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Welcome to the latest issue.

We hope you had a good summer and moving towards autumn there is a lot going on. This magazine covers the Exmoor National Park Dark Skies, the Somerset County Show, literary festivals, films, garden events, fairs, live music to mention just a few.

Don't you think our cover is very eye catching? Do you fancy having your photo on the cover - send us a low resolution image and if we think it'll work, we'll ask for a high res version.

And finally, don't forget, any community, charity or local information goes in the magazine for free, but please check our website for top tips when sending in copy. The deadlines are available on our website

Best wishes, Ceri Keene and Claire Savill

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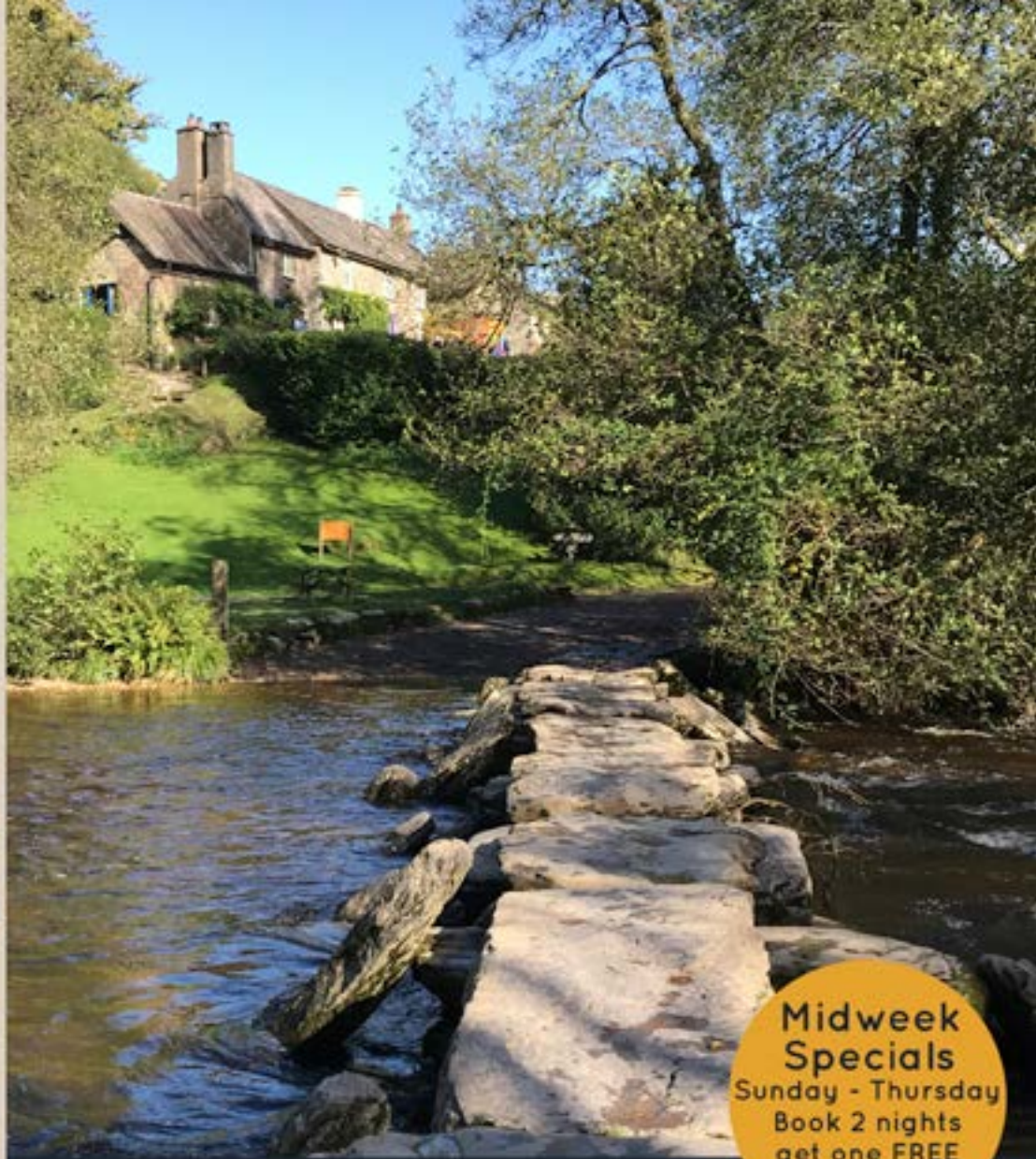
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**September 28:**

**Gary Cooper**

**Sound Advice: How Music and Sound Transform our Lives**



**October 26:**

**Robin Ashburner**

**Flags Galore - Fifty Years of Flag Making**

Read more about VoE on page 45

# Somerset County Show 2022

The Somerset County Show is to be held over two days at Taunton Racecourse on 17 and 18 September from 9am-5pm.

A full equestrian programme includes Shetland pony racing and the British Scurry and Trials Driving, where you can watch miniature ponies compete against each other while they dash around an obstacle course at high speed. Other activities to enjoy include falconry, ferret racing, an alpaca show, dog demonstrations, live music from individuals and groups on the Community stage, which includes a performance from the Wurzels on Sunday 18 Sept at 3.30pm. New to the show is a have-a-go sport zone, where you can try out football, cricket, drumming and many other fun activities.

Dogs on leads welcome and there will be plenty of dog activities including a fun dog show each afternoon, dog activity zone and even dog dancing!

There will be plenty of food and drink, stalls, classic vehicles and a cooking demonstration area with local award-winning chefs cooking for us and this will be hosted by celebrity chef, Lesley Waters, each day.

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## Bampton - A Journey Through Our Railway History

from September 15th - 18th 10am - 4pm  
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## Dulverton Town Hall

Friday 9 September

**ELVIS** (Cert 12A)

Director: Baz Luhrmann

159 mins

From his rise to fame to his unprecedented superstardom, over the course of 20 years, rock 'n' roll icon, Elvis Presley (Austin Butler), maintains a complex relationship with his enigmatic manager, Colonel Tom Parker (Tom Hanks). Central to Presley's journey and happiness is one of the most influential people in his life—Priscilla (Olivia De Jonge). The story is set against the backdrop of the evolving cultural landscape in America.

