

Worshipping together in the Blackdown Hills

FOLLOWING a meeting of church leaders in Dunkeswell, a new ecumenical group has been formed covering the Blackdown Hills and representative of all the main denominations.

Springing from an initial idea by Steven Reed, Pastor of Hemyock Baptist Church, and co-sponsored by local Anglican Vicar David Sherwood, more than 30 leaders met

to consider the opportunities presented under the new organisation called "Christians Worshipping Together in the Blackdown Hills" (CWTBH).

"The aim of the new organisation is to encourage, challenge and bless Christian believers in the Hills," said Steven Reed.

"To that end, there will be a series of regular major celebrations and other co-ordinated

by Blackdowns reporter

events. The first of these will be held in Dunkeswell on Saturday, January 30th when nationally recognised author and conference speaker Adrian Plass will be a guest speaker."

Speaking after the first meeting of CWTBH, special guest Bishop Bob Evens expressed his approval.

He said: "I am delighted to be part of this exciting programme in the Blackdown Hills which is drawing people together from their different communities and churches to celebrate the many gifts that God has given us.

"We will find renewed encouragement and fresh vision as we come together and share how God is at work right

across this wonderful area".

Another guest, Regional Baptist Minister Jez Brown, said: "I warmly commend this exciting initiative to all churches located within the Blackdown Hills.

"When Christians commit to working together in fellowship and unity in the task of making God known within our communities, he loves to bless such endeavours."

Among the suggestions made for a possible on-

going programme was an inter-church BBQ for summer 2010, a universal web site for "Hills" churches, open air services, concerts and bible teaching weeks.



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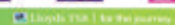
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Electric scooter charging posts backed in Taunton

AN innovative Taunton company, which is encouraging emission-free transport in the county town, has been praised by aspiring Taunton Deane Conservative MP Mark Formosa.

Mark was invited by managing director Jim Duncan to visit Reaction Electric, which operates from a converted print works just off East Reach, and which supplies electric cars, motorcycles, scooters, and bicycles.

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Reaction Electric is currently working closely with Project Taunton and expects shortly to begin installing a series of electric charging posts at locations around the town for people to re-charge their electric vehicles.

Mr Formosa said: "I was hugely impressed at how easily available the technology now is for everybody to be able to travel around Taunton without causing any of the emissions, which are being blamed for adding to climate change.

"A number of councils in London are actively encouraging the use of zero emission vehicles and have already installed charging posts already.

"So I welcome the moves in Taunton to follow suit and hope we will quickly see the charging posts installed and more and more people using electric vehicles.

"With the moves which are being made by the Deane council and the county council to become more environmentally friendly, Taunton could become the green capital of the West."

Pictured right is Mark Formosa on a Vectrix maxi-scooter watched by Reaction Electric managing director Jim Duncan.



Coffee morning

ST James Church, Sheldon will be holding a Christmas coffee morning which promises to be "bags of fun".

The event will take place on Saturday, December 5th from 10am to 12noon at Sheldon Village Hall.

There will be a "bag" tombola and raffle as well as book stall, produce and plants and competitions.

The Sheldon Craft Club will also have a stall and the 2010 Sheldon calendar will be on sale as well as Christmas cards.

The event will be held in aid of St James Church, Sheldon.

Choir's concerts

THE Blackdown Community Choir will be performing a Christmas concert later this month.

The choir will be hosting a free concert at the Wellington Arts Centre on Saturday, December 5th at 7.30pm. All donations made during the evening will go to Macmillan Cancer Care.

The community choir will also be taking part in the "Carols Under the Stars" event organised by the Blackdown Hills AONB on Wednesday, December 9th.

The event will take place at Castle Neroche with singing from 7pm until 8.30pm.

Wrap up warm and join in singing traditional carols under the stars with a warm drink and mince pie. The event is free.

For more information contact the AONB office on (01823) 680681.

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■ CYCLES were at the ready for one of the events during the Payhembury Church fete in 1961.

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Christmas tree festival

VILLAGERS in Churchinford are getting into the Christmas spirit by hosting a Christmas tree festival.

Families, clubs and organisations in the village are invited to decorate a Christmas tree, any shape or size, in whatever theme they wish, to help brighten up the village hall during the festive season.

The hall will be open on Saturday, December 12th from 10am to 6pm for all to see and admire the trees.

Refreshments and musical entertain-

ment will be provided throughout the day and visitors will be asked to vote for their favourite tree. Prizes will be awarded to the most popular entries.

Admission to the festival will be £3 and children free.

All entries should be placed at Churchinford Village Hall on the evening of Friday, December 11th and be clearly marked with the entrant's name.

