

A close-up photograph of blackberry branches. The branches are covered with clusters of berries. Some berries are dark purple/black, indicating they are ripe, while others are bright red, indicating they are unripe. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting foliage.

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As Vernon's beautiful cover picture this month will no doubt remind you, we are fast approaching autumn - though that has at times seemed unbelievable when putting this magazine together in the intense heat we have experienced at times over the past few weeks.

You will find a special feature this month with pages of beautiful photographs of some of the many events that we have had available over the past couple of months - from our very traditional and always amazing Hot Pennies and Honiton Show to our relative newcomers of Charter Day and Gate to Plate. And the villages have not been missing out either - with fetes and flower shows back where they should be on our calendar after the past couple of difficult years.

And it doesn't really seem to be stopping there - as September and October come to us, so do some really interesting events and clubs to keep us all busy - check out the What's On pages and also Around & About In Our Community.

It is so good to see so many of you responding to the close community feel that we try to maintain at all times at Honiton & Village News - just make sure you send us your stories, we will always try to find room to fit them in.

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Honiton Lace Jabot & Cuffs Returning To The House of Commons



Sir Lindsay Hoyle said he would be 'honoured' to wear an historic Honiton lace jabot and cuffs designed for the Speaker of the House of Commons at the next State Opening of Parliament.

The intricate apparel was created by local lace maker Pat Perryman back in the 1980s at the request of Speaker Sir Bernard Weatherill, a former master tailor. His successor, Betty Boothroyd, wore it proudly to meet the Queen and South African Premier Nelson Mandela - and Michael Martin continued the tradition of wearing it at special Parliamentary occasions. But when John Bercow announced his plan to swap the traditional Speaker regalia for 'a business suit' and 'simple and unfussy gown', Allhallows Museum wrote to him asking for it back so that it could be cleaned and stored. Former local MP Angela

Browning delivered the jabot and cuffs to the museum, where it has been on display ever since.

But after meeting Mrs Perryman and hearing she had spent 1,500 hours over six years creating the lace masterpieces, Sir Lindsay said he 'would be beyond proud to wear this piece of history once again'.

'To actually see the Speaker's jabot and cuffs is amazing, and I am not surprised that Speaker Weatherill was so delighted with them,' he said. 'I am honoured to meet Pat – the person who created this fantastic lace – and I feel very proud that she would like me to wear it again, which I plan to do at the next State Opening of Parliament. It will be nice to resume this tradition and bring back a piece of history to the House of Commons.'

Honiton was so proud that a Speaker would wear an item created by one of their own, 70 lacemakers paraded through the town on 23 June 1984, before the jabot was presented to Sir Bernard.

So pleased was he with Mrs Perryman's skilled handiwork, he asked her if she could make a matching pair of cuffs. Five years later, in 1989, Mrs Perryman presented Sir Bernard with the cuffs at an exhibition entitled Lace as Art in Fairfield Halls Croydon, where he was an MP.

Pat said she was 'very pleased' that Sir Lindsay was so interested in her skills. 'I will feel very proud when he wears the lace,' she said. 'It's nice to think that it's going to be used again after quite a few years.'

New MP for Tiverton and Honiton, Richard Foord, looks likely to be the one who has the responsibility of returning the cuffs and jabot to the Speaker's House. 'The people of Devon are really proud of their heritage. I know that people in our part of Devon will be ever so pleased to see Mr Speaker wearing their celebrated lace once again,' he said.

Museum curator Margaret Lewis said the lacemakers of Honiton had been 'very disappointed' when the jabot and cuffs were returned in 2009. 'It was a source of pride to them, and to the town, that we had created a very special part of the Speaker's robes that would only be worn on State occasions,' she said.

Designed by Tom Griffiths, a Honiton County Secondary School art teacher and artist, the jabot features a rose, thistle, shamrock and daffodil on the top layer – to represent the four nations of the United Kingdom. The lower layer depicts a sprig of Honiton honeysuckle, two otters to represent the river that flows through the town, and local landmark Dumpdon Hill.

This particular type of lace, which is made on a pillow with bobbins, became fashionable after Queen Victoria used it for her wedding dress.

Mrs Perryman only became interested in this intricate kind of weaving after her husband, Derek, encouraged her to take up a night-class as a break from caring for their children, who were then in primary school.

'It was a decision that changed our lives, because I ended up travelling the world, from New York to Australia, teaching people how to make this very special type of lace,' she said.



Bertie Keeps His Cool



Hello! My name is Bertie and as a young Working Cocker Spaniel I am one very lucky pooch. I live in a beautiful valley near Honiton, and Hembury Fort is my castle.

Phew what a scorcher, especially for a young active furry dog like me! I must say we have been living life in the slow lane at Bertie HQ and even my furless humans are employing all sorts of ways to keep cool.

Our walkies are before breakfast and then again after tea, which suits me fine with plenty of snoozles to be had in between. We each have a fan on our beds to waft cool air our way (the female human has the largest fan which she says is to do with her age, something that I don't understand) and for a real treat they have an ice lolly and I get a lovely crunchy frozen carrot – totally doggylishious.

If outside, we stay in the shade and my new favourite game is called "apple rolling". I can choose an apple from the tree and then I roll it down the bank of our little stream and pop in after it to pick it out, have a little swim around and then do the whole thing all over again - what fab fun.

This week we had a little 6 year old human come and stay, he was great to play with especially as he did not mind getting in the water with me to splish, splosh, splash around catching the apples. A medal was presented for the best throw of an apple which I was a tad disappointed not to win as I would have looked super splendid with it hanging around my neck – it was awarded to the human pup though, which was fair do's as he is a pretty ace cricket player so gets plenty of throwing practice (even though one of his apples ended up stuck in a tree, but I won't mention that).

I am trying not to get too excited as my girlfriend Maisie the beautiful Black Lab is coming to stay with her human pups. I have told you about Maisie before, she is so cool there are practically icicles dropping off her fur even on the hottest of days; I try my best to be like her but at the end of the day I just have to accept I am "me" in all my scruffy, waggy, naughtiness. Hey maybe with a bit of clever PR I can promote "scruffy is the new cool" - what do you think?

More next month when I may have a bit of news to share with you!

We Are Looking For Governors To Help Support Local Health Services

"I see myself as a lifelong learner and enjoy a bit of a challenge so this fits perfectly for me, with the added bonus of getting to meet new people."

Heather Penwarden
Public Governor for the Eastern Constituency



We are looking for people to join our Trust in a special voluntary role.

In September, members of the public can stand as a candidate for election as one of the Trust's Governors. Our Governors play a vitally important role by providing a direct connection between the Trust, the community we serve and our partners. Governors have a unique opportunity to work closely with some of the most senior people in the organisation. They have specific responsibilities, particularly to appoint and hold to account the Non-Executive Directors, who hold positions on the Board of Directors. Governors do this by hearing from the Trust's leaders and asking questions to further understand how the organisation is run and considers the interests of public and staff in the decisions made.

Governors have a wide variety of experiences and backgrounds, and don't need to have any health experience. What they share is a passion for championing the interests of patients and staff, and supporting local health services to be the best they can be for patients and the public.

Current Governor Heather Penwarden said: "As a reasonably new retiree, the role of Governor helps to keep me mentally stimulated. I see myself as a lifelong learner and enjoy a bit of a challenge so this fits perfectly for me with the added bonus of getting to meet new people, be part of a team and to keep actively engaged with my interest in how our health and care is delivered within the organisation of the NHS."

Dame Shan Morgan, Chair of the Royal Devon, said: "As we continue to recover from the pandemic, it is more vital than ever before that the views of our staff, patients and the public we serve influence the decisions we make. We are looking for people with all kinds of experiences and backgrounds to consider putting themselves forward for the role and to take part in the next election. If you think you have something to offer, we want to hear from you."

Terms of office of one, two and three years are available. Nominations open on Monday 12 September. For more information about being a Governor, including an introductory guide for those interested in being a Governor, FAQs and details on requesting a nomination pack, get in touch. Email the communications and engagement team at rde-tr.royaldevonmembers@nhs.net or contact Heather on penwarden@btinternet.com for an informal chat about the role.

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Farway Methodist Chapel Celebrates 125 Years



Members of Farway Methodist Chapel have just celebrated their 125th Anniversary. Actually it's the 127th but Covid prohibited celebrating earlier.

