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I always think that June is the month when we begin to look forward to summer - the sun makes more and more of an appearance during May (hopefully!) and suddenly gardens are ablaze with colour, people seem to have more of a spring in their step, and events just keep on coming.

Once again, there is so much to look forward to and do this month as can be seen by the ever-growing pages of What's On in the middle of the magazine. Whatever your interest and taste there is something for everyone in this area (and the season has only just begun).

Let's be honest, May was slightly frantic - a Coronation, local elections, three bank holidays - and flooding. We are as pleased as ever to share your memories of a very momentous month and hope that if you were affected by the awful weather, things are improving for you and you are safe and well.

If you are staying local this month, enjoy what we have in this lovely part of the world - and if you are going away on holiday, come on home soon.



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Memory Cafe Celebrates Coronation



The Devon arts charity Villages in Action has been producing a community connecting project in Honiton and part of it was a wonderful Coronation crafting session held on Thursday 4th May at the Memory Café.



As a celebration for King Charles' Coronation, the tables were adorned with gorgeous red, white and blue flower arrangements made by Georgette. Many of us wore red, white and blue too - with a few sporting a regal crown as well. The hall was beautifully bedecked with Union Jack bunting.

There was a wonderful slide show of the Queen's Coronation, compiled by Ian our projectionist and many fond memories were relayed by some who brought in personal mementos from that day in 1953.

Vernon was our official photographer and Claire did all the preparation and demonstrated how to make our special Coronation brooches with various additional ribbons and sparkles according to our taste.

By the time the wonderful volunteers served tea and Dave and Avril had cut the amazing Coronation cake and shared it with everyone we had all made our very splendid brooches.

As a fantastic finale to the afternoon Clare from The Liberty Sisters trio came to sing some fabulous numbers from the 40's and 50's encouraging us to join her, which we enthusiastically did.

One thing is for sure the Honiton Memory Café crowd really know how to celebrate!!!



Nature Notes

by Vernon Whitlock

Goodbye Ralph

I counted sixty five but I'm told the record was eighty five. It's just a couple of months ago that Honiton and district lost one of its well known characters when Ralph Aris sadly died near his home at Offwell at the age of 87.



If you don't recognise him from his name I'm sure you will recognise him from his tractor, or rather the back of it as you crawled along in the queue of traffic he inevitably attracted. The week before he died I was driving back from Offwell to Honiton when Ralph was driving in the opposite direction. I counted sixty five vehicles slowly trailing along behind him, but I'm told by his neighbour David that Ralph prided himself on the queues he created and that he thought the record was eighty five!

I had known Ralph from when I first moved to Honiton in 1975. At that time he was living in a caravan on Dunkeswell Airfield and got involved with the Royal Marines when they used the site for training prior to postings to Northern Ireland. Since then he has lived in caravans and worked on farms around Honiton before spending his final years at Bluebell Lane, Offwell. He always sported a broad grin and a friendly wave and his Zetor tractor was a thing of legends.

The same weekend that Ralph died I attended a lichen identification course at Nettlecombe Court in Somerset. The enthusiastic trainer talked about the species that can often be found within a few metres of our homes and mentioned how she was proud of the lichens that she had allowed to accumulate on her car roof. In last month's Nature Notes I talked about 'epiphytes', plants that grow on trees. I don't think that there is a similar name for plants that grow on vehicles, but Ralph's tractor provided a home for

numerous species of lichen and moss that had made their home on his ancient machine.

Whilst mosses can find homes in soil and debris that build up on the wheel arches and other areas on our vehicles, lichens do not get their nutrients from soil and use a surface, or in Ralph's case his tractor's window rubber, merely as a hold fast, obtaining all their energy from sunlight.

As I learnt from the course, lichens are a combination of two organisms, fungi and algae. The fungi provide the structure and the form which surrounds the algae, which through photosynthesis provides the energy that the lichen needs to grow and expand. Besides the problem of getting your head around that process, another down side of studying lichens is that they do not have any common names. So whilst you may get to slowly identify a few species at a time, remembering their names is another thing altogether.

Fortunately for those like myself who wish to pursue their interest, the Field Studies Centres (FSC), who ran my course at Nettlecombe Court, produce a full colour fold-out weatherproof guide to 'Common Urban Lichens', which includes species you can find on soil, stone and other hard surfaces. This also includes the lichens you are likely to find on old cars or, as in Ralph's case, tractors.

The other upside of studying lichens is that you don't need to buy expensive kit to pursue your study. Besides your FSC guide all you need is a hand lens which can be purchased from as little as £10 - or if you want one with built in illumination then it is around £45. By holding the lens to your eye and getting up close, you will be transported into the fascinating intricate micro world of lichens.

With the help of Ralph's neighbour David, I was able to take a photo of the rear of Ralph's tractor, which I'm sure many of you will recognise. I was also able to take photos of the many lichens that grew in profusion around the cab windows. All I need to do now is to pour through my FSC guide to see if I can ID them and learn their scientific names.



For me the fascination with nature is that you can find it everywhere. I've currently got at least three species of spider living in my house along with flies, woodlice and the occasional slug that somehow manages to find its way in. It's difficult sticking to the study of one thing, but for now I'm committed to lichens. Maybe.

Having written these notes I'm settling down to see if I can identify what I found in the nooks and crannies of the Zetor tractor and at the same time recalling the memory of the local characters we have lost over the last few years.

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Designer Planting

by Andrea Rye, Combe Garden Centre

Now that spring is here and we are all seeing losses in the garden perhaps it is time for a change. You might have lost enough plants over the winter that you have enough space to completely change your plantings. If you have moved into a new build property you might have a completely empty garden and be in need of inspiration. Or you might just fancy a colour co-ordinated and totally different look. If any of these situations applies to you, here are two designer borders that will give you incredible displays of flowers and foliage. Most of the plants listed below are readily available, some you may have to request to be ordered in by your garden centre and the few rarer varieties that are harder to come by can usually be bought online.

To ensure success you must do what I am having to do in my own garden - improve the soil (and this is done, unfortunately, by laboriously digging vast amount of good compost into your soil and working it in as deep as you can). Improving the soil is tedious and hard work but if you have heavy clay or compacted earth it really must be done if you want to be able to grow almost anything, especially gorgeous plants like Agastache and Echinacea, which need excellent drainage. Look at this hard step as future-proofing your garden to ensure that all your plants thrive. Trust me, it's worth it! When planting your plants, you can also increase their chances of growing well by pampering. Instead of just digging a hole, putting the plant in and backfilling with garden soil try this method: dig the hole several inches deeper and wider than it needs to be, fork over the hard soil at the bottom and remove some if needed, add an inch of horticultural grit, add a layer of equal parts compost and grit, add a sprinkling of mycorrhizal fungus so that it will be in direct contact with the plants roots, put the plant in and finally fill in around the plant with more 50/ 50 compost and grit and firm down but not excessively. This way of planting takes a lot longer but you will have happier plants and less losses. Now all you must do is choose from one of these beautiful planting plans!



Hot Drama - Predominantly purples, oranges, a hint of peach and reds, this is a modern scheme of plants with a whimsical look that will move wonderfully in a breeze. The interesting structures, seed heads and grasses will give you wonderful interest all through autumn and winter and be the envy of your neighbours! In early spring just cut everything back and watch it all grow again. The plant heights are listed so that you can arrange them according to the shape of the area you want to plant; if it's a round bed put tall in the middle, if it's a border put tall at the back. If you want an extra informal, slightly wildish look repeat plant the varieties and alternate where you put them, eg plant the Sanguisorba a few times in the middle, a few times at the front, or plant the Perovskia a little in the middle and a little at the back. The best positions for the plants are listed next to their height: F for front, M middle and B for back.

Angelica Gigas - Purple/red flower heads, black stems and architectural leaves. 180cm. B; **Perovskia Blue Spire** - Glaucous foliage and blue / purple flowers. 120cm. B/M; **Dierama**

Blackbird - Arching stems with purple/ burgundy bell shape flowers. 120cm. B/M; **Panicum Heavy Metal** - Silvery grey/blue leaves topped with mist like seed heads. 120cm. B/M; **Anthriscus Ravens Wing** - Black stems, purple leaves and fluffy white flowers. 1m. B/M; **Digitalis Firebird** - Perennial with peach and pink flowers on purple stems. 90cm. M; **Geum Totally Tangerine** - Tall flower spikes of orange flowers all summer. 90cm. M/F; **Echinacea Magnus** - Large purple/pink flowers. 75cm. M. Needs excellent drainage.; **Stipa Pony Tails** - Fluffy, long seed heads on very fine stems. M/F; **Achillea Pomegranate** - Burgundy /red flowers. 60cm. M. Needs good drainage.; **Salvia Caradonna** - Royal purple flowers all summer. 60cm. M/F; **Tulbaghia Silver Lace** - Grey leaves and pale lilac flowers. 60cm. M/F; **Agastache Kudo Coral** - Aromatic leaves and stunning, coral flowers. 50cm. M/F. Needs excellent drainage.; **Astrantia Moulin Rouge** - Star shaped burgundy flowers on long, purple stems. 45cm. M/F; **Sanguisorba Tanna** - Burgundy red flowers on long, pale stems. 40cm. M/F; **Monarda Balmy Purple** - Deep purple flowers that attract butterflies. 30cm. F; **Ophiopogon Nigrescens** - Evergreen, black leaves. 25cm. F



Ultimate Cottage Pastel - For this scheme mix up the plants constantly in terms of height, this fluffy look is created by a bit of chaos in terms of where you put the plants and repeat planting is essential so get 3 or 5 of each plant. Most of the herbaceous perennials are deliberately selected for their spire shaped flowering stems so that you can see all their neighbours through them. This plant list will create a pastel cottage garden look worthy of Instagram. If you want to add a little class and formality to offset the fluff, add a short hedge around it and use a compact Lavender or Box.

Thalictrum Black Stockings - Fluffy purple flowers on black stems and mid green leaves. 120cm. B/M; **Rose Iceberg** - Long flowering floribunda, pure white flowers. 90cm. M/B; **Rose Whiter Shade of Pale** - White with pink flush flowers. 90cm. B/M; **Iris germanica** - Use pink, white and pale blue types. The root needs to be slightly above soil level. 90cm. B/M; **Aquilegia White and Pink Barlow** - Compact spreaders with early, delicate flowers. 90cm. B/M; **Delphinium Magic Fountain Mix** - Regal Delphiniums in shades of white, pink and blue. 90cm. B/M; **Veronica Inspire Blue** - Bee magnet blue flowers. 60cm. M; **Campanula Taikon Blue** - Nodding blue bell flowers on thin stems. 50cm. M/F; **Lychnis Petite Jenny** - Super fluffy, candyfloss pink flowers. 40cm. M/F; **Scabiosa Blue Butterfly** - Mid blue flowers on thin stems. 40cm M/F; **Scabiosa Pink Diamonds** - Light pink flowers on thin stems. 40cm. M/F

Remember!! Read plant labels carefully so you can give them the right drainage requirements.

A special thank you to Laura, my colleague, for the artwork which was desperately needed as the actual plants are not yet in flower.

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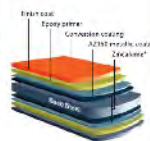
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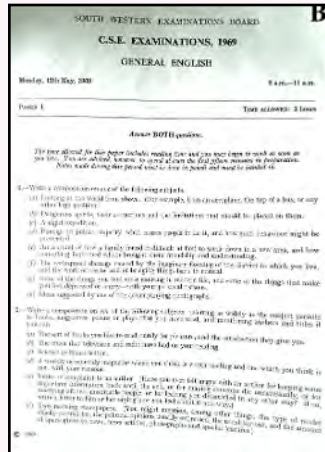
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The Ramblings Of Gertie From Gittisham

Heavenly, heavenly June – the earth has exploded with the most vibrant colours. Electrifying greens abound under a dazzling blue sky and all is well with my world. Yes -indeed that is so!

Yet, I distinctly remember trailing the pavements of Honiton High Street in 1969, scuffing



my Tuf Go Girl shoes and gazing enviously at the adult population as they busied themselves with their shopping and day-to-day tasks, carefree in a world without fear of imminent failure. Contrastingly, my feet dragged, my heart was heavy, a feeling of sickness resided in my stomach because, in spite of youth being on my side, the season of examinations was upon me and all the teachers at Honiton

Secondary Modern School had drummed it into every pupil sitting their CSE Examinations that intense preparation was essential for a lifetime of success. Without hard work and application one would most certainly fail and that would be the overshadowing threat that would brand one continually for life. Well, I ask you, how could one concentrate with all the joys of an outdoor life in Buckerell?

