

Bridestowe & Sourton Extra



Community News and Events July 2025 Edition 278



Pub Walk

**SATURDAY 12th JULY 2025 EVENT
BEGINS AT 2pm**

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult

Your Route

Register at
Bridestowe Village
Hall

White Hart

Cross Roads
pop up tent with pints and pasties

Avenue of trees
- cycle path
Pop up bar, ice creams and disabled
portaloo

Lydford School
pop up with drinks and sweet treats

The Castle Inn

Lydford Sporting
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All profits to Treetops
Preschool, Lydford and
Bridestowe Primary Schools

£5 per adult
£3 per child
Under 5 free

Pushchair and dog
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Cash and card
payments



Evening party in the park



Can't make the walk?
Free for registered stamped pub walkers
Come and join us for our after party
Disco followed by our special guests.

The Wreckords

£6 per adult
£4 under 18s
Under 5 free





A bumper edition this month - there's so much going on!

The Vicar writes...

The Royal Cornwall Show is my favourite County Agricultural show. It has managed to retain a farming feel to it; you can see cows, sheep, horses, hounds and other things that represent country life. Unlike some of the larger County Shows, I can enjoy walking around without feeling like the only person who doesn't want to own a hot tub or needs double glazing. I can indulge in a bit of nostalgia and kid myself I still know a bit about farming as I wander around the vintage tractor section looking fondly at Ford 3000's and David Brown 995's, until I come across the modern stuff which needs an operator with a degree in computing just to open the door.

Now I don't know if it's me just getting older and even more grumpy or whether things are changing but I really didn't enjoy it this year. The crowds seemed to feel a little bit more spikey; less polite, no one saying excuse me, sorry or thankyou. And why is it only me that seems to move out of the way? How can people stand talking in the middle of a gap people are trying to get through and not feel the slightest bit guilty? Not to mention being run over by people on mobility scooters. After paying the equivalent of half of my first week's farm wages on a pint of beer in plastic mug and the other half on an 'artisan' burger, I decided there and then not to go to another show for the sake of my soul. (Except Okehampton Show obviously).

Is it a result of the more individualistic, entitled society we live in? Or is it a different demographic moving in from places where they don't say hello in the street or chat on the tube? Or a combination of things?

I didn't even get to the Cornish Wrestling area this year, although there was outrage on social media because a couple of young lads were having fisticuffs after a few too many drinks. Imagine! A couple of young lads getting drunk at a country fair and having a brawl – like that's never happened before! I confess to feeling sorry for young men these days. Schools don't allow boys to be competitive or exhibit masculine behaviour through playground wrestling or games like British Bulldogs and are then required to sit still in a classroom while doing something they probably aren't interested in. If they don't concentrate, they

are given an 'ism' and medicated. Of course, the government would soon want them if it decides to go to war.

My real beef with those lads is that they need to learn to hold their drink. At £8 a pint they couldn't have drunk much; unless it was an especially strong 'artisan' beer.

I did get to see Prince William though, he's taller than I thought and quite skinny. He looked like he needed a couple of hours in the pasty tent. Perhaps someone could send a recipe to Kate, 'artisan pasties by Royal Appointment'. See you at Okey Show then.

Adrian Brook

St Bridget's Clean Up Day Saturday 12 July 9.30 to 12.00

Refreshments provided

Make the most of the summer sunshine in pleasant company, sprucing up the churchyard for the summer.

Please bring your own tools, gloves, hats, sunscreen and, ideally, garden waste/compost containers

Everybody welcome - even for a short while - but the longer the better!



Mr and Mrs Rofe of Pittsworthy Farm, Thorndon **EX20 4NG** (what3words - **sunflower.circus.resting**) will be holding their annual Championship Sheepdog Trial (one man & his dog) on 5th & 6th July. Competitors come from Norway, Sweden, Germany, Wales and England and include the International champion. The trial starts at 7.30am but spectators can come along at any point and **there's no charge**.

Another Royal Visit by Howard Barkell

Another Prince of Wales, another Duke of Cornwall, another Duchy visit. This time it was Edward, eldest son of George and Mary visiting various parts of the Duchy while staying at Princetown. As heir to the throne he had automatically become Duke of Cornwall in 1910 when his father became king.

Thursday 19th May 1921 was almost like a fun day for the Prince. It started with a meet of the hounds in the Square at Princetown. Capt. Gervase Babington, Master of the Lamerton Hunt, arrived in good time with nine and a half couple of his hounds to lead a field of riders from local hunts on a drag hunt across the moor. The Prince emerged from the Duchy Hotel in good time to be greeted by hundreds of well-wishers. A groom was waiting with Satan, an experienced jumper, loaned by Mr. Clarence Spooner.

The hounds picked up the scent in Tor Royal newtake, crossed the Dart at Dunnabridge and raced on to Bellever. Here a pause was made while those with two horses changed mounts. The Prince now rode Jupiter, a horse belonging to the Master of the Dartmoor Hunt. The trail crossed the road near Postbridge, galloped across Assacombe Hill to Fernworthy where the Prince left the hunt.

He lunched with his tenants at Fernworthy Farm and changed into his walking gear. He spoke to twenty ex-servicemen who were planting about 100 acres of saplings at the new Forestry initiative. He then visited the nursery where the saplings of larch, spruce, fir and beech were being grown from seed. Then at one o'clock, with eleven companions, including Keeper Endacott, they set out to walk to Cranmere Pool. The weather changed to misty rain with a cold breeze, but after a strenuous climb to the top of Whitehorse Hill it had cleared to give good views of the distant tors, including Yes Tor. After jumping from one peat hag to another they reached the pool at a quarter past two and were glad to stop for a rest. The Prince signed the Visitors Book, Edward P. May 19th 1921 2.30 p.m. They posted the cards they had brought from Princetown with the Cranmere stamp and Keeper Endacott took them back to the post

office at Chagford.

