

# Burrator BEACON Summer 2023



**Walkhampton Flower Show – see page 4**

## Editorial – Karen Batson

This is the last issue of the Burrator Beacon that I am compiling as Editor before stepping down. I'd like to thank all the contributors who have written such interesting articles for the Beacon over the last 11 years; without you, the magazine would have been a shadow of itself. Also, thank you to the Parish Council for your support. Alice Neal will be taking over the reins for the Autumn issue. I know that she will do a great job and bring fresh ideas. Wishing Alice lots of luck in her new post as Editor! The autumn issue of the Burrator Beacon will be published at the end of August.

Deadline for copy will be Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August, at the latest. That issue will cover the months up until the end of November 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! **Alice's details are on the back page.**

## Parish Clerk's Report – Katharine Griffiths

### Elections

The election for Burrator Parish Council was uncontested and there are currently 10 councillors out of a possible 16. The vacancies can be filled by co-option over the next 7 weeks. The parish council needs people from all backgrounds who reflect their community to put themselves forward for co-option. If you are interested in joining the council, please get in touch with the clerk. [theclerk@bmppc.info](mailto:theclerk@bmppc.info) Unfortunately, the West Devon Borough Council election for the Burrator Ward has been postponed due to the death of one of the candidates. Our condolences go to the family and friends of Neil Jameson. The election has been rescheduled to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

### Website

The council have updated their website to make it more accessible for the community. If you have any nice photos of the area that you would be willing to share, please forward to the clerk and they can be added to the gallery section. Also, if there are any community events coming up these can be added to the diary to help publicise them.

### Planning

The Planning Committee have recently been consulted on the following applications with the Parish Council's comments in bold. DNPA have upgraded their online planning system, so you will see a different look when searching for planning applications. <https://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/living-and-working/planning>

0150/23 - Loft conversion, porch and internal alterations, Kerdhyn Burrator Road, Dousland, Yelverton, Devon, PL20 6NF – **No Objection.**

0050/23 - Erection of a polytunnel and timber barn, Land At Lovaton, Meavy, Yelverton, PL20 6PU - **Object**

0044/23 - Installation of facing bricks to dwelling including extension at Oakhurst Lake Lane, Dousland, Yelverton, Devon, PL20 6LZ - **No Objection**

## Can you help?

**Would you be able to deliver the Burrator Beacons in Myrtle Close and Manor Park, Dousland?**

**About 50 copies in all.**

**Please contact the Clerk of Burrator Parish Council if you can help.  
Details at the back of the magazine.**

## Village Halls

Please support our local village halls for your meetings, parties and activities, when Covid restrictions are lifted. All the halls have disabled access and they vary in size and facilities so one of them will suit your requirements. All the Halls are run by willing volunteers who strive to keep them in good repair providing vital facilities for our communities.

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.



### **Walkhampton Memorial Hall**

Available for local groups, parties,  
music events, meetings & Receptions.

Large hall, modernised kitchen, field with play area  
& ample, free parking. (PL20 6JN)

Contact:- Sheila Glanville on 01822 859215.

## Walkhampton Cottage Garden Society

Sheila Reynolds

The Walkhampton Cottage Garden Society's 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Flower and Produce Show will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023 in the village's Memorial Hall. As always, there will be classes for vegetables, fruit, flowers, handicrafts, cookery, brewing and photography. There will also be the traditional *in situ* classes for the best cropped and the most attractive gardens, and for individual features such as water features, walls and container flowers. These latter classes will be judged a month earlier, at the end of July, when gardens are still in full bloom.

The schedule includes a variety of children's classes, including a new one for the best animal made from vegetables, and we would love to see more entries from this next generation of gardeners. It is worth emphasising that we accept entries from the grandchildren as well as the children of those living in the qualifying parishes of Walkhampton, Sampford Spiney, Meavy. Sheepstor, Yelverton, Horrabridge, Crapstone, Buckland Monachorum and Princetown. We are also happy to accept entries from children attending school in any of those parishes even if they live elsewhere.

Regular competitors will notice that we have made some changes to the prizes. All prize winners to third place will continue to receive a winner's card, and children will continue to receive a rosette and a sum of money (now enhanced). However, the tiny amounts of prize money for each adult class have been replaced by enhanced sums for the classes that require most skill and dedication such as the Walkhampton Tray, the collections of vegetables, and the Walkhampton Vase.

The classes will be judged during the morning of 26<sup>th</sup> August and, from 2pm, the exhibits will be on view to the public. A tea tent will serve cakes and other refreshments, and there will be market stalls and a raffle.

The 2023 schedule is available on the Society's website, [www.walkhamptonshow.weebly.com](http://www.walkhamptonshow.weebly.com) and a printed schedule will be available in early summer - look out for these at Long Ash Garden centre. We are always delighted to welcome new entrants and, if you are uncertain about what is required, the website and printed schedules will give telephone numbers to ring with your queries.







