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Best wishes, Ceri Keene and Claire Savill

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DULVERTON GROUP EXMOOR SOCIETY

Thursday 7th March

Riverside Youth Centre, Kemps Way, Dulverton The Dulverton Group Exmoor Society's A.G.M. is at 7:00 p.m. to which non-members are welcome, is followed at 7:30 p.m. by

A Blacksmith's Life on Exmoor

A talk and slide show about the life and work of local Master Blacksmith James Horrobin FWCB



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MOOR MOVIES In Winsford 2019

Tuesday 5th March BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY. 12A

A foot stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury.

Tuesday 26th March FIRST MAN. 12A

A look at the life of Neil Armstrong and the space mission leading to him being the first man to walk on the moon. Starring Ryan Gosling.

Tuesday 16th April STAN AND OLLIE. PG

A heartwarming storey of Stan and Ollie's triumphant farewell tour of variety halls in Britain and Ireland. Brilliantly impersonated by Steve Cougan and J C Reilly.

Winsford village Hall 7.30pm Details can be checked on the website www.winsfordexmoor.org.uk

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

Wednesday 27th March 10.15 prompt A.G.M. Followed by a talk by John Batt 'A Grey Nomad in Australia'

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Saturday March 9th

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Saturday March 16th.

Doors open 12:00

Italy v France ko 12:30 Wales v Ireland 2:45: England v Scotland ko 5:00.

Coffee Morning 10.30 - 12.00 noon on Thurs 7th March at Abbeyfield in Dulverton. Tombola, Bring & buy stall. Homemade Cakes - all welcome.

DULVERTONSTARLIGHT

Public Meeting



Tuesday 5th March 7pm

Lower Town Hall Dulverton

Open to everyone: shop owners, residents, visitors, stall holders. We want to hear from you. More committee members needed. Could this be you?



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QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 23rd March 2019

7.30pm

Dulverton Town Hall

Doors open 7.00pm

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DULVERTON LIBRARY MATTERS

MARCH/APRIL 2019

THE FRIENDS OF DULVERTON LIBRARY will meet on Thursdays March 7th and April 4th at 2pm

THE LIBRARY BOOK GROUP will meet on Fridays March 1st and April 5th at 2pm

THE CRAFTERNOONERS will meet on Friday March 8th at 2pm and again on Thursday

March 14th at 10.30am. In April we will meet on Friday April 12th at 2pm and again on Thursday April 18th at 10.30am.

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Lecturer: Michael Howard

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had on British artists.

Lecturer: John Iddon

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16th and April 20th at 10.30am

THE KNIT AND NATTER GROUP will meet on Fridays March 29th and April 26th at 2pm.

THE FRIENDS OF DULVERTON LIBRARY WILL BE HOLDING A COFFEE MORNING WITH TOMBOLA ON MARCH 26th at 10.30am



for Dulverton Cricket Club 29th March Dulverton Town Hall

Doors open 7pm
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TURN OFF THE LIGHTS

On 30th March 2019 from 8.30-9.30pm millions of people across the world will be turning off all electrical lights for 1 hour to support Earth Hour.

Earth Hour is a movement organised by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The event is held annually at the end of March encouraging individuals, communities and businesses to turn off the lights as a symbol of commitment to the planet and raise awareness of our energy consumption and its effects on the environment.

Many people go to the extreme and turn off everything electrical for the whole evening; imagine eating by candlelight, no TV, no microwave, no computer — just like the 'old days'!

So why not join such icons as Sydney Opera House, the Empire State Building, the Eiffel Tower and Buckingham Palace and help make the Dark Skies of Exmoor even darker for One hour in March.

For more information go to www.wwf.org.uk/earthhour





Exford Village Hall Friday 19th April Doors open at 7pm Eyes Down at 8pm.

