

Burrator Beacon



Spring 2024



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Editorial – Alice Neal

Happy new year everyone! I am pleased to say I have survived another Dartmoor winter. As I write this, the weather is still brutally cold, but the sky is blue and the sun is shining. Spring is almost sprung! This will come as a sad surprise to my dog, who has been enjoying skating around on all the ice.

This new year I want to encourage everyone to support your local pub! This is a quiet period and can be hard for our locals to stay open, so pop in and have a pint and some snacks.

See you at the bar!

Parish Clerks Report – Kathy Griffiths

What a busy few months it has been.

The council are very pleased that the tenancy for the Royal Oak Inn has been taken on by Joanne Rowe and the Inn re-opened before Christmas. Jo is settling in well and has a fantastic team behind her. Opening times and contact details can be found on the website <http://www.royaloakinn.co.uk/>

Cllr Keith Scrivener has decided to step down from the Parish Council after 25 years of service. All the councillors and clerk would like to thank him for his hard work over the years and his much-valued historical knowledge will be missed. We would like to wish him well for the future.

The council has several vacancies and is looking for new councillors. If you live within Burrator Parish and would like to represent your local community, please get in touch (see back page for details of vacancies).

Do you know the whereabouts of some missing artwork? Unfortunately, during the transition of the Royal Oak Inn a number of historical paintings have gone missing. These belong to private individuals and had been on loan to the Royal Oak to hang in the Inn and do not belong to the previous tenant or council. If you know their whereabouts it would be fantastic to have them returned.

The Planning Committee is consulted on local applications, there have been limited applications recently. 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>

0432/23, Section 73, Yennadon Quarry Iron Mine Lane, Dousland, Yelverton, Devon, PL20 6NA Proposal: Extension of the working plan area of existing active

quarry - Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 0348/15, and consequential amendments to other conditions, to allow the continuation of approved operations to 3rd May 2042. Neutral View, concerns were raised with regard to the effect on Dartmoor National Park, and It was felt that any continued quarrying should be back filled and restored as soon as possible.

Village Halls

Please support our local village halls by booking them for your meetings, parties and other activities. All the halls have disabled access, and vary in size and facilities, so one of them will suit your requirements. These halls are run by willing volunteers who work hard to keep them in good condition and provide vital facilities for our communities.

Meavy Parish Hall	Alison Stoker	853185
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.

Walkham Valley Scout Group

Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts & Scouts

The Scout Group is currently unable to run a Beaver Section because of the lack of a leader. If there is anyone out there prepared to take on this role, you will be warmly and hugely welcomed. Jo, our current Chair would love to hear from you: joanne.davey01@btinternet.com so that we can resart the Beaver Section. As is always the case the group is also looking for Leaders for the other two groups as our current cub & scout leaders are hoping to stand down soon. You don't need special skills just enthusiasm and commitment. Training is provided. Why not visit a meeting to find out what is involved or have a chat with Jo. Please get in contact if at all interested. Thank you.





Blooming Idiots Bulletin



Here we are again, a new year, a new growing season.

The blooming Idiots are now the proud owners of shed, donated by some fabulous friends. The next steps are to obtain planning permission, and then finally erect it! The shed is very important to us, as it is going to be a base for everyone to meet, drink tea, and gossip. It also provides a shelter for the children, especially if we have another hot summer. As well as a meeting space, the shed will be used as a nursery for seedlings, and tool storage.

We are also considering giving our little bloomers their very own plot. This will give them a sense of responsibility and ownership, as well as encouraging a healthy and diverse diet. In order to keep their interest, we will be focusing on fast growing crops. This means they get to see daily changes as their plants grow.

At some stage, we would dearly love to produce our own honey. We have a couple of plots in the field put aside for beekeeping, so fingers crossed for this year! We are trying to keep everything as natural as possible, and beekeeping is very beneficial to allotments, resulting in higher yields and better-quality produce.

Until next time. Love the Blooming Idiots.