Chapel steward Gerald Phillips outlined the history of the Chapel at a recent Celebratory Songs of Praise.

In 1893 a London architect was instructed to build three identical chapels - Farway, Otterton and Colaton Raleigh - with a tight budget to save costs.

Farway Chapel was built on the site of a derelict house and was opened in 1895 and of the three is the only one still in use for worship, the other two having been converted into houses. In 1957 the organ was purchased from Beer Congregational church and installed for an all-in

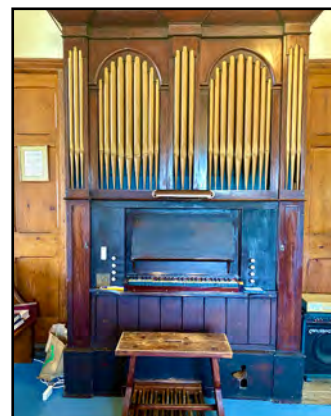
cost of £200. The organ has dummy pipes in the front and the real ones behind it.

Records show that William Baily, the father of Pearl and John who attended the 125th Celebration, was christened in the Chapel in 1902 and his sister Annie and George Wood were the first couple to be married there.

In the early 1960's Frank Lee had the insight for the need of a car park. He purchased the two fields surrounding the Chapel to form the current car park which was dedicated to his memory after his death in 1968.

To this day the Chapel maintains a family tradition as probably 95% of those attending the Celebration are related.

The Chapel has regular Sunday Services and is part of the Exeter Coast and Country Methodist Circuit, and hope, with God's guidance to continue celebrating worship for years to come.



David Lee, Chapel Steward, whose father provided the Chapel car park



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Nature Notes

by Vernon Whitlock

Splosh, Crash and Splash



The deadline for copy for my Nature Notes got ever nearer and I'd no idea what to write!

I always hope that something will happen at the last moment to prompt a suitable

theme. Several topics were started but every one ended up in the waste bin. Giving up for the evening I decided to see what I could come up with the next morning and as the bins were being collected the next morning I went to put them out ready on the pavement. As I moved the last one, there, pressed up against the wall, was a bright green frog. I had my subject of the month!

Earlier in the week I had given a short talk to the University of the Third Age (U3A) Nature Study Group at Feniton. The following discussion with the enthusiastic and knowledgeable group ranged over many subjects, one of which was - what might have happened to all the tadpoles that filled the member's pond at the beginning of the year? The answer is that most tadpoles became meals for blackbirds, dragonfly larvae, and the tadpole's worst enemy, the numerous newts, which hunt them down in packs.

Wildlife in general have one of two strategies when raising the next generation. They either produce a small number and spend time and effort nurturing them to ensure their survival or produce large numbers and hope that a few will survive. In the case of frogs they each lay between 1,500 and 3,000 eggs or frogspawn. In general not much more than 1% survive into adulthood, which is good news for me as I had about 15 clumps in my small garden pond and the idea of wading through a mass of frogs to get to my garden shed just does not appeal. The frog I found behind my recycling bin was obviously one of the lucky 1% and so I wanted to make sure it survived.

As I moved the bin my frog pressed tight up against the garden wall and pretended it wasn't there, hoping I wouldn't notice. As my bins are kept on the patio and the main garden and pond are up a couple of steps, which the frog was unlikely to negotiate, I decided to stage a rescue mission!

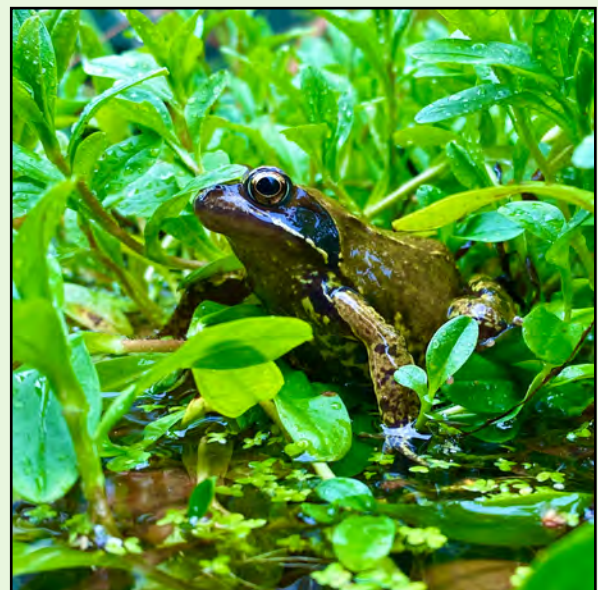
The obvious solution was to grab the frog in my hands and safely deposit it in the pond, but the idea of grabbing the slimy amphibian and containing in my palms somehow just did not appeal, so after taking a quick photo on my phone I wandered up to the shed to get my pond net.

Happily it stayed in place until I came back, but it was when I crouched down to catch it that the fun began. I managed to get the net within a few inches when it suddenly jumped away, in turn making me jump back in surprise!

A chase ensued around the patio with several capture attempts, each resulting in failure. Eventually it decided to crawl underneath the water butt where I managed to contain it, capture it in my net and safely deposit in my pond with a satisfying Splosh!

Having got excited by seeing my first frog in the garden since they spawned in early March, later that evening I went out into the garden to check there was enough food for the hedgehogs that visit every night. Walking across the patio the first thing I saw was a young newt. Using a dustpan and brush I easily managed to rescue it and return it to the pond. Walking back across the patio, to my surprise there it was again - my frog had returned! Rushing up to the shed to collect the pond net and torch, I returned to find my frog had disappeared again! With torch in mouth I started searching in the corners and underneath the patio bench until I found it back underneath the water butt. There I was poised, ready to make the capture, when all of a sudden there was a tremendous Crash!

Looking around I saw that my neighbour's cat had somehow managed to fall off my garden fence, bounce off the compost bin and land awkwardly in the flower bed before quickly scrambling away with what seemed to be a sense of embarrassment. Turning back to my frog, yes, of course it had it disappeared, but after a short search I found it and coached it into the net safely depositing it, this time, in the top corner of the pond with an even more satisfying Splash! Back indoors I got out my laptop, reflected on what was actually a very enjoyable wildlife adventure and started writing up my Nature Notes.



(A belated thank you to Chris Grady for the use of his photos of a beaver and wildfowl in last month's magazine.)

View From The Tower - St Andrew Apostle & Martyr, Broadhembury



The Ramblings Of Gertie From Gittisham

Long gone are the days when I was known as 'Gearbox Gertie' riding my moped up over Hembury Fort hill and down and along all the way to Willand to meet up with my dear cousin Gilby and his "Mrs 'Er". (I might add here that 'Gearbox Gertie' was a great improvement on my sister's characternym - 'Birdi - Buckerell's-Best-Buxom-Bellied-Bike'. (How she came by this name I really don't know given that she could never get her balance on anything with two wheels.)

Nowadays though, I prefer to travel more sedately by motor car; yet me, Gilby and his "Mrs 'Er" date back to those halcyon days of our youth, when we enjoyed many a happy hour supping cider in 'The Awliscombe' at six new pence a pint. Gilby and his "Mrs 'Er" have always enjoyed the simple pleasures of life in the harmonious company of each other. Mind you, they both know the meaning of hard work - long hours of toil and effort. The rewards are there for all to see in their beautifully kept cottage and garden and if, dear reader, you are invited to sup at their table . . . well, what a splendid feast you will find spread before you and all home made. I know of a little maid who thought a visit over Willand way for afternoon tea the highlight of her year, what with the sandwiches with so many delicious fillings, both savoury and sweet - their home grown rhubarb and ginger jam an absolute must on a doorstep of home baked bread. Between them they have raised six strapping sons - lovely boys and all of them quite capable of eating a washing up bowl of boiled new potatoes drenched in golden butter and not a spare inch of flesh on any of them. Why is this? you may well ask and the answer is because old Gilby and his "Mrs 'Er" raised the boys in a similar fashion to an article I chanced upon in Longman's Magazine, which was first published in October 1887:

'Now, the way they made their boys hardy was to let them roll about on the ground with naked legs and bare head from morn to night, from June till December, from January till June. The rain fell on their heads, and they played on wet grass to their knees . . . They went to work while they were still children. At half-past three in the morning they were on their way to the farm cowsheds . . .'