## Children's Hospice South West

Linda Landick

Yelverton friends group will be hosting a car boot sale and cream tea on Sunday 16th July. The last car boot with Easter egg hunt raised over £1,000 for the hospice. The event will be held in Walkhampton. The friends group raise funds through the year and thought a cream tea would be good on a "dry" summer's day. We plan to attend Meavy Oak fair with our toiletries tombola in June. Any donations of new unwanted toiletries greatly accepted for the stall. See details in advert below

The Yelverton Friends' group for CHSW thank you for your continuing support and look forward to seeing you at our future events.

## CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SOUTHWEST



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Car Boot Sale & Cream Tea**



**Walkhampton Memorial Hall & Field PL20 6JR**  
**Gates open for car boots from 1pm, bargain hunters from 2pm**  
**Cars £5, Vans £10, Tabletops £5**

**Cream Teas served in the hall from 2pm**

## **Dousland's secret weapon in the war on loneliness**

Nadia & Nathaniel Taylor, Carolyn & Ian Tiley

The Helen Rowett Memorial Garden was left to the community, in the care of the Parish Council, by Helen Rowett, a former resident of Manor Park. She had a deep love for people and the natural world, and desired to leave a meaningful legacy for future generations. Her generous bequest reflects her wish to create a space where neighbours could come together, connect with nature, and foster a sense of community.

Over the years, the garden has become an area that is used relatively little by the people of Dousland, and so a group of passionate local residents believes it's time to realise Helen's vision and fulfil the full potential of the garden as a community asset. In Dousland, like rural communities everywhere, we are facing the modern challenges of lack of connection to our neighbours, stress, loneliness, lack of public facilities, the impact of climate change and the loss of ecosystems. We are fortunate in that we have the opportunity to do something about this. We envision the creation of a community garden, enjoyed by people of all ages and fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose. Most villagers have been enthusiastic, and some have already offered to commit their time or donated plants for the garden.

The first event we undertook was to hold a picnic to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles 3rd. This showcased the immense potential of the Helen Rowett Memorial Garden as a community gathering place. People of all ages flocked there, armed with picnic baskets and filled with excitement. Laughter echoed through the air as families and older residents alike enjoyed the beauty of nature, engaged in friendly conversations, and forged new connections. This event served as a catalyst, igniting a shared desire among the residents to unlock the garden's potential and transform it into a thriving community garden.

### **What is a community garden?**

A community garden provides a space for residents to come together, work collaboratively, and strengthen their bonds. Wildlife and gardening activities, workshops and events, can encourage participation from people of all ages and backgrounds, nurturing a sense of belonging and civic pride. Gardening together is known to have therapeutic benefits, reducing stress levels and promoting physical activity. Making new friends is easier with a common goal in mind. And if you don't garden, just popping in there for a neighbourly chat can be just as good for you. Community gardens can play a crucial role in promoting sustainability and supporting local wildlife, children and adults can delight in discovering nature right on their doorsteps and learn how to support it through sympathetic gardening practices.

### **Making it happen**

Community engagement ensures a shared vision for the garden, enhancing its appeal and accessibility. We need the Parish Council's permission to go ahead and your support is essential. If you think this initiative sounds like a good idea, or you want a copy of the proposal given to the Parish Council, please email the Parish Council on [theclerk@burrator.gov.uk](mailto:theclerk@burrator.gov.uk) or get in touch on [douslandcg@gmail.com](mailto:douslandcg@gmail.com). There is also a Dousland Noticeboard Facebook group where you can discuss your thoughts with neighbours. Next steps will be to organise a public meeting to talk about the way forward.

# MEAVY GARDEN SOCIETY

**Monday 19th June 2023**

**"Plants for Soil Regeneration"**

**Sally Pinhey**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**"Woodland Gardening: The Art of Growing in Shade"**

**Saul Walker**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**1pm - 4pm**

**Summer Show**

**Meavy Parish Hall**

**(Exhibits to be staged between 10am and 12 noon)**

**A variety of classes including flowering plants, vegetables, pot plants and flower arrangements.**

**Refreshments and raffle**

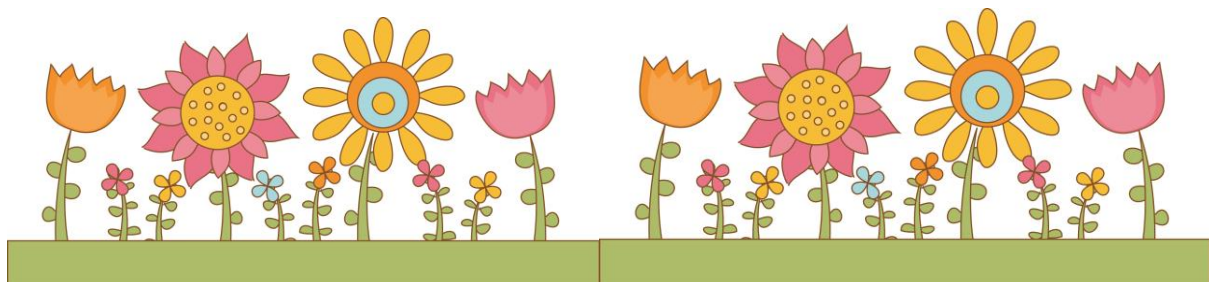
**Do come along and vote for your favourites**

All meetings normally start at 7.30pm in Meavy Parish Hall.  
Refreshments, time to chat and often plants for sale from 7pm.

