend of the Festival (email [friends@simonsbathfestival.org.uk](mailto:friends@simonsbathfestival.org.uk) for further details).

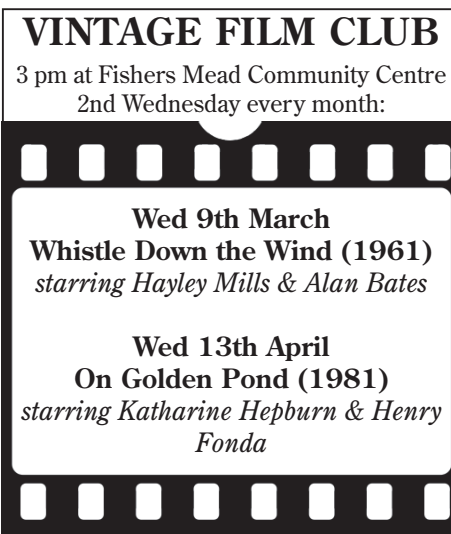
We look forward to seeing you at Simonsbath Festival at events from May Day to Midsummer!!



**March and April Events**

**17th March FRAGRANT GARDENS**  
A talk by Felicity Down, from Cleve Nurseries. Felicity has been a garden expert on Radio West for 6 years. Her talk will guide us through the months on the best plants for fragrance. Plants will be available for sale on the night. This talk will follow on from The Clubs AGM at 6.30pm, followed by Cheese and Wine.

**21st April GROWING VEGETABLES FOR CONSUMPTION**  
John Studley will talk on how to grow vegetables good enough to grace your plate. Talk at 7.30pm Doors open at 6.45pm. All talks at Dulverton Town Hall  
Contact Roger Hammond 01398 323954



**VINTAGE FILM CLUB**  
3 pm at Fishers Mead Community Centre  
2nd Wednesday every month:

**Wed 9th March**  
**Whistle Down the Wind (1961)**  
*starring Hayley Mills & Alan Bates*

**Wed 13th April**  
**On Golden Pond (1981)**  
*starring Katharine Hepburn & Henry Fonda*

# THE SIMONSBATH FESTIVAL



The Simonsbath Festival is calling for West Country artists to submit 2-D work for next year's Art Exhibition. The theme of the exhibition is moorland and coast, its wildlife, culture and landscape and it is open to all artists. If interested in submitting work, please contact Sandy on 01643 831844 or

[artexhibition@simonsbathfestival.org.uk](mailto:artexhibition@simonsbathfestival.org.uk)

The Art Exhibition is part of the Simonbath Festival that runs from May Day to Mid Summer night 2016. The Festival is now in its fifth year and is firmly established in the Exmoor Calendar.

Last year the exhibition attracted work from 23 West Country artists, many of whom are based on Exmoor and its fringes. The 66 pieces of work shown were varied, interesting and all related in some way to wild moorland landscape, its wildlife and culture, or the rugged North Devon coast. There were watercolour, oil and acrylic paintings on show and a number of prints, both framed and unframed. Artists exhibiting included printmakers Julian Witts, Luna North and several

from the Dartington printmakers Group and painters including Jo Minoprio, Judith Westcott, Iain Biggs, Chris Howe and Lucy Pearn. In addition, there were some stunning photographs by Nick Simpson. All the work was for sale, many pieces at very reasonable prices, making original art accessible to everyone.

The exhibition is held in Boevey's Tea Rooms, in Simonsbath, right in the very heart of Exmoor and is surrounded by stunning, wild landscape. Red deer are often to be seen grazing on the hillside opposite the Tea Rooms and birds of prey hunt along the edge of the River Barle. The Tea Rooms provide a great venue. Tempting, delicious cakes, light meals and possibly the best coffee available on Exmoor are all on offer, which adds to the pleasure of the Art Exhibition. What could be better than eating cake and looking at art? You could make a day of it and take a walk along the River Barle or Birch Cleeve Woods after visiting the exhibition.

[www.simonsbathfestival.org.uk](http://www.simonsbathfestival.org.uk)

## SAVE THE DATES!

An exhibition of various Exmoor artists including Roger Hammond, Claire Savill and John Bye at the Heritage Centre Gallery, Dulverton, Sun 27<sup>th</sup> March - Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Wide range of works on show. Brushford Pop Up Bar Sat 30 April & 28 May. Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Sat June 4<sup>th</sup>, Dulverton Town Hall.

