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Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Best wishes, Ceri Keene and Claire Savill

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- Christmas at Stourhead NT
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Dulverton Town Hall



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for Dulverton by Starlight

Friday 16th November





Dulverton Town Hall

Doors open 7pm

Eyes down at 7.30pm

Light refreshments available

Thursday 8th November

The Mystery of Pinkery Pond



Pinkery Pond lies in the high mooriands of Exmoor National Park; the highest artificial lake in southern England. It was created by the construction of a huge earth dam designed to block the River Barle. It was made some 200 years ago for John Knight; the wealthy ironnaster who'd bought much of the moorlands. So why was it built?

Or Graham Wills' talk to Dulerton Group Exmoor Society will explore the intriguing history of the pond and examine the various theories about its intended function.

7:30 p.m. Congregational Church Hall, Chapel Street, Dulverton.

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

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Free admission, with a retiring collection

Music Appreciation

When the leaves start changing colour, allowing us to appreciate nature's beauty in the new season, human activity often reveals itself to be similarly colourful, I find. One particular area of this fruitful, seasonal activity can be seen in many shop windows: Festivals, Concerts of Music, creativity advertised in its many forms. Locally, we have the Two Moors Festival coming up, for instance, as well as the remarkable and unique Dark Skies Festival. It's a time for many of us to enjoy going out, and being part of an audience, appreciating with others the creativity and skill on offer. I performed classical music in public for many years, and held a particular regard for audience members whose quiet, appreciative attention - an odd mixture of being relaxed, vet wide awake would undoubtedly enliven my own performance. In his recent book, Mindfulness in Music: Notes on Finding Life's Rhythm (Leaping Hare Press), author Mark Tanner offers a particular challenge to concert-goers, in a chapter entitled the 'Virtuoso Listener'. We can all learn to be as fully focused and engaged as those masterful players or singers on stage we most admire: virtuosity can be a heroic state embodied by the listener, where it is anything but passive. We participate actively as



audience members through our deep, often awestruck, attention. And, as scientific research slowly catches up with what we all knew for aeons, it appears that the list of health benefits involved in enjoying music (whether as listener or participant) is both extensive, and extraordinary.

I recently encountered a wonderful group of people, meeting as the Exmoor Piano Group (performing their first concert at All Saints Church, Dulverton, on Saturday November 17th, 7.30pm, with a retiring collection in aid of the Calvert Trust). They are a particularly remarkable set of individuals, since - for many years - they will have been keen concert-goers, yet here they are, contemplating playing the very musical instrument they have adored and appreciated for so long in public - and in many cases for the very first time, as far as I can gather. They so impressed me, I even volunteered to act as stage management, a personal first also! The tables are truly turning in Exmoor!

Gary Cooper currently teaches piano in Exmoor, and can often be found lurking in the organ loft of All Saints Church, Dulverton on a Sunday. For further details, contact: gc3sol@yahoo.com or 07419 212354.



DULVERTON BY STARLIGHTSunday 2nd December

Come start the festive season with Dulverton by Starlight! Every year the town sparkles and twinkles with white lights in shop windows and on the Christmas trees adorning the streets.

This year the Upper Town Hall will host the Space Odyssey mobile planetarium. Prepare to be amazed and educated about the night sky around us. There will be four 20min sessions running throughout the afternoon with advance booking available through our website www. dulvertonbystarlight.co.uk or in the Town Hall on the day. Online booking will close on Thursday 29th November.

Most of the shops will be open for the day, so be sure to pop in and find a present or two.

The Winter Market has expanded this year with even more locally made crafts throughout the town. All Saints Church holds its annual bazaar from 2-5pm.

Entertainment around the town starts at 2pm with the arrival of Father Christmas on his way to his grotto and the festive music of The South Molton Brass Band, followed by Tiverton Majorettes, Merlin the Magician and friends, Take Note Choir, an impressive demonstration by Dulverton Fire Brigade, carol singing around the big Christmas tree, a super professional fireworks display and finishing with our very own local rock band at 7.30pm. Santa's grotto, face painting, model railway and a seasonal craft fair are all in the Heritage Centre.

