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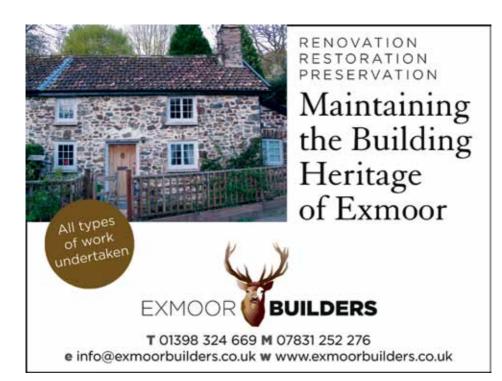
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Your pages can bleed (print up to the edge of the paper). Centre pages offered on a first come first served basis. Artwork needed before our deadline date please. Please contact us for further details or look on our website at www.exmoornews.co.uk/events.

Deadlines: 2019 July-Aug 6 June, Sep-Oct 1 Aug, Nov-Dec 3 Oct.

Deadlines : 2020 Jan-Feb 5 Dec, Mar-April 6 Feb, May-June 2 April, July-Aug 4 June, Sep-Oct 6 Aug, Nov-Dec 1 Oct.

Best wishes, Ceri Keene and Claire Savill

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Thursday 6th June 2019

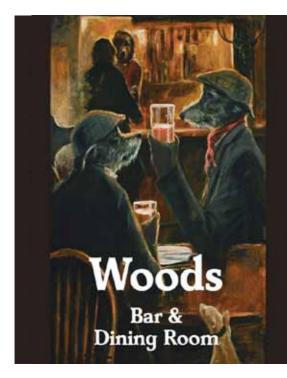




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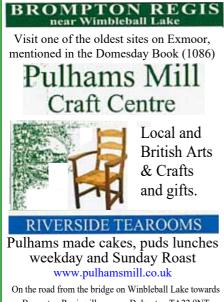
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Tiverton Film Club

Petroc College in Tiverton

May 8th: This will be the 'classic' film from the 1990s chosen by Club Members. They will be choosing from 'The Piano', 'All about my Mother', 'Fargo', 'Run Lola Run', 'Il Postino', 'The usual suspects', and 'Four Weddings and a funeral'.

Details of the selected film are on our website - tivertonfilmclub.org

May 22nd: The film choice is 'C'est la vie', a French comedy from the Director of the very successful film 'Untouchable'. It is a frenetic comedy about a wedding party that does not go to plan!

June 19th: 'Green Book'. This is a comedy drama that addresses the reality of race relations in the Southern States of America in the early 1960s.

All films start at 7:00pm with doors open at 6:30pm, and Guests are welcome at £5 a head.

Brompton Regis Show update

Saturday August 17th 2019 – Make a date! Time is marching on for this year's Show and we are planning some new attractions.

Our local group of Morris Dancers will be strutting their stuff with bells and whistles (not sure about the whistles but I'm sure there'll be hankies held aloft and much clattering of sticks and the like) so please come and support this newly formed group.

And – we also hope to have a demo of Dog Agility followed by a Dog Agility have-a-go. No need for any expertise - the aim is for it to be good fun along with some real entertainment for dogs, handlers and lookers on!

Plant Stall: Good news! We have a new volunteer who has bravely stepped up to the mark and offered (or rather, been strongly persuaded!) to run the stall this year. This is such a relief since it's a very important part of the Show – BUT it does mean we will need lots of contributions for the stall. So if you're sowing, please sow some extra seeds. Plus take some extra cuttings and look out anything garden related.

Lastly, if anyone would like to join our merry band of helpers, we are always grateful for new volunteers. Whether it's to run a stall, help with set up/take down etc, there are always a lot of tasks to be done, so do please get in touch. Su Elsden (Show Sec) - su@elsden.me.uk or 01398 371473. All we need to do now is to start praying for good weather in August! And a reminder to committee members that our next meeting in the Boundy Room is on Tuesday 7th May at 7.30pm

The Arts Society Exmoor

We finish our season with the final two lectures. Lectures start at 2.30pm in Brushford Parish Hall. They last an hour and we have coffee after. Lecturers are internationally recognised as experts in their subject and are always inspiring and entertaining.

