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The Gazette

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Moorhaven Summer Ball

Lesley Abraham

A date for your diary; the Moorhaven Summer Ball will be held on 24th July 2010. Further details to follow soon! Please contact Jim Abraham on 691475 if you have any queries in the meantime.

Moorhaven Sports Club Update

Billy McKenna

The Sports Club has been up and running now for around a year, and it's been quite a busy year. We organised our first fundraising event, made good behind-the-scenes progress with the Jays field, set in place structures to progress this work and planned our first sports day. I'll go into each of these in a bit more detail:

Our first fundraiser

Stuart Newberry and Steve Webb organised a quiz night at the Jays. Around 50 people turned up, from teenagers through to the more senior members of our community. Everyone had a great time and it raised just over 140 pounds, half of which was donated to Children in Need.

The Jays field

We (through Moorhaven Village Management Company) are on track to grant a license to the Parish Council to enable the field to be used for organised children's football activities, which you may recall was the subject of an EGM last year. Thanks are due to the Parish Council for donating several hundred pounds to enable survey work to take place. This will help with funding applications. We have also submitted two applications, one of which was rejected and the other is still under consideration. If anyone has any experience in funding applications to trusts or other organisations and

would like to help, please get in touch.

Structures

We have set up a committee to run Moorhaven Sports Club, comprising directors of the management company, shareholders and representatives of the wider community. The committee has finalised a Terms of Reference (what it's for) and an agreement with the management company.

Our first sports day

We had a raft of fun activities planned for people of all ages in August last year, coordinated by Paul



The main drive, January 2010: photo: David Roe

Cover picture: Naomi Loveland

Penrose. Unfortunately the weather was impossible, with torrential rain and mist rolling in from the moor and we had to cancel it. However we're now looking to do something similar in July. Watch this space.

The committee is always looking for new members. If you're interested, or would like to find out more about any of the above, please get in touch with either myself or Jim Abraham.

Regards

*Billy McKenna, Chair of Moorhaven
Sports Club 2 Tower Lane*

News from the board

John Meehan

This new year seems to be beginning at a sprint. Christmas is a distant memory and February is here with bunches of daffodils pushing up all along the drive. If you get the chance, do look out for the circle of crocuses when it appears in the grounds behind Tower Lane near the wall. It's a real spring treat.

Our new Board is working well together having met four times now since the AGM and I think we've been very lucky in the new directors who have joined us. Our monthly meetings can go on for over two hours (obviously slack chairing!) but even then it is not always possible for us to cover all subjects. So, we have

an informal meeting planned for later this month to discuss among other things, roles and responsibilities, the grounds contract, and finances.

There will be a chance to discuss these matters with us at the Open Forum which has been arranged for Monday 15th March, 7.30 at the Jays. This will also be an opportunity for shareholders to hear about how the playing field project is progressing.

Having thought that we were well prepared for the digital switchover, we have had reports of some problems with the TV signal. We've been advised that this has been to do with the relative strength and direction of the signal from local transmitters. To remedy this, a new aerial has been put on the Tower and a small additional aerial has been placed in the Grove to ensure adequate coverage.

I'm pleased that this edition of the Gazette has finally appeared and my thanks go to all those involved. It's great to have the means of communicating with everyone in the village. We do also have the website however and many of you will now be aware that we are currently trying to make the website a more effective means of communication. David Roe is setting up an arrangement whereby all residents in the village can subscribe to the message boards of their choice. Our aim is to increase

the audience for those posting messages on the website and thereby make the website a more effective information centre.

As good as these new ways of communication are, there's surely nothing as good as actually getting together with others socially to engender a sense of community and simply enjoy oneself. Last year, as well as the Book and Film Clubs, there has been the Centre Court Ballette, and what now appears to be the annual village carol singing evening. The quiz night at the Jays in November, organised by Stu

Newberry and Steve Webber was great fun and what a great mix of people! It proved that there is a market in the village for such social events. What a pity the Sports Day back in September had to be cancelled, another casualty of horrendous weather. It would be great to see more opportunities for us to get together. All it takes is someone to take the lead!

Hope to see you at the Open Forum

Best wishes

John Meehan



TWITTER: Love it or hate it

Liz Scott

The other day I wanted to find somewhere in Exeter that opened at 8am for breakfast as I had an early business meeting. I didn't want to get on the phone or trawl the internet – that would take time. I just wanted an answer. It took me 5 minutes to find an answer. How did I do it? I sent a tweet out. Here's a synopsis of the conversation

ME: does anyone know where i can get breakfast in Exeter at 8am

Exeter City Centre Manager: I know Giraffe cafe does breakfast. One of many places in the city.