Casting my mind back over the years, I recognise that an hour of Maths with Mr. Tucker was an eternity, only bearable with snatching regular breaks day-dreaming of running over field and meadow to a favoured spinney, where grew the most delicious mist of bluebells, or dirt-tracking on bikes with no brakes with Brian and Roger over the banks and verges of that idyllic village, which was our playground – ours to roam and ramble to our heart's delight with little fear of adult intervention.

Reading over my words, I am poignantly reminded of the first stanza in a poem by Carla Lanyon Lanyon titled 'The Dunce' - a term I ardently hope is unfamiliar to all today's young scholars:

*That boy in the seventh row at the secondary modern
Is, as usual, not attending.
On the blackboard, the simple sums
(Glorified by the name of Mathematics)
Have no interest on a summer day, for him,
And are therefore beyond the comprehension
Of one so obviously sub-standard.*

Well, I can tell you that this girl suffered a similar fate, although my knowledge was not quite so erudite as the young man's in the poem, who knew '*which wood is burning by the smell of it/Which bird is singing by the notes it sings.*' However, when it comes to flowers I could '*lead you to wild rare orchids, wine red violets* - ' and my toys certainly were '*leaf skeletons, Oak-apples, lords-and ladies in the lane banks.*' Not a regular education by any means, yet one guaranteed to last a lifetime with the pleasures

such simple knowledge brings.

So, let us return to 1969 and the imposing school hall, with its strange smell of floor cleaner and misery, with all the tables and chairs formally set out and the menacing soft shoe shuffle of the invigilator's suede boots as he prowled the lines. Today's examination is GENERAL ENGLISH and no-one has any idea what questions will be set before this hapless victim. And there we have it – multiple choice for a composition on one of the following subjects. I need look no further than Section 1, (a) for the first hour: Looking at the world from above. (For example, from an aeroplane, the top of a bus, or any other high position.) Well, in today's parlance, 'Back of the net!' I'm off – no such thing in Buckerell for a garage mechanic's daughter as an aeroplane ride and certainly no double decker buses, but I did climb the pylon on Pound Hill corner (in the stage of construction, before all the deadly power lines were added). I had climbed right up to the third arm – the highest climbing frame in East Devon at the time and all for a dare. With Roger and Brian cheering me on, not forgetting Twilight the old dappled grey mare in the orchard opposite, step-by-step I went up those jutting out bolts until the whole of that glorious landscape was spread before me. And because of my roaming I knew intimately those woods, tracks, gaps in hedgerows and all the people living in those toy-town cottages scattered willy-nilly alongside the winding narrow lanes. And all that informed my hour long essay, which ultimately contributed to my Grade 1 pass in CSE General English. Incredible!

Skipping bravely on, ignoring my 'U' grades for Mathematics; certainly not the fault of Mr. Tucker who was an excellent teacher as many a past scholar can testify. Indeed, one phrase of his wisdom remains with me today, "You cannot be 'a cute' unless you are under 90". I have checked that fact on the Google and it is still factually accurate to this very day. However, the plague of exam fever is once more besetting the youths of 2023 and I suspect the insistence to succeed is far greater than it was for my generation, what with the added pressures of League tables and the many more complex influences pressing-in on the adolescent mind.

Teachers are now assessed on their pupils' success and so much emphasis is placed on the need to attain the highly desired '8' or '9' at GCSE, not forgetting the highly sought after A or A* at A level. Whatever the reason, for some youngsters this foolhardy, aspirational trumpery is simply not possible. Lovely young people, I feel your pain, I know your angst – look beyond the exams to how you wish to live your adult lives and please just do your best and be happy . . .



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Book Review - The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce

Reviewed by Frances Lemmer, First Assistant at Honiton Library

Working in a library we are frequently asked to recommend books and this is one title I suggest to anyone who stops still for long enough! Quite often customers request something that's a little bit different or quirky... a story that's memorable that will make them stop and think and perhaps stay with them for a while. ***The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*** fits this category perfectly.

The book first came out in 2012 and since then two more titles have been added to complete the story from the perspectives of each of the main characters. And now Harold Fry gets a new lease of life as the film version has just hit the cinema. I went to see it at the Radway in Sidmouth and Jim Broadbent plays Harold perfectly. The film was everything I hoped it would be and is a touching, inspirational and beautifully filmed tribute to the book. The Beehive in Honiton has two screenings of the film on Friday 30th June, at 2 pm and 7.30 pm.

Harold Fry is 65, living a comfortable, quiet, and unassuming life with Maureen his wife, in Kingsbridge. One day, out of the blue, he receives a letter from former colleague and friend Queenie, now in a hospice in Berwick upon Tweed. He writes a response and sets off to the nearest post box to post it. Only when he gets there, he proceeds to the next one, and the next and before he knows it, he has set off on the journey of a lifetime.

Inspired by a passing conversation with a young sales assistant in the local garage, Harold decides there and then that he'll visit Queenie in person, to "save" her, and that he'll walk all 627 miles to reach her. His journey is completely unplanned and he is unprepared for this unexpected adventure. He has no decent shoes, rucksack, food or map. He just keeps putting one foot in front of the other over 87 days to reach her.

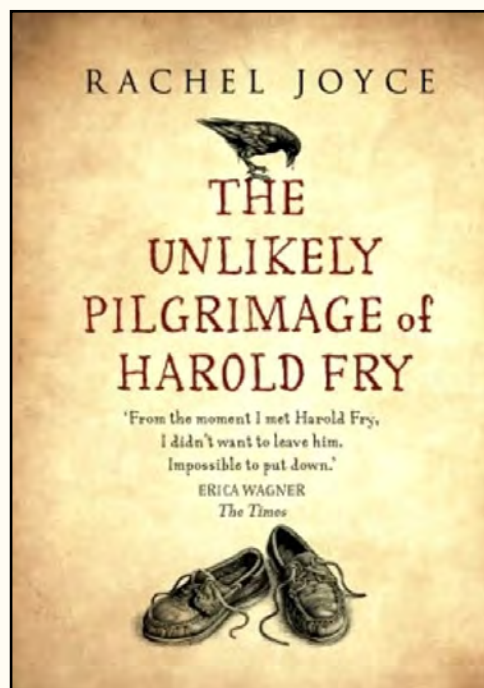
The story is truly inspiring and along the way he meets various characters and is in awe of the kindness shown to him during his journey. His journey is one of reflection over his past life and there are moments of humour and of sadness and of absolute joy. A proper rollercoaster of emotions throughout the story, beautifully written and very hard to put down. It's one of my favourite books of all time!

The Love Song of Queenie Hennessy is the sequel to Harold Fry and tells the story from Queenie's perspective. The series is neatly concluded with the third book, ***Maureen Fry and the Angel of the North***.

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

You will know from my photos what a handsome pooch I am if a bit scruffy around the edges but hey that's about living a good life. Looks can be a bit deceiving though as recently whilst on one of our regular walks someone asked my human where her other dog was.

Now as you might imagine this got my ears wagging (a spaniel can't prick their ears); what other dog? what haven't I been told? a new playmate or competition for cuddles? I did not know whether to be excited or alarmed.

Anyway, after a rather confusing conversation conducted at crossed purposes, it turns out that this human was used to seeing photos of me in the Honiton & Village News with long hair and full feathers whereas she had caught me on that day soon after a visit to Paula at the pooch parlour and thus looking all sleek and shiny with a bob cut to my ears.

Mystery solved and it's amazing the difference a good haircut can make don't you think?

Are you planning a holiday at all this year? Well thank you for asking and actually I am just back from mine. My humans went off somewhere without me, which normally would be a cause for glum faces, but oh joy of joys I got a whole week with the young humans and Maisie Moo. Boy did we have fun with loads of walks, playing in their garden and super-charged snuggles every evening and then, believe it or not, I even got to sleep with the young male human - "wowza".

Back home now and in my own bed at night but with lots of lovely memories to dream about.

Happy holidays to you too.



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Blue Peter Badge

by Martin Long

My friends and I grew up in a world whose horizons definitely seemed to be expanding. But it was also a world that we only explored second hand, mainly through television. For instance, I watched, spellbound, the grainy black and white coverage of the first moon landings. We marveled at the achievement of it, but soon also took it rather for granted, as if it were a piece of scripted drama that was bound to have a happy ending. The near-disaster of Apollo 13 came as a great shock.



However, the bread and butter of our exploration was provided by the twice-weekly episode of Blue Peter. Incredibly, this stalwart of the BBC's children's TV schedules will be 65 years old this autumn. I was reminded just what a special place Blue Peter has had on so many of our childhoods, when I sat down recently with my friends at Honiton u3a, to hear a talk given by Alex Leger, who was a producer on the show for 36 years, working with some of the most iconic presenters from John Noakes to Konnie Huq, and from Peter Duncan to Helen Skelton.

If there was one thing that I learned, it is that no-one should under-estimate the very real risks these presenters took. In a world that had not yet become paralysed by risk assessments, the presenters were expected to attempt everything from transferring from a wave-tossed small boat to a rocky lighthouse with only the barest of safety harnesses, to jumping in full military kit into a hole cut in the Arctic ice.

It came as no great surprise that Alex Leger was himself ex-military. Partly this explains his ability to persuade the high ups in the Armed Forces to allow Blue Peter presenters to take on challenges such as Janet Ellis free-fall parachuting from 20,000 feet, or Gethin Jones completing the 30 mile "yomp" at the end of the Royal Marines Green Beret training course. The courage of people like these is hard to comprehend when you think about it. When Alex was finally forced to write a risk assessment for such activities, risk number one was often simply: "The presenter may die."

I think the other thing that Alex's past explains is his can-do attitude, which thankfully seems to have communicated itself to those he worked with. Problems encountered were simply barriers to be overcome or got around. There seemed to be little that, given a huge amount of ingenuity, patience and good humour, to say nothing of huge determination and blind faith by the presenters, could not overcome.

Thus it was that we got to experience second hand things that as children we simply could not imagine taking part in. And yes, I am going to mention John Noakes again. After all I am of that age for whom John was "our" presenter, along with Valerie Singleton and Peter Purves. It was fascinating to hear Alex talk about how John's most famous and potentially deadly filming assignment came about.

The story goes that Edward Barnes, by then Deputy Head of Children's TV at the BBC, was driving past Trafalgar Square when he saw that a set of ladders was being erected up the side of Nelson's Column. With the eye of a true Blue Peter veteran, he immediately asked himself: "What is going on here? And what is in it for us?" Alex Leger was dispatched to find the answers.

Several days later saw John Noakes steadily climbing a ladder to the top of the 140-foot Column, to help clean the statue at the top, and the plinth that held it, of bird droppings. I should say at this point that John was not wearing a safety harness, and if he lost his footing would have certainly fallen to his death. And to make matters even worse, when he reached the plinth there was an awkward overhang, which meant him leaning out to an angle of 20 degrees, as he stared into space.

And yet, like the moon landings, it all seemed like nothing could go wrong. We just trusted that they knew what they were doing. Despite that, in many ways it added to the appeal when later it became more common to show the failures, the struggles and the emotional roller coasters behind these adventures. If anything, we loved them even more when it looked like it might all go wrong, and yet they still struggled on.

You won't be surprised to hear that they edited out the bit when John Noakes first reached that overhang, as his reaction was not broadcastable to an audience of children.

They simply made him do it again!

Honiton u3a organises a monthly series of talks at The Beehive. For details of how to join, see their website: u3asites.org.uk/honiton

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A View From The Hills

by Miranda Gudenian

"Reckon this weather will last 'til the weekend?" Paul asks, leaning on the garden gate on a blazing 1st of May.

Three days later, it's cold and drizzly, fog rolling across the hills. In coats and wellies, the Coronation planning team is preparing Jim and Lorna's barn and yard for Yarcombe's big celebration. Until a few days ago, barn and yard were warmed by cows but on Sunday – fingers crossed – the warmth will come from sunshine and crowds.

By the time an early grey dusk descends, trestle tables are in place, the tea urn is installed and we've hung enough bunting to fill the Mall. Oliver and Jodie with their sister Heidi (just back from Brownies and still in uniform) are setting up the skittle alley. Peter and Matthew, the electrics wizards, have rigged up lighting; now Matthew is off to Andy's to collect the generator. Jim is atop a ladder and securing an enormous Union flag on the wall. "Needs to go a bit higher," someone calls up to him.

Drizzle turns to rain as we set out dozens of chairs. "What we need," whispers Rebecca, "are bums on these seats so let's hope we get them!"

"It's saying Sunday will be dry," says Maggie, checking the latest forecast on her phone. There are murmurs of relief but it's still a nail-biter. Three months in the planning but will our Coronation celebration be a success?

Welcome mugs of tea steam in front of us as we settle down to a final committee meeting before heading home. Kate's at her laptop, making notes. "So it's going to be £2 a ticket to win the booze barrow?" Jim has scrubbed out a wheelbarrow and lined it with straw, to be piled high with bottles donated from all over the village. "I really want to win it," he says. "You're not the only one!" someone rejoinders.