The rest of the party headed westward across the flank of Kneeset and tackled that long, steep climb to the top of Amicombe at Kitty Tor. There they were greeted by "Old Man Rich." He was 76 years old and had been a Duchy gamekeeper for 41 years. At various times when the peat works had been inactive he had also acted as caretaker. He was able to guide them by the best route across the uneven ground downhill to the buildings by the Rattlebrook. The peat works had recently been reopened by the Duchy themselves. They hoped to produce both solid and liquid fuel and extract valuable by-products like tar, oils and ammonia from the peat. Narrow gauge tramways had been laid out to the turf ties and twenty local men, mostly ex-servicemen, were employed digging out the raw material, about 100 tons of wet peat a day.

The Prince shook hands and spoke to all those working there. He stayed about half an hour. Then they climbed aboard the motor trolley to begin the last stage of the journey. This was along the standard gauge peat railway. A petrol driven engine had been fitted to a body with railway wheels and had replaced the earlier horse drawn trolleys. When the truck reached the level crossing on the A386 just above Cranford Railway Bridge it was met by a group of cheering children who had been let out of school early by the Headmaster J.R. Westcott. They ran behind the trolley until it reached the main line at Bridestowe Station. There a crowd of about fifty people were waiting and the Prince was presented with two rosebuds, one by 8 year old Maggie Johns, whose father was gamekeeper for the Leawood Estate. They lived along Cranford Lane at Bramble Moor. The other was presented by 10 year old Molly Hockin. It is likely that her father drove the trolley down from the peat works. Formerly the coachman at the Rectory, in the 1921 census he is listed as being employed at the peat works by the Duchy as a motor driver. The Prince graciously placed the rosebuds in his lapel before being driven on a breezy ride back to Princetown in an open topped car which had been waiting at the station.

Bridestowe Parish Council Report

At the full parish council meeting held on 9th June, councillors considered planning application

0520/25/FUL Location: Ebsleigh, Bridestowe EX20 4QF - Proposed change of use of land for use as a caravan touring site (20 pitches), associated facilities block, siting of 4 glamping pods & solar panels

A number of residents from Trescote Way attended to voice their concerns, pointing out that the minor road network in the vicinity of Ebsleigh is used by pedestrians, dog walkers, horse riders, agricultural vehicles as well as other local traffic.

They described from their own experience the difficult and potentially dangerous situations which arise for all users as a consequence of the absence of passing places along the narrow lanes. In particular there are stretches of the road where pedestrians, dog walkers, and horse riders have little or no means of easily allowing vehicles to pass. An increase in traffic, in particular cars towing caravans and large motorhomes, with drivers unfamiliar with such situations is likely to result in a marked increase in the number of incidents.

Councillors questioned the need for an increase in this type of tourist provision and were unconvinced it would bring much economic benefit to local businesses.

Councillors recognised that the application was not in step with policies in the Local Plan or Neighbourhood plan and they voted unanimously not to support it. The Council's response will be available on the Parish Council's page of the Bridestowe website.

The Parish Council's next full meeting will be held on **Wednesday 16th July**, at 7.30pm in The Ark (Methodist Church)

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**RED SPIDER YOUTH THEATRE
present a SUMMER SHOWCASE:**



KITTEN TAILS



**Sun, 6th July
at 3pm**

LEWDOWN VICTORY HALL

Red Spider Youth Theatre bring you their adaptations of some
classic tales from Beatrix Potter ...

- **Tabitha Twitchett's Kittens**
- **The Duchess comes to Tea**
- **Tom Kitten's Big Adventure**

AND YT Seniors present:

- **Puss in Boots**

Tickets (includes cream tea & cake)

Adult: £5 / Under 12: £3 / Family: £15 (2 adults, 2+ <12s)

Advance bookings: www.Seaty.co.uk/YTKittenTails

Email: rsytheatre@gmail.com to reserve - cash on the door

OR: Cash on the door (subject to availability)

News from Sourton Parish Council

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Sourton Parish Council is currently seeking new members to join the team, with two vacancies available. If you are interested in becoming a councillor and making a positive impact on your local community, this is a great opportunity to get involved. For more details or to request an application form, please contact the Clerk directly or visit the Parish Council website where the form can be downloaded.

In addition, headstone inspections for the closed areas of Sourton Churchyard will take place in August. These inspections are part of the council's ongoing effort to ensure the safety of the public and preserve the cemetery. If any headstones are found to be unsafe, they will not be laid down, but instead will be staked for safety until the relevant family members can be traced. If the family cannot be located, the council will arrange for a stonemason to make the necessary repairs, ensuring the site remains safe for visitors.

For those interested in attending council meetings, meeting dates are available on the website, and the next meeting is scheduled for September, as there will be no meeting in August. All meetings are open to the public, and community members are encouraged to come along and participate in the discussions. It's a great way to stay informed about local issues and have your voice heard.

Looking ahead, the Parish Council will be reviewing grant applications in September. If you are looking for funding support for a local project or initiative, you can find the application form on the website. Alternatively, you can contact the Clerk via email to have a form sent directly to you.

Please note that the Parish Council website is currently changing hosts. While the website address will remain the same, there may be some temporary issues or delays over the next few weeks. If you experience any difficulties accessing the site, this is the reason.

For more information, please feel free to contact the Clerk directly.



Daddy longlegs *Tipulidae*

Flitting about the house in summer, the gangly, brown daddy longlegs is familiar to many of us. They are a valuable food source for many birds. They are widely distributed and can be seen from June to September

The daddy longlegs is actually a large type of crane fly, of which there are 94 species in the UK. It is familiar to us in its adult form as the gangly insect that flits around our homes in summer. As a larva, it is a grey grub (also known as a 'leatherjacket') that lives underground, feeding on plants stems and roots. This habit makes it an unpopular species with gardeners as it can leave bare patches of lawn, and can also become an agricultural pest. The adults are on the wing during the late summer and are common in gardens and fields, often coming indoors. They rarely feed at this time, concentrating on mating and laying their eggs among the grass.

The urban myth that daddy longlegs are venomous is just that - a myth! It's true that they cannot bite, but the venomous rumour is likely to have been due to its confusion with certain species of spiders.

How to identify

The adult daddy longlegs is a brown, long-bodied insect, with translucent wings and very long legs, which easily fall off if handled. As a group, crane flies are unmistakable, although telling the different species apart can be very difficult and often requires a microscope.

