

## Welcome to issue 23

There are a number of serious items in this issue, the **Future of our Schools** and the ongoing problem of **Road Surfaces** as well as a good mix of events and news.

We have another sign of spring, after the first snowdrops in the Churchyard last month; we have this month a Ewe with her twins in a field by the river, taken last week.



## Our Roads

We hope you remember that last month we wrote an open letter to Somerset Highways, well we did get a response by the middle of February, which was confirming that any County Council comments that would be published in the "Dulverton Voice" then their protocol would be for these to come via the SCC Press Office, which is fair enough, the statement was as follows

A spokesman for Somerset County Council said: "We carry out a large programme of surface dressing work each summer and in the majority of cases it settles down to be a robust and



durable road surface. A small number of roads in our 2014 programme had issues with dust shortly after the application of chippings which is believed to have been caused by a particular batch of stone. We apologise for any problems caused by this and have taken steps to ensure it should not happen again".

"We are aware of further issues with Jury Road and the B3223 Highercombe Drive caused by shedding chippings and our contractor will be returning to the site this summer to make repairs at no cost to the taxpayer. Work cannot take place before this as surface dressing is very weather dependent and can only be carried out in dry and warm conditions."

This did not answer our concerns, but, give the press office fair dues, after we sent them the copies of the "Voice" where we had reported the problems and an up to date picture, they promised to try to find out more.

**We look forward to their comments.**

**Good News** – at the last Council Meeting it was reported that the contractor had not yet been paid.

**Well Done** – Last month they have re surfaced Millhams Lane and it looks good (see the photo) even if they over ran on time.

**Dulverton voice, lets hear your views and spread your news**

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# The Sluice Gate on the Leat

We understand that someone has tampered with the lock on the Sluice Gate on our Leat and the gate was closed, which stopped the flow. This not only has an adverse effect on wildlife but causes other problems such as smells etc.

After all the work to get the weir working and restoring the flow, new better locks are being fitted and the water flow adjusted to the correct levels.

However if there is good reason, such as maintenance to adjust the level we now contact West Somerset Council on 01984 635269 or e-mail -

[propertyservices@westsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:propertyservices@westsomerset.gov.uk)

The Council advise in case of an emergency we should dial 999 and ask for the Fire Brigade.

## Planning

Only one at the National Park this month. 6/9/15/101 Tawny, 8 Great Meadow, Dulverton, Somerset. Retention of inflatable swimming pool cover which is not permanent. Retrospective

**Road Closures** none noted



## Take Cover

The Thrift Shop Knitters have combined forces with The Library Knit and Natter Group to produce **Dulverton Duck 2015. The Ducks will be launched for sale on Tuesday March 3rd.**

You can buy one for £1.50 complete with a Crème Egg or a whole egg box full (6 eggs) for just £7.50 – what a super present.

The following joke is not from the “Voice” but one of the knitters “Louise”

Question: - What comes out the day after Boxing Day and need to keep warm?

Answer: - Dulverton's Eggs”

**Just pop into the Thrift Shop to buy one or a box full**



# Dulverton Canoe Slalom – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Britain is pretty good at this exciting Olympic sport, winning Gold and Silver in the C2 doubles event in 2012.

The sport involves descending a short piece of white water rapids in your kayak, negotiating 'gates' suspended from overhead wires. These are green and white poles for downstream gates and red and white poles for upstream gates. It is an exciting test of skill and fitness, negotiating shoots, eddies and avoiding rocks. Competitors are set off at one minute intervals and the quickest run is the winner. It is similar in that regard to ski slalom, but the gates must not be touched. Any contact results in time penalties, so eagle eyed judges observe each run and award penalties as appropriate. The time penalties for missing a gate altogether are dire.

The Dulverton Slalom is the first ever on this site, to be held upstream of the road bridge in Dulverton. There will be eighteen gates on the course. It is by way of an introductory event, aimed at people who have never been to slalom before. The organisers are particularly keen to get young people involved.