More details and entry form available on www.churchstantonfestivals.co.uk.

Young farmers pay tribute to member with charity donation

by Anna-Lisa Taylor

CULM Valley Young Farmers Club made a presentation of their charity cheques at their Harvest Supper, held at Hemyock Hall.

Chairman for the past year, Emma Greenslade, secretary Emily York, and the members, had chosen the Laura Persey Trust as the main charity and the club had worked hard throughout the year raising money for the cause.

Laura Persey, who was an active member of Culm Valley YFC and a close friend of Emma, died suddenly in October 2007 from Sudden Adult Death Syndrome, aged 20 years.

The registered charitable trust has been set up by her parents for "the advancement of the education of young people in Devon and Somerset in rural and home crafts and skills, agriculture, equestrianism".

The club are already benefiting from the trust's work with some members taking part in a ploughing course, a foot trimming course, a royal cake icing course and plans are under way for some of the girls to learn tractor driving skills too.

The club held fund raising activities throughout the year, including carol singing and a cake stall at the point-to-point, but the major event was the restarting of the Blackborough Horse Show in memory of Laura.

This was a huge success, and attracted many people from far and wide who came to support the trust in Laura's memory.

Entries came from Laura's friends as far away as Bath and Ilminster to support this event, with numerous spon-



■ MEMBERS of Culm Valley YFC present a cheque for £3,700 to the Laura Persey Trust

sors donating money and items for the show's fund too. The day provided enjoyment for so many with several local produce and craft stalls and a fun dog show, which attracted a massive view of dogs of every size and breed. The day was such a huge success that many requests have already been made to the organising committee that it be

run again, and the equivalent date has now been provisionally booked for next September.

The cheques presented for the year were £3,700 to the Laura Persey Trust, with donations of £300 for Blackborough Village Hall and £60 for Blackborough Church from the year's fantastic work.

Large gathering remembers war dead in Hemyock

MORE than 200 people filled the parish church of St Mary's, Hemyock for the annual Remembrance Sunday service, raising over £550 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The service was preceded by a parade from the parish hall led by the church choir followed by youth uniformed groups, veterans and villagers.

The service was led by The Reverend Chris Hudson with lessons read

by David Bawler, Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser and Tim Barton, Royal Air Force (Rtd) and prayers led by The Reverend Hudson and Pastor Steven Reed, Baptist Chapel.

Becky Thomas read the poem In Flanders Field.

The service ended with an Act of Remembrance, two minutes silence and the Kohema Epitaph at the War Memorial.

New info released on post office robbery

POLICE have issued a further appeal for witnesses following a robbery of a post office in the Taunton area.

They have released photographs of items which were left at the post office in Blagdon Hill following the robbery at 3pm on Tuesday July 21.

A man and a woman have been arrested in the connection with the robbery and have been released on police bail, pending further enquiries.

Following the incident, a number of items were discovered at the scene – a small lump hammer and a purple coloured Unison shop steward's bag which contained a pair of broken spectacles and a computer web camera.

Police hope that members of the public might

recognise the recovered items or have information to help the police investigation.

The Post Office is offering a substantial reward leading to information

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Punkie night

THE Blackdown Hills annual winter celebration, Punkie Night, was cancelled last month due to severe weather warnings.

The event will now go ahead on Saturday, December 5th at Castle Neroche from 4pm.

Children from local primary schools, including Hemyock, Culmstock, Thurlbear and Churchstanton, have all made lanterns and will take part in a magical woodland procession.

The event is free and open to all, but booking is essential. If you would like to make your own lantern please call the Neroche Scheme office on (01823) 680846.

There will be drinks and food for sale throughout the event and participants should arrive by 4pm.

Christmas Competition

HEMYOCK residents and businesses are being encouraged to enter into the festive spirit by externally decorating their homes and offices.

The annual competition draws significant interest, with prizes given by Hemyock Parish Council for both categories.

Devon County Councillor Ray Radford has been asked to judge this year's competition.

Further details may be obtained from the parish clerk Anne Kingston on (01823) 680918.

£850 for children's hospice

A COFFEE morning held at Tatworth Memorial Hall raised £850 for Children's Hospice South West.

Residents turned out in force to show their support of the cause, spending their hard earned cash on one of the many bric a brac stalls or popping in for a cup of coffee.

Helen Meech, an organiser of the event, said: "Many thanks to everyone who gave donations, gifts and much more.

"Thanks also to the band of hardworking helpers and all who supported the event to make it such an enormous success.

"The Hospice table took £240 as well which is fantastic."

Christmas party

DUNKESWELL Methodist Church will be hosting a Christmas party.