Visitors (£3) and new members always welcome.

All Enquiries 01822 852672 and 01822 854595

**Visit [www.meavy.org.uk/mgs](http://www.meavy.org.uk/mgs)**



## Meavy Oak Fair 2023

Meavy Oak Fair is back for an afternoon of family fun and activities for all to enjoy! This long-running summer fair is returning on Saturday 24th June at the heart of Meavy and will start at 2pm with traditional Maypole dancing and a dance display from Meavy Primary School.

Throughout the afternoon there will be plenty to keep everyone occupied, from traditional games such as hoopla, skittles, a coconut shy, and splat the rat, to an entertainer for the youngsters. For the energetically minded, we celebrate the 25th year of the Burrator Horseshoe Run. Registration for the run will be in the village hall and the senior race will start at 3.15pm by green. The junior race will start at 2.30pm at Marchants Cross and will finish by the green. This 7-mile cross-country run is hotly contested by some of the best runners in the area.

For those not participating in the race, you can await the return of the runners by enjoying a proper cream tea, browsing the plant, produce, and cake stalls, having a go at splatting the rat, or guessing the weight of the cake.

Our local Morris Dancing group, Dartmoor Border Morris, will be dancing during the afternoon and, for the young, we have Mr. Phil who will be performing a show and giving a circus workshop.

Be sure to get your raffle tickets for the Grand Draw - we have some great prizes on offer, as always. Our thanks go to all the local businesses and individuals, who have donated raffle prizes this year.

As always, we will be cooking up a feast with a barbeque serving delicious sausages and burgers from local butcher Bidders, starting at noon and going on throughout the afternoon.

Make sure your dog is looking smart and on point for our Family Fun Dog show, with classes ranging from Best Child Handler, through to Waggiest Tail. The Dog Show starts at 3.15pm. Schedules will be available on the day, rosettes will be awarded for 1st – 3rd place, so bring your dog along, there is sure to be a class for it!

There will be ample parking at just one end of the village this year; if you are approaching Meavy from Yelverton and Meavy Lane, please follow the signs for parking, which will take you via Callisham – this will allow easy access to the car park at Meavy. There will not be parking in the field by the school this year.

All profits from the Fair are given back to organisations local to Meavy. Beneficiaries, in the past, have included the Friends of St Peter's Church, Meavy School, Meavy Parish Hall, Sheepstor Village Hall, West Devon Explorers, Walkham Valley Scouts, Meavy Garden Society, St Peter's Church, The Rotary Club, Dartmoor Search and Rescue and NSPCC, who have all helped out at the Fair, in previous years.

We're excited to be hosting Meavy Oak Fair again this year and we hope to see you all there!







**THE BIG SOUTH WEST**

# cream tea

children's hospice  
SOUTH WEST

**Friday 30 June 2023  
is National  
Cream Tea Day!**

To celebrate, each of our hospices are holding cream teas for the families we support. Join us by hosting your own cream tea to help raise vital funds for children and young people living with life-limiting conditions.



Register for your free fundraising pack [www.chsw.org.uk/creamtea](http://www.chsw.org.uk/creamtea)

 Making the most of short and precious lives across the South West  
Registered Charity No. 1003314



## The Big South West Cream Tea

Friday 30 June 2023 is National Cream Tea Day! To celebrate, each of our hospices are holding cream teas for the families we support. Join us by hosting your own cream tea to help raise vital funds for children and young people living with life-limiting conditions. Coming together to share a cream tea is such a simple pleasure that many of the families supported by CHSW look forward to. Alongside our care and support, your donations could help to fund experiences like gathering together for a delicious cream tea in our hospice gardens, and help to make memories for families now and into the future. It costs nothing to sign up and by hosting or taking part in a cream tea event, you raise money for families and help make the most of short and precious lives, one scone at a time! For more information visit

## Tavistock Country Bus

Tavistock Country Bus is a local charity, which runs a local bus service run by volunteers. We have a new 16-seater minibus and we have been serving the community in Tavistock and the surrounding area for more than 40 years. Concessionary bus passes are accepted.

Full details of our routes and timetables can be found at [www.tavistockcountrybus.co.uk](http://www.tavistockcountrybus.co.uk)

In summary, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, we provide a Tavistock town service. In addition, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we provide a circular route from Tavistock to Launceston, passing through local villages and on Fridays we provide a service to Gunnislake, Stoke Climsland and associated villages.

On the first and third Wednesdays of the month, we provide a popular service to Newton Abbot and Trago Mills. This service stops at Yelverton 0955 (pick up), 1500 (drop off). The time spent at Trago Mills is about 2.5 hours over the lunch period.

**Although not on the planned route as our services are 'Hail & Ride', the bus will stop anywhere on the route. With prior notice, a pick up in Walkhampton could well be possible.**

On Saturdays we provide a varied service further afield, including such destinations as Truro, Falmouth, Exeter, Barnstaple, Torquay and Dawlish.