"Mrs 'Er" is a farmer's daughter and her six sons were always 'up farm', often found doing such mundane tasks as cleaning out the cowsheds, wheeling barrows of dung and picking up stones from the newly ploughed and dragged fields. Back-breaking work and all before a day spent bowed over their school desks. And tough - my goodness weren't those boys tough, both in mind and spirit. I was visiting one afternoon and two, the oldest two, burst into the front parlour where Gilby, Mrs 'Er and me

were sitting partaking of a refreshing glass of bubbling elderflower cordial and a delicious slice of seed cake (both home-made, of course).

"Mother! Father! - you needs to git busy and make some space in the freezer. "Their faces were all aglow and lighted up with excitement and exertion. Apparently, they had been hedging and ditching in some far flung field, when they heard a squeal of brakes and a soft thud. The poor driver responsible for this occurrence had inadvertently driven into and killed a male yearling deer, no doubt driven from the ran-gale by its mother afraid of a bit of inbreeding. The lads lugged the body back home and, with the supervision of Gilby, the poor animal was skinned and jointed and in the freezer by midnight. Such are the ways of the countryside.

Reflecting on these young lads, although all are now in their thirties and forties, caused me to think of other such men, indeed my neighbours, who all had and have the same strength of mind and spirit, and are again true countrymen through and through. Preferring to be out working in all wind and weathers and, after a full day's strenuous work, tilling their own large gardens till nightfall. They think nothing of running over a bit of rough timber with bare calloused hands on the frostiest of mornings repairing an old shed. Should you get a puncture in your car tyre - well, who needs a jack? Two men of such calibre will hold the side of the car above ground while another will change the wheel and all completed in a twinkling of one of their merry eyes. Quoting once more from Longman's Magazine 1887:

'If a man's work that he has done all the days of his life could be collected and piled up around him in visible shape, what a vast mound there would be beside some! If each act or stroke was represented, say by a brick, (my neighbours) would stand the day before their ending by the side of a monument as high as a pyramid.. . . Our modern people train their sons to strength by football, jumping and what are called athletic exercises . . . but there is no real strength gained, no hardihood built up. Without hardihood it is of little avail to be able to jump an inch farther that somebody else. Hardihood is the true test, hardihood is the ideal, . . .'

I'm just saying that if such a man of this quality were to pass from this life - what a poorer world we would live in. And if such a man were to die, then I can think of no greater tribute to be sung during the 'Time of Reflection' at his funeral, than that most apt anthem 'I am a Cider Drinker' by The Wurzels - a sacred homage to a giant of a Devonian countryman.



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A Walk From Colestocks To Hembury Fort & Back - All Tracks And Quiet Lanes

by Chris Harwood

Map OS Explorer 115 – Exmouth & Sidmouth. 1:25000.

6.9 Miles

Wonderful walking on long, deep green lanes and byways, very quiet country roads and providing spectacular views, especially from Hembury Fort. Some slight uphill but nothing to worry about. Can be muddy in wet weather - boots advisable! Wander up and around Hembury Hill Fort Iron Age camp.



Drive to Colestocks, via Feniton, and leave on the Hembury Fort Road at Blueball Cross. Immediately on your left is a layby suitable for parking (Grid Ref ST 092 008). Walk back into Colestocks and just on the bend move left on the Cheriton road. In just over a kilometre of walking on a very quiet lane, bear left at the junction on the Hembury Fort Road and pass through Lower Cheriton. Follow the road around until it turns very sharply left. On this corner, move straight ahead onto the very inviting green byway.

For a few metres, could be called Owl Lane, you are on a made-up surface and then you enter a truly beautiful green lane. It goes on and on and on through trees, mosses, flowers and high grassy banks. It is dropping downhill all the time and follows a deep watercourse on the right. Probably in winter this lane

could be wet and a wee bit muddy so good boots would be the order of the day. But in spring and summer it offers a magical world.

After some distance you will come to what looks like a divergence of track but really a move to the right would drop down into the watercourse so (and there is a slightly worn Public Bridleway sign) continue to the left and up into open pasture. Continue between the two fences, moving around the field, and continue on the stony track for quite some way. Again, this continues to be a wonderful track with masses of vegetation but slightly wider and more open than your journey so far. Eventually, a narrow tarmac lane! Curscombe Cross and a farm complex.

Move left up the road for a couple of hundred metres and the road surface gives way to a wide-open stony track. Again, incredible views and lush vegetation. This track is stony and well maintained. In parts it is open, giving views for many miles around – BUT slightly uphill! Soon Hembury Fort in the shape of a tree covered hill becomes apparent up in the distance. Alas, the end of the track comes too soon, and it meets the narrow road just before a main road junction. At the main road, move right uphill with care (the road is quite busy) and very soon look for the Public Footpath on the left hand side of the road (opposite the layby). Take this and wander up on to the historic site of Hembury Hill Fort. Good information board here. Well worth a potter around – especially great views along the eastern edge.

Retrace your steps back to the main road and turn right downhill. In about 300 metres on this awful road, and opposite some old brick gateposts, move right on to the sanctuary of the very quiet lane to Broadhembury. Wandering downhill you will come soon to Beer Farm. Here, left into the farm lane and just in front of the farm buildings bear left on to the good stony track, passing a small campsite on your right. Stay on this track for about 400 meters and at the main road – again care – cross over to the road in front of you. Views, hedgerows, flowers – everything you could wish for.

Now, all on the quietest lanes you could wish for, move left at Uggaton Cross (unnamed at the time of writing but signed to Upton) and pass through the hamlet of Upton, left at Mousehole Cross (where did that name come from?) and finally right at Spence Cross and all downhill, well, almost all, to your waiting vehicle at Colestocks.



Chris, who lives in Talaton, has been a keen walker and mountaineer all his life, enjoying hikes throughout the UK and abroad. He has written 3 books describing the scenic wonders of East Devon, the Tale Valley and beyond. His informal and approachable style encourages all to get out and explore. "Great Walks in East Devon", "More Great Walks in East Devon" and "Great Walks around Ottery St Mary" are on sale at Talaton's Community Shop, Whimble Stores and the Curious Otter Bookshop in Ottery St Mary.

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Gardening for Hot Summers

by Andrea Rye, Combe Garden Centre

This summer has certainly been a long scorcher and if future summers are similar, we will all be watching how much water we use in the garden. Minimising the effects of long, very hot summers is on the minds of most gardeners but luckily there are a number of things we can do to help our gardens remain beautiful and the soil to retain moisture.

Help the soil



Mulching is something we should all do for a variety of reasons. A good, thick mulch of organic matter that is rich in nutrients helps our plants grow healthily and produce better flowers and fruits, not to mention fight off pests and diseases; mulch helps keep down undesirable weeds, stops the soil eroding and helps it retain moisture. If you

want to enrich the soil and keep the water in it, use a thick mulch of well-rotted manure with a sprinkling of 6X Fibrous Fertiliser underneath it; do this after a good lot of rain and your soil will retain the moisture better and have enough nutrients for the next season. Things like bark and leaf mould will keep the weeds down, retain moisture and, as they rot, improve the structure of the soil but for a good feed as well, use manure and 6X. If you can, mulch twice a year, once in spring after frost has passed (this is the time to add the 6X) and again in autumn after rain (try adding bone meal under this mulch for root development).

Be smart with water

If you don't already have some, think about getting some water butts where you can store rain water. If you need to water, instead of little and often give the soil a good soak once a week; this will do your plants a lot more good than a little bit daily. If you switch to a biodegradable washing up liquid you can reuse your washing up water, especially on pots. And if you can put in the effort, and have a house whose dimensions allow it, leave the plug in when you shower and after a bath, try to use environmentally friendly shower products (Sanex Zero is a great one that completely breaks down in the soil but there are many available) and use a long hose pipe to siphon the water into containers and watering cans which you can then put on your garden. A friend of mine does this and while it does seem a little extreme at first, not only does it make you think about what chemicals we are using on our bodies and flushing down the drains but it means that you are not spending any money at all on water for the garden as a bath goes a very long way! Just be careful sucking the end of the hose to get the water flowing, I have laughed at my friend getting a face full of water several times.