On Friday evening we decorate the village hall ready for the live screening of the Coronation the following day. Afterwards, Maggie and I gather stems of camellia and rhododendron, pear branches and apple blossom from our gardens to whisk into a flower arrangement for the Church.

Hearts sing on Sunday morning when we wake to find sunshine has replaced leaden skies. Phew! At the Coronation service in Yarcombe's historic Chapel, Thelma gives a pitch-perfect sermon on community and communion that our new King would approve of. Then we're all off to the big celebration in the barn. The village is decked with bunting and scarekings (think scarecrow and make it regal); among them is Harold with an arrow in his eye, Alfred holding a recipe book, our kilted king on a stepladder cutting a hedge, and another of him wearing his No.4 polo shirt, on horseback brandishing a sceptre. Masterpieces all.



When I arrive, the barn is already packed. There are babes in arms, young couples holding hands, old men leaning on sticks, children eating ice creams. Behind the bar, Will and the Young Farmers' Club are doing a roaring trade. "Do you know who made the big cake decorated like a Union flag?" Rosemary asks me. No, but Yarcombe has lived up to its reputation for providing magnificent feasts and there's probably enough to feed all the King's troops lined up at Buckingham Palace the previous afternoon.

Time for the children's paper boat race and everyone piles down to the river to watch the fun. Next, it's the tug-of-war: "Looks like Yarcombe are winning," says Phil, squinting into the distance where two Young Farmers' clubs are battling for supremacy. Beside me, Julie is selling raffle tickets to two excited children in Union flag tee-shirts; they rush off to join the cluster forming around Katie who is handing out commemorative medals, free to every child in the Parish.

Late afternoon, and tables and chairs are pushed back to make space for barn dancing. Take your partners! The Somerset band Barnbuskers strikes up "Fiery Clockface", and in a scene that

Thomas Hardy would recognise the music goes rumpety-tumpling and the dancers weave and clap. And Do-si-do!

A break in the dancing for the raffles to be drawn, prizes for adults and children. Meanwhile, John is removing all the bottles from the booze barrow and packing them into boxes for the winner to take home. He needn't have bothered: Andrew announces the winning ticket and a huge cheer goes up - because it's Jim, who bursts out laughing and pumps the air with his fists in delight.

A chill evening wind sets the bunting fluttering and people begin to drift away. "It's been like the sort of events we used to have, years ago," several tell me as they leave. When I reach the car I stand for a moment, listening to the evening sounds of cows, watching the last rays of sunshine slant across the fields. "So when's the next big celebration?" Steve asks me. "The King's 90th birthday?" I suggest. "Come on," he says, with a laugh, "we can't wait that long."

Antiques Are Green

by Liz Chilcott

We have just had our local elections; climate change was very much a theme covered by the various candidates. We have also just learnt that East Devon District Council is one of the top five recyclers in the country - great news! The antiques shops and auction houses are also doing our bit, as are our customers.

Buying and using antique, or second hand, furniture is a way in which we can help recycle our resources. The best way to illustrate this is by an example (this can be applied to many different antiques) - the humble Windsor chair: the chair parts were made by craftsmen who lived in the woods where the materials came from. The turnings were produced on treadle-operated lathes, then parts were taken on foot to a local workshop to be assembled. From there the completed chairs would be distributed around the country by horse and cart or waterways.

The chair will have been used by generations since, and is still being sat on today. By buying this chair to use again we will have conserved our natural resources and prevented the carbon footprint of another chair being produced, a chair that possibly would have been transported all the way from the Far East.

A counter argument may be about employment. However, the chair may need to be revived and a restorer will be employed in doing this; to find a new home, it will need to be sold using the services of either a retailer or an auction house, or both.

Windsor Chairs make a regular appearance in the auctions at Chilcotts; standard 19th century examples can be bought for as little as £50 hammer price, though an average cost falls between £100 and £200; earlier, period, pieces can sell for well into the thousands.

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Up above Dalwood, the mist hung low and past the first lot of race volunteers we did go,

Down a bumpy track, meander the river and over the wobbly bridge, and on up to checkpoint 2,

The joy of forest and through the lanes of Lyme, the famous Cobb and beach huts we did roll...

On Saturday April 29th, 100 runners took part in the 4th running of the East Devon Round. This is a combination of trail running events, including the East Devon Round (65 miles and 10,000 feet of climbing), the East Devon Half Round (35 miles and 5,500 feet of climbing) and the East Devon Quarter Round (15 miles and 2,000 feet of climbing) and, new to this year, the East Devon mini Round on the Sunday morning. The East Devon Round starts at 5:30am, and the last runners were cheered into Offwell Event HQ at just after 2am the following day.

The event raises money for the Rich Wigram NZ Farming Scholarship, and is also supported by Offwell PFTA, who served-up 65 big breakfasts on the Sunday morning for hungry runners and campers. The event can only take place with the kind permission of well over 100 landowners, and is supported by a whole host of local businesses including Ganesha, Otter Brewery and Otter Dairy as well as The Ultramarathon Running Store and Supernatural Fuels. Thank you to both Honiton RC and Axe Valley Runners for your support.



For the first time ever, the East Devon Round was won by a husband and wife team, with Justin Montague running an astonishing time of 11hrs 44mins (the 3rd fastest time ever on a now longer course), with Melissa Montague winning the women's race in an equally impressive time of 14hrs 15mins. Tom Woodruff and Philip Kirk were not far behind Justin (with times of 12hrs 3mins and 12hrs 14mins to finish 2nd and 3rd respectively). Anna Drake took the honours for Honiton, finishing 2nd woman in 15hrs 26mins, with 3rd place going to Kate Small in 17hrs 58mins.

The East Devon Half Round proved as competitive as ever, with the top 3 males all within 5 mins (including two Honiton athletes – Adam Hennessey and Jonny Bennett). (1st Adam Hennessey 6hrs 22mins, 2nd Rupert Warren also 6hrs 22mins and 3rd Jonny Bennett 6hrs 27mins). Jess Watkins (Sidmouth RC), who was a questionable starter after a bug during the week, came home in 7hrs 30mins, with Jenny Lailey and Harriet Foreman joint 2nd in 7hrs 47mins.

The quarter was won by Michal Lesniak in a very rapid time of 1hr 59mins, with Andrew Shipley 2nd, and Frank McDermott and Matthew Olczak 3rd. Stephanie Wade took

the honours as 1st woman with Jill Steinberg 2nd and Jo Jones 3rd.

Sunday morning saw a crowd of 40 children taking on the East Devon mini Round complete with straw bales, cargo net and tyre run.

The final fields, they've lit the way, the most welcoming sight of the day,

One more hill, no sprint finish here, we fight into one more shuffle,

For the day is done and the East Devon Round we have all won.

For more information regarding the event (and the rest of the poem) – www.eastdevonround.com.



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Jen Shepperd - From Clothes Alterations To Mayoral Robes

by Jill Wardle

Jen Shepperd's day-to-day business may be clothing alterations and repairs, but she has some interesting tales about what inspires her and some of her more unusual commissions. Jen, a colourful, talented, and inspirational seamstress, has recently moved to larger premises in Black Lion Court in Honiton.

Jen, originally from Colyton, was encouraged from an early age by her grandma to enjoy sewing making cuddly toys and finger puppets. After several uninspiring years working in logistics and hospitality, she got a job in a fabric shop, and she realised where her love and skills really lay. She knew what her future could look like: full order books and a job that she is passionate about.

Jen loves to inspire people with their clothing choices, changing their relationship between their clothing and bodies, giving them confidence and often a new lease of life to older clothes. She said, "there is no such thing as an average body so mass-produced off-the-shelf items will never fit everyone perfectly thus some careful adjustments can make a real difference".

Recycling clothes is also definitely on the increase with the eco-conscious, those coping with the cost-of-living crisis, and those who love vintage fashions. There is also something very personal about some vintage clothing: Jen has recently adjusted two girl's Prom dresses previously worn by their mothers. Surprisingly, Jen "loves mending" too – perhaps it's the satisfaction of fixing something that's broken and seeing the pleasure that it gives to the owner?

Jen's other passions are adding colourful or fleecy linings to jackets;

and adding functional pockets to just about anything.



Photo courtesy of Rob Sexton

My chat with Jen about pockets led me to realise how the question of pocket numbers and size can be both a sexist and a political issue. Christian Dior said, "Men have pockets to keep things in, women for decoration". Over the centuries, especially in revolutionary times and in the days of the suffragette movement, women's pockets were controversial. They were private spaces possibly used to carry seditious or amorous writing, or to allow unaccompanied travel. Take away the pockets and you take away freedoms and possibilities. In the nineteenth century, the Rational Dress Society and the first wave of feminism saw fashions that even allowed women to swagger with their hands in their pockets! In 1910, the New York Times described the distinctive Suffragette Suit which had seven or eight visible pockets.

Jen's biggest claim to fame is her work in making new Civic Robes for the Mayor of Honiton in early 2023. She was given the detailed task following on from her success in making a costume for Honiton Town Crier's Escort that won first prize in a Southern England Town Crier competition in 2017.

Making the mayoral robes was, in Jen's words, "scary and challenging but a brilliant and fun experience", not least because the previous robes had been made by Ede and Ravenscroft (established in 1689 and London's oldest tailor and robe maker). Not only did she have to source suitable fabrics and design the robe to fit different body shapes, but she also found herself researching historical re-enactment clothing for tips on how best to ensure that heavy-weight mayoral chains were supported comfortably and safely.

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Energy Companies May Soon Be Offering Fixed Tariffs

by Chris Doran

Future energy prices are steadying enough for suppliers to begin offering attractive fixed rate tariffs in the near future. I imagine plenty of us will take a serious look at them when they are advertised. The Average Household (if such a thing actually exists) may be offered between £175-195/month fixed.

Cornwall Insight's Default tariff cap forecasts including VAT (dual fuel, direct debit customer, national average figures)

QUARTERLY	Q3 2023 (Jul-Sept)	Q4 2023 (Oct-Dec)	Q1 2024 (Jan-March)
	CI Forecast	CI Forecast	CI Forecast
Electricity	£1,050.26	£1,083.41	£1,108.13
Gas	£1,012.64	£1,014.81	£1,054.42
TOTAL	£2,062.91	£2,098.22	£2,162.55

Default Tariff Price cap forecasts, Per Unit Cost and Standing Charge including VAT (dual fuel, direct debit customer, national average figures)

Electricity	Q323 Forecast	Q423 Forecast	Q124 Forecast
Standing Charge (£/day)	0.53	0.54	0.54
Per Unit Costs (p/kWh)	29.55	30.59	31.45
Gas	Q323 Forecast	Q423 Forecast	Q124 Forecast
Standing Charge (£/day)	0.29	0.39	0.30
Per Unit Costs (p/kWh)	7.55	7.53	7.86

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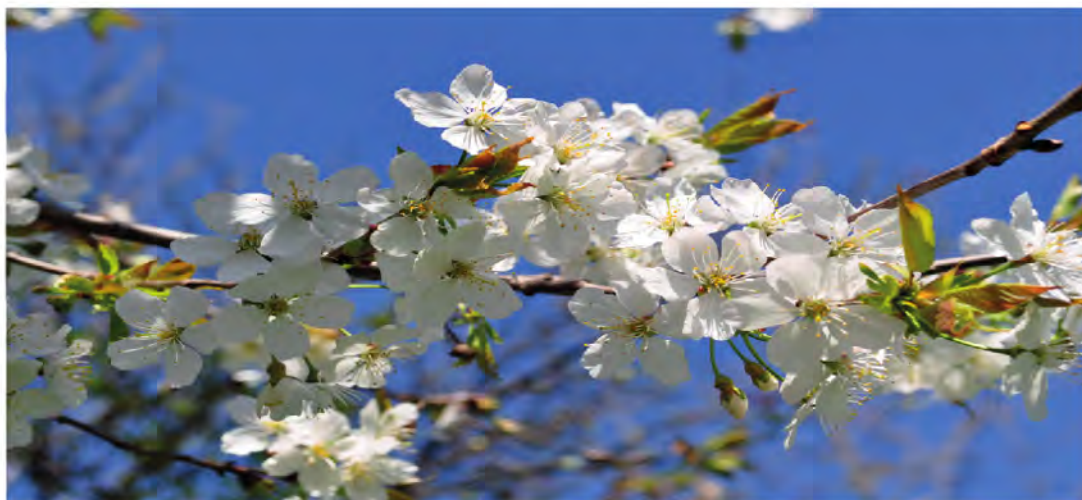


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Sidbury, From East Hill Involving The Dynamic Ascent Of Path Hill!

by Chris Harwood

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7.5 miles. A good, slightly strenuous walk using a number of long, glorious tracks. Short spells on almost traffic-free lanes and ...Path Hill. A mere mound but what a view.

