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South Molton & District

APRIL 2015

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www.visitsouthmolton.co.uk/community-news

For local events and information please see inside

Open Halls Month

A project nurtured by NDCVS, DCT (formerly CCD) and Hallshare organisations. Village Halls and Community Centres throughout Devon are opening their doors to the community. Committees are inviting you to support them by attending one or more events throughout April.

This initiative aims to support Halls in the community, and encourage participation and neighbourliness by throwing open the doors of our diverse buildings, showing the activities and opportunities that go on inside.

In our area

For info about Hallshare in North Devon, contact Russell Treleigh at mail.com, and re DCT’s website at David Kinross, 01392 248819

Sat 11th: Filliegh V1 is open 1:30-4:30 with craft activities (upholstery / felting / quilting / beading), and a short mat bowls try it and see mat. Free cream teas.
Sat 11th (a popular day) West Buckland V1 open 2-5pm, village past pics, user group displays, table tennis, skittles and tea.

Mon 13th: Bishops Nympton V1 open 2:30-9pm - a beautiful new hall to take a look at and see what goes on inside.

Thurs 16th: South Molton Parish Church Hall (Duke St.) 10-12 free teas and coffee (a plus on market day!), plus user group info.

Sat 18th: Exebridge - time for another lovely new hall and they are very busy.
Sat/Sun 18th/19th: Chittlehamholt V H an opportunity to join the decorating party.
Sat 29th - Berrington open 10-12:30 - coffee morning, equipment and hall lay outs just drop in on them.

Other halls in North Devon that also open include: West Down (Wed 8th 8:30 - 12:30), Lee (Sun 12th 2-5pm), Bratton Fleming (Sat 18th) and Instow (Sat morning 10th).

For those in wider Devon take a look at the Devon Communities Together (formerly CCD) website, and follow the Open Halls links - they include Wembworthy, Black Torrington, Holdsbury, Broadwoodkelly etc.

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COMMUNITY NEWS FREE!
NIGHTWALK

A LADIES-ONLY MOONLIT WALK
Join us for Nightwalk on Saturday 16th May, walking with hundreds of other women in aid of North Devon Hospice. Sign up today and get your friends, colleagues and family to join you too. Register soon to take advantage of our early-bird registration fee of just £10 by visiting www.nightwalk.co.uk (or phone 01271 347232 for a form). Taking part in Nightwalk makes a real difference to your local Hospice. Join us for the biggest single fundraising event in N Devon/Cornwall border area. It is only with YOUR support that the Hospice can provide our specialist care to local people affected by cancer and life-limiting illnesses.

PUT A SPRING IN YOUR STEP.
Bish Nym Dance Club are hosting a Tea Dance on Sunday 12th April in the Parish Hall. This is a great opportunity to get some gentle exercise in a friendly atmosphere. There will be Ballroom, Latin, Sequence and fun dances so everyone can join in. Time 2-5pm, with a break for the usual bring and share refreshments. Please ring 01769 550555 for more information.

An Exhibition of Illustrations of Haiku, will be held throughout April at the Amory Centre, S Molton. Maxine Bracher, the Artist, who is currently studying at the Petroc School of Art, Brannams, Barnstaple, will be in residence at the Amory Centre on April 23rd at 7.30pm; all are welcome.

Calling all cyclists!
Entries for this year’s Velociraptor Cycle Challenge on Sunday 12th July are open. Check out N Devon Hospice’s cracking new event website for route information, stop details, plus start/finish location. Enter at www.velociraptorcycle.org.uk!

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The Spring Tractor and Commercial Road Run will be held on 12th April, depart at 10am. Last year saw our first attempt at a combined run, with tractors and commercials, and we are planning likewise for this year. All vehicles will assemble at the Central Car Park, South Molton EX36 4BL. Tractors will follow a planned route including some off-roading, and commercials (other classic and vintage vehicles are very welcome to enter and join this cavalcade) will take a different, longer route with each group arriving at the planned lunch stop at Filleigh Village Hall at around 1pm. For information, entry forms and to book your roast beef lunch, please ring 01271 850903 or 0794 026060.