Make use of shade

If you have a lot of plants in pots try moving them to shadier spots during extreme heat. This makes a huge difference to how much water will evaporate from them and how much the plants will drink trying to stay cool. If you grow veg in grow bags in full sun, consider moving

these too; several people I know with south facing gardens had their tomato plants die because their roots in the bags were so badly cooked by the sunlight and heat. You can also use tall and sturdier plants in your beds to protect delicate, heat hating crops like lettuce. Organise your veg so that a row of sweetcorn or beans or sweet peas shade the more delicate things

Change your planting

One long term way to keep the watering to a minimum is switching to drought tolerant plants. This is a hard thing to ask anyone who loves their plants! I would rather risk a face full of bath water regularly, looking like a crazy woman to the neighbours, than give up my gorgeous herbaceous perennials but if needs must there are many styles of planting that are better suited to drought. And for those of us who can't bear to change our garden style thankfully there are many beautiful plants that are not so demanding in terms of water once their roots are established in the soil. Here are some more drought tolerant plants for different styles to try if you don't already have them in your garden.

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Perovskia - late season flowering with lovely mauve flowers that attract honey bees.

Mediterranean

Santolina - they love the dry and smell wonderful, try the variety "Lemon Fizz" for a variation in colour.

English Lavender - smells fantastic, it's evergreen and loved by bees

Rosemary - practically bomb proof, can be used in cooking and flowers early so an important spring nectar source.

Thyme - flowers profusely, smells divine when disturbed and will enhance your herb collection

Low maintenance shrubs

Nandina - this evergreen always looks good. They have delicate cream flowers and they come in varieties with hints of red or lime yellow. They tolerate the heat but hate sharp cold winds.

Olearia - a great all-rounder. Evergreen, tolerant of wind, salt and dryness; and it flowers profusely. Try this for a hedge instead of boring laurel.

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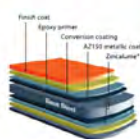
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Doctor, Doctor!

by Martin Long

In an age of online or telephone consultations, it is easy to forget just how fundamental the relationship between patients and their GP has been to the success of the National Health Service since 1948. If you live in Honiton, you are probably lucky enough to be registered at the excellent local surgery. And if you are, like me, you will have benefited from the continuity of care that comes from getting to know your doctor over many years.

If we look back into Honiton's past, there are many other doctors who have made their mark on the town, although not all perhaps would have coped with the incredible workloads experienced by our hard-pressed GPs, especially in recent times.

For many years, 106 High Street was occupied by a succession of local surgeons. One such was William Woodward, who practised in the town for 30 years until 1859. Like many in his profession, it is believed that he restricted his work to patients who lived in and around the town. And, of course, this was a time before a welfare state, so only patients who could afford his fee of five shillings a consultation were able to avail themselves of his services.

For that, however, you did not expect to receive cutting edge treatment. Woodward's patients could reckon on being bled for all manner of ailments, to say nothing of the application of leeches.

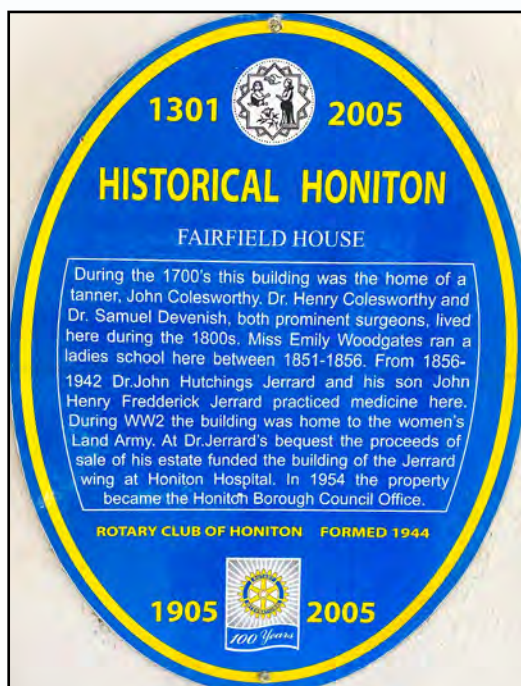
Thankfully, much had changed by the time the last doctor to occupy these premises, Dr. Steele-Perkins, moved out at the beginning of the twentieth century, with treatment becoming, shall we say, rather more enlightened and scientific. However, not to the extent that universal free health care was still anything but a distant pipe dream.

However, some things had certainly not changed. Just as Dr. Woodward had more than enough time on his hands to become a town alderman for eleven years, and to be elected Mayor in 1850, Dr. Steele-Perkins was a keen and very active member of the local golf club. His son was perhaps made of more determined stuff, for he became a Surgeon Vice Admiral who latterly served on the Royal Yacht Britannia.

Further up the High Street, at Number 66, once lived Dr. Edward Holland. The building was later to become the Headmaster's House for Allhallows School but in 1835 it was occupied by Dr. Holland and his wife Henrietta. Among other roles, he was one of the surgeons attending inmates at the town's workhouse. What made this unusual for the time, and one might say even today, was that Edward Holland was a practitioner of homeopathy.

His work was, to say the least, controversial. In 1850 the Poor Law Commissioners ordered him to stop using homeopathy to treat inmates, saying that his methods were "not recognised by the constituted medical authorities" of the time. Eventually he was dismissed from his post and he left the town for Norfolk, and later Bath.

Better known perhaps among Honiton's famous doctors is Dr. Jerrard, or rather a whole dynasty of Dr. Jerrards. Among these were John Clapcott Jerrard, and his son, John Hutchings Jerrard, both of whom lived in Carlton House on the High Street. You will not be surprised to know that J.C. Jerrard also took a leading role in the civic life of the town, becoming town mayor, an alderman and councillor.



It was J.H. Jerrard who later moved to Fairfield House in New Street, where a blue plaque marks the family's connection to the town. His son Henry soon followed in the family tradition and, after going to school at Allhallows, trained to be a doctor. It was Henry who donated land on his death that was sold to fund the wing of the hospital that bears his name.

Let's end with the local medical man whose impact has been probably the longest-lasting. Thomas Marwood settled in Honiton at the age of seventy. He was born in Colyton in around 1512 from a North Devon family. He studied medicine at Padua in modern Italy.

When he moved to Honiton, he still had a famous career at court ahead of him, when he was summoned to court to treat Queen Elizabeth's then favourite, the Earl of Essex, probably on the recommendation of one of the Courtneys, who were Earls of Devon and Lords of the Manor of Honiton.

When he died in 1617, Marwood left land and property to support the poor of the town. Indeed, the fund that benefited from some of that land is still at work today, as Honiton United Charities.

Postcards & Stamps At Chilcotts

by Liz Chilcott

Do you have a collection of postcards or stamps? Do you know someone who has a collection of postcards or stamps? The likelihood is that you would answer "Yes" to at least one of these questions.

Collecting postcards and/or stamps is a long established popular pastime; in the late 19th and early 20th centuries photographers would take interesting photographs, for example of local charabanc or train crashes, and then print them to sell as postcards; these are known as 'Real Photographic' or 'RP' cards.

Stamp collecting, or Philately as it is more properly known, was associated with gaining geographical knowledge, especially of the far-flung parts of the British Empire. Today, the Chinese government is said to encourage stamp collecting by setting up school clubs – it is seen as an academic and aspirational hobby.

Early 20th century RP Postcards continue to be popular in the UK with images of unusual or historic events commanding a premium among postcard collectors; local subjects appeal to local buyers – the postcard pictured was among a sought-after collection that was sold at Chilcotts.

Stamps are still collected, particularly among the older generation in Britain, but also by Indian and Chinese buyers.

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What's On - Beehive Bouncing Back After Sizzling Hot Summer

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Now we prepare for a busy autumn filled with some fab films, theatre and gigs. Hopefully there's something for all tastes, please do check out our website for full details www.beehivehoniton.co.uk

We'll be showing the National Theatre production of Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing'(12A) 'A summer getaway on stage, Simon Godwin's *Much Ado about Nothing* blazes with sultry Latin flare. Set in the Hotel Messina, it is an ice-cold cocktail of comedy, sumptuous performances, and all the luxurious elegance of the Italian Riviera.' *The Independent* 4****. On Thursday 8th September at 7pm.

Due to popular demand, we shall also be showing 'Prima Facie' again on Friday 23rd after Jodie Comer's gobsmackingly amazing performance! If you missed it, now is your chance to see it.