A bring and share supper will take place at 4 Higher Mead, Hemyock from 7pm until 9pm on Friday, December 4th.

All are welcome to attend.

On Sunday, December 20th at 3pm, the church will be holding their carols by candlelight service followed by tea and mince pies.

The Methodist church have also arranged a Christmas flower arranging course with Barbara Scale on Monday, December 21st at 7pm. Go along and learn to make Christmas flower decorations and take them home with you.

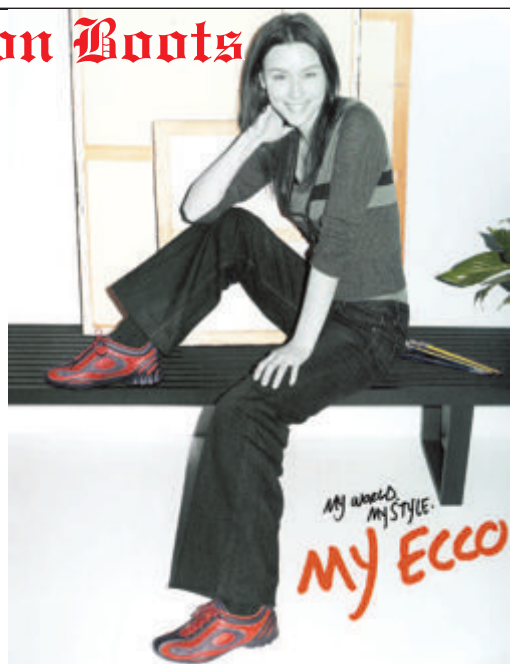
Carol service

A CAROL service will be held in Dunkeswell in the lead up to Christmas.

St Nicholas Church will host their Carol service on Friday, December 18th at 7.30pm.

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■ **YOUNGSTERS** at the Blackdown Children's Day Nursery in their Children in Need fancy dress outfits with nursery manager Trudy Kemble (right) and nursery assistants Alison Milton (left) and Michelle Elston

Blackdowns nursery raises money for BBC Children In Need

FAIRIES, cowgirls, rugby players and lots of other characters attended a Wellington children's nursery to help raise funds for the BBC's Children in Need annual appeal.

They were all represented when Blackdown Children's Day Nursery asked parents to put their youngsters in fancy dress for the Pudsey Bear event last month.

During the week, the nursery children also made Pudsey Bear biscuits and were encouraged to bring their own favourite games and toys with them in exchange for a donation to the charity.

Nursery manager Trudy Kemble and her staff also joined in the fun by arriving for work in various costumes.

Money collected by the family-run children's nursery for the BBC appeal totalled more than £50.

Blackdown Children's Day Nursery only opened six

months ago on the site of a former piggery and is located in private grounds off the A38 at Chelston, on the edge of Wellington.

It offers childcare from 8am to 6pm on weekdays and has been awarded the maximum five stars by environmental health inspectors for its food and hygiene handling programme.

Nursery owner Graham Brister-Thorne said: "Children in Need is a charity close to our hearts and we were delighted to do our small bit to help the appeal.

"Our nursery children thought it was all great fun – and the Pudsey Bear biscuits did not last very long at all."

Anybody who wants to know more about Blackdown Children's Day Nursery can visit www.blackdownchildrensdaynursery.co.uk or email gbt.bway@talktalk.net or telephone 07754 751750.

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Tatworth Pre-School celebrates 40 years



■ **FORMER** teachers, pupils and friends gathered to celebrate 40 years of Tatworth Pre-School

PUPILS at Tatworth pre-school were celebrating the 40th birthday of their school with a special party.

More than 100 teachers, pupils and friends from the past four decades gathered at Tatworth's Memorial Hall for a special party.

Mayor of Chard, Councillor Jill Shortland, gave a speech and a magician entertained the youngsters as old friends met to reminisce over photographs

by Roxanne Cameron

taken throughout the pre-school's history.

Among the guests were founders of the original Tatworth Playgroup, as it was first known, were Gwen Beresford, Daphne Carslake, Helen Meech, Joan Knight and Gladys Duke.



■ **LITTLE** one joined in the party too

Blackdowns' businesses win top environment awards

by Lisa Bright

BLACKDOWN'S businesses have been honoured at the 2009 DEBI environmental awards, with Dunkseswell based Woolly Shepherd walking away the overall winner.

Nominated businesses included The Woolley Shepherd and Nu Heat, Honiton, in the Environmental Goods and Services category, and Otterton Mill in the Food and Farming Category.

The Otter Brewery were nominated in the Sustainable Devon category.

The Woolly Shepherd was named the overall winner, as well as winning their category. The Otter Brewery also won their category.