Booking is essential for up to 8 seats on all Saturday and Wednesday services. As our services can be popular, please check availability and book with the Transport Office on 07580 260683 or email [tavistockbus@gmail.com](mailto:tavistockbus@gmail.com)



### 113\* TAVISTOCK-PRINCETOWN-ASHBURTON- NEWTON ABBOT-TRAGO MILLS Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday in the month.

Outward		Return	
Parkwood Rd, Lawson's	0930	Trago Mills	1345
TAVISTOCK, Bedford Square	0933	Stover Cross	1349
TAVISTOCK Bus Station	0935	Forches Cross	1351
Bishopsmead, Hazel Road	0942	Newton Abbot Railway Stn.	RQ
Horrabridge, Chapel Lane	0950	NEWTON ABBOT Pannier Mt	1400
Manor Garage	0951	Hannahs at Holwill Lane	RQ
YELVERTON, Bus Stand	0955	ASHBURTON	RQ
Dousland, Burrator Inn	0958	River Dart Country Park Ent	1417
Princetown, Woodville Ave	RQ	Holne Bridge	1421
PRINCETOWN, Fox Tor	1007	New Bridge	1425
Two Bridges	1010	Poundsgate, Tavistock Inn	1428
Dartmeet	1017	Dartmeet	1436
Poundsgate, Tavistock Inn	1025	Two Bridges	1444
New Bridge	1028	PRINCETOWN, Fox Tor	1448
Holne Bridge	1031	Princetown, Woodville	RQ
River Dart Country Park Ent	1035	Dousland, Burrator Inn	1455
ASHBURTON	RQ	YELVERTON, Bus Stand	1459
Hannahs at Holwill Lane	RQ	Manor Garage	1502
NEWTON ABBOT Pannier Mkt	1052	Horrabridge, Chapel Lane	RQ
Newton Abbot Railway Stn.	RQ	Bishopsmead, Hazel Road	RQ
Forches Cross	1100	Bus Station	1513
Stover Cross	1102	TAVISTOCK, Bedford Square	RQ
Trago Mills	1106	Parkwood Rd, Lawson's	RQ

# Horrabridge Primary and Nursery School

## HPNS Governing Board is seeking new members!

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Are you someone who enjoys volunteering?

Do you have a passion for supporting children's education?

Can you commit to a few hours a month to support a local school?

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We are seeking new members of our Governing Board to help us continue our efforts in supporting our wonderful local primary school.

Horrabridge Primary and Nursery School offers pupils from 2-11 years a creative and inspiring curriculum, with many extra-curricular opportunities and a strong pastoral ethos.

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We are particularly looking for governors who may have some financial experience or background, to join our Finance Committee within the Governing Board. However, we are also keen to welcome any volunteer who feels they have ideas and support to offer, so please do get in touch regardless of experience!

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If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact Caroline Daniel, our Chair of Governors, on [cdaniel@horrabridge-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:cdaniel@horrabridge-primary.devon.sch.uk) for a no obligation chat about the role.

Thank you!



## Yelverton & District Local History Society

Nigel Rendle (Chairman)

### Conquering the Dumnonii: new light on the Roman Army deployment in Southwest Britain.



Dr. Chris Smart, who had been instrumental in the excavation of the Roman fort project at Calstock, returned to tell us of his most recent research following a 2017 National Lottery grant. With little evidence before his latest project on the existence of Roman activity west of Exeter, he explained how the grant had facilitated the use of new technology such as LIDAR to shed new light on the period of occupation.

Over 500 archaeological sites in Devon and Cornwall have now been mapped, ranging from the Neolithic age to the 18<sup>th</sup> century, many of which appear to be associated with Roman activity, including a network of roads from the Quantocks through to West Cornwall. Some of these seem to lead to settlements at road junctions, mining areas and a possible old fort on the River Parrett at Bridgewater. There is also a suggestion of ridge routes between Lifton and Sourton.

On Roborough Down between the two leats there is evidence of an early road and some Claudian coins have been found in the past at South Brent, Sherford and Cornwood. The recent A30 road improvements uncovered lines of pits and constructions made of soil and stones (known as agger); also, at Restormel castle. Among the questions posed by Dr. Smart was – were these military roads or post settlement ie. civilian routes? Also, were they used to link marching camps when the legions were on campaign or did they lead to other forts, ports, or urban sites? One set of images near North Tawton suggests an over-wintering settlement with its own amphitheatre. Near Lapford in Devon there is evidence of an auxiliary fort above the River Yeo and the site of a defended town. Other images exposed by LIDAR with various buildings suggest urban areas.

Among other areas highlighted by the new data are sites in the Fowey valley, overlooking an historic river crossing, a small garrison near Roche and camps near Bishops Tawton (similar layout to Calstock) and Exbourne. Dr. Smart also suggested that there may have been two distinct phases of road and fort building, before and after major local uprisings.

What is certainly clear from the evidence found so far from the recent research, is that the idea that the Roman influence did not extend beyond Exeter (Isca) is no



longer valid. The maps show many other signs of ancient roads, forts and settlements and there is clearly lots more to be discovered on this fascinating topic.