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4 (-).............Now (Various)
5 (5).............Abba
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7 (18).............Dire Straits
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9 (-).............Elvis
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12 (15)...........Black Sabbath
13 (20)...........Sex Pistols
14 (7).............Rod Stewart
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18 (2)..........Led Zeppelin
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Last months position in (brackets)

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Stuart’s Quirky Quotes

“The jury, passing on the prisoner’s life, may, in the sworn twelve, have a thief or two guiltier than them they try.”
Shakespeare ‘Measure for Measure’.

“I love acting. It is so much more real than life.”
Oscar Wilde.

Grand Western Canal Photo competition 2015

Budding photographers are encouraged to capture the beauty of the Grand Western Canal for a special competition this year. There’s £350 worth of photography vouchers up for grabs, plus the chance of the pictures appearing on the website and Facebook pages. Closing date 30 November, winners will be announced in December. For details go to www.devon.gov.uk/gwcphotos

Chulmleigh Tennis Club

Our LTA registered club organizes coaching for all ages including mini tennis, junior, adult beginners and improvers. There are social play sessions on Sunday from 10am until noon throughout the year and a friendly club tournament during the summer season. Facilities include three floodlit courts at Chulmleigh Academy Sports Centre, EX18 7AA. For details of the new season’s tournaments, coaching, League games, taster sessions and coffee mornings, visit www.chulmleightennisclub.co.uk or contact the membership secretary on 01363 83279 or email chulmleightennisclub@hotmail.co.uk

Ferret Race

Fun for all the Family at North Molton Sports Hall in aid of North Molton Primary School on 17th April. First race at 7pm, entry £3 per person, includes hot dog. Bar * Tote * Draw. For more information please ring Kate Kellaway 01598 740264 or Debbie Tapp on 01598 740492

Tiverton Art Society

Spring Exhibition

Castle Primary, Tiverton EX16 6QR

10.30am – 6pm daily
April 4th – 11th

Every Flower Counts

Volunteers Needed For Annual Stock-take of Wildflowers -The new National Plant Monitoring Scheme (NPMS), from spring 2015, will for the first time enable scientists to take an annual stock take of the UK’s wild plants and their habitats, but to do this we need the public’s help. We are looking for volunteers to carry out surveys of wildflowers and their habitats that will provide robust evidence of which widespread plants are increasing or declining, as well as indicating the changing state of our most valued habitats such as grassland, fenland and even road verges. Plants are nature’s building blocks and this new monitoring scheme will sit alongside existing schemes for the UK’s birds and butterflies to help us understand more about how the countryside is changing.

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APRIL

All month: Illustrations of Haiku, Maxine Bracher, exhibition, Amory Centre, S Molton

1 Rural Outreach advice service, Encompass SW, Primary School, N Molton, 10am-12noon appointments 07817 991631

Coffee morning, Methodist Schoolroom, Brayford, 10.30-12

S Molton Volunteer Bureau, Amory Ctre, 2-4pm 01769 573167

Capitol development exhibition, Smith Gore, Parish Hall, Bishops Nympton, 3-7pm

Duplicate Bridge, beginners, George, S Molton, 7-10pm

Short Mat Bowls, Parish Hall, Bishops Nympton, 7.30pm 07772 757124 and every Wednesday

Easter Concert, Parish Church, Witheridge, 7pm 01884 860132

2 Collection for N Devon Hospice, Mole Valley Fmrs, S Molton

Country Market, Pannier Mkt, S Molton 7.30-12 & every Thur

N Devon Voluntary Services, Amory Centre, S Molton 10-1pm

01271 866300 and every Thursday

Rural Outreach advice service, Encompass SW, Amory Centre, S Molton, 10.30-12pm appointments 07817 991631 and every Thursday

Citizens Advice Bureau, Amory Centre, S Molton appointments 03444 111444 and every Thursday