Walkhampton Memorial Hall events

12th of May – Car boot sale

Car boot and plant sale at 1pm

Stall holders arrive at 12pm

Come and join us for refreshments and raffle prizes!

16th June – Tractor run

Tractors leaving the hall at 10:30am

Raffle, dog show, and refreshments available at the hall.

Archaeological discoveries at Sherford



A talk by Stephen Reed from Yelverton Local and District History Society.

Photograph- Mammoth tusk, courtesy of AC Archaeology.

Construction on the new 5,500 homes town of Sherford started in 2015, on farmland to the east of Plymouth. Archaeologists were involved early in the process conducting geo-physical surveys looking for anomalies in the landscape such as ditches, pits and walls. Stephen's talk took us through the amazing discoveries that have been made since.

Early finds after the soil was stripped were of late Mesolithic hunter-gatherer flint tools and Neolithic pottery bowls with decorations made with bird feathers. Numerous post holes suggested Bronze Age roundhouses and rare examples of large earthen barrows yielded cremation cemeteries. A large pile of stones when cleared revealed a kistvaen (burial chamber) with an upturned urn and found to contain human bones and a copper knife. After expert analysis these were thought to be from a Bronze Age man aged between 35-45 with disc degeneration.

Maps created by the surveys showed a well-made but disappearing trackway, covered with shale dug out from old side quarries, a possible Roman road – maybe a military supply route. Ancient stone querns used for grinding grain were also found. A wet area contained burnt stone in the shape of troughs. It's thought that these were for heating water though their purpose could be for cooking, washing clothes and textiles, brewing, rituals, or even ancient saunas.

In 2022 came the most important and astonishing discoveries for perhaps a century or more. In an area of limestone, the developers were drilling and pumping in concrete as foundations for the next set of houses. A subsequent sinkhole revealed an underground cavern which brought work to a halt. The subsequent excavations revealed over 200 clusters of extinct megafauna bones dating back to the last Ice Age 35-60,000 years ago. They include woolly mammoth, woolly rhinoceros, wolf, hyena, horse, reindeer, mountain hare and red fox, as well as bats and shrews. It is thought that some of the creatures fell into a pit and were unable to escape, and carnivorous scavengers followed and met a similar fate – or the animals died elsewhere, and the bones washed into the area over a period of time.

The archaeological team have carried out environmental sampling and removed the bones for detailed analysis and recording. It is hoped that the bones will eventually be displayed in the Plymouth Box Museum.

The underground space has been conserved; no construction will take place on top of it. However, the entrance will be closed to protect the historic site and ensure public safety. Stephen's hopes were that perhaps eventually some suitable memorial and information space could be made available near the site.

More information can be found on the Box website – www.theboxplymouth.com

Future Events from Yelverton Local and District History Society:

Tues March 19th – “The Civil War in the Tamar Valley” by Paul Reid (plus AGM & raffle) in Meavy Parish hall

Tues April 16th – “Industrial Archaeology of the Upper Plym” by Ernie Hoblyn in Meavy Parish hall

Nigel Rendle (Chairman YLDHS)

Central Park Plymouth: episodes from the past

A talk by Andrew Young from Yelverton Local and District History Society



Andrew broke his talk down into 4 main periods of its history. Firstly, the Early Years 1925-39: Given Plymouth's poor image on healthy living in the late 1920's, the City Council decided that health was priceless and embarked on the purchase of what was mainly

farmland for leisure activities for an expanding population. This included the impressive residence of Pound House and its grounds. Thomas H Mawson was appointed as the landscape architect who was one of the most influential designers of his time. The park was officially opened in 1931 and early facilities included tennis courts, a model boats pond, bowling green, cricket, and children's playground. Avenues of trees were also planted.

As WW2 broke out, large parts of the park were given over to food growing with allotments, as part of the “Dig for Victory” campaign. Air raid shelters

were built, ARP HQ set up at Pounds House, an emergency food station and gun emplacements constructed. Troops were billeted there in Nissen huts. Even a POW camp was established continuing in use until 1948 when many prisoners were employed in house building. Prefabs were built in the area.

