

East Down and Arlington Newsletter

MAY 2023

East Down Easter Bingo

There was an enormous turn out for the now legendary Easter bingo session at the hall.



Once again hosted by the wonderful Wendy and supported by Phil (the 'Trolley Dolly' of coffee mornings) the hall was beautifully set up for an Easter 'eyes down' night of great fun.

It was great to see so many new faces as well as friends of old and everyone hugely enjoyed a great night.



Massive thanks to Wendy and Phil and everyone else involved for organising, decorating the hall, providing refreshments and making the night such a big success, HUGE thanks also to Ruby, what a star you are.



The dazzling Ruby Lerwill now age 11 was in her usual 'caller's' role keeping order as only a Lerwill Lady can.



And lastly, a big thank you to all who attended, generously donated raffle prizes and made it such a fun night. We managed to raise an amazing £247 towards the running of the Hall ...well done Wendy!



King Charles III Coronation Celebration



East Down Village Hall
Monday 8th May 2023
11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.



Ploughman's lunch followed by desert
£5.00 per adult, £2.00 per child



Tea, coffee, squash or bring your own
drinks



Booking essential
Please contact Wendy Down
07947 656735



or Sally Corfield 889051



Coronation Celebration

We would be grateful if anybody wanting to attend the event on the 8th May would kindly confirm with Wendy by Wednesday 3rd so that catering numbers can be confirmed. Thank you.

East Down with Arlington Church

East Down church looked really beautiful with so many daffodils decorating it for our Easter Day service. They're such a cheerful uplifting colour so thank you very much, they were really enjoyed.

Our next service will be held at Arlington church on 21st May 11.15 a.m. which will be a Holy Communion. Service, followed by a picnic lunch and a walk to Loxhore via the public footpath. Please come to all these events or just the service, lunch or walk, whatever you are able to do. Let's pray for a lovely sunny day which will make all the difference.

Flower and cleaning rota

29th April-6th May. Mrs P Parkin and Mrs H Daniels
13th May-20th May. Mrs J Dunham
27th-3rd June. Mrs A Murolo

Many thanks as always for all your help in cleaning and decorating the church.

Hope you all enjoy all the Bank Holidays in May and especially the Coronation one, not forgetting the Celebration lunch on 8th May in the village hall.

Take care,
Julie Kift
Church warden

April 100 Club Draw

This month's winners were Lyn and Andy Norkett with Jane Holderness taking the runners up prize. Congratulations to all. Please contact Rod Crossman 850704 or rodcrossman@hotmail.co.uk for more information on joining the draw.



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

Local Elections Thursday 4th May

Just a reminder that the local elections will be taking place on the 4th May. Please remember the new Government rule that voters must have a valid form of photographic identification (photo ID) to show at the polling station, otherwise you will not be able to vote.

April Coffee Morning

This month we have Wendy and “Trolley Dolly” Phil to thank for taking care of the kitchen. We had a number of regulars missing this month but the ranks were swollen by the return of some old and young faces which made for another pleasant morning of conversation.

We still have a few vacant months for kitchen duties so if you fancy helping out, just put your name on the list.

Why not pop along for a chat at 10.30 a.m. and bring along a plate of something sweet or savoury to share, all drinks supplied. All we ask is a small donation towards the upkeep of the Village Hall.



The May coffee morning will be replaced by a Coronation Celebration and will take place on Monday 8th May. The June Village Hall coffee morning is planned to take place on Thursday 1st June starting at 10.30 a.m.

Village Hall Activities

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 Meg 07947372705
Dog training Immy Snaith 07307212993

Village Hall May Diary

Election	Thurs 4 th	6.00 am – 10.00 pm
Coronation Party	Monday 8 th	11.00 a.m.
YFC	Thursday 11 th	7.30 p.m.
Soundbath	Monday 15 th	2.00 p.m.
Parish Council	Monday 15 th	7.00 p.m.
Sweetings	Monday 22 nd	7.00 p.m.
Table Tennis	Tuesdays	7.00 p.m.
Art Club	Wednesdays	10.00 a.m.

