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Centre pages - about us and our new Social Media Digital Services.



Spot the dog answer from May-June issue. New Spot the dog on page 65.







Meet the editors – Ceri Keene and Claire Savill

Best wishes, Ceri Keene and Claire Savill



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A Talk by Penny Adie, meeting subject to Covid rules, at the Dulverton Town Hall, 15th July, 7.00pm for 7.30pm And all because of a violet...



...'An insight into the inspiration behind Penny Adie's fund-raising book, Hope in the Hedgerows, that went on to raise, through sales, £10,000 for Help Musicians. The project turned out to be more than the challenge she could ever have envisaged. Combining her photos of country flowers with many literary contributions submitted by people from all walks of life, they formed a telling book giving an appreciation of the far-reaching effect of the crisis that hit the globe in 2020.

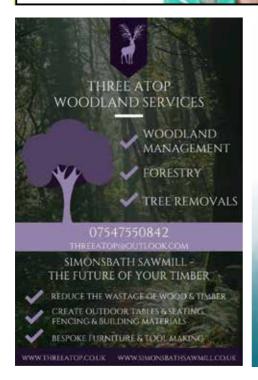
Mad, as ever, Penny is now embarking on a sequel and this time to be sold in aid of the music in Exeter's Cathedral.

A Talk by Elizabeth Holman, meeting subject to Covid rules, at Dulverton Town Hall, 19th August, 7.00pm for 7.30pm

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www.exmoorsociety.com

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL using the form on the Exmoor Society website page for each walk.

Wednesday 7th July 2021, 10.30am – 12.30pm | Murder and Mystery at Wheal Eliza

On this short walk along the River Barle, hear the history of the Knight family, mining in this part of Exmoor and the tragic murder and mystery at Wheal Eliza. One or two short climbs but overall an easy walk along the valley. Return to Simonsbath for optional pub lunch or bring a picnic. 2.5hrs/2.5miles. Dogs on leads.

Meet 10.30am, Ashcombe Car Park, Simonsbath TA24 7SH. (SS 775 394)

Refreshments available afterwards at the Exmoor Forest Inn, Simonsbath, subject to Covid restrictions.

Friday 9th July 2021, 1pm – 3pm | Hawcombe Nature Reserve Butterflies

This walk with ENPA Woodland Officer, Graham McVittie, will look at some of the coppice management work in this National Nature Reserve to help the recovery of the heath fritillary butterfly (aka the Woodman's Follower), though sight of the butterfly is entirely weather dependent. We will follow a circular route through the woods to see other butterflies, including the silver washed fritillary (hopefully). 3mls/2hrs. Dogs on leads.

Meet Car-park on south of A39, 400m west of cattle grid at top of Porlock Hill. TA24 8LT but do not go down to Bromham Farm.

Wednesday 14th July 2021, 10am – 1pm | Porlock's Coastal Wildlife - July

A spectacular circling walk starting in the picturesque village of Bossington, via the dramatic cliffs at Hurlstone Point, continuing around the sweeping shingle ridge and across the ever-changing saltmarsh. The walk will provide many opportunities to discover coastal and marine wildlife, historic landscape features and the dynamic morphology of this nationally important coastline. 3mls/3hrs. No dogs.

Meet 10.00am at the National Trust car park in Bossington village TA24 8H

Refreshments available at Kitnor's Tearoom, Bossington, subject to Covid restrictions.

Tuesday 3rd August 2021, 10.00am – 12.30pm | Historic Lynton and the Valley of Rocks - August A fascinating 2.5-hour walk from the Valley of Rocks into Lynton and back, to look from a different angle at how the Victorians influenced what we see today and how they were drawn to this majestic coastline and the splendour of the Valley of Rocks.

2.5 mls/2.5 hours.

Meet: 10am Valley of Rocks ENPA car park & picnic area (car park near public toilets). EX35 6JH / SS 7113 4968.

Tuesday 10th August 2021, 10am – 1pm | North Hill with a Compass

This walk is designed to demonstrate map and compass navigation on the open moorland of North Hill (please bring a compass if you have one; there will be a few spares on the day). We will also visit some of the remains of the WWII tank training ground, and if there is time we will return on the contour path around Bratton Ball. 4-5mls/3hrs. Dogs on leads.

Meet 10.00am at the old tank training ground car park on North Hill (SS 9547 4746).

Directions: leave Minehead on Moor Rd (becomes Hill Rd), pass the camping club site, then 1/4 mile later turn right on a wide concrete drive (not the gravel track). TA24 5LB will take you on to Hill Road.

Wednesday 18th August 2021, 2pm – 4.30pm | The Natural Capital assets of Molland Moor and Exmoor

A walk around Molland Moor to consider the topical subject of Natural Capital Assets and how Exmoor contributes to them. What are the benefits from this wild environment to visitors and the wider public? The walk will be over rough moorland going. 3mls/2.5hrs. Dogs on leads.

Meet 2pm at Molland Moor Gate (between Molland and Anstey Commons). SS 835 298 – approx. postcode TA22 9QT.

Participants take part in events at their own risk. BOOKING IS REQUIRED on the Exmoor Society website page for each walk - www.exmoorsociety. com/events/category/events.

Our guided walks are free to members and nonmembers alike but donations are welcomed to cover administration and printing costs.

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Exmoor's Newest Theatre - 'The Twelve Pound Look'

When is a Bank not a Bank? When it's a theatre! Dulverton's Bank, closed for six years, has been restored as a mini theatre, recording studio and radio station. Renamed Exmoor Studios it has been developed by local enthusiasts after achieving change of use from Exmoor National Park.

Over two weekends at the end of May and at the beginning of June, they welcomed Pleasuredome Theatre Company, famous for their Valley of the Rocks, open air Doones and Shakespeare in an exciting collaboration with touring theatre company Betwixt-and-Between. Four professionals from Scotland and the West Country delivered colourful and dynamic performances of this unexpectedly powerful playlet.