The rapids, known locally as 'The Camel's Hump', are class 2 rapids. In white water classification there are six classes, ranging from very simple class 1 to near-suicidal class 6. So class two is simple for accomplished paddlers but challenging (not terrifying) for relative beginners

The rapids here are ideal for this event and Bideford CC value the support we have had from local land and fishing rights owners. The Club encouraging paddlers to adopt the Check Clean Dry process with boats and equipment to help avoid the spread of invasive species and infection.



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## Help Please

The Dulverton Voice is a free monthly newspaper which is put together for the benefit of the people of Dulverton, we do not get paid or have expenses, in fact some months it costs us personally.

We do it for our community and we rely on members of that community to assist us in this task.

If in the future we make unknowingly a mistake on an e-mail address or something else please help us by letting us know.

**Recently we have wasted a lot of time and effort, because someone did not afford us this simple help. Thank You.**



## News from the Exmoor Pony Centre

**Wanted** - unwanted but wearable clothes or shoes, as they are trying to collect a ton (weight) of clothing to **Clothes for Charity** to raise £250 for the Trust. Please take to the Pony Centre.

Thanks to all those who host collection tins for the Trust, we wish the new Volunteer run stores every luck with their venture.

If you think you could have a collection tin in your business to raise some money to support the Moorland Mousie Trust, please let them know on 323 093.

The **Easter Open Day** is on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April** between **11 am and 3 pm**

Finally if you would like to book up for a **Taster Session** or an **Exmoor Experience Ride** during the Easter holidays, please don't leave it to the last minute, the number for all enquiries is **323 093**

Alternatively email us on [info@exmoorponycentre.org.uk](mailto:info@exmoorponycentre.org.uk). Thanks for your support.

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# From the Dulverton Town Council

**An Apology.** You may have noticed that last month contained a glaring error.

25 Years Ago was written as 1965, if that was the case it would have been 1990 this year. I omitted to have it proof read, it should have read 1989. SORRY!

## 100 YEARS 1914 - Annual report of the Lighting Committee

The Committee owing to lighting restrictions have only been able to partly light the Town during the past twelve months.

The cost during the year was as follows.

Electric Light as per contract.	£20-0-0
Brigade Practices.	£ 4-0-0
Captains Salary.	£ 4-0-0
Repairs and Oil	£. Nil
Rent of Engine Shed.	£ 10-0
Total	£ 28-0-0

Eds Note; this was in a time when the electricity was generated by an oil engine.

## 50 YEARS 1965 - POSTER BOARD AT AMORY ROAD

After discussing the possibility of erecting a poster board on the estate it was decided to defer the matter for further consideration.

Eds note; and still there is no notice board in Amory Road or Barnsclose! The fence at the end of Lion Car Park is the only notice board that is not publicly owned, otherwise you have to ask permission from either the Town Hall, Town Council, or Jan Ross for the use. of their respective boards.

## 25 YEARS 1989 - HANOVER RESIDENTIAL HOUSING

A letter was read from the West Somerset Council asking the Town Council to give consideration to the suggested names of the Development, as well as some thought to possible names for the roadway leading in to the development. After some discussion it was agreed that "HANOVER COURT" would be the most suitable name, and suggested the roadway to be named "KEMPS WAY" in a fitting tribute to Mr Ivan Kemp who, over many years served the Town and surrounding area as Magistrate, District and Parish Councillor.

Eds Note; this shows how some names come about, perhaps the origins of local names could be shown at a later date.

# Fresh Fish for Dinner

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# Short and Sweet



**Maggie Wilson** - Dot and family say 'Thank You' to all relatives and friends, for their tributes. These were such a blessing and so comforting.



**Dulverton's Jane Sandiford** - with Claire Cockram and Mary Menon from Exford have been training hard as Jane and Claire have both been accepted to take part in the 2015 London Marathon and Mary, who won three marathons in 2014, is holding her own run to raise funds for the Devon Air Ambulance and Devon & Somerset Deer Management Scheme. Details for the 10 mile/10 km race can be found on Facebook Run Exmoor 2015, and Claire is supporting CLIC Sargent, and Jane the National Autistic Society and also a series of coffee mornings are being held at the Town Hall.



**Not just Delivery Drivers** – The Exmoor pony stallion Prince Harry was injured by a quad bike and has had to be put down - please remember to drive slowly across and around the moor.