On Saturday 17th Olivia Colman stars in 'Joyride' (15) a charming Irish comedy drama - Joy goes on an adventure to give away her newborn baby. Joined by a cheeky street urchin, they are two diamonds in the rough who are on the run.

Our Royal Opera House Screenings begin with 'Madama Butterfly', Puccini's heart rending opera about a young geisha who falls for an American naval officer. Thursday 29th at 7.15pm.

There's a great choice of live music with a wonderful tribute to the The Eagles with The Alter Eagles on Saturday 10th September. We welcome the return of the legendary guitarist and song writer Albert Lee with his brilliant band on Saturday 24th and then on Friday 30th we have 'Drop in the Ocean' supported by 'The Dilly Boys'. If you haven't seen these two acts then stir your stumps and come along, they are great!! Both bands are very different and have been busy touring festivals through the summer delighting audiences with their joyful exuberance; be ready to dance to Drop in The Ocean, this young band really know how to get the crowd moving! (there will be some seating for this standing gig).

We are also very excited to have 10 musicians from The Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra performing 'Homelands' ,a short early evening concert, on Saturday 1st October at 6pm with a really lovely programme.

Music from the Upper West Side to deepest Somerset with BSO's Principal Brass and Wind players. Journey to New York with Bernstein, Amelie's Paris with Yann Tiersen, and rural England with Vaughan Williams and The Wellerman in this relaxed and friendly concert, introduced by a BSO Presenter.

Enjoy the sunshine and we all look forward to seeing you soon! Wendy & The Beehive team.

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Honiton u3a has just launched the autumn programme of speakers for its monthly meetings, held at the Beehive.

There is something for everybody, with subjects ranging from kayaking to the history of the BBC.

The season is due to start on Wednesday September 21st with a talk by Gerald Seaman, the distinguished author of a history of Russian music. He will be talking about how he met the composer Shostakovich, and about the time he spent in Soviet-era Russia. He also promises to tell the story of how he "nearly became James Bond." This talk is subject to confirmation nearer the date.

On October 19th, Ian Barclay will be speaking about the BBC, as it continues to celebrate its centenary. Ian will give a brief history of the earliest days of wireless and broadcast technology, the formation of the BBC and its later development. With the BBC now facing many challenges, it is a good moment to reflect on the corporation's journey to occupying such a central place in the country's life.

The final talk in the autumn programme is on November 16th, when the speaker will be Rupert Kirkwood, known as The Lone Kayaker. Rupert worked as a farm vet in West Devon for thirty-three years but had to take early retirement due to injury. He now spends as much time as possible paddling his kayak around the coast of South West England, observing and photographing the amazing animals he encounters, including porpoises, puffins, sharks and even swimming deer.

All talks are held at The Beehive, and start at 2pm. Doors open at 1.30pm. Visitors are welcome to attend in return for a £2 donation. Refreshments are available after the meeting.

This September, u3a nationally is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Members will be showcasing the activity, learning and fun which take place in u3as across the country every day. As well as the monthly talks, Honiton u3a members enjoy at least 30 different activity groups, ranging from poetry reading to wine-tasting, photography to crochet, and from discussing current affairs to appreciating nature.

To find out more about Honiton u3a and how to join, look at the website: u3asites.org.uk/honiton

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What's On



The new season of the Arts Society Honiton begins on Tuesday October 11th with a lecture by the writer and BBC radio broadcaster Gavin Plumley. 'The Two Gustavs: Mahler and Klimt' explores the links between the great musician and painter who were influential in Vienna at the end of the 19th century.

Our other lectures include 'Hockney, old master of the modern world', 'Women in Art, Gentileschi to Emin', 'Art and Architecture along the Silk Road' and 'The market for antiques in the UK today, or Why no one wants to buy your wardrobe anymore...!'

The Arts Society Honiton meets at The Beehive at 2pm on the second Tuesday of the month from October to June for original and entertaining lectures from renowned speakers. The February lecture in 2023 will be on the first Tuesday, however, as the Beehive stage will be being used for the pantomime on our usual day.

Formerly known as NADFAS, The Arts Society supports its local societies by providing a directory of lectures and ensures that the quality of their talks is maintained. They also provide a wealth of online material and an excellent magazine for members. The local society in Honiton was formed over 30 years ago and it gives people with an interest in the arts an opportunity to develop this and also go on visits to places which might not be generally open to the public. This summer there has been a trip to Chideock Manor gardens with another planned to Tiverton Castle in September. We also organise regular social events such as the very successful evening at Chilcotts Auctioneers when members were able to take part in a quiz based on items in the saleroom. The Christmas lunch will be at The Victoria Hotel in Sidmouth again this year.

The Honiton Society is always keen to welcome new members. Each of our members will be able to bring a guest to one of the lectures which would be of particular interest to them during the year so that they can see what we have on offer. People are also able to come to individual lectures as guests by paying on the door.

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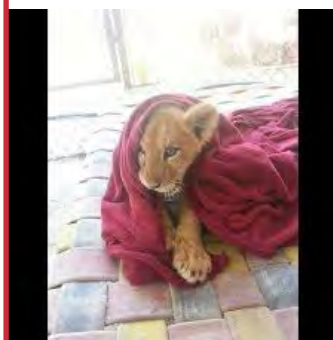
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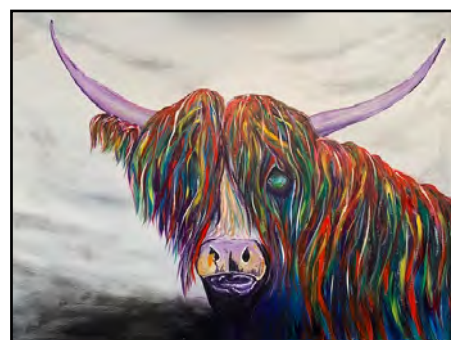
Rosemary's new work is displayed in a studio environment, large and small abstract paintings in acrylic and oil, collages, figurative drawings and cards available.



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For other local artists including 5 Artists @ Feniton see the Devon Open Studios website www.devonopenstudios.co.uk or pick up a brochure/programme from the Thelma Hulbert Gallery and other local outlets.

The Benefits Of Hiring A Good Dog Walker

by Jude Davidson

I get asked sometimes why people don't walk their own dogs and they sometimes hint that owners that use dog walkers are lazy.

Anything but - most of my customers are incredibly focused, hard working and dedicated people with a good work/life balance. Most of them use me on a regular basis, maybe one to three days a week when they work, and some employ me not because they need me but because they want their dog to have their own friends, be away from their owners (to prevent separation anxiety) and learn some good outdoor dog skills in a natural wild environment.

Providing customers with the latest canine information and sending top tip videos can really help with training, diet, mental stimulation and anything else dog-related and they know they can always talk to me about any problems they're having or ask me for advice. I have a mine of great information that I love sharing so, on that note alone, they know they have good support.



One of the most important aspects for me when it comes to dog walking is giving my customers' dogs great outdoor habits and behaviours which makes their lives easier, and also providing a guide on best practices when meeting other dogs and people. This ensures they aren't going to get into any trouble when they go walking on the beach, parks, in the country or on Dartmoor and having the peace of mind that they know their dogs are not only going to ignore other dogs but recall brilliantly.

The dogs I walk get a fun, stimulating and people-focused walk to prevent dog obsession and looking for their own entertainment. My main objective is to not only keep the dogs I walk safe and fear free but other dogs and people I see along the way too. Having six dogs running towards you can be very daunting so I take my responsibilities really seriously and it's really lovely to see other dog owners treating us respectfully and giving us room so we can keep together. It's all about being respectful at the end of the day.

Dog walkers are a great back up too in case things go wrong or you need someone to pop in and rescue your dog if you're stuck on the road or in work. Some of us offer holiday cover too.

My view is, and of course I'm biased, that the best owners have a good dog walker to help guide them through their dog's best life.

If you want to find out how to find the best dog walker visit parklifehoniton.com and go to the blog section.



Jude Davidson is an award winning dog walker and cat sitter who also loves writing dog blogs. She lives in Honiton with her cat Lunar and her dog Elsa and is the owner of Park Life Honiton which she started 5 years ago.