The 60 seat theatre in the round, opened with its first half full (C19 restricted) audiences for a riveting and quite unexpected one hour play, The Twelve Pound Look, by the author of Peter Pan, J.M. Barrie.

A prolific writer, the leading playwright of his day, Sir James Barrie, was 110 years ahead of his time with this one hour comedy of male hubris, blind arrogance, and female liberation.

As well as being a period piece and splendid costume drama, it is bang upto-date with the equalities issues of today. The company secured the services of Susan George (Straw Dogs; The Real Marigold Hotel) to guide us through the nuances of the plot. This is a 'grown-up' play in which Susan also invites each one of us in the audience to imagine we are one of the leading characters, to then be challenged by our own foibles and choices, humorously.



Susan George

Those leading characters are Kate, played with just the right balance of power, feminine wiles, and subtlety by Charlotte Ellen, and pompous, vain, myopic Harry, 'Sir' to you and me, by strutting Daniel Arbon. Their ex-marital duel plays out so engagingly you realise your attention has not slipped once, riveted throughout.

Director Scott le Crass skillfully weaves in the creative, colourful extras of Charlotte Ellen's new adaptation with an opening and closing allegory that pulls together, in a mythical, mystical manner the warnings to all of us about complacency versus attentiveness in our relationships.

Barrie is clearly a women's champion. "The law, like you Harry, has a profound understanding of women" offered by Kate with pithy sarcasm. "You were a good husband according to your lights". "Ambition is the last infirmity of noble minds", she says, as they play with truth and sensitivity in a battle of the sexes, which inflates and deflates the puffing, puffed up Harry throughout.

So many themes are covered in one short hour. This play was reported at the time as "one of the most 'nearly' perfect one act plays of contemporary drama". Charlotte Ellen's adaptation rids it of this 'nearly' problem by adding a fascinating introduction in which Harry, starting out as the common man, is seemingly transformed later. Likewise the denouement brings the allegory to a moving and slickly managed climax demonstrating the many sides of each of us - humble, nervous, decisive, hopeful when we learn that we are wrong."

In between the main Kate and Harry contests, Helena Payne (Valley of the Rocks summer performances, and Abbey Road singer) and Ben Fensome, an actor-playwright, coloured the whole plot with a series of a brilliantly timed, obsequious or gentle cameo interventions.

from Wheddon Cross to Bampton, and Simonsbath to Morebath.

A test of any production might be "Did the audience rush away?" No they didn't. They lingered at the bar, talking to the cast, and exploring the labyrinth of Dulverton's old bank. Exmoor's very own Studios, add another dimension to this dynamic Town's performances of the arts in their Town Hall, Heritage Centre, and Churches.

Costumes and set were perfect for this newest West Country mini Theatre – a phenomenal enterprise led by Dulverton Player and Knackershole Garden Theatre impresario, Steve Hall and friends - soon to include a recording studio and an FM radio station serving the out-of-radio-reach dwellers





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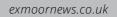
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The First Dulverton Vintage Fair - Sunday 5th September 2021

A Festival of vintage for all the family, with singing, dancing, historic vehicles and vintage stalls. Admission Free!



To reignite the visitor economy after the Covid restrictions, Dulverton has created a brand new event to encourage holidaymakers and visitors to the town. The announcement of the event coincides with the town's fresh new Visit Dulverton branding and the relaunch of the Visit Dulverton Facebook and Instagram pages.

The Dulverton Vintage Fair is planned as a mini festival of vintage, primarily celebrating the 1940's and 1950's – with an array of vintage stalls, singing by the fabulous Liberty Sisters (from 'Buttercup', their vintage yellow truck – pictured here), dancing with the South West Lindy Hoppers and the Hot House Combo playing their wonderful swinging jazz to encourage others to jump up and dance along too!

Historic cars from the North Devon Sports and Classic Car Club will be there, as well as some rare and exquisite WWII military vehicles (and



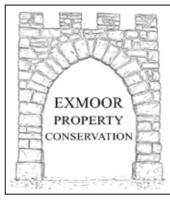
tractors – this is Exmoor, after all!). Everyone will be encouraged to dress in period costume if they fancy – you may even find a 1940's hair and make up stall at the event.

Cream teas, a Pimms Bar and other refreshments will keep visitors fed and watered.

The Fair will take place on the Exmoor Lawns, an area of lawn that sits beside the River Barle close to Dulverton's iconic medieval bridge. Admission to the Vintage Fair is FREE and it will be held from 12 to 5pm on Sunday 5 September 2021 - with the hope is that it shall become an annual event for the town.

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Rivers Authority

Dulverton Weir & Leat Conservation Trust is delighted to advise its supporters that the Somerset Rivers Authority has awarded Somerset West and Taunton Council (partners in the Dulverton Weir & Leat Restoration Project and owners of Dulverton Weir) a grant to carry out a Phase I assessment with the restoration of the ancient weir forming part of flood alleviation scheme

Most DWLCT supporters will be aware of the flooding which has occurred in Dulverton, particularly in recent years and the part which a restored weir structure with proper maintenance and management could play in alleviating

future flooding.

The funding by Somerset Rivers Authority will include:

* Flood alleviation modelling

- * Carrying out ecological surveys by Westcountry Rivers Trust (Partners in the project)
- * Finalising designs for repairs and improvements
- * Obtaining necessary approvals
- * Putting the second phase (physical restoration work) out to tender and agreeing costs
- * Seeking funding for the second phase

It is anticipated that this Phase 1 work will be completed this year in preparation for the second phase (restoration).

We will, of course, keep supporters informed of future developments.



Advance Notice of DWLCT Garden Party with Lord & Lady Dulverton in Attendance

Dear DWLCT Supporters,

Lord & Lady Dulverton and the Trustees would like to give you advance notice of our Garden Party to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the founding of the Trust.

This will be held on Wednesday 14th July at 5.00pm at Witheridge Farm, Bridgetown, Dulverton by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Michael Archer.