Brushford Flower Festival & Open Gardens, weekend of 25/26 June.

Voices of Exmoor Summer Concerts, Fri July 1<sup>st</sup> & Sat July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dulverton Town Hall - medleys from Les Miserables, West Side Story, Phantom of the Opera and much more.

DULVERTON TENNIS CLUB - Advance Notice ... is excited to announce they will be hosting a popular music evening locally on Sun 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Watch for further details later...!

## DULVERTON PLAYERS presents Jack and the Beanstalk

Dulverton Players are a cosmopolitan bunch. They come from Brushford and the Ansteys, from Exford and Withypool, and from the end of lanes so remote that they don't even merit a name. Through frost, flood and flu they battle on to bring living theatre to the Dulverton Town Hall at least three times a year.

This season's programme opens with an all-singing, all-dancing pantomime with a cast of thousands – well, over twenty, anyway. "Jack and the Beanstalk", which will run from April 6th to April 9th, features not only The Players' regular team of actors but a dozen local young people who are treading the boards of the Fore Street stage for the very first time.

Carol Jones, who played Cinderella in the Players' last pantomime, reappears as the beautiful Princess Demelza. Banger Milton, joint-master of the Dulverton Farmers Hunt, swops her breeches for principal boy tights as our hero, Jack Trott. Heather Hodgson, who first appeared at the Town Hall at the age of seven, plays kindly Dame Trott. Heather remembers vividly her father, Tom Mackney, producing ten Dulverton pantos in the 1950's. Roger Watts plays opposite

her as the bumbling King Bertram. Julian Soltau is intellectually-challenged as Simple Simon, the cowman.

Tamsin Blackmore and Charlie Blanning, last seen as the miserably married couple in "Private Lives" in September, cross magic wands as Edina, the Eco-Fairy, and Slimeball, the villainous henchman of the Giant Blunderbore. Daisy plays the Cow.

Olga Owen, who is directing her first production in Dulverton, promises a traditional version with all the heroes and villains, singing and dancing, and harmless fun that you expect from a pantomime. She will enjoy the experienced support of Marion Silverlock as co-director and accompanist, and Nicola Smith as

choreographer. April Golding, director of the "Exmoor Singers", is in charge of the music and Christine Dubery makes it all possible backstage.

The Players are planning one of their popular murder mystery evenings for September. This will be followed by another full-scale production in October or November. Early reservations for tickets may be made at the Post Office, or call 01398 323474.

**Dulverton Players**  
Presents  
**Jack and the Beanstalk**  
By Ben Crocker  
**6-9th April 2016**  
**Dulverton Town Hall**

Wednesday 6th	Starts 7.30pm
Thursday 7th	Starts 7.30pm
Friday 8th	Starts 7.30pm
Saturday 9th	Matinee starts 2pm Evening 7.30pm

Tickets from Dulverton Post Office or  
call the bookings line 01398 323474



## Dulverton Films



## Dulverton Town Hall

**Friday March 11 7.30pm**      **SELMA (Cert 12A)**  
**Dir: Ava DuVernay**      **USA / UK 2015**      **128 mins**

This unforgettable true story chronicles the tumultuous three-month period in 1965 when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a dangerous campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition. The epic march from Selma to Montgomery culminated in President Johnson's signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most significant victories for the civil rights movement. The film tells the story of how the revered leader and visionary Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his brothers and sisters in the movement prompted change that forever altered history.

**Friday March 25 7.30pm**      **SPECTRE (Cert 12A)**  
**Dir: Sam Mendes**      **UK 2015**      **148 mins**

A cryptic message from Bond's past sends him on a trail to uncover a sinister organization. While M battles political forces to keep the secret service alive, Bond peels back the layers of deceit to reveal the terrible truth behind SPECTRE. Another glorious action-driven spectacle, reminiscent of the old Bond films.

**Friday April 15 7.30pm**      **STILL ALICE (Cert 12A)**  
**Dir: Richard Glatzer/Wash Westmoreland**      **USA 2013**      **101mins**

Alice Howland (Julianne Moore) happily married with three grown-up children, is a renowned linguistics professor who starts to forget words. When she receives a diagnosis of early-onset Alzheimer's Disease, Alice and her family find their bonds thoroughly tested. Along the way, Alice struggles not only to fight the inner decay, but to make the most of her remaining time. She seeks to find the love and peace needed to make living feel worthwhile. Her struggle to stay connected to whom she once was is frightening, heartbreaking and inspiring.