By 1960 activities were resuming, though without real purpose. A zoo had opened in 1952 and had attracted over 100k visitors in its first 4 months. This closed in 1978 and was reopened as a skateboard park, closing again in 1981. A pitch-and-putt golf course, new indoor swimming pool and in 1970, the Mayflower leisure centre opened with facilities including a sports hall and squash courts. Plymouth Argyle football club levelled areas to make new football pitches. Car parks and access road layouts were changed. However, these developments were controversial because of the loss of green space,

The park was not popular during the start of the 21st century with run down facilities, vandalism and increased crime. Small steps were taken however with new playgrounds and a family tree planting scheme. In 2012, the Life Centre opened, replacing the former swimming pool and Mayflower leisure centre and leading to better use of space in the area. In 2017 a £9m improvement plan has led to an extension of the public skateboard park and bowling pavilion, new tennis courts, café, adventure playgrounds and ponds. In 2019 the park achieved its first “Green Flag” award.

Attention now is expected to be focussed on Pounds House, previously used as a social and cultural centre, Town Clerk offices, library, and café, it has been in “care and maintenance” since 2018.

Another excellent talk. More information can be found on the website [Friends of Central Park Plymouth \(focpp.org.uk\)](http://Friends of Central Park Plymouth (focpp.org.uk))



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Sheepstor Village Hall Bulletin Spring 2024

We had quite an eventful 2023, starting with a well attended supper talk by Kate Rushton from Tamar Energy Community, although she focused more on ways to help fuel poverty families rather than alternative energy schemes, and gave a lot of us Covid in the process! Then in May the village hall supporters got together to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III – a great time was had by all at another amazing Sheepstor fete, aided by some excellent music from Jim Causley and friend. We were lucky to be awarded a grant from WDBC and Burrator PC to fund the music act and the purchase of a replacement gazebo, the old one having given up the ghost at the Platinum Jubilee celebrations the year before – portents?

In May the AGM was well attended, and some new committee members joined the merry band, which is always a good sign that the village hall is much appreciated by all its stake holders.

Then there was a pre-Christmas evening event at the beginning of December which was very well received. A big thank you to all who provided refreshments and supported those various events.

From a hiring out point of view, Burrator Parish Council agreed to restart using the hall for some of their summer meetings, and Annie Charles held three 6 session groups of her 'Blooming Well' horticultural therapy project on behalf of Derriford's Mustard Tree. St Leonard's Church PCC continues to make use of its facilities for their big events, as well as weddings and funerals.

As might be expected for a medieval building built with one wall attempting to retain the churchyard on its south side, repairs have made a significant impact on our resources. We hope to make a final decision on the choice of replacement chairs shortly, as the metal/ply ones there since time immemorial are too heavy, uncomfortable, difficult to stack, and damage the walls when they make contact. Thank you to BPC for their financial support to that end. However they have been outgunned by Betty Palmer's suggestion in Autumn 2022 that we apply for a COOP community fund. We were successful with the Treasurer & Chairperson's application, thought we had received modest support from the Yelverton COOP's customers, but were stunned when a cheque for £2000 was handed over at the end of the year. Well done and thankyou to all our supporters.

Unfortunately the repair and replacement saga is not yet done. The floor which replaced the flooded out one a few years back has finally started giving way in a few areas, so we are about to embark on a major project to take it up, inspect what has happened and the reasons, and then try to rectify the situation before booked

events in February onwards. We are hoping again for some financial support from local organisations, as the bill will be in the several thousands unfortunately.

Future events in the planning stage are a Quiz night in February (floor renovations permitting), Blooming Well's 2024 programme starting in March, and the return of Sheepstor Open Gardens for the weekend of June 1st & 2nd., held over from 2023 because of the proximity to the Coronation celebrations.

Patrick Drennan (Chairperson of Sheepstor Village Hall committee)

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Walkhampton Memorial Hall – Bingo Evening

We will be holding a Bingo evening at the hall on Friday 22nd March in aid of hall funds.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Entry will cost £10 per person.