Jude has honed her walks into activities-based wilderness trails, designed for gun dogs to improve their focus, socialisation, general health and happiness in the beautiful Blackdown Hills. She provides top tip videos, lovely photography, stories and information to her customers so they can be part of the fun too.

To join the Park Life Wilderness Club or for more information

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Did You Know?

The Jack Russell is a Devon breed of dog, originally bred by Reverend John Russell of Dartmouth, who came from a hunting family and wanted to find a hard working breed of terrier which would nip and worry a fox to the point that it would bolt from its den and take its chances above ground.

It is said that in 1819, whilst studying at Oxford, he spotted a little white terrier with dark tan spots over her eyes, ears and at the tip of her tail, owned by a local milkman. Russell bought the dog and 'Trump' was crossed with a Devon hunt terrier to create the famous Jack Russell breed.

John Russell was a founding member of The Kennel Club.



When my parents took a chance and made the decision to move their Business from Sidmouth to Honiton, many people told them they were crazy! But they saw the potential and the town proved them right.

The incredible and unwavering support the town has shown us is something very special. We have always tried hard to return that support by looking after those who come into our shop and by raising money for charity. Every year we come up with some hair raising new challenge, (which normally involves us getting either very muddy, very wet or having blisters!) and each time you all dig deep and sponsor us.



This September marks 30 years of Alan Rowe Barbering being open in Honiton. So what better way to celebrate, than in our usual fashion of setting ourselves a challenge! On Sunday 4th September Paula, Sally and I will be aiming to walk 30 miles in under 8 hours, all to raise much needed funds for Honiton's very own Admiral Nurse for Dementia. Admiral Nurses are specialist dementia nurses that provide one to one support, expert guidance and practical solutions to support families and people with dementia through the most complex of situations.

Honiton is very fortunate to have an Admiral Nurse and we hope you will join us in supporting their extremely worthy work within the town.

We're privileged to have been a part of so many of your lives, experiencing the highs and the lows beside you. Although Alan and Pauline are now retired, they will always be incredibly special to what the shop stands for. Having laid the foundations for Sally, Paula and I to carry on what they started. The ethos of the shop will never change, and in truth we wouldn't want it to.

For we really are "As much a community as a Barbershop".



Our Summer - In Our Villages



Dalwood Fair

Great fun was had by all at Dalwood Fair in August.



Cotleigh Village Fete



Cotleigh village fete was held a few weeks ago for the first time in three years and a great time was had by all. Profit from the event raised over £2400 for local charities. The

flower, produce and craft show had a bumper number of entries and the Best In Show Cup was won by Charlotte Broom.

Gillian's famous cream teas were lapped up all afternoon.

Thanks to all who turned up, helped, volunteered, gave prizes and other wares; and to those who brought along their military and other vintage vehicles.

Also to Littletown Primary Academy Choir for entertaining us all.

Next years fete will be held on Saturday 15th July 2023



The 60th Upottery Flower and Vegetable Show

The Show was back following a 2 year sabbatical, with many new and returning participants. Teas were on offer with homemade cakes generously donated, plus a fun raffle. The event raised over £800 and the committee would like to thank all those who took part and the many who attended on the day plus the advertisers to make the show a great success.



Our Summer - Charter Day In Honiton



Our Summer - Honiton Hot Pennies



Our Summer - Honiton Show



Our Summer - Honiton Gate To Plate



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Book Review

by John Burgess

The Shortest History Of Germany by James Hawes



Being woefully ignorant of the history of every country but my own I thought I should read this history of Germany, particularly as it claims to be the shortest.

The author takes the dividing line of the River Elbe as the key focal point of German history, from the Romans through to the present day. During the centuries this line represented in turn the separation of the power of Rome in the West from the Slavic hordes in the East, the

Catholic west & south from the Protestant east and the nationalist, militarist Prussia in the east from the democracies to the west.

UK children find understanding history tricky, or perhaps boring - I certainly did, but at least the sea is a fixed border, and the reigns of Kings and Queens, and the lives of major figures are confined within a relatively small island. Pity then the German children who have to deal with the whole land mass of central Europe and a multitude of shifting borders, together with 3-way power struggles between the Emperor, the Electors (not electorate!) and the Pope. Add to the mix the changing alliances and aggression from all the neighbours and a country that wasn't even a country until 1871, and you could forgive any German child from throwing in the towel.

They need not despair, all they need is James Hawes as their guide. His book picks its way at great speed through the mess and brings order out of chaos in just over 200 pages, aided by over 100 maps and images. Above all it makes one realise yet again how the ordinary lives of the hoi polloi (you and me) meant almost nothing to the rulers and the rich.

The book has helpful, simple equations, such as:

Theory: radical belief in change through conflict + Practice: worship of state power = The perfect philosophy for extremists of both left and right.

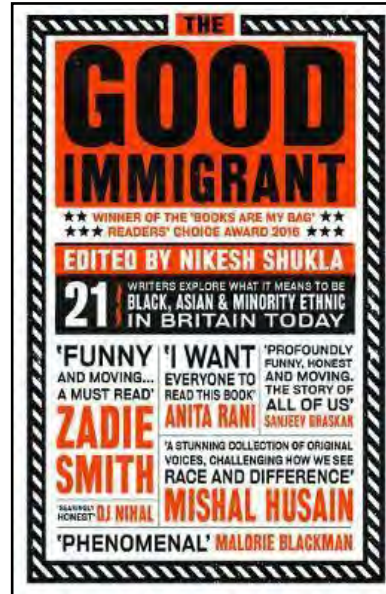
At the end of WWII when Germany was partitioned, yes you've guessed it, along the line of the Elbe, the map looked uncannily like the map of 814CE, at the death of Charlemagne.

The author studied German at Hertford College, Oxford and UCL, and held lectureships in German, and has certainly helped this very ignorant layman fill in some of the yawning gaps in his knowledge. It was a quick, easy read and was also an important reminder that our UK-centric view of history creates a distorting lens that should be cast aside in order to see more clearly the mass

of humanity beyond our shores as individuals engaged in the same ups and downs of life as ourselves, rather than as foreigners who want a slice of our cake.

Which leads me on to:

The Good Immigrant edited by Nikesh Shukla



In this compelling book our own history and society are in the spotlight. It puts us in the shoes of those who feel they don't belong and are not accepted in the UK and the shoes are not a good fit.

As this reviewer says: "The stories are sometimes funny, sometimes brutal, always honest ... if I could, I'd push a copy of this through the letter box of every front door in Britain." (*Independent*)

How does it feel to be constantly regarded as a potential threat, strip-searched at every airport? Or be told that, as an actress, the part you're most fitted to play is 'wife of a terrorist'? How does it feel to hear a child of colour say in a classroom that stories can only be about white people? How does it feel to always tick 'Other'?

This is a collection of 21 exciting black, Asian and minority ethnic voices emerging in Britain today, *The Good Immigrant* explores why immigrants come to the UK, why they stay and what it means to be 'other' in a country that doesn't seem to want you.

Inspired by discussion around why society appears to see people of colour as bad immigrants – job stealers, benefit scroungers, undeserving refugees – until, by winning Olympic races or baking good cakes, or being conscientious doctors, they cross over and become "Good Immigrants".

Salena Godden is a British poet, performer and author living in London. Here is how she finishes her essay "Shade"

"Human colour is the colour I'm truly interested in, the colour of your humanity. May the size of your heart and the depth of your soul be your currency. Welcome aboard my Good Ship. Let us sail to the colourful island of mixed identity. You can eat from the cooking pot of mixed culture and bathe in the cool shade of being mixed-race. There is no need for a passport. There are no borders. We are all citizens of the world. Whatever shade you are, bring your light, bring your colour, bring your music and your books, your stories and your histories, and climb aboard. There is no stopping time, nor the blurring of lines or the blending of shades. With a spirit of hope I leave you now. I drink to our sameness and to our unique differences."

Honiton Is A Station In Bloom For The Community



On July 22nd members of The Friends of Honiton Station (FOHS) welcomed judges from the Stations In Bloom competition on a visit to celebrate the work being done to enhance the station. Organisers said that the event being held across large sections of the South Western Railway (SWR) network "is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate volunteer efforts and initiatives which have turned stations into welcoming spaces for rail users and visitors."