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VINTAGE FILM CLUB

Wed 13th March

CAROUSEL

starring Gordon MacRae & Shirley Jones – 1956

Wed 10th April

LADIES IN LAVENDER

starring Judi Dench & Maggie Smith – 2004

2.30 pm at Fishers Mead Community Centre, Dulverton

DULVERTON ACTION GROUP

Litter-picking (3rd Sunday):
Sun 17th March – 10.30 meet by
the Heritage Centre Everyone
welcome and all kit supplied
Sun 21st April – 10.30 as usual



Dulverton Town Hall

Friday March 8th BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY (Cert 12A) Director: Bryan Singer 134 mins

With Five Oscar nominations, Bohemian Rhapsody is a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury. Freddie defied stereotypes and shattered convention to become one of the most beloved entertainers on the planet. The film traces the meteoric rise of the band through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound. They reach unparalleled success, but in an unexpected turn Freddie, surrounded by darker influences, shuns Queen in pursuit of his solo career. Having suffered greatly without the collaboration of Queen, Freddie manages to reunite with his bandmates just in time for Live Aid 1985. While bravely facing a recent AIDS diagnosis, Freddie leads the band in one of the greatest performances in the history of rock music.

Friday March 22nd STAN AND OLLIE (Cert PG) Director: Jon S Baird 97 mins

With three Oscar nominations, the film shows Laurel and Hardy, the world's greatest comedy team, facing an uncertain future as their golden era of Hollywood films remain long behind them. Diminished by age, the duo set out to reconnect with their adoring fans by touring variety halls in Britain in 1953. The shows become an instant hit, but Stan and Ollie can't quite shake the past as long-buried tension and Hardy's failing health start to threaten their precious partnership.

Friday April 5th FIRST MAN (Cert 12A) Director: Damien Chazelle 141 mins

Ryan Gosling reunites with Oscar-winning director Damien Chazelle to play Neil Armstrong in this thrilling depiction of the riveting story of NASA's mission to land a man on the moon. The film focuses on the eight years of preparation for the flight and explores the sacrifices and the cost on Armstrong and on the nation of one of the most dangerous missions in history.

Friday April 26th A STAR IS BORN (Cert 15) Director: Bradley Cooper 100 mins

Bradley Cooper co-stars with Lady Gaga in this tragic love story. Seasoned country musician Jackson Maine discovers and falls in love with struggling artist Ally. She has just about given up on her dream to make it big as a singer until Jackson coaxes her into the spotlight. But even as her career takes off, the personal side of their relationship is breaking down, as Jackson fights an ongoing battle with his own internal demons. Frequent strong language.

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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Thursday 4th April. 7:30 p.m.
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The 150th Anniversary of Lorna Doone
by Dr Sue Baker

2019 is the 150th Anniversary of the publishing of Richard Doddridge Blackmore's novel Lorna Doone in 1869. His family lived in the regions of Devon and Somerset where his novel is set. He attended Blundell's School, the place where John Ridd, who is featured in this novel, supposedly received his education.

The story begins when John is a young boy, accidentally meeting young and lovely Lorna Doone, daughter of an aristocrat captured as a child by the Doones, in the forbidden Valley on Exmoor. He eventually falls in love with her, rescues her from her captors and marries her.

DGES members free - Non-members £3 please to help with expenses.



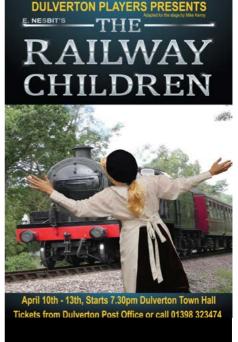
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Milverton Concert Society Adam Walker/James Baillieu Flute/Piano

On Friday 22nd March 2019 Milverton Concert Society welcomes flautist Adam Walker and pianist James Baillieu. Adam was appointed principal flautist for the LSO at the age of 21 and has a really creative approach to repertoire and programming, playing music from all genres.



James has been described as 'in a class of his own'. He has been a multiple prize winner and has also given solo and chamber music recitals throughout Europe and further afield, often with Adam.

The programme includes music by Reinike, Widor, Schumann, and Cesar Frank. 22nd March 2019 7.30pm £18, £16, £10, £2 (students) www.milvertonconcerts.org

LORNA DOONE - A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY

This year, Lorna Doone is 150 years old! R.D. Blackmore's classic 'Romance of Exmoor' was first published in 1869. Initially far from a success, the novel went on to great acclaim and has never been out of print.

Dulverton Heritage Centre is staging a major Lorna Doone exhibition to celebrate the anniversary. Visitors will discover how Blackmore came to write the book and what inspired him to locate the action on Exmoor

The exhibition outlines the story and reveals the mixture of real and imaginary people. Exmoor itself is also presented as a main 'character'; Blackmore again wove both actual and fictitious Exmoor locations into his novel

There will also be a room devoted to Lorna Doone on stage and screen, with special focus upon productions filmed on Exmoor and the involvement of local people.

