

# East Down and Arlington Newsletter

## September 2022

### Richard's Waterloo

Following on from last month's article celebrating Richard Crocker's Grand Day out in London for the Queen's jubilee, we are pleased to bring you an update on his latest exploits.



Almost immediately after the Jubilee, Richard dusted down his kit and set off to Flanders and the battlefield of Waterloo for the annual re-enactment of one of the most infamous battles in British history. Many thanks to Richard Crocker for providing the wording and amazing pictures.

"We took to the field on the Saturday in 35-degree heat which was somewhat different to the weather in 1815 which was cold and very wet. This year there were over 2000 infantry, a dozen cannon and a hundred or so horse. The overwhelming majority of these were French and the sight of three massive columns of blue coated infantry marching on the field was something to behold.



Suffice to say, had it been the real thing, the allies would have been slaughtered in short order. But in true British fashion, and with help from our Prussian, Dutch, and Belgian friends, we

eventually smashed the French columns and won the day, to rapturous applause from the full grandstands."



Being a Plymouth Argyll fan, this is an eagerly anticipated trip since it provides Richard with one of the very few nailed on away wins each year.



## Farmers Abroad

Now our average East Down sheep farmer's idea of a holiday abroad is a trip across the border into Somerset for market day. Imagine the shock when you are persuaded by the missus to take a restful trip to Switzerland for a spot of sightseeing. Fantastic chocolate, stunning scenery but a distinct lack of sheep.

Fortunately, the Swiss think of everything and have very thoughtfully catered for visiting farmers who suffer with chronic withdrawal symptoms.

They took a bit of stuffing into the hand luggage but we are advised that now they have settled down, they are making much less mess in the hot tub than the previous "guests".

Thanks to our roving international reporter for the splendid photograph.



Patrick Kift making friends despite the language barrier.

## East Down with Arlington Church

We had a lovely service at Arlington church on 21st August and enjoyed hearing the church bells being rung. This was followed by a well-supported Thanksgiving service for Robert Kilburn the next day. The PCC will always be grateful to Robert for cutting the churchyard grass for many years at Arlington church. Our thoughts are with Joyce and family at this very sad time.

Our next service will be the Harvest Festival service at East Down church 18th September 3.00 p.m. Please help to decorate with flowers, fruit and vegetables if you can which will then be donated afterwards. Bring and share tea after the service giving us chance to chat to those we may not have seen for a while. It will be lovely to see as many people as possible to celebrate this service.

Unfortunately, both vacuum cleaners are playing up at East Down church. One needs to be recycled and the other we'll try to fix. If anyone has a vacuum-cleaner they no longer use we would be very grateful for it. Please let me know if you do have one. I'm hoping the curtain rail will be looked at asap as the curtains aren't meeting together anymore.

### Flower and Cleaning rota

September 3rd-10th Mrs S Gregory and Mrs V Horne

17th-24th Mr & Mrs J Parker

October 1st-8th. Mrs H Bowden and Mrs S Lerwill

Thank you everyone for all your help as always

**Julie Kift**

Churchwarden



Even though we were heavily into summer, August coffee morning proved to be very popular. It was decided to take a break in September so the next Coffee Morning will be Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> October at the Village Hall anytime from 10.30 a.m. onwards.

## Village Hall Activity Contacts

**The Parochial Church Council (PCC) - Julie**

Kift 07763 537136

**Art Group** Margaret Smith 850727

**Table Tennis** Gill Parker 850549

**Young farmers** Sandra Gregory 07594 487220

## Village Hall Activities

### Village Hall September Diary

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|---------------|--|------------|
| Young Farmers | Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>   | 7.00 p.m.  |
| Table Tennis  | 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> | 7.00 p.m.  |
| Art Club      | 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>                   | 10.00 a.m. |
| Arlington PC  | 14 <sup>th</sup>   | 7.00 p.m.  |
| EDPC          | 19 <sup>th</sup>   | 7.00 p.m.  |

If you would like to hire the Village Hall, we are now fully back open for business. The Hall has been equipped with hand sanitisers and cleaning wipes. All that we ask is that you take reasonable measures to protect yourself and your visiting party from covid and leave the Hall in a clean and tidy condition. Please take away any litter that you generate; it would also be appreciated if you remove, clean and return any tea towels you may use in the kitchen.