**Guildhall Heritage & Arts Centre** –The new season open Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March

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# Go West Young Man Go West

**Bruce Heywood tells the story of a young man who went to play rugby in Dublin**

**Neil Chanter** was born in 1972 and spent his early years at Crowcombe Cottage, part way up Andrew's Hill, until his parents parted company. Anne and the two boys moved to Coupleham and his father to Kennel Barn at Marsh Bridge.

Following his school years firstly at Dulverton, then at St. Michaels Tawstock, followed by King's Bruton, he went on to study law at the University Of Wales.

Whilst there **he went to play rugby at Dublin** on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 1994. Here he met an American girl, **Christina Babb** in a bar; she was on a weekend trip to Dublin from studying her degree in London.

After gaining his Bachelor of Law(Hons) Degree, Neil worked for a year in Taunton with the firm of solicitors Clarke Willmott and Clarke, but by now his **true love Christina** had gone back home to Springfield, Missouri.

There was nothing for it but to follow her, so **"With £200 I had borrowed from the bank and everything I could fit into one trunk"** he moved to the USA in 1996.

He finally landed on his feet by joining the firm of lawyers Strong-Garner-Bauer in Springfield in 1998. **A wonderful wedding** took place on April 17<sup>th</sup> 1998, with many guests from Exmoor; the Rev John Atkin vicar of Exford conducted the service. Neil's brother Grant, a Captain in the King's Troop, was his best man. His wheelchair bound aunt, Mary Kennedy from Bridge View, Dulverton made it there too.

**Neil became a shareholder in 2003** and his area of practice includes personal injury, wrongful death, product liability litigation and medical malpractice. Complimentary peer ratings posted on the internet include "Neil fights hard for his clients the right way. I have been opposing counsel in Neil's cases and would still refer friends and family to him"

He has also branched out into purchasing a share of **Springfield Brewery Company**; this sponsors his cycle team as he is an avid cyclist.

**Part 2 next month**

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## The Letter from the Parents

### Proposal for Dulverton schools to join Minehead Middle School in a Multi Academy Trust

As a group of Dulverton parents whose children will be most affected by the changes, we are very concerned that we have not been provided the factual evidence as to why this decision to become a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) with Minehead Middle School (MMS) is preferable to the previously investigated option of a two tier system. We are not against the idea of academies or middle schools, but so far we haven't heard anything of real substance to enable us to support it as a viable alternative.

We are particularly worried about the apparent lack of knowledge relating to the financial sustainability and structure of the proposed MAT. Although we have asked school leaders and the Governing Body for more detail relating to future school budgets, none have been provided. Our own investigations based on data from the Government's transparency website indicates that the new proposal would seem to mean a substantial reduction in funding compared to existing budgets.

When he was asked at the consultation meeting (on 10 February) if the new MAT proposal was financially viable, the Head of MMS Paul Rushforth could only say that it was "Provided people don't take their children away". By this he means parents choosing to send their children to Kingsmead Secondary school, which is currently performing better than the West Somerset College. On the basis that 53% of Dulverton parents voted in favour of a two tier system previously, (a figure which has now risen to 66% in the consultation to provide free transport to Kingsmead from age 11), where would this leave Dulverton Middle school if pupil numbers halved? If DMS was found unviable Paul Rushforth could not, when asked, guarantee that children would not be bussed to MMS at 9 years old.

It is difficult to build a trust when there are so many contradictions in the limited information that has so far been provided. For instance we have been told the MAT will work based on available "leadership capacity" of head teaching staff at MMS. Although Paul Rushforth made assurances that his time spent working as an Ofsted inspector and on the Exmoor Coast Federation is minimal, since the meeting it has been announced that he

# Our Schools

For those who do not know the latest change proposed is, that the Town's schools form a Multi - Academy trust with Exford First School and Minehead Middle School.

**The Dulverton Voice's view has always been, from its third issue in June 2013, that we should "Do what is best for the young people of Dulverton now and in the future"**

To this end, as we have done twice before, we offered our pages to both sides in the debate and we received a letter from four parents which we publish below, followed by Bath and Wells' and Somerset County Council joint news release.