Did you know?

If you look closely, the male has a square-ended body, but the female has a long, sharp-ended body - this stinger-like 'tail' is her ovipositor, which she uses to lay her eggs in the ground.



Tuesday 15 July
2.30pm at Fairplace Church
Our speaker this month is Nick Clyburn
An Expert Guide to Air Traffic Confusion

Squadron Leader Nick Clyburn, a former Royal Air Force officer and air traffic controller, has over 40 years of experience in military and civilian air traffic management. Rising to senior command during his RAF career, he later advised as a senior industry consultant, civilian air traffic controller, and manager. Born in Devon, he joined the RAF at 16 and operated in global conflicts, managing some of the world's busiest airspaces while developing strategic safety policies. Nick also graduated from the UK Joint Command Staff College and studied airpower extensively.

Nick amusingly orientates the audience to demystify the confusing world of Air Traffic Control. Don't worry; Nick will talk you down safely

Admission - £1.00 to help towards the cost of the speaker, hiring the venue and refreshments.

For further information please contact
Dee McVey 01837 658590

What an amazing day we had for
Bridestowe School Summer Fair!

Thank you to all that came and helped us raise **£850** for our School. Thank you to the parents that helped, the teachers that helped and the year 6 pupils that helped, we could not have done this without you!

Friends of Bridestowe School and
Bridestowe & Belstone Cricket Club invite
you to **FAMILY ROUNDERS**
on **Friday 4th July** - at 6pm at Bridestowe
Cricket Ground
BBQ, bar & rounders fun
Free entry , everybody welcome



Bridestowe and
Belstone Cricket Club
news



Bridestowe and Belstone CC have made an impressive start to their inaugural season as a joint club. In the Devon League, the 1XI currently sit sixth in the A Division table after two wins (Torquay and Cullompton) and two defeats (Bovey Tracey and Thorverton). The 2XI are third in E West, with three wins (Dartington & Totnes, Cornwood, and Teignmouth & Shaldon) and one defeat (Stokeinteignhead). The 1XI have also progressed to the regional final of the Voneous Village Cup after beating Stithians, Roche, and Grampound Road. The North Devon League team have won both of their games so far against Bideford. The ladies softball team had their first game against Hatherleigh abandoned due to rain. The U11, U12, and U14 hardball junior teams have all started their seasons.

If you are interested in playing or supporting the club, please contact James Ewen - jimmyewen@gmail.com.



St Thomas à Becket Church

From the records on 30th May at 2.30p.m.

Funeral of Robert Murchison Humphry who died on 25th April

The church was full to standing and also as many stood outside and in the tower to celebrate with thanksgiving Robert's life. It was a fitting tribute to the friend and colleague of so many of us who have known him since he and Ruth moved to Thorndon over 40 years ago. We send our condolences to Ruth and family as they begin to recover from his sudden death.

"He knew nothing of envy or hate

His soul was full of worth and honesty
And of one thing quite out of date –
modesty"

Lines quoted from the cover of the service sheet under the photo of him on his boat with a happy, smiling face.

Baptism of Sully Daniel Gloyn on June 1st

We were delighted to welcome Sully and his parents, godparents and family into the Church Family at our morning service of Baptism and Holy Communion.

The Church Notice board

People may be wondering where this has disappeared to! A branch broke off the beech tree by the gate in the high wind we had at the end of June. The churchyard was closed for the day and Dave Hocking kindly came to remove the hanging branch and clear up the damage. Fortunately no one was hurt but the notice board was damaged (the glass was still

intact!) Mark Spry has taken it home to repair.

CREAM TEAS

Our cream teas start again on Sunday August 3rd and 10th, 17th and 24th

Sunday Services for July

July 6th Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.

July 13th Service at Bridestowe

July 20th Service at Bridestowe

July 27th Morning Prayer at 9.30 a.m.

Jenny Batten

ROBERT HUMPHRY

James, Jennie, Alex and I would like to thank everyone who helped at Robert's funeral, and to thank all those who attended. Many people remarked on what a wonderful send off Robert had on his final journey.

We would also like to say how much we have appreciated the kindness and thoughtfulness that we have received following Robert's passing.

Thank you all, from Ruth and family.



Cogs & Wheels Ladies Morris will be dancing at the White Hart on Thursday 10th July at 8pm.

Not long to wait now!

FREE ENTRY **SATURDAY 2ND AUG 2025** **FREE ENTRY**
1PM TO 11PM
BRIDESTOWE SPORTING GREEN
EX20 4EL

LIVE MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE DAY

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THE DOCKNEYS

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WHERE WE COME TOGETHER

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Friends of St Bridget's Church Photo Competition

Where in Bridestowe 2025?

Identify **where** the photos have been taken in Bridestowe
for a chance to win one of our great prizes!

**Competition sheets will be available at Riverside Stores from
Wed 11th June to Wed 30th July - £2.50**

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO ST BRIDGET'S CHURCH TOWER APPEAL



Open Gardens
Musselbrook Cottage
Garden
Sheepwash, Beaworthy,
Devon, EX21 5PE
Friday 18th & Saturday
19th July 11:00 - 16:30

Admission Adult: £5.00 Child: Free

This one acre garden has been created since I moved here in 2010. The garden then was essentially a field with excellent extant hedging which has been particularly beneficial in helping to attract wildlife. The garden was planned out and a digger was used to create several of the ponds and the mounded Mediterranean garden. Further ponds have subsequently been dug by hand. Apart from soil turned over by the digger, the soil is very rocky and most planting including bulbs is done using a mini mattock or serrated edged spade.

The planting is naturalistic with the thirteen ponds displaying waterlilies and other aquatic plants, and other areas of moisture loving plants being a dominant feature. There is a Koi pool containing Koi, Orfe and Rudd, and two other ponds containing golden and silver Rudd. All other ponds being shallow are for wildlife. An artificial stream links two of the ponds. and a natural stream feeds a bog area. Wildlife is plentiful with much planting to encourage insects including dragonflies and butterflies. Autistic visitors have praised and enjoyed the sensory experiences in the garden. The garden is a plantsmans' paradise with many rare and unusual plants, and planting to provide interest in all seasons. I initially planted thousands of bulbs each year and have continued to add more annually, so there must be more than 28000 now.