Plough & Share Credit Union, Amory Centre, S Molton, 10-12noon & every Thursday

Computer drop-in, S Molton Library, 10-12and every Thurs

Old Tyme and Sequence Dance Club, Parish Church Hall, S Molton, 7.30-9.30pm 01769 579249

Heritage Preservation, Exmoor Soc, Congregational Hall, Dulverton, 7.30pm 01398 323954

3-5 Family Fun with Jason Toft, Riverside Caravan Park, S Molton, book 01769 579269

3 Good Friday

Carrying the Cross up Honda, from Parish Church, Swimbridge, 7.30am

S Molton Foodbank, 10.30am-1.30pm 07542 184276/07874 206438 and every Friday

Walk of Witness, NMolton Bridge, 10.30 - Methodist Chapel, 12

Walk of Witness, Knowstone Church to Moor, 11.30

Taizé Passion Service, Parish Church, High Bray, 7pm

Concert, S Molton Circuit Choir, Wembworthy Chapel, 7.30pm

Bingo, Parish Hall, Burrington, 8pm

4-11 Spring Exhibition, Tiverton Art Soc, Castel Primary, 10.30-6

4 Wildlife Day, Pannier Market S Molton 8am-1pm

Sat Storytime, S Molton Library 10.30 01769 572128 & every Sat

Coffee morning, Methodist Chapel, Chittlehampton, 10.30-12.30

Have a go Archery, Exmoor Archers, N Molton Sports Club, 12-2pm 01598 710598/01769 5672506

First Saturday Acoustic, George, S Molton, 8pm 01769 572514

Easter Vigil, Parish Church, N Molton, 8pm

5-10 Trio of Local Artists, exhibition, Heritage Centre, Dulverton, 07969 243887

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6 Easter Sunday

Engines in steam, Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme, 11-4pm

Easter Bunny Hunt, Castle Hill, Filleigh, 11am-4pm

Dance for Hall Funds, Village Hall, Knowstone, 6pm (Ben)

7 USA ramblers walk, meet Central Car Park, S Molton, 9.45am 01769 573558 5 miles

Rural Gateway advice service, Encompass SW, Amory Centre, S Molton, 10am-1pm appointments 07817 991631 and every Tuesday

Yoga, Parish Hall, Bishops Nympton, 10.15-11.45am 01884 253229 and every Tuesday

S Molton Hearing Loss Gp, Age Concern 2-4pm 01271 373236

Bounce & Rhyme, S Molton Library, 10.30am and every Tue

Hearing Loss Support Group, See Hear Centre, Age Concern Pop-In South Molton, 2-4pm 01271 373236

Meditation, Simon Millward, Rose and Crown, S Molton, 6.30pm 01769 579829 and every Tuesday

Bishops Nympton Dance Club, Parish Hall, Beginners, 6.30pm, Club,7.30pm 01769 550555 and every Tuesday

8-10 Easter workshop, Razzle Dazzle Performers, Town Hall, Chulmleigh, 12-4pm 01779 225288

8 Rural Gateway advice service, Youth Centre, Chulmleigh, 10am-1pm appointments 07817 991631

Chess Club, George, S Molton, 7pm

Practice Dancing, W Anstey Parish Hall, Yeo Mill, 8pm

9 Memory Cafe, Amory Centre, S Molton 10.30am-12.30pm memory.cafe@northdevoncab.org.uk

Town Tour, from Dulverton Heritage Ctre, 4pm 07969 243887

S Molton Twinning Ass, George, S Molton, 7.30 01769 573558

10 Job seeking advice, S Molton Library, 10am-4pm

Stitching Group, S Molton Library, 4-5.30 & every Friday

Creatures of the Night, film, AGM, Devon Wildlife Trust, Castle Centre, Barnstaple, 7 for 7.30pm