Friday 23 September

**DOWNTON ABBEY: A NEW ERA** (Cert PG)

Director: Simon Curtis

124 mins

The much anticipated cinematic return of the global phenomenon reunites the beloved cast as they go on a grand journey to the south of France to uncover the mystery of the Dowager Countess's newly inherited villa.

Friday 7 October

**OPERATION MINCEMEAT** (Cert 12A)

Director: John Madden

128 mins

It's 1943. The Allies are determined to break Hitler's grip on occupied Europe and plan an all-out assault on Sicily. They face an impossible challenge—how to protect a massive invasion force from potential massacre. It falls to two remarkable intelligence officers, Ewen Montagu (Colin Firth) and Charles Cholmondeley (Matthew Macfadyen) to dream up the most inspired and improbable disinformation strategy of the war, centred on the most unlikely of secret agents: a dead man. *Operation Mincemeat* is the extraordinary and true story of an idea that hoped to alter the course of the war, defying logic, risking countless thousands of lives, and testing the nerves of its creators to breaking point.

Friday 21 October

**THE ROAD DANCE** (Cert 15)

Director: Richie Adams

116 mins

Kirsty Macleod (Hermione Corfield) dreams of a better life, away from the isolation that suffocates her in a small village on an island in the Outer Scottish Hebrides. Suppressing these aspirations, she sees her lover Murdo (Will Fletcher) conscripted for service in the First World War, soon to set off and fight alongside the other young men from the village. A road dance is held in their honour the evening before they depart, and it's on this fateful evening that Kirsty's life takes a dramatic and tragic turn.

Tickets: Dulverton Films members £3, non-members £4.50, students, accompanied by an adult, £2.50. Book in advance at Dulverton Post Office (tel: 01398 323474) or email [janaross2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janaross2003@yahoo.co.uk) Bar open from 7pm.

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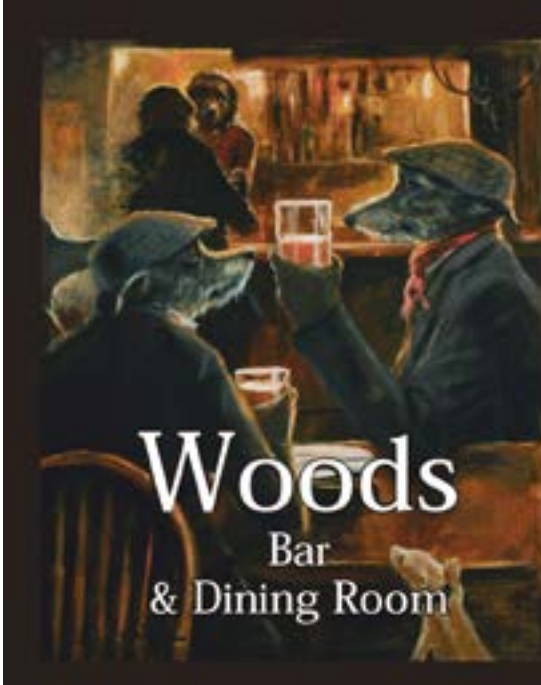
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**Dulverton Weir & Leat Conservation Trust** recently held its annual garden party attended by its Patron Lord Dulverton. Over 120 people attended in warm sunshine, in the gardens of Mr & Mrs Maund.

On show were outline plans and artists impressions by engineers Mann Williams of the proposed weir restoration showing the fish, eel and canoe passes together with the Exeter University research facility.

A few days later ,the arts exhibition came to a close. Although the exhibition was marred by lack of water in the leat, over 1,000 guides were picked up by visitors who thronged the town. Of particular interest was the stag statue in Stanbury's Garage, with passers by initially thinking that a stag had become trapped in the car showroom!

## Walking for health

Dulverton Health Walk Group meet each Tuesday morning at 10am at various venues. The photo shows the group at Clatworthy Reservoir recently.

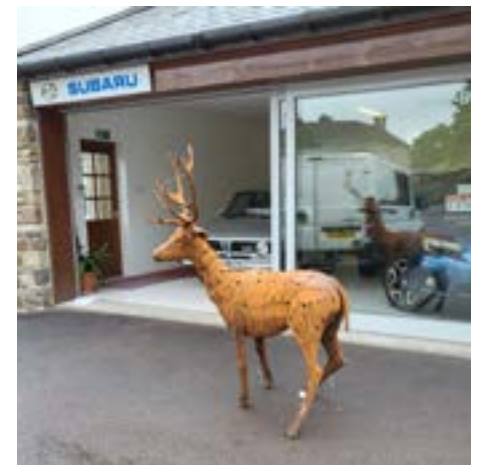
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We look forward to seeing you soon.

PS There is usually coffee and homemade cake directly after the walk!



## Le Jazz Trio

Le Jazz Trio returns to Dulverton on Friday 30 September, 7.30pm at All Saints Church.

This year, Andrew Daldorph (left) and Chris Gradwell are joined by double bass player, Jim Rintoul, to give us another evening of instrumental jazz. Andrew, piano, and Chris, clarinet and saxophone, made their first appearance here in 2012 and, with the exception of 2020 during the pandemic, it's been our great pleasure to welcome them back every year since.



Tickets, £10.00 unreserved, will be on sale from the Dulverton Post Office or The Tantivy from 1 September. For further information, contact Andy Jeffries, email: [ajeffries15@icloud.com](mailto:ajeffries15@icloud.com)

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## The Map Makers Tale

Here at *Exmoor News*, we are constantly impressed by the knowledge, skills and talents to be found on our doorstep. We could not, however, have anticipated meeting someone who heads an Ordnance Survey (OS) team of 25 data scientists and researchers carrying out work of global importance, and who manages that team from a quiet cul-de-sac in Dulverton. But that is what OS Innovation Lead, Donna Lyndsay does - with passion, energy and enthusiasm.