There are a number of oriental features in the garden including the path which was designed in the manner of a Japanese

stroll garden (Katsura Rikyu in Kyoto, Japan is a notable example) leading the eye to discover interesting features at every turn such as the Torii Gate, Oriental Bridge, Tea house, Buddha, granite water basin with water spout, and not least the Japanese Garden with its granite Yukimi Doro lantern, small pool, raked gravel area and restful planting.

Other areas include a wildflower meadow with a succession of plants including lovely scented wild tulip (throughout the garden early in the year) Primulas, Cowslips, Camassias, Oxeye daisies, Birdsfoot Trefoil & wild carrot. Yellow rattle was planted initially to check the vigour of the grass. There is also a sizeable clock golf arena (unfortunately affected by 2022's drought and visits by my neighbour's horses).

A substantial planting of many ericaceous plants is also a dominant feature with some splendid Magnolias and hundreds of other plants including Camellias, Acers, Pieris, Rhododendrons, Enkianthus and Hydrangeas. Erica arborea, Cytisus, Euphorbia, Cistus, Daphne, Hemerocallis, Buddleia, Roses, Myrtle, Grasses, Miscanthus, Bamboo, Peony, Dierama, Iris, crocosmia (masses), Aster and Schizostylyis are amongst other plant highlights.

A small nursery offers waterlilies, aquatic and other moisture loving plants, as well as other herbaceous plants and shrubs. Many gardens are now offering cashless payment - if they are they will show the icon. Otherwise payment is by cash.

How to find us 1.3m N of Sheepwash. SatNav may be misleading. A3072 to Highampton. Through Sheepwash. 1.3m on L on track signed Lake Farm. A386 S of Merton take road to Petrockstow. Up hill opp, eventually L. After 350 yds turn R down track signed Lake Farm.

COMING SOON

Sat 12th & Sun 13th July

Wimbledon Finals Weekend

Watch the finals in our beautiful garden with Pimm's,
Strawberries & Cream

Saturday 26th July

LIVE MUSIC from 4pm

Beer, Cocktails and our brand new Garden Bar -
fingers crossed for the weather

Saturday 9th August

Teddy Bears Picnic & Bearslake Bear

Hunt 12pm - 4pm

Bring your own blanket & Teddy, and we'll supply
the picnic! Prizes, Family Fun & Garden Games

Saturday 23rd August

LIVE MUSIC from 4pm

Bank Holiday Garden vibes - so bring an umbrella!

www.bearslakeinn.com for more information



The Launceston Agricultural Show

Thursday 31st July - *Where Town Meets Country*

Come and enjoy Launceston's best day out for all the family. Open 8.30am - 6pm

The Launceston Show offers a family-friendly day out featuring a variety of livestock breeds, a children's area, climbing wall, falcon displays, and a Grand Parade. Visitors can enjoy competitions, vintage vehicle displays, and local crafts. It highlights rural heritage and supports future generations through showing events. The event promises entertainment for everyone

Venue: Kennards House

Launceston, Cornwall, PL157EZ

Advance tickets for the Show are available

- Early Bird Adult Ticket £15 (until week before the Show)

- From 24th July Adult Ticket: £17

- Children aged 5-15 years: £5

- Under 5's go free

www.launcestonshow.co.uk

History of the show

Launceston Show was founded following a meeting held at the White Hart Hotel, Launceston on Saturday 19th February 1887, under the chairmanship of C G Archer Esq., when it was resolved to:

- *Hold a Horse Show for the district and that a Public Meeting should be held in the Guildhall, Launceston on Saturday 26th February 1887 to elect a committee and make all necessary arrangements.*

- *Following this second meeting it was agreed to make the sum of £130 available for prize money and that Thursday 21st August 1887 be fixed as the date of the first Launceston Show.*

138 years ago and still going strong!

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Live music at the Wharf* **Mostly Autumn** **Friday 11th July at 8:30pm*

Mostly Autumn have built their fan base through the old-fashioned, but highly effective, way of playing live at every opportunity. Counted amongst the top 100 best prog bands of all time, their musical palette is diverse. and while they draw on influences from the golden age of seventies' rock, they have developed their own unique sound and style that both captures some of the essence of that heady era and yet looks forward into the future. They have earned themselves a name for their outstanding live shows and have been described as 'the best band you have never heard'.



Tickets From 6pm on the night £23.00
Adult in Advance £21.00

Movie Watch - June 2025

Maybe it's just me and my creaky back, but for a feature film to justify a three-hour running-time, it needs to be seriously good.

Unfortunately **Mission Impossible - The Final Reckoning** is not seriously good. In fact it's really not very good at all.

Most of the first 45 minutes could safely have been left on the cutting-room floor without materially affecting the storyline.

However, with an estimated production budget well in excess of \$300m, this is thought to be one of the most expensive films ever made. The world premiere only took place in May but in just six weeks, global box office takings had already exceeded \$540m so those responsible should have a massive commercial success on their hands.

In case you've somehow avoided the publicity, this is an action spy film, a direct sequel to 2023's **Mission Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One** and the eighth film in the franchise, originally inspired by the 1966 TV series. The first feature film was released thirty years later and, remarkably, Tom Cruise has produced and starred in every one.

The story? To be honest I'm not really sure. You'd need to ask someone who'd seen, and understood, the previous seven. Ethan Hunt (Cruise) runs the Impossible Missions Force who combine, in an attempt to prevent The Entity from unleashing global destruction against humanity. The Entity provides a topical, and scary, illustration of the potential evil posed by Artificial Intelligence. At least I think that was what was going on.

Press reaction could fairly be described as mixed. The Guardian went with, 'A Major Letdown,' while The Independent, more charitably, found it, 'Inherently absurd, but who cares?' Both agreed it represented a massive Tom Cruise ego trip.

