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STARTREK CHALLENGE EXMOOR

ON THE NIGHT OF 7TH/8TH MARCH 2015

WE DID IT..... 22 miles, 50164 steps, 2069 calories later and for the 5th year running, Carolyn Smith, Marg Atkin, Lisa Cornish and Ali Moulder completed the difficult Exmoor Startrek Challenge. Luckily it was over a lovely clear dry night and armed with a map, compass, some coordinates and clues we negotiated the moorland from 7.20pm through to 5am.

Our start and base camp was Mounsey Hill Gate and the first section took us via Tarr Steps, Tarr Farm, Knaplock, Winsford Hill, the Punchbowl (we had a slight deviation here !!!) Caratacus Stone back to base camp for a well earned break. The second section took us (with no little mistakes this time), via Summerway, Week Farm, Hollam Farm, Higher Broford back to base camp and much needed refreshment.

We were a little surprised at the cheer we got from the organisers until we realised that it was in appreciation of finishing before 6am and not being the last team back which we were becoming rather famous for well done The Pastillettes.

I think I can speak for us all and say that this was our most successful trek to date. All our hard training throughout the year paid off but most of all it is so lovely to know that over the 5 years as a team we have raised in excess of £5000 including giftaid which has been donated to Childrens Hospice South West, Hospice Care Trust (North Devon), North Devon Chemotherapy Appeal and the Exmoor Rescue.

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Sincere thanks,
Ali Moulder

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St. Stephen's Church

Having been working in the Benefice for over ten weeks, we are just beginning to settle in and find our way around – I can now go to each Church the same way each time without getting lost and I've only ruined one tyre! We have been made to feel so welcome – Pat Martin and the team at St. Stephen's have been excellent at advising us and keeping us on the straight and narrow – but despite her best efforts Gabby Clark still hasn't convinced Angela to join the 'spinning and weaving' group. There are lots of things going on this Easter and I hope you will feel able to join in with some (or all) of these events – the Services unfold a timeless drama of good versus evil and the more you take part the more sense it makes.

We begin on Palm Sunday at Sutcombe Church with a Procession, led by a donkey, reminding us of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem – but how had he suddenly become so popular? You'll have to come to the Service to find out.

The next Service is Maundy Thursday evening in Bradworthy when we remember Jesus' last meal with his friends – the Service finishes with the stripping of the altar reminding us of the events that would take place later that night when Jesus was stripped of his friends (they deserted him), stripped of his clothes, stripped of his dignity as the Roman soldiers beat him and mocked him.

On Good Friday, for the young at heart, there is a Service at 10.00am – the Five Special Days of Easter – which will have some eggstrodinary story-telling! At 12 noon we meet at the Methodist Church in Bradworthy and process, carrying a cross, to St John's Church in an act of witness. From 2 – 3pm there will be a Service of Readings and Prayers in St. John's Church as we remember the death of Jesus Christ. Then on Easter Saturday – at St Andrew's Sutcombe – we have, in my opinion, the greatest Service of the year. It is the Service that celebrates the Passover of Christ – the passing from death to life, from darkness to light. The more people we have in the Church, the greater the sense of movement and wonder – it is a wonderful Service and I commend it to you.

Finally on Easter Sunday we celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ and every Church in the Benefice will have a Service. I hope you might be able to join us and may Jesus fill your hearts with his presence and light, his joy and his peace.

EASTER SERVICES

29th March – PALM SUNDAY Sutcombe Benefice Communion 10.30am with Donkey-led Procession
2nd April – MAUNDY THURSDAY Bradworthy Benefice Communion 7.30pm with Stripping of Altar
3rd April – GOOD FRIDAY Sutcombe Easter for children 10.00am

The Five Special Days of Holy Week

An Eggstra Service followed by Hot Cross Buns

Bradworthy Procession of Witness 12.00noon Meet at Methodist Church

Bradworthy One Hour Devotion 2.00pm

Bradworthy Stainer's Crucifixion 6.00pm Bradworthy Chamber Choir

Modelled on the great passion settings of J.S. Bach, Stainer's Crucifixion is amongst the most popular of all English choral works and vividly portrays the events of the Passion of Christ.