OS maps have kept so many people on the right path for years, not least on Exmoor - but physical maps now form a very small part of OS output. Donna and her team use space and geospatial data (information from space and from on or near Earth's surface) to create essential new products and services. "This can be for government or the private sector, covering anything from business cases for new satellites to creating new companies," explains Donna.

Climate change, not surprisingly, is a major concern. Donna is Vice-Chair for Space 4 Climate, which brings together UK space-enabled climate expertise, and a member of the UK Space Agency Earth Observation Advisory Committee. At COP26 last year, she and British astronaut, Tim Peake, gave a joint presentation to schoolchildren. "Climate change is real; it's happening. We have to get the metrics right because our window of opportunity to take decisive action is very small," she

says. "It's complex but can be tackled, if we act now. We can all do something, especially at community level. And we can use our vote."



*Donna Lyndsay*

When Donna was growing up in Dulverton – her Exmoor roots go back many generations - she could never have imagined that she would one day be at the forefront of meeting the greatest challenge that faces the world. At school she enjoyed art and geography; she went on to an art foundation course at SCAT, and then a graphic design course at Richmond upon Thames College but left the course early, having realised that a career in graphic design wasn't for her. She returned to Dulverton and Jan Ross (former editor of *Exmoor News*), mentioned that the National Park had

a vacancy for a cartographer. It was the ideal job and became the launch pad for Donna's career in the geospatial information industry, which now spans 30 years.

That career has included senior positions at the European Space Agency, Earthsense, and 4 Earth Intelligence, as well as running her own consultancy and carving out time to gain an MSc in geographic information systems and remote sensing. Donna joined OS in 2020, having worked closely with the organisation in previous roles, and she is now actively involved in encouraging more girls and women to join this growing key industry.

Alongside her demanding professional life, Donna has an equally busy home life, shared with husband Henry, their two teenage children—lots of ferrying around—and the family pets, and her parents still live nearby.

She would love to see young people from Exmoor following in her footsteps. "My experience shows that you can go through the local education system and have a great career in a really important industry, living and working right here in Dulverton!"

*Diane Trembath*

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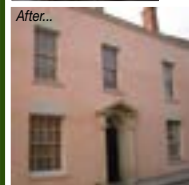
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# Exmoor Young Voices - the Second Summit

Young people are an endangered species on Exmoor. Housing is unaffordable, wages are low and with a lack of options, many young residents have no choice but to move elsewhere. As a result, the community loses key service providers, suffers from shrinking school numbers, and struggles without the vital rural knowledge and skills required to ensure Exmoor thrives for generations to come.

On 9 June 2022, Exmoor Young Voices hosted its second summit\* at the White Horse Inn, Exford. The event brought together Exmoor National Park Authority, local housing associations, and all of the major authorities that administer Exmoor. Several of Exmoor's young adults came to discuss how Exmoor can become a viable and sustainable place for young people to live and work.

The main aim of the summit was to reconvene after the two-year interruption caused by the pandemic, and to consider helpful changes that organisations might make. The golden goal is to halt the flow of young adults away from Exmoor.

Four members of Exmoor Young Voices addressed the summit, speaking movingly about the barriers to finding suitable rented accommodation, or self-building on the moor. This stimulated an in-depth discussion of problems, restraints and ideas. Representatives were asked to consider how they can 'youth proof' decision-making and deliver a tangible list of pledges and actions in September.

"We've made positive progress by hosting the summit and getting

important decision-makers and influencers together in one room, to hear the real-world struggles of our young adult population, and discuss actions that need to be taken. One of our attendees described it as fitting together pieces of a jigsaw, which is a great way to look at it. The summit has sparked further discussions, and we are looking forward to receiving pledges from each of Exmoor's authorities and housing associations in the autumn."

## **William Lock, EYV Chair and Summit Co-Chair**

\*For more information, please download the Exmoor Young Voices Summit Report from the Exmoor National Park website:

[www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk](http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk)

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By popular demand, the pretty Exmoor market town of Dulverton is holding its exciting Vintage Fair again this year. On Sunday 4 September—12 noon to 5pm—you will discover a celebration of vintage style suitable for all the family, on the Exmoor Lawns beside the River Barle. The event attracted over 1,800 visitors to join in the fun last year, and it is hoped that this year's event will be just as well attended.

The fabulous Liberty Sisters will be singing their favourite numbers from the 1940s and '50s, with the energetic South West Lindy Hoppers dancing and lindyhopping along. The ebullient Hot House Combo will bring their special blend of swinging jazz to get all toes tapping. Visitors dressing in the clothes of the period are definitely encouraged!

There'll be a wide array of stalls selling a great variety of vintage and retro clothing, vintage style homeware, brocante, jewellery, gifts, antiques, baskets and lots more.

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Traditional tea, cakes and other hot and cold refreshments will keep visitors fed and watered—including a cocktail bar run by Dulverton's own award-winning Exmoor Distillery, and beer from Nuttycombe Brewery in Wiveliscombe.

The event is generously sponsored by local businesses Exmoor Distillery and Seddons Estate Agents, and, through the event, the organisers and Dulverton Town Council are proud to be helping the CareMoor for Exmoor initiative, which supports nature and heritage conservation across Exmoor National Park.

For more information, keep an eye on the Visit Dulverton social media pages or go to: [www.visitdulverton.com/dulverton-vintage-fair/](http://www.visitdulverton.com/dulverton-vintage-fair/)

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This is followed by *Heroes and Villains: An Evening of Crime Fiction*, with Morwenna Blackwood, Jenny Kane & PJ Reed.

Saturday starts with Steve Cole, who will teach children quick and easy ways to invent story ideas, share secret writing tips, and reveal how he's worked with astronaut, Tim Peake, to create *Swarm Rising* and its thrilling sequel, *Swarm Enemy*.