Another source of information is the Chair of the Town Council observations at the meeting held at Dulverton Middle School on Tuesday 10th February 2015. We are not publishing these notes but they are on the Town Councils web site, type in "schools" and you will find them.

However these notes end - "The meeting ended at 21:00. We left with the impression that a lot had been left unsaid and nearly all the questions submitted by parents by letter last week went unanswered. It was disconcerting that information given last week had now changed."

We understand that there is to be a meeting between the Governors and Town Council and we hope to keep you informed, just as we hope we will obtain a letter from the Chair of Governors that we can publish in a future issue.

is committed to 2 days a week covering as the Head Teacher of Minehead First School until a replacement is found. Therefore how can the Governing Body of the Exmoor Federation be confident that MMS can commit to 3 additional schools that will each require strong leadership to meet the challenges of delivering the new system in what seems to be an ever stretched resource?

In the Governors Handbook dated January 2015 it states "Governors' first line of accountability is to parents and the wider school and local community." We have asked them for a response to our concerns but have been told that none will be sent until the end of the consultation. Ultimately it appears that parents and community have no voice or influence in something that could lead to the complete closure of Dulverton Middle School. Without transparency on the figures and structure we can only assume the worse.

Yours sincerely

Donna Lyndsay, Julie Christian, Claire Miles and Ruth Boyce

### **Joint News Release Diocese of Bath and Wells and Somerset County Council**

West Somerset schools take steps towards Multi Academy Trust status

The governors of All Saints Church First School in Dulverton, Dulverton Middle and Community School, Exford Church First School and Minehead Middle School agreed to consult their local communities on forming a Multi Academy Trust. It is hoped that the Trust could be in place from September 2015.

The aim of the Trust would be to share knowledge, experience and expertise and secure sustainably high standards across all four schools. The four schools educate over 800 children and employ 50 teachers and over 100 support staff.

Chair of Exmoor Federation, which oversees the Dulverton and Exford Schools, Geoff Kirton said, "We're delighted to have come to this agreement and look forward to working in partnership with Minehead Middle School. It's a way forward that will really benefit our children, their families and the wider community and we are excited about the prospect."

Chair of Governors at Minehead Middle School, Martina Forster agrees, "We believe that by working together our children can really benefit from sharing and utilising many strengths and

skills and so raise standards and in turn make all of the schools in the Trust sustainable in the long term."

Tess Gale, Director of Education for the Diocese of Bath and Wells also welcomed the development, saying, "This is a really exciting and positive development for all of these schools. Working together in a Multi Academy Trust offers a powerful model for securing the future of high quality education across the unique community of West Somerset."

Rose Collinson, Director of Children's Services at Somerset County Council, said: "We are very pleased that schools in West Somerset are committing to working closely together to offer a good quality education to the children of Minehead and Exmoor.

"We welcome the creation of a partnership that will serve to widen opportunities for families living in the Dulverton and Minehead communities. Local guidance issued to parents by Somerset County Council advising them on their options for schools will not be affected by the creation of the Multi-Academy Trust."



### **The Consultation**

There is a disturbingly short timescale to this change, the first letter on 3rd Feb and the "consultation" **to be complete by 10th March**, already planned is the conversion in time for September this year

**Please send a response to [Dulvertonconsultation@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Dulvertonconsultation@educ.somerset.gov.uk) or write to Alison Appleyard at the school address, It is important your views are heard.**

**We welcome your letters for the next issue on this subject**

# Matthew Meets...

## Peter Tout

**How long have you lived in Dulverton?** - I have lived in Dulverton for 72 years, all my life.

**Where were you born?** - I was born in Minehead, in my aunt's house because my Dad was away with the army. My mum was born in Swansea and my dad was Dulverton born and bred.

**Where did you go to school?** - I started my schooling at Mrs Baggs's school in Church Lane, then Dulverton 'top school', as we called it, and went to Technical College in Bridgewater. I enjoyed my early schooling, but I didn't enjoy Bridgewater College particularly.