The film is actually billed as 'A Tom Cruise

Production,' ahead of any credit for the poor old director. The Daily Mail judged it 'Three Hours of Nonsense' which is rich, coming from them, while, purely for editorial balance, The Sun found it 'dull and humourless.'

If you're a fan of the franchise, no doubt you'll love it. However our small Bridestowe party mostly just wanted it to end, enabling us to stretch our legs and head across the road for a much-anticipated (and thoroughly enjoyed) post-film Indian!

Hopefully by now you've either seen **The Salt Path** (reviewed here last month) or decided not to bother. As I mentioned last time, we weren't bowled over by the film but the glorious Devon and Cornwall locations, together with solid performances from Gillian Anderson and Jason Isaacs, make it well worth a trip into Okehampton. As I write, the film runs until late-June although it should be extended into July. Either way, viewing on the big screen will give a far more striking portrayal of the Coast Path than on television, where no doubt it will end up.

With The Salt Path and Mission Impossible out of the way, we're back to generally lower profile titles at the New Carlton, more typical of midsummer. The best of the current crop will probably be 28 Years Later, a Danny Boyle film, starring Jodie Comer and Ralph Fiennes. This is a post-apocalyptic horror thriller, in which a virus leaks from a lab, turning people into aggressive zombies. Not for me and, judging by the advance bookings, not for many of you either. Four seats taken for this evening's showing and three for tomorrow.

The appearance in the schedule of **How to Train Your Dragon**, **Smurfs** and **The Bad Guys 2** suggest the school summer holidays must be approaching, but you can still find some interesting titles.

F1 The Movie stars Brad Pitt and will appeal to Formula One enthusiasts, while the dinosaurs return in Jurassic World Rebirth, scheduled to

open locally on 2nd July, with advance booking likely to be required.

The latest iteration of **Superman** is expected to arrive on 11th July but it's always worth checking the cinema website for late revisions.

The summer usually sees a reduction in quality of TV schedules but this year looks to have bucked that trend. We've found some excellent programming over the last month and the second series of **The Gold** (BBC) stands out as top quality drama.

The invariably excellent Hugh Bonneville, playing hapless detective Brian Boyce, stars alongside Jack Lowden (so good in *Slow Horses*) and Tom Cullen, playing real-life charming rogue John Palmer, in a series inspired by the 1983 Brink's-Mat robbery. To recap, six armed men broke into a Heathrow security depot and stumbled across gold worth around £26m.

The subsequent disposal of the bullion was behind the birth of large-scale international money laundering. What started as a 'typical Old Kent Road armed robbery,' according to detectives at the time, became a defining event in British criminal history.

At the end of the first series, it dawned on the officers of the Met's Flying Squad that for all their investigations into the original robbery, they had only ever been chasing half of the stolen bullion. From a start-point two years later, this second series sets out to explore the huge question of what happened to the rest of it?

The trouble is that nobody knew the answer to that question. The gold has never been recovered, but a note at the start makes clear that the series is based on real events, supported by theories as to where the proceeds went. Some of the characters are real, some invented. It sounds contrived, but the device works extremely well.

The focus is on locating and capturing those

who got away, as Boyce and his colleagues try to avoid the longest and most expensive investigation in Met history ending as a fruitless, humiliating pursuit.

The Gold is available on the BBC iPlayer and carries a strong recommendation.

Race Across the World (BBC) sees five pairs of intrepid travellers participate in an epic pursuit to become the fastest to reach a given destination using any means of transportation other than air travel, all within a limited budget. Mostly likeable contestants and very watchable.

Dept Q (Netflix) is an abrasive, seriously gritty, Scottish-based police drama. Carl, a former top-rated detective, is wracked with guilt following an attack that left his partner paralysed and another policeman dead. On his return to work, Carl is assigned to a cold case that will consume his life. A tough watch but recommended.

Shifty (BBC iPlayer) is an extraordinary five-part series charting the decline of Britain's democracy through a quirky selection of contemporary newsreel footage. It begins in 1979 with Thatcher opening her study door to welcome Jimmy Savile and a group of schoolchildren. From there, we follow Britain into the 1980s – the Falklands, the Troubles, the miners' strike, Kelvin MacKenzie, Wham!.....it's all there.

Oh and I meant to mention **Noel Edmonds Kiwi Adventure** (ITV1) but ran out of space and interest. Please forgive me.

Finally, I thought the **Brian Wilson tributes** (shown on all self-respecting channels) were wonderfully evocative of the Beach Boys and that distinctive Californian Sound.

Lots more to discuss. Maybe next month?

David Harrison
June 2025

BRIDESTOWE THURSDAY MORNING

GROUP Our bring and share summer lunch will be held at 11 Crandford Close on **Thursday, July 17th** at 12.30 for 1.00. If you weren't at the June meeting, could you please let me know whether you can attend the lunch and what food you would like to bring. I hope as many members as possible will be able to come.

Ann Allan on 861551



BRIDFEST 2025 NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

If you can help with preparation and running the event contact us at bridfest@yahoo.com or come to the meeting on 21st July at The White Hart at 7pm

Road closure notice

Devon county council hereby give notice that from **MONDAY 30 JUNE** for a maximum of 5 days until **TUESDAY 1 JULY 2025** (both dates inclusive)

Between the hours of 19:00 and 07:0 Dartmoor Inn to Downtown Farm & road from Fox and Hounds cross to Downtown Farm, Lydford)

Tavi Pride 2025 - Saturday 5th July Parade | Festival | Afterparty



Afterparty at The Stannary Brewery, Pixon Lane

Tavistock Pride is an annual parade and day festival which brings together the LGBTQIA+ community and their allies in celebration, creating a voice for those in Tavistock, West Devon and the surrounding areas.

Johnny Cowling LIVE

Okehampton Hockey Club

Fundraiser

Saturday 19th July 2025

The Charter Hall, Okehampton

Doors Open at 7pm

Show Time 7.30 pm

Fully Licensed Bar & Snacks

Tickets £12.50 includes booking fee.