The format will be a little different this year, the event being held on a charitable donation basis with a suggested contribution of £10 (of course this is optional) on the day. This will be an opportunity for the Trust to update supporters on progress to date with displays by Project Partners (including Somerset West & Taunton Council) explaining their work and their part in the Dulverton Weir Restoration Project. Participants in the DWLCT July art events will also be displaying some of their work.

As most of our supporters will be aware, the Trust sends out formal printed invitations to the Garden Party by post with more details and a location map nearer to the date (we also send the invitation by email but many supporters like to have a printed invitation card). We would like to use the time in hand to make sure our records of supporter postal addresses are up to date. If you have not received a printed invitation before, or have changed address perhaps you might send an email to info@ dulvertonweir.org.uk advising us where to send the printed invitation.

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Born in Exeter, he grew up on Exmoor at the family farm, first at Bottreaux Mill and later at Brompton Regis. After leaving school at 16, Pat joined the RAF and trained as an engine fitter but, as he explains: 'In 1977, a motorcycle accident in which I broke my back put an end to my time in the RAF.' A brief spell with British Airways followed, at which point he decided to return to Exmoor and went to work with Lance Nicholson in 1979. 'And I've been here ever since,' says Pat, with a wry smile.

In due course, he became Lance's business partner and in 1984 Pat and his wife, Jackie, bought the business. Although Lance died in 1996, his name lives on in the shop's name, which has become something of an Exmoor institution. So much so that some of Pat's current customers are the grandchildren of those he served over 40 years ago. 'I'm pretty sure that I'm the longest serving shopkeeper in Dulverton,' he says, with understated pride.

Covid-19, lockdown, and months of being closed presented a real threat but local and central government support for businesses provided an essential lifeline and helped keep things afloat. While many shops switched to online sales, it was not an option that appealed, not least because of the level of personal service that Lance Nicholson provides. Like many shopkeepers, however, Pat is more than familiar with that frustrating 21st century phenomenon – the customer who walks in, sees something they like, takes photos, walks out ... and then looks online for the cheapest price.

On a more positive note, Pat's own history with the shop was repeated when James Hughes started

working alongside him in 1998, becoming a partner in 2008. So, with one eye on retirement, Pat feels hopeful that Lance Nicholson's legacy is secure for the future.

Country sports are as much a part of Pat's life away from the shop as when he is working. 'I do some shooting and particularly enjoy fishing,' he says. Pat is a firm believer in the way fishing can benefit wellbeing and is chairman of South West Fishing for Life, which supports people affected by breast cancer. He is also the founder of the Dulverton Angling Association, which is committed to making fishing accessible to everyone – a cause very close to Pat Veale's heart.

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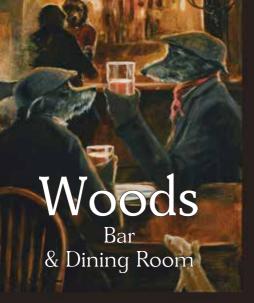
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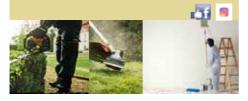
on from the successful 'Bampton Bounds', published in 2020, in which all the walks start and finish in Bampton, this latest book contains walks within a 10 mile radius of this pretty Devon town.

'Out of Bounds' has 11 walks from 2 miles (3.2km) to 9.25 miles (14.75 km) in length, plus a 26.75 mile (43.25km) Challenge Walk. It is designed to appeal to residents and visitors alike with walks chosen, described and tested by our volunteers.



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All the profits from sales of both books go towards the work of the Centre.

The recognition of the benefit walking brings to our physical and mental wellbeing has now moved beyond a few enthusiasts.

The quick sell out, update and reprint of the first book confirmed that more people are embracing walking than ever before.

Both 'Bampton Bounds' and 'Out of Bounds' are available from the Bampton Heritage and Visitor Centre, situated in St Michael and All Angels Church, Bampton Game in Newton Square, The Bridge House Hotel and on-line at bhvcsales1@ outlook.com They cost £5 and £6 respectively and £10 when bought together.

Liz Redfern, chair of the Bampton Heritage and Visitor Centre said "We owe so much to our volunteers especially Wendy Boothroyd and Rachel Macdonald who have led the development of both books. Their passion is to help people enjoy our beautiful surroundings on foot. We must have some of the fittest volunteers in Devon!

We are also grateful to Bampton Town Council and Devon County Council for financial support. A special thank you too, to Alan Loftus at Bampton Game who undertook to sell copies of Bampton Bounds when the 'lockdowns' caused the Centre to close.

By publicising the wonderful walking around the area, we hope to increase visitor numbers to Bampton and support the local economy. There are many great places to stay and eat here and the town is a very attractive tourist destination."

Further details, comments or press enquiries can be obtained by emailing bamptonheritage@btinternet.com or calling Liz Redfern on 07966 260058

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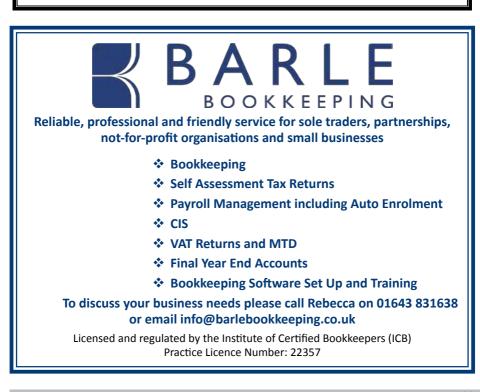
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highlights will include pianist Pavel Kolesnikov, tenor Nicky Spence and viola player Lawrence Power. Huw Watkins will be the Composer-in-Residence. Dartmoor will hear, among others, soprano Ruby Hughes and lutenist Jonas Nordberg, Stile Antico and the Barbican Ouartet.

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EXFORD AT HEART OF NEW 'DARK SKIES HUB' FOR EXMOOR

The central Exmoor village of Exford is hosting the National Park's very first 'Dark Sky Discovery Hub', whilst nearby work has started on a new Dark Sky Discovery Trail.