**Did you enjoy growing up? And what was your favourite memory?** - Yes, Dulverton was a lovely place to grow up and I enjoyed helping on my friend's farm, because it was really fun and we could do many things.

**Favourite subjects at school?** - English, because I loved reading, and engineering because it was what I really wanted to do when I was older.

**Least favourite subject at school?** - I didn't enjoy P.E because I wasn't really much of a team player, I preferred solo sports.

**What was your best sporting attribute?** - I was good at solo sports, in particularly Tennis, and later on I enjoyed Badminton.

**Favourite book?** - '1984' by George Orwell; closely followed by '2001 Space Odyssey' by Arthur Clarke, probably because in most cases the future in these books has been predicted fairly accurately.

**Favourite movie?** - My favourite movie was the recent 'Life of Pi' because of the beautiful storytelling, and I still don't know which story was true!

**Favourite sport?** - My favourite sport has got to be football, because it's interesting to see how well the eleven players work on the pitch.

**Favourite colour?** - Red because it is bright, bold and very in your face.

**What jobs have you done?** I have been an engineer mostly, working for Stenner Ltd in

Tiverton, and many other smaller companies in Tiverton. I had an apprenticeship at Stenners and I won several national prizes, such as the 'Ford' and 'Nuffield' for student achievement.

**Do you have a hobby?** I have many hobbies such as woodwork, photography, gardening and I am a keen astronomer.

**One interesting fact about yourself?** - I have lived in Dulverton all my life, but I have been lucky enough to have visited roughly 90+ countries for work purposes. However, there is no other place in the world I would rather live; Dulverton is where my whole family originates from: our family can be traced back 300 years in Dulverton.

**Who is your inspiration** - Carl Sagan, an astronomer who narrated the BBC series 'Cosmos', of which I still have the book. He is a tremendous communicator and a great speaker.

**One thing that you think would improve Dulverton?**

Most people say improved traffic flow would improve Dulverton, but I personally think this would lead to an influx in the speed of cars, and more serious car accidents. In my opinion, an organised approach to tourism would improve Dulverton, because Dulverton has to survive on tourism, and tourism in itself has the potential to provide most jobs here.

**If you have someone you would like us to feature in "Mathew Meets" please lets us know. (page 3 for contact details)and we will see if they are willing.**

Thank You  
for your  
time



# Dulverton's Hotels and Inns

## Both Past and Present (Part 2 the Hotels)

**The Carnarvon Arms Hotel** in Brushford started off life as a much smaller building. Built by the 4th Earl of Carnarvon as a market hotel subsequently it evolved into a sporting hotel. Being close to the railway station made it popular with the hunting fraternity and attracted many famous people to stay there. Had an early telephone number- Dulverton 2.

The publicans listed are 1874-1947, The Nelder Family.

1947-1956, Mr. Gregor; from then on The Howells/Jones Family to closure, and now developed into flats.

**The Woodcote Hotel** at the top of Vicarage Hill, on the right opposite the Rock Inn. From the road Woodcote offers nothing more than a stone wall. Within it was cunningly laid out with most of its rooms facing south, with views over the Barle Valley. Still a hotel in 1961 and now developed into two separate domestic properties.



**The Greenway**, a property tucked away in behind the Lamb Flats, once owned by Col. Green, a well-known iconic figure to Dulverton in the earlier part of the 20th century. This became the Green Hotel at some stage and earlier was a parsonage.

**The Ram**, then changed its name to the Lamb Hotel, (we now see Lamb Flats) but this building was a very important Hotel in Dulverton very popular with the sporting gentry and the like, although I see many adverts quoting "family hotel". Built as a hotel with a once magnificent portico having a cast stone lamb standing on top (not unlike the Lion which is very similar). This, unfortunately, was demolished by a vehicle several years ago. There was a new ballroom built behind it to encourage quality functions, weddings and hunt balls. Again demolished when the building was converted into flats.

An amusing story is told about a previous proprietor who chased his wife down the High Street with a shotgun as he suspected her of playing about with another man.