The main focus of the visit was the official launch of an exciting partnership between The Friends of Honiton Station and a number of Honiton-based community groups. Each group has produced a piece of original art work on the front of one of the planters on the station, with a small plaque next to it telling visitors about the work each group does to support our community.

The Chairman of The Friends of Honiton Station, Martin Long, said, "Our ambition is that the station should be firmly at the heart of the town and everything that it does. And one of our key aims is to support Honiton as a health-promoting town."

The project was inspired by FOHS member Councillor Jenny Brown, who has worked hard to bring it about. Councillor Brown said, "The past two years have made it more important than ever that we do everything we can to support people's mental and emotional health. And this initiative is one more way in which we can do our bit in achieving that."

The groups taking part are: Honiton Health Matters, Honiton Carers, #BroCheck, Parental Minds, Honiton Scouts, Honiton Carnival Club, The Beehive, and Open Arms East Devon. Volunteers from each group will be caring for their planters, keeping the plants watered, doing some weeding and adding new plants when the planters need refreshing.

The judges also visited the station waiting room, which has recently been refurbished by SWR, and saw the display on the history of the station. The judges were given copies of a free booklet written by the Chairman of FOHS that accompanies the display. They also saw the community display board in the station car park, which gives local groups the opportunity to advertise their events to passengers.

Photograph shows Planter adopted by Honiton Health Matters

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Exploring Gate To Plate

by Kate Baxter

Last weekend Honiton Gate to Plate, a Food Festival, came to the High Street. I had planned to take Emily and Nancy along to the event, but after a busy week they both seemed happy pottering about in the garden and going on their balance bikes, so I left them to it and sneaked off on my own for a few hours.

When I got there, I was glad they weren't there - although there were no cars, there were lots of people and things to look at and it would have been quite difficult to keep hold of them!

It's probably never a good idea to go to a food festival when very hungry, and it probably explains why I came back with a very full (and heavy) shopping basket! There was lots to choose from and every stall seemed to be very busy.

The food came from across the West Country (quite a lot seemed to be from Somerset). There were cider and flavoured gin stalls (not for me), lots of cheese, different types of meats and hams, hot puddings such as churros and melted chocolate (extremely tempting), homeware goods such as beeswax 'clingfilm' and delicious looking bakery products.

I tried some excellent strong cheddar, which was good enough to convince me to make my first purchase. Once the purse strings were open, it was somewhat of a one way street to spending. Although you can usually find me in Honiton charity shops trying to find bargains for the kids,

I found out today that I'm quite partial to buying nice food...especially when I don't have a child pulling at my legs or asking for a biscuit!

I bought some nduja and waited a very long time whilst the stall holder explained how to use it in complicated sounding stews, on baked fish with capers or roasted vegetables. I didn't like to tell him that most likely I will simply spread it on my cheese on toast! I also bought three traditional steamed puddings (I can claim those as presents for my husband I think!) and some jars of unusual condiments, including apple crumble tomato ketchup. My most expensive purchase was a 1kg piece of local venison. At £13 it was quite pricey, but as a family we're trying to eat less meat but buy better quality meat when we do eat it. Emily is taking a real interest in farming and where our meat comes from, so this would be a good conversation starter.

After sitting down for a drink and then having one final wander up through the stalls, I headed back to Gittisham with my purchases.

The next day I cooked the venison in the slow cooker (cheaper to run than an oven, apparently) with lots of chopped vegetables. The meat was really tender and well-cooked, so the girls enjoyed it. The next day the left over meat was put into a stir-fry for supper and then finally it made two sandwiches for George and I. So we stretched it as far as we could!



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Around & About In Our Community



Local Support For Hospiscare

Fortescue Masonic Lodge



Fortescue Lodge were able to make a donation of £300 to Hospiscare in July after they organised a curry night in the Honiton Masonic Hall.

The event was attended by 38 people who gave generously on the night.

Homelace House

Firstpoint residents all came together recently, holding a fundraising Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale in the grounds and lounge of Homelace House at Kings St, Honiton

Tremain Close, Fairfield Gardens and Homelace House are Developments run by House managers Lyn Dyer, Sue Anthony and Aziza Godfrey; all three coordinated the fundraising event with the help of the residents.

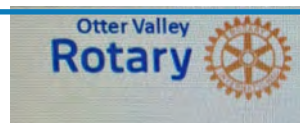


The residents had been busy over the past few months making cakes, savouries, marmalades, crafts and knitted items to sell at the event raising vital funds. The local Otter Vale Hospiscare ladies, known as "The Magpies",

attended. The group to date have raised over £22,000

Other local crafters were Christine Thompson and Wendy Chaffey attended with homemade craft items such as quilts, cushions, reversible dresses.

Honiton Twirlstars made an appearance. Troop leader Dawn Endicott and all the girls gave a wonderful demonstration that showed off their skills.



Rotary is made up of men and women from all walks of life. We have members from Ottery St Mary, Honiton, West Hill, Exmouth and Cranbrook. We welcome individual and corporate members to our club. The group meets weekly on a Tuesday evening at The Tumbling Weir in Ottery St Mary at 7.30pm; The meeting starts with a 2 course meal. We have a speaker, fellowship or a business meeting which starts around 8.30pm, you do not have to dine if you prefer not to.

Recent talks

We had a fascinating talk from retired BBC weather forecaster Nick Graham who talked about how forecasting had evolved over the last 100 years. On the day of the talk the highest ever temperature recorded in the UK was 40.3C.

Honiton Repair Cafe - Co-founder of The Repair Cafe, Miriam Thomas, told us how the Repair Cafe started, that they had now had 2 successful Cafes with people bringing a variety of things for repair, such as wooden toys, computers, clothing etc. Their ethos is recycle, repair and reuse. There is a monthly repair cafe, held on the 3rd Saturday of every month, next one is September 15th

Hospiscare - Ottery boules club hosted a charity event to raise money for this wonderful charity, some members participated in the event and had a great time.

Future talks

27th September 2022 - A talk from Katherine Austin, on Bicton College



Honiton Show

We were kept extremely busy at the car parks and giving out wristbands at the Honiton Show. It was a very hot day but the public came out in their droves. It was lovely to meet so many of you.

Devon and Cornwall Community Raffle

Our Community Raffle tickets for 2022 are now being organised, so it's time to get in touch to get yours! Open to any charity, voluntary or community group in Devon, Cornwall or the Isles of Scilly. Contact details can be found on the raffle website: <https://dcrcr.org.uk/> or contact Mike Huxtable from Honiton mthuxtable@aol.com

If you, your organisation, school or charity needs funds, please contact our Secretary Caroline, ct1959@hotmail.co.uk, we consider all applications.

Around & About In Our Community



Hello readers here we are in September and the nights are pulling in and summer is almost over!

Our Classic Car show went well in July with seventy plus vehicles attending. The winner of the pre 1970 cars was a 1959 Austin Healey 3000 Mk1 owned by a Mr Mike Huish and from the Seventies onward the winners were Keith and Victoria Evans' 1970 Ford 1600 E.

Both winners received a bottle of whisky. Thanks must go to Paul Richards (Paul Richards Motors) and Stuart Manvell (SCS Porsche) for judging this event.

Our ladies Ann, Linda and Sheila did an excellent job on the plant, jewellery and almost anything stall, raising over £300 which will go back into the local community.

We were pleased to present cheques to Hospiscare and Cancer Research at the end of July following our Mole Screening Day with each recipient receiving £600. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

In August we were at the Honiton Hill Rally with our membership stall and selling tickets for our forthcoming autumn draw and publicising our Message in a Bottle scheme.

Our local Zone 1 Lions, which consists of Axminster, Budleigh Salterton, Seaton, Sidmouth and of course us in Honiton, has a Zone project which all five clubs are supporting this year; it is The Culvert Trust Exmoor and Devon Rape Crisis Centre in Exeter. Our contribution was £500.

Presentation has not yet taken place.

Please give me a ring if you would like to find out more about Lions on 01404 43738



Picture left to right , Lion Dave Rickard, Briony Gotch (CRUK), Lion President Brian Richards, Toni Hiscox (Hospiscare) Lion Tom Boucher

Synergi SW Scoop Award



Upton based plumbing and heating company Synergi SW are delighted to have scooped 'Best Plumbing Maintenance & Repairs Company, South West England' in the 2022 BUILD Magazine Construction and Engineering Awards.