### **Devon's orchards: how we took to cider.**



Michael Gee explained how apples originated from China via the Silk Road and Greece in the early days had extensive orchards favoured by the Romans. It was probably the Normans who introduced orchards to areas such as Kent and Herefordshire.

Earliest records appear in 1297 where cider featured as a payment by tithe. Orchards were created by the monks and at that time cider was seen as a special drink, rare and expensive. By the time of the Reformation and civilised courts, foods became more refined and fruit became popular. Nurserymen were employed taking over the management of monasteries and their orchards. Trading in fish, fruit and wine with the US also took off encouraging more commercial orchards. Following comments by the constitutionalist John Hooker in the 16<sup>th</sup> century that beer was “a habitual vile ale”, cider was seen as a better drink, encouraging more orchards.

A survey of cider orchards and production was carried out in 1757 by the Dean of Exeter. Although Meavy's return featured “very few and very little”, there was a big return from Modbury of 100k gallons. As new more sophisticated equipment was introduced, more larger producers came on to the scene, including Hunts of Paignton, in business since 1805. Whiteways was another Devon based company until 1985 with its successful advertising of “cyder” as a healthy drink. An unsuccessful move to introduce a cider tax in 1763 led to protest riots. The industry also overcame Devonshire colic, an ailment said to be associated with cider drinking, by the removal of lead in the production process.

However, by the Napoleonic war period there was a big emphasis on increasing agriculture with a change of use to arable. This led to a slow decline in orchards. This continued with increasing urbanisation, mechanisation and the move in the Truck Acts to pay wages instead of by goods in kind. Attitudes to alcohol changed too with the advance of Methodism.

By the 1990's a huge revival was taking place. Contract planting of new orchards and new producers, including the very successful Sandfords of Crediton and craft cider makers with small scale equipment came on the scene. The Common Ground campaign was formed to save orchards. Community orchards and apple day pressings and festivals like wassailing have become popular, new advice organisations have been set up. Orchards have become recognised as good for wildlife. Cider is now a trendy drink with all sorts of fruit varieties.

Devon with its challenging climate of wind, warmth and wet leading to canker has had as its own fruit, the mazzard – a domesticated form of wild cherry. Grown

extensively mainly around the Taw valley in North Devon, it suffered similar declines to other orchards. A campaign was started in the 1970's at Landkey and a local nurseryman has started growing them again. The future of orchards looks brighter than for some time.

Future events:

Tues June 20<sup>th</sup> – Guided walk at Weir Quay & old silver mines – 7pm start

Tues July 18<sup>th</sup> – Guided walk at Horndon & Zoar – 7pm start

Nigel Rendle (Chairman)      More details on [www.yelvertonhistory.co.uk](http://www.yelvertonhistory.co.uk)

### **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



Meavy based Dartmoor Border Morris are busy with a summer packed with adventure and places to visit as we Morris dance our way through the summer months across Dartmoor and beyond. We started our dance season back in Mid-April with a trip to Exeter to join 43 other Morris sides in a joint day of dance, because we could! Then followed another day of dance in Bovey Tracey with the Green man festival, then the launch proper, with a dance at sunrise on Mayday morning. We met at 05.15 in a carpark below Leeden Tor and danced our socks off as the sun rose over South Hessary Tor before heading to the Foxtor Café for a full English at 6 am.

From there we meet mid-week every week through the summer with occasional weekends thrown in, until we finish at Widecombe fair in September, but even then, the Morris party still goes on! Throughout our performances we will be passing around our collecting tins for our nominated charity, BASICS Devon, which helps fund Doctors who assist emergency paramedics. For more information and up to the date info about who, where and when, check out our Facebook, Instagram pages or [www.dartmoorbordermorris.com](http://www.dartmoorbordermorris.com)

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June.** Meavy Parish Hall. 7.30 pm Practice night. Come and watch and learn how a Morris dance is put together.

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June.** Royal Cornwall Show. If you're in the Royal County Show ground on the Saturday, come and say hello!

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June** 8 pm Drake Manor Inn. We will be performing with good friends Wreckers Morris.

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June** White Heart Inn, Menheniot Dartmoor Border will be getting our travel visas out again to perform with Tywardreath Morris at this historic little pub.

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June** Meavy Oak Fair 2 pm Meavy based Dartmoor Border take great pride in performing in our village fair!

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> June** Teignmouth Folk fest, all day. It's off to the seaside with our buckets and spades for a day of Morris dancing with some top Morris sides.

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June,** 8 pm Back on local territory, with an evening at the Plough Inn, Bere Ferrers with guests the Old Town Twelves from Plymouth.

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July** afternoon. Tavistock Pride festival, held in the Meadowlands park. Come jingle your jewellery with us!

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July** 8 pm Church House Inn, Holne. Travelling across to the eastern part of Dartmoor to meet Dartington Morris, who will be complete with hankies!

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> July** 11 am-5 pm. Dartmoor Border will be travelling to Stoke in Plymouth to Morris dance at their village fair. Lots to see and do if you don't melt!

**Thu 20<sup>th</sup> July** 8 pm. It's off to the Peter Tavy Inn to meet our good friend Cogs & Wheels ladies Morris. Guess what we will be doing! Bring a friend!