Giraffe Cafe: Yes we've got pancakes, toast, muffins, English – great coffee.

It was great to hear directly from the Exeter City Centre manager (someone I don't know in person). It was also reassuring to hear straight away from Giraffe. This in essence is how Twitter works.

Twitter is like marmite. You either love it or hate it. . Many people have heard of it, but don't understand it. It seems Twitter is one of those topics that generate lots of opinion, judgements and argument.

What is Twitter? When I tell people

I enjoy Twitter, many are heated in their responses. They think it's a waste of time, it's pointless and it's the death of conversation

For many people, the description of Twitter is the first nail in its coffin. If I tell you that it's a medium where someone (on the internet) can send a message of no more than 140 characters – I wouldn't be surprised to see you roll your eyes with angst. Why would anyone want to communicate like this?

Twitter is actually a medium to connect with people you would never usually meet. I run a website to help life, business and executive coaches to develop their business. I have met hundreds of people via Twitter that I would never have come across during my day. That's what Twitter is all about.

I'm running an evening workshop on Twitter (the basics) at the Watermark library if you'd like to come along just drop me an email info@coachingconnect.co.uk OR follow me on twitter @coachingconnect

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Ivybridge Walking & Outdoor Festival



Events List,

24th April – 3rd May 2010

Saturday 24-April

08:00 7hr Walk, Erme-Plym Valley Trail. Coach from Watermark, Ivybridge. 14 miles. Bring a packed lunch. Booking essential at Natures Larder 01752 894197 IWC Leader Mark Walker. £6.00 (concessions) (IWC)

10:30: 2.5hrs - Introduction to Nordic Walking Start from Lydford High Down (DNPA)

10:30: 6hrs - Improvers Navigation at Princetown (DNPA)

Sunday 25-April

10:00: 4hr Walk – (IWC)

10:30: 6hr Walk Brent Moor & More (DNPA)

10:30: 3 hr Walk - Exploring Holne Moor (DNPA)

11:30 2.5 hr Walk - Tinning & Antiquities (DNPA)

Monday 26-April

10:30: 4hr Walk- Archaeology of The Plym Valley (DNPA)

19:15 : 1hr, Run/Walk HASH 6/3 miles Teign Valley Hash House Harriers. www.tvh3.org.uk for details.

Tuesday 27-April

10:30: 4Hr Walk – Bronze, Tin, Peat Clay Granite & Man Ivybridge Railway Station (DNPA)

Free to those arriving by public transport.

10:00: 3hr Walk, Henlake Down & The Erme Valley. Meet Watermark, Ivybridge. IWC Leader Mark Walker 01752 897034. Donations to Mayors Charity.

18:00: Run, Training, 6-10 miles. Meet Ivybridge Leisure Centre. Erme Valley Harriers; visit www.evh.5u.com for further details.

19:30: 1hr Run/Walk HASH, Ashburton Hash House Harriers. <http://ashburtonh3.spaces.live.com>

Wednesday 28-April

14:00: 2hr Walk, Archaeology of the Southern Moor (Lukesland Gardens, Ivybridge). Meet at Lukesland Gardens (By kind permission of the Howell family). DNPA Adults £ 3.00, children 14 and under free.

19:30: 1hr, Run/Walk HASH, East Prawle. Meet at the Pigs Nose. South Hams Hash House Harriers. For

further details, visit www.sh4.org.uk

Thursday 29-April

10:30: 4Hr Walk – Bronze, Tin, Peat Clay Granite & Man Ivybridge Railway Station (DNPA)Free to those arriving by public transport.

16:30: 3.5hr Evening Walk, Meet Watermark, Ivybridge. (IWC) Leaders Mo and Jan. www.iwc.org.uk

18:45: Tennis, “Hit and Hoppers”. South Devon Tennis Centre, Ivybridge. For more details tel 01752 893700 www.southdevontennis.co.uk

Friday 30- April 11:**Saturday 1- May**

09:00: 26miles Salcombe Coastal Marathon For more information visit www.salcombecoastalmarathon.com or email stewartbondi@sky.com.