Lydford

Summer Fair

5th July

11am-4pm

Evening Entertainment
from 7pm

Hot Air Balloons
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Birds of Prey
Live Music - 'The Jazz Pirates'
Emergency Services Display
Dog Show

Stalls

Bar, Barbeque

Cream Teas, Cakes

Games and Raffle prizes

Live Evening music - Smokin' Pilchards

(7pm - 9.30pm)

Pasties and Bar open all Evening

£2.50 per adult, children under 16 free

Bacon Baps will be served on **Saturday 26th July, 10am - 12 noon in Bridestowe Village Hall.**



Mike Bidmead, our 'Plant Man', will be there and Jill with honey for sale. There will be the usual selection of secondhand books to browse through and donated books are always welcome.

If you have something to sell, why not get in touch. **01837 861157**

BRIDESTOWE READING GROUP

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 3rd July** at 7.30pm at 1 Glebe Park. We will be discussing *Haven't They Grown* by Sophie Hannah



About the book..

Based on a single brilliant conceit, Hannah's spine-tingling mystery enmeshes the reader in a series of ever more artful twists and red herrings as a woman attempts to unravel the mystery of her friend's ageless children.

All Beth has to do is drive her son to his Under-14s away match, watch him play, and bring him home.

Just because she knows that her former best friend lives near the football ground, that doesn't mean she has to drive past her house and try to catch a glimpse of her. Why would Beth do that, and risk dredging up painful memories? She hasn't seen Flora Braid for twelve years.

But she can't resist. She parks outside Flora's house and watches from across the road as Flora and her children, Thomas and Emily, step out of the car. Except, There's something terribly wrong.

Flora looks the same, only older - just as Beth would have expected. It's the children that are the problem. Twelve years ago, Thomas and Emily Braid were five and three years old. Today, they look precisely as they did then. They are still five

three. They are Thomas and Emily without a doubt - Beth hears Flora call them by their names - but they haven't changed at all. They are no taller, no older. Why haven't they grown?
www.waterstones.com

About the author

Sophie Hannah is an internationally bestselling crime fiction writer whose books have sold millions of copies worldwide. Her crime novels have been translated into 49 languages and published in 51 countries. Her psychological thriller *The Carrier* won the Crime Thriller of the Year Award at the 2013 UK National Book Awards. In 2014 and 2016, Sophie published *The Monogram Murders* and *Closed Casket*, the first new Hercule Poirot mysteries since Agatha Christie's death, both of which were national and international bestsellers. She went on to publish a third, *The Mystery of Three Quarters* in 2018 which was an instant bestseller, and her fourth Poirot novel, *The Killings at Kingfisher Hill* will be published in August 2020. Sophie helped to create a Master's Degree in Crime and Thriller Writing at the University of Cambridge, for which she is the main teacher and Course Director. She is also the founder of the Dream Author Coaching Programme for writers which launched in September 2019.

Sophie is also an award-winning, bestselling poet, and her poetry is studied at GCSE level across the UK. She has co-written two murder mystery musicals with composer Annette Armitage: *The Mystery of Mr. E* and *Work Experience*. She has written a self-help book called *How To Hold a Grudge: From Resentment to Contentment - The Power of Grudges to Transform Your Life*, and hosts the *How to Hold a Grudge* podcast.

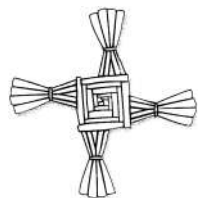
Sophie lives with her husband, children and dog in Cambridge, where she is an Honorary Fellow of Lucy Cavendish College.

New members always welcome.

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Bridestowe Churches Partnership



Sunday Worship for July 2025

Sunday 6th

9.30am See Sourton BaSE entry for details
10.30am to 12.30pm Cafe Church in The Ark (Worship, Coffee, Tea, Chat, Children's activities)

Sunday 13th

9.30 am Morning Prayer at St Bridget's
11.00am Bridestowe Worship Group

Sunday 20th

11.00am United service at Methodist Chapel with Barbora Dalton

Sunday 27th

9.30am Family Service at St Bridget's. Songs and a bible story.
11.00am Morning Service at the Methodist Chapel with Chris Jackson

With everything going on in our world today, we can turn to God and know that in His sovereignty, all things will be worked out to His will. We may not understand why certain things happen and we might feel helpless in our circumstances, but we can turn to the One who holds the world He created in His hands, and works all things to good for those who are called according to His purposes. Putting our faith in a sovereign Lord helps us to weather any storm and see the beauty on the horizon.

Psalm 121: I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.



The Ark

The Coffee Morning in June was well supported and we sent £230 to Childrens Hospice South West. Many thanks to all who supported us.

The Coffee Morning in July will be held on **Saturday 12th July** 10 to 12 noon.

As we have had Armed Forces Day in June The Charity this month is SAFFA.

SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity, also known as the Soldiers', Sailors', and Airmen's Families Association, is a UK charity that provides trusted support to serving men and women and veterans from the British Armed Forces and their families or dependents. *Wikipedia*.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

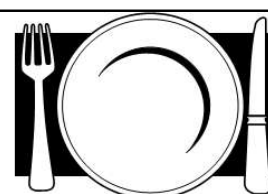
Opening times

Tuesdays 10 - 12 with coffee, cake and a friendly chat, and 2 - 4, when you can play whist. Thursday 10 - 12. Laugh and Craft or just pop in for a chat.

Jennifer Thorne handles bookings.
Phone **01837 861592**

The Over 60's Lunch Club will be held on **Tuesday 8th July**.

Gather at 12.15 for lunch at 12.30pm. Please let Jennifer know if you cannot come. 861592. Thank you.



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Adventure Okehampton Open Day

**Saturday 19th July,
10am - 3pm at
Okehampton Youth
Hostel**

Join us for our charity fund-raiser, which promises to be a day of fun! This year we will be raising money to go towards Okehampton Skateparks Regeneration Project. An excellent community project set to revamp the skatepark & make it a great place to hang out.

– Mini activity sessions...
Archery, Axe Throwing,
Low Ropes, Climbing Wall,
Abseiling
PLUS other things to
enjoy...

