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# EXMOOR NEWS

## COVERING SOUTHERN EXMOOR

Another year nearly over - where does the time go?

We are, as ever, hugely grateful to those who help us out, with photos, articles, delivery and for the lovely comments and support for our magazine.

Exmoor News is a community magazine so please, if you have a new group, enterprise, event or just want to reach out - send us an email/photo with your contribution.

*We wish you all a very  
Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.*

Best wishes, Ceri Keene and Claire Savill

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Wed 8<sup>th</sup> November

### TEA with MUSSOLINI

Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Cher,  
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(1999)

Wed 13th December

### WHITE CHRISTMAS

Bing Crosby & Rosemary Clooney  
(1954)

Film starts at 2.30 pm  
at Fishers Mead Community Centre

£2 includes tea and biscuits

## DULVERTON GARDENING CLUB



16th November -Talk, Ian Anderson

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### Jeneba Kanneh-Mason Piano

Friday 24 November 2023 7.30pm  
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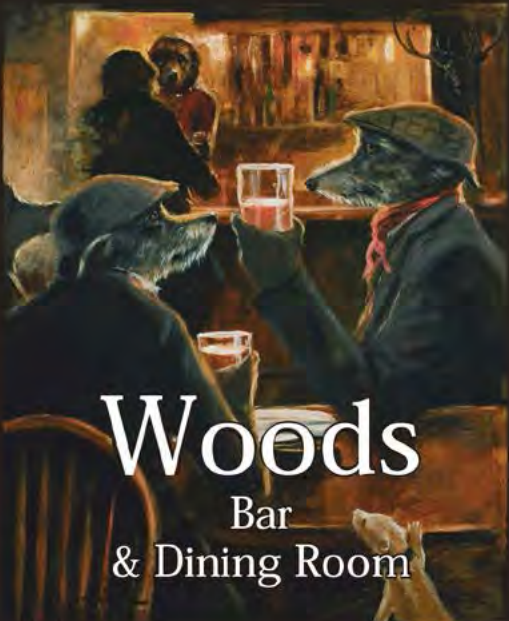
Jeneba first performed for Milverton Concert Society, together with her siblings, in 2021. She is now forging a very successful career for herself as a soloist, captivating audiences with her 'maturity in performance and interpretation'. She is the third of the Kanneh-Mason clan to establish herself as a soloist, following in the footsteps of her siblings, cellist, Sheku and pianist, Isata. She has performed at the BBC Proms and is due to play Rachmaninov's *2nd Piano Concerto* with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra later in the year. Her programme in Milverton includes Beethoven, Debussy, Shostakovich, Prokofiev and William Grant Still.  
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25 November 2023 13:00 - 16:00

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9<sup>th</sup> December 19:00 to 22:00  
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A recent review...

"A wonderful evening was had on 16 September, when Voices of Exmoor took to the stage in Dulverton Town Hall. It was such a joyous and, at times, emotional event, as the choir performed their Woolhanger the Reprise concert, following the highly successful show that they performed for the very first time at Woolhanger Estate in September of last year.

"With delightful humour from their musical director, Amanda Taylor, and beautiful music from accomplished pianist, Joke Routledge, assisted by Arwen Lewis on the recorder for two songs, it was most definitely another successful concert from the Voices of Exmoor and one that I'd happily attend again. I am very much looking forward to their Christmas concert in Dulverton..." Maria Lloyd

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## Table Tennis

We are always pleased to welcome new members at our very friendly Table Tennis Club held at Brushford Parish Hall, each Friday from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. There is always a cup of tea half way through the afternoon and, if we are lucky, there might be some homemade cake to savour! The sessions cost each person £2. We can provide bats if you require. Come along and have a go; there are some quite good players and others of lesser standards, so you should fit in very well.

If you would like any more information then contact either:

Richard Archer on: 07773 160222 or

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## Minehead Museum Quiz



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## Dulverton Films



### Dulverton Town Hall

**Friday 3 November**

**EMILY (Cert 15)**

Director: Frances O'Connor

135 mins

In this semi-fictional account, *Emily* imagines Emily Brontë's own Gothic story that inspired her seminal novel, *Wuthering Heights*. Haunted by her mother's death, Emily struggles within the confines of her family life and yearns for artistic and personal freedom, and so begins a journey to channel her creative potential into one of the greatest novels of all time.

**Friday 24 November**

**SHE SAID (Cert 15)**

Director: Maria Schrader

129 mins

The *New York Times* journalists, Megan Twohey and Jodi Kantor, publish a report that exposes sexual abuse allegations against powerful Hollywood producer, Harvey Weinstein, breaking one of the most important stories in a generation—a story that shattered decades of silence around the subject of sexual assault and harassment in Hollywood and impelled a shift in American culture that continues to this day.

**Friday 15 December**

**PRETTY RED DRESS (Cert 15)**

Director: Dionne Edwards

110 mins

Set against the backdrop of South London and humming with the energy of iconic Tina Turner hits, *Pretty Red Dress* follows a family tested to their limit when Travis, fresh out of jail, is found wearing a dress by his partner, Candice, and secretive teenage daughter, Kenisha. The family is sent spinning by this startling discovery and the truths that remain.

Tickets: Dulverton Films members  
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## Moor Movies at Winsford Village Hall

**Tuesday 7 November 2023.** *What's Love Got to Do with It?* Cert 12A. Comedy/Romance.

Stars Lily James, Shazad Latif, Emma Thompson.

How do you find lasting love in today's world? For documentary-maker and dating app addict Zoe (Lily James), swiping right has only delivered an endless stream of Mr Wrongs, to the dismay of her eccentric mother Cath (Emma Thompson). For Zoe's childhood friend and neighbour Kaz (Shazad Latif), the answer is to follow his parents' example and opt for an arranged (or "assisted") marriage to a bright and beautiful bride from Pakistan. As Zoe films his hopeful journey from London to Lahore to marry a stranger chosen by his parents, she begins to wonder if she might have something to learn from a profoundly different approach to finding love.

**Tuesday 5 December.** *And Then Come the Nightjars* Cert 12A. Drama.

Stars Nigel Hastings, David Fielder.

Adapted for the screen from Bea Roberts's multi-award-winning stage play, *And Then Come the Nightjars* is a heart-warming story of friendship and survival set against the backdrop of the 2001 Foot and Mouth outbreak. An unlikely friendship develops between a Devon farmer and the vet who is assigned to cull his precious herd.