**Please contact Ray Thomas for bookings on 850464.**



### Mobile Library Service

The next visit will take place on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**. The library will be in the Pyne Arms car park between 10.30 a.m. and 10.55a.m. If you have any queries, please contact Tiverton Library on 01884 244644 or via email: [tiverton.mobile@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:tiverton.mobile@librariesunlimited.org.uk)

### August 100 Club Draw

We are pleased to announce that first place was taken by Sue Black, with the runner up prize going to Ian and Barbara Cooper. Congratulations all. Please contact Rod Crossman 850704 or [rodcrossman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rodcrossman@hotmail.co.uk) for more information on joining the draw.

## East Down and District Annual Produce Show and Scarecrow Competition

A big thank you to everybody who managed, entered and attended this year's Produce Show and scarecrow competition.

The weather was on our side and a fun day was had by all.

A full report with pictures is currently being worked on by the organisers and will be circulated shortly.

### Halloween Bingo



East Down Village Hall

Thursday 27th October

Doors open 6.30 p.m. Eyes down 7.00 p.m.

Adults £5.00 a book, children £3.00 a book.

Tables will be arranged flexibly for groups of family and friends

Fancy Dress Optional

Raffle (all donations gratefully received)

Tea, coffee, squash and cake included or for those so inclined, bring your own tippie.

Lovely prizes for a line, 2 lines or a full house.

Booking Essential – Either email us at [eastdownnews@yahoo.com](mailto:eastdownnews@yahoo.com) or contact Wendy 07947 656735 or [philandwendyl@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:philandwendyl@yahoo.co.uk)



### The Newsletter

If you would like to send a photograph or an article or just share a message within the parishes of East Down and Arlington, we would love to hear from you. You can contact us, Mike and Sally at [eastdownnews@yahoo.com](mailto:eastdownnews@yahoo.com)



KENTISBURY & TRENTISHOE VILLAGE HALL  
Presents

**Musical Bingo - Friday 9th September**

Doors Open 6.30

Eyes down and ears up at 7.00

Tickets £7.50 including supper

BYOB and snacks

Contact Molly on 01271 883506 or mollytonks@icloud.com

## Marwood Gardens

For new visitors, we are a valley garden and sensible footwear is advised throughout the year, but especially on wet days!

### Marwood Hill Garden 2022 Season opening hours:

1st April onwards: 10 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. daily.  
Closed Monday and Tuesdays.

### Tea Room 2022 Season opening hours:

1st April onwards: 10.30am – 4.00 p.m. daily.  
Closed Monday and Tuesdays.

### Walled Garden Nursery and Plant Sales 2022 Season opening hours:

1st April onwards: 10.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. daily.  
Closed Monday and Tuesdays.

## Arlington Court - Outdoor Theatre

Why not pop along to Arlington Court and enjoy an outdoor theatre experience.

The performances will take place on the lawn, by the main house. Please park in the main carpark and enter by the main visitor entrance. These events are outside so wear appropriate clothing. Bring a blanket, camping chair or picnic, get comfy and enjoy!

**Much Ado About Nothing** - Saturday 24th September 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

Blackbeam Cinematic present the South West's first outdoor screening of the National Theatre live showing.

Shakespeare's much-loved comedy about new beginnings.

See website for details, booking essential.

## North Devon Foodfest - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September

We are delighted to announce the line-up for the district's biggest food and drink festival, FOODfest, which will take place on Sunday 11 September in Barnstaple Pannier Market.

The line-up for the day includes the following top chefs from some of the district's best local restaurants:

10.30-11.15am Rob Bryant - Maiden Arch

11.30am-12.15pm Martin Baylis - New Coast Kitchen

12.30-1.30pm Carla Jones & Perran Clark (Exmoor Young Chef of the Year) Seacliff Restaurant at Sandy Cove

1.45-2.30pm Ellis Pannell - Pyne Arms

2.45-3.30pm Beer Masterclass with Jack Bostman - Craftys Bar and Restaurant

The event will be hosted by long-time compère Seth Conway, together with Dez Turland, who owns luxury dining business Dez@SV and co-ordinated the FOODfest chef line-up.

## September Events in Shirwell

### EarthKind Group

Are you into nature, sustainability, repurposing old materials, being creative and all things natural and eco? My neighbour and I would like to start a group that meets monthly at Shirwell village hall which is a 5 minute drive north from the North Devon hospital.