If you would like to hire the Village Hall, **Please contact Ray Thomas for bookings on 850464.**



Mobile Library Service

Very sadly the mobile library service will shortly be finishing however there are still a few visits left. The next one will take place on **Tuesday 16th May** with the following dates also scheduled, June 13th and July 11th.

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

Kentisbury Coronation Celebration



Sunday 7th May 4.00 p.m.

Come and toast our new King and Queen with a **free cream tea** and prizes for the best dressed royals.



Just turn up, bring and share picnic / Bring Your Own Booze

Kentisbury Plant Sale



Saturday 27th May,

Doors open 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.
Donations and volunteers welcomed from
9.00 a.m.

Doors will open at 10.00 a.m. prompt.

Teas and cake available.

Contact Nerys at nerys@cadvanjones.co.uk

Always a special event and definitely not
one to miss. Make sure you are nice and
early to avoid disappointment.

Tom Cruise in the Pyne Arms??

Lovers of the film “Cocktail” could have been
fooled into thinking Tom Cruise has visited the
Pyne Arms. But no, easy mistake to make, it was
Tyler experimenting with one of his specials, this
time a Rhubarb cocktail. Well worth a sample.



Arlington Court



**The Coronation at Arlington Court -
6th, 7th and 8th May 10.00 a.m. to
4.00 p.m.**

Pick up a free bunting making activity, from the
visitor reception, to help us make the longest
chain possible around the garden.

There will also be plenty of games out on the
lawn, inspired by times gone by; picnic blankets
to borrow from the tea-room, to enjoy a picnic
lunch on the lawn; Or simply enjoy the idyllic
grounds and gardens or explore the House and
Carriage Museum

**Dawn Chorus Walk -
7th May 5.00 a.m. to 7.00 a.m.**

Set your alarm and join one of our volunteer bird
experts for a dawn chorus walk. Find out about
the different species of birds you might hear at
Arlington on this early morning walk.

**Carriage Trail at Arlington Court -
every day in May 10.00 a.m. to 4.00
p.m**

Pick up a free trail from the Visitor Reception, to
discover more about 5 of the carriages in the
Carriage Museum.

Find the carriages within the collection to answer
the questions on the trail sheet, and have fun
posing in some of the miniature cut-outs of our
favourite carriages.

Will you be a passenger, coachman or a horse?

Parracombe Village Hall

beaford exploring our land, lives and future **in Parracombe**



Parracombe Village Hall is proud to present Ed Gaughan on Sunday 21st May at 8pm.

In his first stand up show in 18 years, Barnstaple's own multi-talented award-winning performer Ed Gaughan will be sharing his show with a home-crowd before it transfers to the Edinburgh festival.

Expect stories of the West Country in the 70s and 80s, his colourful and eccentric family and his misadventures in showbiz, topped off with music, songs and surprises!

Tickets £10 in advance from Parracombe Pavilion Stores & Café or £12 on the door. You can also book online from beaford.org (fees apply).

Doors 7pm for an 8pm start. Licensed bar available on the night.

If you'd like to know more about Beaford and the great work they do go to <https://beaford.org/>.



Marwood Hill Gardens - Opening Times

Marwood Hill Gardens are delighted to announce that we have re-opened for the 2023 season.

The Gardens will be open from 10am – 4.30pm Wednesday – Sunday.

Please note that the Gardens are closed on Monday and Tuesdays.

Tea Room Opening Times

The Marwood Hill Garden tearooms are open from 10am – 4.30pm, Wednesday – Sunday. Last orders are at 4pm and we stop serving our quick bites from 3pm onwards. Cream Teas and cakes are available till close.

Admission

Adults: £9.50

Concessions: £8.50

Children (ages 12-16) £5.00. Under 12's go for free

Membership :Free

For 2023 annual Season Tickets will be £35.00 single and Joint Membership [2 people living at the same address] for £55.00.