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*Please note this is an illustration only - Ed*

## The Missing Angels

There's nothing quite like a mystery to solve than at Christmas time. Residents in Exford are trying to follow up leads on two stained glass windows, the work of the late Victorian artist Edward Burne-Jones, that were removed from an old Methodist chapel and reportedly left to the "Parish of Exford". The two windows were last tracked down in a storage facility in a museum in Manchester. The plot thickens. Investigations continue. Ed.

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This friendly group meets each Tuesday morning at 10am to walk at differing locations. Walks last an hour or two, through our wonderful countryside. They are not too difficult and we stop, now and then, to catch up and also to admire the landscape.



In September, we visited Lynmouth (see photo), travelling from Minehead on the Exmoor Coaster open-top bus. We would be delighted to see new people so if you feel you would like to join us then please contact either:

Richard Clarke on: 01398 341141 or  
email: richardclarke567@btinternet.com or

Richard Archer on: 07773 160222 or email: archer8r@hotmail.com



### (Formerly EXMOOR U3A)

Our meetings are held in Dulverton Town Hall on the last Wednesday morning of the month, 10:00am for coffee.

We welcome non-members, who can attend their first meeting free of charge.

Talks start at 10:30am and last about one hour.

October 25: Sir David Calvert-Smith  
*A Life of Crime*

November 29: Peter Gill  
*Surviving the Great War with the Arts*

There is no meeting in December but we are planning an informal evening of carols and wine led by Gary and Sabine. And, in January, we have our annual lunch at the Rest and be Thankful. Details of both these events will be announced shortly.

We resume our regular meetings on Wednesday 28 February.

To find out more about membership, interest groups, speaker meetings and social activities, please email: [info@exmoorfriends.co.uk](mailto:info@exmoorfriends.co.uk).

# tiverton film club

## October 31: Joyland

This is a bold imaginative Pakistani drama that won awards at Cannes this year. It addresses the social struggle within the bonds of the country's familial and societal expectations. In this patriarchal society, the worry about 'what will people say' is continually an issue. The film was the official entry to the Academy Awards this year despite being banned in parts of Pakistan.

## November 21: One Fine Morning

Our choice is a French romance with phenomenal acting from the cast in this beautifully poignant story of a family balancing the issues of ageing and love. This tale presents a tender intermingling of grief, guilt and ecstasy in a story that is a series of ebbs and flows, with love winning. It was another Cannes award winner.

## December 12: Close

This time it is a coming-of-age drama from Belgium. It has had excellent reviews with 'masterful camera work, acting and storytelling' and is a moving examination of innocence lost. The two young actors are exceptional in their roles. This was a Cannes winner—the Grand Prix in 2022, an Oscar nominated film in 2022, and a winner of a number of European film awards in 2023.

*We look forward to seeing you at our autumn film club meetings, which are held at Petroc College, Tiverton. Doors open at 6.30pm and screenings start at 7.30pm.*

*For club membership details, visit our website: [www.tivertonfilmclub.org](http://www.tivertonfilmclub.org)*

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## Dulverton and Morebath Christmas Craft Fairs

Dulverton Town Hall hosts the Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday 11 November 2023, from 10am–3pm. This is the third event at the venue this year, organised by local nano-brewery, Cottage Beer Project. You will find a fantastic array of local, artisan traders offering high quality products they've each made. The event is sold out for trader spaces, which include food (cakes and olives), drink (bottled real ales, cocktails and cider), jewellery, flowers, ceramics, art, chocolate, soaps, and much more, among the 26 stalls, upstairs and downstairs. Christmas-themed products will be available to purchase.

The event is free to enter, with everyone welcome. The Town Hall is dog friendly, and wheelchair accessible. Hot and cold drinks will be available.

Morebath Village Hall is hosting the Christmas Craft Fair, on Wednesday 13 December, 5pm–9pm. Organised by Cottage Beer Project, this is the second event to be held in Morebath, after a very successful fair last Christmas. There are stallholders attending from

across the area, with excellent quality products again on offer, made by each artisan trader. Max and Mike's Street Food will be attending again; they proved very popular last time, serving their fabulous food outside. There will be tables inside, so you can eat, drink or chat in comfort. There will be candles, various drinks, art, chocolate, fudge, cakes, dog apparel and more available to buy. These are all hand crafted and make perfect Christmas gifts.

Again, the event is free to enter, and wheelchair accessible. There's a free car park opposite the hall. Hot and cold drinks will be available, including mulled wine, and there's the very popular tombola too. This was an amazing success last year, as many of the prizes were products donated by the traders attending. Profits from these will again be donated to a local charity, choice to be confirmed.

Follow the Cottage Beer Project on Facebook or on Instagram @cottagebeerproject to keep up to date with the traders attending the Christmas Craft Fairs.



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## Dulverton by Starlight

Once again, Dulverton by Starlight brings the festive spirit to Exmoor—with shops open, craft market, entertainment, and the wonderful fireworks too!

The annual winter festival takes place on Sunday 3 December, from 2-7pm, sparkling with white lights on the Christmas trees lining Dulverton's streets. The shops and businesses will be traditionally dressed for the season and many will open all day for browsing and buying Christmas goodies.

Don't miss the indoor and outdoor Winter Market (2-7pm), with its range of local crafts, gifts and food.



Roaming street entertainers will keep you enthralled, with pop-up performances, juggling, tricks and endless jokes. Look out for Santa in the Heritage Centre from 3pm, join the carol singing by the big

Christmas tree at 5.45pm, and finish off a fun day by staying to watch the fireworks at 6.15pm.

Dulverton Town Council has liaised with Somerset West and Taunton Council to ensure free parking in the town's car parks on the three Saturdays leading up to Christmas—2, 9 and 16 December—and for Dulverton by Starlight on 3 December, with park and ride from Brushford, Masons Kings and the Anchor Inn in Exebridge.



Dulverton by Starlight would like to thank its sponsors: Dulverton Town Council, *Exmoor News*, Remote Therapies and Exmoor Distillery.

Lift your spirits and enjoy plenty of festive cheer with a visit to Dulverton by Starlight.

Find out more at: [www.visitdulverton.com/dulverton-by-starlight/](http://www.visitdulverton.com/dulverton-by-starlight/)

# DULVERTON By STARLIGHT

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## More time for Exmoor...