Local history features on Sunday morning with Bethany Askew giving insight into the Coleridges at Stowey followed by *MasterChef* judge and *Telegraph* restaurant critic, William Sitwell, revealing how Lord Woolton fed Britain in World War Two.

The festival concludes with a Sunday lunch alongside Elizabeth Fremantle, who is a best-selling author of lyrical, atmospheric fiction set in Tudor and Stuart England.

Tickets are on sale from Wiveliscombe Library or via [www.wiveylitfest.co.uk](http://www.wiveylitfest.co.uk) where the full programme is available.



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### Advice on autumn's aches and pains

Autumn can be a wonderful time, "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness"; but for some of us it means the end of the summer, with shorter days and longer nights, cold and damp weather. A lot of us are sensitive to these changes in light, temperature and atmospheric pressure; physically, this is when we may notice our aches and pains. Storms and cold air bring a fall in barometric pressure which can cause joints to expand and synovial fluid to thicken, bringing stiff and aching joints; and, emotionally, Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) can take hold, with feelings of depression and sluggishness on the cloudy days and lightness and energy on the clear sunny ones.

### **Kate Pegram – Homeopath**

At this time of year your arthritis, bursitis, synovitis, rheumatism, carpal tunnel and all those musculoskeletal inflammatory symptoms that come with aches and pains, can get noticeably worse. A well-known principle of homeopathy is that the medicine must be individualised to your symptoms. Rhus Toxicodendron (Rhus Tox) and its close ally, Ruta Graveolens (Ruta), have some common keynote symptoms and can be very effective for managing your joint pains and stiffness if they are:

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Rhus Tox works more on the muscles, Ruta on the tendons and ligaments.

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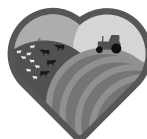
## Exmoor Rural Health Hub

Exmoor Rural Health Hub (ERHH) is a charity that launched in 2021. ERHH, supported by local farming businesses, facilitates free drop-in health clinics, staffed by NHS nurses, at the Moorland Village Hall in Wheddon Cross, on bi-monthly dates coinciding with livestock sales at the Exmoor Farmers Auction site. The hub is open to all members of the wider farming community.

Jane Fitzgerald, Somerset NHS Foundation Trust's manager responsible for the three Somerset farming health hubs at Sedgemoor: Junction 26, Frome, and on Exmoor said: "Many people who work in the farming community put the health and welfare of their livestock before their own well-being and put off

seeking help. Because farmers and their families live and work in isolated communities, we are pleased to be able to offer free clinics in locations that are easy for them to access and where there is no need to make an appointment."

Clinics are on 7 and 14 September and 12, 19 and 31 October. More details of clinic dates and times including special Covid vaccination drop-ins are available on the ERHH website: [www.erhh.co.uk](http://www.erhh.co.uk)



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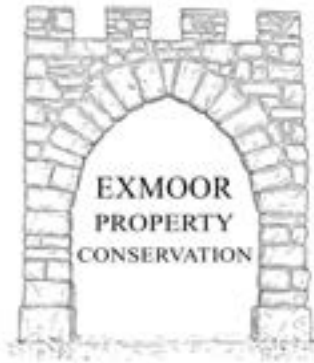
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“Children get so much joy from being in nature and understanding what they see around them; we are so lucky to be surrounded by diverse and interesting habitats. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn about the natural world,” said Laura. “I hope this scheme can really help them to enjoy and help protect our local wildlife and environment, as well as inspiring others in our community to do the same.”

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and activities in their wildlife warden handbooks, designed to help them learn about and help protect local wildlife in the Bampton area. The tasks range from building hedgehog houses and looking out for invasive species, to growing tree seedlings.

The junior wardens earn badges for each season when they complete a variety of tasks. There are events running for the wardens and general public, including a BioBlitz to record as many species as they can in an area of the town.

The junior wardens have already begun recording their wildlife observations using the iNaturalist app, with the help and support of their parents and carers, and have spotted some brilliant plants and animals already!

The scheme is linked to the Mid Devon Wildlife Wardens Project, currently being piloted in Mid Devon, and run with the support of Plastic Free Bampton.

For more information on the Mid Devon Wildlife Wardens contact: [wwcoordinatormiddevon@gmail.com](mailto:wwcoordinatormiddevon@gmail.com)

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### **4 October 2022**

#### **The Phantom of the Open (2021) TBC Comedy/Drama. Stars Mark Rylance and Sally Hawkins.**

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### **1 November 2022**

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### **6 December 2022**

#### **The Outfit (2022) 15 Crime/Drama. Stars Mark Rylance and Johnny Flynn.**

The year is 1956. Leonard (Mark Rylance), a master English tailor who's ended up in Chicago, operates a corner tailor shop with his assistant, where he makes beautiful clothes for the only people around who can afford them: a family of vicious gangsters. One night, two killers knock on his door in need of a favour and Leonard is thrust onto the board in a deadly game of deception and murder.

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## Inheritance Claims and the Inheritance Act 1975

A claim under the Inheritance Act is a claim against the estate of someone who has died, where the person bringing the claim has not been included in the will. Claims are generally brought by those who would have expected to inherit.

It is worth considering this if you plan to write a will excluding someone who would expect to inherit. Likewise, if you have not been provided for but you expected and needed to be, you may have a claim under the Act.

### Who can bring a claim?

Only those listed in s1 of the Act can bring a claim. They are:

Spouse/ former spouse

A child of the deceased or a person treated as the child of the deceased.

A cohabitee who lived with the deceased as spouses / civil partners for a period of at least two years prior to death

A person who was financially supported by the deceased at the time of death.

### What is the claim for?

The claim is a financial claim for 'reasonable (financial) provision'. A person bringing a claim must first show that reasonable financial provision was not made. If this is accepted, the court will consider what reasonable financial provision might be.

What might constitute reasonable provision will depend upon the facts of each case but will include factors such as the size of the estate, the needs of the claimant and the financial needs of anyone else benefiting from the estate.