**Ashwick House** situated about 4 miles NW of the town was built as a "second" home by Mr. Mardon at the turn of the 19th century, in the popular style of brick and tile. This was bought by the Frank Green the Father of Col. Green mentioned previously and eventually turned into a Hotel by Mr Sherwood known as Ashwick House Hotel. It now is a domestic property.

And lastly **the Lion Hotel**, formally the Red Lion Hotel, which had extended stables where the Lion Car Parks are situated. Certainly existing before 1755, it is now the oldest and the longest lasting hotel in town. We have evidence that the hotel was used as an auction house for land and farm disposal. during the 1700s. The growing tourist trade made a big impact and helped the Lion to increase trade during the 20th century

The Lion has traditionally hosted the Boxing Day Hunt Meet for many years, a great attraction for visitors

CN.Dulverton Heritage Centre.

# Good turnout for Spud

Potato day proved to be a great success when a good number of people turned up at the Middle School, to taste, view and buy 60 types of seed potatoes, along with seeds, sets and plants.

The Gardening Club will have much to answer for, when later this year various colours, shapes and tastes of potatoes turn up on Dulverton dinner tables – I for one cannot wait!



## Dates for your Diary – March

Every Tuesday & Thursday -  
at the Sports Club -  
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Tennis 6.30pm & Every Saturday 2.30pm  
Coaching Mondays Juniors 6pm Adults 7pm cost £2  
Zumba Dance – 5.30pm – Town Hall  
Running Club 6.15pm – Town Hall  
Squash Club Night 6/9pm – Sportsfield  
Family and Toddler Group 10am to Noon –  
Congregational Hall during term time  
Conservation group – Wimbleball 9.45am info371116  
Dulverton Dance – Town Hall 10.45am  
Colts Cricket practice – 6.30pm - Sports Field  
Cricket Practice 6.30pm - Sportsfield  
Netball Training - 6.30pm at the Middle School –  
restarts 10<sup>th</sup> July  
Carers Support Meeting - 3/5 pm - Medical centre  
Knit and Natter Group – 1.45pm in the library  
U3a 10.15am Community Centre(not Aug & Dec)  
Somerset age at the library 10am to noon  
Mothers Union 2.30pm at Hanover

4<sup>th</sup> Cricket Club AGM – see sports  
5<sup>th</sup> Dulverton Group – Exmoor Society – see what's on  
6<sup>th</sup> – Women's World Day of Prayer – see what's on  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Canoe Slalom - see article  
9<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting - 7.30pm- Town Hall  
11<sup>th</sup> Hanover Vintage Films - 3 pm at Hanover Court see what's on  
13<sup>th</sup> Film Club – Town Hall 7.30 – see what to do  
14<sup>th</sup> Heritage Centre & Railway Quiz – see what' on  
15<sup>th</sup> -: Dulverton Action Group - see short & sweet  
17<sup>th</sup> – Starlight Public meeting – see what's on  
19<sup>th</sup> Gardening Club – see what's on  
27<sup>th</sup> - Film Club – Town Hall 7.30 – see what to do  
28<sup>th</sup> --- Men's Breakfast – 8am Copper Kettle – 324 395 to book  
30<sup>th</sup> - Guildhall Heritage & Arts Centre –The new season open -see what's on  
1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April Players – see what's on

Please email your events to [dulvertonvoice@btinternet.com](mailto:dulvertonvoice@btinternet.com) or phone 324395

# March— What to do?

**Talks to Dulverton Group Exmoor Society - Thursday 5th March -** Ancient Woodland Restoration". A talk by The Woodland Trust and **Thursday 2nd April -** The Hedgehog Preservation Society.

Both at 7.30pm in the Congregational Church Hall with the Groups AGM at 7pm on the 5th March a chance to see what the group is about.

Non Members welcome. £3 please, to help with expenses.

More information contact Linda Hammond 323 954

## **Calling all Parents - Dulverton Players**

—There will be three drama workshops for children and young people, ages roughly 7-17 (but they like to be flexible where possible).

(Children under 15 to be accompanied by a responsible adult who should remain in the building - or join in).

**April, Wed 1st, Wed 8th, and Thursday 9th, all from 2.30 –4pm for the children, with a bit extra either side for helpers.**

Further information from - Marion Silverlock 341 850.

