

Burrator BEACON



Autumn 2022



Great to see the Scouts enjoying themselves again!
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Editorial – Karen Batson

As I write we are enjoying beautiful sunny days and not so hot as we experienced in mid – July. But the lack of rainfall is concerning to farmers and gardeners alike, so let's hope we receive some significant rainfall in the not-too-distant future – at night, preferably! Meanwhile, we've had some great events in our parish and more to come.

The winter issue of the Burrator Beacon will be published at the end of November. Deadline for copy will be Tuesday 1st November, at the latest. That issue will cover the months up until the end of February 2023. Don't forget, this is your magazine for your parish, so we would like to hear from you! Do consider writing a piece about anything of interest. (Maybe you have a new interest or hobby that you would like to tell us about?) Please send all submissions as Word attachments, as this makes the cut and pasting process much simpler!

Parish Clerk's Report – Katharine Griffiths

In June Debbie Crewe was co-opted onto the Parish Council and her fellow councillors warmly welcome Debbie.

There are still two vacancies, if you would like more information then please contact me, (theclerk@burrator.gov)

The council recently submitted expressions of interest to Devon County Council highways department for 20mph zones in Meavy, Dousland, Walkhampton and Sheepstor. DCC received 105 applications and have considered the applications on a number of criteria, the four highest ranked schemes in Tiverton, Winkleigh, Ashburton and Atherington will be implemented. As this does not include the areas in Burrator Parish Council other options will be looked into to try and curb speeding motorists within the parish.

The Planning Committee have been consulted on the following application with the Parish Council's decision in bold:

0189/22 Heatherside House, Princetown Road, Dousland, Yelverton, Change of use from a residential care home to education use with associated external alterations. **No Objections**

0193/22 1 New Cottages, Meavy, Single storey side extension to dwelling for ancillary residential accommodation **Object**

0149/22 - Proposed garden machinery store and tool shed to private dwelling at Yennadon House, Iron Mine Lane, Dousland **No Objection**

0166/22 - Erection of agricultural storage building at Davytown, Road from Criptor Cross To Davytown, Sampford Spiney. **Object**

0275/22 - Siting of two shepherds huts at Callisham Farm, Meavy **No Objection**

0254/22 - Proposed: First floor side extension at 44 Barons Road, Dousland **No Objection**

MEAVY GARDEN SOCIETY

Monday 19th September
'Tea -The History of Tea in Relation to England'
Jeremy Wilson

Monday 17th October
'Twelve Bulbs'
Julian Sutton

Monday 21st November
'Trendy Houseplants'
Daiga Ose
(M&D Flowers)

All meetings normally start at 7.30pm in Meavy Parish Hall.
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Village Halls

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Meavy Parish Hall	Alison Stoker	853389
Sheepstor Village Hall	Patrick Drennan	853186
Walkhampton Memorial Hall	Sheila Glanville	859215

They will be able to advise you on availability, hire charges and terms & conditions of hire.

Sheepstor Village Hall Bulletin Autumn 2022

Patrick Drennan (Chairperson Sheepstor Village Hall committee)

Following on from Jason Brooke's well attended talk in March on the Brooke dynasty connections with Sheepstor, and a well-attended AGM at which the pre-Covid elected committee were thanked for their endurance during the last three years and asked to continue, there was a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee held in the village hall and adjacent Bull Ring field on June 4th. An amazing turnout of 60+ Sheepstor residents present and past, together with friends and family, raised over £600 for the hall funds, staggering considering it wasn't intended to be a major fund-raising event. It's success was in no small way due to the help we had from numerous volunteers before and during the day. So to all the cake creators, BBQ burners, pizza providers, salad servers, brook beaters, duck race diverters, stream trimmers, meadow mowers, raffle raisers, food fare finders, tipbarrow timers, children's craft creators (I think you've got the text gist of this by now and I'm running out of word association ideas), etc., a big thank you for making the day such an enjoyable one, and thanks also to all of you who came on the day to support the occasion. The evening was nicely rounded off by a performance of the local Eliza Acty Duo in the hall, which prompted one Sheepstor resident not previously known for his musical interest to wax lyrical about how relaxing the music was.