## Do the wishes of the deceased matter?

There can be many reasons for not including someone in a will—relationship breakdown, a desire to benefit someone else etc. If those reasons are clear and rational, will they be ignored if a claim is brought under the Inheritance Act? The short answer is that a court will consider the deceased's wishes but they are not bound by them and can make an order for provision regardless. If you are making a will that is likely to prove controversial, it is wise to include a written note explaining your decision, which also helps to prevent other claims, such as lack of capacity. Whilst helpful, the statement is not likely to be decisive.

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## News from Webbers

As I write this, it is hard to believe that we are already at the end of July! The summer is flying by. Schools are enjoying their six week break and a great deal of visitors are looking to

escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Dulverton is always a popular summer destination with many people returning year after year; some still searching for their dream home.



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### Office update

So what is new in the Dulverton office?

New staff member: we are pleased to announce that Warwick Wilcox has joined our very successful team and works Thursday–Saturday. Warwick used to work for Webbers in both the Dulverton and Minehead offices and, after extensive foreign travel, he has returned to the area and is looking forward to getting back into the world of estate agency.

### Sponsorship

The office is delighted to announce that we now sponsor the Dulverton Netball Taunton League Team. As a former member myself, it was an honour to be asked to sponsor the team, as well as an incentive to take my trainers to their recent taster session! I have to say I thoroughly enjoyed being back on the court and it felt as though I had never been away.

The Dulverton Netball team has been established for over 10 years and trains all year round, mainly on a Thursday evening. The team plays in both the Taunton and Exeter leagues, with matches throughout the



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## Autumn at the Regal Theatre Minehead

As we all search for a new post Covid 'normal' the Regal Theatre Minehead is delighted to be greeting growing audience numbers - faces young and old; known and new.

September welcomes the new season of live screening from the Royal Opera House - a wonderful mix of ballet and opera beginning with Moshe Leiser and Patrice Caurier's exquisite production of *Madama Butterfly*, 27th September. October is a rich month, including Royal Ballet at its dramatic finest with Mayerling on 5th October, the Royal Opera House's new production of *Aida* on 12th October and *La Bohème* on the 20th October.

October also sees the first of the 2022/23 programme of international art exhibitions from Exhibition on Screen - starting with *Hopper*, on the 18th October, which takes a deep look into Edward Hopper's art, his life, and his relationships.

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Operas not missed will be Bryn Terfel in *The Barber of Seville* - as well as *Turandot*, *The Marriage of Figaro* and *Il Trovatore*.

To keep in touch with all events at the Regal Theatre visit [www.theregaltheatre.co.uk](http://www.theregaltheatre.co.uk) - or email [admin.team@regaltheatre.co.uk](mailto:admin.team@regaltheatre.co.uk) to become a Friend and join the mailing list.

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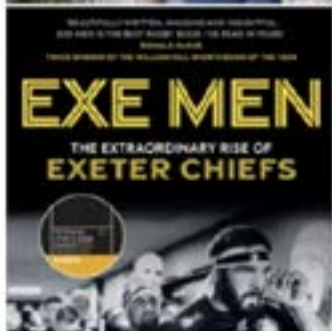
It is with a huge fanfare that Visit Dulverton announces its new and exciting event for 2022—the Dulverton Exmoor Literary Festival! Taking place over the weekend of 19/20 November, it's billed as “a new Exmoor festival for story-lovers of all ages!”

Throughout the day on Sunday 20 November in Dulverton Town Hall, there will be six hour-long informal talks, given by bestselling authors and writers. Topics include politics and drama, sport, psychology, historical, romantic and crime fiction, food and wine, yoga and writing for children.

Festival-goers can expect an illuminating talk from Norman Scott, discussing his recently released memoir, *An Accidental Icon*. He will be looking back at his life and his much-documented turbulent

relationship with 1970s Liberal politician, Jeremy Thorpe, including that notorious attempted murder on Porlock Hill. The UK's most respected rugby union columnist, Rob Kitson, will talk about his bestseller, *Exe Men: The Extraordinary Rise of Exeter Chiefs*, and *MasterChef* judge, William Sitwell, one of Britain's leading food writers, will discuss the history of food, including the problems associated with feeding Britain during WWII—so topical today.

Festival Director, Ali Pegrum said, “Since first imagining the festival at the beginning of the year, we have received an immense amount of encouragement and support from a host of authors, writers, publishers and libraries right across the South West—all keen to help promote Exmoor's very own inaugural



literary festival and encourage reading and writing for everyone. As the Southern Gateway to Exmoor, Dulverton is the perfect place to host such an event and we hope that it will be repeated annually.”

Details of other bestselling authors attending the festival will be released shortly, along with the full programme and links to ticket purchasing. Each talk will include time for audience questions, followed by author book signing in the festival’s in-house popup bookshop, provided by Waterstones, Barnstaple. There’ll even be an opportunity for a brief seated yoga meditation therapy session with Colin Dunsmuir, writer and a leading voice in the global yoga community.

The winner and runners-up of the Dulverton Exmoor Literary Festival Writing Competition will be announced on the Sunday, with the winning entry read out by the competition’s judge, historical fiction

author, Kate Lord Brown. The competition will be open to all children from Reception to Year Six, more details to follow.

The entire two-day event has been generously sponsored by local businesses, Stockham Farm Exmoor, Exmoor News, Hedley Price Funeral Directors, Jeff Pegrum Landscaping, PFG Fabrication, Town Mills B&B, Tozers Solicitors, Ware Construction, Rothwell & Dunworth Books, First Design Print Web, Stags Estate Agents, Osteo & Physio Tiverton, Maitland Walker Solicitors and The Exclusive Cake Company.


Keep an eye on the Visit Dulverton social media pages for more information about the event or go to [www.visitdulverton.com/dulverton-exmoor-literary-festival/](http://www.visitdulverton.com/dulverton-exmoor-literary-festival/)



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## Pine martens—a return to Exmoor?