So, a veritable Lorna Doone'feast', here in Dulverton, and with free entry.

The exhibition opens on Monday April 1st and runs until the end of October (with a second season in 2020). Opening hours are: Mon - Fri 10.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. Sat 10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Additional times by appointment and groups welcome please contact secretary@dulvertonheritagecentre.org.uk or 07969243887 for further details



One of many 19th century illustrations from 'Lorna Doone'; this painting is the inspiration for the scene being created in the main exhibition room.

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DULVERTON GARDENING CLUB

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21st MARCH 2019

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CHRIS IRELAND - JONES who will be giving a talk- "Some extraordinary bulbs a Nursery Man's view."- AVON BULBS

18th APRIL 2019 - PAUL CUMBERLAND will be giving a talk on "**Alluring Alpines**" Doors open at 7.00pm talk 7.30pm

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.

Our Spring **Tiverton Film Club** programme starts on January 16th. As ever, all films will be shown at Petroc College in Tiverton, with doors opening at 6:30pm and films commencing at 7:00pm. Guests are always welcome at £5 per head. All four of our Spring films have sub-titles which are easy to read in the tiered theatre at Petroc!

Details of the films are given below and they are all award-winning contemporary films from around the world. I trust that this gets you up-to-date, but do get in touch if you have any questions on these film choices.

March 20th: 'The Heiresses' (Paraguay)

This is a rare treat – a Paraguayian film. It is a drama about two women – Chela and Chiquita – both descended from wealthy families who have been together for thirty years. Their comfortable financial position has worsened and they have had to start selling off their inherited possessions. Unexpectedly, Chiquita has to go to jail until a debt is paid, leaving shy Chela to make her own way. She starts to find

herself without her more dominant partner, and begins to break out of her shell and engage with the world embarking on her own personal, intimate revolution. The film has received high critical praise and is a worthy award winning film with excellent performances from the two leading actresses.

April 24th: 'SHOPLIFTERS' (Japan)

'One of the year's best films'. This Japanese film won the top award -'the Palme d'Or' - at the 2018 Cannes Film Festival. This fascinating drama presents a quirky clan of down and outs, who are shoplifters and extort money from distant relatives. They adopt a damaged young child into their motley crew, which changes the established relationships of the group. It has been described as 'a terrific and transfixing film with fascinating and sympathetic characters'. 'It is delicately observed and perfectly played - it is consummate flawless film making' -The Times.



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Dulverton Heritage Centre

Monday 1st April until Friday 1st November - Dulverton Heritage Centre Opens for the season featuring the Lorna Doone Exhibition. See article for more details

Tuesday 1st April - Friday 12th April - Book Sale Bonanza Book Sale from 10.30am with new titles added regularly and many "as new" condition. Prices from only 50p. In aid of Dulverton Heritage Centre and Model Railway Project. Dulverton, TA22 9EZ. (Weather permitting)

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to arrange collection of your unwanted books or bring them along on the day for recycling!

Tuesday 2nd April 3pm - Town Tour of Dulverton Why not join us for a guided walk exploring the history of Dulverton. Discover some secret places and hear tales from local guides. Dulverton Heritage Centre

Wednesday 10th April 3pm - Town Tour of Dulverton. As above.

Tuesday 23rd April 3pm - Town Tour of Dulverton. As above.

Wednesday 1st May 3pm - Town Tour of Dulverton. As above.



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- Rock of Ages Saturday 20th April 2.30pm performance £61.00pp
- Fame Saturday 15th June
 2.30pm performance £61.50pp

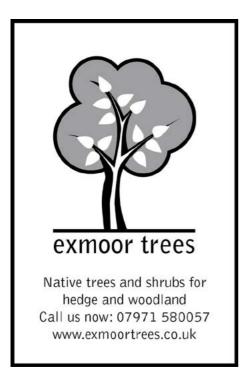
Theatre Excursions 2019 at Theatre Royal, Plymouth

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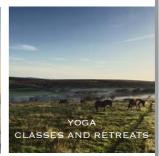
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Wednesday 5.45pm Fitness Pilates in Bampton