4th April – EASTER EVE Sutcombe Benefice Easter Liturgy 7.00pm

5th April – EASTER DAY Putford Holy Communion 9.00am

Bradworthy Choral Communion 10.00am

Sutcombe Choral Communion 11.30am

Bulkworthy Choral Communion 6.30pm

SERVICES IN PUTFORD APRIL – MAY

12th April 2nd of Easter Holy Communion 9.00am

19th April 3rd of Easter No Service – please support Bulkworthy

26th April 4th of Easter Sung Eucharist 11.30am

3rd May 5th of Easter Morning Prayer 10.00am

10th May 6th of Easter Holy Communion 9.00am

Rogation Sunday Service at Abbots Bickington 3.00pm

17th May 7th of Easter No service – please support Abbots Bickington

24th May PENTECOST Sung Eucharist 11.30am

31st May TRINITY Benefice Eucharist 10.30am

Richard Freeman

Announcements

We are pleased to congratulate Richard and Margaret Atkin of The Gnome Reserve on their 25th wedding anniversary on 28 April 2015. We hope they have a wonderful day and wish them all the best!
If you have an announcement of any sort for the next edition please email lesleytaylor@waitrose.com

NOTES FROM WEST AND EAST PUTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2015

A report was received from PCSO R Rowe as follows: There had been 6 crimes last year one of which was theft of a motor vehicle, also 2 burglaries and 1 harassment; There had been recent shed burglaries in Bradworthy. If anyone witnesses anything, do not hesitate to contact the Police; Staffing levels in Holsworthy were advised. PC Noakes had been off sick for some time and his return was not known. The two officers who joined from the Metropolitan Police last March were no longer working as one had left and the other, now expecting a baby, was based in the Station close to her home and she will not be returning for 18 months. PC Plumb based in Launceston will be joining the Holsworthy Team shortly; Details were given of Operation Jessica set up to tackle a scam involving letters, telephone calls and computers.

Mrs S Squire, Parish Clerk had circulated a written report on her attendance at a Preparing for Elections Course.

Councillors voted not to proceed with the work at Venn Bridge on the grounds of cost. A Category II complaint had been submitted to DCC regarding the state of the road at Barton Hill, Saxworthy and Venn Bridge, together with issues about broken signs. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs L Drake had met with Geoffrey Cox MP to raise this issue.

A further complaint had been sent regarding items flying out of the recycling lorry.

There were no Planning Applications to consider.

Torrige District Council Decision Notices were noted: Approvals for conversion of Putford Methodist Chapel to a dwelling and an agricultural livestock shed at Winslade Barton, Buckland Brewer where the Parish Council had been invited to comment as an adjoining Parish.

The Application for a single wind turbine at Culsworthy Farm, Sutcombe had gone to Appeal.

As from 1/4/15, Torrige District Council would not be sending out paper Planning Applications. The Clerk would print off the details from the TDC website.

Balances were given and payments authorised for: Mrs S Squire, Parish Clerk salary, expenses & PAYE.

Seven items of correspondence were discussed. In particular the bus route 372 was discussed which was the subject of review by DCC. Members of the public are encouraged to complete the consultation on the DCC Tough Choices website.

Compliance. The following were adopted: Statement of Internal Control; Equal Opportunity Policy, Grant Giving Policy, Complaints Procedure.

Next Meeting: Monday 27 April at 7.30pm in Bradworthy Primary Academy. This would be the last Meeting in the life of the present Council, with Elections on 7 May. The date of the May Meeting which would be the first Meeting of the newly elected Council and the Annual General Meeting would be decided at the April Meeting when it was known if there will be a Parish Council Election. Because it is an election year, the Meeting has to be held within two weeks of vote counting (11 May) regardless of whether there was an Election. *Sue Squire*

Recent Planning Applications and Determinations during January and February 2015

Ref. No: 1/0179/20115/FUL Construction of agricultural workers dwellings along with access and drainage works at Mambury Farm, East Putford, Holsworthy EX22 7UH. Received: 18 February 2015 Validated: 3 March 2015 Status: Pending Consideration.