**EARTHKIND** is all about living our lives in a way that doesn't cause a negative impact on the planet, the climate and – hopefully - our purses. It will involve discussion, sharing, education, occasional outings, and hands-on activities. Whatever we do, be it personal care, the clothes we wear, the food we eat, the plants we put in our gardens, the gifts we give; we aim to do it – and to support others to do it – in a way that helps us to tread lightly on the earth. We'd like to meet like-minded people and join together to inspire each other and share some fun activities.

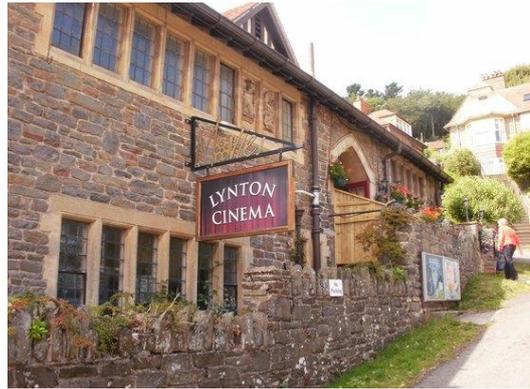
We're aiming to have a pilot meeting on **September 12th 7:30pm** to see if there's anybody out there. Includes a seed swap, bring any seeds to share. If it takes off, we'd meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday eve of every month. We're looking at charging £3 per evening to cover costs. It will be non-profit-making. Please msg me to register your interest or ask for more info. And please feel free to share this. Call Lesley 07522831736 or Sarah 850639, or email [lesleyaking@protonmail.com](mailto:lesleyaking@protonmail.com)



### SINGING WORKSHOP

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> September.** This is open to anyone, please spread the word, the more the merrier! It will be an informal, fun afternoon. You don't need to read music or have any experience or a "good" voice. It will consist of one or two exercises to wake up our voices and then we will learn an easy Beatles song, with harmonies. You can choose to sing whichever part you are most comfortable with. To cover costs there will be a £5 charge per person. Please arrive by 1:45pm to start at 2 o'clock sharp. We need to have an idea of numbers so please book a place in advance if possible. Phone Lesley on 07522 831736 or send an email to [lesleyaking@protonmail.com](mailto:lesleyaking@protonmail.com)

## Lynton Cinema



### Bullet train (15)

Sun 4th to Friday 8th 8.00 p.m. (matinee Mon 2.30 p.m.)

In *Bullet Train*, Brad Pitt starts as Ladybug, an unlucky assassin determined to do his job peacefully after one too many gigs gone off the rails. Fate, however, may have other plans, as Ladybug's latest mission puts him on a collision course with lethal adversaries from around the globe.

### See How They Run (12A)

Fri 9th to Thursday 22nd 8.00 p.m. (matinee both Mondays at 2.30 p.m.)

In the West End of 1950's London, plans for a movie version of a smash-hit play come to an abrupt halt after a pivotal member of the crew is murdered. World-weary inspector Stoppard (Sam Rockwell) and eager rookie Constable Stalker (Saoirse Ronan) take on the case.

### It Snows In Benidorm (15)

Fri 23rd to Thursday 29th September 8.00 p.m. (matinee Mon 2.30 p.m.)

Peter has worked all his life at a Manchester bank. When he is awarded an early retirement, he decides to visit his brother in Benidorm, only to find he has disappeared.

Check on line for further details and ring 01598 753397 to make reservations.

This is a delightfully quaint cinema and a must do experience for anyone. Entry is extremely well priced with sweets and drinks available at a very reasonable rate. A warm welcome is guaranteed.

## Discover Exmoor

If you fancy wandering slightly further afield, we thought we would highlight some of the events across Exmoor in the coming month. Check out everything else that's happening on [www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk](http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk).

### Porlock Weir sea festival

**Date:** 24th Sept 2022 2:00 pm - 6:30 pm

A wonderful afternoon of music, activities and entertainment at Porlock Weir,

including live theatre by Clementines Theatre Company, Sea Shanties by The Barnacle Buoys and Hugills, archery, stand-up paddle boarding and kayaking with Exmoor Adventures, wood carvings by Mike Leach, Town Cry, oyster tours and shucking demonstrations by Porlock Bay Oyster Company, boat trips with Porlock Weir Charters, RNLI stand, sea-themed treasure hunt and talks by Exmoor Natural History Society.

