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News from the Board



With our administrator on holiday, one of the directors had to take on the job of taking the minutes of our January meeting. We were all grateful to Jane McGuire for volunteering. I took on the job of delivering the minutes thinking that this was one way to see all around the village. Even going into others' houses for Book Club and joining in with village carol singing hadn't taken me into so many places I'd never been before. I hadn't realised how long it would take either, so my appreciation for those of you who regularly deliver the minutes, and the Gazette, and other notices, is much increased.

Later in February, when we were enjoying some spring like days, I did a director's tour of the grounds. The grass had recently been cut, daffodils

were coming out and there was a wonderful circle of crocuses near the wall along from the aviary. While the purpose of the tour was to check out the jobs that need doing, it was a perfect day to enjoy and appreciate how lovely, and extensive, the grounds are.

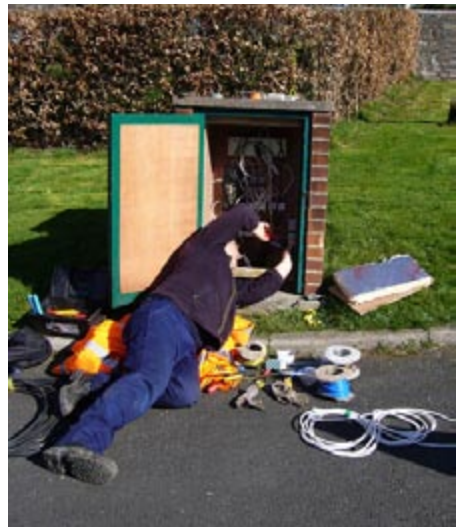
I have to confess that without the director's obligations underlying these sight seeing experiences, I probably wouldn't have made the same efforts, and I'd have continued to notice only what can be seen from the car driving in and out of the village. While many of you will have seen the village in its entirety over the years, I guess there also may be a few who've yet to explore it fully. I can only recommend the effort, especially on a fine day!

As reported in the minutes



of our March meeting, the grounds have been to the forefront of our discussions as we have been agreeing a schedule of maintenance and development. Quotes are being sought for paving work to the path opposite the bus shelter and to the paths in the 'helipad' area i.e. the ground at the back of the houses at the top of Tower Lane. Now the fountain pond has been drained, repairs to the fabric of the pond walls and surrounding paving will be carried out. The work to upgrade the TV boxes is now complete, and potholes in the roads are due to be filled. The state of the roads is under review and we will be getting estimates to see how much resurfacing worn sections will cost.

Another less visible but important item is work on a buried foul sewer. Blocked drains have proved very costly in the past and we hope to



pre-empt the need for further expensive remedial work.

Matt Morgan has also been busy pursuing an application for a licence to fell trees nearing the end of their lives in the stands at the lower end of the playing field. This course has been taken in consultation with Brian Beasley, the Tree Officer from DNP.

On a tree related matter, you will have noticed from



the minutes that it has been necessary to lift the paving stones forming a path through the arboretum. The slabs had sunk quite a lot, partly due to mole activity which also produced virtually continuous lifted ground either side of the path. With the mowing equipment now in use, the grass can be cut much shorter and the area should soon be looking better. The plan is to let the ground recover and see how it copes with what human traffic crosses it. We'll then review it later in the year.

There's a separate article about the children's BKV map making morning, but I'd like to say thanks to Alison, James and Anthony, and Debbie for all you did to make it happen

and to make it so enjoyable.

Our second Open Forum of the year is on Tuesday 22nd April at 7.30 pm at the Jays. Please do come along if there are any matters you would like to raise with the Directors. This can be done as part of a general meeting or on an individual basis.

**Yours
John Meehan
Chairman**





Carol singing raises £60

Last years carol singing evening was a great success with a good attendance.

We all met outside Steve and Daphne's house in Centre Court and fuelled by their excellent mulled wine and mince pies (many thanks S&D) we strolled around the village and entertained residents with traditional carols and merriment.