**Friday April 29 7.30pm**      **THE LADY IN THE VAN (Cert 12A)**  
**Dir: Nicholas Hytner**      **UK 2015**      **104 mins**

A man forms an unexpected bond with a transient woman living in her car parked in his driveway. Adapted by Alan Bennett from his own stage play. A fine, moving comedy of English manners between a writer and his eccentric tenant, which slowly deepens into an exploration of human bonds. Stars Maggie Smith

*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.*

# Voices of EXMOOR

The Voices of Exmoor choir would like to thank everyone who supported their Christmas and Summer Concerts in 2015. Thanks to your generosity we are pleased to report that we are donating £1,800 to both of the air ambulance trusts (Somerset & Dorset and Devon) who provide such vital services to Exmoor - so a total donation of £3,600.

We hope that you enjoy our concerts as much as we enjoy our singing and it is an added bonus when together we can raise funds for such worthy causes.

Practices for our 2016 concerts are already underway and we look forward to entertaining you later this year.

## MOREBATH VILLAGE HALL Forthcoming Events 2016

Beetle Drive - a super evening. Hot supper £5 (children half price) Supper Bookings: Pauline 01398 331666	7.30	Fri	4 Mar.
	Change of date to that previously advised.		
Quiz Night □ details to follow	7.30	Fri	6 May
Advance notice for: Morebath Village Fete	2.00	Sun	3 July
Morebath Yoga 10:20-12 noon. Details: 01398 332334 8 & 22 February 7 & 21 March 4 & 18 April			
<b>Registered Charity No. 207013</b>			

## ANSTEY DEFIB FUND UPDATE

A Defibrillator Machine is situated at West Anstey Village Hall and is now available for use if required, by everyone in the Anstey and surrounding area.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED US REACH OUR TARGET AND PROVIDE A DEFIBRILLATOR MACHINE AT WEST ANSTEY... THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN AMAZING AND WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL!

The Festive Coffee Morning at Hinam Farm on 2nd December raised £161.00!! Thank you Esther! Anstey Young Farmers also raised £150 with their wonderful carol singing around the Yeo Mill, and at Jubilee on 23rd December. Thank you also, to everyone that turned out on one of the coldest nights of the winter to attend the training seminar on 19th January 2016.

**Current total raised so far is £2173.00!!**

We hope to set up a Village Emergency Telephone Scheme (we already have several volunteers keen to take part in this) which will cost approximately £100 per year. This service can be used for any emergencies, including cardiac arrest that may occur, within the parish.

Fundraising will continue into 2016 but not on such a grand scale as 2015!

Please check our website for details: <https://fundforansteydefibrillator.wordpress.com/>

Many thanks to you all for your support.

Suzanne Blythe & Nikki Routledge

## 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](http://www.dulvertonheritagecentre.org.uk)

### PRIVILEGE AND POVERTY IN DULVERTON

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Workhouse and our fine houses -  
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INCLUDING NORTHMOOR



#### Events

#### DULVERTON TOWN TOURS with Tony Sloley

Why not join us on a guided walk  
exploring the history of Dulverton?  
Discover some secret places and hear  
tales of old from local guide. Meet at  
Heritage Centre

Tuesday 29th March 4pm

Sunday 17th April 3 pm

#### GRAND BOOK SALES at Heritage Centre

Friday 25th March 10.30am – 4pm

Friday 29th April 10.30am – 4pm

#### TALKS

#### Talk by Gavin Haig - Creating a wildlife garden

Thursday 7th April 3pm

Local man, retired surgeon, writer  
and wildlife garden expert, Gavin will  
be talking to us on his experience of  
creating wildlife gardens to encourage  
wildlife to come to us. He has also  
been on TV with Charlie Dimmock, on  
the radio with Brian Johnstone, written

in Devon Life and most recently set up  
named and sponsored nest boxes at  
Tiverton Hospital Wildlife Garden. A talk  
not to be missed by those gardeners  
and wildlife watchers amongst us!  
Only £2.50 per person

#### Talk by Rob Wilson-North Dulverton's archaeology and historic landscape

Thursday 14th April 4pm

Join Rob, Conservation Manager at  
Exmoor National Park Authority, for a  
fascinating talk. Only £2.50 per person

#### Coffee Morning to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday, Dulverton Town Hall

Thursday 21st April 10am – 12pm

#### EXHIBITIONS IN THE GALLERY

15th May - 21st May

#### Dulverton Art Group

Art and craft by local members

29th May - 4th June

#### Jane Andreoli and Sue Baker

'Out of this World' - Visions of Iceland in  
photography and textile art

#### Annual General Meeting at Dulverton Town Hall

14th April 7.30pm, with talk by John  
Burgess on 'Characters of Exmoor', tales  
from John about some of his many  
recordings of local people over the  
years. All welcome.