Bungee Run, Face Painting,
Petting Corner, Colouring
Competition,
Mini Beasts Corner,
Stalls to browse, BBQ, Bar

Activity tokens will be available to purchase on the day. The Granite Way Cafe will be open as usual serving the full menu and the Granite Way Cycles Hire Shop will have all the bikes on display, so be sure to stick your head in & have a nosey!
Parking onsite will be limited. If you are local, then please consider walking up to the event as we are just a short 10 minute (up-hill) walk from Okehampton town car parks.

GRANITE WAY CYCLES **yha** **Okehampton Youth Hostel**

SAT 19TH JULY 2025 10AM - 3PM

OPEN DAY!

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Sunday 6th July 11am **Service**

Sunday 6th July **Cream Tea** 2.30-4.30pm

Thursday 17th July **Soup and Sweet** 12-2.00pm

Good choice of soups and puddings, no need to book but if you want to reserve a table for a group of several please ring

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Sunday July 20th 11am **Service** with Gary Yates

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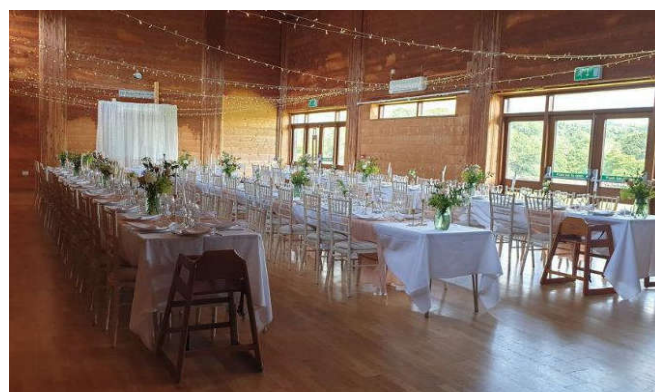
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The hall is a fantastic facility, that can be used for a wide range of events, from small meetings to large scale wedding receptions and parties. The venue is divided into a number of units, including meeting rooms, kitchen and a large hall which can be hired out separately. Also the venue can be hired in its entirety. The hire charges are reviewed annually and there is a special discount scheme for local residents (within a 4 mile radius of Bridestowe).

Visit the website www.bridestowe.org.uk/village-hall to see prices and view the

calendar for availability Please contact the Bookings Clerk for more information

Esther Winter Mob: 07946 992200



At Okehampton Library

Okehampton Library offers so much more than books. It's a warm, welcoming space with free WiFi and computer access, people to chat to, groups and activities. Don't forget if you're housebound or struggling to get to the library, our Home Library Service can deliver not just books but a friendly chat too!

EVENTS - JULY

The Summer Book Quest: 12 July – 6 Sept

Join us to sign up for our brand-new FREE reading challenge, The Summer Book Quest, exclusive to Devon & Torbay! This year's inaugural theme, The Deep Sea Adventure, awaits you; collect stickers for each one of the three tasks you complete, and receive a certificate and reward when you have completed the three challenges. Sign up from 12th July and keep an eye out for our Summer Book Quest events!

Summer Bookish Quiz: 2 June – 30 Aug

Pick up your quiz sheet and test your book knowledge to be in with a chance of winning some lovely Summer prizes! Suggested donation £1 per entry; all proceeds will go to Libraries Unlimited, the charity that runs libraries in Devon & Torbay. With thanks to Dogberry & Finch Books for donating a book bundle and The Friends of Okehampton Library for our other prizes.

Storytime & Craft: Wednesday 2 July, 10:00-10:30

This month's theme is Summer - come along to listen to some stories all about the Summer and make your very own paper ice cream to take home! Suitable for all ages.

Suggested donation 50p per child, drop-in.
Filo Project Information Stand: Monday 7 July 10:00-12:00

The Filo Project offers small day care groups in a host's own home for people experiencing memory challenges, relating to conditions such as dementia and stroke. The host will provide transport there and back for all their guests. Activities are geared to the abilities and interests of the group and all will enjoy a home cooked 2 course meal together as an integral part of the day. The emphasis is on the guests enjoying some social interaction with friends, while

enabling their full time carers to have a day of respite knowing that their loved ones are being well looked after. If you'd like to find out more about the Filo Project pop along to the library to have a chat with Debs.

The Summer Book Quest Launch – Beach Doodles Structured Workshop: Saturday 12 July, 10:00-11:30 & 12:00-13:00

For this workshop, artist Megan Dowsett brings an extensive collection of shells, seaweed, driftwood and pebbles and invites you to arrange them into pictures and patterns, thinking about what their role is in the ecosystem as you go. What IS a shell, after all? And, after we've explored on our own, we'll create a bigger, collaborative piece, and discover the magic that can happen when we all work together.

The 10:00-11:30 session is bookable via the library or Eventbrite, £3 per person. The 12:00-13:00 session is drop-in; no booking necessary. Suitable for ages 4-12.

Ocean in a Cereal Box: Thursday 24 July, 14:00-15:00

Come along to make your very own ocean in a cereal box! Please bring an empty cereal box - all other materials provided. Free, donations welcome. Suitable for ages 5+. Booking essential via Eventbrite or the library.

Sea Themed Craft Table: 28 July – 2 August, during library opening hours

Drop-in any time this week during library opening hours to make your own mosaic sea turtle to take home! Free (donations welcome), drop-in, suitable for all ages.

Police Community drop in: Date to be confirmed

Police Community Support Officer, Sean Jones, will be here if you would like to come in and chat. He said: "It will be a good chance for us to engage with the community and answer any questions or concerns people have, as well as passing on advice if they would like it. I will also bring along some finger printing kits for any children to take part in."

REGULAR EVENTS - ADULTS

Okehampton Library has a meeting room available for you to book, so you can spread your roots and break the work-from-home cycle or deliver training and meetings in a productive and comfortable environment. Book through our website roomhire.librariesunlimited.org.uk.

Friends of Okehampton Library AGM: Tuesday, 22 July, 14:00

Are you interested in becoming

a friend of your library?

Anyone is welcome to get involved and support the library, organising or helping with events, encouraging use of the library, and supporting fundraising activities.