Special events for Season Ticket Holders are planned each year. Find out more on our [membership page](#).



Ilfracombe

Ilfracombe Beer Fest, 26th - 29th May



Ilfracombe Beer Fest – a fantastic weekend of free festival fun in the heart of Ilfracombe all under huge twin tipi tents on Landmark Green.

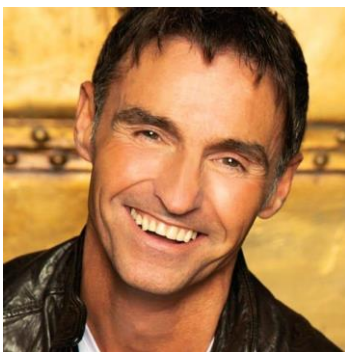
Featuring 50+ local beers and ciders – live music all weekend – local street food, a cocktail bar and even an undercover fire pit!

The event is organised by Ilfracombe Round Table and they will distribute all funds raised from the event to local charities and worthy causes.

For more details about sponsoring this event please email m_p_child@hotmail.com

Landmark Theatre Ilfracombe

Marti Pellow - Pellow Talk Wed 31st May 7.30 p.m. £34.



You've never seen me like this before. You've never been this close.

I'm inviting you to spend an intimate evening with me – think of it as coming back to my place for a night of stories and songs. Pellow Talk is a chance to learn all about me, not just as a singer and songwriter with Wet Wet Wet, but as a boy and a man.

It's a chance to understand the DNA of the hits that we've listened to and loved over the years. The evening will be wrapped in music, from songs you know to ones you'll get to know.

There'll be laughter as we travel from the banks of the River Clyde to the top of the charts, then onto Broadway and beyond. There'll be no mask and no character. This is me, Marti, stepping out of the shadows, speaking directly to you. The invitation is there. I hope you come and spend some time with me.

Enough living has been done for a life to unfold. Enough years have passed for a story to be told." Marti Pellow

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.

Lynton Cliff Railway Steampunk and Victorian Day Saturday 13th May



This annual Steampunk & Victorian gathering in the towns of Lynton & Lynmouth offers Mad as Hops Nanty Narking, Music & Entertainment to get you proper mafficking! **FREE** Cliff Railway travel for those that arrive in full Steampunk, Victorian or Pirate finery!

Put a smile on your gigglemug & join us for this celebration of Steampunk and Victorian inventiveness, normal Cliff Railway ticket pricing applies for those not dressed up. Suitable for families of all ages and Dogs welcome.

Talks at the Lynton Pavilion - Ranger Richard Eales talks about Exmoor's wild deer.

Date : Sat 13th May 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Richard has been a National Park ranger for many years and has a fantastic knowledge of Exmoor's native deer and their habits. His talks are always informative and great fun. Tea and coffee available and the centre will be open for a browse. Booking essential 01598 752509 £5. National Park Centre, Lynmouth EX35 6EQ.

Dunster Festival: Sat 27th to Mon 29th May.

Inspiring music for all ages, including a cream tea concert, kids concert and late night concert: 8 events across the festival weekend.

Visit Dunsterfestival.co.uk for more details.

Brendon Open Gardens - Sat 27th and Sun 28th May 12.00 noon to 5.00 p.m.

4 gardens open for charity (NGS: National Garden Scheme) at Higher Tippacott Farm, lunches and teas including gluten free are served, bric a brac and plants for sale and display of vintage telephones and toys.

No need to book, just turn up, £6 per person, children free.

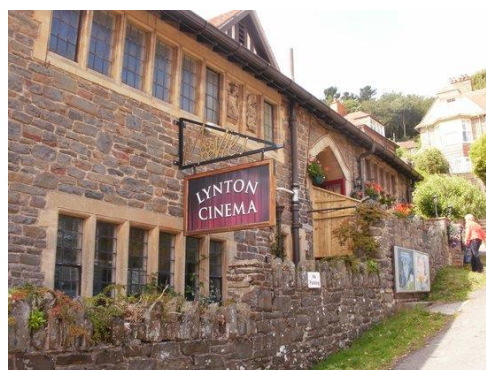
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Brayford Duck Race - Mon 29th May 1.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

A fun day for all the family with cream teas, ice creams, hot dogs, plus various stalls as well as a family dog show (pedigree, family and obedience classes). Come and enjoy the fun or sit and enjoy listening to the local jazz band.