Please bring your own food and drink. We look forward to seeing you.

Sheepstor Villages in Action - Spring 2024



Thursday March 7th 7.30pm St Leonard's Church Sheepstor PL20 6PF
£16 (£18 on door) <https://www.ninebarrow.co.uk/sheepstor> (cc)
drdartmoor@doctors.org.uk 01822 853186 (cash/cheque/BACS)
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Unfortunately, various happenings seemed to conspire against another concert being held in the autumn of 2023. A new promoter failed to materialise, Loveny decided that some of their members didn't wish to travel to the wilds of Dartmoor unless the sun was shining, and my energy and enthusiasm has been challenged by some health issues. However, a phone call from Ninebarrow, who have made several successful visits to St Leonard's in the past, awoke me out of my torpor. A booked venue for one of their forthcoming spring tour gigs had cancelled for March 7th, and could I

consider squeezing them in? A nanosecond later I heard my voice saying yes of course, and hopefully the runes will prove favourable. Maybe even one or more of the audience will be inspired/intrigued enough to come and have a chat about how they could help continue the successful run of concerts.

To recap, the concerts are backed financially by a triumvirate consisting of the Parochial church Council (PCC), Sheepstor village hall committee (SVHC) and the Friends of St Leonard's Church Sheepstor (FOSLCS). The concerts are manned by unpaid volunteers and all profits are divided between SVH and FOSLS, after an agreed amount is deducted to cover the artist's fees, hire of the church and use of the hall toilet facilities. The performances have included jazz, classical, folk, world and film music genres and are secular in nature. The acoustics are excellent, and we have a maximum seating capacity of 100. We also provide refreshments before and during the interval, hopefully in return for a generous donation! Sheepstor itself is a very small village, consisting of little more than a couple of dozen houses in the entire parish, but the events have always attracted great support from Burrator Parish and beyond. Ideally the role would suit a younger retiree looking for something to distract them from the more mundane, or even an even younger soul hoping to get into the promotion arena and get something on their CV. I would stay and help the new regime to bed in.

Doors will open for the Ninebarrow concert at 6.45 on the 7th of March, with refreshments available, and the performance commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets are £16 in advance, £18 on the door, but be aware that all of their previous concerts have sold out before the night. Tickets are available from their website <https://www.ninebarrow.co.uk/sheepstor> for a small additional fee (only 45p) on a credit card payment, or from myself for cash/cheque/BACS transactions.

“Ninebarrow are a multi-award-winning folk duo, who are impressing audiences across the country with their innovative and captivating take on the folk tradition. Described by Mark Radcliffe as sounding like ‘two halves of one voice’, by Seth Lakeman as ‘a fantastic duo’ and by Kate Rusby as ‘absolutely amazing’, Jon Whitley and Jay LaBouchardiere combine breath taking vocal harmonies and melodies, delivering songs that are inspired and rooted in the landscape and history of the British Isles. Nominated in the 2017 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards for Best Emerging Artist and most recently picking up Best Duo in the Folking.com awards 2019, their latest album, ‘A Pocket Full of Acorns’ (released in March 2021) was released to wide-spread critical acclaim including coverage on BBC1’s Countryfile and BBC Radio 4’s ‘Front Row’”.

Happy New Year and hope to see you here at the concert.

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Featured Creature

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This edition's featured creature is...

The beautiful Indie!



Indie is 10 years old, but still thinks she's a puppy. She lives in Dousland with her owners, Fraser and Jan.

She is well known in the village and tries to make friends with everybody!

If anybody offers her a treat, she will never forget them. She enjoys her walks on the moors, especially if they involve a paddle in the leat.

Everybody comments how well behaved she is - but they don't see her hogging the bed at night!

Plymouth Area Police Choir in Concert

Singing an eclectic mix of music with guest organist Scott Angell.

Friday 19th April 7.30pm St Peter's Church, Meavy

Tickets £10 - £5 under 12 from Annie Inman 01822 852672 Or
sbgordon48@hotmail.com In aid of St Peter's church funds.