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** 2 pm-4pm. An afternoon at the Weir Quay café in Bere Alston just Morris dancing our way through the afternoon.

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> July.** 8 pm. Horse & Groom at Bittaford, starting at 8 pm. We are meeting "Isambard Gasket Rats" from Teignmouth. Come and enjoy the tunes and have a bit of a history lesson too!

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug** 7.30 pm. We are back in Meavy Parish hall to check on our bell straps and make running repairs to our kit. Feel free to pop along if you want to see what makes a person do Morris dancing!

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Aug** all day. It's bucket & spades time as we head off to the Sidmouth folk festival for the day.

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Aug** 8 pm. Tonight we are at the Cornwood Inn with guests Plymouth Morris. Hope there's enough beer for us all!

**Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Aug** The Tors Inn, Belstone. Dartmoor Border are taking part in the "Walking & well-being" festival, which is an all-day event.

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Aug** 8 pm. It's across into Cornwall again, this time to the Bell Inn at Launceston to meet good friends Boscastle Morris.

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Aug** all day. Princetown Festival. Dartmoor Border are proud to be invited to this event, held over a weekend, but we will attend the Sunday.

**Thu 24<sup>th</sup> Aug** 8 pm. The Rock Inn, Yelverton. A real local pub where we will be meeting good friends the Plymouth Clog Morris.

**Thu 31<sup>st</sup> Aug** 7.30 pm. We are off to Lamerton to perform at the Blacksmiths Arms as an invitation from Lodestone Border Morris.

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Sept.** 7.30 pm Whitchurch W.I. Did we say we give talks too? Yep, Dartmoor Border Morris are giving a talk to the women of Whitchurch W.I on the history and future of Morris dancing!

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.** 7.30 pm. Meavy Parish Hall. It's another practice night just to make sure we know which end of the stick to hold! If you are a musician and would like to join our merry band of music makers, now is a good time to say "hello, what key is that tune"?

**Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Sept** all day. Dartmoor Border get an invite every year to Widecombe fair and we dance our socks off. We will be dancing throughout the village and fairgrounds, though check our social media for details on the day.

## Moor Community Project

Emily Cannon

### Thursdays will never be the same again!

Following on from the success of the pilot 'Year 7 - Discover Dartmoor Programme's last academic year 2021-2022, we decided to continue the programme for a second year, this time via my role as Community Engagement Ranger on the DNPA 1-year Moor Community Project, funded through the Green Recovery Challenge Fund.

The original concept had been suggested by Andy Jerrett from Tavistock College, in September 2021, to give every year 7 pupil a visit to Dartmoor, as it had been found that that cohort of Year 7s were the ones that had missed out on school trips in Year 5 and 6 at Primary School due to Covid, and a large number were struggling to settle as they began a different way of learning in a new school.

Working in partnership with DNPA rangers, and other environmental charities, we created an exciting 16 week programme, designed for half a tutor group to come out every Thursday, enabling every Year 7 student to have a free trip to Dartmoor between October 2022 to April 2023, plus a chance to get to work as a team, learn how to use different tools safely, carry out some important conservation work, explore a new wild place, and have fun!

Tasks have been extremely varied within a maximum of 30 minutes' drive of Tavistock, and in some days, we experienced all the seasons in a day!



The programme included: Invasive species management work – cutting down rhododendron at Burrator Reservoir with South West Lakes; drainage work to prevent footpath erosion on public rights of way with DNPA rangers; giving trees some TLC in the orchard, learning how to make apple juice & exploring the Devil's Cauldron at Lydford Gorge with the National Trust; carrying out several tree planting projects in Lydford, Bishopsmead & Monksmead with Park Life; and for spring the

last 3 tutor groups will be visiting Tor Royal Farm to learn about life on a Dartmoor farm.

James Stroud, Assistant Principal at Tavistock College said “It is fantastic working with Emily and the Dartmoor rangers. They are well organised and communicate effectively. The students love the visit and ecological conservation work. They travel to the site and have a fantastic time; this has even been commented on by members of the public living close to the site. She even started waving a banner! Each half tutor group is excited to go at each time and be part of the experience. I hope this project can continue and be part of the year 7 yearlong transition event. Emily, Community Engagement Ranger at DNPA said “We recognise that not everyone has the opportunity to get outdoors, especially to Dartmoor, so via the Moor Community Project we wanted to make sure every child had this opportunity, and tried to remove barriers by ensuring it was free, and providing extra jumpers, waterproofs and boots. It was brilliant to see all the students enjoying using tools, and problem solving – by working out the best ways to carry out a task, and really getting stuck into the projects...even in very wet and windy weather at times. In return they enjoyed hot chocolate & biscuits and have received a certificate of thanks with a collage of photos from their day.







## The “Theatre of Boom!”

It is always exciting to find new groups in the world of the arts and theatre and one such rising star is the Plymouth based Theatre of Boom!. Founded as recently as 2021 when Rick O'Shay, met Vince Sutton for a general discussion about Rick's play “Field of Greens” which was based on the days of administration and near closure of Plymouth Argyle Football Club and the emergence of the Green Taverners a group of like-minded fans who did everything in their power to raise cash to save the Club.