Read Easy: First Tuesday of every month, 10:00-12:00

Come and chat with Richard from Read Easy, the charity that helps adults learn to read. Richard would love to talk to you, particularly if you are interested to know more about what Read Easy do and/or if you would like to introduce someone to their free 1:1 and confidential service.

Coffee & Create: Fridays, 10:00-12:00

Bring along your own creative projects and enjoy some optional socialising! Hot drinks available. Free (donations welcome), drop-in, open to adults.

Okehampton Library Book Bingo

Join our FREE year-round reading challenge for adults! Read 12 library books across the year for 12 different prompts. Once you have completed a square, come in to have your bingo card stamped and move onto the next. They can be completed in any order; when all 12 have been completed, bring your card into the library to be entered into a prize draw to win a book bundle and mug – funded by The Friends of Okehampton Library. Completed bingo cards must be handed in to the library by 10am Saturday 20th December 2025. Collect your bingo card from Okehampton Library at any point in the year.

Recycling for Good Causes: Okehampton Library have taken some inspiration from other Devon Libraries who are doing their bit assisting in tackling the climate crisis and we are proud to say that we have also teamed up with Recycling For Good Causes to offer a recycling point in our library! You can now drop off certain electronics, stamps, currency or jewelry at the recycling point in front of the customer service desk and these items will get sorted and recycled, whilst also raising money for our charity Libraries Unlimited.

REGULAR EVENTS - CHILDREN:

Stay & Play: Mondays, 10:00-11:00 (term-time only)

A fun, free play session for under 5s. Come to play and socialise. Just drop in.

Read to a Dog: Tuesdays, 15:45 -16:45

To help and encourage children and teenagers to read, book on to a 'Read to a Dog' session with 'Rafa' who has been assessed by and is

registered with Pets as Therapy (PAT). All children can benefit from this activity and are welcome, however, it is particularly beneficial to those children who find reading challenging, are worried about reading aloud in front of others or lack self-confidence and self-esteem. Each FREE reading session lasts up to 15 minutes. Booking is essential.

Bounce & Rhyme: Tuesdays, 10:00-10:20 & 11:00-11:20

Suitable for under 5s. FREE, booking essential via the library or Eventbrite.

Baby Weigh: Tuesdays, 09:30-11:30

FREE self-weigh facilities for parents to weigh their babies, are available in a screened area within the library. This is in partnership with Devon Public Health Nursing. No booking necessary.

Storytime & Crafts: First Wednesday of every month, 10:00-10:30

Suitable for all ages. Suggested donation 50p per child, drop-in.

Lego Builders: Saturdays, 9:30-11:30

Suitable for ages 5+. FREE, just drop in.

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The Secret Book Quest

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Please see our library website or Facebook page for any additional events and library services discover.librariesunlimited.org.uk

Opening Hours

Monday 09:00-17:00

Tuesday 09:00-18:00

Wednesday 09:00-13:00

Thursday 09:00-17:00

Friday 09:00-18:00

Saturday 09:00-13:00

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As I write this in mid-June we've just had some torrential rain, which caused a bit of drama as it came down so quickly and raged through the gorge. It washed a bit of the path away on the Devil's Cauldron trail and covered the viewing platform with debris, we also had a tree come down on that trail, but the rest was ok, and the ranger team managed to get the route open again the next day. We hope everyone else was ok too. Otherwise, June had a mix of weather and it was good to see the gorge getting greener by the day.

The dog off-lead area at the bottom of the orchard at the Devil's Cauldron entrance, if you haven't found it already, is now open for visitors. This is a shared space to use as part of your visit, if you wish. So, to help everyone enjoy it please: close the gate, pick up the poo, keep an eye on your dog, and be considerate of others. The area is 15m wide by 30m long, the fence around it is 165cm / 5.5 foot high. Within the area there are some agility obstacles including a jump, weave posts, tyres and a tunnel. Eventually the rangers plan to plant a hedge around it to help it blend in.

If you're heading down to the Waterfall trail look out for a new information board on the right after you go under the railway bridge. This shares some information with visitors about the old mill that used to operate here and has an artist's impression of what it might have looked like when operational.

Thanks to everyone who has donated books, bought books, or volunteered their time in the second-hand bookshop this year. We've raised over £6500 so far, all of which stays at Lydford Gorge to help look after it for everyone, for ever. We're always happy to accept donations when we're open. If you have a larger amount or need some help to get the books to us, please get in touch by phone 01822 820320 or email lydfordgorge@nationaltrust.org.uk

Connection Café

Wed 30 Jul, 10am-12 noon.

Drop by to chat to the lovely volunteer or others that are attending, a great way to connect with people and make new friends. This is a free event, tea, coffee and more are available to buy from the tea-room. This event runs on the last Wednesday of every month.

Opening Times to 30 September 2025

Devil's Cauldron trail, Waterfall trail, and Lyd Link path open every day 10am-4.30pm.

Second-hand bookshop 10am-4.30pm.

Devil's Cauldron tea-room 10.30am-4.30pm.

Waterfall tea-room 10am-4pm.

As always please check the website before travelling in case of closures

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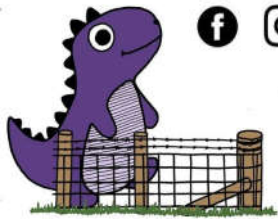
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Tuesday 8th	12.15 for 12.30pm, Over 60's lunch
Wednesday 9th	8pm, White Hart quiz in aid of Bridestowe Volunteer Group
Thursday 10th	8pm, White Hart, Cogs & Wheels Ladies Morris
Saturday 12th	9.30am, St Bridget's, Clean up day 10am - 12noon, The Ark, Coffee morning for SSAFA 2pm start, Bridestowe Village Hall, Pub Walk
Tuesday 15th	2.30pm, Fairplace Church, Okehampton u3a, talk
Wednesday 16th	7.30pm, The Ark, Bridestowe PC meeting
Thursday 17th	12pm - 2pm, Boasley Chapel, Soup and Sweet 12.30pm, 11 Crandford Close, Thursday Morning Group lunch
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