Monday 18th March 2024

Spring Flower Show

Meavy Parish Hall

Exhibits from 7pm

Show starts being judged at 7.30 pm.

Refreshments, quiz, and prizes to be won.



Monday 15th April 2024

"Stonelands House and Gardens: A Garden of Hidden Beauty" - Saul Walker

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

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Moor's Edge u3a January 2024 News Report.

Are you retired or semi-retired looking at winter days and wondering what to do? Don't sit home feeling lonely come to visit us! Moor's Edge u3a meets at 2.30pm on the second Friday of each month; apart from August our summer break; at the Woolwell Centre, PL6 7TR. You can come twice as a visitor before deciding if you would like to join us. Once you are a member there are over 20 interest groups you could join with hopefully something for everyone.

In December at our general meeting we had a Christmas party with our Singing for fun and Ukulele groups entertaining us before we had mince pies and cream with a hot drink. In January Dr Lydia Koehler told us about her involvement with Shark research and conservation, very interesting and we learnt how essential Sharks are to a healthy ecosystem. In February at our meeting Christopher Turner will give us a 'Virtual tour of the Barbican'.

We had our annual New Year meal at the Yelverton Golf Club in January, 55 people enjoying the good food that is always served there.

Recently we have had new groups start, Map reading and Navigation the group mixing learning indoors with going out and applying their learning. We already had long and short walk groups and now Strollers is starting for anyone who wants some gentle exercise with an opportunity to chat along the way. Art Appreciation will have their inaugural outing later in February to The Box.

At the monthly Darts meeting at the London Inn 12 members enjoyed lunch followed by 3 games of Darts. The Play Reading group read Blockhouse Park by Willy Russell which had several funny moments made more so by the play having more characters than the group had so they occasionally ended up 'talking to themselves'!

The Book Club meet monthly to choose a book to read which is then discussed at the next meeting. For those who enjoy games we have 2 Scrabble groups and Canasta and Bridge groups.

If gentle exercise is what you are looking for there is Tai Chi and for a different exercise Country Dancing. For the creative we have an Arty-Crafty group with members doing Knitting, Crochet, Felting and Quilting among their activities.

These are just a few of the groups we currently have. Do have a look at our web events page to see what is planned, <https://u3asites.org.uk/moorsedge/events> and our Facebook page where you will find more information and photos about what we have been doing.

We look forward to welcoming those interested in joining us at our monthly meetings and have greeters there to meet you.

Diary dates: -

Mar 8th Stephanie Austin - Turning to Crime.

Apl 12th Sorrel Layne – Staying safe from terrorism.

May 10th Peter Williams – Auctions and Antiques.

The Burrator Beacon needs you!

We are looking for volunteers who can deliver Burrator Beacons to Dousland and Sheepstor.

Each route takes about 30 minutes, and we publish quarterly, so you can help support your local community by giving only two hours a year.

We are also looking for extra volunteers for the Meavy and Walkhampton areas, route times may vary.

Please contact us at burratorbeacon@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Sign up today www.chsw.org.uk/skydive



Walkhampton Memorial Hall



The official opening of our new play area for younger children (2-8 years) took place on Saturday 9th December. After a night of heavy rain, the skies cleared, and we enjoyed a rare dry morning for the ceremony.

Cllr Chris West, one of Burrator's new West Devon Borough Councillors, cut the ribbon, ably assisted by one of our small spectators.

We would like to thank all the individuals and organisations who gave so generously and made this project possible.

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Xmas Swim – Shelia Glanville



Back in the middle of January 2023, I jokingly said to a friend I would join them in a Christmas day swim at Bude in 2024. For those who don't know me-I'm always cold and haven't swum in the sea in England for at least eight years.

It was mentioned a few times in the early months and by the end of May I was thinking I would have to get myself acclimatised! So I took myself off to Wembury early one morning. To say it was a shock to the system was an understatement and I only got wet to the top of my legs! However, two days later I was getting out of a friend's dingy at Hope Cove when I overbalanced and ended up fully clothed in the sea. So I stripped of and went for a swim while they went and got my change of clothes. It was SO cold!

