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January/February 2019

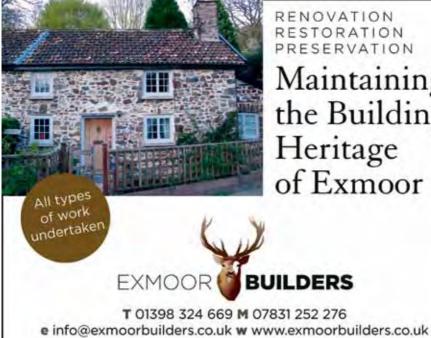
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Welcome to our January and February issue - let's all look forward to a good 2019 on Exmoor.

Just to remind you, we at Exmoor News encourage community news which is suitable for the southern Exmoor area. If you would like to contribute (free) please drop us an email asking to be added to our contributors reminder list and we will send out an email before the deadline asking for copy. Don't forget also to update the contact details if needed, the contact directory is in the back of the magazine - see page 50. Just drop us an email to update it.

We are constantly looking for ways to improve our magazine. Please feel free to give us your feedback.

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- Craft for Crafters, Westpoint Exeter Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February Adult £20.00pp Senior £19.00pp
- Clarks Village Street Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February £14.00pp

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### <u>Theatre Excursions 2019</u> <u>at Bristol Hippodrome</u>

- Motown the Musical Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2.30pm performance £75.50pp
- Swan Lake Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm performance £58.00pp
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DULVERTON LIBRARY MATTERS

### JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019

THE FRIENDS OF DULVERTON LIBRARY will meet on Thursday January 10th and February 7th at 2pm

THE LIBRARY BOOK GROUP will meet on Friday January 4th and February 1st at 2pm. The book we will be discussing on January is MAJOR PETTIGREW'S LAST STAND by Helen Simonson. The book we will be reading during January is THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY by Mary Ann Shafer to be discussed in February. February's book will be STILL ALICE by Lisa Genova.

THE CRAFTERNOONERS will meet on Friday January 11th at 2pm and again on Thursday January 17th at 10.30am. The project will remain the same for both groups and will be FABRIC COVERED NOTEBOOKS (postponed from December). In February will meet on Friday February 8th at 2pm and again on Thursday February 14th at 10.30am. The project for both groups will be LUCKY CAT BROOCHES. A charge of  $\pm 1$  applies for the groups plus an additional  $\pm 1$  for materials.

SCRABBLE CLUB will meet on Thursday January 17th and Thursday February 21st at 2pm.

LEGO CLUB will meet on Saturday January 19th and Saturday February 16th at 10.30am. Booking is essential and a charge of £1 applies.

THE KNIT AND NATTER GROUP will meet on Friday January 25th and Friday 22nd February at 2pm. Please bring your own knitting.

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What we would like is help to detail what each village offers to visitors. We already have many villages under www.visit-exmoor. co.uk/types/towns-villages/map but know that there are also some villages not currently detailed there. If your village is already on the list, please check the details and let us know if there is anything else that the village has to offer. If we have not yet added your village, please tell us what special qualities would entice people to visit. It could be the weekly fish and chip stop, the newly refurbished public toilets, the village shop with the locally made produce, or being on the route of the Coleridge Way. Please look at the listing, and email admin@visit-exmoor.co.uk with any extra information we can include about your village. Also, local businesses can become members of Visit Exmoor for as little as £60 (Food and Beverage) or £100 (Accommodation), so please email admin@ visit-exmoor.co.uk for information.

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.

> Please note – No monthly meeting in January 30th January Annual Lunch for Members Wednesday 27th February A talk by Tim Charlton 'Dulverton Hydro Electric Station'



# Friday January 11th PETERLOO (Cert 12A) Director: Mike Leigh 154 mins

Dulverton Town Hall

An epic portrayal of the events surrounding the infamous 1819 Peterloo Massacre, where a peaceful pro-democracy rally at St Peter's Field in Manchester turned into one of the bloodiest and most notorious episodes in British history. The massacre saw British government forces

charge into a crowd of over 60,000 that had gathered to demand political reform and protest against rising levels of poverty. Many protesters were killed and hundreds more injured, sparking a nationwide outcry but also further government suppression.

### Friday January 25th THE WIFE (Cert 15) Director: Björn Runge 100 mins

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# Friday February 22nd MISSION IMPOSSIBLE- FALLOUT (Cert 12A) Director: Christopher McQuarrie 147 mins

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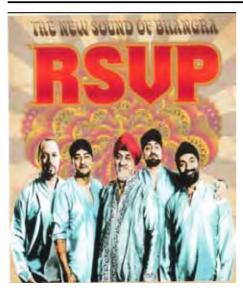
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The Group meet at the Dulverton Surgery Car Park each Tuesday at 9.30am. Please bring suitable footwear as sometimes it can be quite wet/ muddy. Transport is also free from the Surgery to the Walk start point. If you are interested please ring either Richard Clarke on 01398 341141 / mob 07976 363453 or Richard Archer on 01398 324160 or 07773 160222.