Plans for the possible reintroduction of pine martens to the South West of England were announced recently by a partnership of leading conservation organisations.

Pine martens are part of the weasel – also known as mustelid – family of animals. Other members include stoats, polecats and otters. The species disappeared from the region around 150 years ago.

Now a partnership of conservation bodies including Dartmoor National Park Authority, Devon Wildlife Trust, Exmoor National Park Authority, the National Trust and the Woodland Trust hopes to reintroduce the species.

Together the conservation bodies have launched the Two Moors Pine Marten Project to explore the possibility of bringing pine martens back to the region. The plans are being seen as an important positive step in response to the wider crisis facing the UK's nature.

In recent months, the partnership has begun discussing the proposals with local people, farmers, landowners and other stakeholders in two areas – one in Exmoor National Park, and the other in Dartmoor National Park. These discussions are planned to continue for the next 18 months. The first pine martens could then be released in stages, beginning in autumn 2024.

The pine marten was once Britain's second most common carnivore, until a loss of habitat and persecution led to their drastic nationwide decline,

and their extinction from South West England in the 1880s. Now it is Britain's second least common carnivore and is judged to be 'critically endangered' in England and Wales. Populations have survived in Scotland and parts of Northern England, while successful reintroductions have taken place recently in Mid Wales and the Forest of Dean.

Pine martens are seen as a vital missing part in thriving and fully functioning ecosystems, especially the nation's woodlands. In 2021, an expert-led study by the Vincent Wildlife Trust, with the support of Natural England and NatureScot, identified the South West as the most suitable and highest priority British region for pine marten reintroduction.

The Two Moors Pine Marten Project is working with experts and local stakeholders to determine what the animal's reintroduction would mean to other wildlife, agriculture, shooting estates and woodland management. If reintroduction were to take place, the animals' progress would be closely monitored by the project.

Pine martens are solitary animals and most active at night. They live at low density, with a few animals spread over a large area. Their diets are made up of bank and field voles, plus wild berries, insects, birds, eggs and squirrels.





### **Alfred Vowles Photographic Competition**

Alfred Vowles was born in 1882 and was a well-known local photographer who, until the late 1940s, devoted his life to recording the landscape, life and people of Exmoor.

For many years he ran a thriving business selling postcards of his work from a shop in Minehead, having earlier worked for Kodak in London. Alfred Vowles's legacy is a valuable historic documentary of Exmoor and the competition's aim is its continuation.

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For more information see: [www.exmoorsociety.com/competitions-and-awards/alfred-vowles-photographic-competition](http://www.exmoorsociety.com/competitions-and-awards/alfred-vowles-photographic-competition)

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The Exmoor Dark Skies Festival 2022 is going to be the biggest ever, with well over 50 events taking place during late October. Free printed festival programmes are now available from the National Park Centres at Dulverton, Dunster and Lynmouth, or search online at [www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk.darks skiesfestival](http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk.darks skiesfestival)

Katrina Munro, who coordinates the festival for the National Park Authority, said: "From guided evening walks with National Park Rangers, to seeing planets, constellations and meteor showers with an astronomy expert; from talks with supper to family adventures, visitors will be spoilt for choice with events taking place all around the National Park from 13 to 30 October."

Wildlife at night events are being hosted by the Exmoor Pony Centre and the National Trust, as well as a guided walk with Forestry England at Nutcombe Bottom, and wildlife safaris at dusk with

Exmoor Wildlife Safaris. There are evening guided walks and stargazing events being run all over Exmoor by the National Park Authority, Moor Wild Experiences and Wild about Exmoor. For those who can't make any of the events in person, there are online sessions to help people understand more about the incredibly dark skies of Exmoor and all the best places to go and things to look for in the autumn skies.

The Dark Sky Discovery Trail, near Exford, is a self-led two-mile walk, which can be enjoyed all year round. A printed guide can be purchased from National Park Centres or online, and the experience provides an immersive mini-adventure for all ages.

Festival sponsors, Somerset Business Agency (SBA) CIC, telescope manufacturer Celestron, and Exmoor Coaster Open-top Bus have donated prizes for this year's festival competition. Residents and visitors of all ages are invited to submit poems inspired by Exmoor's dark skies.

For details of festival events, Dark Sky Friendly accredited places to stay, and stargazing on Exmoor, visit [www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/stargazing](http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/stargazing)





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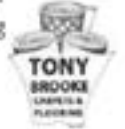
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# Minehead Museum

Fully reopen for the 2022 season after the Covid years, 10 May 2022 saw Minehead Museum welcome its 50,000th visitor since the museum first opened in 2014. Mrs Bernadette Evans, from Cardiff, reflected the sentiments of a much earlier visitor who said: "This little museum deserves to succeed...my father has lived in Minehead for 35 years; even he learned a great deal about his adopted home town...there's plenty to interest all generations...Minehead has a fascinating history and is far more than a sleepy seaside town at the end of the A39."

While the Museum remains small, some of its exhibits are not, including a full-size Hobby Horse, currently sitting opposite one of the museum's latest exhibits—a beautiful scale model of the now-dismantled pier, which used to welcome the paddle steamers that plied the Bristol Channel from 1901, when it opened, until 1939—when WW2 intervened and it was dismantled by the War Office—the only pier to have been thus removed.

For something smaller, why not browse and perhaps buy something from the range of Minehead Museum publications that include reflections on local life over the decades. The most recent publication is a fascinating, fully illustrated history of Blenheim Gardens, including a guided walk around its many beautiful trees.

Visit Minehead Museum at: the Beach Hotel Complex, The Avenue, Minehead, TA24 5AP from mid-March to mid-October. Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 11am-4pm; also all Bank Holiday Mondays and every day during August—see [www.mineheadmuseum.co.uk](http://www.mineheadmuseum.co.uk)



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**Jo Dare**

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## News from the Exmoor Pony Centre

Wow, what a busy August we have had! We would like to thank everyone for supporting us and visiting our ponies at the Exmoor Pony Centre; the ponies, staff and volunteers all love the opportunity to chat to people and spread the word about the Exmoor pony breed. Life at the Exmoor Pony Centre continues to be busy, with September and October offering the opportunity for fundraising events, Halloween celebrations and the popular Wildlife at Night evenings as part of the Exmoor Dark Skies Festival.