Take the Hare and Hounds Road out of Ottery St Mary and in about 4 km at the top of Chineway Hill turn sharp right to East Hill Strips. In 1 km look for clear lane/track off left and find suitable parking against the bank (GR SY 123 942). Leave the car and walk left along the road for about 800m, ignoring the first track off to the right but taking the next one.



Now wander down the most attractive, wide, flinty track with rich mixed hardwood forest to the left and intermittent open views to the right. Considerable tree felling here revealing mystical giant firs On and on for ever - well, for some good 1300m. The track, actually an unmetalled road, gradually steepens, downhill, I hasten to add, to pass a remote house, Pin Hill Cottage. Continue for quite some way on the ageing tar mac lane passing Plyford Farm to eventually meet a very quiet lane.

Right here for 600m then look on your right for the Public Bridleway that follows a short but magic green lane to an attractive bridge and weir. Over the baby River Sid and move along the track to the right of the old barn, soon crossing the footbridge over the stream and moving up the narrow stony track. On meeting the stream again DON'T cross over but rather take the Public Footpath left up old wooden steps. Now, over a stile and another little bridge.

Move straight ahead - wee bit muddy here where the cows obviously have a get together under the trees. Never fear, it's only waist deep mud so you can still take breath, so on passing through the trees to emerge into open sloping pasture. Move slowly uphill and diagonally right (about 2pm) (do not be tempted to move uphill less diagonally even if you can pick out a metal gate !!) to a metal gate. Through here and forwards a few

metres on to the open grass and then left uphill following the hedge and sunken ditch on your left. (Although it is probably the designated track don't be tempted to move left up the sunken ditch - it's very, very boggy.)

At the top of the field move through the wooden gate and look for the narrow green, hedged lane in front and somewhat diagonally right. BUT FIRST! Path Hill. Up to your left note the slight hill- this is Path Hill and well worth the extra few steps up to the top just for the view. Maybe a good lunch or coffee stop. Good, now return downhill and take the little green track downhill for some distance. At the bottom continue along the grassy swathe uphill to meet the road. Left down the road into Sidbury and continue to meet the main A375.

Right here for a very short way but take care as it's a bit of a culture shock after the tranquillity of the earlier walking. In only about 200m and just around a bad bend take the public footpath right signposted to White Cross. In many ways now the route is obvious. You will briefly emerge on a quiet lane. Right here, down to the stream then bear right uphill to pass Goosemoor Farm on your right. Through the wooden gate opposite the farm and follow what is yet another wonderful green track.

At the end of the track pass through the metal gate with pedestrian gateway and proceed in the centre of the grassland and at the beginning of the steep grassy slope move gently diagonally left, climbing all the time. A short marker post indicates the open gateway to a wide track. Follow this with the wire fence on your right. At the metal gate move straight across, looking for a short marker post left on the corner of the woodland and continue gently uphill across the field to a gate out into the road.

Right to White Cross then right again for a tramp along the road to the car. This last piece of road walking is a bit tedious but at least there are no navigational problems!



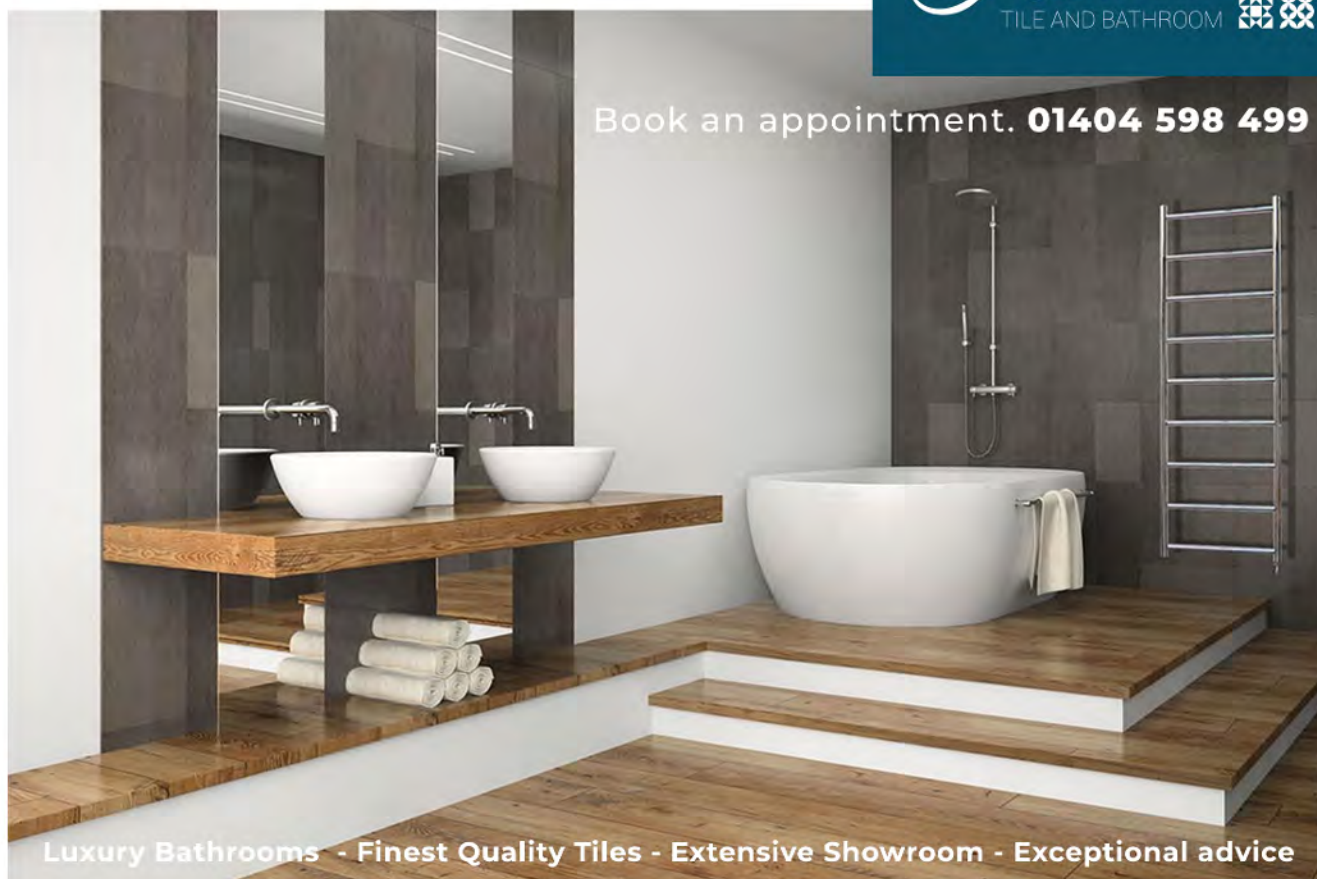
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What's On - At The Beehive

A Marvellous Month Of Music In June

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There is something for everyone this month, with lots of live music. From American country with **Made in Tennessee** to rock, with Forever Queen Tribute to classical music with Harriet Adie, award-winning Harpist.

On Saturday 3 June 8pm, we are celebrating the incredible music of Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton & Cream - **Voodoo Room** are a stunning high energy 'Power Trio'. Hear classics like: Purple Haze, Hey Joe and Sunshine Of Your Love.

East Devon Music presents an evening with **Harriet Adie, Harpist**. The Jean Price Concert. Friday 9 June - 7.30pm. Harriet Adie is a highly qualified musician, with degrees from Oxford University and Trinity Laban Conservatoire. She has performed at prestigious venues including the Royal Albert Hall, and for the late Queen Elizabeth II. The evening programme at the Beehive Honiton will include music by Mozart, Glinka, Debussy and Bach.

Our **Royal Opera House** screening this month is **Il Trovatore** (12A). Passions run high as Manrico and the Count di Luna compete for the affections of Leonora. Little do they know Manrico's mother Azucena has been keeping a terrible secret for decades. Thursday 15 June - 7.15pm.

In cinema, we are screening **Champions** (12A) where Woody Harrelson stars in a hilarious and heart-warming story of a former

minor-league basketball coach who, after a series of missteps, is ordered by the court to manage a team of players with intellectual disabilities. Sat 17 June - 7.30pm.

We cannot wait for Thursday 22 June as the **National Theatre Live** brings us **Fleabag** (15). The hilarious, award-winning play that inspired the BBC's hit TV series.

On Friday 23 June, 7.30pm we have **Feelgood Fantasia** bringing you an evening of powerful live music. The night will feature **The Jurassic Coast Inspirational Choir, Axe Valley Community Choir and Trichord** - singing together in harmony. Feelgood Fantasia will encapsulate popular, catchy and emotive songs, delivered by a band of talented musicians, guest vocalists and two local choirs. Sit back and relax to well-known standards and foot-tapping popular songs, fantastic film themes, dreamy Disney melodies and more!

Our final music act of the month on Saturday 24 June is **Bond On The Rocks**, a 9 piece band that will shake and stir you through the music of James Bond.

To bring the month to a close we have another Lunch and a Movie offer! A delicious lunch served in our café followed by the film, **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** (PG) on Friday 30 June at 2pm. Bring your family and friends for an afternoon out, for lunch and a film together!

We hope there is something for everyone this month at The Beehive. Don't forget to sign up to our newsletter to keep up to date with all our up-coming events. Sign up via our website www.beehivehoniton.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you soon! Rachael and The Beehive Team.



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Fri 9 June - 7.30pm - £15
 Harpist Harriet Adie is known for her intense musicality, creativity, focus and passion for her instrument. The evening programme will include music by Mozart, Glinka, Debussy and Bach.



ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: IL TROVATORE (12A)
Thu 15 June - 7.15pm - Adults £17, Students £11
 Passions run high as Manrico and the Count di Luna compete for the affections of Leonora. Little do they know, Manrico's mother Azucena has been keeping a terrible secret for decades.



FOREVER QUEEN
Fri 16 June - 7.30pm - £18.50
 Forever Queen are a four piece Queen tribute band that has been going for 10 years! Their attention to detail highlights the lengths they go to in order to provide a true experience of Queen.



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Honiton's Community & Arts Venue

JUNE 2023

CHAMPIONS (12A)
Sat 17 June - 7.30pm - Adults £7.50, U16 £6.50
 Woody Harrelson stars in the hilarious and heartwarming story of a former minor-league basketball coach who, after a series of missteps, is ordered by the court to manage a team of players with intellectual disabilities.



THE BEEHIVE ACOUSTIC NIGHT
Wed 21 June - Doors open at 7.15pm. No booking required
 Open Mic Night in the Beehive café. Hosted by Terry Stacey. Everyone is welcome, whether it is to come along, have a beer and listen or to play and sing. All styles of music.



NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: FLEABAG (15)
Thu 22 June - 7pm - Adults £16, Students £13
 Fleabag may seem oversexed, emotionally unfiltered and self-obsessed, but that's just the tip of the iceberg. With family and friendships under strain and a guinea pig café struggling to keep afloat, Fleabag suddenly finds herself with nothing to lose.



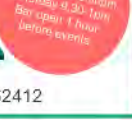
FEELGOOD FANTASIA
Fri 23 June - 7.30pm - Adults £23, U16 £10
 An evening of powerful live music. Featuring The Jurassic Coast Inspirational Choir, Axe Valley Community Choir and Trichord - singing together in harmony. With special guests - James & Hilda Clemas, Jacqueline Bourne, Mary Bowles, Katarina Kovac and Jim Newton.



BOND ON THE ROCKS
Sat 24 June 7.30pm - £22
 Bond On The Rocks is a 9 piece band that will shake and stir you through the music of James Bond. From the James Bond Theme to No Time To Die and everything in between, the show will take you on a journey through the musical life of James Bond.



PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY (PG)
Fri 30 June - 2pm (with optional lunch) & 7.30pm
Adults £7.50, U16 £6.50 with lunch + £5.
 Harold is an ordinary man who has passed through life, living on the side lines, until he goes to post a letter one day...and just keeps walking.



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Victoria Bell has agreed to have the
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Cancer Charities.

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Dave, who is Victoria's God Father will
make the first cut.



**11am in the Salon on
Saturday 22nd July**

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A Special Summer Concert at 6pm on
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What's On

Honiton Band Present A Charity Concert in Memory of Geoff Dibsall (1933 - 2020)

When Honiton Band stalwart Geoff Dibsall passed away in July 2020, at the height of the COVID pandemic, the Band were determined to put on a concert in his memory, at an appropriate point in the future.