Encouraged by my niece and granddaughters, I managed to swim at least twice a month for the summer. By September, my walking friend Claire was on board Having company made a great deal of difference. Going once a week (maybe!) till early December, the coldest sea temperature being 10 degrees.

Christmas Day arrived and Claire, myself, and my two granddaughters set off for Bude. It was cold, wet, and windy. We did wonder if the event would be cancelled but no, we going to have to go in. The sea was extremely rough, but an estimated 500 crazy people poured into the sea at 11o'clock. It was too rough to swim, so we got flattened by waves a few times and got out. Supported by hot drinks and sandwiches by friends, we had done it! Back home we were greeted by champagne at the door, and Christmas diner cooked by Rose and Will.

To encourage me to keep going through the year I decide to ask for sponsorship for a charity I've supported for years and that is CHSW. The total that we raised was £1228. My thanks to everyone who supported me in whatever way. Next year? Who knows!

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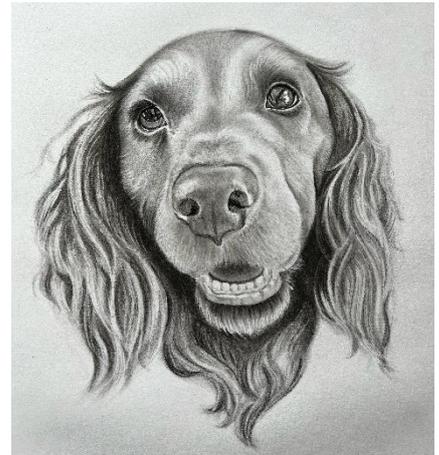
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Featured Artist

My name is Lottie Luckham-Down and I am delighted to be the featured artist in the Burrator Beacon! I have been creating art basically from the moment I could talk (if you know me, you know I do a lot of both). It was very clear what my passion was when I was far more interested in colouring the papers I got given for my homework, rather than doing the actual homework.



I studied art throughout my school days at Mount Kelly in Tavistock, and then I went on to do a foundation year in Fine Art at Plymouth College of Art, before moving to Birmingham to continue my studies at university. Now that I've finished my degree, I have started my own business called Lots of Art. Where I sell all types of commissions, from charcoal pet portraits, to digital illustrations, acrylic, and oil paintings.

The first artist I became obsessed with was Tim Burton. I adored his cartoon illustrations, and he inspired a lot of my childhood drawings. To this day my favourite films will always be the ones he illustrated, like *Coraline* and *The Corpse Bride*. I have always been inspired by hyper realistic artwork. The way a drawing or a painting can be mistaken for a photograph because of the impeccable attention to detail is incredible. The artist who first introduced me to hyper realism was Chuck Close, who creates extremely impressive, realistic portraits.



My most popular commission work is definitely my charcoal pet portraits. I'm fascinated by the amount of different techniques to use with charcoal and graphite to create realistic hair strokes and dimension. I feel like I learn something new to improve my work every time I create one. As well as painting and drawing, I also create digital illustrations. In which I've done commissions for university projects, logo design for local businesses and project planning illustrations for the 'Blooming Idiots', a foundation for an allotment in Walkhampton.



BLOOMING IDIOTS



I am currently building my small business and I'm excited to announce that I'm now selling my work on Etsy and I'm also building my own website too! Stay up to date with lots more Lots of Art, including greeting cards, home decor prints, and personalised digital portraits!

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ROTARY CLUB OF YELVERTON

2024 MID WINTER UPDATE

During December we were pleased to be visiting our local Parishes with Santa and his sleigh, which always proves to be an enjoyable time warmly supported within the communities.

We also did static collections with the sleigh at Tesco Roborough and Tesco Tavistock, finally collecting on Saturday 23rd December at the Yelverton shopping forecourt on a cold, wet day.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all for the generous support given again this year raising £1936, which will go towards the spring tea party and the children's fun day as well as other worthy causes we support.