## GONE FISHING



For many years Trout and Salmon fishing on Exmoor was a rather private affair, most of the river was owned by private individuals or families and unless you received an invite a days fishing was rather difficult. Fortunately the situation has changed over the last 10 years or so and access to some good water is straight forward. The Dulverton Angling Association has approx. 7 miles of bank on the Exe and Barle which is good Brown Trout water with a few Grayling and occasional Salmon while the 'Fish The Exe' project lets out Salmon days on some very good water on the Exe from Exebridge down to Bickleigh. All of these waters are available at a minimum cost, DAA membership is only £35.00 per adult and £1.00 for children.

These waters are available because the owners recognise that they have a broader responsibility to the general public, public funds pay for some river maintenance, though this is getting smaller and smaller as the years go by, therefore the public should be able to access the rivers, in a responsible, controlled, manner. For more details see [dulvertonanglingassociation.org.uk](http://dulvertonanglingassociation.org.uk) and [fishtheexe.co.uk](http://fishtheexe.co.uk)

All fishing in Exmoor's rivers depend on sufficient rainfall during the summer to keep them clean, fresh and well oxygenated, we must be the only group that wants lots of rain during the summer, as we have just had, however its not necessary for it to keep raining after the season has closed, day after day after day. Maybe 2016 will be a better summer for all of us.

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It offers a **regular service run every Thursday** between Dulverton and Minehead, via Brushford, Exebridge, Bury, Skilgate and Brompton Regis. It will stop at Minehead hospital or supermarkets if needed. It is not essential to book, but it is advisable – phone 01398 323665 by 4pm the previous day.

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 Dulverton Jury Road Bus Stop  
 Dulverton High Street, The Pink Rooster  
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### HIGHWAYS - Planned work in West Somerset

TOWN	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	START	FINISH	DURATION
Bampton	A396 Exeter Road, Cove	Safety barrier repair work and carriageway resurfacing. Temporary road closures/ temporary traffic signals.	25 Jan	13 May	16 weeks
Dulverton	B3222 Station Road, Battleton	Water main replacement.	4 Jan	7 Feb	5 weeks
		Temporary traffic signals.	8 Feb	11 Mar	5 weeks
		Temporary road closure.	12 Mar	24 Mar	2 weeks
		Temporary traffic signals.			

# WIMBLEBALL LAKE



## PLANNED EVENTS 2016

Date	Name of event	Type of event
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Memorial Walk for Hospice	Sponsored walk around the lake (9.25 miles) for this worthwhile cause
4 <sup>th</sup> June	WRC regatta	Rowing Race ( <a href="http://www.wimbledonrc.co.uk">www.wimbledonrc.co.uk</a> )
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Sprint Triathlon	Freak Events standard distance triathlon: (1500m swim, 40km bike, 10km run) <a href="http://www.freakevents.co.uk">http://www.freakevents.co.uk</a>
26/6/15	IronMan	
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Wimbledon Open Day	Have a go on our high ropes course, archery, canoeing & kayaking £4 / session (£2 parking all day)
31st July	Full distance triathlon	X Man Events present this full distance triathlon (2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike, 26 mile run) <a href="http://www.xmanevents.com">www.xmanevents.com</a>
7/8/15 3 pm	Fishing for life family fun day	Community games, steel band, craft stalls, (normal car park charges apply, payment required for some activities)
August Date TBC	Bat walk and talk	Bat walk at Wimbledon led by Devon and Somerset bat group with bat detectors
14 <sup>th</sup> August	BASC introductory day	Target Shooting, fishing, bushcraft and gun (Cost tbc)
10 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Orvis boat pairs fishing comp	Fly fishing comp
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Best of the best	Fly prize money! Call 01398 371460 for details on how to enter

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

# STAR GAZING

Here on Exmoor we live in a Dark Sky area and when we get a clear night there are wonders to view when we look up at the stars. Here are a few sights to gaze at. During March and April the planet Jupiter is the brightest object (other than the Moon) in the night sky visible all night long in the Southeast at about 10pm. Mars rises in the SE but Venus, which in January was the morning star, has now disappeared into the glare of dawn. Of

the constellations Orion, the hunter, is to be seen low in the SW but the Plough, higher in the sky is always in view and has the pointers to the Pole Star. The 20th March is the Vernal Equinox (equal day and night) and marks the end of Winter and the beginning of Spring.