In order to present the story of “Field of Greens” it was important to use fans of the club on stage but very few of them had any theatrical experience at all. Despite this in early March of 2022 “Field of Greens” enjoyed a four-night sell-out run at the Green Taverners Suite at Plymouth Argyle football Club. Vince was the Director and Rick's wife, Katrina, took on secretarial, P.A. and Production duties and continues to this day – though the group has expanded somewhat and now has the beginnings of a full committee.

Such was the euphoria amongst the group, they decided that they would continue as a company, but despite their huge success they were unable to find a venue to take their story on the road. The Theatre of Boom! was formed at about this time and more members were sought – and are still being sought.

“The mission is to bring a theatrical experience to our audiences in which as much as possible has been created from within the Company. Our work celebrates the depth of human imagination by engaging our spectators with high quality storytelling” says Rick and adds. “Theatre of Boom! also curates’ events to create dialogue between patrons and artists, furthering our connection to the Plymouth and surrounding community.

Our Theatre Company is a not-for-profit organisation whose aim is to produce great plays – simply and truthfully utilising our artistic ensemble of actors, writers and stage crew. The story of a play and the intent of its playwright are the core of the creative process”. Their brand-new production is call “The Browne House” written by Vince Sutton and featuring Rick O’Shay as Mr. Browne.

Based on a true story this little-known series of dark and chilling events takes place in the heart of Dartmoor. With this in mind, the Theatre of Boom! were intent on trying to put on at least one performance in the area it is connected with and are happy to announce that on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 they will be at Yelverton Memorial Village Hall, Meavy Lane, Yelverton. PL20 6AL. The performance will start at 7.30 p.m. and doors open at 6.45 p.m. If you are unable to make that date, they will be in The Muse Theatre, Lipson Co-Operative Academy, Bernice Terrace, Lipson, Plymouth. PL4 7PG on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2023. Tickets for the above (£11.00) can be obtained now through [www.wegottickets.com](http://www.wegottickets.com) or contact Katrina on 07596545739.

Their exciting and hilarious family Christmas Play “Zak the Zombie & The Christmas Repair Shop” – written by Rick O’Shay – is the story of Zak who is a vegetarian zombie who is struggling to fit into his community. He wants to stay but they don’t want him. “Zak the Zombie and The Christmas Repair Shop” will be performed at The Green Taverners Suite at Plymouth Argyle Football Club on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December and The Muse Theatre, Lipson on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December and tickets for these shows will be available from June, 2023 as stated before.

The new big production for 2024 will be “Believe” by Rick O’Shay and tells the amazing and exciting story of Plymouth Argyle’s 1984 Cup run to the semi final of the FA Cup and has been commissioned to help celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of that great achievement.

If you would like to join their company in any capacity on or back stage contact their website [www.theatreofboom.webador.co.uk](http://www.theatreofboom.webador.co.uk) or through their Facebook page. The company rehearses each Wednesday at Compton Methodist Church Hall, 2 Revel Road, Higher Compton, Plymouth. PL3 5LF at 7.15 p.m. Why not go and meet them, you will be made most welcome.





## Moor's Edge u3a April 23 News Report

If you are retired or semi-retired and wonder what to do with yourself have you thought about joining the u3a? Moor's Edge meet in the Woolwell Centre on the second Friday of each month at 2.30pm, apart from August a summer break. You can come as a visitor twice before you need to decide if you want to join. Once you are a member there are over 20 different interest groups to consider.

In April our speaker was Brenda Loosemore who talked about 'Ladies of Laughter'. These ladies included Joyce Grenfell, Victoria Woods and Pam Ayres to name a few. She told us some interesting things about each person and a short humorous recitation from their work.

In May we hold our AGM however, before that our speaker will be Nick Bateman the topic 'Guide dogs for the blind' and he will be bringing a dog with him.

In the last month our Music Events members enjoyed a Stevie Wonder tribute act at the Woolwell Centre and the Storyville Strutters Jazz band at the Plymouth Jazz club. The group have details of the Plymouth Area Police Choir and Tamar Concert choir events coming soon.

It's a good time of the year for the Garden Visit groups. One has been to Pinetum Gardens near St Austell. They were fortunate with a sunny day and lovely gardens with water features including a Japanese garden. So many lovely spring flowers were out and the group enjoyed lunch in the courtyard garden. Delamore Sculpture Garden will be their May outing. Another of the Garden Visit groups has a trip planned to Mothercombe House.

Coffee, cake and chat last met in the Theatre Royal and next will try Jolly Jacks at the Mayflower Marina. The Country Dancing group meet once a month at the Woolwell Centre and learn new dances from Terry; he also provides the music on his Piano Accordion.

We have a Ukulele group that meets each Friday to learn to play and welcomes new members. Petanque is restarting in May and will be held at Tavistock.

Other groups include Singing for fun, Arty Crafty, Play reading and several games groups including Canasta, Bridge and Scrabble.