Our January speaker evening was provided by five members from the West Devon organisation Nightingales UK Group, unpaid volunteers dedicated to providing much-needed medical aid to Ukraine hospitals, and sourcing 4 x 4 vehicles to deliver directly to the front line.

The commitment, dedication and putting this into action was an inspiration to us all.

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

Or see our website www.yelverton.rotary1175.org

Spring into Dartmoor Border Morris



Meavy based Dartmoor Border Morris have had a eventful winter with lots going on, proving that Morris dancing is not just a summer pursuit or a dying pass time carried on by old men in beards waving hankies. In November last, we organised a day of dance in Tavistock involving

around 200 Morris performers coming from afar as Taunton, Penzance & Plymouth to help raise £2062 for the BBC Children in need appeal. The event was a little on the damp side, but we drank our way through 3 kegs of Jail & raised the roof with our music & dance. Special guest Pudsey Bear was a big hit with children of all ages as he went around Bedford Square.

Our charity work continued a week later where we led a dance workshop in Princetown to help raise funds to be taken to Ukraine. Also leading another workshop teaching Brownies in Cornwood how to Morris dance. Christmas might come once a year, which was a great excuse to Morris dance at the Dolphin Hotel on Plymouths Bretonside with several other local sides. Boxing day was of course a brilliant experience performing outside the newly re-opened Royal Oak Inn at Meavy. Great to have our local back & we certainly didn't waste time re-introducing Maurice & Molly, our Dartmoor Otters who have taken up residency in their window again.

Despite the wet & windy weather, we have enjoyed 4 Wassails in one month, with Cornwood, Tulgey Woods in Plymouth, Bere Ferrers & of course a Wassail in Buckland Abbey where we also performed a mummers play to around 300 visitors.

Dartmoor Border Morris is constantly growing & evolving, with 8 new members who can keep Morris dancing alive in Meavy for quite some time to come. As you read this, we will be putting the finishing touches to our dance routine ready for the start of the dance season in mid-April. Although we cannot accept any new dancers at this stage, we are still open to new musicians who can play any instrument, whether its electric or acoustic. No audition, just pop along to Meavy Parish hall on any Wednesday night from 7.45pm & join in. Commitment &

enthusiasm is all we ask. Check out our music sessions in the Royal Oak from 10 pm after practice.

Morris dancing in public will resume at the Green Man Festival in Bovey Tracey on Saturday 27th April from 10.30 am, then on Mayday we will be on the wild's of the open moor dancing in the car park below Leeden Tor from 05.15 am as the sun rises over Dartmoor & a new dance season. Breakfast is booked in the Foxtor Café from 6 am before heading off to work. We would love to see you all! Our first pub night will be the Royal Oak at 8 pm on 1st May. Our guests for the day will be Lodestone Border Morris.

If you would like to book Dartmoor Border Morris for an event (wedding/ birthday parties/summer fair) then get in contact via their website at www.dartmoorbordermorris.com or like their Facebook page.



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CAR BOOT SALE AND EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday 31st March 2024
Walkhampton Memorial Hall & Field PL20 6JR



CAR BOOT SALE
Gates open for car boots from 12 noon.
Bargain hunters from 1pm.
Cars £5, Vans £10, Table tops £5

EASTER EGG HUNT
From 2pm
£2 per entry, inc. free drink

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RAFFLE

Ample parking and refreshments in the hall.
Further information contact Linda: 01822 852142

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Parish Council Meetings

Full Council Meetings are usually held at 7:30pm on the last Thursday of the month (but not always!). For the dates of the next few meetings, please visit the Parish website: www.burrator.gov.uk The Planning, Finance and Royal Oak Inn Committees meet on other dates throughout the year – please contact the Clerk: theclerk@burrator.gov.uk for more details.

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	Single Issue	Four issues	Sizes in mm (approx.) when printed*	Size of advert to be submitted (mm)
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Heather Stribley 855348

1 vacancy

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Sheepstor

Graham Palmer 852524

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