Monday 13th May - Samuel Pepys - HIs life and times. Lecturer: Andrew Davies

Monday 3rd June-Apictorial history of drinking glasses, Venetian, German, English & Dutch through the ages. Lecturer: Jane Gardiner. New members are welcome. Please contact us for details and let us know if you would like to come to either lecture: Membership Secretary: Lavender Borden 01398 331587 or email lavenderborden@ btinternet.com



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The trail begins and ends at the Heritage and Visitors centre which is located in St. Michael and All Angels Parish Church.

Dates: Saturday 18 May, Saturday 29 June. Start time: 11-00 AM

They can also be arranged at other times for groups of four or more.

The cost is £2-50 per person with all the money going to the upkeep of the Heritage centre. Contact Wendy on 01398 331219 email: bamptonheritage@btinternet.com

Health Walks

The Dulverton Health Walks are now picking up in numbers. Walkers have enjoyed regular walks each Tuesday morning after meeting at the Surgery Car Park at 9.30am. Transport is free & so are the Walks. The duration of the walks is between 60-90mins & are easy to medium difficulty. Please wear suitable footwear. The walks always end in a local cafe! For more info' please contact either Richard Clarke on 01398 341141 or Richard Archer on 01398 324160

Dulverton Heritage Centre

Wednesday 1st May 3 pm

Why not join us for a fascinating guided walk exploring the history of Dulverton. Discover some secret places and hear tales from local guides. meet at Dulverton Heritage Centre. Town Tours:

Tuesday 7th May 3pm Wednesday 15th May 3pm

Tuesday 21st May 3pm

Saturday 25th May 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)

Please phone John on 01398 323787 to arrange collection of your unwanted books or bring them along on the day for recycling! Town Tours:

Wednesday 29th May 3pm Tuesday 4th June 3pm

Wednesday 12th June 3pm

Tuesday 18th June 3pm

Tuesday 25th June 3pm

29th June Book Sale - see above

Saturday July 6th – Friday July 12th Annual Shamanic Exhibition - An exhibition of visionary shamanic art and tools by shamanic practitioners Kerry Manning-Dedman and Mark Dedman

Royal British Legion

Have you served or are you serving in the military? Are you a dependent of someone who has/is serving?

If so we would like to invite you to the Branch Coffee morning - the next ones being: 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July (first Tuesday of each month)

Why not put the dates in your diary and come along to Dulverton Library on the day from 10.30am - 12 noon. If you want transport please call Peter Maggs on 01398 323523 to arrange.

Oakford Village Fete Saturday June 8th 2pm Oakford Playground

Avatar Indian Dance Group - Demo and join in! Games - slide shows - stalls - beer tent - BBQ - teas Lots to see and do!

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Wiveliscombe Community Choir

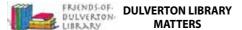
Wiveliscombe Community Choir seeks a Musical Director and a full time Pianist. There would be a small remuneration package for both positions.

The Choir is an informal gathering of friendly people who enjoy singing. The range of songs is typically from the shows, folk songs and other light music. The choir has a library of familiar songs but would welcome additional suggestions. Auditions are not required but the choir aim to sing in four parts.

The Musical Director would choose suitable music and train the choir at a weekly rehearsal, currently on a Thursday evenings at the Silver Street Centre. If possible, concerts may be arranged at local retirement homes and at any community event where the choir could provide some entertainment.

A full time Pianist would also be required to play at rehearsals and concerts following the Musical Director's guidance.

Full details of the responsibilities will be discussed on application and, in the first instance, please make contact by telephone to: 01984 623828 or 01984 623195



MAY/JUNE 2019

THE FRIENDS OF DULVERTON LIBRARY will meet on Thursdays May 2nd and June 6th at 2pm

THE LIBRARY BOOK GROUP meet on Fridays May 3rd and June 7th at 2pm

THE CRAFTERNOONERS meet on Friday May 10th at 2pm and again on Thursday May 16th at 10.30am. In June we will meet on Friday June 14th at 2pm and again on Thursday June 20th at 10.30am.

TRIVIAL PURSUITS CLUB meet on Thursdays May 16th at 2pm and June 20th at 2pm

LEGO CLUB meet on Saturdays May 18th and June 15th at 10.30am

THE KNIT AND NATTER GROUP meet on Fridays May 31st and June 28th at 2pm.

THE FRIENDS OF DULVERTON LIBRARY WILL BE HOLDING A COFFEE MORNING WITH TOMBOLA ON MAY 28th at 10.30am

WIND IN THE WILLOWS EVENT FROM MAY 24th - JUNE 3rd.