Spring Show, Bishops Nympton Gardening Cl, Parish Hall, 7.30

Imitation Game, Rural Cinema, Pavilion, Chulmleigh, 7.30pm 01769 580005

S Molton Deanery Quiz final Parish Hall, Chittlehamholt, 7.30 Quiz and Carvery for W Anstey Church, Sportsman’s Inn, Sandyway, 7 for 7.30pm 01398 341444

11 Pannier Market S Molton 8am-1.30pm and every Saturday

Sat Coffee morning/Easter egg hunt, Parish Church, Bishops Nympton, 10am-12noon

S Molton Town, N Devon and Devon County Councillors’ surgery, Amory Centre, S Molton, 10-11am

Farmers’ Market, Village Hall, Brayford, 11am-1pm

Food Smoking Day, Bulkworthy Project, Rackenford 07594 569441

Living History Day, Wilmington Lake, 01398 371460

Halshare open days, Village Hall, Filleigh, 1.30-4.30pm; Village Hall, W Buckland, 2-5pm
EVENTS

S Molton RFC v Bodmin, 3pm

Mesha Young Farmers 70th anniversary dinner dance, High Bullen Hotel, Chittlehamholt

12 Plant Fair, Plant Heritage, Pannier Market, S Molton, 10am-3pm 01769 540528

Tractor and Commercial Run, S Molton Vintage Rally Club from Central Car Park, 10am 01271 850903/0794 026060

Roast Lunch for Rose Ash Church, Parish Hall book 01769 550409 by 6th April

Point to Point races, Egglesford Hunt. Upcott Cross

Tea Dance, Bishops Nympton Dance Club, Parish Hall, 2-5pm 01769 550555

Mr Turner (DC), S Molton Film Soc, George, 8pm 01769 572449

13 Beginning of School Term

Hallshare open day, Parish Hall, Bishops Nympton, 2.30-9pm

Short Mat Bowls, Parish Hall, Bishops Nympton, 2.30pm and every Monday

Amnesty International meeting at the George 7.30pm

14 Parent and Toddler Group, 9-11am; then coffee and company, Parish Hall, Kingsnympton, and every Tuesday

Council meetings, Town Hall, 6.30pm

Excavations at Batsworthy Windfarms, N Devon Archaeological Soc, Castle Centre, Barnstaple, 7.30pm

15 Deadline for items for May’s Community News

Volunteer Day, Blackerton Eccentre, E Anstey 01598 341963

Rural Gateway advice service, Primary School, N Molton, 10am-12noon appointments 07817 991631

Hallshare open day, Parish Hall, Kingsnympton, 8-10pm

Duplicate Bridge, beginners, George, S Molton, 7-10pm

Country Houses of Devon, H Mellor, Friends of Swimbridge Church, 7 for 7.30pm

Kingsnympton Badminton Club, Parish Hall, 7.30-10pm and every Wednesday

Jubilee Sailing Trust, Filleigh WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm 01769 760332

16 Hallshare open day, Church Hall, S Molton, 10-12noon

See Hear on Wheels, Community Centre, High Bickington, 10 -1.10am; Southley Road, S Molton, 2-4pm 01271 373236

Or Our Starry Skies, Heritage Ctre, Dulverton, 4pm 07969 243887

Nuala Honan, concert, supper, W Anstey Parish Hall, Yeo Mill, 6.45 for 7.30pm 01398 341615 Beaufort Arts

17 Rural Gateway advice service, Community Hospital, S Molton, 10am-1pm appointments 07817 991631

Quiz and Carvery, for Brayford Village Hall,, Sportsman’s Inn, Sandyway, 7 for 7.30pm 01598 740541/01643 831109

Ferret Racing for N Molton Primary School, N Molton Sports Hall, 7pm 01598 740264/492

Shake a Leg, concert, Parish Church, Chittlehampton, 7.30pm

Nuala Honan, concert, buffet, Parish Hall, W Buckland, 7.30pm 01271 863093 Beaufort Arts