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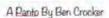
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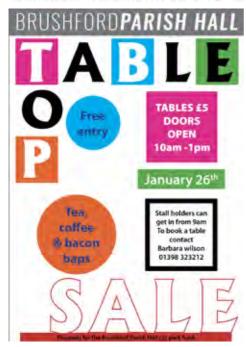
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N.B. This is to be a <u>ticket only event.</u> £3.00 for members £7.50 for non- members. Tickets will be available from the Dulverton Post Office from the beginning of October, only a limited number of tickets will be available. Doors open at 6.30pm, talk starts 7.30pm prompt. Nick will also be signing copies of his new book

21st February-ANDREW HOLMAN will be giving a talk-

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



DULVERTON WEIR & LEAT CONSERVATION TRUST

# Message from Dulverton Weir and Leat:-

We thought you'd like to see a photograph of another casting pattern recently found in the Dulverton Laundry Building by Stags Estate Agents and kindly donated to the Trust by the current owners of the laundry building.

### Martin Watts, Academic Associate of DWLCT and acknowledged mills expert comments:-

"This is a casting pattern for a bearing hanger, it appears to be fairly lightweight. The bearing itself would have sat in the 'U' shape and would have been used for supporting a horizontal drive shaft (or shafts) which would have run the length of the building suspended from overhead beams. Drive belts from pulleys on the shafts would connect to machines, including looms for weaving silk. Interestingly, looking at the building in some detail recently we could find no evidence of where such hangers or shafts might have been positioned. Stylistically, I would suggest that the pattern dates from the later part of the 19th century."

### Brian Murless, Archivist, Somerset Industrial Archaeology Society, Academic Associates of DWLCT comments:-

"Patterns needed for a particular use where dimensions were possibly non-standard or where castings were frequently replaced were stored locally. Increasing use of water powered machinery in factories and mills brought a demand for metalwork both for line shafting and the machines themselves. The last quarter of the 19th century saw the move away from wood to iron with wheels and gearing even in small mills."

The research carried out by DWLCT and Academic Associates is on-going, and we will share new findings with you as they emerge.

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Minehead Literary Festival will take place on Saturday April 27 at the Methodist Hall, Minehead, featuring presentations by four leading writers with ties to the area who will explore the importance of place in their writing.

Speaking at the festival will be one of the country's foremost writers of novels and short stories Tessa Hadley, winner of the 2018 Edge Hill Short Story Prize and author of critically-acclaimed novels Clever Girl, The London Train and The Past.

She is joined by BBC radio producer, writer and bird watcher Tim Dee, whose new book Ground Work – Writings on People and Places is an anthology of exciting new work about the natural world, and Pamela Holmes, best-selling author of first novel The Huntingfield Paintress and winner of the Jane Austen Short Story Award in 2014.

Popular local writer and 'the best contemporary writer of pony stories around'Victoria Eveleigh will be giving a special illustrated presentation about her much-loved series of children's books.

A writing competition, with separate classes for adults and children, will be organised in the run-up to the festival, and an art exhibition will run from April 2 to May 6 at the Regal Theatre and Toucan Wholefoods to celebrate Minehead Literary Festival, featuring work by local artists and focusing on the theme of the importance of place.

Catering for Minehead Literary Festival will be provided by Toucan Wholefoods and tickets may be booked in advance for the individual events or for the full one-day festival.

For more information and details about how to book visit the website www. mineheadliteraryfestival.org, email mineheadliteraryfestival@gmail.com or telephone Janet Styles on 01643 822097.



# Exmoor Rotary Club

First a big thank you to all who contributed to our Santa collecting tins before Christmas – it really does help to make a big difference to the local projects that we sponsor.

We start the new year with our annual Community Lunch in aid of Shelterbox – these started in 2004 after the tsunami and over the years we have collected a very large sum contributing to well over 40 boxes being made available all over the world in disaster events. The 3-course lunch takes place in Bampton on 20th January. Also in January we have our 3-schools Youth Speaks competition where a number of teams of Year 6 pupils compete for our public speaking prize – the winning team can go on to Devon-wide competition. The talent the young people show is awesome, and does much to promote confidence and wider interests.

We also plan to get some posters out to communities across Exmoor to explain what we do, and to say how Rotary grants might be applied for. Download a poster and find out more about all these on www.exmoor-rotary.org.uk

# MERLIN HELICOPTERS HELP MEND EXMOOR'S PATHS



Exmoor National Park Rangers teamed up with the Commando Helicopter Force (CHF) yesterday (Wednesday) to move 60 tonnes of local stone needed for repair work along the Two Moor's Way, near Simonsbath in Exmoor National Park.