*Honey enjoying the visitor experience too!*

The early autumn is also a time for us to prepare for the new arrivals after the October herd gatherings on Exmoor. As part of our charitable mission to offer happy lives to the unwanted surplus youngstock from the moorland herds, we must ready ourselves to provide the right food, shelter and handling for them to thrive and then go on to new homes or grazing sites.

Talking of new arrivals, last month two ponies came into the care of the Moorland Mousie Trust; at the mature ages

of 17 and 20 years old, Frosty and Melody made their journey from Hertfordshire down to Exmoor. These two mares were the remaining ponies from the dissolution of the Frithesden herd almost a decade ago. Having never left their home fields, their new life brings many hurdles having never been kept in stables, handled or undertaken simple things such as veterinary care which is now all new to them. We hope with patience and perseverance we can get Frosty and Melody comfortable with some handling so that we can offer the best care, and then we will enjoy watching their retirement on Exmoor with us.

In 2022, the Moorland Mousie Trust has been chosen as a partner charity for ExieFest. ExieFest hosts online competitions and information sharing, encouraging Exmoor pony owners and enthusiasts to get involved. On Sunday 18 September, ExieFest Live will be held at the Somerset County Show at Taunton Racecourse. The Exmoor Pony Centre/Moorland Mousie Trust will be there, along with some four-legged friends—we hope to see you there!

Although it is hot and sunny outside today as I write this, I would be amiss if I didn't mention that the Moorland Mousie Trust 2023 Calendar is ready to purchase in our shop and online. Sales of our charity Calendar, gifts and Adopt a Pony Scheme really do keep our work going. Every penny helps, so if you fancy looking at gorgeous pictures of beautiful Exmoor ponies from all over the UK, get in touch to order/purchase a 2023 Calendar (£7.50 +P&P); they also make great gifts!!

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## Voices of Exmoor

Voices of Exmoor is a mixed voice community choir that has been singing in and around Dulverton for nearly 17 years. Our members are enthusiastic lovers of music who enjoy singing with others and spreading their love of singing to the local community and beyond. We meet on Monday evenings from 7.30pm either in Dulverton or Brompton Regis. We have a wonderful new website so please take a look at [www.voicesofexmoor.co.uk](http://www.voicesofexmoor.co.uk) and if you would like further information about the choir or wish to join - there are no auditions - please contact us via the form or ring 01598 428005 to speak to the Musical Director, Amanda Taylor.

In addition this year is going to be very exciting for us as we are extremely proud to be one of only six groups throughout the country to be accepted as part of a national event entitled 'Adopt A Music Creator.'

Adopt a Music Creator is a project run by Making Music, the UK's membership organisation for leisure-time music, in conjunction with Sound and Music, the national organisation for new music, and funded by the PRS Foundation and Philip and Dorothy Green Trust. It is a year-long project that pairs



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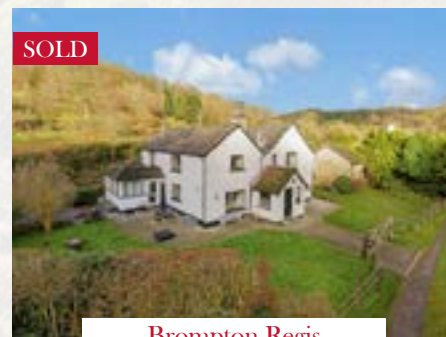
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This is an exceptional opportunity for the choir and we will celebrate by performing the premiere of our song in a concert that will take place on September 17th 2022 in the Music Room at Woolhanger Manor, North Devon.

*See their poster on page 3.*

## tiverton film club

The Club Committee are busily planning for the start of the 2022/23 programme when we meet again at Petroc in September. More details will follow by e-mail to those on our mailing list during August, and this is an interim up-date for your diaries.

The important news is that we will be meeting on Tuesdays next season, as Petroc will be closed on the other evenings this Autumn. Our opening night for the new season will be Tuesday 20 September, and all the other dates are detailed on the website.

Most important, we are back in business and look forward to having larger audiences for the forthcoming programme of prizewinning international independent and commercial films in 2022/23.

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## North Devon UNESCO Biosphere's sustainable tourism app

North Devon UNESCO Biosphere has launched a new web app, aimed at visitors and residents, to highlight the fantastic experiences available in the area, while helping to reduce pressure on the popular hotspots.

The North Devon Explorer web app will provide real-time information on traffic congestion and weather, and aims to help people find the hidden gems in and around our biosphere, spreading the visitor load and economy.

The North Devon Explorer app will allow visitors to:

- Discover the range of activities our biosphere has to offer, including natural and cultural highlights, walking and cycle trails, gardens, nature reserves and wildlife; museums and stately homes.
- Find their nearest visitor information centre.
- View current weather information at their chosen destination.
- Check tide times at coastal points.
- Locate EV charging points across the area.
- Identify traffic congestion.
- View a range of hospitality-related businesses certified by

the North Devon Biosphere Business Partner Eco-Accreditation Scheme.

The app also provides visitors with a guide through the towns across the area, through reciprocal links to the dscvr app, launched by Torridge and North Devon Councils last year.

The project was developed and part funded under the Interreg Channel programme, through the BioCultural Heritage Tourism Project, co-ordinated by North Devon UNESCO Biosphere. This project's aims were to demonstrate how tourism growth can be compatible with regions of very high environmental quality.

The project was also part funded by the Tarka Country Trust, in line with its objectives for the conservation of sites and education for all.