Thursday - Kettlercise - HIIT at 6pm in Dulverton

Thursday 7.00pm - Men on mats - men only pilates

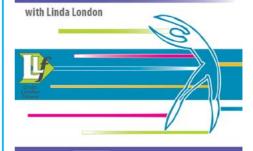
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New Festival in South Exmoor

When I last wrote in Exmoor News, it concerned local amateur pianists and instrumentalists coming 'Out of the Woodwork' [Exmoor Piano Group, Nov 2018], by giving a concert which was, for many involved, their first experience of playing live in front of an audience. Well, one thing led to another, after that.. and before long, a group of local musicians began meeting to discuss the idea of starting a new Festival in these parts, featuring the incredible range of talent of those living in the area. We decided to name it the Exmoor Stars Festival, since we live in a Dark Skies conservation area, and since many people hereabouts shine in so many different ways. We wanted to create an opportunity & a platform to help draw together the many, rich & diverse strands of creativity alive in our community.

We're planning to start gently this year, and grow at a natural pace. In May, there will be two weekends of events in Dulverton, at All Saints' Church, including concerts by the Exmoor Piano Group, and a community join-in workshop & informal concert based around the hit film & musical, 'The Greatest Showman'. Then, during

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the last weekend in July, we celebrate the 'Healing Arts' – showcasing local people who use their creativity to change the lives of others for the better. And finally, during the autumn, a celebration of 'Music for Youth', in which talented youngsters display their gifts and enthusiasm, and at the same time, elder members of the community show us why spending time immersed in music & the arts can help to keep us feeling young.

A key element of this Festival is a desire to see a rise in support for local youngsters wishing to explore and develop their artistic and creative talents. They won't necessarily feel inspired unless they see adults actively involved in using their own gifts, and they won't feel supported if the wherewithal for pursuing their dreams is not available to them. As a first step in this direction, the 'Exmoor Music Fund' is being set up. All events will be raising funds which will allow us to purchase, restore & maintain musical instruments to be lent to those youngsters in need of them; to help support their tuition; and to create regular events, such as Music Clubs, that will offer tuition & the experience of music-making in groups to all children on Exmoor, most especially those whose experience of music has been entirely removed from the Curriculum.

Should any kind-hearted readers feel moved to offer help, advice or support in any way, it will be most gratefully received. We are also making a general request for any un-used or un-wanted musical instruments lying about the home that might be offered to those desiring to learn them.

Gary Cooper is Director of Music at All Saints,' Dulverton, and teaches piano across Exmoor. For further details on the Festival or Music Fund, please email him at qc3sol@yahoo.com.

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To celebrate Minehead Literary Festival a short story competition, with classes for adults and children, is being 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 with work by local artists which will also focus 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.

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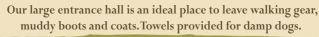




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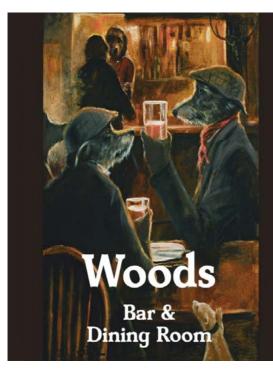


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The deadline for entries is 15th June, 2019. The prizes include a luxury weekend stay for two in Dunster's 13th century Luttrell Arms hotel with an evening dinner and a visit to the hotel's new Beauty Rooms, Sunday lunch for two at award-winning Reeves restaurant and vouchers to

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In addition, there's 'People's Choice' Award where followers of the competition's Facebook page can vote for their favourites from a selection of entries.

Best entries will also be displayed in the village in a free outdoor exhibition in 2019 and in a 2020 Dunster calendar.

The photography competition is the first of several new events for Dunster in 2019 and has received great interest from the start with over 2200 Facebook page views in the first few days of the launch.

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The late-night session sponsored by Quantock Brewery, the coffee concert sponsored by Miles Tea & Coffee, and the Kids' Concert (free for under 12s), which were all a real hit last year, are back, and new events include an interactive concert for babies and parents on the bank holiday Monday.

Also new is the Sunday afternoon choral workshop where keen singers will have the chance to explore the amazing music of JS Bach. The Monday Festival finale performance of Bach's St John Passion will see The Marian Consort and an orchestra of some of the

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Beyond the weekend of concerts and events, Dunster Festival will also be bringing music into the local community through interactive care home concerts and workshops led by Festival musicians in first and middle schools.