Ref. No: 1/1274/2014/FUL Old School House, Putford, Holsworthy, EX22 7UT, Addition of single storey extension. Received: 08 December 2014 Validated: 06 January 2015 Status: Application Approved.

John Light

TENNIS

Our Club Nights for Adults begin on Friday 10th April from 6.30pm until dark (and every Friday evening until the 18th September. We welcome new members of all abilities (rackets and balls can be provided). Membership for the Season is £25 per adult. However, during April we have a Special Offer :

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We have entered two ladies teams into the League again this year. Den Baggott is captain of Woolsery A in Division 2. Ali Moulder, Lesley Taylor and Jane Walter make up the team. Shirley Grills is captain of Woolsery B in Division 3. Diane Pomeroy, Jacky Walter, Karen Robinson make up the team. Shirley is also captain of the Pete Stacey Cup Matches for Divisions 3 & 4. We wish them very good luck this year. You can follow their progress on www.northdevontennis.com

For any further information about our Club please contact our Chairperson, Lesley Taylor on 07816888026.

What's On

Chilsworthy Hall

Sunday 4 April. North Cornwall and Devon Railway Club are creating display models of their hobby between 10am and 4pm. An admission fee will be charged. All welcome.

Saturday, 18 April. Spring Dance with 'A Bit o' Luck. Bring and Share Supper. Tea, coffee, licensed bar and raffle. Entrance £5.00 per person. From 8.00 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday 16th May. Plant sale. Any donations garden enthusiasts are able to contribute from their greenhouse would be much appreciated. Plants to be delivered by 9.30am. Tea, coffee and cakes available. No entrance charge. Sale ends at 1pm.

Woolsery

Wednesday mornings 11am. Gentle exercise for the over 60s. Details from Renata 474689 or 07815304332. All welcome.

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The Garden in Spring

With the days getting longer and if we are lucky warmer, plants in the garden are now beginning to get greener and the signs of the winter are disappearing fast and one of the most notable spring flowering plants are the Magnolias.

Magnolias are one of the oldest types of flowering plants that have been on this planet, with fossil specimens dating back around 20 million years. They are named after French botanist Pierre Magnol. The first recorded appearance of the word magnolia was in 1703 and there are around 210 species of magnolia recorded.

There is a magnolia for most areas in a garden as they range in size and shape. The largest plants make magnificent specimen trees and one of the most noticeable species is *Magnolia campbellii* 'Charles Raffill', which flowers in March and has large pale pink flowers, which can be the size of a small plate (as long as there is not a frost to damage the flowers). They can be grown against a sunny wall as a wall shrub and one of the best plants for this is *Magnolia grandiflora* and its varieties, they flower in the summer and have large white flowers which are also scented. For a small garden there is *Magnolia stellata* (the star magnolia), these have lovely flowers which have narrow petals and they grow around 8-10ft tall.

One of the most common Magnolias is *Magnolia x soulangeana*, which has the lovely pink tulip like flowers, these plants can grow up to 20ft but they can be kept smaller through pruning. But if the pruning is not carried out correctly and at the right time of year, you will not get any flowers the following year. One of my favourite Magnolias is *Magnolia siboldii*, which produces medium size plants with lovely white flowers with a red centre looking a bit like a water lily flower.

The other iconic spring flowering plants are the flowering cherries, which are wonderful small trees and you can even get small shrub varieties. The trees come in different shapes the narrow column (*Prunus Amanogawa*) to the wide spreading umbrella canopies (*Prunus Kanzan*), weeping habit (*Prunus Cheals Weeping*) and the flowers range from pure white through to a deep pink. One of the most interesting cherries is the Tibetan cherry (*Prunus serrula*) which has lovely flowers and decorative bark which is cinnamon coloured and peels and if rubbed off in the autumn early winter shows of the colour of the bark. Even if you only have a postage stamp sized garden there is a flowering cherry that can fit in to your garden that will add some wonderful spring flowers in *Prunus 'Kojo-no-mai'*, this delightful small cherry is very slow growing and compact, making it suitable for growing in containers. Its branches have a fascinating, zigzag growth habit and these are covered in small, blush pink flowers. In autumn this cherry will reward you with great foliage colour; this cultivar has multi-seasonal interest.