For the first time in a long time, the hall has a regular weekly booking. Congratulations to Annie Charles for getting her "Blooming Well" project off the ground, an innovative Therapeutic Horticulture development which aims to encourage those with a cancer diagnosis to be more physically active to improve their wellbeing. In collaboration with the University of Plymouth she was successful in obtaining a research grant to hopefully show the benefits of such a project, as although the benefits of gardening as a therapy for mental health issues are now universally accepted, it has not been tested in cancer patients during and post treatment. The course is based at the village hall and uses the adjoining Bull Ring

field for hands on experience. She is now running the second small group six session course, which is free for all Derriford patients with a cancer diagnosis. She has even managed to get an article printed in the Tavistock Times, and an interview with BBC Radio Devon on Toby Buckland's gardening programme! Anybody interested should contact Annie at the Mustard Tree Centre in Derriford Hospital for further info. She has proved that the hall is ideally suited for regular gatherings of small groups, so I hope potential users will take note.

The hall is also in regular use for major church events, Burrator Parish Council has restarted holding some of its subcommittee meetings there, and there will hopefully be a supper followed by a talk on an interesting locally related topic by an invited speaker in the Autumn. I will also be sending out a flyer asap to gauge interest in restarting the biennial Sheepstor Open Garden Event in 2023.

Sheepstor Villages in Action - Summer 2022

Patrick Drennan

The Suthering concert on May 12th was well attended, despite some of our usual supporters still being reluctant to mix in large gatherings because of the ongoing Covid situation. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped provide and serve the refreshments, and to all those who gave their support, and whose generosity resulted in £445 being split between the village hall and the Friends of St Leonard's Church Sheepstor. I'm hopeful that Julu & Heg, their band, and some of their choir will consider a revisit in the future, as the feedback was very positive.

Talking of the present, I received an e-mail a few weeks ago from Andrew Gillett of the Haldon Quintet, asking if they could squeeze in a performance on Sunday September 18th. Normally these events take many months to organise, but they are confident that their Devon based quintet has a loyal following which would be keen to hear them test out St Leonard's Church Sheepstor's renowned acoustics. It turned out that Julu & Heg of Suthering had recommended they try us out. Doors will open at 6.45pm, with refreshments available from that time, and the concert will start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £13 prebooked, £15 on the door, with a maximum of 100 tickets to be sold. They are available online for credit card sales from the link below, and for those of you who still prefer to pay by cash/cheques, from myself (contact details below). Please look them up at <http://www.haldonquartet.co.uk/> and I'm sure you will be impressed with what you see and hear. It has been too long since we had a purely classical music event at St Leonard's.

Sarah McQuaid, (sarahmcquaid.com) has been requesting a revisit to Sheepstor for several years since her successful concert here under the VIA banner. When a friend and local music aficionado mentioned to me that she had filmed a concert at St Buryan's during lockdown, and received critical acclaim from the likes of the BBC Folk awards team, how could I turn down such an opportunity? Check out her videos on YouTube and you will be struck by the quality of the recordings and the striking similarity of that venue to our own St Leonard's. Based in Penzance, she is touring again under the VIA banner, and has graciously accepted a rescheduling of her provisional October date here to Sunday November 27th instead. Tickets are £12 each, available from myself (details as above and below!) and the same arrangements for doors opening, refreshment serving, and concert start as for the Haldon Quintet event.

Last, but not definitely not least, Ninebarrow are scheduled to return to Sheepstor for a record fourth time on Thursday March 9th. Tickets will be £16 in advance £18 on the door, and available from their ticket office web site for credit card payments and myself for the time-honoured cash/cheque transactions. More details will hopefully be printed in the winter edition of the Burrator Beacon.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/theviolinden/739795>

Patrick Drennan - Sheepstor Villages in Action promoter: 01822 853186;
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The Walkhampton Platinum Event

Michael Spry



The idea of a Community Event goes back to the Autumn of last year when Linda Landick booked the Tavistock Stannary Band on behalf of the Yelverton Group of Friends of Children's Hospice South West; subsequent public meetings were held this year with Village organisations, the church & members of the Village all getting together to organise the 'Unique event for a Unique occasion' that took place on 'the day'.