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Milverton Concert Society Friday 3rd May 2019 7pm Young Musicians Platform.

Where are they now...? In 2013 two young musicians, Weng Soon Tee and Julia Hwang, came to Milverton to perform in the ever popular 'Young Musicians Platform' concert. Six years later we have invited them back as they embark on their professional careers.

Malaysian born Pianist, Weng Soon Tee, was a pupil at Queens College Taunton and furthered his studies at the Royal Academy of Music. He has performed as a soloist with the Taunton Sinfonietta, and Somerset County Orchestra and recently won the Watford International piano Competition where he was praised by the judges for 'representing the music in a sincere and understated way' and for being a pianist of 'exceptional imagination'.

Violinist, Julia Hwang, gave her first professional solo debut at the age of 9 with the English National Baroque Chamber Orchestra. Julia has appeared many times on television and radio and in 2012 she featured in a BBC 4 documentary about the nation's favourite composition 'The lark ascending' by Vaughan Williams. Recent performances have included a tour with conductor Nicholas Daniel, performing the Bruch concerto for television in Korea, numerous recitals across the UK and a charity concert at Highgrove to raise money for the Princes Trust alongside Julian Lloyd-Webber.

The concert will also feature a short recital by local young musicians.

Details on www.milvertonconcerts.org

Check Library Notice Board for details.

Exmoor Stars



Events at All Saints Church, Dulverton MAY Spring Festival

Sat 11th 11am-4pm Community Music-Making Day

Sun 12th 3pm Johanna Harrison Vocal Recital

Sat 18th 3-6pm Community Singing

Sun 19th 3pm Two Sopranos and a Mezzo (Congregational church)

6pm Festival Choral Evensong

Free entry to all events. Further events July and Sept. See Facebook. com/exmoorstarsfestival.

VINTAGE FILM CLUB

Wed 8th May – ROBERTA – starring Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers & Irene Dunn – 1935 Wed 12th June – THE CONSTANT GARDENER – starring Ralph Fiennes & Rachel Weisz – 2005 starting 2.30 pm at Fishers Mead Community Centre

DULVERTON ACTION GROUP - Litterpicking (3rd Sunday): Sun 19th May – 10.30 meet by the Heritage Centre - All welcome and all kit supplied Sun 16th June – 10.30 as usual



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 29th May A talk by David Nicholson - 'Reflections of an MP, and Subsequent Activities' Wednesday 26th June A talk by Des Belam - 'A Life in the Air'



www.twomoorsfestival.co.uk

The Two Moors Festival is a registered charity no. 1095723



Dulverton Town Hall

Friday May 10th LEAVE NO TRACE (Cert PG) Director: Debra Granik 109 mins

A war veteran father and daughter live a perfect but mysterious existence in Forest Park, a beautiful nature reserve near Portland, Oregon, rarely making contact with the world. But when a small mistake tips them off to authorities, they are sent on an increasingly erratic journey in search of a place to call their own. A subtle and delicate film.

Friday May 24th COLETTE (Cert 15) Director: Wash Westmoreland 111 mins

After moving to Paris, free –thinking country girl Sidonie-Gabrielle Colette (Keira Knightley) agrees to ghostwrite a semi-autobiographical novel for her husband 14 years her senior. Its success soon inspires her to fight for creative ownership and overcome the societal constraints of the early 20th century, challenging gender norms. A beautifully shot film.

Friday June 7th CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME? (Cert 15) Director: Marielle Heller 106mins

Celebrity biographer Lee Israel makes her living profiling the likes of Katharine Hepburn, Tallulah Bankhead, Estee Lauder and journalist Dorothy Kilgallen. When Lee is no longer able to have her work published because she has fallen out of step with current tastes, she turns her art form to deception, forging celebrity letters for a living, assisted by her loyal friend Jack.

Friday June 21st A PRIVATE WAR (Cert 15) Director: Matthew Heineman 110 mins

Celebrated war correspondent Marie Colvin is a woman who is as comfortable downing martinis with high society's elite as she is brazenly staring down warlords and fleeing from gunfire. Driven by an enduring desire to bear witness and give voice to the voiceless, Colvin charges into danger, constantly testing the limits between bravery and bravado. A heartfelt biopic of a legendary journalist.

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.