When *Exmoor News* interviewed Patrick (Pat) Veale in summer 2021, he was busy running Lance Nicholson, Dulverton's specialist country sports shop. Retirement was then on the distant horizon but in June of this year, retirement became a reality for Pat. However, as we discovered, he has plenty of plans for the future.

"I'm looking forward to doing what I want to do, not what I have to," he says. "Looking at my bees when I should, rather than when I have time. Being a better chairman to Fishing for Life and the Dulverton Angling Association."

Although Exmoor has long been home to Pat, there are many local places that he has yet to visit. "I'll have the time to see where roads go and visit smaller villages—I went to Twitchen for the first time this July!"

Family life has always been important to Pat but now even more so. "Being able to say 'yes' instead of saying I have to work is a welcome change."

Work tasks at Lance Nicholson have certainly been transformed since Pat took over in 1979. "Then we would write out an order, post it second class, and get the goods in two to four weeks, which was considered normal. Now it's either email or online ordering, with real-time stock levels, and delivery the next day. Today's customers expect much more. We used to be able to plan for busy and slack times in the year; most schools had holidays during the same weeks, and the weather was more predictable, so we knew what to expect."

Country sports were different too. "Most anglers were in their twenties—young, fit, unattached and with the time and money, to go out and enjoy country sports. Now it is mostly the over-fifties..."

Dulverton itself has also seen changes. "The town is more

prosperous but fewer people work locally or in agriculture. And then there are the holiday lets. Many properties are empty for weeks, or are let to summer visitors—good for

some local businesses but not for winter trade, and we could do with bigger car parks to encourage visitors. We need more affordable housing projects too; very few working people can afford an average priced house now."

One thing that won't change for Patrick is calling Exmoor home. "I wouldn't live anywhere else. Collecting my granddaughter from school at Heasley Mill, it's not unusual to see deer, buzzards, kestrels, goldfinches, kites, rabbits and hares. The spring blossom was fantastic this year, as were the wild flowers. Not many people can say that about the school run. And then there are all the very good friends we have. They have been so supportive of us over the years; we couldn't wish for better people."

Pat originally joined Lance Nicholson back in 1979 as a tea boy and shop assistant. Four years later, he and his wife, Jackie, became Lance's business partners in 1983 and, in 1992, the couple bought the business from Lance. James Hughes, who has worked with Pat since 1998, and as his business partner for the past 15 years, now runs Lance Nicholson. "James has been doing the lion's share of the work for some time," says Pat, "so he's more than capable of carrying it on, hopefully becoming sole owner."



Enjoy your retirement, Pat—you've definitely earned it!

*Diane Trembath*

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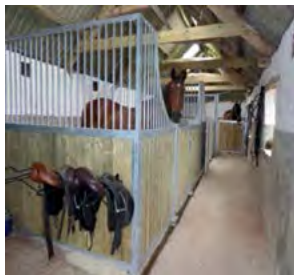
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## A Pasture for Life in Skilgate

This edition's story comes from a small hill farm the secluded parish of Skilgate. We asked Philip Beauvais, who owns and manages Elsworthy Farm, to tell us more about its regeneration. "Elsworthy is a recombination of land in Upton and part of a farm in Skilgate. I retired from a full-

time job earlier this year and have since spent most of my time focusing on setting up the business.

"I introduced an old breed of cattle—the English Longhorn—about 15 years ago. They are large animals for an old breed and have a very kind character. The cattle were a change for the farmland and part of plan to start regenerating the land."

He explained that the fields are mostly medieval in origin, around 1.5 to 2 acres, with thick, banked hedges. These small paddocks had been tightly grazed and, while the hedges thrived with plants and wild flowers, the grassland was poor.

"By having fewer cattle and allowing the animals to choose where they graze, I am beginning to see more grasses and flowers, including orchids in the pasture! This prompted me to look into a system that supported my philosophy, so I recently joined the Pasture for Life organisation and have become fully accredited.

"My cattle are born, reared, grown and finished on this farm, on the grass and hay from this farm! That's

all, no fertilisers or chemicals on the land either. It's a guarantee that the meat is free from cereals, antibiotics, or other medicines and growth regulators. It's probably of a higher standard than organic meats you may buy in shops."

Philip explained that he runs a beef box scheme. He currently processes one animal a year and sells it in 10kg boxes, by word of mouth and with the help of *Exmoor News!*"

But what about his plans for the future, now that he is no longer working full time?

"It's tempting to scale up, but today's climate requires a rethink. So I am planning to create an educational experience. I'm looking forward to reconnecting with members of the general public, who might be interested in visiting a small hill farm with a regenerative approach to its field management!"



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Living Well with Pain on Exmoor is a new peer support group for those living with chronic or persistent pain in Dulverton, the surrounding communities and Exmoor.

Chronic or persistent pain can have a wide-ranging toll on both your physical and mental health, it can range all the way from little niggles to cripplingly painful illnesses. It can make you feel alone, it is difficult for others to understand; pain is personal and different for everyone, often invisible, its effects are far reaching, affecting your work, social and family life. Navigating health appointments, medication, and treatment can be difficult, trying and tiring. Understanding can be hard to find. It is estimated that up to 43 per cent of the UK population suffer from chronic pain.

Joining a peer support group can have far-reaching benefits, its greatest benefit being the mutual understanding of what it is like to live with chronic pain.

What is peer support?

- A place where people with similar conditions or health experiences (in this case chronic or long-term pain) give or gain support from each other.
- Helps people build their own knowledge, skills and confidence.
- Focuses on emotional support, sharing experiences and education.
- Offers friendship, in a warm and non-judgemental space.
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- Leads to more effective self-management.

Who better to understand and support you than others with lived experience.

I was inspired to start this group following eight years of chronic pain, prescription opioid addiction and difficulty finding understating and relevant support. I was fortunate enough to find support from the pain management team at Musgrove Park Hospital. I am now an expert patient for them and volunteer for a pain charity called Pain Concern; I am studying to be a counsellor and have completed relevant training to enable me to run the peer support group.