The band is now pleased to announce that it is holding a Charity Concert in Geoff's memory on **Saturday 1st July in St Paul's Church, from 7pm**. It will be a 'musical remembrance', and is being held in support of the Salvation Army's community work in Exeter and East Devon. Geoff attended the Salvation Army corps in Bridport from an early age, becoming a junior soldier and learned to play euphonium there. In later life, Geoff and his wife worshipped at the Salvation Army Corps in Exeter and The Exeter Temple Songsters will be performing during the musical evening.

So come along for a musical evening to suit all tastes ~ tickets are £4.99 and include refreshments ~ they can be purchased on the door, or in advance ~ for further information T: 01404 44763 or E:secretary@honitonband.co.uk

KINDLE

BY HATTIE COLLINS
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The cost of living is higher than ever and the divide between rural and urban communities is stark. Heather, Holly and their mum Angela, a close-knit family from Devon struggle to run a rural petrol station. And when Holly finally returns home from the city, she discovers a shattered version of the village she left behind...

Kindle is a captivating piece of new writing exploring the idea of duty, modern rural community, climate change, and the impacts of the ever rising cost of living.

The play began life as a 2019 seed commission from Theatre Royal Plymouth. It has since been supported by Exeter Northcott Theatre, before receiving a National Lottery Project Grant from Arts Council England. This grant will fund a studio and rural tour in 2023, as well as creative workshops, oral history collection and the making of a short illustrated film, all inspired by the themes of the play.

Tickets £12/£8

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Run Time approx 50 mins

Photos by Charlotte East
Illustration & Design by Josh Elvey



FREE Creative Workshop (optional)

After the show, you're welcome to join us for an informal writing workshop based on the themes of the play (even if you've never had a go at creative writing before!). What you create could form part of a short illustrated film that will be screened later in the year...

We'll also be joined by a community energy representative to hear a bit about what they do. So grab a drink and come have a scribble for an hour!

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Corinna Wagner: Terra Oceanus (17 June – 12 August 2023)

New exhibition of work by photographer Corinna Wagner exploring the edges between water and land.

**Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Dowell St,
Honiton EX14 1LX /thelmahulbert.com**



Buckerell Plant Sale

Buckerell will be hosting its annual Plant Sale on 10th June, between 10am and 1pm, at the War Memorial.

We expect to have a wonderful array of plants available including; shrubs, annuals, perennials, herbs and vegetables - all available at very reasonable prices. Our plants are supplied by the hardworking gardeners in the village who are happy to share their surplus of well loved plants with others.

We hope to see you there! The Plant Sale Team

Saturday 17th June Awliscombe and Weston Annual Fete

**The Otter Inn gardens, Weston
EX14 3NZ Starts 1pm**

Free entry and parking

**Many stalls plus entertainment
and games for all ages**

**Bouncy Castle, Cream Teas
and big prize River Duck Race**

What's On

Village Flower Show Story Blooms with "Nursery"Rhyme" Comeback After 4 Year Break

Dalwood Flower Festival will bloom once more after a four-year absence, due to the effects of the Covid pandemic, and will concentrate on 'nursery rhymes' as a theme. Last held in 2018, the popular local event will be growing greener this summer as its venue aims to be an 'eco church' by aiming for all arrangements to be foam-free.



St Peter's Church, Dalwood, part of the East Devon Five Alive Mission Community, will be the location for the festival, with other highlights held at the village hall. Organiser Caroline Nunns said, "We are very excited to be able to have a flower festival again as we, and our sister churches, have been unable to host one because of Covid restrictions. Our last event was in 2018 when the theme was 'all things bright and beautiful'. This year the theme is 'nursery rhymes' which promises to be a lot of fun. We are asking local businesses to sponsor an arrangement or donate raffle prizes. Local organisations are also being invited to submit an arrangement with around 30 expected. Funds raised will be shared between St Peter's Church and The Community Waffle House in Axminster."

The Community Waffle House was chosen after an article appeared in the local press describing the work by the group for the community over the Christmas period. Festival-goers will be treated to an art exhibition by local artists as well as refreshments, a plant stall and raffle.

The event will run from Friday June 30th to Sunday July 2nd 10am-5pm, and will be rounded off by a gospel service on the Sunday evening. Entry is free but donations will be shared between the two charities. For further information, please contact Caroline Nunns on 07922 106581 or email carolinecnunns@gmail.com



Pimm's, Picnic and Party at the park

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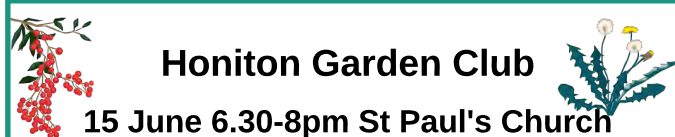
Friday 7 July
7pm - Midnight

Tickets are non-refundable - £30 per person, includes a picnic hamper and a glass of Pimm's on arrival. Marquee, seated event, auction, licensed bar, disco.

Tickets to be purchased in advance
from Linda - 07955 739194

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Honiton Garden Club

15 June 6.30-8pm St Paul's Church

Your Garden In Summer

by Greenfingers Garden Centre

Steve will be visiting us from this independent family-run garden centre in Exmouth to talk about how best to care for your garden throughout the summer months.

Non-members are welcome to join us at a cost of £3 payable on the door.

Honiton Garden Club aims to offer a range of speakers, activities and visits to interest gardeners of all abilities and skills. Regular meetings are usually on the third Thursday of the month.

For more information please contact Julia on 01404 548709

Don't forget to let us know your plans for events so that we can publicise them for you. We offer a free quarter page advert or write up for local organisations raising money for community causes.

Contact honitonvillagenews@gmail.com

Blooming Beautiful Devon Gardens Open for Hospiscare

Local hospice charity, Hospiscare, is inviting people to visit Open Gardens in their local community to support end-of-life care in Exeter, Mid and East Devon.

From May to September, gardeners across Devon will welcome members of the community to enjoy their beautiful green spaces in return for a donation to the local hospice charity, raising vital funds to allow Hospiscare to continue providing specialist end-of-life care across the heart of Devon. With almost 40 gardens opening their gates this year and many new additions, including beautiful estates, community gardens, charming cottage gardens, and even a honey farm, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

The annual fundraising event is a vital source of funds for the local hospice and would not be possible without the incredible support of the Devon community and event sponsor, Otter Garden Centres, who have been sponsoring the event for five years.

Over 20 open gardeners came together at Otter Garden Centre in Ottery St Mary to celebrate the start of the Open Garden programme, sharing ideas and tips for the year ahead.

Jacqui Taylor, Managing Director at Otter Garden Centres says, "We are delighted to be supporting Hospiscare once again this year and proud to support the outstanding work of their nurses in our East Devon community as well as across Exeter and Mid Devon." "We are more passionate than ever about protecting the environment, working sustainably and providing a safe haven for wildlife.

Hospiscare's Open Gardens provide a great opportunity for nature and wildlife to visit a variety of wonderful gardens in the area to survive and thrive locally. We look forward to seeing all the beautiful Open Gardens in 2023!"

Laura Robertson, Fundraising Projects Manager at Hospiscare, explains, "This is the 15th year of the Hospiscare Open Garden programme, which to date has raised over £350,000 for our local charity thanks to the kindness of our incredible community. We are so thankful for the continued support we receive from our community and ongoing event sponsors, Otter Garden Centres."

Sue Glanville has been collaborating with her neighbours to open their gardens for Hospiscare for over ten years. Sue says, "It's a great way to bring people together and meet those in your area. It fosters a sense of community, especially as we're all working together to support the same worthy cause."

All funds raised from Hospiscare Open Gardens will ensure the charity can continue to provide free end-of-life care for local people living with a terminal illness.

The hospice supports close to 2,500 patients and their families every year across Exeter, Mid and East Devon, and needs to raise around £8 million a year to continue providing this support. With just 19% of the charity's income funded by the NHS, events like Hospiscare's Open Gardens are crucial.

Why not visit one of these beautiful gardens and support Hospiscare? Find a garden near you by visiting www.hospiscare.co.uk/gardens to see the full selection of gardens, along with their opening dates and details.

If you're interested in opening your garden for Hospiscare this year, please contact fundraising@hospiscare.co.uk or call 01392 688020 to find out more.

Open Gardens
Beautiful Devon gardens open for charity

Sat 10 & Sun 11 June

The Old Rectory
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12 - 5pm

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WHERE: The Old Rectory, Awliscombe, Honiton, EX14 3PJ

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Axe Vale Show June 17th & 18th June - Buy Your Tickets Now!

A fantastic weekend that celebrates the best of the local area whilst raising money for local good causes

Located just outside Axminster, the Show expects to welcome record crowds to help celebrate 27 years of local fundraising. The Axe Vale Show is a charity, staffed entirely by volunteers, who willingly give their time in order to organise this two-day event that raises money for local worthy causes.



"As well as being very grateful to our volunteers we would also like to thank our Show sponsors as, without their generosity, the Show would be even harder to finance. Axminster Tools is our Gold Sponsor and WBW South West Solicitors/ Financial Planners along with Bradfords Building Supplies are both Silver sponsors. Debonair Dogz are our Bronze sponsor. All these companies have been generous in both their financial sponsorship as well as with their assistance as judges, volunteers, fundraisers and suppliers of essential items that allow the Show to go on," said Chairman Simon Hodges.

The Show has a lot to offer and this year we continue to include new and exciting activities and attractions that we hope will appeal to all age groups. This year there is an amazing range of entertainment. We are

thrilled to have The Horsemen of the Knight who will give us a thrilling display of jousting. Jez Avery will entertain with breathtaking stunts in an assortment of vehicles. More dog fun can be had with the Little Nippers Terrier Racing Team, not only will they do a display, but your dog can also join in! Around the Showground you will be able to meet with roaming creatures such as giant teddies, dinosaurs and other creatures, if that's too exciting get down with the kids and enjoy a classic Punch and Judy Show! The bandstand will be hosting a full schedule of music from local bands and this year we are thrilled to have the Axe Valley Community Choir joining us for a session on Sunday.

Entrants for the Photography Competition which is being hosted by the Axminster Photography Group are still welcome – for entry criteria and application process please refer to the Show's website www.axevaleshow.com

Well behaved dogs are always welcome and there will be a Dog Show on both days starting at 1pm -Debonair Dogz has kindly donated the Best in Show cups once again and will be raising additional funds via mini grooms and spruce ups. Other local suppliers such as Oscar Pet Food have kindly donated some of the prizes. Entry criteria can be found on the website.

Visit our magnificent Marquees and Trade Stands around the Showground, you can find everything from Toys and Hobbies to unique Crafts, Food and Drink. Local charities will be in attendance so take the opportunity to stop and chat and find out more about what they do.



Parking at the Showground is free and there is also a complimentary shuttle bus service from Millwey Rise, Trinity Square and Axminster Railway Station. Bus timetable is on the Website

Discounted tickets are already on sale via the website, so don't delay – why not give them as a gift for Father's Day and make it a big family day out? Or, if you are on holiday, come along and experience the fun of a traditional event – plenty to keep everybody entertained, fed and watered, whilst not forgetting the opportunity for some serious retail therapy.

Online tickets are terrific value at £12 for adults, only £1 for children aged 5-16, and under 5's are free! You can also buy your discounted tickets at these outlets : Archway Bookshop, (Axminster); Ganesha, (Sidmouth); Ganesha, (Honiton); Axminster Heritage Centre / Tourist Information Centre; Bridport Tourist Information Centre; Seaton Tourist Information Centre. Tickets are also available at the gate – card payments welcome (Please note there is no cash machine at the Showground)

In 2023 the Axe Vale Show team want to reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill – please help us by bringing your own disposable mugs and cups as well as putting your waste in the right bins!

For more general information and if you want to take part as a volunteer, please contact us via the website www.axevaleshow.com

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Foodies Festival

Friday 16th - Sunday 18th June, Escot House



The UK's biggest touring celebrity food and music festival series returns to our area from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th June at Escot Park. The three-day event features live cooking demonstrations from top chefs drawn from the ranks of MasterChef, Great British Bake Off and Great British Menu plus top-rated Michelin-starred and award-winning chefs.

Those appearing in the live cooking theatres include: Michael Caines MBE, acclaimed chef patron of Michelin starred and 5 AA Rosette awarded Lymington Manor; MasterChef: The Professionals finalist, Charlie Jeffreys; MasterChef: The Professionals star Carla Jones, head chef from AA Rosette awarded and Michelin recommended The Seacliff, near Ilfracombe; Great British Menu finalist Sam Lomas, head chef from Michelin recommended Glebe House in Southleigh and national TV and radio regular, author and reviewer, Orlando Murrin. Those providing music include chart-topping disco diva Sophie Ellis-Bextor and noughties platinum-selling Brit Pop sensations Toploader. Showcasing the best of Devon, many of the most highly acclaimed Michelin and multi-award-winning chefs will also appear, including: Mark Dodson, chef-patron of Michelin starred Mason Arms in Knowstone, Jay Barker-Jones, chef-patron of Michelin recommended Dartmoor Inn in Lydford, Daniel Gavrilidis, head chef of Michelin recommended The Pig at Combe in Honiton, and founder of Devon Cookery School, Jazzy Curley.