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Synergi's Office Manager Ameana Saunders said, "This award is a testament to our team of engineers and office support staff who have all worked so hard over the past year. We strive to go above and beyond, with customer satisfaction at the centre of everything we do, so we are delighted to have been recognised by BUILD's judges as the best in the South West."



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Honiton Mayor Making



Cllrs Serena Sexton and Helen Hurford were returned as Mayor and Deputy in a ceremony conducted by the Town Crier, Dave Retter, and the Clerk, Stephen Hill.

One of the themes was the focus on the youth of Honiton, with the Community College, Scouts and Air Cadets

being mentioned in the outgoing Mayor's speech and a short oration being made by a Sixth Form student from the college. Another student presented the Mayor's consort with a cheque as a donation to Diabetes UK. The focus on youth will continue with the establishment of a Youth Council, among other priorities set by the Council.

The Mayor was also presented with a new Honiton Lace jabot for the Mayor's ceremonial robes from Pat Perryman, alongside two personal gifts of brooches containing lace for both the Mayor and Deputy.

The Mayor thanked all those involved in the successful celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Charter Day and Hot Pennies events, as well as the consultation day regarding the future use of the Beehive Community Centre, and also thanked the Council staff for all their hard work towards making Honiton a town to be proud of.

Around & About In Our Community

Starting A Repair Café for Honiton

Honiton Repair Café is now up and running. For several years the residents of Honiton have been saying 'a repair café is just what Honiton needs'. On 18th June it became a reality.

The principle of the Repair Café Foundation was started in Amsterdam in 2009 on the principles of Reuse, Recycle and Repair not Refuse - it is now a world-wide organisation.

The first item that arrived was a generator; three of our repairers worked together and got it working - we were off to a stunning success.

All the repairers were quickly occupied except our bicycle repairer - by the second Repair Café he was in demand.

In one of our sessions a lovely story emerged. A lady brought in a jewellery box. The box had been made by the owner's grandfather who, having lost his right hand in the First World War, was taught woodwork to help him be able to use his left hand. After being passed down the generations, sad to say the repairers could not mend it - but the lady was so impressed by our efforts she gave us a very generous donation.

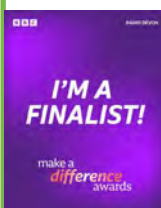
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Honiton Carers

In August Honiton Carers enjoyed a session of Laughter Yoga with Sue Haswell from Dawlish. This was something completely different to anything else we have ever experienced before and for some totally out of their comfort zone. However, that was the whole idea of the session. Sue worked extremely hard at being super silly and encouraged us all to let our hair down and to try various ways of laughing. Sue explained that the brain registers a laugh whether it is a natural one or a fake one, enabling the endorphins to be released to give us a feel good factor which is extremely beneficial to us all.

Sue taught us how to breathe yoga style making loud noises when breathing out. She had us playing dinosaurs and lots of other games 5 year olds would have been delighted to engage in, but fun it all was. We finished off with playing our various pretend instruments making the appropriate movement and various noises to complete a full band.

If you would like to know more about our carers group please contact Winnie on winniekjaer@btinternet.com or telephone 07974 636926



Honiton Carers have been shortlisted as a finalist for the BBC Devon Make A Difference Awards - and we wish them every success

Honiton Memory Cafe Amblers

Honiton Memory Cafe Amblers meet once a month for a walk and natter.

They love being outdoors in the fresh air, getting exercise whilst chatting to friends and noticing the seasons as they pass by.

This month the group enjoyed visiting a local garden where they heard about the history of the house, enjoyed a wander around to admire all the plants, trees and shrubs and then were treated to a lovely tea with homemade cakes.

What could be better than that and grateful thanks were given Roderick and Valentine, their kindhearted and welcoming hosts

Photo by David Smyth



Wingsuit Competition At Dunkeswell

In August three wingsuiters competed in the wingsuiting competition, Buzz the Well 2022. The competition consisted of a total 6 wingsuit skydives each flying as fast as possible in a straight line within a 1,000 metre vertical competition window from up to 1.5 miles away back to the drop zone at Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell. Top speed was 218.50 kmph (135.7 mph) with an average competition speed of 188.7kmph (117.25 mph).

1st Mike Williams, 2nd Chris Teear, 3rd Colin Preece



It's Just So Difficult To Get Proper Information About Energy Costs

by Chris Doran

By the time you read this we may have a better idea about energy costs and know what financial help is planned for this winter. The basic cost of energy we use may have been kept down to April levels or the help for vulnerable people may have increased. What we know for sure is that energy costs are never going to be cheap again, so we need to plan to save energy now.

Households with storage heaters and immersion water heaters who need to get help to understand future costs could find a relation, friend or neighbour to help read the meter, understand the storage heater controls and minimise (or eliminate) immersion heater use.

If your energy company says your payments should be over £300 per month don't panic, seek help.

Ring FOR FREE ADVICE on 0800 772 3617 leave your name and telephone number, they will call you back.

Ring East Devon Council on 01395 571770.

Ring your energy company and ask to pay what you can afford until you get help planning your budget.

Visit Honiton Advice Service at the Library on Monday and Thursday.

Ask TRIP, ask at the Library, ask a friendly electrician about other forms of hot water and heating.

The decision about THE CAP PRICE does not necessarily tell us what our future annual bills will actually be. For a large home with five occupants and no energy saving measures, the bill for the next twelve months is based on typical use 13,000 kwh of gas and 4000 kwh of electric. For a frugal family with insulation everywhere, solar panels and a robust energy saving plan, their bill could be based on using 9,000 kwh of gas and 2500 kwh of electric. The first household might pay over £4500 a year, whereas the second could have bills of 65% of that figure.



A Few Simple Rules for Energy Saving

Know how to read your meter and how to understand where energy is being used.

Learn how to read your bill. Set a target of energy reduction for the year and (if you're brave or confident) reduce your direct debit to the energy company. THE ENERGY COMPANY CAN'T FORCE YOU TO PAY THEIR ESTIMATE.

Don't use a bath if you have a shower. Shower for 4 minutes using eco settings if available.

Have your gas boiler serviced and give your central heating system an MOT by flushing out the sludge, checking the timer, the programme, the thermostats on every radiator.

If you have them, set room thermostat at 18 degrees if not in use and 21 degrees if in use.

Try to avoid using the tumble dryer.

If you have a hot water tank set the thermostat, if applicable, to 60 degrees. Check the timer.

Turn off the lights when you leave the room. Use energy saving light bulbs.

Don't leave appliances on stand-by.

Make sure your washing machine or dishwasher is full and on eco setting before every use.

Only boil the water you need.

Save water wherever possible.

Noel Frederick Augustus Page-Turner DL

6th May 1934 - 8th August 2022

Noel Page-Turner lived and farmed in Luppitt near Honiton for 61 years. He was a great servant to the wider community in Devon.

He successfully re-established The Royal Devon Yeomanry after it had been mothballed by Defence cuts in the early 1970's. He commanded the Royal Devon Yeomanry & was its Honorary Colonel and was second in command of the Royal Wessex Yeomanry, just under 12 years of combined service. He was a general commissioner of Income Tax for the Axminster Division. He was Governor of Honiton Community College for 20 years and Chairman for 14 years. Chairman of the Honiton Festival, Vice Chairman and President of Honiton District Agricultural Association. President of the Honiton Chamber of commerce. He was a long-term Chairman of the Luppitt Commoners and Chair of the regional Wolsey Lodge.

Perhaps his most rewarding act of service was his role with the Northbrooke Community Trust which provides financial assistance to children's charities in Devon. Noel, with his dedication as a Trustee and Chair of the Finance Committee, helped to transform the financial fortunes of the Trust which is now able to give more help to changing the lives of disadvantaged young people in Devon.

Perhaps the pinnacle of all his public service in Devon was his appointment as a life serving Deputy Lieutenant of Devon and his year serving as High Sheriff of Devon in 1997.

He also organized a collection of Native Devon apple trees as a gift from the People of Devon to Her Majesty the Queen to mark her Golden Jubilee in 2002. The Orchard was planted at Sandringham.



A Memorial Service will take place at St Marys Church Luppitt at 2.15 pm on Thursday 27th October.

Details Layzell Funeral Directors 01404 44646 Email :jrl1928@gmail.com

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