10:00: 4hr Walk - River Erme - Ivybridge to Mothercombe over Flete Estate (permission courtesy of A.Mildmay-White) 9 miles Debrief with tea and cakes at Old School House. (IWC)

14:00 :2hr Stroll – Discover the Dam - Shipley Bridge

Sunday 2- May

10:30 : 6 Hr Walk – Archaeology of the Two Moors Way

Monday 3-May

10:30 3Hr Walk – Venford Reservoir

Wrangaton Sports and Social Club

Stuart Newberry

Whilst plans for the sports field take their course, we're planning a couple of events for the summer. With no dates fixed at present this is just to whet your appetite and get you thinking.

The first is a Fun Day on the sports field with stalls, games, events and general fun for families. Moorhaven has a fine tradition of Summer fetes and, although in recent years it's been hard to stimulate enthusiasm. Efforts to have one last year were thwarted by monsoon weather conditions.

But this year will be different. Paul Penrose is working with Stu Newberry on provisional plans. We're looking to get an organising group representing the village to make it an event to remember. So, if you have experience of these type of events or would just like to get involved, please contact Stuart on 07901 506649.

The second idea is to have a 10k run using the facilities of Wrangaton Golf Club. Paul Penrose is an experienced triathlete and he will plan the course from the golf club up onto the moor, taking in some of the most panoramic views in South Devon towards the sea. The fun element will be a

shorter, but nevertheless challenging run/walk/crawl up to the post at the top of the hill above the golf course.

We can use the facilities of the golf club including the bar and catering after the run and present prizes to the winners.

The idea is to have fun and raise money at the same time for both events, so please do all you can to support both events.

Stuart Newberry

Moving House

Peter Rowlands

Moving house, they say, is more stressful than death or divorce but when the day of your move is the coldest, most icy of the year they may have to rework the quote to be Moving house is more stressful than death, divorce and moving house combined.

And so it was that on January 7th Debbie and I had been packing boxes for days and still seemed to have more to pack than when we first started. The cavalry had arrived in Steve and Daphne from Centre Court and we were soon at the stage of not worrying about bubblewrap more than just getting all this stuff into the boxes before the removal lorry arrived.

The boxes in question had been

provided by D&R Removals (a firm we cannot recommend highly enough. www.dandrremovals.com Tel 01752 60 69 49). A couple of weeks before the move date they rang to ask how many packing boxes we'd need to borrow and I genuinely said "Oh a dozen should be more than enough". The experienced voice at the end of the phone paused and then said "OK but I'll bring you forty just in case". And so they did and, have you guessed it yet? we ended up needing more.

Anyway as I say, come the day of the move, the roads were very icy and a line of cars was parked at the bottom of the drive, unable to make it up. D&R Removals (a firm we cannot recommend highly enough. www.dandrremovals.com Tel 01752 60 69 49) however were made of sterner stuff and their lorry was able to make it up to the Chapel but even they called a halt when faced with the icy slope at the beginning of Church Lane. They were a hundred yards from our front door yet it might as well have been a hundred miles.

Cups of hot tea were supped while the situation was discussed and the removal men showed their ability to stay calm whilst underneath their thoughts were flapping like a swans feet. Moorhaven's gritting salt had all run out in line with the rest of the

country and it was thought Sommerfield would not have enough Saxo to do the trick. A quick call to the estate agent confirmed that our new owners were in an ice free area and their removal lorry was packed and ready to roll. The words contract, penalty clause and lawyers left us in no doubt about the consequences.

Howard, one of the removal men, was straight onto his mobile. "Have you? How much? OK hold it for us" and with that he swung into organiser mode. "Is that your trailer?" he asked me. "Yes" I replied "I bought it as a Christmas present to myself (sad or what?) and it's all new and shiny." "Never mind that now. Get it hitched onto your car and let's get over to the quarry near Elburton where they've got some 3mm shingle left."

Howard is one of life's problem solvers and an hour later we were shovelling said shingle down Church Lane much to the dismay of some who had been using the slope as a sledge run. We were three hours behind in an already tight schedule but the lads from D&R upped the tempo and somehow had our contents squeezed into their lorry and away to their depot in time to avoid the estate agents warnings.

All's well that ends well, they say, and that's certainly true with a firm

like D&R Removals (did I mention they are a firm we cannot recommend highly enough? www.dandrremovals.com Tel 01752 60 69 49)

Peter Rowlands
Ex 11 Church Lane

Thinking about golf?