On the Friday the festival launches 'Cocktails, Cabaret and Cake' with a comprehensive selection of traditional and on-trend new cocktails to tempt the tastebuds, cocktail-making sessions with flamboyant mixologists and theatre shows. Including: entertaining cabaret sessions, drag artists, competitions, comedy, top tribute acts and local performers, all headlined by a superb ABBA tribute band. Throughout the 3 day weekend, visitors will enjoy a jam-packed schedule of TV cooking show champions and award-winning chefs in the interactive live theatres. In the Chefs Theatre, celebrities will create their signature dishes and share new tips and tricks, whilst in the Cake & Bake Theatre, star bakers whip up showstoppers and offer tempting sweet treats. Masterclasses in the Drinks Theatre include tutored Champagne, Beer, Cider, Cocktail and Wine-tasting, including presentations from BBC expert Joe Wadsack and ITV's Tom Surgey. Award-winning, SALSA accredited Salcombe Brewery Co will showcase their range of premium cask ales.

Visitors can browse the latest food trends in the Shopping Village, meet local producers in the Artisan Market and taste exotic and unusual new dishes in the Feasting Tent – which features a mouth-watering range of street food and delicacies from all four corners of the globe. Other attractions include a fairground, children's activities, and family-friendly areas.

- **Top TV Chef Challenge:** This battle of the best will see winners and finalists of MasterChef competing with the winners of Bake Off and Great British Menu as they take to the live stage, in a highly competitive cook-off to create the most impressive dish.
- **Theatre Takeovers:** Expect comedy, hit songs, audience participation, Drag Queens, and a lot of fun!
- **Green Fingers:** meet the experts hosting sessions on grow your own fruit and veg, discover new varieties, recipe ideas and health benefits.
- **Meet the authors and discover new recipes in the Cookbook Shop** – with celebrity signings, photo opportunities and top chefs showcasing their latest cookbooks.
- **World Chilli eating Champion Shahina Waseem** will challenge those brave enough to compete. Competitions will be broadcast to 'League of Fire' audiences around the world.
- **Kids Can Cook!:** Budding junior MasterChefs get creative in the Kids Cookery School, hosted by Foodies SuperChefs.
- **The Musicians Against Homelessness** main stage will feature over 25 superb artists. Including top headliners, the best of local bands and an introduction to exciting new acts from across the UK. Since 2016 MAH have hosted gigs and festivals in local pubs, music venues and community spaces featuring 1000s of fantastic bands and artists who have kindly performed across the UK. This award winning not for profit organisation has raised close to £400,000 for homelessness services. This year ticket sales will support the national homelessness charity Crisis.

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Travelling On Seaton Tram

by Kate Baxter



Spring had definitely sprung when we set off from Gittisham to catch the Seaton to Colyton tramway. This is something we'd been meaning to do since we moved to Honiton (three years ago!)

We bought tickets for the tram on the day, but it was quite busy so if it's a special occasion I would definitely recommend booking in advance. The driver assumed we were on our holidays and was surprised we lived so close by and had never been on it before. We said there is so much to in East Devon but we're slowly working our way through the list!

If you buy an Explorer Ticket you can travel on the tram as much as you like in one day, which means you could get off for a walk in Seaton Wetlands before carrying onto Colyton, or you could have lunch in Colyford and then continue your journey. Or you could do both and make a real day of it! The tickets for the tram are quite expensive (four non-explorer tickets plus a dog was £46) so this is what we will do next time.

We wanted to have a walk in Colyton so we had brought Lottie, our dog, with us. This meant that George had to sit downstairs with Lottie (and got to read his book) whilst the girls and I climbed the narrow wooden staircase to the top level. Nancy was particularly keen to stand up as we rode, so small children definitely need to be supervised!

There are about 15 cute little seats and benches upstairs and none of them has restricted views.

There are three trams per hour, and we set off from Seaton right on time, past the Dinosaur Museum (which very unfortunately has been closed for some time) and the new housing development near Tesco. From there we left the built-up area and entered the Seaton Wetlands.

The Wetlands is a wonderful birdwatching spot and many people got off the tram at the new stop in the middle of the reserve. There are walkways across the marshes, picnic tables next to the tracks overlooking the estuary and bird hives which you can walk to from the tram. Dogs are not allowed in the wetlands so we carried on.

Emily and Nancy loved the tram ride and there was plenty to keep them busy. We spotted horned cattle, sheep, herons, swans, wading birds and even dinosaurs along the tracks (I did a double take when I saw those!). To much excitement Emily saw an enormous rabbit close to the tracks. I think the highlight though was when we crossed the road in Colyford and all the passengers and drivers in cars waved to us.

We've been to Seaton Wetlands quite a few times but I really enjoyed showing the girls the vastness of the area and how important it was for birds.

The tram driver got off the tram occasionally and spoke about the history of the tram and how the Wetlands area has changed over time. I didn't realise that the estuary used to come much further inland and I also didn't know just how important the area was for shipping trade in the Middle Ages.

After about 20 minutes we arrived in Colyton. At the stop is a little cafe serving cakes and tea - there's also a children's play park if you have some time to wait before the next tram.

We walked from the station to a public footpath that leads you over a bridge and through the fields to Colyton. We ended up at the Finn Studio and Gallery which is a glorious café with an art gallery attached. When we visited it was heaving with dog walkers and cyclists and the atmosphere was lovely and friendly.

After a quick break for a drink and a biscuit we headed back across the fields to the tram for the return to Seaton.

What a lovely day out!





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Next Generation Keeping Carnival Spirit Alive



With one eye firmly on the future, three families who have been members of various carnival clubs for many years have started up a Next Generation Carnival Club.

Aged between 7 and 12, six children, parents and grandparents are involved in this venture. This will be their third year attending carnivals, with some of the children doing carnival since they were 18 months old.

Last year, with their entry **Wild West**, they achieved 1st in their class at all the East Devon carnivals with Best Overall at Sidmouth Carnival. They then went on to take part in bigger carnivals at Bridgwater and North Petherton, achieving 3rd place at both. They intend to be at Honiton Carnival (28th October starting at 7.30pm from Ottery Moor Lane).

The Next Generation Carnival Club would like to thank its sponsors : Blamphayne Sawmills, Al Stich & Print, East Devon Garden Care, Chris Bailey Engineering, MKM, Bradfords, Jewsons, The Sidmouth Arms, ASAP Fire and members of Harlequins Carnival Club for their help.

The club is fundraising for this year's entry with :

A Bingo Evening on 2nd June (doors open 6.30pm eyes down 8pm with a licensed bar)

and

A Rock & Roll Bingo on 1st July (doors open 7pm ears up at 8pm with a licensed bar).

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You Really Are As Young As You Feel!

by Jonathan Boxall, Registered Osteopath

There have been some fascinating studies highlighting the effect that your mindset can have on your health. I wanted to briefly share one of these with you today.

The experiment by Ellen Langer, a Harvard Professor of psychology at Harvard:

A group of men in their late 70's lived in a retro-fitted hotel for a week. The idea was that their environment was exactly how it would have been 20 years previous. The men were told not to reminisce about the past, but to act as if they were actually living as they would have done 20 years before.

After only one week the men were found to have less arthritis in their hands and more joint flexibility generally. They had better posture and their gait improved as did their mental acuity, all in comparison to a control group. People that had nothing to do with the experiment rated the men as looking younger than before too.

Other studies have reinforced these findings, suggesting that how we think and behave has an impact upon our health. Societal norms can play a role too. For example, the belief that we should expect certain illnesses and a decline in health as we age may actually help those expectations become reality.

A possible explanation for this requires us to stop separating our mind or psyche from the rest of our physiology - one inextricably affects the other. The nervous system and immune system are interconnected anatomically - stress can result in illness and pain. Corny as it might sound, what you think and feel may just affect your physiology and ultimately your health as much as the exercise you do or the food you eat. Your mind and body are interdependent.

What does this mean in real life? Well, basically, it means that even though we may develop age-related aches and pains, we **SHOULD NOT** allow them to dominate our lives! If we 'fight back' by staying active and thinking positively, then we may reduce the rate of physical deterioration.

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Everything You Need To Know About Dog Poo

by Jude Davidson

There are around 100 diagnosed cases of toxocaral infections that come from dog poo every year in the UK. That is because dogs can deposit roundworm eggs in their poo which become infectious after three weeks and can remain in the ground for up to two years. In rare cases, eye disease and loss of vision can be a result.

The two diseases that farmers worry about are neosporosis and sarcocystosis which are responsible for abortions in cattle and disease. This can be transmitted from dog faeces getting into animal feed, such as hay, water and bedding from straw. Neosporosis disease is the most commonly diagnosed cause of abortion in cattle in the UK, with 17% of dairy cattle demonstrating exposure to the parasite in England and 90% of dairy herds in the south-west of England showing evidence of previous infection. Dogs can get sick from eating cattle afterbirth too.



Dog poo commonly contains whipworm, hookworms, roundworms, parvovirus, coronavirus, gairdia, salmonella, cryptosporidium, E-coli and campylobacter. It's a major cause for bacteria build up on popular walk ways and can lead to algae blooms in waterways. Even if you worm your dog regularly.

Dogs aren't the only animals that poo in the woods but have you considered that dogs are not fed from the same environment. They eat highly processed dog food whereas wildlife eat resources and nutrients from its own ecosystem, then return those nutrients back to the land where they are consumed. Dogs are depositing alien nutrients into nature which is causing harm to that environment.

The "I'll pick it up on the way back" brigade are far worse than the flick it out the way crew, leaving something that is naturally biodegradable (but still presents its own problems) in a bag that leaves micro plastics is dangerous to wildlife, farm animals, other dogs and the environment it's left in. It's horribly unsightly and if I see you you doing it, you'll be definitely getting a good telling off from me - just don't do it!

What is the Park Life Pets best advice on how to manage your dog poo?

Buy some corn starch dog poo bags. These are the best but unfortunately many of them still break down leaving micro plastics. Thegreenpoopbag.co.uk claims theirs doesn't.

Buy a dickie bag. These neoprene zipped bags hold your dog waste and come with a clip that can attach to your belt and are the best way to hold the poo until you get to a bin.

Winter time, when it's raining a lot, which, to be honest, seems to be all the time at the moment, leaf litter and digging a hole all away from water courses could warrant a leave in unpopular areas. Leaf litter has billions of bacteria that break down materials incredibly fast so as long as it's out of sight, wet, won't be stepped in and won't upset the natural balance of things then that's up to you. Take it home to be safe than sorry.

Keep your dog's wormer up to date and definitely pick up after your dog when they've just been wormed; the faeces will still contain wormer which can affect land worms and other insects. It is very bad for the environment.

Always pick up in built up areas, fields, grazing land like Dartmoor, popular dog walking areas, AONB, Wildlife Conservation areas and children's play areas. You can get fined up to £1,000 for leaving your dog's do do in certain areas.

Other ideas to consider:- flush your dog waste down the toilet or consider building a compost bin for dog waste only.

Dog waste is not a natural fertiliser and needs to go through a breakdown process before it is any good for any plant! Even your grass.



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 7 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.

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Long May He Reign



Well-deserved invitation to the Coronation Garden Party at Buckingham Palace for Min Reynolds

There were so many ways to celebrate the King's Coronation in our town and villages. Here are some of the images



Knitted display outside St Paul's church in Honiton made by Norah Smith of the church's craft group



A royal topping for the Tesco postbox created by members of Honiton Library knitting and crochet group Keep Calm and Yarn

They meet every Friday afternoon 3.30 to 5.30pm at Honiton Library



Part of the amazing decorations at Yarcombe



Magical mischief with George the Magician at Honiton Big Lunch celebrations - photo courtesy of Nick Boggan



The people of Yarcombe enjoying their celebrations



Long May He Reign



In Buckerell everyone tucked in to a delicious Hog Roast, cooked by Patrick & Sue Strange, after which everyone enjoyed the vast array of cakes before dancing the rest of the evening away to music from DJ Mark Colgan.

The Cake Competition in Buckerell was judged by Roy Williams & Tom Gabriel – they had to sample 19 entries- and that was before the yummy hog roast. Winners were Jen Palfrey (Adult) - her cake is pictured - & Maisie Tuck (Child).