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Dulverton Youth Club needs You!

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Buddy Brown (pure Jack Russell) roving reporter Reference: The Sunday Times supplement.



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And it's not always that easy to change your situation either. You may have recently moved into the area, you may be selfemployed, you may be divorced or widowed - and in these scenarios how do you go about meeting people? Yes you can chat with people in your village, but chats don't always lead to invitations out, and so whilst you may be able to fill your days, evenings end up being spent with a meal for one in front of the TV

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News from the Exmoor Pony Centre, Ashwick, Dulverton TA22 90E

We've had the first snowfall over Exmoor and are expecting more as

I write. Let's hope we don't have another Beast from the East! Not that the weather bothers our hardy Exmoor ponies. This year's intake of foals, all named for varieties of cheese, are thriving and responding well to handling and many have already been neutered.

We currently have 11 riding ponies at the Centre but all are now getting older. Kate will be 26 this year and still needs to be ridden but has been removed from the adoption scheme. We are moving on with preparing new riding ponies. Buttons and Thistle are currently being backed. Pascoe and Jensen have been having more intensive training at an indoor school and are now being ridden on the open moor. Both are progressing really well and Jensen is now also available for adoption.



We have some lovely youngsters looking for foster homes. Pip and Magpie (seen in the photo with Linzi and Lydia) and Sprite have all been gelded and handled. They are lovely friendly, easy to catch ponies. If you could offer a suitable home, please visit the fostering page on our website or give the Centre a call.

Our last quiz night at The Sportsman's Inn at Sandyway was so popular, we are holding another on 29th March at 7pm. Tickets are £12 to include

carvery. For more details, call Sheila on 01598 740281.

We recently joined the West Somerset Lottery. For every £1 ticket sold we receive 60p and you could be in with a chance of winning up to £25,000. The draw is held every Saturday. Please help support us and treat yourself to a Lottery ticket. Simply go to: https://bit.ly/2SIJBQI

The Centre opens again in February and we have a full programme of events for the coming year starting with an activity day on Thursday 21st from 12 to 3pm.

Finally, we are still looking for two more trustees with either legal or financial experience. If you could be interested, or know of anyone who might be, please do get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

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News from your Village Agent

By February many of us will have lost motivation for our New Year Resolutions and good intentions such as diet and fitness plans so here is a little bit of information to help you to keep up the good work.

A recent study conducted by the University College of London shows that 48% of Britons will be obese by 2045 if current trends are not halted. Figures show that 25% of adults and 20% of children aged 10–11 years are currently classified as obese. Obesity can lead to Type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease, stroke, bowel, pancreatic, kidney, liver and stomach cancer so keeping weight and fitness under control is vitally important.

Drastic changes to diet and lifestyle can often be unsustainable so remember to manage change gently and try something different if at first you don't succeed. Evening gym and exercise classes may not fit with the other demands of your lifestyle, but you may be able to join a local health walk, take a lunchtime stroll and take the stairs instead of the lift when out and about. You might tidy up your garden or volunteer to help with open spaces in your area. One day a week without the evening glass of wine is a positive start! Check your parish magazine or ask your Village Agent for details of local activities — remember to consult with your GP if you have a health condition. Stay positive and keep going — the benefits to your health and well-being are worth it

A quick reminder to check the expiration date on Blue Badges and Bus Passes as they run out and can't be used. Bus passes are not being replaced unless you request it (to reduce wastage costs). Call 0300 123 2224 to get yours replaced.

We all know that the NHS is under great strain in the winter and it can be hard to get a Doctor's appointment. Consider whether you could get advice from your local Pharmacy where you will not need an appointment. Pharmacy teams can give advice about a range of common conditions and minor injuries such as aches and pains, sore throats, coughs, colds, flu, earache and

skin rashes. They also provide the morning after pill and advice on pregnancy testing. They will advise on over the counter medicines as well

More information can be found at www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/how-your-pharmacist-can-help.



Surviving Winter grants are available for older people living in Somerset, who are unable to adequately heat their homes. If you are struggling to afford to heat your home this winter contact your Village Agent for more information.