Stuart Newberry

It's that time of year when those of us who play golf are desperate to dust off the clubs and strike some balls down the fairway. Well, there have been a few brave souls who've ventured up onto 'our' course at Wrangaton, but most of us wait for the better weather before getting out there.

I've played a few times so far this year but it has been limited because



Back of the 7th green in a blizzard

of the snow. It's extremely rare for the course to be closed but that happened on and off for about 3 weeks. None of us will be surprised about that as the photos show the sort of weather we've experienced. Liz and I walk up to the moor most days and it was particularly enjoyable during the snow. One day we actually saw some people skiing across the



Liz knee deep in snow!

golf course! I wonder if that's a first. Would you like to take up golf this year or play a bit more than you have been?

Well, Wrangaton has some great offers for membership which start in April. If you can't wait until then there's an amazing offer for those looking to see what Wrangaton can offer. For just £10 until 15th March you can play the course AND get a pasty in the clubhouse afterwards.

Contact the club for more

information 01364 73229.

For those of you with children, the club professional, Glenn Richards, provides coaching lessons for the kids on Saturday mornings for a couple of quid. It's a real bargain and an opportunity for you to get your boys and girls playing golf. It's worth saying that Glenn has a brilliant shop at the club, well stocked with golf equipment and also great ranges of clothing. It's not limited to members, so call in and see for yourself.

Stuart Newberry



Stunning views on moorland course

Village web site

David Roe

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Moorhaven Village website. At the top, it says "Welcome to Moorhaven Village" with the subtitle "The South Hams Devon Parish of Ugborough." A search box contains "Moorhaven Village" and the URL "http://www.moorhaven.org.uk/index.php". The main navigation menu includes "home", "Moorhaven Village Message Board", "Have your say on the Message Board", "Advertisements", "Submit your Ad", "Shareholders Welcome Pack", and "Living at Moorhaven". A "Gallery" section features a small image of a landscape. The "Message Board" section has a "NEW..." announcement: "Message board announcements sent to Message Board MOORHAVEN SUMMER BALL A date for your diary; the Moor follow soon! Please contact Jim Abraham on 691475 if you There is a fault with the street lighting to some areas of th sort out the problem but it seems likely that there is a fault! We are looking for a large 5 bedroom property with gardens March 2010. Please contact us on the numbers or e-mail pi TV RECEPTION PROBLEMS A problem with the main TV aeri experiencing reception issues with certain channels. A new". The "News from the Management Compar" section has an "In Item 12 of the latest minutes there is a report about us invitation to shareholders and other residents to confirm em Since the last Directors meeting Ive met with David Roe wh system whereby shareholders and residents are able to sub currently working on such a system and the directors will lo".

Two new enhancements have been made this year.

There is now a message forwarding service designed to help keep you in touch with what's going on in the village. You can have instant email notification of message board announcements made on the web site. You choose what kind of information you are interested in: general message board notices, advertisements, management company announcements, book club and film club notices etc. An email will be sent to you whenever a message board announcement of the kind you selected is made.

This facility will be particularly

useful in exchanging information about rapidly changing situations such as the kind of traffic problems we experienced early this year, TV breakdowns or security alerts.

The maps section of the web site has also been improved by incorporating Google street maps and satellite maps. The maps can be panned and zoomed and are useful for travel to and from the village by car, or for walking on the moor.

Your feedback on these or any other web facilities is welcome, to david@roeworks.com.



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www.wrangatongolfclub.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

Trudi Bell

All quiet in and around Moorhaven as far as I am aware. It may be worth noting that February is National Scam Awareness Month. "Scams" can take many different forms, such as calling at your house trying to sell you anything from dusters, tarmac or Insurance: talking with you at your front door whilst an accomplice enters your house via back door to steal money, jewelry or electrical equipment.

A Scam may take the form of a telephone call where you may be offered a free holiday or gift in exchange for your bank details—never give these details to anyone over the telephone or by email. Never invite a stranger into your house and do not engage in conversation with them as they can be very cunning and persuasive. Scams can also be very sophisticated.

To keep up to date with local police issues and national scams visit the Devon and Cornwall Police Website.

Please report any suspicions or definite local crime to the police on 08452 777444 (and a quick call to me on 01752 896937) or email southbrentofficers@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk (and me Trudi@benchmark-homes.co.uk)

The Moorhaven Gazette in Ancient Times

David Roe

... well, in December 1995 to be precise, the publication date of Issue No. 3 of Moor News, the earliest that I can trace. The value of much sought after numbers 1 or 2 is anyone's guess and if anyone has one, please let me know.