Make Music Day 2019 – A celebration of Music for EVERYONE

Make Music Day takes place annually across the globe on Summer Solstice, 21st June.

Started in France in 1982 as Fete de la Musique this celebration of music now takes place in 120 countries.

Following a visit to a networking event in Bristol, we've come back with lots of great ideas and enthusiasm to create an event. We aim that Friday, June 21st will focus on bringing children together from local schools to make some fantastic music and sing the Make Music Day song with the youngsters of High Park Community Music Project, Kingsmead instrumentalists, and members of Wiveliscombe Community Wind Band.

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the members to fish. Other volunteers come along and make endless cups of tea and provide delicious refreshments at the end of the fishing session, and are always there to listen.

If you would like to know more about the organisation please look at our web site www. southwestfishingforlife.org.uk or ring Gillian 01398 371244. We always welcome people who would like to volunteer.

On the 23rd July SWFFL are providing the refreshments at the Sheep Dog trials at Ruglands Farm Brompton Regis. TA22 9NZ. This is going to be our annual fund raiser this year. Please come along and support the event.



Dulverton Town Hall COFFEE MORNING Saturday May 25th 9.30am to 12.30pm

Free coffee and cake. Come along and meet the volunteers who organise and support Dulverton Town Hall's Thrift Shop, Exmoor Community Bus and TA22 Voluntary Lifts. How we can improve our current arrangements? Do you know people who would benefit from our help? Can you spare some time to help us?

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Doors open at 7.00pm talk 7.30pm

8th JUNE 2019 - PLANT SALE in the Town Hall from 10.00am-2.30pm

20th JUNE 2019 - MARTIN YOUNG talking about **HARDY GERANIUMS AND ANEMONIES.** It will give us a good insight into the main species and varieties available of the adaptable hardy perennial, the Geranium. Anemonies-from short woodland plants to impressive large Japanese Anemonies.-Doors open at 7.00pm talk 7.30pm

GARDEN VISITS

3rd MAY- Little Webbery, Bideford

3rd JUNE- High Garden, Kenton

For bookings and information on these trips, please contact Jenny Boyce on 01398 323463 www.dulvertongardeningclub.co.uk

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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Adapted by John Hartoch Directed by Kirstie Davis, Designed by Alex Berry SATURDAY JUNE 15th, 7.30pm, DULVERTON TOWN HALL

A colourful cast of characters set off for Canterbury competing to tell their tales of love, lust, adventure and chivalry. Brimming with verve and energy, Chaucer's well-loved stories and brought beautifully alive by students from the acclaimed Bristol Old Vic Theatre School.

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Tickets available from Dulverton Post Office or contact Jan Ross - 01398 323818, janaross2003@yahoo.co.uk. Adults £12, students in full time education £8. Organised by Dulverton Development Forum.

Skilgate Big Breakfast

Sunday 19th May 2019, Škilgate Village Hall TA4 2DQ. 9am till 12noon. Adults £8.00p Children £4.00p. Raffle. For information or to book please contact Shirley Julian 01398 331031or just turn up on the day.



Shirley Julian 01398 331031



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Theatre Excursions 2019/2020

- Fame Saturday 15th June 2.30pm performance Bristol £61.50pp
- Les Misérables Saturday 29th June 2.30pm performance Plymouth£83.50pp
- Calendar Girls Saturday 13th July 2.30pm performance Bristol £66.00
- Dick Whittington Friday 3rd January 2020 2.00pm performance Bristol Adult £35.00pp Child £32.00pp
- We Will Rock You Saturday 21st March 2020 2.30pm performance Bristol £73.00pp/£56.00pp

 Beaulieu – Thurs 20th June Adult £34.00Senior £32.50pp
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 Tuesday 25th June £39.00pp
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Tavistock & The Garden House – Weds 29th June £23.50

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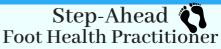
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In its 8th successive year the Simonsbath Festival 2019 begins with the annual, colourful May Day celebration on the Village Green in Exford with live music and games. The main venue for our variety of concerts and talks is the intimate St. Luke's church in Simonsbath with its excellent acoustics.