Following a successful grant application to the Exmoor National Park Authority, local businesses Wild About Exmoor and Exford Bridge Tea Rooms are collaborating to create a focal point for visitors interested in experiencing the area's incredibly dark skies. Together they will be hosting regular guided stargazing sessions and expert talks throughout the year, along with advice and an array of star charts, books and guides.

Jennie and Malcom Wild, from Wild About Exmoor, offer a range of outdoor experiences but their most popular of late have been exclusive or group guided stargazing sessions. Jennie said: "Visitors are keen to learn more about what they can see here on a clear night – even with the naked eye you can see thousands of stars, the milky way, star clusters and sometimes even the smudge of our next nearest galaxy, Andromeda.

"We can help them find constellations and, with our telescopes, we can also introduce them to the wonders of deep sky through planets, distant stars and galaxies. In addition to offering guided outdoor stargazing sessions, we will also be running indoor presentations in Exford Bridge Tea Rooms using their new 50" screen and some amazing planetarium software. This will enable groups of up to 30 people of all ages to learn about the night sky."

The popular Exford Bridge Tea Rooms is owned and run by Claire and Bruce Jenner-Laurens. The young family developed a keen interest in astronomy after a stargazing session with Wild About Exmoor and are now keen to help visitors understand and experience the wonders of Exmoor's dark skies. Bruce said: "We are so lucky to live and work in an area with such low levels of light



pollution here in the middle of Exmoor's internationally recognised Dark Sky Reserve. We're delighted to be able to partner with Wild About Exmoor to host events and provide seasonal stargazing information to visitors.

"By inspiring and engaging with customers during the day, we hope they will feel more confident to go out and enjoy the spectacle of a clear Exmoor night. We've redesigned our interior, invested in new signage and will be filling our tea rooms with astro-related material. Our business will be hosting yearround events and we pride ourselves on a tasty home cooked menu using quality local ingredients. We also sell amazing hot chocolates and cocktails so visitors will be in for a treat!" added Bruce.

Katrina Munro, Sustainable Economy Officer at Exmoor National Park, commented: "The new Dark Sky Discovery Hub, with its vear-round events and focus, will perfectly complement our Dark Sky Friendly Business scheme and annual Dark Skies Festival in October. Careful consideration has gone into developing a series of Covid-safe events at the Hub starting in June, so once these activities can proceed safely, there will be plenty to keep visitors busy and develop their love and understanding of the National Park and all its special qualities, including our dark skies. For anyone wanting to know more about why Exmoor is the perfect place for astronomy we have just published a free downloadable Astronomer's Guide to Exmoor National Park on our stargazing webpage."

Meanwhile signage for a new Dark Sky Discovery Trail due to launch this summer

has begun to be installed near Exford. Once finished the 2-mile way-marked route will take visitors on a mini nightime adventure out over open moorland.

Katrina added:"Situated in such a deeply rural part of Exmoor, with minimal light pollution and 360-degree views, on a clear night thousands of stars and the Summer Milky Way will be visible from the trail. But it's not just about the star-lit sky – there's the sense of tranquility and exhilaration that comes from being immersed in the sounds of Exmoor at night including the stillness, the wildlife, the winds and the trickling of water from nearby streams."

The two initiatives form part of a wider dark skies tourism project supported by the Hinkley Tourism Action Partnership, including a 'Dark Sky Friendly business' accreditation scheme providing astro-tourism and stargazing training to local businesses.

For further details and dates of events at the Dark Sky Discovery Hub at Exford, starting in June this year, call 01643 831759 or visit www. wildaboutexmoor.com and for the Exmoor Dark Skies Festival, new Astronomy Guide and more see www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/ stargazing.



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A Country Property Diary

"You only get once chance to sell your home to the right buyer and for the right price"!

As I have said many times over the years "As a seller you only ever get the once chance to get the best sale and secure the best price, so how any home is marketed and how your agent acts for you is really critical" in today's sellers' market, this is as true as it has ever been, if not even more so.

Selling a property to the first buyer that offers is easy, it is however not always the best way of securing either the best buyer or the best price in this sort of market and therefore having a proactive agent "with a plan" on how best to maximise your sale and your eventual sale price, is really important. At Webbers and Fine & Country we are neither the cheapest agent or the most expensive but one thing I have always felt comfortable with, is that we focus on ensuring that our clients get the very best "value for money" as myself and my team concentrate on how we maximise the marketing of your home to secure the very best buyer and price that we can.

There have been dozens of such examples over recent months (and too many to remember over 36 years) where we could have all too easily just advised our clients to accept the first good offer that came along. A prime example of the difference that we can make is this wonderful 2 bed detached cottage with 4.8 acres (Guide Price £595,000). It's a home I know quite well having sold it before over the years and from the day we arrived to prepare the sales details and photos we could actually have sold it that afternoon for the asking price without too much trouble. However, it wouldn't have been the best advice for our clients at the time.

Instead we took the view that the property needed to be heavily marketed and we needed to create as much interest and viewing appointments as we could to see if buyers were prepared to offer at or above the Guide price. There were obstacles in so much that as a Holiday rental there were restrictions on when we could actually gain access to the property and knowing how much interest we were likely to create this was going to become an extreme logistical exercise bar none on our part.

Knowing in advance when the cottage might be free we set about engineering a start date to the marketing about 4/5 days before, anticipating that this gave us enough time to deal with the first wave of viewings as they came in. We also knew that we then had a second window of about 4 days about a week later and we used



LOWER GOOSEMOOR COTTAGE – EXMOOR Guide Price £595,000

this to pre book overflow appointments from the first viewing window and had over 37 viewing requests during this time.

The first 3 viewings on the first day enticed two offers (both already in excess of the asking price) and we could have accepted any of those offers at that time, as many agents probably would have done (it would have saved us about 40 hours' worth of accompanied viewings, dozens of hours of booking and vetting and chasing the appointments). However, we knew that by sticking with the plan, despite the additional workload, that we could secure our clients a figure substantially in excess of the asking price (We might earn an extra £1,000 for the work done but our client could potentially earn many tens of thousands of pounds more by the extra effort on our part and that was always our prime objective). At the time of preparing this "Country Diary" the property is due to be now sold by "Sealed Bids" (Informal Tender) and we anticipate multiple offers on the day considerably in excess of the Guide Price (our client could achieve over 100 times more in additional income than the increase in our fee due to our commitment in making sure that our client gets the very best price on the day -I would like to feel that equates to incredible value for our clients).