This is just a snapshot of our u3a. You can see news of future events on our web page <https://u3asites.org.uk/moorsedge/events>. Click on the Groups page to see the range of interest groups we have. On our Facebook page you can see additional photographs and write ups of what we have been doing.

Join us and you can make friends, and fill your days and enjoy your time in retirement and you will wonder how you ever found time to go to work!

We look forward to welcoming new members at our monthly meetings and have a greeter on hand to meet you.

### Diary dates: -

May 12<sup>th</sup> Will be our AGM and Nick Bateman will give a talk on 'Guide dogs for the blind'.

June 9<sup>th</sup> Mike Follett will take us 'Back to the Fuchsia'.

July 14<sup>th</sup> Liam Lucassi from Plympton Fire Station on Home Fire Safety.

August No meeting our summer break.





The Garden Visit group in front of the lake at Pinetum Gardens near St Austell.



The Country Dancing Group in action



## ROTARY CLUB OF YELVERTON

### SUMMER UPDATE



Our Spring 'Old Folks' Tea Party on the 16<sup>th</sup> April was well attended by around 80 residents from our catchment area of local villages, Yelverton, Buckland, Crapstone, Dousland and Bere Alston. All were welcomed with a glass of sherry, followed by full afternoon tea. In between all the eating and drinking entertainment was provided by an entertainer then followed by a quiz. Our thanks go to everyone who made this the great success it was, especially to the Co-op in Yelverton for their kind donation of food, and the Tavistock Community Bus who helped to get everyone there.



Our 60's - 70's Disco night held at the Yelverton Memorial Hall was another great success, those that attended dressed in the style of the time thoroughly enjoying the music and dance, the event raised the sum of £763 for our charitable funds.

More recently club members had the pleasure of a visit to the old Yelverton Train Station kindly guided by Lady Kitson who gave a very interesting talk and a walk along a length of the line, illustrating the huge amount of work involved in the original building of the station and tunnel. This visit was extremely interesting with fascinating photographs of the station from when it was in use. The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended.

We look forward to our Annual Fun Day on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, that will take place on the moors/airfield opposite the Yelverton Play Park, and we are, once again, grateful to Maristow Estate and Roborough Commoners for granting us permission to do so. The format will be very similar to previous years with the many participating groups taking part providing a mix of Sports, Crafts, Music, and Public Service information to appeal to children from Key Stage 1 & 2, their younger siblings, parents/carers regardless of gender and ability. We look forward to welcoming you there.

Some of our club members recently attended our Rotary District Council meeting by Zoom, where a talk was given by a Rotarian from Kyiv. There are 66 Rotary Clubs in Ukraine with 1400 members, those attending were given a live description on current conditions there, with an expression of thanks for the £253k contribution, to date, from UK Rotary Clubs and material aid such as generators and warm clothing. Help is still needed on all fronts.

Some of our Forthcoming Events:

**4<sup>th</sup> June & 30<sup>th</sup> July** - Car Boot Sale at the Yelverton Memorial Hall

**24<sup>th</sup> June** - Assisting at the Meavy Oak Fair

**July 5<sup>th</sup>** - The Bake-off final afternoon at Princetown Primary School

**July 5<sup>th</sup>** - Evening Croquet match at the Plymouth Croquet Club - joint even with Tavistock Rotary

**Saturday and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August** - Car park duty at the 1940's Weekend RAF Harrowbeer



**28<sup>th</sup> October** - Barn Dance at the Yelverton Memorial Hall.

Should you wish to find out more about Yelverton Rotary and our activities or perhaps considering joining please contact us via:  
[president@yelverton.rotary1175.org](mailto:president@yelverton.rotary1175.org)

Or see our website [www.yelverton.rotary1175.org](http://www.yelverton.rotary1175.org)

## June at The Garden House

John Richmond

With the arrival of June the ten acre Buckland Monachorum garden is full to bursting with lush growth and the first of the summer flowers. Early in the month the arboretum lake is rimmed by lush displays of water irises, while, at the other end of the garden, native orchids have naturalised themselves in the wildflower meadow. Look out for the common spotted and southern marsh orchids among cranesbills, yellow rattle and astrantias among the grasses.

Adjacent to the wildflower meadow the cottage garden area is at its peak in June, artful displays of simple plants that hark back to less formal times. Bees, hoverflies and butterflies swarm this area on warm sunny days.

The walled garden develops rapidly through the month, with the mixed borders around the tennis court lawn already in bloom with a profusion of flower, including a display of white rose bay willow herb and pink meadowsweet around the lichen encrusted Lutyens bench. Between the twin gates of the lowest terrace tapered Phillyrea hedges divide the spaces either side of the central grass axis, providing sheltered space for a wide variety of flowering and foliage plants.

The twin lawns in front of the house are also surrounded by plants a plenty, including some of our many varieties of hydrangeas, feature plants that will continue the flowering season well into late summer and autumn.

The garden, plant sales area and tea rooms are open Tuesday to Sunday, 10:30am to 4.30pm.

See our website for details of all our creative workshops throughout the summer from jewellery making, willow weaving, photography and lots more!  
[www.thegardenhouse.org.uk](http://www.thegardenhouse.org.uk).



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