Euphorbia amygdaloides var. *robbiae*: - A compact, shade-loving, spreading euphorbia that has long-lasting, lime-green flowers in late spring above rosettes of glossy, dark green leaves. It's a valuable plant for difficult areas of dry shade, particularly under trees and it also looks at home in a woodland setting. As it is evergreen and suckering it also makes attractive groundcover. Left unchecked it can become invasive, romping through areas of a small garden. Garden care: in autumn cut back the faded flower stems, avoiding new ones. When working with spurges always wear gloves since the milky sap is poisonous and a potential skin irritant. Remove unwanted seedlings each spring as part of routine border maintenance.

Lamprocapnos spectabilis bleeding heart (syn. *Dicentra spectabilis*): - Arching sprays of dainty, rose-pink, heart-shaped flowers appear in late spring above fern-like, fresh green leaves. Easy to grow, it looks fabulous planted in groups towards the front of a shady border or as part of a cottage garden scheme. As long as the ground is kept moist, it will thrive in full sun or partial shade. It is one of the earliest perennials into flower, but the foliage does start to die back after flowering, so it is best mixed amongst summer flowers, which can then maintain interest in the border. *Dicentras* are northern hemisphere plants, growing from Asia to North America. In their natural habitat they are found in moist soils in the cool margins of woodlands. This *dicentra* was first introduced in 1816, then disappeared from cultivation but was reintroduced by plant collector Robert Fortune in 1846. It soon became one of the most popular garden plants.

Poppy Day collections

Last November's collections raised nearly £230 in Putford, with £47 donated at the Church. The balance came from the two local collectors, Mrs M. Pomeroy and Mrs D. Kirkland. Many thanks to both.

(Gardening) Magnolia Fairy Blush; -Raised by the New Zealand breeder Mark Jury, this new magnolia produces an abundance of blush pink flowers along the length of its stems in spring. Unlike many of the other spring-flowering types, the foliage of this magnolia is mainly evergreen, although it may shed its leaves in colder winters. It makes a fine stand-alone specimen, especially in smaller gardens where its compact form will not dominate, while its naturally bushy habit makes it ideal for creating an informal screen. A stunning new addition that is easy to care for, reasonably fast growing and will start to produce its lightly scented flowers on young plants. Garden care: Plant in a sheltered spot, away from strong winds. Requires minimal pruning. Remove any broken, diseased or crossing branches in spring. Mulch in spring with manure or leafmould.

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Now in its 9th year, Nightwalk takes place on Saturday 16th May 2015. There are routes of various lengths available along the Tarka Trail,

at Saunton Sands, and at the Tamar Lakes . This year we have two new routes starting at Instow; one making the short yomp to Bideford, with the other taking walkers to Barnstaple . We have live entertainment with Latin rhythms aplenty at every Nightwalk location, providing a wonderful musical backdrop to your walk. New for 2015, we are also including an amazing ‘light show’ at both Saunton Sands and on the Tarka Trail between Barnstaple and Bideford. The mighty Torrington Cavaliers, will also be providing musical entertainment on the Torrington-Bideford leg, so there really is something for everyone.

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Producers and exhibitors at The Seafood Festival will be cooking with locally caught fish and promoting local fish and sustainability. There are some mouth-watering meals to purchase including Fish Tacos, Pa-ella, Fish Samosas plus a whole host of other wonderful stalls for browsing, tasting and purchasing. There will be plenty of diversity so some sweet treats and other stands too, including the Hospice’s very own Sheppard’s Café Crepe stand. Fish and seafood cookery demonstrations during the day by some great local chefs! “

Holsworthy Rural Policing Update – 15/1/15 to 15/3/15

The following incidents have occurred:

Holsworthy Hamlets: IN UGWORTHY 35 SHEEP STOLEN.