Along the way we collected £60 which was donated to Dame Hannah Rogers' School in Ivybridge and their letter of thanks was posted in the bus shelter.

The Dame Hannah Rogers Trust transforms the lives of

young people who have complex physical disabilities and associated learning and communication difficulties. There are also a number of young people who have additional profound difficulties including sensory impairments and complex medical needs.

Dame Hannah Rogers Trust believes the needs of these young people are best met through a multi-disciplinary approach which provides ongoing care, therapy, nursing and education.

Dame Hannah Rogers Trust, Woodland Road, Ivybridge, Devon PL21 9HQ

www.damehannah.com

Calling all egg hunters

Bittaford Preschool Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday 30th March from 1:30 to 2:30



Just when you thought it was safe to go out again after Easter.....

The Bittaford Preschool has organised an Easter Egg Hunt for Sunday 30th March from 1:30 to 2:30. The Hunt is open to all children, and the thinking is that probably it will be of most interest to the under 6's.

The plan is to meet at the Preschool - if you don't know where that is, go to The Jays and follow the noise - and then unleash the hounds: sorry, I mean let our children enjoy themselves.....



Eggs will be hidden within The Jays grounds and also in the surrounding area. Hopefully the weather will smile upon us, and if it doesn't at least the hunters will enjoy splashing in puddles as well as finding eggs.

Tea and coffee will be available for a very small charge, and juice will be free. The first child in each family group will be charged a very reasonable £2 and any further children an even more reasonable £1. All profits will go towards Preschool funds.

This is the third in a series of open events that Bittaford Preschool has arranged, with more to follow throughout this year. The run-up to Christmas was enlived by the Christmas

Exchange and the Christmas Card Factory, both events proving extremely popular. I particularly enjoyed the Christmas Card Factory, and Jocelyn's grandparents were stunned by the professionalism of her cards (those Preschool staff have shape cutting out down to a fine art).

Bittaford Preschool is a very happy and busy setting, with an extremely good reputation

and if you want to know more, have a look at the website <http://www.bittafordpreschool.com/>

Alternatively, I'm very happy to give a parents view - Jocelyn's having a wonderful time.

Elayne Hoskin
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We Believe

Our children are precious, each with their own unique character that as parents we want to see grow into something wonderful. Their first years are vital if they are to develop a love of learning and a will to explore. We aim to provide an environment that is caring, safe, stimulating, and most of all, fun! Teaching our children that learning is something to be enjoyed is

a valuable lesson that we believe will help shape their future. We do this through a combination of play and structured activities. Friendships are formed in a family-like environment and each child is treasured for their individuality.

Enquiries: 07923 549967
Classroom: 07814 525787

www.bittafordpreschool.com

Help protect new life on Dartmoor



During the lambing and calving season, expecting ewes or cows are particularly vulnerable. Although a dog may not be actively chasing livestock, its presence can still cause disturbance. A frightened animal may abort or abandon its young – a tragedy for the animal and a financial loss to the farmer.

Dartmoor National Park Authority, the Countryside Agency, the Kennel Club, the English Association of National Park Authorities, the RSPCA and the Police are reminding people to keep their dogs on leads during this sensitive time.

On most areas of open country and common land **you should keep your dog on a short lead between 1 March and 31 July** – and all year round near farm animals. You do not have to put your dog

on a lead on public paths, as long as it is under close control. But as a general rule, please keep your dog on a lead if you cannot rely on its obedience.

When using Dartmoor's moorland roads it is also important to remember that lambs may be on, or at, the roadside. The ewe may be grazing on the opposite side of the road and, if startled, a lamb could run in front of an oncoming vehicle to rejoin its mother. Please drive with Moor Care and keep a particular look out for lambs and young foals. Remember, the 40 mph speed limit is there for your safety and the safety of other road users, and livestock and wildlife.

www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk

Maps and Baps



All photos by Debbie Rowlands

Mmmmm. The smell of a bacon bap on a Sunday morning. Irresistible! This is the smell that greeted the children and parents who came along to the Map Making Morning on Sunday 9th March at the Jays. That, tea, fresh coffee and hot cross buns. All in the aid of the Best Kept Village Competition. Children in the village had been invited to draw a map to give to the Best Kept Village judges when they arrive in the summer to judge the competition. The reward? A small chocolate egg and the chance to win. More importantly though, this was an opportunity to get together, have a chat, play and have some fun.