For more details,  
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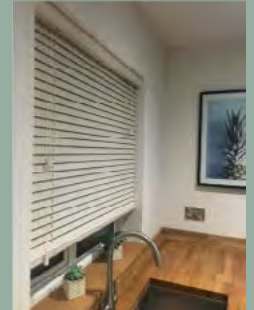
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# Dulverton Exmoor Literary Festival

Tickets to November's Dulverton Exmoor Literary Festival 2023 are selling fast. Have you had a chance to buy yours yet? The event takes place in Dulverton Town Hall across the weekend of Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 November, with online ticket sales via the Visit Dulverton website: [www.visitdulverton.com](http://www.visitdulverton.com)

Alice Thomson's interview with former Children's Laureate, Sir Michael Morpurgo, was destined to be a popular event and tickets sold out in just three weeks! However, budding young writers still have the opportunity of meeting one of Devon's most celebrated authors if they enter the festival's Children's Writing Competition—Sir Michael is presenting the prizes to the lucky winners! Full details of the competition are on the website and in the official programme.

Festival Director, Ali Pegrum, has been delivering festival programmes and details of the writing competition and creative writing workshops to schools right across Exmoor. "Last year's competition had some brilliant entries, with children from South Molton to Cutcombe and Watchet to Bolham taking part—we're hoping that will be repeated this year."

Other talks not to miss over the festival weekend include:

- Rachel Johnson, with writer, Rachel Campbell-Johnston;

- historical biographers, Andrew Lownie and Catherine Ostler;
- best-selling novelists, Janet Ellis, Sarah Turner and Hannah Richell;
- restaurant critic, William Sitwell, with wine writer, Henry Jeffreys;
- Julian Glover and Victoria Eveleigh asking 'What is our countryside for?';
- photographer, Harry Borden, and writer, Albert Read, discussing creativity, with Miranda Taylor;
- British explorers, Belinda Kirk and John Hudson, with Hilary Bradt;
- ITV sports reporter Dennis Coath;
- local railway historians, Freddie Huxtable, Ian Coleby and Amyas Crump.

The event has been kindly sponsored by local businesses Tozers Solicitors, The Exclusive Cake Company, Exmoor Character Cottages, *Exmoor News*, First Design, Friendship & Sons, Hedley Price, Jeff Pegrum Landscaping, Maitland Walker, Osteo & Physio, Risdon Hosegood, The Sip Shed, Stockham Farm Exmoor, Town Mills, Ware Construction, Wellhayes Vineyard, Winsbere House, The Bridge Inn Dulverton, James Pryce Tractors, Masons Kings, Rothwell & Dunworth and Fabula Arts.



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**Dulverton SOLD to Local Buyers**

Over the last few years—and especially during the pandemic—an increasing number of people have sought to relocate to the West Country, with many searching for a lifestyle change where they could escape the hustle and bustle of their former life. We saw a surge in people relocating from overseas, London and the Home Counties. However, despite an increase in buyers from these sectors, over 60 per cent of clients the Dulverton Office sold to were actually local or had a local connection.



**Porlock SOLD to Local Buyers**

Having hopefully put the pandemic lockdowns behind us, the market reaching a 'new normal' and economic changes, it would probably be reasonable to expect buyer and seller activity to have reduced. However, the West Country—in particular, Exmoor—remain among the country's top choices of location and there is a diverse selection of property currently available, so it is an opportune time to be looking for a new home.

Between Webbers and Fine & Country, out of our network of fourteen offices, six cover Exmoor: Dulverton, Wiveliscombe, Minehead, South Molton, Barnstaple, and Ilfracombe. All of our offices have seen a huge number of people looking to move for various reasons and continue to see high numbers of people registering on a regular basis. Buyers move for many reasons—downsizing, upsizing, first-

time buyers, or perhaps moving for employment or education.



If you would like to know about the service Webbers and Fine & Country offer or are just curious to know how the market is performing in your area, please do not hesitate to contact your nearest Webbers and Fine & Country Office.

From July 2022 to July 2023, 60 per cent of buyers that the six offices sold to actually lived within a 25-mile radius of the Webbers office in question. For many, this will certainly be surprising, but also an encouraging statistic. This sends a positive message to our communities that locals want to stay local! That said, it is still positive to see that a healthy balance of 40 per cent of our buyers are relocating from out of the area and this continues to stimulate our market, economy, and communities.

Best wishes

*Ginny*



Ginny Saunders  
Local Director



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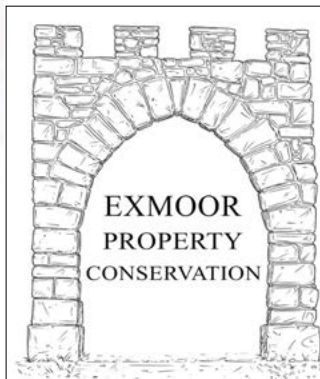
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*DrawLifeLive—set to define the local art scene*

DrawLifeLive, founded by Tony Keene, a retired film and TV Cameraman, is set to make its mark on the local art scene. This new art venture brings life drawing to a scarcely served area of Exmoor. Starting in January 2024, Brushford Parish Hall will be the home of this initiative, providing a welcoming space for individuals of all skill levels to engage in life drawing.

In the past, attending a regular life drawing class from Brushford often required traveling up to 50 miles each way. By chance, Tony met Tara, the model on one of these distant sessions, who faced the same lengthy and costly commute because she lived in Dulverton, Tony's neighbouring town. This fortunate encounter has led to the creation of DrawLifeLive, a collaboration between Tony and Tara to make art more accessible in the local community. The art club will offer quality facilities and guidance, with Tara bringing a variety of models, including herself and her mother, who has a wealth of experience as a professional model, including over two decades of posing for artist Robert Lenkiewicz.

So if you're looking to embark on a creative journey, regardless of your skill level, DrawLifeLive is the ideal choice. Join us in enriching the arts on Exmoor by visiting our website at [www.drawlifelive.com](http://www.drawlifelive.com). Discover the joy of life drawing, connect with fellow art enthusiasts and release your inner artist! Tea and coffee on tap!



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# Exmoor Society Walks



## Larkbarrow Walk

2nd November 2023 10:30am

Join our walk leader Steve Key for a 4-mile circular walk past the ruins of Larkbarrow Farm and Cottage, built in 1840 as part of the Knight Family's reclamation of Exmoor Forest. The walk continues to the ruin of another John Knight farm – Tom's Hill Farm, before heading south over Swap Hill then east back to the lay-by.