Dulverton Talking Café

Held every Friday between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm at Dulverton Library, the Talking Café is co-ordinated by your local Village Agent and aims to provide a drop in, free advice service and support to the public. Representatives from a range of local support agencies attend regularly. For more information please contact your Village Agent, details below.

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The tenures of the new houses are split, with six being built for social rent, six for affordable rent and the remaining six earmarked for shared ownership.

The affordable rent and shared ownership homes have

received a funding boost to the tune of £498,000 from Homes England, the national housing and regeneration agency for England.

The development represents the largest housing development in the town for many years.

It will be a major step in providing housing for people in and around Dulverton whose housing options have, until now, been limited.

LiveWest New Business Manager, Adam Preece, said: "The new homes in Dulverton provide a fantastic opportunity for local people to access great affordable homes."



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Sarah Thorne, who has over 30 years of experience coaching riders and horses of all levels has been visiting Waterhouse Indoor School at Withypool. Exford recently where the sessions are so popular. She has added 3 more to take place on Thursdays February 21, March 7th and March 21st. Based on polework for improving rhythm, suppleness, straightness as well as horse and rider co-ordination and reactions, Sarah brings knowledge and enthusiasm to her lessons. She is on the National Development Programme for Coaching Excellence and a British Eventing Accredited and Pony Club Specialist Coach. Later on in the year Sarah will be running clinics at Treborough Hill. For more information on these sessions contact Sarah Thorne 07768 981176 / sarahthorne1@yahoo.co.uk

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For those looking to organise training sessions or events, The Calvert Trust Exmoor (Kentisbury) also has a very fine, fully accessible BHS approved establishment with an indoor arena and viewing gallery and a purpose built outdoor ménage. Private hire use by individuals from only £12 per hour or local clubs and groups from £15 per hour (you need to provide proof that you have your own liability insurance). Telephone 01598 763221.

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Of course, The Pony Club is the long established go to if you are under 24 years of age (minimum age 4). It provides rallies and activities for everyone just starting out to older members, who wish to gain qualifications, train with top instructors and ride competitively. There are two Pony Club branches covering our area: Dulyerton West Branch 01769

- Sarah Thorne at Treborough Hill
- Pony Club member Isobel Cook photo by Nina Edmondson
- Gwenda Bassett from West Anstey receives The Pony Club award for 30 years of service from the president Lady Lloyd Webber.

This piece is dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Sylvia Manley, Dulverton (1938 — 2019)



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More information will follow in future issues of this excellent magazine - so please watch this space!

Su Elsden (Show Secretary) su@elsden.me.uk or 01398 371473

Somerset Young Farmers carol singing supports local charities

Kind hearted Somerset Young Farmers clubs have collectively raised an astonishing £4,250 solely through Carol singing in December. This money will be distributed locally to their charities of choice in the New Year. Local clubs in West Group are included and have been busy of recent times

Kingsbrompton YFC enjoyed Carol Singing over two nights around Brompton Regis and then Skilgate and Upton. £350 was raised to go to CIIC Sargent to help beat cancer in children. Their annual Christmas Jumper Party was held at Raleghs Cross Inn with a good turnout of members, sporting a dazzling array of festive Jumpers! Williton YFC organised Carol Singing over three nights. They visited Watchet, Monksilver, Bicknoller and raised a brilliant £750 for the Intensive Care unit at Musgrove Hospital. Wiveliscombe YFC Chairman Matt Lee reported the Club did three nights carol singing raising £250 for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

The Somerset YFC Carol Service was held at St Etheldreda's Church West Quantoxhead on Sunday 16th December. This was a beautiful Christmas service that was very well supported by Somerset YFC members and the local community. Members from West Group YFC gave readings very competently. Leigh Waite and Iona Leckie—Williton YFC, James McDermott, Hayley Lloyd, Jack Buckingham—

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Kingsbrompton YFC, Dan Matravers—Cutcombe YFC. The service was attended by The Deputy Lord Lieutenant Mrs Jane Sedgman. Somerset YFC wishes to thank Nicky Morgan the Vicar and the Churchwardens for being so accommodating. Just short of £300 was donated between the Farming Community Network and St Etheldreda's Church.

All clubs including Exmoor YFC and Cutcombe YFC are busy preparing for the Performing Arts Entertainments Competition, held again at The Regal theatre Minehead. This is on Sunday 3rd February with tickets available from the Theatre directly.



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