Parking spaces are limited in the town so this year Ridlers Coaches will be providing a park & ride service all afternoon from 2-7.30pm. Pick up points will be Exebridge: Masons Kings and The Anchor Inn, and Brushford bus stop. Return tickets are a very reasonable £2 per person with under 12s free and can be bought at the stops.

There will be extra disabled parking spaces available at Exmoor House (National Park HQ). More information can be found on the website or email: info@dulvertonbystralight.co.uk.

Join the fun and celebrate winter with us in Dulverton. The Dulverton by Starlight Committee www.dulvertonbystarlight.co.uk

DULVERTON STARLIGHT Sunday 2nd December

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Space Odyssey planetarium
Exmoor street market
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Church bazaar
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Children's entertainment
Brass Band
Carol singing around the tree
Fireworks

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Sunday 25th, November

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VINTAGE FILM CLUB Wed 14th November – A TALE of TWO CITIES

starring Dirk Bogarde & Dorothy Tutin – 1958

starting 2.30 pm at Fishers Mead Community Centre

NB: NO FILM IN DECEMBER!

DULVERTON ACTION GROUP -

Litter-picking (3rd Sunday):
Sun 18th November – 10.30 meet
by the Heritage Centre - Everyone
welcome and all kit supplied
Sun 16th December – 10.30 as usual



THE FRIENDS OF DULVERTON LIBRARY will meet on Thursdays November 1st and December 6th at 2pm.

THE LIBRARY BOOK GROUP will meet at 2pm on November 2nd. The book we will be discussing is MY NAME IS LUCY BARTON by Elizabeth Stroutt. The book we will be reading during November is THE MONOGRAM MURDERS by Sophie Hannah. To be discussed on December 7th. December's book will be MAJOR PETTIGREW'S LAST STAND by Helen Simonson.

THE CRAFTERNOONERS will meet on Fridays November 9th and December 14th at 2pm. November's project will be A FABRIC CHRISTMAS DECORATION and December's will be A NOTEBOOK COVER. A charge of £1 applies plus £1 for materials.

SCRABBLE CLUB will meet on Thursdays November 17th and December 20th at 2pm.

LEGO CLUB will meet on Saturdays November 17th and December 15th at 10.30am. Booking is essential and a charge of £1 applies.

THE KNIT AND NATTER GROUP will meet on Fridays November 30th and December 28th at 2pm.

THE FRIENDS OF DULVERTON LIBRARY will be holding A COFFEE MORNING on Tuesday November 25th 10.30am to 12noon.



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 28th November A talk by Tim Dee, Writer, Poet & BBC Producer

'Redstarts at Horner Water – Watching migratory birds in Africa & Exmoor'
Please note there is no meeting in December.



Dulverton Town Hall

Friday Nov 23rd

BOOK CLUB (Cert 12A) Dir: Bill Holderman 104 mins

Diane (Diane Keaton) is recently widowed after 40 years of marriage, Vivian (Jane Fonda) enjoys her men with no strings attached, Sharon (Candice Bergen) is still working through her decades-old divorce, and Carol's (Mary Steenburgen) marriage is in a slump after 35 years. The lives of these four lifelong friends are turned upside down after reading the infamous "50 Shades of Grey," catapulting them into a series of outrageous life choices. From discovering new romance to rekindling old flames, they inspire each other to make their next chapter the best chapter of their lives.

Friday Dec 7th MAMMA MIA! HERE WE GO AGAIN (Cert PG) Dir: Ol Parker 114 mins

In 1979 young Donna, Tanya and Rosie graduate from Oxford University, leaving Donna free to embark on a series of adventures throughout Europe. On her journeys, she makes the acquaintances of Harry, Bill and Sam, the latter whom she falls in love with, but he is also the man who breaks her heart. In the present day, Donna's pregnant daughter, Sophie, dreams of renovating a taverna while reuniting with her mother's old friends and boyfriends on the Greek island of Kalokairi. It is ten years since the first box office hit and audiences once again love the music, Cher, and Lily James who plays the young version of Meryl Streep's character, Donna. With a delightful mix of music, humour and spirit, it creates a rare sequel/prequel that outshines the original.