18-19 Hallshare open days, Parish Hall, Chittlehamholt

18 Farmers Market, Old School, N Molton, 10am-2pm

Hallshare open day, Parish Hall, Swimbridge

S Molton RFC v Exeter Saracens, 3pm

Dance for Hall Funds, Village Hall, Knowstone, 8pm (Elaine)

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01769 573636

Nuala Honan, concert, food, Parish Hall, Kingsnympton, 7 for 8pm book by 11th 01769 572414 Beaufort Arts

19 Antique Market, Pannier Market, S Molton, 10am-4pm

Youth Service, S Molton Methodist Church, S Molton, 5.30pm

20 Sawmill Open Day, Simonsbath, 10am-4pm 01643 831202

Friends of S Molton Church AGM, 7; My favourite things, 7.30pm Church Hall 01769 573558

Merchants of Tiverton, Chulmleigh Local History Soc, Pavilion, 7.30pm 01769 520677

21 Renewable Energy marketplace, West Point, Exeter, 10am-4pm

Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, Anstey WI, Oldways End Hall, 7pm 01398 341972

Jack Russell, N Molton Local History Soc, Old School, 7.30pm

Triggers 3, Bishops Nympton WI, Parish Hall, 7.30pm

22 Chess Club, George, S Molton, 7pm

US Army training at Braunton Burrows, Fileleigh Local History Club, Village Hall, 7.30pm 01598 760332

23 Coffee morning, Cancer Res, Assembly Rms, S Molton, 10-12

See Hear on Wheels, Witheridge Sq, 11.30-1.30 01271 373236

Citizen/Junior Citizen of the Year, S Molton Rotary, Assembly Rooms, 7pm tickets Rotary Shop or 01769 573337

24 Quiz and Carvery for N Molton Church, Sportsman's Inn, Sandyway, 7 for 7.30pm

Ian Griffin from Swansea S Molton Organ & Keyboard Club, Methodist Hall, S Molton, 7.30pm 01769 578677

Bingo, Bishops Nympton School PTA, 7.30pm

25 Volunteer Day, Blackerton Eccentre, E Anstey 01598 341963

Hallshare open day, Parish Hall, Burrington, 10am-12.30pm

Social night, parish Hall, Bishops Nympton

26 S Molton Flea Market, Pannier Market, 10am3pm 07989 619745

Guided Walk through Bulkworthy woods, Rackenford, 11am lunch, book 07594 569441

Your New Orchard, Orchards Live, Cobbaton 01884 861181

Messy Church, Methodist Church, N Molton, 4pm

Cool Stuff, Methodist Church, S Molton, 4pm

27 N Molton Old School Rm Management Committee AGM, 7.30pm

28 S Molton Town Council meetings, Town Hall, 6.30pm

30 Paddington, film, Village Hall, Knowstone 01398 341977

MAY

1 Quiz and Carvery for N Devon Hospice, Sportsman's Inn, Sandyway, 7 for 7.30pm 01598 740541/01643 831109

2-3 Exmoor Landscapes, R Blackmore, Old School, N Molton, 10am-5pm

3 Car Boot Sale, S Molton Infants PTA, Pannier Market, sellers, 8am, buyers 9am-12noon, 01760 573103

Point to Point races, Devon and Somerset Staghounds, Holnicote

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This year the earlier you buy the more you save so call in and see us soon.

Lundy Island Sailing, National Express, Airport Hotels and the Eden Project are all bookable through us. It costs you no more and brings in vital funds for us.

Keep up to date with all our latest news and events. Follow South Molton Tourist Information Centre on Facebook

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Open Mon & Thu 9.30-4, Tue/Fri/Sat 10-4, Wed 10-2
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For details phone 01769 573167 to leave a message or 01769 572584

Exmoor Pony Centre
Ashwick, Dulverton TA22 9QE
Our Easter Open Day is on Sunday 5th April from 11am-3pm. Join in an Easter Egg Hunt, meet the ponies, enjoy refreshments, crafts and for over 4’s, pony rides. There is also a chance to meet an Exmoor Pony at South Molton Wildlife Day on Saturday 4th April between 9am-1pm. Please look at our website www.exmoorponycentre.org.uk for further details about future events and more about the work we do to preserve and promote these wonderful ponies; please support us.