Display of crowns by the children of Offwell Primary School on show in the Beehive Cafe



Celebrating in Offwell - photo courtesy of Lyn Whithear



Planting a commemorative tree for the Coronation in Honiton's Millennium Green - photo courtesy of David Smyth



Open air service on the Moor, Talaton, conducted by The Right Reverend Martin Shaw - photo courtesy of Chris Harwood

Honiton TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

The King's Coronation

The Town Council was delighted to organise the King's Coronation event at Allhallows field on Sunday 7 May 2023. The field was filled with Honiton's residents coming together as a community event to celebrate the Coronation. The event showed Honiton at its best and everyone has congratulated the organisers and said what a wonderful day it was. The stallholders selling food and entertainers had a busy day and the sun shone!



The Town Council also arranged a tree planting ceremony at the Millennium Green on Monday 8 May 2023 led by the current Mayor: Councillor Serena Sexton. The events were organised and led by the Council's Coronation Working Group with funding from the Town Council and National Lottery.

Local elections

There were local Elections on Thursday 4 May 2023. Thank you to all those Honiton residents who voted. There was a good turnout and results for St Michael's and St Paul's Wards are available on the East Devon District Council website. All 18 Town Council seats were Elected so the Town Council now has all newly Elected Councillors for the next 4 year term.

The Annual Town Council meeting on Monday 15 May 2023 elected Councillor Hurford as Chairman/Mayor for 2023/24 and also Councillor McCollum as Deputy Chairman/Deputy Mayor. The Council welcomes 7 new Councillors and 11 existing Town Councillors re-elected. This is a significant and busy time for the new Town Council enabling it to establish its priorities for Honiton for the next 4 years. Details of the new Town Councillors are on the website:



Your Councillors and Staff - Honiton Town Council

https://www.honiton.gov.uk/Your_Councillors_and_Staff_38476.aspx



There were also local Elections for East Devon District Council.

East Devon District Council Parish and Town results May 2023

- Declaration of Result Honiton St. Michael's Ward on 4 May 2023
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Stephen Hill, Town Clerk, Honiton Town Council



Why Not Give It A Go?

by Adam Powell

About four years ago I joined Broadhembury Parish Council (BPC) as a Parish Councillor. I was co-opted by the existing Parish Council, rather than elected by the Parishioners - this is very common as few places are contested. Parish Councils represent the views of the Parishioners and assist those projects that will benefit the Parish. I was given a code of conduct to sign and keep, and there my adventure began.

Having just retired from a varied career in horticulture, I started with the familiar, weeding and tidying the Memorial Hall Car park. The Clerk kindly took me on a walk around the village to look at the areas that the Parish was responsible for maintaining. I set about writing some maintenance specifications, getting three quotes from local landscape contractors - all way beyond the Parish budget. Fortunately, most areas continued to get maintained by a local gardener who rarely sent in his moderate bill but it always fell just below the budget.

The Clerk had been in post for at least 18 years and decided to retire and I helped in the interviews for the next Clerk. I asked, "What difference do you think a Parish Council can make?" Honestly, I hoped I might learn the answer myself.



Speeding is a recurring concern in rural parishes and I soon found myself listening to the concerns of Dulford residents with their long suffering speeding problem. Highways issues are addressed by Devon County Council (DCC); data collected on speeding vehicles and aggressive driving has been collected painstakingly and treacherously for over ten years by Dulford residents. Much of this evidence has been lost at DCC, so our Ward member, Philip Skinner from East Devon District Council (EDDC), suggested Dulford starts collecting data again; currently this is what the residents are doing as if sufficient data is collected speed reduction measures can be considered by DCC.

The Parish Council has assumed much of the responsibility for keeping ditches flowing, and reporting pothole issues to EDDC. Vyv, a seasoned councillor, spends many hours on this endless task to avoid local flooding. Parish councils are also at the sharp end of keeping footpaths safe and useable, a councillor regularly walking the paths checking for issues. The council's tree officer will remove fallen trees, and quickly repair unsafe stiles. Other projects often arise - for example recently supervising the repair of the Parish War Memorial.

Affordable Housing also ranks high on the concerns of the Parish. To address this contentious/intractable issue, as Covid raged, I spent more than a few hours on Zoom, firstly helping set up the Broadhembury Neighbourhood Community Land Trust (BNCLT) with an able group of volunteers and, latterly, becoming the Parish Council Representative on this stand-alone body. A housing survey was delivered to every property in the Parish to ascertain, as far as possible, housing need. BNCLT then organised a visit to nearby Community Land Trusts that had already achieved building and renting out of affordable community housing.

Climate Change looms large over every community, but what to do in a rural Parish like Broadhembury? BPC compiled a list of do-able options and canvassed the parishioners' views with a survey. A tree nursery featured top of the list; facilities for passing cyclists, and a drinking fountain to save bottled water, were also popular. The Blackdown Hills Network is purchasing a thermal imaging camera to show heat loss from buildings with a follow up info sheet about grants for households.

I worked with Broadhembury Primary School on tree awareness. Teacher Claire inspired the pupils (5-7 years old) to look and draw dormant tree buds, then compiled a leaflet to guide visitors on a short walk around the village trees. I visited an amazing tree nursery set up by Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT) in an old quarry in Mid-Devon, and ordered a free mini-tree nursery for the school. This all led me to apply for a Biodiversity grant from the Blackdown Hills AONB for a diverse project centred around the Upper Tale and more work with the school.

We held an afternoon of talks about aspects of river life and water pollution. To gain an awareness of land use along the Upper Tale, I walked the river from its source at the foot of the Blackdowns, with many emerging springs at the end of Hanger Lane, on to where the river has been straightened by a previous owner into a deep ravine, traversing an idyllic low impact organic holding. John, a wildlife photographer recently moved to the village, helped me set up trail cameras; with the help of Vernon Whitlock we conducted and filmed a small mammal survey, and an underwater film of the river. Compiling footage from trail cameras placed all over the Parish and with the collaboration of over 20 parishioners we managed to capture footage of badgers, beavers, otters, hedgehogs, foxes, rabbits, roe deer and the many visitors to bird tables, some more desirable than others. There is no doubt wildlife interests and connects people. The film called 'Who lives in a place like this?' is still on Broadhembury Facebook Page. The trail cameras are still available to borrow from the school. The project also funded a new picnic bench for the playground with mammal footprints engraved, a map of the Upper Tale and in excess of 40 bird boxes around the Parish.

As part of the climate change work, the BPC and DCC helped fund and set up a monthly repair café in Broadhembury Memorial Hall. On the first Saturday of every month, a keen group of skilled and canny repairers meet to be confronted with a diverse range of broken items to fix and save from the tip. We also run a toy swap, and there are always refreshments in the warmth.

A regular task of the Parish Council is planning. In order to be fair to all applications at least three Councillors visit each application (three or four per month). Complicated and controversial, it takes a bit of bravery to get involved; the BPC in actuality has little sway, though it can recommend and advise how changes may affect the area, aiming always to keep neighbours happy.

Being a Parish Councillor is a great way of doing and learning something new; I went on many courses: VAT for Parish Councils, Carbon Foot Printing, Filming Wildlife, Crowd Funding, Community Land Trusts but best of all a one-day bike repair workshop run by Exeter City Council at 'Ride On' on the quay. I have now moved out of the Parish but I hope I have shown it is anything but tedious meetings, acronyms, and paperwork, but a great way to get to know the Parish one lives in. In three and a half years, regrettably I only scratched the surface, I wish all those well who are in for the longer haul, both now and in the future. Anyone can have an interesting time on a Parish Council as a Parish Councillor, why not give it a go!

Around & About In Our Community

The Beginnings of Honiton Community Action Group

When you read this Honiton Repair Café will be preparing for its first year anniversary. The Repair café movement started in Amsterdam in 2009 with the ethos Reuse, Repair and Recycle, is now a worldwide movement.

The Honiton RC was born out of a poll, when I asked through social media what you would like to see when I asked how Honiton could help the environment, the clear response was a Repair Café has been discussed several times, but no-one has yet started one. I was doubtful, but when Sheena King bounced up to me and said "I'm Sheena and I want to help" things began to happen rather like a Mary Poppins, when I was rushed to hospital a few days before the due date, Sheena rushed around and made it happen.

It has steadily grown, starting on a wing and a prayer, with very few volunteers, we have gathered about us a fabulous, dedicated team of repairers, administrators, receptionists, and café volunteers. The Repair Shop, we ain't (we do not restore) but will try and repair most things, we are presented with. Electrical items are the most popular, we have also had a generator, tools, computers, bicycles, and cuddly toys. Recently we have added a skilled metal worker to our skills team. If you can get it to us, we'll have a go at repairing it.

It was not high on my list, I intended to start a family environment group, with den building, a forest school, making fires, bug hunting and building a wildlife garden and pond. This is still something I would love to do but without support it is just a distant memory of what I got up to volunteering with the Devon Wildlife Trust.

Honiton Community Action Group is an umbrella group, with the aim of tackling the Climate Change and ecological crisis at a local level. I have now set up the Honiton Green Corridor Project where we adopt pockets of green space and turn it into a useful wildlife area.



I was asked by the Devon Wildlife Trust to help Robert Bailey create a swift project, our aim over the next few months to raise money and put up as many swift boxes around Honiton as we can to help this endangered iconic species survive and thrive in Honiton.

My next project I am taking on is part of the Devon Green Living Churchyards. With the help of David Curry and Kelvin Boot we have been given a small area of St. Michaels Churchyard near the entrance to create a wildlife haven with colour and improved habitat for the diversity of flora and fauna our surveys have found there.

If you can spare any time to volunteer with any of these or other projects in the pipeline. It could be an occasional hour every now and then or be part of a regular work party. I would love to hear from you. You will be covered by HCAG insurance. I am DBS checked, and spent years of volunteering with Carers, I am a Devon Carer Ambassador, and spent many years volunteering with DWT and other charities. Contact me on 01404-45073 or through our website www.honitoncag.co.uk. Miriam Thomas



Synergi SW in Double Award Win at the Build 2023 Home Builder Awards



Honiton based company, Synergi SW are delighted to have won 'Best Heating & Plumbing Business - South West England' and the 'Client Service Excellence Award' in the prestigious 2023 Home Builder Awards.

Now in its seventh year, The BUILD Home Builder Awards highlight the best home construction businesses, showcasing the companies that stand out and succeed in their respective fields. The awards are proudly not a pay-to-play programme. They employ their own internal research team to evaluate, shortlist, and choose the businesses they believe should be highlighted. In addition, the awards celebrate businesses embracing sustainability changes. The environment is now a key factor in construction and design with experts predicting this sector to thrive. Synergi SW are already seeing an increase in demand for their renewable technology offering, such as air source heat pumps, ground

source heat pumps and solar.

Managing Director Richard Gardner said, "To have won not just one, but two awards is a tremendous credit to the team who have worked so hard throughout the last year. We pride ourselves on our great customer service, so to have this recognised with the 'client service excellence award' win is really gratifying."

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Women-only Cycle Ride



Are you interested in joining the Honiton Spinners CCC ride? That's Cycling Chatting Cake! Definitely not Competition Challenge Contest.

Honiton Spinners is celebrating CyclingUK Bike Week

2023 with its first women-only ride on Saturday 10th June at 10.30am starting near Honiton. Would you like to join us? All you need is a helmet and a road-safe bike (gravel, off-road, electric, road bike —all welcome!).

This ride is for any woman who

- ▶ Hasn't ridden for a while and wants a bit of encouragement
- ▶ Is concerned about getting lost and wants to join a group
- ▶ Is worried about keeping up or being at the back
- ▶ Can't commit to a club, as life gets in the way, but wants to ride with others
- ▶ Is recovering from injury and wants to take it easy
- ▶ Prefers quiet lanes to busy roads

Join in for a friendly ride at your pace for about one or two hours, with cake at the end!

There's no commitment: if you can't come at the last moment, just let me know.



Honiton Spinners would like you to celebrate CyclingUK bike week with us, so email jennie.sleeman@gmail.com to find out more, to ask questions or to express interest (before Thursday June 8th, please, so I can make sure there's enough cake!!)

Christian Aid Week

Volunteers were very visible in their red tabards as they asked for donations for Christian Aid Week around Honiton from 14-20 May.

For over 75 years Christian Aid has worked with the most marginalised people across the world, of all faiths and none, seeking to eradicate poverty by tackling its root causes.

John Harrison and David Rosenthal could be seen outside St Paul's church on the Saturday morning.



Honiton Camera Club

For one of our April meetings members enjoyed a timed challenge, organised by Internal Competitions Secretary, David Faulkes. This was named the "Smarties Challenge".

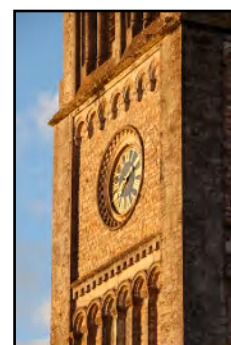
For the first part of the evening, members formed three groups of four and were given the set subjects of Framed, ICM, Evening Light, Street and Reflections, all to be taken within Honiton, with a time limit of 30 minutes.