The two hall marquees were erected early in case there was bad weather later in the week although the day dawned fine; being the first event of this type there were inevitably a few nail-biting moments the last being solved by Alun Thomas taking on the responsibility of being the Medic.

Events started with a service of celebration at St Mary the Virgin's Church with continuous bell ringing from 11.30 to mid-day. From 11.30 exhibits started arriving for the classic vehicle display - ex-military vehicles and others which included Jaguar, Standard, MG etc and a dozen members of the informally titled Plymouth Mods with their 12 Lambrettas.

In the absence of Walkhampton Scouts & Cubs, members of the Plymouth Keyham Scout group attended providing plate smashing and the dreaded 'wet sponge' throwing, amazingly providing their own volunteer targets!

A Fun Dog Show was expertly run by Mairead and Gavin West and Isobel Parris and was a huge success with a big variety of classes catering for more than 100 woofers and their handlers; quite how a dog could look like the Queen I don't know but apparently one did! In the hall, videos of Tom & Jerry entertained some of the children, whilst outside children from Lady Modiford's school performed their well-rehearsed Maypole dancing routine with all of the dancers enjoying the occasion and their moment in the spotlight.

One of the marquees housed a number of stalls with Sue Savage and her Cancer Charity bric-a-brac, books and the ever popular Tombola bottle stall, Pam Kitchen with her plant stall and daughter Tammy with hand crafted crochet. Importantly there was a bar run by Tina Glanville and her son on behalf of the hall committee, whose Secretary Vicky Alford ran the barbecue that was responsible for the mouth-watering smell that always goes with a barby; is it better than the smell of Fish 'n Chips?

Inside the patriotically decorated hall, members of both the Yelverton Group of Friends of CHSW and the Walkhampton Cottage Garden Society coped under some duress with the hugely popular refreshments – dozens of donated cakes, teas, etc being consumed with extra staff being drafted in to cope with the demand! A “Donate & Take” stall did amazingly well whilst the Church staged a Treasure Hunt and sold pilgrimage items. The last of the CHSW Grand Raffle tickets which had been on sale since March were sold during the afternoon.

Mid-afternoon and Tavistock Stannary Band struck up (the band members having very kindly ‘given-up’ their Platinum afternoon) and entertained everyone with 2 sessions of glorious music enjoyed by lots of people sitting around on the grass in the sunshine while the band played on!

The final event took place in the hall with the CHSW Grand Raffle being drawn - luckily the first prize winner was present and put on a bit of spontaneous air-punching in celebration!

So ended a unique celebration - where the all the charities involved benefitted and a day obviously enjoyed by the large crowd that turned up. Thanks are due to the organising team and the many helpers involved and to those who very generously donated prizes, plants, cakes, etc to the various charities. We hope the event did Walkhampton proud!

Editor's Note: It certainly did! Thank you to all involved for a brilliant community event and for the many months of hard work and planning that went into it, not to mention the fantastic fund-raising for CHSW.

Children's Hospice South West - Platinum Fundraising

Michael Spry



Members of the **Yelverton Group of Friends of CHSW** are seen here presenting a cheque for £8,352 to Annabel, the Charitie's local representative, having raised this amount since starting a 'Platinum' raffle in March, by collections at Yelverton Car Park and Morrison's in Tavistock and providing catering etc at the Walkhampton Platinum Event.

The figure was achieved through the generosity of Barclays Bank whose Bank in the Community scheme match-funded the money we raised and the kindness of the many people who contributed raffle prizes and of course to those who made donations or bought raffle tickets. A simply fantastic amount which means that in less than 12 months the Group has raised in excess of **£25,000** for this wonderful charity – so a huge thank you to everyone who in any way contributed.