Last year's winner, Rory McKenna of 2, Tower Lane, was unable to defend his title due to a sporting commitment, but his two brothers, Aidan and Oscar produced some



excellent maps. In all, twelve children, from the ages of two to nine, from five different schools used their imaginations and crayons to create their vision of our village. Thank you to all of them and their parents as well as Debbie Rowlands, John Meehan and James Bradley for helping to organise the event and help on the day. Oh and £18 was made from the sale of refreshments which will go towards future Best Kept Village projects.

Everyone is welcome to attend the next Best Kept Village meeting on 8th April 7.30pm at the Jays where we will be discussing hanging baskets. To hang or not to hang? Last year, as part of

the competition Margaret Nathan and Debbie Rowlands very kindly planted up some baskets which Jim then hung on the streetlights going up the main drive. Unfortunately the weather did not help us so they never really looked their best despite best efforts. Shall we put up the baskets again this year or put our efforts into something else? Opinions and suggestions please to the message board on the website.

Alison Bradley
Best Kept Village
Coordinator
698868



The Totnes & Ivybridge link of Chernobyl Children Lifeline started in November 2006. Our Chair, Sue, was previously Chair of the South Hams link and all the committee members except our Treasurer have experience of hosting children. CCLL has no particular religious or political affiliation - members come from all ages and stages of life and we hope to reflect this locally by evolving a diverse and egalitarian link.

Our philosophy is pretty simple - we want to raise money, get kids over and have fun! We are a friendly bunch and welcome people from all backgrounds.

Our committee meetings are held round the kitchen table and try to keep things

as informal as possible within the structure necessary to run as a link. We would love to hear from anyone interested in joining us in any capacity.

These are just some of the towns and villages in the Totnes and Ivybridge Link region - if in doubt, please ask! Avonwick, Bittaford, Dean Prior, Ermington, Ivybridge, Kingsbridge, Loddiswell, South Brent, Totnes, Ugborough, Wrangaton

www.cll.org.uk/totnes

'Cake Break' in aid of the MS Society

Beech Lodge,
Moorfields, Moorhaven,
25th April 2008
9.30am til 2pm



As well as cake and coffee, you will find plenty of lovely things to browse and buy, including the latest fabulous offerings from Phoenix Trading! I hope you can join us,

Sally Potter

01752 894160 / 07974 685169

www.phoenix-trading.co.uk/web/sallypotter

www.mssociety.org.uk

Moorhaven Film Club

Wednesday 23rd April 2008

5 Centre Court

Life Is Beautiful (Italian: La vita è bella) is a 1997 Italian language film which tells the story of a Jewish Italian, Guido Orefice (played by Roberto Benigni, who also directed and co-wrote the film), who must learn how to use his fertile imagination to help his son survive their internment in a Nazi concentration camp.

The format for the Film Club has now changed to a curry and film night. We start at 8pm with a curry, drink and chat.

The cost is £7 per head for food, bring a bottle. We will need people to email/ phone me 24 hours before the film night so we can confirm numbers and order food.