In issue No 3 of December 1995 it was reported that six of the ten houses in Moor Park were occupied. The Jays nursery had been open since September and they were about to open their new baby unit. The birth was announced of Sebastian Slade, Moorhaven's third baby. Mark Strawbridge, Moorhaven's head gardener had been appointed to the management company board. As ever, dog mess was an insoluble problem.

By the time of issue 4 in May 1996, only one building plot in the village was available for sale. The aviary was to open soon and it was planned that children from the Jays nursery would look after the birds and animals, helped by John the gardener. A small museum of Moorhaven's agricultural and general history was planned in a room in the Tower. Moves were underway to set up a Gardening Subcommittee and a Youth Subcommittee to back up the work of the existing Social Committee. A children's beach party at Mothecombe was planned.

The Gazette of September 1996 reported on a packed meeting at the Bittaford Institute convened by the Ugborough Parish Council to discuss the problem of traffic congestion on Bittaford Hill. The six or seven attendees from Moorhaven were very much in a minority, and at least one reported feeling “rather vulnerable”. A number of proposals to relieve traffic congestion were put forward, including a one-way traffic system, no parking on the hill and a new relief road from the Wrangaton road to the B3213, but by far the preferred solution was to put up a barrier on the Wrangaton road to divert Moorhaven traffic away from the hill. On a happier note there was a report of the first Moorhaven Charity Ball attended by 200 people.

In what was presumably a special edition of the Gazette only a month later there was much discussion about another “traffic congestion” meeting to be held in October. Residents were invited to express their preference for one of four “prohibition of driving orders” ie barriers to divert traffic away from Bittaford Hill. No other options were on offer.

Oddly, there was no mention of the subject in any of the subsequent editions. Just what happened at the meeting of October 1996 is a mystery. However, we should be on our guard. The wheels of government turn slowly. Maybe one day as we proceed down the main drive and take the

right to the hill, we will be confronted by a barrier, the infamous “prohibition of driving” barrier and our familiar world will be turned upside down.....

Miscellany

Elayne Hoskin

We’re all being encouraged to support local businesses. And this section deals with very very local businesses..... Welcome to the Business Card section!

Our very first entry is below, and if you want to be in the next issue please contact me.

The Domestic Goddess **An Eye for Detail**

- * Business & Domestic Cleaning
- * Holiday Home Management
- * Painting & Decorating
- * 24 hour Professional Laundry Service

01752698528

naomiloveland@btinternet.com

Adopt A Bed

I’m sure we’ve all admired Debbie Rowland’s hard work in taming the previously overgrown bed at the top of Church Lane. It now looks lovely, with lots of hebes, crocosmia and ox-eye daisies at the back, and the spring bulbs coming through.

BUT Debbie's now moved, and so the bed now needs someone else to look after it. All the hard work's been done, it just needs a little light weeding and some occasional TLC. Any volunteers?

Fastest Milk Cart In The West?

Well, no – and the milkman's not called Ernie. But it's an incredibly reliable milk cart. All thro this winter's snow and ice, the milk cart trundled up the drive, and delivered on time. I also discovered that you could order a wide range of basics over the internet, and provided I placed my order by nine the previous night, it was all delivered to my door.

Fantastic service. If you're interested you can find details on the internet under Milkandmore.

Some One Shrunk My Swimsuit

At this time of year our thoughts turn to – holidays, days on the beach, and the annual horror of seeing if last year's swimming costume still looks lovely.

So you might be interested to know that there's a possibility of organising a weekly or monthly "tums, bums and legs" session.

If you're interested contact Paul

Penrose on pee051069@sky.com

Ivybridge 10k

Running really seems to have taken off at Moorhaven, and if you're interested in some informal training and/or running with others, then contact Paul Penrose on pee051069@sky.com.

I managed to ignore my "inner runner" last year, and limited my support to lurking at the bottom of Moorhaven drive and cheering on those taking part.

So whether running or watching, you need to put Saturday 15th May in your diary.

Speeding on the Increase

Please, please watch your speed on Moorhaven's roads. All went well – and slowly – for a few months after last year's article, however, speeding on our narrow roads is (again) on the up.

I'm sure that the root of the problem is not intentional speeding, and I found that the easiest way to keep my speed down was to stay in first gear whilst in Moorhaven.

Give it a try – it really does work.

Elayne Hoskin