Along the way you learn the history of this part of what was the Royal Forest of Exmoor.

GRADE: A 4 mile Moderate walk

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## History Walk on 'other' side of the East Lyn River

8th November 2023 10:00am

Join our walk leader, Tony Piper for a woodland circular taking in the river life, and the human endeavour beside

it. Stout footwear required.

Dogs are welcome.

GRADE: A 2.5 mile Leisurely walk

Location

Meet at Upper Lyndale car park (Higher side of St John's church), Watersmeet Road, Lynmouth, EX35 6EP SS 7248 4937 ///drizzly.larger.replace

## Stoke Pero Guided Walk and Carol Service

3rd December 2023 3:00pm

This walk is in two parts. The first half takes us up in a loop through Cloutsham Farm and along a lovely traverse, crossing Prickslade Combe and passing through Church Farm before reaching the church for the 4pm carol service.

The second part, after the service, follows the small surfaced lane back to Cloutsham Gate. We should be able to see lots of stars as the moon will not have risen.

Those who wish to, can just walk the lane to the church and back, self-guided as it is sign-posted.

This is a family friendly event and dogs are welcome as long as they are kept on a lead.

3pm - 6pm

2.5 mile easy walk or 1.5 mile easy self-guided option (some muddy patches)

Refreshments; mince pies and mulled wine.

Location

Cloutsham Gate Common, TA24 8JT SS 8840 4303



## Dulverton - Barle River, Weir and Leat Walk

7th December 2023 10:00am

Join Stan Lester for a walk around Dulverton, taking in the old mills, the mill leat, the weir, and the River Barle as far as Marsh Bridge. If there is time, we will also visit Oldberry Castle. Up to 240m/800ft of climb and expect it to be muddy in places.

3.5m/3hrs walk. Dogs on leads. Older children welcome. Refreshments locally.

GUIDE: A 3.5 mile Moderate walk.

Location

Meet outside the National Park Information Centre in Dulverton. ///agents.stung.giraffes





### **Porlock Weir Tabernacle Guided Walk with St Nicholas Patronal Service**

10th December 2023 1:00pm

This walk is in two parts. The first half takes us from Porlock St Dubricious church to the Porlock Tin Tabernacle along Underway, passing the back of Greencombe Gardens and through the ancient deer park.

At the church, we will enjoy the traditional St Nicholas Patronal service, at which St Nicholas may appear (without his sleigh we fear).

After the service, the walk will take us to Porlock Beach and across the pebbles to reach the edge of the marsh, returning past the air crew war memorial to reach Porlock.

This is a family friendly event and dogs are welcome as long as they are kept on a lead.

1pm - 4.30pm 4.5 mile easy walk but pebbles on return leg.

Refreshments; mince pies and mulled wine.

Location

PorlockStDubriciousChurch,TA248QJ  
SS 8864 4667



### **Selworthy Church to Lynch Chapel of Ease Guided Walk**

19th December 2023 10:00am

This walk starts with a visit to Selworthy Church and then a walk across the green into the woods of the Holnicote Estate. After passing Katherine's Well and Agnes' Fountain, we will drop into the hamlet of Lynch and the tiny chapel of ease.

After a break, we will walk along the side of Horner Water to reach West Luccombe. After a short climb over the wooded ridge we will drop to cross Piles Mill water meadows and around the grounds of Holnicote House.

We will then follow in the footsteps of Baron and Lady Acland on their way to church up Private Path and Back Lane to pass Selworthy Farm and return to Selworthy village.

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10am - 1pm

5 mile moderate walk

Refreshments; please bring your own for the break in the chapel.

Location

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As 2023 draws to a close, the Regal Theatre Minehead offers an exciting programme of events.

**After Henry**, a comedic musical drama, based on Simon Brett's hugely successful TV sit-com series, is presented by Barnstormers on the evenings of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> November.

The 11<sup>th</sup> of November features another monthly classic film matinee,

**The Titchfield Thunderbolt** – some of which was filmed very locally some 70 years ago.

**Avalon – the Birth of a Legend**, a Waterfront Theatre presentation is on 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November ~ the final battle of Camlann is over and Arthur mortally wounded...

As Christmas looms the MATA Regal Theatre Co. Ltd presents **Nativity: The Musical** on 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm; plus a matinee on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm.

**The Santa Show 2023** is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm, with a gift for each child too.

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During the colder winter months, we see an increase in people experiencing fuel and food poverty and feelings of loneliness and isolation. We are here to help and you can access our support through the following Talking Cafes:

Williton: Williton Pavilion, every Tuesday 1pm—3pm.

Dulverton: Fishers Mead Community Room, every Thursday 10.30am—12.30pm.

We also host a Talking Cafe at Minehead's Methodist Church, every Monday from 10am—12 noon.

Citizens Advice will be joining us at the Dulverton Talking Café on the following Thursdays: 2, 16, 30 November and 14 December.

You can contact your local Dulverton Village Agent, Nikki Bonner, directly on 07940 913 698 or via email at [nikkib@somersetccc.org.uk](mailto:nikkib@somersetccc.org.uk) or contact your local Village Agent by visiting [www.somersetagents.org](http://www.somersetagents.org) and using the 'Find an Agent' tool.

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As with so much in life, planning is key; before you write a single word, think about *why* you want to write and *what* you want to write about. You might want to create an interesting record for your family, or perhaps there is potential for a much larger audience? Will you

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Will your memoir be in chronological order? Which people and places do you want to include? Will you have a theme running throughout? In her excellent memoir, *A House Unlocked*, author Penelope Lively, used her grandmother's house on Exmoor as the focus. Each chapter begins with a memory of an item from the house.

Gather all the information you can. If you're a souvenir hoarder, it's time to bring out those restaurant bills or travel itineraries. If you've always kept a diary or have masses of photographs, you're off to a flying start. If you have questions for family members, ask them now! And, finally, set aside some time to write every day, to keep you motivated. Good coffee helps...

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## Sleeping Beauty and the Magic of Christmas

It is nearly that time of year again, when the Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple, brings you another magical pantomime; this year it is that family favourite tale, *Sleeping Beauty*.