Two huge Merlin MK3 helicopters from CHF's 846 Naval Air Squadron collected the crushed stone in underslung bags from a nearby farm and delivered them to an eroded section of path near Wheal Eliza, which forms part of the Two Moors Way. The repair will improve the accessibility of the path, enabling more people to enjoy the stark beauty and tranquillity of the ancient Barle Valley.

The operation took place as part of routine training undertaken by 846 Naval Air Squadron for pilots new to the Merlin to gain experience in real-life specialist manoeuvres and helicopter handling.

The Two Moor's Way is a 102-mile coast-tocoast walking route passing through some of the most dramatic and remote landscapes of Dartmoor and Exmoor National Parks. A programme of major improvement work, including new signs, bridges and surface renovations, was kicked off in 2016 for the 40th anniversary of the route, together with a new website www.twomoorsway.org and pocket guide available at National Park Centres.

Dan Barnett, Exmoor National Park's Access and Recreation Manager, said: "The Two Moors Way is an iconic long distance walking route and it's our mission to make sure people of varying ages and abilities can get out and enjoy it. The path between Simonsbath and Wheal Eliza is level, dry and easy to use, meaning it's a great spot for those with young families, or even Tramper mobility scooters, to get off the beaten track and explore this breath-taking landscape.

"It's great that 846 Naval Air Squadron has been able to help us get the job done as part of their training exercise, as to get the stone shifted over land would have been considerably more challenging and costly."

Lieutenant Commander Andy White from 846 Naval Air squadron said: "It's important and very rewarding to be able to occasionally undertake tasks such as this to reinforce that we are part of those communities in which our own families live. Today has formed a link with the Exmoor National Park Authority in undertaking a pretty huge task. We fly and exercise over Exmoor and Dartmoor frequently and it is gratifying that we can say thank you in some meaningful way.

"The Commando Helicopter Force, which is part of the Royal Navy's Fleet Air Arm comprises Royal Navy and Royal Marines personnel. It is a deployable Force on notice to move anywhere in the world at short notice to undertake humanitarian and defence tasks and operations. To be able to do that with skill and confidence all its personnel need to constantly train and keep their skills honed. Not only is CHF based in Somerset but many of our personnel live in communities across the south west of England."

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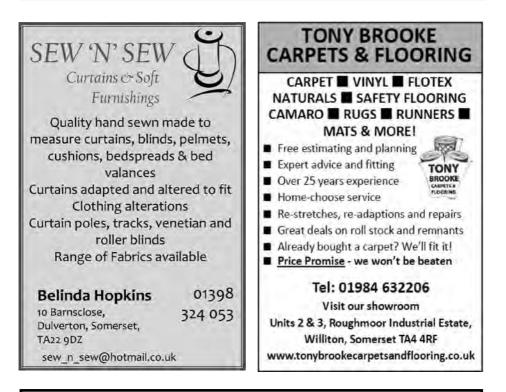
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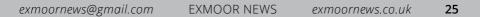
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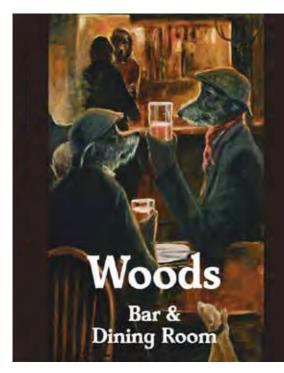
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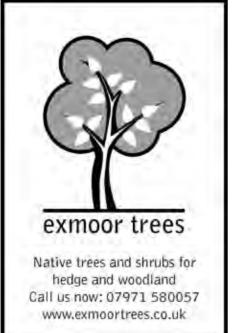
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I liked the Christmas shopping trips – remember how kind they were to let us in? I read all the titles on the bottom shelf in the book shop and fancied Animal Farm myself. 'So what did she get?' Roger Daltrey and the Beano Annual for Father Christmas. Lots of people came up to talk to us, didn't they? She said it was because



we looked smart in our new leather harnesses. The man and his wife in the electrical shop gave us biscuits. 'Didn't we go back in there three times?'

'I liked the floors and the ceilings in the very big house Buddy? I remember that too. She asked if dogs were allowed in and the lady on the door said she couldn't see any dogs! Well I never not even in our smart new harnesses! We bought cards and more shiny paper there to wrap the books.

Did you notice no one talked about Brexit up North? What do you think of all this Brexit stuff Honey? 'Funny you should say that Buddy. I saw the old cat next door when we got home and asked him what's your opinion on Britain leaving the EU?' He said, "I think you should repeatedly ask to leave and then when the door opens just sit there and stare at it." That's what he thought we should do.