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Walkham Valley Scout Group

Bill Andrew

After a two-year gap driven by CV19 the scout group finally returned to one of our most popular camp sites – Pier Cellars. Nestling beside the sea in the beautiful bay at Cawsand, Cornwall, it is a perfect site for all sorts of varied activity both on land and afloat. The little onsite sheltered harbour enables very safe water activities to take place so our scouts got to grips with kayaking and the excitement of sliding down what is locally known as the 'ramp of doom' into the harbour, the challenge being to remain upright in your kayak as you slide down. Timed runs around the campsite obstacle course formed the team competition where a certain amount of forward planning and management of your team members was required to achieve the fastest time. While all the harbour activities were going on, we had a powerboat

racing around the bay. Here man overboard exercises were practised with a float and scouts got to steer and control the vessel. Assisting staff supervised from Cawsand beach where the local shop provided all the ice cream they could eat. Evenings were spent making craft of various sorts while enjoying the campfire and breaking to roast marshmallows/cooking bread twists.

To explore some of the very beautiful local countryside, an orienteering exercise was set up on our last day which took the scouts out to Penlee Point and down into the little coves en route.

Blessed with lovely sunny days throughout the scouts (and their leaders) returned home tired, full of fresh, salty air and I believe all slept very well that night. The group thanks must go to all the staff that attended, keeping things safe and lastly to our magnificent galley team who fed us so well throughout.



Himalayan Balsam

We have received an email from a reader highlighting the potential problems this plant can cause and to encourage people to deal with it if it appears on their property.



Himalayan balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*) is listed under Schedule 9 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 with respect to England and Wales. As such, it is an offence to plant or otherwise allow this species to grow in the wild.

Himalayan Balsam is a widespread invasive species in Britain.

It is an annual plant and its high level of seed production and vigorous seed dispersal means that it is highly invasive. Each plant produces at least 500 seeds, which can be propelled up to 7 metres from the parent plant by seed pods that are explosive to touch.

Himalayan Balsam is very damaging forming dense stands that can reduce or suppress native plants.

To attempt to fully eradicate Himalayan Balsam from a site, a key objective is to exhaust the plant's seed bank. This is done by repeatedly removing adult plants before they set seed.

Control of this species should generally be carried out before flowering and it is especially important to carry out any management before seeding. When clearing balsam in early summer, you will often get some new plants germinating later in the summer, so it is important to go back and repeat treatment two or three times before the winter.

Yelverton & District Local History Society

Nigel Rendle (Chairman)

The History of Mount Batten



We attended a very entertaining, interesting and illustrated talk on the History of Mount Batten which included lots of stories and jokes throughout.

Robin Blythe-Lord explained that the peninsula of Mount Batten lay on the east side of Plymouth Sound and is the site of the earliest port. It was originally called How Stert which is Saxon meaning 'high ground' and there is evidence of Neolithic habitation. In the Bronze Age tin and lead from Dartmoor were transported down the Plym to Cattewater. Iron Age coins and horse harnesses have been found and there is evidence of thatched round houses. In Roman times it was an important port, possibly the lost port of Tamaris. In the 16th century there was pirate activity, boat maintenance and fishing. An armed merchantman was found in the Cattewater from around 1530.

In the seventeenth century it became a mass grave for victims of the plague and during the Civil War the area was used for burying the dead. In 1666 after the Restoration the tower was built as part of the Plymouth defences and was named after the governor, Vice Admiral William Batten. The tower is hollow and has a flat roof for the positioning of cannons, facing seaward and landward. Inside there were 2 floors, the ground was for storage and the garrison occupied the other floors. When the Citadel was completed the cannons were moved there.

The area was used for burials again during the cholera epidemic of 1832-1849.