CBBC and Blue Peter's Barney Harwood headlines this year's panto, in the comical role of Lester the Jester, and, returning due to popular demand, Lauren Hendricks will be reprising her role as Fairy Flora. This enchanting, magical and 'fun for all the family' pantomime has a stellar cast, including Sue Appleby—straight from the West End production of *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*—playing the role of Carabosse, (Maleficent for Disney fans!) Best-selling synth pop artist, Natalie Gray, takes on the leading role of Princess Rose and is joined by Dereck Walker in the role of her

mother, Queen Camilla, and Zak Marx as love interest, Prince Philip.

We're told there are also a couple of surprise cast members.... 'Oh yes there are!'

Families and theatre lovers of all ages will be swept away by a breathtaking journey through a land of dreams, where curses are broken, true love conquers all, and laughter reigns supreme. The timeless tale of love promises magic and adventure in a production bursting with energy and creativity. The show is produced by RED Entertainment, the team behind last year's hugely successful reimagining of *Jack & the Beanstalk*, and runs at the Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple from 13-31 Dec 2023.

Don't miss out on the most magical event of the holiday season—tickets for *Sleeping Beauty* are available now! Limited tickets at just £15 are available on the official opening night, 16 December at 6.30pm.

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## Biomass boiler boosts National Park's Carbon neutral commitment

*Exmoor National Park Authority is proud to announce the completion of a biomass boiler at Pinkery outdoor learning centre, as part of its commitment to becoming carbon neutral.*

The innovative project, which has been funded by a Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme government grant, means the centre will be able to produce electricity from logs from the Authority's sustainably managed woods.

The new boiler has replaced outdated fossil fuel systems and will supply renewable heat and hot water for the whole site, including the classrooms and accommodation units.

Andrea Davis, Chairman of Exmoor National Park Authority and Cabinet member for Climate Change in Devon, said: "This is a real boost to Exmoor National Park Authority's climate action plan and net zero commitments.

"Added to our switch to electric



vehicles, and the existing solar panels and wind turbine at Pinkery, this will help us to continue to provide sustainable, inspirational, and wellbeing-orientated activities.”

The project has been funded by £115,211 from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme, which is run by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and delivered by Salix Finance. It will deliver 605 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> savings over its lifetime, which is more than 30 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year.

Chairman, Andrea Davis added: “I am so pleased that, with the help of Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme funding to support our net-zero carbon commitment, we can continue the great work that happens at Pinkery, fostering a vital connection between our local landscape and generations now and into the future.”

Senior Energy and Carbon Analyst, Nadim El Bakri at Salix Finance said: “Salix is delighted to support Exmoor National Park Authority and Pinkery Outdoor Learning Centre and join them in this journey of decarbonisation.

“This project has been inspirational because it looks not only at the carbon reduction, but at the wider





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*Ahmed Ali and Nadim El Bakri from Salix Finance and the team from ENPA*

environment and how the work impacts the whole community.

“The funding, as well as the support we offer at Salix, will mean that the park and the centre can become more eco-friendly, reduce carbon emissions and support the net zero agenda.”

The works, together with the addition to the centre’s electric vehicles, its on-site wind turbine, solar panels and increased battery provision to power equipment, will bring Exmoor National Park Authority ever closer to its Carbon Neutral Goals.

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discover life, what is best, the zest  
of being with friends, at work, at play,  
seeing past old glooms, confining rooms  
in an infinite way; just give me the chance.  
I'll be off, soon. Hooray!

Life seemed fine when I stayed inside  
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a hedgehog hibernating from everything icy.  
I could stay in my comfort zone  
not live, not stretch myself  
stay all day, every day, in my home  
creating not much else,  
merely thinking about myself.

But, today I'm going to escape, climb out of my den  
smile at the sun, live my life  
run life's exquisite race  
even though I will face challenges  
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Beaford, the North Devon based community arts and heritage organisation, has commissioned Gideon Mendel, one of the world's leading contemporary photographers to record our changing landscape. He has documented conflict, change and social issues on a global scale since the early 1980s, earning international acclaim.

Since 2007, Gideon has been working on *Drowning World*, a major project about flooding and his response to the climate crisis. Documenting a variety of flooded locations internationally, his images have been exhibited in galleries and museums around the world.

In September 2023, Gideon visited North Devon to create portraits of young people on location, in areas at most risk of being below the annual flood level in 2050.

“The Beaford Archive has always documented today’s North Devon for the future,” said Beaford director, Mark Wallace, “but we’re living in a crucial time for the future of young North Devonians—and it’s important for their voice to be heard now.”

Climate Central, an independent organisation of leading scientists and journalists, who research climate change and its impact on the public, has found that large expanses of inhabited land in Devon are expected to be below the level of average flooding by 2050. In coastal North Devon, there are several areas potentially affected on either side of the Taw and Torridge River estuaries, with Barnstaple, Braunton, Fremington, Yelland, Westward Ho!, Appledore and Bideford being the worst affected.

The North Devon portraits created by Gideon feature local young people holding handmade placards with messages of warning and hope. They are being exhibited alongside images from his *Drowning World* series, as part of an international Climate Festival in Barnstaple’s newly refurbished Pannier Market. The exhibition opens on Friday 3 November 2023, UNESCO’s International Day for Biosphere Reserves, and runs until Friday 17 November.

For more information, including a link to Climate Central’s Coastal Risk Screening Report and interactive map, visit: [www.beaford.org/signofourtimes](http://www.beaford.org/signofourtimes)

View the full collection of Gideon Mendel’s *Drowning World* images at: [www.gideonmendel.com/submerged-portraits/](http://www.gideonmendel.com/submerged-portraits/)



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## Bampton Heritage and Visitor Centre's 10th Anniversary

On Wednesday 20 September, Bampton Heritage & Visitor Centre (BHVC) held an all-day party to mark their 10th anniversary. A team of volunteers and trustees were there in shifts throughout the

day to welcome visitors calling in to celebrate with them. Refreshments of hot drinks and homemade cakes were on offer too.

Alongside the regular centre displays and activities, there was a special exhibit of some larger objects from the collection, which can't easily be displayed. As well as these, there was a new addition to the collection—a portfolio of old maps, with the oldest dating from 1579. These showed how Bampton changed and grew over the centuries and fascinated our many visitors.

The party mood was in full swing from 10.00 am. We had visitors from the Crediton Museum and History Society, representatives from Tiverton Museum and

Visit Mid Devon, local groups and local people who have supported us from the beginning. We had a visit from Jonathan Hill, a former Bampton shop owner and creator of a mini heritage collection. Jonathan donated his whole collection to us after he retired and he not only spent time viewing the displays but also brought two new items to donate.