Contact Helen/Jonathan 691016 or helenfrow@hotmail.com



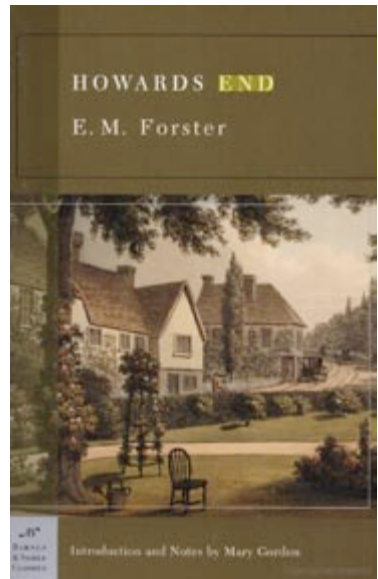
Moorhaven Book Club

Date : April 3rd 2008

Venue : Judes. Call 01752 698868

The April book is Howards End by E M Forster

The story of two sisters and their different paths in life was hailed by critics as Forsters greatest work when it was first published in 1910. In Howards End Forster voiced many of his apprehensions about the future and the novel has become more relevant than ever as a statement of humane civilised values while its subtle characterisation, its blend of irony and lyricism, its humour and its wealth of unobtrusive symbols, make it one of the great English novels.



Notices

SOUTH HAMS

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Fountain, Moorhaven
Next visit Monday 24th
March 11.10am – 11.20am
Fortnightly thereafter



After introducing myself last year I would like to remind you of when the mobile library visits your village. If you didn't catch me last year I hope you will in 2008.

The mobile library has about 3,000 books in stock, so we ought to have one to suit you. If we don't we can get it for you, be it the latest Erica James or Jack Higgins, a series, or more obscure titles. The stock of the whole of Devon Library Services is at your disposal, which includes talking books, large print, children's books, videos, DVDs etc. We can get books from other libraries anywhere in the

country too. I probably stop near your home, so you won't have far to carry your books.

We can also help with your enquiries too. Last year we found information on Napoleon is the South West in 1815 for a man in Newton Ferrers; books on water divining for a lady in Challaborough; helped a borrower in Ringmore investigate her family connection with Honiton lace manufacturers; obtained a book on teabag folding for a customer in South Milton and ordered a musical score for a member of the Philharmonic Choir in Wembury, plus lots more! So, how can I help you?

All the best for 2008

Gill Boyce
South Hams Mobile
Information line: 01548
852315

For more information visit
www.devon.gov.uk/libraries

FARMERS MARKETS

The Ivybridge Farmers Market is held on the third Saturday in each month at 9.00 am. The Buckfastleigh Farmers Market is held weekly on Thursdays at 10.00 am.

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Alison Bradley, Best Kept Village Co-ordinator, 698868

Moorhaven Village Website

Keep up to date with all that is happening at Moorhaven.

Visit
www.moorhaven.org.uk

Welcome to Moorhaven Village	
<small>The South Downs, Sussex, Parish of Apperlych</small>	
 <p>NEW: Have your say on the Moorhaven Board <small>candidate for the 2008 Gazette? I would like to publish the index issue of the Gazette</small></p> <p>VILLAGE OPEN FORUM: SUNDAY 20th Nov. 2pm-3.30pm, THE JEYS. This is an opportunity to hear...</p> <p>A very fluffy black cock-spaniel has been found in...</p>	 <p>News from the Management Committee <small>Minutes of the December Meeting held on Monday 16th November 2007 - 7.30pm</small></p> <p>at The Jays Centre, Moorhaven Village</p> <p>In attendance - John - ... were</p>
 <p>NEW: submit your advertisement online <small>ATTENTION: ALPINE CARRIAGES</small> Would you like the challenge of making an online brochure for an old car? Here's your chance. We have an ad search...</p> <p>Hi there! I have a few items for sale at super bargain prices. Complete large front endless motor with correct alloy wheel rims, can be...</p>	 <p>The Revlon Moorhaven Book Club <small>The December book is 'Confessions of a Career by Douglas Coupland'</small></p> <p>Next - December 12th (subject to change, please, New Park, Call 01323 608668)</p> <p>Read the book. It's £10 in December 2008...</p>
 <p>Moorhaven Film Club <small>Sponsored by Moorhaven Golden Jubilee, Nov 2008</small></p> <p>American comedy starring Steve Buscemi and Robin Williams</p> <p>12th December at 8pm, 5 Centre Court, The Jays...</p>	 <p>Moorhaven Gazette <small>ORDERS FOR THE WINTER GAZETTE: I would like to publish the Winter issue of the Gazette with before Christmas this year so if you would like anything included in the next issue of the Gazette could I...</small></p> <p>... please</p>
 <p>Book month online here. Turn up and enjoy Friday at 4.00 pm - all activities, children welcome. Being the summer months there is a lot to see and enjoy - tickets at 5.00 Friday eve</p> <p>There will be opportunities for all abilities and ages including children. You can pre-book a seat for the table - ... please</p>	 <p>History of Moorhaven Village <small>Moorhaven was originally the Partridge Farm, but the name Moorhaven was given to a small hamlet at the 1800's that included most of the village and city to build an estate for his own estate.</small></p> <p>... please</p>
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Pair of Stainless Steel Davits