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A pilot project, testing the viability of relaxing conditions is urgently needed. Can you help? EYV has already encouraged potential conversions, and housing associations offer shared tenancies. EYV is registering as a Charity and would like to hear about financial legacies including small houses, which are an attractive way for owners to lower inheritance tax; three cottages have been offered already.

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

All seems very quiet at the Pony Centre now we are closed to the public. The riding ponies have gone away for their winter holiday after having their waists measured and taking a trip to Wheddon Cross to be weighed. We had a lovely postcard from Fleeter Robbie and

Sherbert who are having a whale of a time holidaying in north Devon with their fosterer.

However, there is still lots going on as new foals continue to arrive, and this year we have chosen 'cheese' as the theme for naming, so we have Wensleydale, Caerphilly, Mozzarella etc. Linzi has already started handling the first arrivals and they are settling in well. Each new intake of foals means adding and replacing essential equipment and we would like to thank all the kind people, such as fosterer Liz and her Exmoor ponies Rubicon and Appletiser, who have donated items such as head collars and feed buckets through our Amazon wish list.

We must also thank Francesca and Harriet from Little Meadow riding school near Bridgwater for helping us with our fundraising. As well as managing one of our collection pots and selling our Christmas cards and calendars, they also had a cake sale day to raise money for our charity.

We have recently signed up to GIVEASYOULIVE.COM. If you are shopping online this Christmas, this is a great way to raise money for the ponies with over 4000 stores to choose from - and it doesn't cost



you a penny. And thinking of Christmas presents, we have added a new pony to our list of ponies available for adoption. Jensen is our gentle giant and the biggest of all our ponies. He is a real softie and will make a wonderful adoption pony.

Looking forward a few weeks, we hope to run a Youngstock Handling Course in the New Year when all the foals have arrived. We will post more about this on our website and facebook pages in due course, or you can contact the Centre to be put on the list for further information as soon as it comes in.

We have welcomed a new trustee to our board this month. Carol Juffs brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge and we look forward to working with her. We are still looking for a further three trustees so if you are interested, please do get in touch. And, of course, we are always pleased to meet new volunteers!

It just remains to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year, from all of us here at the Pony Centre.

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Further advice on winter driving is available online from the DVSA, the AA or the RAC.

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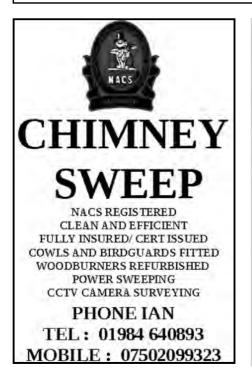


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## Finalists announced for South West Tourism Excellence Awards 2018/19

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The Awards themselves won a national accolade in the AwardsAwards earlier in 2018, with judges impressed by the rigourous and independent judging, linked to feedback given to all those taking part. Those principles have continued to apply to this year's South West awards with over 50 judges spending weeks poring over entry forms, studying website and review sites, looking at use of social media and carrying out 472 business visits, most of them unannounced mystery visits. Reports and recommendations were then submitted to an independent panel which made the final decisions.

The awards have seen a further increase in entries since 2017, reflecting their importance to entrants in showcasing the quality of their offering and as well as giving benchmark ideas for future improvements.

As stated by Tracey Bell of Devon-based The Old Kennels: "Wow thank you, gosh I feel appreciated! What kind words and helpful ideas. You've made my day". Joanna Kewley of Dorset's Monkton Wyld park said: "It is so helpful to have an independent assessment and I think we can learn much from your comments" while Dawn White from the Cornish Vegan café reacted with: "OH WOW! This is the most incredible news and beyond our wildest dreams!" Maddy from Bath's Mad Max Tours said: "Your news has kept a smile on my face despite the winter gloom."

The awards will be presented at a black tie dinner at Aerospace Bristol on 7th February, with guests dining under the last Concorde ever to fly, the culmination of a 10 month programme, when 400+ of the South West's most excellent tourism businesses will gather.

Up to six finalists have been announced in each category, but all will have to wait until 7th February to learn whether they have won Gold, Silver or Bronze trophies.

Richard Stanbrook, director of headline sponsors South West Water Business, said: "We are a long-time judge and sponsor of the South West Tourism Awards and believe that the sector is a vital part of the region's economy. The South West's tourism sector contains a huge amount of talented and innovative businesses who go the extra mile to make sure that visitors to this region have a special holiday and want to return year after year. The businesses on the shortlist are leaders in their field and deserved finalists at what will be a great awards night."

Robin Barker, Director of Services for Tourism Ltd, who manage the Awards, commented: "There is little more satisfying in life than knowing you are making a difference to people's business success, lives and happiness. The feedback we receive from Awards entrants tells us we are helping in all of these ways and we look forward to sharing in winner celebrations on awards night."

The full list of Finalists and Highly Commended entrants can be found below with further information at www.southwesttourismawards.org.uk

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