An innovation this year is the linking of some events around a particular theme. For example those attending the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, 'Pirates of Penzance', on Saturday 15 June will also be able to see the classic, acclaimed film 'Topsy-Turvy' about Gilbert & Sullivan the evening before (Friday 14 June). There is a similar link between the talk about RD Blackmore's 'Lorna Doone' (Saturday 18 May) and a walk to the Doone Valley, led by Rob Wilson North (Friday 24 May), organised by The Exmoor Society. Biographer Miranda Seymour's talk about Byron's daughter, Ada Lovelace (Wednesday 5 June), is linked to another Exmoor Societyled walk to Ashley Combe and Culbone the following day. The 2019 Simonsbath Festival also highlights Exmoor's contribution to WWII with several fascinating talks (17 May, 12 June) and an Exmoor Society-led walk to Larkbarrow (13 June). There will be a talk about Exmoor's magnificent rivers; Tim Bonner, Executive Director of the Countryside Alliance, will be a popular speaker; there will be several visits to the Simonsbath Sawmill and of course, there will be a variety of music at St. Luke's. Go to the 'Events' page of the website for more details and information.

Running alongside these events will be the Simonsbath Festival Art Exhibition which will open from 1 - 17 June in The Old Pottery, Simonsbath.

As well as supporting St Luke's Church the Simonsbath Festival supports the Simonsbath Festival 'Music in Schools' Programme which includes the 'Songs from the Exmoor Forest' Project whose aim is to revive interest in and knowledge of the traditional music and songs of Exmoor. The 'Music in Schools' Programme is led by Paul Wilson of Wren Music, a Folk and Community Arts Organisation and is all-important for the three Exmoor schools at a time when many of the Arts have been axed from school curriculums. The Simonsbath Festival culminates in a Midsummer performance by the children at Wheddon Cross.

Tickets and light suppers can be booked through the Simonsbath Festival website (www.simonsbathfestival.org.uk).

We look forward to welcoming you to the Simonsbath Festival in May and June 2019.

YOUNG PEOPLE - AN ENDANGERED SPECIES!

Exmoor Young Voices, the young adult organisation helping them stay living and working here, has registered as a Charity. Trustees and Committee have been appointed. Heidi Prole is setting up a website for the group where you can find out Who's Who soon. Simon Zeal at Stags has written Keeping Exmoor Youthful for the Spring Exmoor Magazine. EYV is drawing up a Charter of what Exmoor authorities and organisations need to do to help young workers stay on the Moor, sustain local life, knowledge, skills and population balance. Another self build seminar, and a tour of existing properties, are being planned with the National Park. Housing, digital connections, travel, local wages, and planning, are all on the group's agenda.

Find out more at: exmooryoungvoices@hotmail.com Facebook 'Exmoor Young Voices' Twitter @ExmYoungVoices - William Lock, Chair - Samantha Harris, Coordinator 07704 106 026 eyv.coordinator@hotmail.com

Dulverton Group Exmoor Society

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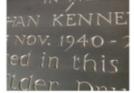
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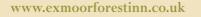
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You have to admire the Tiverton Staghounds meeting in the Carnarvon Arms Hotel forecourt complete with hounds and the Redcoats riding their magnificent horses. Just stand back and admire that grand Victorian edifice with its six foot high chimney pots, and for those that visited this you will recognise instantly that this is the Carnarvon Arms Hotel which became famous for its country sporting activities.

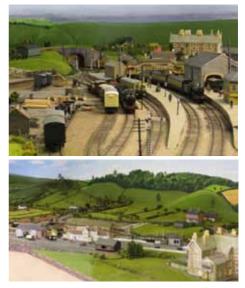
If you look closely you will notice the billiard room windows as they exist today, you will also see a billiard table inside and a player complete with cue. The detail in the whole model is amazing.

Sadly the Hotel was sold at the beginning of this century. Now no longer a Hotel, it is still standing, proudly dominating the countryside housing a number of living accommodations, no longer with its tall chimney pots but the billiard room windows are still there.

You will also notice a rather strange building to the rear of the model housing the local builders yard by the name of Goodlands. This also stands today, more or less the same as then, but bearing the inscription Travis Perkins, a perhaps, more recognisable title.

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I have just touched on the many aspects of this lovely local scene that has been put together, by many people of all trades and professions who were not necessarily modellers, but enthusiasts who were inspired to keep a part of old Dulverton going for many years to come. Visit our website for more information at http://www.dulvertonheritagecentre.org. uk/model-railway.html **CN**



Lorna Doone Exhibition

Come to Dulverton Heritage Centre's major new exhibition marking the 150th anniversary of the publication of R. D. Blackmore's novel. Discover what makes *Lorna Doone* a classic of English literature - wonderful characters; a plot that blends romance with adventure; the amazing setting of 17th century Exmoor.