Offers

Contact Bill Webb

01752 691662

or email

bilwebb46@tiscali.co.uk

FOR SALE

2 x Cream 3 seater sofa's

2 x Oak tables with chairs

All in good condition- Come and make us an offer!

5 The Mansion

Moorhaven

898505/07909 991140

For Sale



Various pots in all shapes and sizes. Can sell individually or as one lot. Proceeds will be donated to charity. Buyer(s) to collect please. Phone Debbie 07941 399651, 11 Church Lane

NANNY/AU PAIR SHARE REQUIRED FROM SEPT 08

We require someone to look after our baby (4 months old by sept) and 9 year old son. This will be approx three days per week, term time only but may be day or evening (could be as late as 10.00pm some nights). Ideally someone to incorporate cleaning and house keeping duties aswell. Please contact Deborah Bond 7 The Mews, Moorhaven 07828 274355 if you can help or know someone that may be interested.

Babysitter available

Alice is available for babysitting, and already babysits for several families around the village, but would gladly take on a few more! The details are: She is 14 and a half and is happy to babysit at short notice, if necessary. She feels that she might be a bit too young to take on children under 3 at the moment, but is confident to look after children over that age. If anyone would like to use her as their babysitter they should ring 896614 and she will happily go round to meet the family before any arrangements are made.

For Sale

The paving slabs which were lifted from the arboretum are for sale. For further details contact The Administrator, Lesley Abraham, 3 The Mews

Tel 01752 896151 email moormancold@aol.com



Bus Shelter (not for sale)

Having just checked the notices in the bus shelter, would it be possible to include a bit in the Gazette to remind people to remove their notices after the event / item is sold etc. It would also help if they can laminate the notice / advert or put it in a plastic folder - if it is intended for a long stay !

I have had to remove a lot of the services cards, as they look pretty scruffy after this damp weather.



Debbie Rowlands
07941 399651

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Money raised will be put towards improving the next issue of the Gazette without using resources from Moorhaven Management Co.

If you are a Company or you work for a Company who would like to advertise, please contact us with your requirements.

**E mail Peter Rowlands
peter@pr-productions.co.uk**

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If you have something to contribute or advertise, e mail **peter@pr-productions.co.uk**. Head the message "GAZETTE" to help me spot it amongst all the spam!

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Catkin Cottage, Holne Brand new 3 bed detached house with superb views of the surrounding countryside including 0.25 acre £425,000



Faraway Barn, Ugborough 3 bed, detached barn conversion, finished to very high specification, approx 10 acres, secluded position, £725,000



Quarry Farmhouse, Ugborough.
For sale by informal tender (date to be confirmed) 4 bed Victorian house with approx 7 acres guide price £550,000 or with approx 2 acres £500,000



Garages at Moorhaven become available from time to time. They let at £25 per week on an annual contract fully insulated with roof space and power. Contact us if you would like to know when one becomes available.

Other properties with land coming soon. See our website or phone for details

LANDLORDS Due to our recent rental success, we urgently require all types of properties for waiting tenants. If you are thinking of letting and would like to book a valuation of your property, please contact our office where we will be happy to help.