The Devon Environmental Business Initiative (DEBI) hosted the awards ceremony at the Met Office in Exeter, where businesses across the region were recognised for their efforts in adopting environmentally friendly policies.

Val Baker from the Blackdown Hills Business Association said: "I am delighted to hear that both the Woolly Shepherd and Otter Brewery have been recognised for their commitment to running their businesses in harmony with the environment.

"Both businesses have managed to embrace environmental challenges and turn them into opportunities.

"It is crucial that businesses in this special area of outstanding natural beauty feel responsible for their environment.

"I am delighted that businesses in this area are leading the way – this is excellent news for business and excellent news for the area."

volunteers sought for Blackdowns nature reserves

DEVON Wildlife Trust is this month looking for volunteers in the Blackdown Hills AONB to help with practical conservation work on three of its nature reserves.

The charity has been struggling to find local people to help out at Lickham Common, Ashculm Turbary and The Rough which all lie within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

DWT's Edric Hopkinson who looks after the reserves said: "The Devon Wildlife Trust has a good volunteer base across most of the county, but have few volunteers in the Blackdowns area.

"Because of this we are very keen to find people within the AONB who might be interested in helping out on these nature reserves. It's a great way to

get out in to the countryside and have a bit of a wildlife workout!"

The call for volunteers follows the news in July of the arrival of two Ex-moor ponies to one of the sites, Lickham Common, which sits between the villages of Hemyock and Culmstock.

Edric added: 'The ponies have settled in really well and had a great season on the reserve. The site looks in such good condition, so it would be great to follow up this progress with a renewed burst of manpower to clear some of the trees and scrub that are encroaching upon the open areas.'

For more information and how to get involved, call DWT on (01392) 279244.

Youngsters pay tribute on Remembrance day



■ MEMBERS of the 1st Buckland St Mary Brownie Guides made arrangements of poppies, which were placed at the memorial inside the Parish Church during the service of Remembrance last month.

Tawny Owl Sandy Potts is seen with twins Evie and Madelaine Dewhurst with the displays.

Big turn out for Hemyock Singers

AN evening of music by Gilbert and Sullivan was enjoyed by almost 100 people at a concert arranged by Hemyock Singers.

Held at the parish hall, the concert began with Trial By Jury with main soloists Tony Grosse (Judge), Glyn Jones (Defendant) and Jenny Doble (Plaintiff) with other minor parts being taken by members of the group.

The interval saw a supper of cheese and pate before the audience were treated to a selection of choruses from The Gondoliers; The Mikado, with soloists Tony Grosse and Anne Monk;

The Yeoman of the Guard; The Pirates of Penzance, soloist Mike Cooper; The Sorcerer and Iolanthe bringing warm applause at the end of the evening.

The group were accompanied on piano by Nigel Atkinson and conducted by Ron White. Sandy Hanaford was the evening's compere

Tickets for the Hemyock Singers Christmas Concert and turkey dinner, to be held on December 19th, are on sale. There is limited seating for this and it is expected tickets will sell out quickly.



Play raises £1,000 for SURE

■ A CHEQUE for £1,000 has been presented to SURE (Somerset Unit for Radiotherapy Equipment) by the Combe St Nicholas based Cloverleaf Productions.

The large amount was presented by Andy Treble, who, while in hospital wrote a play for one of the recent productions responsible for raising the money.

Pictured from Left are Andy Treble, Bob Dunn (Cloverleaf chairman), Eric Saffin and Roy Hole from SURE who collected the cheque.

Photo by DAVE WHEADON

Young farmers get to grips with ploughing

by Anna-Lisa Taylor

THE real skill of ploughing was introduced to several local young farmers – just one of the many craft skills now supported by The Laura Persey Trust.

A group of 14 young farmers met at Mr Tidball's farm at Clyst William, near Plymtree, with ploughs both vintage and modern.

Three of the county's most noted senior ploughmen – all top judges and champion competitors in their own right – were there to pass on their vast knowledge.

Colin Reed from Culmpton and Mr Kerslake from Tiverton tutored the young ploughmen with modern ploughs, whilst Joe Hill, also from Tiverton, took charge of the vintage ploughs.

The trainees, who came from as far afield as Holcombe Rogus, Dunkeswell and Whimble, arrived with a vast

range of ploughs in age, size and type.

They soon became aware of the intricacies of skilled ploughing, whatever the size of plough, and also what would also be expected for competition ploughing. It was soon apparent to the trainees that skilled ploughing is far more than just turning green to brown.

The group have now requested to learn even more of this master skill at a future course and then some are aiming to compete at competition matches next spring.