## **Dulverton by Starlight Public Meeting**

- **Tuesday 17th March** at The Lion 6.15pm -If you would like to know more, become a Starlight volunteer or have suggestions for this year's event, please pop in. This is the Towns biggest event and all ideas and help is welcome.

## **Quiz Night in aid of the Heritage Centre and Railway Project**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at the Town Hall & 7 for 7.30pm—Prizes—Bar—Raffle—Food Tables £60 or £10 per person (includes Supper)  
Ticket from the Post Office or 07969243887

## **Film Club in March at 7.30pm – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> France 2010 and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> The Imitation Game**

both cert 12A - Bar open from 7pm. Tickets –members £3, non-members £4.50, students, accompanied by an adult, £2.50. (Tickets may be available on the door - £4). Advanced booking at the Post Office (323 474) or email janaross2003@yahoo.co.uk.

## **Hanover Vintage Films - Wed 11th March**

- 3 pm at Hanover Court:  
The Little Princess starring Shirley Temple

## **Gardening Club – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

- 7 pm in the Town Hall - AGM (Cheese & Wine) and "Gardeners Question Time" with Paul Fonnereau - details 323 474

## **Messy Church -**

Is back after its break last month on Saturday 28th March in All Saint Church at 3pm. All Children accompanied by a responsible adult welcome.

## **Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

- Planned by the women of the Bahamas our service is at St Nicholas Church Brushford at 10.30am – all (including Men) welcome.

# Dulverton Sports!



**Netball** - On 26<sup>th</sup> January, the second local derby of the season took place against Bampton. After losing the first game, the Dulverton girls were desperate to set the record straight! Bampton got off to a flying start and they went leading by 6 after the first quarter. The Dulverton girls came out fighting and the rest of the game was incredibly close with both teams playing some really good netball. Unfortunately the slow start in the first quarter would be Dulverton's undoing and they lost by 6 goals 40- 34. Both the umpire's player and player's player went to **Abi Howarth**.

Hoping to bounce back from the disappointment of losing their last match, Dulverton took on Magpies who were one place above them in the league. Both teams made a strong start with both defence and attack working well. However it was Dulverton coming up with the interceptions and converting them in the shooting circle and they eventually won the game 37-34. The player's player went to **Nessie Watson** and the umpire's player was **Abi Howarth**.

This left Dulverton in 5<sup>th</sup> position in Division 4 with only a few points separating the teams in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> position.

The club trains on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm at Dulverton Middle School. For more information, call Lindsay Smith on 323 834.



**Football** – Dulverton Football Club played host to third placed Westonzoiland on 31<sup>st</sup> January. After a disappointing first half for the home side, Dulverton went in 2-0 down. However they came out fighting after half time and ended up drawing 3-3 with goals from **Lee Hooper, Adam Kelland and David Kelland**. On 7<sup>th</sup> February, Dulverton travelled to second place team The Gallery and left empty handed after losing 4-0. Dulverton were on their travels again the following week to take on Stogursey. After a close game, they lost 2-1. This leaves them in 7<sup>th</sup> place in Division 2.

For more information about getting involved with the Football Club, call Carl Hooper on 07866 256769.



**Snooker** – Now over halfway through the season, the team in the Minehead league are on top of the league and in the semi-final

of the Cup. In the Tiverton league we are not enjoying the same success as last year and we can only field one team due to a lack of suitable players. This team is struggling at the nether regions of the table.

However they are in the final of the Ridgeway Cup, so there is the distinct prospect of a Trophy.

For more information about the club, please phone 323 324 or 323 899



**Cricket** – The Dulverton Cricket Club AGM will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at the Sports Club at 7pm. The club are on the lookout for new players and/or anyone interested in being a part of the club, so all welcome to attend. For more information, contact Christine Dubery on 323 474.

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### Exmoor National Park

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Dulverton Group Exmoor Soc. 331482

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Film Club 323785

Family & Toddlers 324395

Gardening 323474

Hanover Vintage Films 323785

Ladies Lunch 324395

Litter Gathering Group 323785

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Mother Union 323587

Players 341850

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