NEAR HOLSWORTHY BEACON ENTRY INTO OPEN FRONTED FARM SHED SITUATED TO THE SIDE OF PROPERTY AND PROPERTY STOLEN FROM WITHIN.

Halwill: CAR LEFT SECURE AND UNATTENDED HAD ALL FOUR AIR PRESSURE HUB CAPS REMOVED AND ALSO HAD ALL 4 TYRES SLASHED.

Pyworthy: 1600L OF HEATING OIL REMOVED FROM TWO HEATING TANKS SITUATED AT THE FRONT OF A HOUSE AND BY THE BARN, CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE HEATING PUMP.

DOG ATTACKED SHEEP ON FARM LAND 4x SHEEP FOUND DEAD AND 3x INJURED.

Bradworthy: THREE VEHICLES LEFT PARKED ADJACENT TO STABLES IN FIELD, WINDOWS OF VEHICLES BROKEN AND ENTRY GAINED.

ENTRY GAINED TO HOLIDAY HOME, ITEMS DAMAGED.

HOLIDAY COTTAGE ENTERED BY SMASHING WINDOW. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE CAUSED.

A DOG OFF THE LEAD CAUSED VISIBLE INJURY TO AN ALPACA.

2 SHEEP GRAZING IN FIELD KILLED AND 2 HAD LEGS BROKEN BY A DOG OFF THE LEAD.

HOLIDAY COTTAGE ENTRY GAINED VIA BREAKING WINDOW, ITEMS DAMAGED. SHED ALSO ENTERED ITEM TAKEN.

Bridgerule: 2 SHEEP ATTACKED BY DOG. ONE OF THE SHEEP HAD TO BE PUT TO SLEEP.

Sutcombe: MALE ON HIS PEDAL CYCLE BITTEN BY DOG CAUSING VISIBLE INJURIES TO THE VICTIMS LOWER LEG.

Bradford: IN FARMYARD, RED MASSEY 390 TRACTOR PARKED SECURE AND UNATTENDED, STOLEN.

Milton Damerel: ENTRY GAINED TO CHAPEL BY CAUSING SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO MAIN DOOR. ONCE INSIDE ALL ROOMS ENTERED BUT NOTHING STOLEN.

We are currently seeking new members and co-ordinators, for both Farm Watch and Neighbourhood Watch, in all rural areas. If you would like more information, or would like to talk to us about any of our Watch Schemes, please email holsworthy@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk or contact your local area co-ordinator.

PCSO 30099 Raquel ROWE, PCSO 30643 Mark JAMES Holsworthy Police Station

Operation Jessica.

This is a police project which aims to protect elderly and vulnerable residents against the perils of frauds, particularly those designed to catch people off guard via phone calls or through the mail. Since May 2014, thirty five elderly victims have fallen foul of frauds operated by organised criminals, defrauding them out of over £600,000. Police suspect the figure is higher, with many incidents going unreported. The average age of victims is 75. In liaison with Trading Standards police have identified 340 people whom fraudsters may be targeting and as part of the operation, **uniformed** police teams will be visiting people on this list to identify victims of crime and enable them to take steps to reduce the likelihood of further victimisation.

Always check the identification of anyone at your door, if for any reason you are still unsure check with the organisation the individual represents using a recognised phone number. In the case of the police this is 101. Be suspicious of any call purporting to be from the police or the bank reporting any fraud on your account. End the call. Never give your PIN, security or bank details to anyone over the phone. If you receive a call you are unsure of wait at least five minutes before attempting to make another call to ensure you're not reconnected to the offender. Use a different phone e.g. a mobile phone or a neighbour's phone. If that is not possible then phone a known friend that you will recognise to test the phone to confirm you aren't still unwittingly connected to the offender.