At Webbers and Fine & Country our aim is always "To make a difference". Put us to the test as we would be delighted to take up the challenge for you and to make sure that when you sell your home that you know that every avenue has been explored to maximise the interest and price for your home. (as we can only sell this property the once, we anticipate having dozens of disappointed buyers all seeking a rural home with or without land, all pre vetted and ready to buy the right local property).

Napoleon



Napoleon Wilcox – Director of Webbers Exmoor/Dulverton and Mid Devon office at Dulverton Head of Webbers Fine & Country Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, London.





"Try again, Whittington, thou worthy citizen, Lord Mayor of London!" The Dulverton Players hope to stage their long-postponed production of "Dick Whittington" at the end of October. Dates have been booked provisionally for a run from Wednesday, 27th October to Saturday, 30th October. There will be a performance each evening at 7.30 pm and a matinee on the Saturday at 2.00 pm.

A final decision to go ahead will be made at the beginning of August. The production was less than a month away from its original dates in April 2020 when the Covid epidemic struck.

"The Town Hall is all ready for us when we restart. Scenery and costumes are as we left them. It's encouraging news. It will be such a good community boost when it is safe to go ahead" stressed director Olga Owen. "Please be assured that we are very keen to bring you this wonderful show. We had been rehearsing hard and preparing the costumes and sets before the pandemic."

Olga Owen directs a traditional version of the famous pantomime story in which poor boy Dick Whittington, played by Anne Markwick, comes to London to make his fortune. Ben Crocker's hilarious script features all your favourite characters, including Idle Jack, the beautiful Alice Fitzwarren, Sarah the Cook, and, of course, Tommy, Dick's famous cat. Queen Rat and her verminous pack provide the villains of the piece.

In the meantime follow the Players on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/ DulvertonPlayers. They can't wait to get back on the Town Hall stage.

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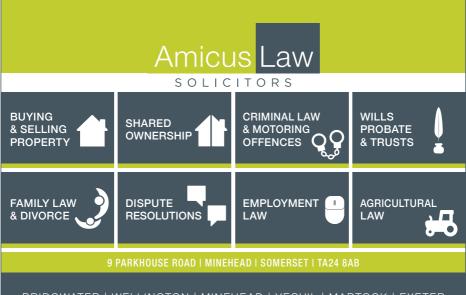
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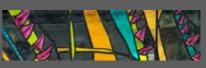
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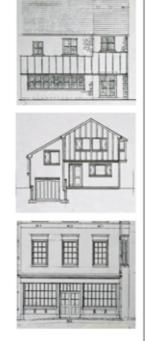
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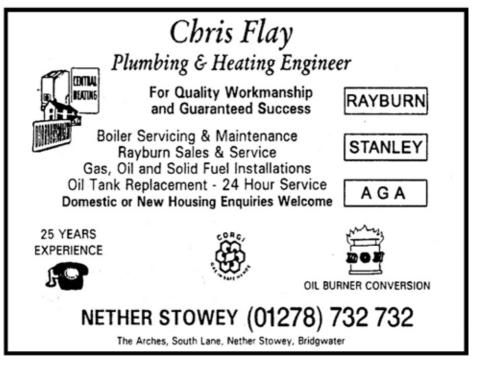
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NEW SELF-GUIDED WALKING ROUTES LAUNCHED ON EXMOOR

Exmoor National Park have created a series of ten easy-going, self-guided walks to help people discover the incredible scenery, wildlife and history of the National Park, following the easing of travel restrictions last week and reopening of many shops, outdoor hospitality and attractions, and self-contained accommodation.

From the heather-clad heights of Dunkery Beacon and shaded ancient oak woodlands of Horner, to the riverside beauty of Heddon's Mouth and romance of the Doone Valley, the routes take in different aspects of Exmoor's distinctive landscape and history. Each is accompanied by OS mapping plus a short video available at exmoorwalks.org.

After browsing the website to choose your favourites, accompanying route guides are available to purchase online or from National Park Centres in Lynmouth, Dunster and Dulverton (RRP £1 each or £8 for the complete set). Printed in full colour and on water and tear resistant paper, the routes are easy to follow, with relatively gentle terrain, and last between under an hour to about two and a half hours. It's hoped they will particularly help those planning future trips to Exmoor, or who have never been before, to plan their visit carefully and form a deeper connection with the landscape.

Dan James, Rural Enterprise Manager for Exmoor National Park, said: "It's been great to see the gradual return of visitors to Exmoor, with communities, businesses and partners all working together to encourage safe, responsible visits ahead of a busy summer. Our Explorer Walks are a great way to find your new favourite place on Exmoor and discover not just its best-known parts, but also lesser-known ones. "We want to help people really get under the skin of the place, to understand something of the story of people and nature that has given rise to this amazing landscape, and to do so in a way that is sustainable and accessible to most visitors. So whether this is your first or 50th trip to Exmoor, we hope you'll enjoy learning about this special place and discovering its many wonders."

There are ten stunning walks to choose from:

Doone Valley, 7.8km - Beautifully romantic – an inspiration to writers and poets throughout history.

Dunkery Beacon, 3.9km - Heather moorland amid Exmoor's highest point.

Dunster Village, 2.2km - One of the country's best-preserved medieval villages.

Haddon Hill, 2.3km - Spectacular views and the chance of seeing Exmoor ponies.

Heddon's Mouth, 3.6km - Follow a babbling stream to this wild smuggler's cove.

Horner Woods, 5.4km - Winding combes along one of the country's finest oak woodlands.

Lynmouth and Watersmeet, 5.9km - Explore the tree-lined banks of the fast flowing East Lyn River.