In the year 1002AD Aethelred the Unready was King and married to Emma of Normandy. This marriage was intended to bring unity against the Viking threats which often came from Normandy. But less than 9 months after his marriage, Aethelred 's order to kill all Danish people who lived in England was shocking as most Danes were living peacefully alongside the Anglo Saxons. Sweyn Forkbeard, King of Denmark soon sought vengeance and a renewed Viking onslaught was experienced in the following years.

By 1006 a large Viking force was ravaging over large areas of southern England and Sweyn took control of England in 1013, declaring himself king, Aethelred fled to Normandy with his wife and their two sons, Alfred and Edward.

When Sweyn died in 1014, Aethelred returned to England with his family and led a force to drive Sweyn's son, Cnut, out of England. But Cnut returned in 1015 and there were several battles with Aethelred 's other son, Edmund Ironside. When Aethelred and then Edmund died in 1016, Cnut was accepted as King of England (and Denmark) and married Emma, giving her power and status once again. Emma's first child with Cnut was a son called Harthacnut.

One Anglo Saxon, Earl Godwine achieved great favour from Cnut with lands and office as Earl of Wessex and married Cnut's daughter Gytha. Peace reigned for a while. When Cnut finally returned to England after battles in Scandinavia, his son Harthacnut remained as King of Denmark.

In 1035 Cnut died at the early age of 38 leaving Emma in a very vulnerable position as he had not named his successor. He had left sons from his two marriages, the eldest Harald Harefoot and Harthacnut. Cnut's first wife promoted her son, Harold as the new king, rallying support, whilst Harthacnut, under pressure from Magnus, King of Norway, decided that he had to stay in Denmark.

At this point, Emma turned to her own sons Edward and Alfred, but Alfred was murdered. In 1037 Harald was chosen as King over all England. Earl Godwine was now back in favour and remained as Earl of Wessex whilst Edward fled back to Normandy.

Emma's fortunes plummeted and she was forced into exile. When Harald Harefoot died in 1040, Harthacnut was proclaimed King of England. However, he proved to be an unpopular leader and died suddenly in 1042 with Emma's son Edward (the Confessor) becoming King in 1043.

Godwine died in 1053, and his eldest son Harold Godwineson succeeded to his father's estates controlling most of England.

When Edward the Confessor died on 5 January 1066, there were a number of claimants to his throne. One, Edward the Exile, the grandson of Aethelred died before he even had a chance to meet King Edward. Harold Hardrada, King of Norway in 1066, felt that he had a right to succeed and invaded England in September 1066. Add in Harold Godwineson and William of Normandy who both thought they had been promised the throne by Edward. What happened next could be Alan's next talk!

This was a riveting talk by Alan Bricknell, his skilful and entertaining use of a complicated family tree chart, keeping the audience fully absorbed.



Rotary Yelverton has had a busy couple of months. Members have, as always, fully embraced our tenets of service, fun and amazing fellowship.

Members were invited to the opening of Rebekah's Garden on 8 July. The garden has been constructed at the home of a severely disabled child in the community from funds raised by various charities, organisations and individuals. We feel very privileged to have played a small role in this and wish the family and especially Rebekah many years of enjoyment and benefit from it.

The Rotary Yelverton team were lucky enough to reach the District Skittles 3 way final held at Treburley, Launceston on 27th June. It was a hard fought match against excellent Rotary teams from Otter Valley (the winners) and Helston Lizard (runners up). A wonderful evening of fun and fellowship was had by all. Huge congratulations to the winners.

The Friendship Café (previously the Memory Café) continues to meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month in the hall at Briar Tor where music and other fun quizzes relating to yesteryear are a regular feature. We have also acquired 10 iPads due to a generous donation by the Coop in Yelverton that, given enough attendees, we will use to increase the proficiency of those interested. So, if you are (or know of) a senior citizen who would like some company and a good old chinwag over a (free) cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake, please either contact Terry on 01822 613145 or just come along. We run from 14.00 to 16.00 and would love to welcome you.