On return, each group loaded their images onto laptops and chose what they felt were their strongest images, resulting in ten images from each group.

After the break, the images were presented to all members and awards made to the team that David felt had the strongest images. Congratulations to Chris Dorrington, Dan Ward, Nick Boggan and Stan Campbell – the prize was a tube of Smarties for each team member.

Visitors and new members of all ages are always welcome to meetings.

The Club meets at the Methodist Church, Chapel Street fortnightly, on Friday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm from mid-September to the end of May.

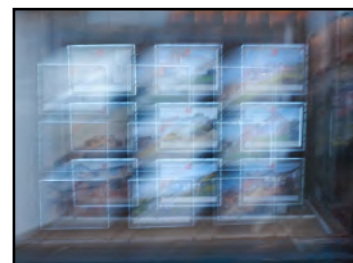


Norman Pettit



Nick Boggan

We are a small club with members having a wide range of abilities and interests. We try to cater for all tastes, with speakers on various aspects of photography, together with sessions giving informal tuition and advice. Besides holding our own internal photographic competitions we also participate in inter-club competitions.



Liz Pallant

Around & About In Our Community

Hello Readers

At the time of writing, it's still the beginning of May and we are all looking forward to the Coronation of King Charles the 3rd; he shares the day with my eldest son Tony who will be 51 on the same day.

On to Lions business. Our Race Night at the Conservative Club went well; with the help of our Fellow Lions from Babbacombe St Marychurch we raised the sum of £170 for our charity fund - a great lesson was learnt by myself (Don't try to tell a joke if you cannot tell it!)

I was pleased to present £300 to the now famous Phoebe and Chloe at Honiton Primary School for books for their library along with their teacher Miss Sansom.



East Devon Dance Academy's chosen charity this year is Scotty's Little Soldiers, a charity set up to support two of their students who sadly lost their dad last year in a road traffic accident. £100 was donated by us to help boost this charity.

We had a good 46th Charter Anniversary at the Golf Club at the end of April with Lions attending from each Lions club in our zone. Pictured with me are Lion President Richard Allen with his wife Deborah and two other guests from Budleigh Salterton Lions Club.

Ongoing events are our Summer Draw, and the Classic car show at the Market Charter Day at the end of July. We are hoping to have a sale of all sorts some time soon so please watch this space.

If you would like more information about Lions Clubs in general, please give me Brian the Lion a call on 01404 43738 Mobile 07966173828 or email brian.richards@honitonlions.org.uk or have a look at our website www.honitonlions.org.uk



FORCE Has A Great Devon Breakfast - With Excellent Results

Honiton Friends of FORCE raised a brilliant £755.11 with a Great Devon Breakfast at the town's Mackarness Hall.

Organiser Doreen Cook said, "The success was all down to the big-hearted people of Honiton and the generosity of nearly 20 local businesses and individuals who support FORCE so brilliantly. It's a wonderful charity that helps so many local cancer patients and their families."

Her group served bacon and sausage baps with tea and coffee and there was also a raffle and a tabletop sale.

Naomi Cole, FORCE Community Fundraising Coordinator, said: "We are so grateful to Doreen and her crew for all their hard work. What a fantastic amount they raised. Sincere thanks to everyone who so generously supported this event and of course to everyone who went along."



"The FORCE Great Devon Breakfast campaign has raised more than £5,000 this year and we are incredibly grateful to each and every person who has contributed to this very tasty amount."

FORCE Cancer Charity offers free support to anyone locally affected by cancer from its main centre in Exeter and at Ottery St Mary Hospital.



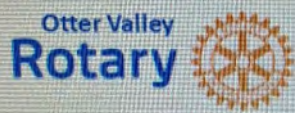
Another Successful Plant Sale For Honiton Garden Club



Members of Honiton Garden Club have been working hard to produce a great range of plants to sell at the club's annual plant sale.

Eagerly anticipated by many in town, the sale took place in mid May on the forecourt of St Paul's and raised an impressive £260 which will be used not only towards club funds but also to purchase plants for the memorial garden, which is maintained by members.

Around & About In Our Community



Rotary is made up of men and women from all walks of life. We have members from Ottery St Mary, West Hill, Exmouth and Honiton. 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.

Rotary raises money and donates it to local and International charities/organisations/schools/groups and individuals. To continue doing this we need to grow our membership - if you care about the community, come along to one of our meetings and see what we do, you will be very welcome. **Contact our Secretary Caroline Thornton - ct1959@hotmail.co.uk.**

Volunteering in Takoradi, Ghana

We had a request for funding from a young lady, Rhianna Lee, who will qualify as a Midwife this summer. Rhianna is going to do a 2 week placement in Takoradi from 6th to 19th August. The programme is organised through Work the World; here she will see first hand the way they practise in 3rd world countries, looking at the different cultures and the challenges that face pregnant women and their families. Rhianna is a mum of 3; during her 2nd year of training she had some serious health issues which she has thankfully overcome.

£3000 was required to fund the trip. Rhianna set up a 'go fund me page' which raised a large sum of money from family and friends. League of Friends from Ottery St Mary Hospital gave £500, Rotary also gave £500.

We wish Rhianna the very best of luck for her trip and we look forward to welcoming her to one of our meetings to talk about her experience.

If you have a project you need funding for please contact us via the contact page on our Website - Otter Valley Rotary. All applications considered.

Kids Out Fun Day

Every year the Kids Out Charity, in partnership with Rotary, organises a fund day out. This year it is being held on 14th June at Crealy.

We are delighted to be taking 48 children and their carers from Millwater SEN School to Crealy for the day.

A huge thank you to Parnell Coaches who are providing a 37 seater coach free of charge, Our members are looking forward to seeing the children have an amazing time.



The Arts Society, Honiton

Art and Architecture along the Silk Route

The magic, the mysticism, the allure of The Silk Road. For over 1,300 years it linked the Far East, the Indian Sub-continent, the Middle East and Europe. To travel its 4,000 miles took 2 years; however, with modern technology, Angela Smith transported members of The Arts Society along its ancient highway. In fact it was a series of routes that began in Xian in China and ended in Rome, and were the conduits for innovations, scientific discoveries and religious philosophies; it was also the cause of conflict.

Dates and saffron, gold, gems and ivory travelled from Europe to China but there was one commodity the West had that the Chinese really wanted. Native Chinese horses had short legs and lacked speed and stamina. So they went to war to obtain the stronger faster horses of the Greek Empire. China gave the West paper and gunpowder, porcelain and perfumes - and Silk. Ancient and Greek societies craved this exotic eastern fabric. Its production was restricted to the province of Sichuan; customs officials on the borders checked rigorously for illegal exports. But legend has it that one princess who wanted to pass on the secrets of sericulture to her lover passed through the gates and then removed her crown under which she had hidden silk worms and mulberry seeds. Dr. Smith had so many stories, all well illustrated with artefacts that have survived.

The Arts Society Honiton meets at the Beehive in Dowell Street on the second Tuesday of the month, from October to June, at 2pm. Visitors are always welcome and can pay on the door. Their full programme can be seen on their website: theartssocietyhoniton.org.uk

The lecture on 13th June is The Market for Antiques in the UK today, or Why no one wants to buy your wardrobe anymore.....

Around & About In Our Community

Honiton Carers "Walk & Chat" To Dawlish



Honiton Carers enjoyed a further "Connecting You" "Walk & Chat" trip yesterday Wednesday 2nd May. We went to Dawlish this time and spent a wonderful afternoon taking in the beautiful River Walk with all the Ducks, Geese and Swans including the famous Black Swans. Sadly,

the sun decided not to come out despite Honiton blazing in sunshine all day, however the lovely walk and fabulous refreshments we later enjoyed in Annie's Tea Room definitely made up for the lack of sunshine.

We have now completed 5 of 6 planned walks, the last one being to Axminster on 17th May. It has been incredibly interesting to use public transport to all these destinations, starting with Axminster, Exeter, Sherborne, Salisbury, Dawlish and finishing off with Axminster later this month.

We are incredibly grateful to DCC for awarding us this grant and to SWR "Try the Train" scheme for giving us a trial run to Axminster. These trips have benefited 40 carers and some loved ones too. It has been a great opportunity to learn how to travel with assisted travel, buy group tickets, using the machine for parking and checking the displays for times and platform of the required trains, even changing trains and platform with loads of steps to negotiate at most stations. We are hoping this will enable the carers to have the confidence to use public transport outside our group in the future. The Carers have made many new friends, seen places for the first time, many of which they wish to return to, and had peer support throughout the whole experience.



We can highly recommend other community groups trying both schemes, I am sure you will have as good an experience as we all have.

Photo shows (l to r) Jackie Crook, Stella Ford, Val Lloyd and Pat Dunlop

Visit to Regency House Garden, Hemyock

In April eighteen members of the Talaton Garden and Produce Association shared transport for a memorable trip to Regency House, Hemyock - a visit enhanced by a



guided tour by the proud owner and gardener Jenny Parsons. The sunshine added a rare bonus to the trip. Having parked beside the house the tour began with a wander round the gentle slopes of the walled garden. Although somewhat early to see any prizewinning vegetables the old walls radiated heat from the persistent sunshine. Not used to this! Wonderful asparagus shoots and potatoes slowly emerging. The promise of a delicious harvest to come was there in the fruit trees against the walls. Clumps of some quite unusual and interesting tulip cultivars provided early colour.

The party moved into the, again gently sloped, more formal area with a solitary oak and beds lined with immaculate box hedges. Wildlife in the form of Brimstone, Orange Tip and Comma butterflies flitted and thrived within the grounds. Moving back down towards the lake - wonderful views - and passing through a shaded area there was revealed an unusual Jeffersonia.

Finally, back to the terrace to savour a wonderful tea and cakes whilst taking in the views and remaining blossom of the huge Magnolia.

All in all, a very successful and enjoyable visit with Jenny Parsons deserving a well-earned thanks for opening her garden.



Scouts' St George's Day Parade

We walked to St. Paul's Church for a service and to get our section flags blessed.

Our flags were new and due to be blessed in 2020 but Covid stopped that from happening so we did it this year.

Photo is of the section leaders with their flags for the blessing.

It was a lovely service and the collection of £73.20 was presented to Heather Penwarden for Honiton Admiral Nurse.

Helen Turner



Around & About In Our Community

Rainbow, Brownie & Guide Of The Year Awards

Each year we present our Rainbow, Brownie and Guide of the Year awards. These awards were given to the 1st Honiton units by Carol Gilson in memory of her husband Joe Gilson; Carol takes great joy in coming along to our meetings to present the awards each year.



The leaders at 1st Honiton choose a girl from each of our units, who has shown their Girlguiding promise in action throughout the year, worked hard and been a good role model to others. This year Rainbow leader Carla had a difficult choice and awarded to 2 Rainbows Rosie and Zara; Rosie has worked hard and completed every Rainbow badge available and Zara is always kind and helps everyone out. Brownie of the year went to Kayleigh, who works hard every week and gives everything a go. Chloe was chosen to be Guide of the year for her resilience in the face of adversity at camp last summer. Despite struggling whilst away Chloe kept smiling and joining in.

Honiton is lucky to have a Rainbow, Brownie and a Guide unit but we used to have a few more; we would really like more adults to volunteer to maybe start a unit. There is great support from Girlguiding UK and the leaders already in Honiton would help anyone interested. We have girls on our waiting lists desperate for a place but each of our units are full. So please if you think this might be something you would like to get involved with register your interest through the Girlguiding website <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>



Can You Help Hospiscare?

Raffle Donations wanted - Do you have any new & unwanted gifts Hospiscare could recycle and use at fundraising events (such as perfume, gift sets, candles, games and alcohol such as wine or spirits). If you can help with this request please contact Toni on the number below.

Save your Stamps - Why not donate your used postage stamps to Hospiscare. If you can help, please take them to your local Hospiscare shop marked for the "Area Fundraiser" who will arrange to collect them, alternatively call Toni Hiscocks your area fundraiser as below

Are you an avid Jam, Marmalade or Chutney maker? - Hospiscare is looking to sell preserves at local events to raise funds for local people living with a terminal illness. If you can help please call Toni.

Calling all Crafters, Bakers and Makers!! - Would you like to have a stall to help support Hospiscare? Do you make jewellery, perfume, arts or crafts? If so Hospiscare is holding its summer Fete at Cadhay near Ottery St Mary (EX11 1QT) on Saturday 26th August 12-4pm. Spaces are available to sell your wares; for more information or to reserve your table (£20 per pitch) please call Cathy Badley 01404 814852 or email cathybadley@hotmail.co.uk - Please note payment is required at the time of booking and non-refundable.

Thank you for making a difference.

If you are interested in the work of Hospiscare or would like to join in our fundraising activities or have an idea of your own, please contact Area Fundraiser Toni Hiscocks

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