Explore the world of dramatic productions of *Lorna Doone* - from magic lantern shows to feature films and local involvement with filming for BBC serials.



The exhibition runs until the end of October. Entry is FREE. Open: 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 – contact secretary@dulverton heritagecentre.org.uk or 07969243887 www.dulvertonheritagecentre. org.uk





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On the 29th and 30th June 2019 Dulverton will be hosting an amazing Summer Festival celebrating all things Lorna Doone as part of Exmoor's Lorna Doone Festival. Dulverton is famous locally for its fabulous events and this will be no exception! Prepare for a fantastic family weekend in this beautiful Town.

The Taunton Garrison will be setting up camp in an around the town and enacting scenes from Lorna Doone throughout the weekend, on Exmoor Lawns and in Dulverton's busy Town Centre. There will be classes and activities for children hosted by the Garrison and the notorious "Doones" will be prowling around the town doing what Doones do!!

Music and song will play a big part in the weekend and will take place on the Exmoor Lawns throughout Saturday and Sunday, including the brilliant Castletown Band, a band hailing from Bradnirich playing charged up folk songs about ships sinking, sailors drinking and ladies winking.... The brilliant Devon Bird will also be making an appearance along with the fabulous 5 piece Blooming Flutes, and our very own Steph Wade, soprano will be appearing. A film showing will take place on the Saturday late afternoon.

There will be tons of fun for children of all ages, as well as Garrison activities, Wild Wellies will be running 17th Century themed activities, crafts and storytelling. There will be a fancy dress competition for the Best Lorna Doone and John Ridd outfits.

On Sunday lunchtime, a fabulous Lorna Doone, 17th Century Banquet on the Exmoor Lawns, tickets will be available, details will be on the facebook page. There will also be a 'Magic Lantern' show of slides highlighting Lorna Doone's Exmoor.

Many of the 40 plus, shops, restaurants, cafes and pubs will be open throughout the weekend. The Dulverton Community love a good event so we expect to be blown away by the window displays and costumes.

Keep up to date with the latest information and timetable by looking at our facebook page Dulverton Summer Festival - Lorna Doone.

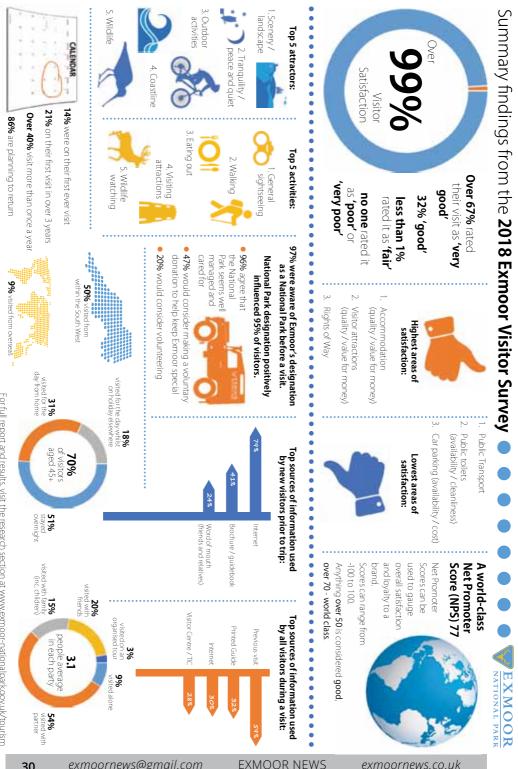
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'If I saw the virus crossing the floor I would have to sit on it and squash it.' Are you doing the exercises that kind lady showed you for your bottom? 'Hips Buddy, Hips! The lady said I've less muscle tone on one side than the other and you know we've been walking round and round in circles up the steep hill every morning - that's to build up the muscle on my hips.' I thought we were doing the circles for her cough – she said to clear her pipes. 'Have you forgotten? The early morning trips to the beach are for the pipes. Remember? "Benefits from the ozone" she says while swinging her arms back and inhales deeply'. I like the sand on the beach, I can dig a hole in it in seconds. 'I know we saw you - you disappeared head first. We thought we were going to have to pull you out by your tail.' She says it's because I've got a hyper active metabolism. 'Que?' Don't ask me, I've got enough to do trying to find a virus.