Our FREE Annual Fun Day returned on 3 August after a (Covid related) two year absence. It was held on the moors/airfield opposite the Yelverton Play Park between 10am and 3 pm (per kind permission of Maristow Estate and the Roborough Commoners). Local groups and organisations facilitated games, races, an assault course as well as various other activities and crafts all designed to appeal to children from Key Stage 1 & 2, their younger siblings and parents/carers regardless of gender and ability.

Our final car boot sale of the year was held on 31st July at the Yelverton Memorial Hall. We would like to thank both the buyers and the sellers who continue to enthusiastically support this event.



Over and above our normal monthly programme of events, the 5th Wednesday in June, saw members enjoying an invigorating early evening ramble across Dartmoor. Afterwards, our intrepid hikers enjoyed a delicious meal and jovial company at the Walkhampton Inn.

Should you wish to find out more about Rotary Yelverton and our activities or are perhaps considering joining us, please contact us via the email address below or

see our website or Facebook page Rotary Club of Yelverton District 1175. We will be delighted to arrange for you to attend one of our dinners so that you can meet our members.

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Calling all schools in the Parish!

Burrator Beacon would love to hear from you. If you'd like your pupils to write a short article about what they and the school have been doing, then please do get in touch with the editor. Details of how to do this are on the back page of the magazine. Any drawings or photos to accompany their writing will be most welcome. Perhaps this could be a Literacy writing exercise, a School Council newsletter, or any other cross-curricular theme?



Dartmoor Border Morris

Mark Tregaskis

Dartmoor Border Morris have certainly had a brilliant first season after Covid & social distancing, with 10 new members joining us and invites to festivals and community events throughout the summer. We have attended all sorts, from Meavy Oak Fair to the Royal Cornwall show, a private Hand fest celebration through to an invitation to perform at Widecombe fair.

With autumn approaching, we will not be slowing down, as we have Apple days to attend in Bere Ferrers, a Victorian Christmas fair in Bere Alston, Christmas to Morris through followed by more Wassails and a Mummings play!

Saturday 19th November will see over 250 Morris dancers and musicians come pouring into Tavistock to perform for the 7th "Pudsey day of Morris". What is this all about we hear you say? Meavy based Dartmoor Border Morris will be hosting this event with Morris friends travelling from all over the South West to be in Tavistock. With a little help from the BBC, the plucky Morris sides will be out and about collecting for the BBC 'Children in Need' appeal. The world of Morris dancing has made a remarkable bounce back despite being forced like everyone else to socially isolate, so now we are out and proud to be organising a day of Morris dance for the Children in Need appeal. The invites have gone out earlier this year to all our Morris friends, and the general interest has been phenomenal, with interested parties as far away as Penzance, Stroud and Devizes. You might even get to meet the real Mr Pudsey Bear!



Morris dancing might well be centuries old, and no one really knows how or why it started, but it's a popular past time with folk who like to keep fit and are not afraid to make a fool of themselves. Dancing to live music is good for the heart, soul and mind whether you are the dancer or a musician. The idea of Morris men being old men in beards and waving hankies is an old one, but in today's Morris world you will find a lot of young men and women, happily dancing and waving big sticks around.

Pudsey day in Tavistock is a colourful event with different kits, some in shirts and Baldricks, some in blouses and dresses, some in tatter jackets, some with bells on their legs, some with fishnets and designer boots. You might even hear the familiar tapping sound that clogs make when danced in. There will be plenty of stick bashing, hankie waving and the occasional flower garland. Dartmoor Border Morris have (before Covid and Social Distancing) organised 6 of these events in the past and have to date collected around £9000 for the BBC Children in Need appeal. The weather on the day will obviously help make the day a great event, which will start around 10am with 3 different dance spots in and around Tavistock market. Each hour, there will be two Morris groups performing in all 3 dance spots, then on the hour, they will stop for a rest, then get replaced by a new Morris group. The event will start at 10 am and run through till 4 pm, where everyone will retire to the Stannary Arms in King Street, for a well-earned rest and a proper Morris music session. This part normally runs through till 5 pm, or when the beer runs out!