Porlock Marsh, 5.8km - Where the sea and the land combine and the views change with the tide.

Simonsbath and Wheal Eliza, 3.8km - This there-and-back walk takes in a classic Exmoor Valley steeped in history.

Tarr Steps, 3.5km - The home of Exmoor's famous clapper bridge.

The new walking series has been informed by work with Exeter University researchers to explore key drivers of tourism behaviour on Exmoor, which identified a link between the special qualities of the National Park and opportunities to experience them. Long before the pandemic, research pointed to walking as the top activity undertaken by visitors to Exmoor. In a survey 70 per cent were found to undertake short walks of under two hours, whilst 43 per cent said they enjoyed longer walks over 2 hours. This new collection aims to cater for the majority seeking a shorter walk, while helping to disperse visitors more widely.

In recent years the National Park Authority has also put significant investment into the rights of way network and particularly some of Exmoor's most iconic long distance walking routes – The Two Moors Way, The Coleridge Way and the South West Coast Path being among the most well-known. Thanks to this sustained effort, and despite increased extreme weather patterns and visitor pressure, the condition of Exmoor's rights of way network is perhaps the best it's ever been. Emma Thomasson, Director of Visit Exmoor, said: "Many people have discovered the joys of walking in lockdown and are perhaps looking for inspiration take their new hobby to the next level, which is one of the reasons we're so excited to see the launch of these new self-guided walks. Exmoor has inspired poets, writers and artists for centuries, and put simply is an absolute paradise for walkers.

"We're expecting some places will get busy, especially during bank holidays and weekends, so please do your bit by planning ahead and always having a plan B in case it's too crowded when you arrive. As well as helping with social distancing, this will also minimise your impact on this special place, ensuring we can all enjoy its unique beauty and history for generations to come."

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Meet the editors – Ceri Keene and Claire Savill

Ceri Keene and Claire Savill have been at the helm of Exmoor News since 2016, taking it in turn to put each issue to bed.

As well as being neighbours in Brushford, they have both worked on magazines, have shared and complementary professional skills, and have worked together on the Brushford's Parish Plan. So, when Ceri was offered the opportunity to take over Exmoor News she knew that she and Claire, who ran Printing at the Vicarage in Dulverton, would make the ideal team. In that time Exmoor News has gone from strength to strength.



Ceri Keene

Born and brought up in Zambia, Ceri settled in the UK, training as a graphic designer and

working with the BBC's News and Current Affairs team. It was demanding and fastpaced work and the team won a BAFTA award for their memorable coverage of the 1997 general election – the first time that interactive graphics had been used for broadcasting election results. It was a job she loved but her husband, Tony, who also worked for the BBC, was missing his South West roots and in 2000 the couple relocated permanently to Brushford.

Claire Savill

Claire also moved to the edge of Exmoor from elsewhere – in her case, Sussex – and, like Ceri,

this meant leaving a job she enjoyed. Her working life started in an advertising agency but, after her brother introduced her to an Apple Mac, she became hooked on computers and a new and successful career in IT sales and marketing took off. But... love conquers all and, having married, Brian, an Exmoor-based wool grader, Claire accepted that a move to the South West was inevitable and, in 1999. Brushford became their home. After working for a local IT firm, she launched Printing at the Vicarage, then operating from the old Parish Office but since 2013, with Claire at the helm, at its own office in picturesque Church Walk in Dulverton.

What our readers think

Ceri and Claire pride themselves on staying true to the original spirit of Exmoor News, while taking the muchloved publication into new and exciting directions, with extra pages, regular contributors, and more photographs and colour throughout, as well as widening the distribution area to reach even more readers within Exmoor and beyond. Exmoor News has proved the perfect way for family members and friends who have moved away to keep in touch with local news and events, and it is equally popular with regular holidaymakers who enjoy reading about what is happening in this beautiful and unique area.

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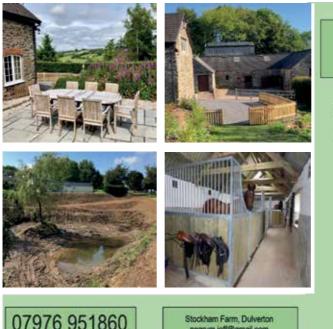
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Plans are gaining pace for this year's 10 Parishes Festival which runs from 11th-19th September in and around Wiveliscombe.

The Festival is well known for its wide variety of artists' open studios, where visitors can see how the works are conceived as well as meeting artists themselves.

The theme for this year's Festival is New Leaf and very appropriately the major sponsor for this year is New Leaf Workplace Wellbeing.



New Leaf Workplace Wellbeing was founded by Becky Wright, an award-winning mental health trainer, psychotherapist and coach facilitating high-quality, intuitive wellbeing sessions for heart-centred businesses and individuals looking to make meaningful change.

Becky will be providing two free online talks for artists that develop upon this understanding of how and where they work.

Valuing Yourself and your creativity more will take place on Monday June 21st at 10am (book here https://bit.ly/3vCgYYW) and then on Thursday July 8th at 6pm will be Creating your Life Design for wellbeing (book here https://bit.ly/3uHCH0s)

The Festival's popular Market Day and Carnival Procession will take place on Sunday 12th September from 10am – 4pm. The procession will take place at 3pm, as usual adopting the Festival theme which is always a brilliant spectacle. Check the Festival website www.10parishesfestival.org.uk for updates and details of performances over the 9 days and look out for the Festival guide which will be available from early August.





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Good news – we are open for all of our riding sessions now. If you would like to ride, bookings must be made in advance for our Treks, Walk and Trot the Lanes, Tasters or Group Funs. Half term was particularly busy and fully booked with many holiday makers enjoying seeing the ponies and riding in the sunshine. We are still taking pre bookings for our visit sessions too so please call or email to make a booking.

You may remember the arrival of two ponies, Goldie and Quince, who came to us having been around many different homes. The kind followers of the Exmoor Pony Owners and Riders Facebook page fundraised to enable them to have a forever home with us here at the charity. During the winter they enjoyed a lovely stay with one of our local grazers, and in May they travelled with two others to a permanent conservation grazing site in Sussex. The four ponies coped brilliantly with the journey and have settled in well to their new surroundings. A great outcome for these ponies!