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 janaross 2003@yahoo.co.uk. Bar open from 7pm.

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Tiverton Film Club Autumn 2018

Exmoor film lovers are well catered for by the Dulverton Film Club, the Vintage Film Club, and Moor Movies At Winsford. In addition, there is the Tiverton Film Club that meets at the Petroc College in Tiverton. The Club is now entering its 19th season, and has shown over 180 films since it started in 2000. It aims to show contemporary international films that have received high critical praise and national and international awards. The majority of the films would not have reached the Tiverton and Exmoor area if the Club did not exist.

The Club shows films each month from September to June - usually on the third Wednesday of the month - and films start at 7:00pm. The venue is the Petroc College theatre which has tiered seating providing excellent viewing for everyone, and clear easy reading of sub-titles on foreign language films. Last year's programme included films from a wide range of countries including Spain, Canada, Iran, France, Germany, Sweden, India, and the UK/USA of course.



The Autumn programme has already started with films from the USA and Russia. The next two films are:

November 21st -'The Breadwinner', an international co-production, that is an animated film set in Afghanistan under the control of the Taliban. The stunning visuals of the film are matched by a story that confronts the harsh real-life issues with richly rewarding honesty, The film has been described as 'an award winning marvel', and it addresses the reality of women's and children's lives in the male dominated world of Kabul.

December 12th -'Phantom Thread', an American film set in the fashion world of London in the 1950s. It stars Daniel Day Lewis, who brings his intense acting style to his role in this film. It was nominated in a number of categories at this year's OSCARs and was very well reviewed. It is a dramatic romance with excellent performances from all the cast, who are well supported by a marvellous score and outstanding cinema photography.

Club membership is £20 per person for the ten films that will be shown during the season, plus a Classic film chosen by the members. In addition, Guests are always welcome at £5 per head!

MOOR MOVIES in Winsford

Tuesday 20th November THE HAPPY PRINCE 15

Starring Rupert Everett, this is the story of the last days of Oscar Wilde when he leaves England for Europe.

Tuesday 11th December THE BOOKSHOP PG

In 1959 a bookshop is opened in an East Anglian coastal town where it is met with opposition for the books it stocks. Starring Bill Nighy.

Check the Winsford website for details of more films www.winsfordexmoor.org.uk/

Honey Bees

For me it has been a great summer for bees and therefore honey. My 3 colonies came through the winter well so were in a good position to 'make honey while the sun shone'. The hot weather, though

a calamity to farmers, meant bee colonies could expand quickly, draw out new wax quickly and fill the supers quickly. Not only was it hot but it came just as the bramble and Rose Bay Willow Herb flowered, it couldn't have been timed better, for a change. From the 3 hives I produced 130 1lb jars of blossom honey plus 90 sections of comb honey, (available in Dulverton Deli). It's not always as good, in 25 years this has been my best season by far. It's worth thinking that each bee in its entire life only brings in half of a teaspoon of honey and

that for every pound of honey the bees have flown 5,000 miles. They are rather clever.

Also spare a thought for the wasp, I know they are a nuisance in the autumn but no one considers the good they do in

> the summer, one of their main food items is aphids, and my roses need all the help they can get. They are only a nuisance in the autumn their nest stops breeding grubs which secrete a sugar substance which the adult usually feeds on, once that stops they need another sugar fix, quick. However much they bother us we will have the last laugh, as they will all die with the onset of the colder weather, its only the gueen that survives the winter to start a new colony next year.

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Followed by a demonstration on tools and techniques.