All the visiting Morris groups would love members of the public to turn up and support the great cause, but we would love people to turn up & actually 'have a go'. During the day, there will be plenty of opportunities to not just stand and watch, but to pick up a stick and get shown an easy dance and realise how much fun we have. Likewise, members of the public can come and have a go joining in the music session. It's all free to attend and join in! Just a small contribution into the buckets for the BBC Children in Need appeal.

Meavy based Dartmoor Border Morris (who are sponsored by the Black Farmer company, and appeared in a multi-million pound TV and bus shelter advertising campaign) have been running for some 21 years and meet every Wednesday in Meavy Parish Hall from 7.30pm throughout the winter, then dance out at various pubs across Dartmoor during the summer, bringing lively music and dance with a smiley voice and lots of good humour. They dance in the traditional Border style, wearing tatter jackets reflecting the wonderful colours of Dartmoor. Their membership has expanded to a whopping 35 members, 10 of whom are musicians.

If you would like more information about the 7th Pudsey day of Morris, or would like to join Meavy based Dartmoor Border Morris and be either dancing with them or playing tunes, give them a shout via www.dartmoorbordermorris.com or look them up on Facebook or Instagram. It's Morris dancing.....How hard can it be?

Moor's Edge u3a July 2022 news report

Marilyn Beer

Moor's Edge u3a meets on the second Tuesday of each month; except August; at the Woolwell Centre at 2.30pm. We welcome those who are retired or semi-retired who can come to two general meetings before deciding if they want to join us.

At our July meeting the Rt Honourable Ann Widdecombe was our speaker and told us about the variety of experiences she has had since leaving Parliament. Following her time on Strictly Come Dancing she went on the tour with Craig Revel Horwood as her dance partner; this led to Ann going into pantomime with him. This was just the start of the things she has done including writing her autobiography and several novels; many of our members purchased books at the end of the talk. Do look at our Facebook page to read more and see photographs from some of our interest groups.

In September; our next general meeting; we welcome Ben Mee from the Dartmoor Zoo who will update us on the conservation work they are doing.

Since easing of Covid restrictions our membership has grown and we now have started second groups for some interest groups. One Garden Visit group enjoyed NT Anthony House and garden while the other went to the Garden House enjoying the flowers and fairy trail that is there at present. Scrabble also has 2 groups one meeting in a members' house and the other taking advantage of Al's café where they purchase refreshments to enjoy while playing a game or two.

Our walking group has grown and we now have some members interested in longer walks so in the coming weeks a Long Walks group will start with walks planned over 5 miles long.

The Wine Tasting group took advantage of a sunny afternoon and met in one of the group's gardens. They enjoyed the 3 wines that were tasted touring around the globe to California, Argentina and Australia without leaving their seats! Another afternoon tasting wine in a garden is planned for next month.

The Science and Technology group heard about the Nuclear Submarines programme. The talk started from the 1964 Polaris programme through to the current Trident one and looking forward to Dreadnought Class in the future. What to do with the nuclear core when the submarines are decommissioned was also covered.

There are over 20 interest groups running currently with something for everyone, groups cater for those who want to sit and chat, get out and about or be creative.

Take a look at our website <https://u3asites.org.uk/moorsedge/events> to see what we have planned in the future and click on the Groups page to see the range of interest groups we have. On our Facebook page you can see additional photographs of what we have been doing.

We look forward to seeing new members and have a greeter on hand to welcome you.

Diary Dates for meetings 2.30pm at the Woolwell Centre the second Tuesday of the month: -.

August – no meeting, a summer break.

September 13th Ben Mee from The Dartmoor Zoo will bring us up to date with the conservation work being done at the Zoo.

October 11th Annual General Meeting and talk from Glen Bird – The Bootneck Baker. Glen has been in the final selection for The Great British Baker and was reserve in 2017.

November 8th Chris Robinson will give a talk on Plymouth History; we await the detail of the exact topic.

Space Available for advertising

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half page	£30.00	£90.00	90 x 130	130 x 180
full page	£48.00	£144.00	180 x 130	260 x 180

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