In late Autumn, we were asked if we could help with a mare and her young foal. The foal had been born very late in the year and he and his mum needed a little more shelter and some extra grass to help them survive the cold winter months. This cheeky chap was named Elmo and with his mum they spent the winter with our geldings Yorick and Dylan. The beginning of May saw the time for Elmo to be weaned. He is now residing at the centre where he has been micro chipped and begun his training. Elmo has two new friends who keep him company so as not to miss his Mum - Winston and Almond make great uncles and are looking after him brilliantly. We hope that seeing visitors throughout the summer will increase his confidence and help him become a friendly and social pony. You may remember in 2021 our amazing volunteers undertook a team challenge to raise funds for our ponies during the summer lockdown. Well, they have been at it again. Having recently completed their latest Team Challenge, which involved completing over 300 miles in teams within a fortnight, virtually travelling to our northern base in Hexham. Their incredible efforts raised over £1000. You can still donate to their challenge and see their brilliant, and at times hilarious, photos throughout their challenge on www. justgiving.com/fundraising/volunteer-teamchallenge Thank you to everyone who has already donated and supported our fabulous teams.

We hope all our friends are staying safe as the restrictions ease and please keep up to date with us via our website and online platforms.

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NHS Symphony Steppers Stride Out!

On Saturday 10 July, team members from Exmoor Medical Centre in Somerset and Lyn Health in Devon are jointly stepping out on a social walk.

Exmoor Medical Centre, already a practice within Symphony Healthcare Services (SHS) will be joined by Lyn Health Centre who hope to join SHS this summer. SHS have a strong team ethos and encourage communication between practices socially as well as in the workplace. Both practices hope that this will be the first of many events to come.

The Compassionate Friends, a leading UK bereavement support charity for anyone who has lost a child, grandchild or sibling has been chosen as the recipient for fund-raising donations, gratefully received via the Just Giving link at www.justgiving.com/ fundraising/exmoor-medical-centre

The cross country route takes in some of the beautiful surroundings of Exmoor, which by its nature contains a number of hills and dales, and represents quite a challenging environment.

The walk will start in the morning, leaving from Exmoor Medical Centre in Dulverton and walking to Tarr Farm (7.3 miles), where there will be a refreshment/comfort break. The route will then follow the Exe Valley and the Two Moors Way for another 3.8 miles to the final destination of Withypool.

The walkers include team members from all areas of the practices: clinical, reception, admin, secretarial, dispensary and nursing.

The idea for the walk was put forward by Exmoor GP Dr Daniel Bunce and Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Mr Stephen Moakes.

Dan is an experienced member of Exmoor Search and Rescue and Stephen a keen moorland walker and runner; therefore they are ideally placed to plan the route with the necessary health and safety/ Covid precautions.

Dan says, "This walk is a fantastic way for the teams at both Exmoor Medical Centre and Lynton to get to know each other.

Raising money for such a deserving charity is



that extra motivator for us all to see it through.

It has been great to see our team getting out on practice walks, enjoying the fresh air and experiencing the beauty of Exmoor. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that the good weather will hold for the day!"

Steve adds, "Times have been hard for everyone during the Covid pandemic with both mental and physical wellbeing being important for everyone. This is a fabulous opportunity for us as a Practice team to not only spend time together in a safe way, but to promote our own health and wellbeing, too".

Clare Hartgen, Practice Manager at Lyn Health says, "We are really looking forward to meeting staff from our nearest SHS neighbour, Exmoor Medical Centre, and raising well needed funds for a fantastic cause".

Lead GP at Exmoor, Dr Kelsey Boddington and Lead GP at Lynton, Dr Glen Allaway both applaud the idea of the walk and hope to participate on the day.

Some of us are generally more sedentary than sporty! - but staff have been training hard in informal sessions; everyone is determined to complete the number of miles they feel comfortable with.

Please show your support for this worthy venture and if you are locally based and happen to see the team on our walk, do cheer us on!

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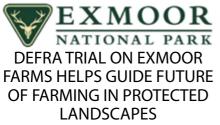
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A Defra-funded trial on 26 Exmoor farms and smallholdings has helped provide evidence to Government for the true cost of delivering public goods in a National Park alongside a viable farm business.

Farming Working with the Fxmoor Hill Network (EHFN) and environmental consultancy firm Rural Focus, Exmoor National Park Authority was commissioned by Defra to test principles for mapping the delivery of public goods on individual farms, to help identify key areas for investment and collaboration. It's hoped the findings will help identify ways to better support farmers in protected landscapes ahead of the transition to the government's new flagship scheme for Environmental Land Management (ELM), and a new pilot due to take place later this year.



Chris and Paula Williams (pictured) work in partnership with Chris's parents to run two farms on Exmoor - a family-owned Exmoor hill farm on the edge of Winsford Hill and a National Trust tenanted farm on the Holnicote Estate near Minehead. They have a family of 3 boys, around 70 suckler cows and 700 ewes, and are in the process of setting up a luxury glamping enterprise.

Commenting on why they got involved in the trial, Paula said: "For us it's about building resilience across our farms to help sustain the business and ensure that a future in farming is as viable for the next generation. We want to get to know every aspect of our farm's potential and play our part in helping Defra understand the true contribution hill farming makes towards caring for the landscape."

At an online EHFN event held last night (Wednesday 26th May) to report on the findings, Robert Deane of Rural Focus told farmers: "We combined several lavers of data to build a picture of what each farm delivers for the environment and for people and created heat maps to show the potential to scale up these activities. The outgoing basic payments scheme simply isn't set up to account for this level of detail and in some ways hasn't properly incentivised farmers wanting to 'do the right thing' for nature. This is particularly true in upland areas like Exmoor, where a volatile market and tighter margins leave very little room for manoeuvre. Based on our findings, we hope the new system will be fairer and simpler."