For this talk doors open at 7.00pm talk starts promptly at 7.30pm



17th January 2019- NICK BAILEY will be giving a talk

Nick is a freelance horticulturalist, best selling author, award winning TV presenter, garden designer and speaker, part of BBC Gardeners' World Team.

N.B. This is to be a **ticket only event**. £3.00 for members £7.50 for non-members. Tickets will be available from the Dulverton Post Office from the beginning of

October, only a limited number of tickets will be available.

Doors open at 6.30pm, talk starts 7.30pm prompt. Nick will also be signing copies of his new book.

All talks take place in the Dulverton Town Hall. Refreshments available at both talks.

Membership of the Dulverton Gardening Club £12.00 single and £20.00 double which includes free admittance to all monthly talks, except those by high profile speakers and 10% discount from Cove Garden Nursery, The Old Well Garden Centre and Browns for garden related items.

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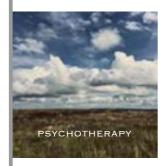
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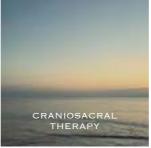
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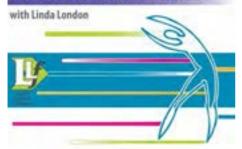






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Exmoor Community Youth Club leaders Laura Tasker and Nikki Hotchkiss shepherded eighteen children on a coach to the Exeter Northcott theatre for a 'Horrible Histories' production of the 'Terrible Tudors', with three actors, singing, and crowd participation. There were 3D glasses for awesome 3D effects. If you don't know the books on which the play was based, they are very popular and are widely read.

Everyone enjoyed pizza and all the ice cream they could eat before the performance.

Laura says that, "The children were brilliant and a real credit to the club."



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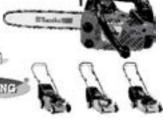
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I have not been able to write about all of the men that lost their lives during the War, so to commemorate those from Dulverton and Brushford who didn't return, I list their names below.

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John Moyle therefore spent his formative years living in one of the leading hotels in Tiverton which probably explains his desire to also go into the hotel business. By 1891 however, he seemed to be following in his father's earlier footsteps working as a Draper's Assistant in Blackfriars, London. This apprenticeship obviously didn't last long as by mid-1894 at the age 25, he had taken over the tenancy of the Red Lion from his father. John married Annie Joan Legg on the 11th October 1896 in Symondsbury, Dorset; it would appear that they never had children.



1901 Census showing John and his wife Annie at the Lion Hotel

During the Moyle family's tenancy, the hotel was referred to as either 'the Lion' or 'the Red Lion'. The family obviously ran a significant off-licence trade as flagons bearing the names either Moyle or J A Moyle are relatively numerous. Interestingly, the earlier baluster-shaped flagons are impressed Moyle and bear the name 'the Lion' whilst the later straight-sided flagons are transferred A J Moyle and are marked 'the Red Lion.' It seems likely therefore that the earlier flagons were used by father Edmund when the hotel was referred to as the Lion and the later ones from 1894 by son John when the hotel was referred to as the Red Lion; perhaps this was when the lions above the portico were painted red?



Photo taken during J A Moyle's tenancy in 1896 with the lions painted red!

Throughout his time at the Red Lion, John was also a keen horse breeder who along with Mr Nelder

of the Carnarvon Arms sold regularly at the latter's hotel in Brushford. In 1905, at the age of 37, John gave up the tenancy of the Red Lion; he was replaced by J A Marshall. It seems likely that the reason for giving up the tenancy was possibly ill-health. Shortly afterwards, John and Annie took over the 11-bedroom Green Private Hotel also in Dulverton; I have not been able to find out where this was situated.

At the 1911 census, John and Annie were still living at the Green (continued on page 25)

(continued from page 24) Private Hotel: Annie was listed as running the hotel and John was 'assisting in the business'. As he died a few months later, it is assumed that he was unwell and his wife had taken over the running of the hotel. He died on the 21st January, 1912, aged 43 'after a long illness' and was buried in Dulverton. He left effects to his wife to the value of £384 11s 6d.