Brayford Village Hall EX32 7QJ.

Lynton Cinema



The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (PG) Mon 1st to Thurs 11th 8.00 p.m. (matinees at 2.30 p.m. on Mon 1st and Tue 9th).

A man in his sixties walks the length of the country from Devon to Berwick-upon-Tweed, in order to deliver a message to a friend he has learned has been placed in a hospice.

Super Mario Bros Movie (PG) Fri 5th 5.00 p.m. Sat, Sun, Mon 2.30 p.m.

From Nintendo and Illumination comes a new animated film based on the world of Super Mario Bros.

Love Again (12A) Fri 12th to Thurs 18th 8.00 p.m. (matinee Mon 2.30 p.m.).

What if a random text message led to the love of your life? In this romantic comedy, dealing with the loss of her fiancé, Mira Ray sends a series of romantic texts to his old cell phone number... not realising the number was reassigned to Rob Burns' new work phone.

Book Club: The Next Chapter Fri 19th to Thurs 25th 8.00 p.m. (matinee Mon 2.30 p.m.)

The highly anticipated sequel follows our four best friends as they take their book club to Italy for the fun girls trip they never had. When things go off the rails and secrets are revealed, their relaxing vacation turns into a once-in-a-lifetime cross-country adventure.

The Little Mermaid (PG) Fri 26th to Wed 31st Daily at 8.00 p.m. and 2.30 p.m.

A young mermaid makes a deal with a sea witch to trade her beautiful voice for human legs so she can discover the world above water and impress a prince.

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

Local Businesses

Besshill farm shop

01271 850311. besshillfarmshop.co.uk

Open Monday to Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

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. For latest news, please see our Facebook page and website. We look forward to seeing you all,

The Besshill Team.

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Based in Kentisbury, offering flexible appointments, including evenings.

Free introductory appointment.

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07870 281356

charliedixoncounselling@hotmail.com

www.charliedixoncounselling.co.uk

Pavilion stores & café

Opening Times

Mon-Sat 8.30am to 5.30pm

Sun 9am to 1pm

Tel: 01598 763569

shopinfo@parracombe.org.uk

Parracombe Lane, Parracombe EX31 4QL



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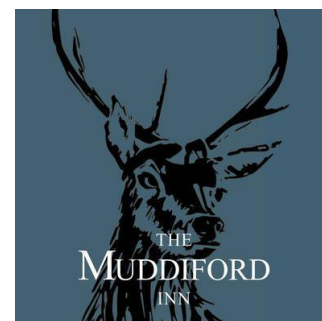
Pyne Arms 01271 850055

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 4.00 p.m. (food served 12.00 noon to 4.00 p.m.)

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

An advertisement for 'DOG TRAINER' with the tagline 'UNIQUE TRAINING TECHNIQUES'. It lists four categories: Obedience, Behavior, Aggression, and Socialization. Below this, it states 'ROXYS DOG TRAINING SERVICES is hosting training sessions for dogs of all sizes and shapes'. A list of services includes: 1 2 3 TRAINING, BASIC AND ADVANCED COMMANDS, OFF-LEASH TRAINING, WORKING WITH BEHAVIORAL ISSUES, DIETS AND NUTRITION, and MENTAL AND PHYSICAL STIMULATION. The location is '@ EAST DOWN VILLAGE HALL, DEVON'. There is a 'Sign up today!' button and contact information: a Facebook icon with '@roxys dog training/services', a WhatsApp icon, and the phone number '07307212993'.



Open daily 12 noon til late.

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