By evening, the celebration swapped from tea and coffee for wine and nibbles. Trustees took over the refreshment duties to give the volunteers time to enjoy themselves and mingle. Old friends were welcomed back from as far afield as Salisbury and Cardiff. Some local business owners called in to raise a glass, along with local councillors from the town, district and county councils. There were two short speeches and then plenty of time to wander around the exhibits and chat.

Judi Thomas, now Chair of Trustees, has been involved with BHVC since the initial discussions in 2011. At that early stage, a consultation was held to hear the opinion of the community of Bampton, and there were very positive responses we received. That motivation was enough to create a plan on how





the story of Bampton could be told to residents and visitors. With a successful application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the centre was opened.

Throughout the last 10 years, there have been so many visitors to Bampton who have come to the centre during their stay in town. The centre's information boards, objects, photographs, videos, quizzes (for children and adults), special events and town trails draw them in to spend time finding out more about the town.

The town's rich history is shown in many ways but one of the most important contributions to the collection is in a different form. Objects and pictures are important, but personal lives and experiences bring history to life. There has been an ongoing programme to record the voices of local people who have given the most generous gift of their own memories of growing up here, living and working locally. These stories are saved as a digital record for the future. So often these precious memories are lost and we are working hard to hear from as many residents as we can, while we still can. Memories shared tell of every aspect of life, from school times

with favourite teachers, school meals, getting to school in bad weather to visiting shops that are no longer in town.

Everyone involved with the centre is so proud of everything it has achieved in its first 10 years and they are looking forward to continuing ambition and commitment by increasing our collection and finding new ways to tell Bampton's stories.

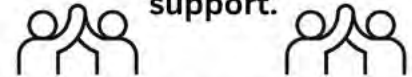
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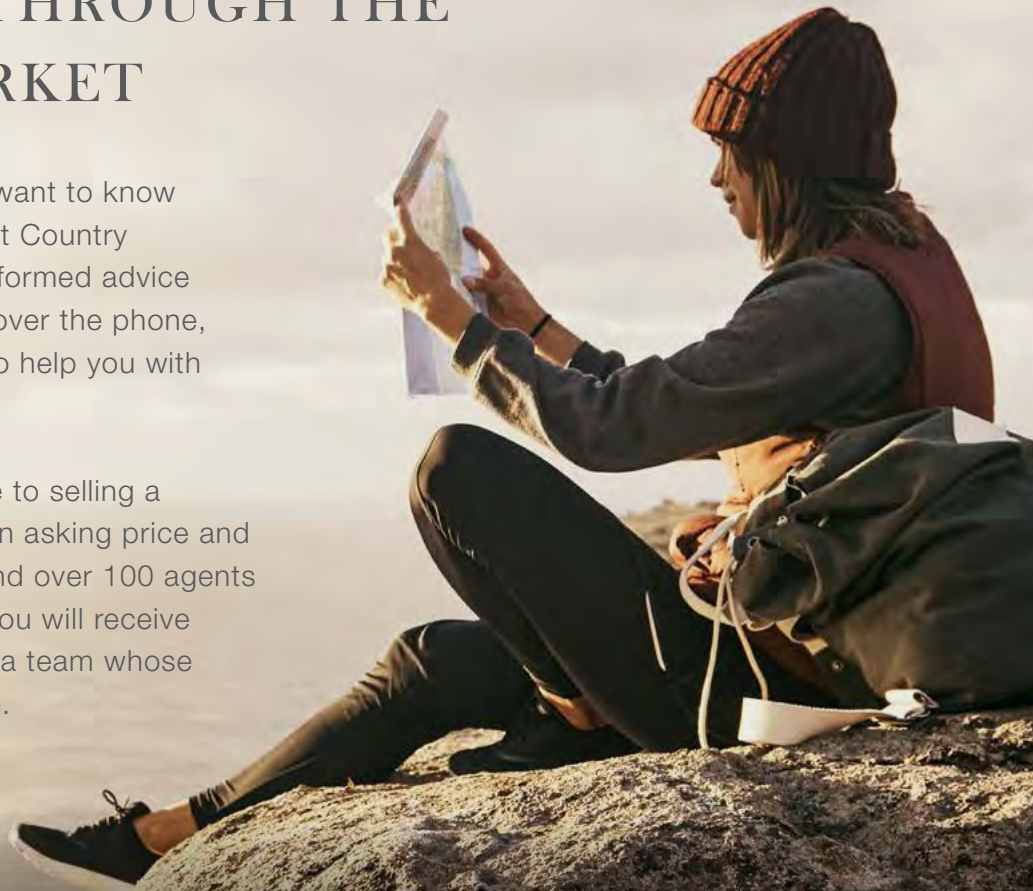
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## DULVERTON'S SECRET GARDENS

The Secret Gardens of Dulverton day on 2 July was a great success and Visit Dulverton is delighted to announce that profits from the garden visitors and cake sales have meant that a generous donation has been made to Exmoor National Park's (ENPA) CareMoor charity. Ten private gardens, across the pretty moorland town of Dulverton, were specially opened for the day and visitors were treated to unusual plants, summer colour and careful landscaping—and tea and cakes in the Town Hall of course!

Christine Dubery, Chair of Dulverton Town Council, was keen for any profits from the day to be made as a charitable donation to a local relevant cause. After discussion with the Visit Dulverton team and with the ten garden owners themselves, a donation of £1,000 was made to ENPA's CareMoor Sowing the Seeds Appeal. Christine said: "We are delighted to have been able to give back to our local community in this way—and our huge thanks to the owners of the ten gardens for kindly opening their gardens and making this a possibility. We look forward to opening more of Dulverton's 'secret' gardens to visitors next summer."

Katrina Munro, ENPA's Sustainable Economy Officer said: "Thank you so much for the donation from the Open Gardens to our Sowing the Seeds Appeal. It will help with the purchase of a new piece of specialist equipment required and the setting up of a wildflower seed nursery on ENPA land at Exford."

The ENPA website explains that meadows attract a multitude of wildlife and often support flora and

fauna that cannot thrive in other habitats. Typically characterised by species such as black knapweed, ox-eye daisy, yellow rattle, hawkbits, vetches and rarer orchids, they can also support colourful waxcap fungi with names such as parrot, snowy and crimson. In addition to being aesthetically beautiful, they are ecologically important as they provide areas for pollinating insects, nesting, food gathering, shelter and even animal courtship displays.