Car Boot
The PTA Events Committee of South Molton Community Infants School are holding a car boot sale on Sunday 5th April in the Pannier Market, 9am-12pm. £6 per pitch. Sellers can arrive from 8am and strictly no buyers until 9am! These are regular car boot sales held on the first Sunday in each month. For more info please contact Debbie Quick on 01769 573103 (next sale 17th May).

Seafood Festival
Welcome to North Devon Hospice’s first ‘Seafood Festival’ at Barnstaple Pannier Market on Sunday 5th April. Entry is free but we actively encourage you to use this last chance to purchase those all-important ‘Eating Out Experience Raffle Tickets’ – as the draw will take place at 2.30pm that day! One lucky person will win the opportunity to eat out at some of North Devon’s best-loved establishments once a week for a whole year for free and with a guest! Tickets are just £1. Producers and exhibitors at The Seafood Festival will be cooking with locally caught fish and promoting local fish and sustainability.

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The Poltimore Inn
East Street
North Molton
Devon
EX36 3NR
Tel: 01598 749338
www.thepoltimoreinnnorthmolton.co.uk

Flea Market
Sunday 26th April sees the second South Molton Flea Market of 2015. It takes places in the Pannier Market from 10am3pm with free admission and parking! The Market café will be there, along with Jack Chilli, Jakes Bakes, Vanessa's cakes and more! Music, face painting, Bouncy Castle, and a wide selection of stalls, crafts kithchenalia, gardenalia, clothes, vintage, collectables, furniture. There are in excess of 50 stalls so you need to come and experience the atmosphere! Further information from Rosemary 07989 619745/r.h2hallett@btinternet.com

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South Molton District Children’s Centre announces the long awaited return of Let’s Cook. Action for Children will be working alongside the WI to bring you this wonderful course teaching how to source, cook and enjoy your food in a healthy, affordable way with your family. We hope to start at the end of April; there will be a crèche with limited spaces. Please call Louise on 01769 579615/07912395214 to book.

Young Parents - S Molton & Chulmleigh Children’s Centres are setting up a series of six workshops. We will cover lots of issues in these workshops and would love to hear your ideas. We have had one young parent that would like to have a beauty session making homemade face packs….we think this is a wonderful idea and will endeavour to make it happen. What would you like to do? Please get in touch with on 01769 579615/07912395214.
Exmoor is home to fantastic wildlife now you can get to see more of it.

Exmoor Wild Watch is an opportunity for you to join us in finding out more about some of the species characteristic of Exmoor. We would love to hear if you see any of the specific species listed on the website. Some are nationally rare, others we simply do not know enough about. You may want to take part in our many family friendly events or to get involved in an Exmoor Wild Watch training event. These include one off Discovery sessions to longer term surveys. Pick up a spotter’s guide and family wildlife leaflet from any National Park Centre.


ALAS POOR JOHNNY
published at last – 50 years on !!!

Alas Poor Johnny, Buster Johnson’s book about farming on Exmoor in the 1950s, is finally being published! Told with a strong sense of drama, it is a vivid and fascinating account of life at West Nethercote, the remote farm on the outskirts of Winsford to which she moved with her husband Johnny and their young family in 1951. Cut off from the world she used to know, of domestic servants and bridge parties, she throws herself into her new life. It becomes filled by Johnny and the children, by the animals, and by a small but strong supporting cast of friends and neighbours, among them Mrs Stevens at East Nethercote, Tom Gage and Alby the rabbit catcher.

Buster died in 1987, without ever publishing her book. Her daughter Birdie has now done so on her behalf.