Don't forget that the clocks go forward one hour on the 27th March. There are Full Moons on 23rd March and 22nd April.

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## Wimbleball Lake March16

2015 has been a fantastic year for Wimbleball – we were awarded our 4th consecutive Green Tourism Business Scheme at level Gold in December, hosted Wimbleball Rowing Club Regatta in June, and the South Coast Rowing Championship Regatta in September, which saw 1500 rowers from as far afield as Shoreham compete for prizes. Conservation work centred around siting and experimenting with our new charcoal kiln. So far we've managed to create 6 large sacks of high quality charcoal to be sold to campers and visitors from our café. In August we hosted an evening bat walk in partnership with Devon and Somerset bat group with 18 people attending, and a large number of bats cooperating by putting on some fantastic aerial displays and entertaining us with their clicks, beeps and whirs heard through bat detectors. Another new development for 2016 - The Wimbleball café has just been taken on by Ellie Street and Michele Romaine, who are renaming it 'The Duck' – expect lots of delicious home-made food and drinks.

We are very much looking forward to the 2016 season, which also sees 2 new triathlon events being hosted at Wimbleball – time to get into training anyone?

Alex Forster  
Countryside and Angling Manger (Exmoor)

### **THURSDAY 14th APRIL**

**The weather patterns  
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**Thursday 10th March  
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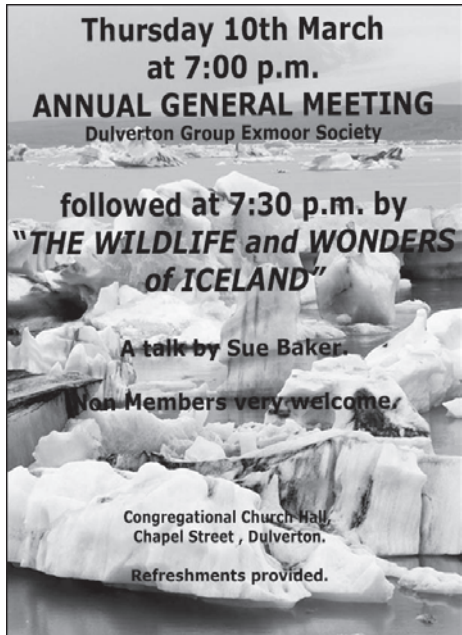
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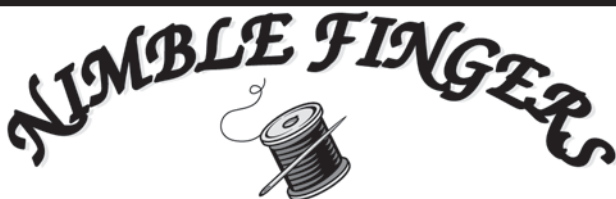
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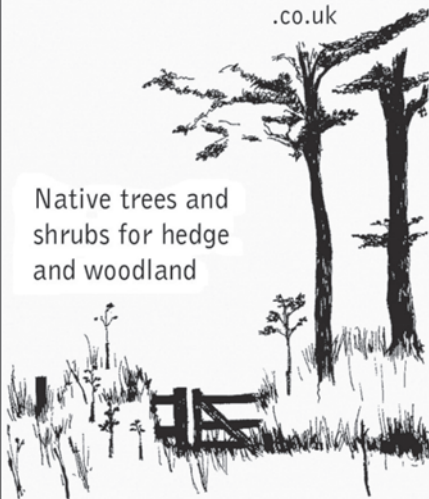
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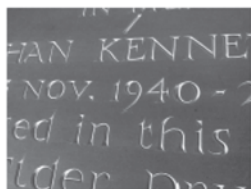
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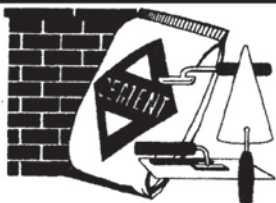
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