Porlock Weir Gig Club are holding a Regatta and the boats will be arriving in Porlock Weir at high tide.

Food and refreshments available at all outlets in Porlock Weir

Minibus transport will be provided between 2.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. from Central Car Park, Porlock (TA24 8PH) as parking is limited at Porlock Weir. Car parking charges apply at both locations.

Some activities may be affected by inclement weather or unfavourable sea conditions.  
More information: [www.porlock.co.uk](http://www.porlock.co.uk)

This event is brought to you by: Porlock Visitor Centre

Location: Porlock Weir TA24 8PB

Booking: No need to book - just turn up

Charge: Free

Contact: 01643863150

## Rosemoor Live – Ceilidh Night

Come together with friends and family for a night of dancing and live entertainment at RHS Garden Rosemoor.

There will be music from Banned From The Moor, a lively and multi-talented band based in and around the southern slopes of Dartmoor, playing a varied mix of traditional and contemporary dances and songs. Along with a caller to keep the dances simple so that you can spend time dancing and enjoying the music.

During the evening's entertainment, a fully stocked bar with themed cocktails will be provided by The Liquor Box and delicious themed food including jacket potatoes and chilli will be provided by North Devon Hog Roast.

This event takes place in our Garden Room with relaxed seating, plenty of dance floor space to dance the night away and the use of the Restaurant Terrace, which has outdoor covered seating.

Please note: This event has been rescheduled from its original Friday 13 May 2022 event date.

Additional info:

Concert Bus

There will be a bus running from Bideford to Great Torrington and onto Rosemoor – £7 return per person.

Bideford Quay – Kingsley Statue, 7pm

Great Torrington – Lidl, 7.20pm

Arrival at Rosemoor, 7.30pm

Return bus departs Rosemoor at midnight, Please book your bus seat online with your event tickets. Bar opens at 5pm, Doors open at 7pm, Music between 7.30pm–11.30pm

Member

£12.50 (free garden admission)

Non-member

£17.50 (includes garden admission from 3pm)  
[RHS Garden Rosemoor, Torrington, Devon](#)

## Local Businesses

### Besshill farm shop

01271 850311. [besshillfarmshop.co.uk](http://besshillfarmshop.co.uk)

Visit Besshill Farm Shop today. All of our meat is free range and comes from within the West Country, as we always want to offer the freshest produce we can. Visit us today for all of your festive favourites.

For latest news, please see our Facebook page and website.

We look forward to seeing you all,

*The Besshill Team.*

### Waytown Tea Rooms - Kentisbury 01271 280000

Shop and tea room open from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

See Facebook for latest information.

### Charlie Dixon Counselling & Psychotherapy

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[www.charliedixoncounselling.co.uk](http://www.charliedixoncounselling.co.uk)

### Pyne Arms 01271 850055

Open Wednesday to Saturday 5.00 p.m. until late (food served 5.30 p.m. to 8.45 p.m.)

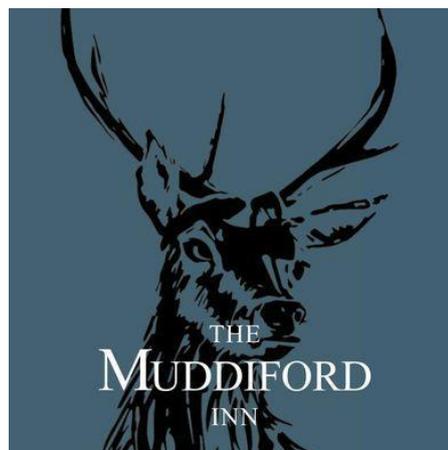
Open Sundays 12.00 noon until late (food served 12.00 noon to 5.00 p.m.)

Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

The Pyne continues to be very popular and advance bookings for meals is recommended. Booking can now be made every easily online through ResDiary. There is a "book a table" button on the website which is very quick and easy to use.

Keep an eye out on Facebook for takeaway menus.

For any more information check the website, Facebook page or ring 01271 850055.



### The Muddiford Inn

Monday Closed

Tuesday open from 5.30 p.m.

Wednesday to Saturday open lunch and evenings

Sunday open all day

Booking Recommended for food.

Check out the website or Facebook for contact details, opening times and menus.