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Finalists will be judged on the originality and sustainability of their ideas and the ability to present them to the panel of judges. Neither academic achievement, nor completed projects are looked for, but the panel want to see wellpresented ideas that can make money, keep people on Exmoor and provide local employment. Business areas can include agriculture, forestry, conservation, horticulture, crafts, traditional skills and tourism.

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

The Pony Centre opened again on 17th February and got off to a great start with a busy Activity Day on the

21st and on 14th April we celebrated Easter with Easter Quiz Trail for all the family. The quiz night at The Sportsman's Inn at Sandyway on 29th March was another great success with lots of people taking part and raising over £700. It is hoped to repeat this event as it is so popular.

At the activity open days, we were able to show off our lovely new petting pens which have been funded by the grant we received from Tesco Bags of Help and which are nearing completion. And more great news from Tesco; we were voted second in the Bags of Help scheme at the Ilfracombe store and have been awarded £2000 towards setting up a mobile pony roadshow to enable us to travel further afield to events, shows, schools and groups in other areas; particularly communities in Devon, as a third of Exmoor lies in this county and Exmoor ponies are very much a part of the Devon heritage. A huge thank you to everyone who voted for us!

We have a full programme of events lined up for the coming year including:

Thursday, 30th May - Activity Afternoon at the Pony Centre - 12 midday - 3pm

Sunday, 28th July - 11am - 3pm - Celebrate Summer and the 13th year of the Pony Centre Activities available at ALL the events at the Centre are:

Pony Rides (the minimum age for riding is 4 years old and there is a 12 stone weight limit)

Pony Grooming; Crafts & Games; Refreshments (cakes, sandwiches) served by our volunteers in our warm Green Room Building.

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PROJECT TO RECREATE LOST EXMOOR GARDENS GETS UNDERWAY

A project to recreate a 200-year-old picturesque garden in the former royal forest of Exmoor, near Simonsbath, gets underway following major funding from the Western Somerset LEADER programme and Exmoor National Park Authority.

The garden was once the vision of wealthy businessman John Knight, who in 1818 purchased a vast area of remote, uninhabited wilderness formerly used by the Crown for hunting and largely untouched since the Bronze Age. He set about building a grand mansion amidst an elaborate 'Picturesque Landscape' – a concept central to the Romantic Movement focused on harnessing natural beauty to enhance the sense of drama in the landscape.

For reasons that aren't well understood his dream was never finished and his importance in shaping the Exmoor landscape largely overlooked until letters and documents dating from the time were uncovered in a loft near Kidderminster in 2016. These revealed ambitious plans to reclaim a vast area of remote valleys, mires, moors and woodland, along with the creation of a bespoke road and canal network, plus numerous buildings and farmsteads.

Even by modern-day standards it was a remarkable feat – with a 29-mile-long boundary wall, at least 12 miles of roads, two farmhouses, two canals, networks of land drains and the cultivation of more than 2,500 acres of moorland all documented as completed within the first 18 months. But amid faltering finances, a family feud over inheritance and his wife's ill health, the mansion remained unfinished, whilst the once awe-inspiring gardens sank back into obscurity.

Now, in the year of the 70th anniversary of the Parliamentary Act that gave rise to the UK's National Parks, a team of volunteers working alongside the Simonsbath Programme Steering Group and Exmoor National Park Authority, hope to bring back to life the gardens through work to reopen one of the original picturesque walks and restore historic buildings that formed part of the original garden.

Charlotte Hornsby, garden volunteer and member of the Simonsbath Programme Steering Group, said: "I've always been interested in historical gardens and so to be involved in one in my village is just fantastic. It is such an exciting day to finally start bringing John Knight's picturesque vision back to life. It will truly be an Unexpected Garden of Exmoor."

Rob Wilson-North, Exmoor National Park Authority's Head of Conservation and Access, said: "The lost gardens of Ashcombe are a very rare example of a Picturesque landscape – a concept that underpinned the Romantic Movement and helped put the countryside at the very heart of Britishness, setting the tone for the creation of the UK's National Parks over a century later."

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Under the GBRs, anyone with a septic tank discharging into a watercourse must replace it or upgrade it by 1 January 2020, or sooner if the property is sold before this date, or if the EA finds that it is causing pollution.

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