The North Devon Explorer web app can be found here: [www.northdevonexplorer.com](http://www.northdevonexplorer.com)



## Exford Crayfish Project



We've been trailing Signal (invasive) crayfish control in Withypool for a few years now. This year we are starting to roll out what we have learnt around Exford. The plan is to trap them at the upper reach they get to in the Exe to stop them going further. We have some volunteers who are out most Tuesday afternoons, checking the traps and removing what has been found. The traps are fairly out of sight but if you do come across them please don't disturb them as it alters what we find in them. On the other hand, if you would like to be involved or have any questions, just get in touch:

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### Applying for a job?

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“I recently applied for a job at a local pub which offered the National Minimum Wage. After a short interview, the manager asked me for some documents and also how old I am. After telling her I am 25, she said she would be in touch but it was unlikely I would get the job as they wouldn't be able to afford to pay me the required wage. She said she would prefer someone younger. Is this legal?”

Here is our advice...

Nobody should be asking you your age at an interview. At 25 you're entitled to the National Living Wage. Full details of the legal pay people are entitled to are on the Citizens Advice website. However, the rules don't mean that employers can avoid hiring people because of their age. That is 'direct age discrimination' as stated in the Equality Act 2010. You're also protected by the National Minimum Wage Act 1998, which says employers can't *not* hire you or fire you just because your age means you are entitled to a higher rate of pay.

Citizens Advice website has a wealth of information about what to do if you're being treated unfairly when applying for a job and there are steps you can take to either get compensation or persuade the employer to give you a job. The website gives advice and guidance with every step: [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

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- As soon as you can, make a note of what happened, what questions were asked, and other remarks made by the interviewer.
- Write a letter of complaint to the employer and keep a copy.
- If that doesn't result in a satisfactory outcome, you could take the employer to an employment tribunal but you will need to pull together as much information as possible, including the job advert and your full notes on what took place.


If you are taking the tribunal route you have three months minus one day from the date of the interview to start proceedings and, if you need help and advice with this, you can also contact ACAS [www.acas.org.uk](http://www.acas.org.uk) who specialise in employment issues and provide advice free of charge.

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## A Dog's Day Out – Movin' On

Dilyn has had to leave no 10, Honey.

“Oh dear, one of your pen pals. Have you got a forwarding address? What happened?”

Doris Bohnsen lost his job. It doesn't matter. I'll catch up with him later; adopted dogs should stick together, it's part of the modern social agenda. He was a Battersea boy, real old institutional stuff. There's an unspoken comradeship between the re-homed fraternity.

“Do you know who's going to go into Dilyn's old house?”

The chap in no 11 has had his eye on it for a while. You remember him – Ritchie Su Knack, president of the public's purse (PPP).

“How could I forget? He was the nice man who gave us all those extra lunches in the pub. Mmmm, smoked salmon and poached chicken. Speaking of which, I'm getting hungry. Do you know what's for dinner?”

Liver.

“Again? We've already had liver three times this week.”

Liver Stroganoff today. Can't buy chicken anymore, she says, “Price has gone through the roof. Special occasions only as we have to tighten our belts.”

“Has Mr. Su Knack's family got a dog Buddy?”

A labrador retriever I think, and some ponies.

“Is it from a rescue home?”

Doubt it. Born into good circles I expect.

“He might answer the letters you have written to no 10, Buddy?”

That's an excellent thought, it's got to be safer than writing to Dilyn; he nicked all my lines for his *Private Eye* column. Did you know there's a rumour circulating now that he's up for a knighthood in the Prime Minister's Resignation Honours.

“For his work with re-homing charities?”

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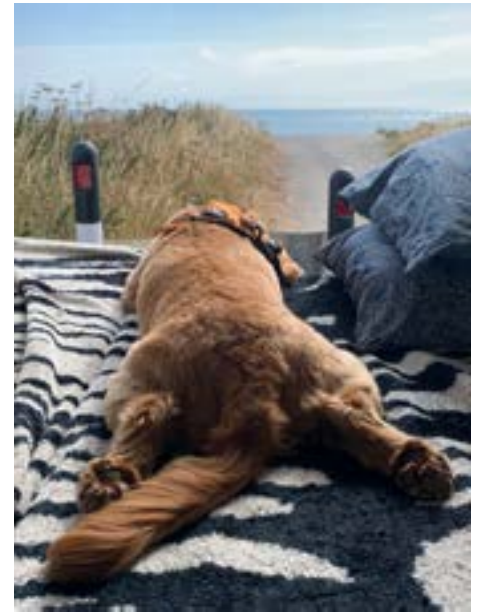
## Travels from Dulverton

It's been six weeks since we set sail from Dulverton in our 2008 Vauxhall Movano van camper conversion, Joanna. Although she was a veteran to life on the road, previously travelling Route 66, the Mediterranean, Wales, and finally cheap digs for a PHD student in London, we were inexperienced hopefuls looking forward to a long awaited adventure.

Europe had been the original plan, but due to the current travel climate we settled on a journey around our

own fair Isle, Great Britain to start! A few teething problems, sadly rehoming our beautiful pussycat, Hoobs, who was not acclimatising, as well as finding the right caretaker for our home, which we are holiday letting to fund our travels. We bimbled between Dulverton and Exmouth for a little too long before, one day, just deciding to set off.

Our first move had been from the East Coast of Devon to Dulverton, so we continued this trajectory north, Chester for the Romans, Liverpool for the docks and the Beatles, Blackpool for the rock, then back into the sanctuary of the wilds of the Yorkshire Dales, Aysgarth for



wild swimming, then to the east coast—Whitby for the gothic charm and a lemon top. Southwards for Birkfest, an event overlooking Chesterfield and its crooked spire, held in a garden for the Fairplay charity, a heartfelt mission of love held every two years.

It's been a blast so far, learning to trust the process we have been met with warmth, incredibly beautiful and diverse nature, waterways and jaw-dropping views. We can report so far that we live in a beautiful country that shares a human story of resilience and resourcefulness, and that the good definitely outweighs the bad. Happily our adventure continues...

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