By Dick Johnson Dulverton Heritage Centre Sept 2018

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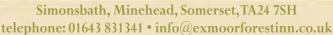
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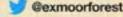
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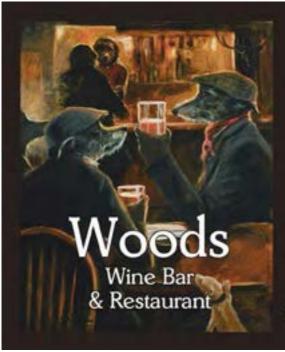
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"The nights are getting longer and it will be colder, so I'll give your blankets a wash before we go and take them with us. I know there's underfloor

heating in the utility room but best to be sure you're going to be warm". Underfloor heating? Where do I remember underfloor heating from. "You've been there once Buddy, with old Buster, and you had a very exciting time. It will be a bit of a break. You can introduce Honey to your old friends and meet new ones. The change will do you both good." Crikey, I remember now. This is Boot camp Honey! Forget second helpings till you get back, you may even be able to get back into your old girdle again. 'Won't Basil Santa be there then Buddy?'

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Keeley Rudd CEO for CCS said "This is obviously fantastic news for people and communities across Somerset and the culmination of the teams hard work and dedication in making Village Agents so successful. We are so proud that we have achieved this as it is affirmation that the scheme deserves long term investment."

"We would also like to thank the Big Lottery players as so many valuable community projects like ours across the country are funded by Big Lottery."

The grant will provide additional funding for a further 3 years and will enable CCS to expand the scheme across the whole of Somerset.

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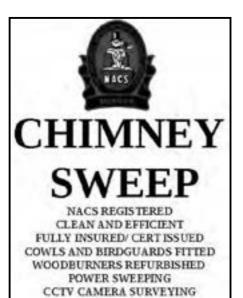
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News from the Exmoor Pony Centre, Ashwick, Dulverton TA22 9QE

We have two great items of news this month.

Linzi, Kestra and Maria completed their National Three Peaks challenge in great style; climbing the largest mountains in England, Scotland and Wales (Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon) in just three days - 23 miles in 3 stages with a total ascent 3064 metres - completely by themselves with no professional help. Determined to be completely independent, they planned the navigation and walks themselves, travelling and sleeping in a borrowed campervan and covering all their own costs so that 100% of donations will go the ponies.

The weather was appalling, with the wettest climb being their day on Snowdon when it poured with rain and all three were cold and soaked to the skin. Kestra filmed each climb giving us a taste for what it was like for them during their challenge, especially on the wet and windy day on Snowdon. Everyone enjoyed following their progress on facebook (facebook. com/MMTFUNDRAISER/) and Just Giving; All three of them did a super job throughout the fundraising challenge,

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and amazingly managed to return blister free and in great spirits. So far they have raised around £2000 and we are very grateful to them for undertaking this challenge in aid of the ponies.

The second piece of good news is that the Exmoor Pony Centre achieved top place in Minehead Tesco Bags of Help scheme in August, which means we will receive £4000. This will enable us to re-surface and weatherproof our interactive pony area so people of all ages and abilities, including wheelchair users, will be able to enjoy contact with an Exmoor Pony.

One of the most popular activities is petting and grooming ponies but our existing interactive pony area is currently open to the elements and gets extremely muddy (as anyone who has visited us will know!) making it difficult for older disabled visitors and impossible for wheelchair users. Our staff and volunteers spend a lot of time talking to visitors and it is clear this is one area where we need to make improvements so no-one is excluded because of poor access. Now we will be able to do it. So a very big thank you to all of you who voted for us and also, of course, a big thank you to Tesco.

The last activity day of the year is Halloween on 25th October from 12 – 3pm but the Centre will still be open to visitors until 2nd November. Then we will be closing for the winter while we concentrate on handling the new intake of foals.

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