Alas Poor Johnny Paperback £7.99 and ebook
For more information go to www.troubador.co.uk/shop
Widely available and via Troubador (special offer)

SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL
SOUTH MOLTON PANNIER MARKET
Every THURSDAY & SATURDAY from 7.30am
01769 572501 01769 572252

Good-bye
We wish a fond farewell to South Molton Town Clerk, Malcolm Gingell. He has been a good friend to the Community News for many years and we all wish him well for the future.

North Devon Council is moving from the Civic Centre to Lynton House this month!

Plastic pots, tubs and trays to be collected
North Devon’s recycling service is being enhanced to enable local residents to put out more plastics in their weekly kerbside collections. From Monday 30th March, North Devon Council will be able to collect mixed plastics, such as yoghurt pots, margarine tubs and plastic food trays. This is in addition to plastic bottles and other recyclables that already go in the recycling boxes. A full guide is also available at www.northdevon.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling.

More targeted litter blitzes along the link road
The annual litter blitz along the North Devon Link Road is to become a thing of the past, with more targeted clean-ups from now on. North Devon District Council has invested in the relevant safety equipment, signs and training, to enable its own teams to carry out litter blitzes by themselves, as and when required.
To help minimise waste building up along the road, motorists are being urged to take their rubbish home and recycle it where possible, or to use the lay-by bins provided. If caught dropping litter, drivers can be fined up to £2,500 and even face court. There are also heavier fines for larger amounts of fly-tipping. To report fly-tipping, go to northdevon.gov.uk or phone 01271 374776.

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Final chance to help shape the future
For the last time local residents can have their say on the future of Northern Devon in a consultation on the recently approved main changes to the Local Plan for North Devon and Torridge. The Plan shows what development the area needs up to 2031 and where it might be located. It will be the main document used to make decisions on planning applications. The main changes to the document will help to make sure it is found ‘sound’ and now balances the right level of housing to meet the proposed amount of new employment. To do this there has been:
- a reduction in the amount of employment land from 110 to 85 hectares as latest evidence suggests demand to be less than previously thought.
- an increase in the number of new homes to be provided from 16,500 to 17,220 by including more homes on sites that have been identified previously – no more sites have been added
- The level of provision of affordable homes has also been amended, following recent changes to government policy.
Once this last consultation exercise is complete, we will submit the Plan to the Secretary of State for examination later in the year and hopefully adoption, in spring 2016. Finally we will be in a strong position to ensure that all development is plan led and not developer led.
The consultation will run until Friday 1 May. Local residents can have their say online at http://consult.torridge.gov.uk/portal/planning/localplan/
Paper copies of the plan can also be viewed at the Councils’ offices, libraries and Parish Council offices.

125 East St, South Molton EX36 3BU
9am-5pm Monday-Friday 01769 572501
Citizens Advice Bureau
Thursday, by appointment only 03444 111444
Community News S Molton & District 01769 575528
Councillors surgery
2nd Saturday 10am-11am 01769 572501
Rural Outreach Advice Service from Encompass SW
Tuesday 10am - 1pm 07817 991631
Thursdays 10am - 2pm
Appointments recommended
Library
Tuesday 9am-5pm 01769 572128
Wednesday 9am-1pm
Thursday 9am-5pm
Friday 9am-6pm
Saturday 9am-1pm
Member of Parliament Surgery 01271 328631
Alternate months, by appointment
Memory Café for those with memory problems
2nd Thursday 11am-1pm 01271 311630
North Devon Council Customer Advice
Mon, Wed, Thurs 9am-5pm 01769 572501
North Devon Council Planning
Wednesday 10am-12noon 01769 572501
North Devon Voluntary Service drop-in
Thursday 10am-12pm 01271 866300
Open Gate bereavement group
1st & 3rd Thursday 11am-1pm 01769 572476
Plough and Share Credit Union
Thursday 10am-12noon 01837 658123
South Molton Town Council
Monday-Friday 9am-4.30pm 01769 572501
South Molton Volunteer Bureau
1st Wednesday 2-4pm 01769 573167

COMMUNITY NEWS S Molton & District
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Events can also be entered in the Diary at the Amory Centre. Thank you for your support!

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