Like other ecosystems, meadows experience increased pressure due to climate change, especially as precipitation and weather conditions change. However, grasslands and meadows also have an important climate change mitigation potential as carbon sinks; deep-rooted grasses store a substantial amount of carbon in soil.

The ENPA has been running informative sessions about the creation of wildflower meadows, one of which was attended by Visit Dulverton volunteer, Ken Warren, who said: "The session in Simonsbath included a presentation on how to convert grassland, whether a garden lawn or many acres, into a wildflower meadow. We were shown a brush harvester, which is used to collect fresh seed from existing wildflower meadows. That seed is then used to sow potential new meadows. We then walked to nearby land where many, many acres of wildflower meadows have been created. To see meadows as some of us might remember them, was a privilege and a memorable experience."

For more information on the ENPA CareMoor Sowing the Seeds Appeal visit: [www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/caremoor/caremoor-welcome/sowing-the-seeds-appeal](http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/caremoor/caremoor-welcome/sowing-the-seeds-appeal)

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## A Dog's Day Out

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What you doing for Christmas, Honey?

"I'm planning to help in the kitchen; I can Hoover up all the food bits off the floor as she goes along."

Good idea. I watched her wiping the spiders off the cook books on the window sill the other day. She's still trying to find a recipe for the dog biscuits that had bits of liver in them. She said her Auntie Babs used to bake them and put them into old tea caddies to give to her friends at Christmastime.

"Perhaps you could help her sniff it out Buddy."

She'll never find it; long gone, Honey, been tossed out. I heard her muttering that it probably came from one of those women's weekly magazines her aunt used to read.

She's looking at that book now with a cover all crusty in old flour and sugar. There's a shopping list over there with ingredients she needs to find.

"What's cloves?"

It's an aromatic, Honey; it's going in a bread sauce she says she wants to make to go with a roast.

"This is really getting exciting. What else is on her list - what does that say?" Exmoor beeswax polish. We have to make the house smell festive and inviting as well.

"Invite in? Who's coming?"

Santa is coming, Honey. Remember, he's on his way. My shed's full of logs for the fire and our bushes are already covered in red hawthorn berries. Yippee—what more could we possibly want?

"Hercule Poirot, Buddy. He's my favourite and *The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding*." Cripes, that's another story, Honey.

***Buddy Brown (pure Jack Russell), a roving reporter***

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1 cup rolled oats

1 cup all purpose flour

half a pound of chicken livers (or beef liver) rinsed and trimmed

2 large eggs

1 tablespoon vegetable oil, or more as needed.

Method: Preheat oven 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Grease 9-inch square baking dish and line with parchment paper. Add oats to the bowl of a food processor, pulse until finely chopped, 10-15 seconds. Transfer oats to a large bowl and mix in flour. Place livers in the food processor and process until smooth 10 – 15 seconds. Add eggs and blend until well combined, about 10 secs. Add oil and process until incorporated. Add liver mixture to oat and flour mixture. Stir until well blended. Spoon into the prepared baking dish. Bake in the preheated oven until firm to the touch but not hard and crispy 30 – 40 minutes. Remove from the oven and let completely cool before cutting into 50 pieces.

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## Travels from Dulverton: Chapter 7

With a promising start in June, it seemed no sooner had summer started, once the schools broke up, than it nose-dived into a swimming pool of monotonous dreary wet days through most of July and August. At one stage, we had thought it would be fun to listen to the rain pummel the van roof as we snuggled up inside, although we never actually got round to it.

September was a different kettle of fish altogether. I celebrated my half-century in the blazing heat of a super hot summer day: sweltering top temperatures that lasted late into the evening, only to be superseded by a sudden down pour of warm rain as we walked home in the early hours. The distinctive smell of rain on warm tarmac, ‘petrichor’ from the ancient Greek word *petra* meaning rock and *ichor*, the liquid that flows in the veins of the Gods.

Getting ready to settle in for the shorter days and darker nights, we were happy and relieved to join The Bridge reopening. It’s

such an important venue for Dulverton, offering a great new menu and traditional pub charm. There has been a rumour that the skittles alley is going to be reopened—this has still not been confirmed. Interestingly, ten-pin bowling originates from the sport of skittles, Somerset County one of the trendsetters centuries ago. My boss plays regularly in a team that was set up by her grandma. The skittle alleys are

or were located in pubs, different counties having their own versions. In Dorset, they play Dorset Flop. Similar to skittles, players wear elbow and knee pads and follow through behind the ball, with their body collapsing prone to the floor head to head with the fallen skittles. There is a league; competition is serious but friendly, and keeps families and friends entertained through the winter months, enjoying a pint, a chat, and the warmth of the crackling fire at the same time.

We decided on a last blast in the van. Simonsbath is not too far away but is home to the Exmoor Forest Inn, which is self-sufficient in sourcing the finest and well treated longhorn beef and lamb from its own farm. The inn is also launching a farm shop, offering a butchery and locally produced groceries. We parked up for the night having booked a table for lunch. Matt had the most delicious cottage pie of his life, bursting with tasty, savoury beef mince, and topped with a generous portion of Parmesan-infused creamy mash. Their thrice-roasted potatoes with sorrel and garlic mayo were a triumph, as was the smoked goat’s cheese spelt risotto with toasted walnuts and spinach.

The following day we headed to Putsborough Beach on the North Devon coast at the south end of Woolacombe Beach, one of Matt’s favourite surfing haunts. The water clear, crisp, and clean; its straight-edged waves cutting along the shoreline ensured a satisfying surf upon their crest.

I have started a beekeeping course. I have been meaning to for a while so I am happy to get going. As part of this I have also started writing a blog, you can follow me at [1humanbeeing.wordpress.com](http://1humanbeeing.wordpress.com) — a combination of my beekeeping journey, the wonders of the natural world, and its magical healing powers. There are also lots of other people writing interesting content that you can follow.

So, this being the last edition of *Exmoor News* for 2023, it’s a goodbye from me, and a goodbye from him. Have a wonderful Yuletide and we’ll see you again in 2024!

**Mary Ford**

**Photos: Mathew Ford**



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