Key findings fed-back to Defra in the final report include:

 Potential threats to important designated habitats in upland areas like Exmoor. Any fall in farm payments could drive a drop in land under agri-environment schemes. Sites such as heather moorland, wetlands and wood pasture were identified as particularly vulnerable, because the grazing regimes that sustain them often only marginally benefit the farm business. Figures reported by National Parks England already show a downward trend, with a nearly 17% drop in the amount of farmland on Exmoor under such schemes since 2015.

 Potential barriers to farms being able to access ELM funding. The report draws attention to high demand for skilled advisors to help draw up ELM proposals, with 88% of respondents to a survey of EHFN members stating they expect to need the services of an adviser to help them complete their ELM Land Management Plan, but only around half knowing where they might get this advice.

Opportunities for achieving nature recovery at landscape scale. Mapping of farm clusters helped provide evidence for collaborative working on shared environmental outcomes. For example helping to create nature corridors or deliver improvements to water quality or flood resilience. This could help with mapping out Nature Recovery Networks, which may become a requirement for Local Authorities if proposals in the new Environmental Bill are enacted.

• Difficulty accounting for farming's contribution to 'sense of place' – the features of the landscape and local culture that come together to create the overall experience. The report highlights more research is needed to be able to guantify aspects such as cultural heritage, historic features, wildlife, public access and engagement.

The work builds on an earlier 'Exmoor's Ambition' report presented to former Secretary of State Michael Gove on a visit to Exmoor in June 2018.

Dave Knight, Chair of the EHFN, said: "An idea that started with farmers around the kitchen table has grown into a living example of how the future of farm policy might work under a new system of awarding public money for public goods. Around 56% of the national park is farmland and we hope this report goes some way towards demonstrating to Government what we have to offer, and how best our industry can be supported to deliver multiple benefits for people and nature."

Alex Farris, Conservation Manager at Exmoor National Park Authority, who ledthe trial, said: "What's been particularly encouraging about this trial is the sheer opportunity for farm clusters to link up their assets, like field margins, hedgerows, wood pasture and restored hay meadows, to make an even greater contribution. It's this kind of landscape scale nature restoration that hasn't been achievable until now and that could prove the lifeline for many of our native species as we face the realities of climate change."

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A Dog's Day Out – Pen Pals

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You better get out of bed Honey it's nearly 8.30. You've already missed the refuse collectors and you know how

much they like to see us at the gate. And the postman will be here soon. Yippee. He might have a reply to the letter I sent to Dilyn."You need to watch out for that dog Buddy, he's been nicking some of your ideas for his column in the Private Eve." Imitation is a form of flattery Honey. Great minds think alike and we all need to pull together. You do really need to get up now it's nearly guarter to nine."But it's still raining and she put clean sheets on the bed last night and I love the feel of fresh bed linen." If the bin men and the postal workers waited until it stopped raining, the world would stop turning. "That's very profound for a dog, Buddy" Quick make a note then. I'll send it in my introduction to Snoopy as well. "Better still Buddy, send it to Dilyn. He'll get it published."

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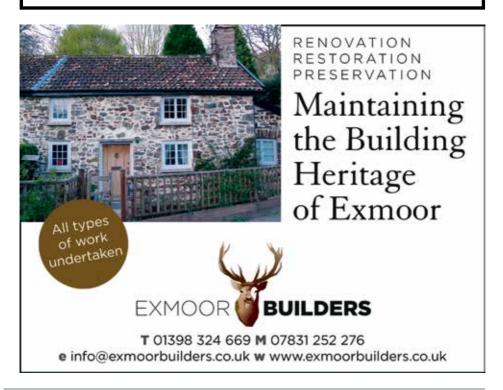
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Nearly 16 years ago my 19-year-old son James lost his life to accidental drowning on a night out in Kingston upon Thames. He became detached

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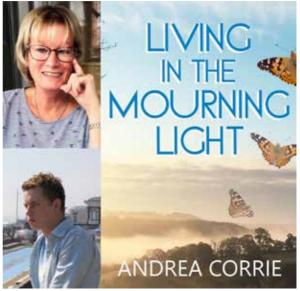
That was a long time ago now; you might think "She must be over it."

Sadly, you never get over such a loss. But you learn to live with it and I do whatever I can to prevent other families going through such loss and trauma. I remain well supported by the bereavement organisation The Compassionate Friends, which offers peer support to anyone who has lost a child, of any age.

My husband Shaun and I moved to Bampton in 2017 and we love living here, enjoying the sense of community and exploring the local area, when we can. It was not long before we realised that as well as being equidistant from the Devon and Somerset coastline, we are close to many different bodies of water – the rivers Barle and Exe, the Canal at Tiverton, Wimbleball Lake and other Exmoor reservoirs.

Any water, however innocuous it may look, carries the potential for danger. I say this not to be a killjoy, but to raise awareness that all of us need to look out for our own safety around water.

Please don't let my son's death have been in vain, nor my water safety advocacy work over the years. Some simple tips:



- When you are out, take care of yourself and look out for your friends.
- Curb the desire for that last drink, which disinhibits you from the dangers of a dip in the water.
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Andrea's second grief support book, Living in the Mourning Light, was published in paperback and e-format in 2020 and is also available as an audio book, narrated by Caroline Cook, local BBC radio presenter and journalist.

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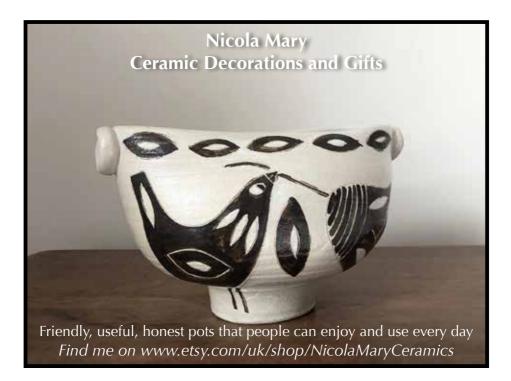
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