The Laura Persey Trust has been set up in memory of Laura who died in 2007, to advance the education of young people in Devon & Somerset in rural and home craft skills. Laura's parents

were delighted at the success of this course.

They said: "To see so many young agriculturalists having such a wonderful day learning a real skill, and having fun in the process, was a real delight. And it is just what the trust has been established to promote – and just what Laura would have loved to have done herself.

"The day was fabulous and a great success for all. We have been so fortunate to have had the vast knowledge of three such skilled tutors who made the day work so well. We really hope that the lads

now move their skill forward and maybe enter a local match in the future."

Immediate future courses arranged include bovine hoof trimming, 'very fine' royal cake icing and basic tractor driving for girls. First Aid

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Pupils get cooking in Buckland



■ LET'S GET COOKING: All food served was made by the children

HUNGRY residents went along to the second Winter Warmer lunch organised by school pupils from Buckland St Mary.

People tucked into a vegetable soup and roll with apple crumble and cream for dessert.

All the food was cooked by pupils as part of their "Let's get cooking scheme".

Recipes made by children from the school are available to buy from a cook book produced by themselves.

Chard Carnival Princess Karen Salter a former pupil of Buckland St Mary, showed her support by helping to sell the books on the day.



■ MANY FINGERS: Adults contributed as well



■ GRUBS UP: Melanie Tuffill tucks into her soup from Jo Salter



■ CHARD CARNIVAL PRINCESS: Karen Salter came back to her old primary school to help sell books



■ AHEAD OF THE REST: Buckland St Mary Headteacher Sue English with husband John

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Shed plan ends up as a farm shop and restaurant

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BARLEYMOWS is a successful farm shop and restaurant, run by Martin and Rose Burrough, located on the outskirts of Chard.

The name Barleymows comes from Martin's nickname on his old CB radio.

"When we decided we were going to open a farm shop we thought that Snowden Hill Farm Shop was a bit boring and a bit of a mouthful and a friend of ours who knew Martin's nickname said 'why don't you call it Barleymows?' And, the name stuck," said Rose.

Martin's family have farmed in the area for 60 years and own 170 acres of land. Rose married Martin in 2000 and together they began to plan for the future.

The shop business began with planning permission for the shed (now the shop) to be-

come a machinery storage shed, but their plans changed and they began to sell boxes of mixed meat.

This really took off and after some thought Rose and Martin decided the shed would make an ideal spot for a farm shop and the business took off from there.

Barleymows is family run, Martin and Rose's parents are heavily involved with operations, adding to its success. and Janette Curtis, Rose's mum, takes care of the administration paperwork, accounts, wages.

Her role has changed from when they opened in 2002.

"We just thought it would be mum and I, a butcher and two others, a nice family run shop," said Rose.

"It was like that for a while, I mean we were everywhere. We worked on the shop floor, we were the

IT is said that from little acorns do big oak trees grow, but for Martin and Rose Burrough it was a case of planning permission for a shed growing into a successful business. Having started selling boxes of meat the couple soon branched out into a farm shop and now there is a superb restaurant where people can enjoy something to eat and drink while picking up mouth-watering goodies. But it's very much a family run business as reporter ROXANNE CAMERON found out.

cleaners and the book-keepers."

Over the years Rose has reduced her hours at the shop as she is a mum of two, employed a team of staff to run the shop and Janette has become the general manager.

Rose and her family never thought the business would be such a success.

"When we originally opened the shop, we were going to make it much smaller, it was only going to be half the size.

"After a lot of market research and having visited a lot of shops we thought in for a penny in for a pound and went for the whole lot and converted the whole building.

"We were really glad

we did because it has been a success from the word go."

Janette said: "And, from when we opened people were asking 'Is there anywhere we can get a cup of coffee?'"

Natural progression led to the restaurant being opened in Barleymows, which has been serving delicious food and drinks since April.

"Again, it made sense to use the beef and the lamb we produce on the farm in the kitchen to make the meals that are served in the restaurant and to make ready made meals and other products," Rose said.

After five or six years as a working farm shop, adding a restaurant attracts customers from

further afield to shop at Barleymows and stay for something to eat.

"We are extremely lucky because most of our customer base are local or repeat customers, we consider passing trade a bonus," said Rose.

Rose is a mother of two young children, Tom aged seven, and Adam, aged three. Tom was just six-weeks-old when Barleymows opened.

Rose recalled: "I was very lucky to have a great support network when we opened. I had my mum, my husband's parents, my mother-in-law especially has been very supportive and has looked after the children for me.

"Tom actually spent the first part of his life in the shop. Customers used to love fussing over him and we get some now saying they remember when he was a little baby and how much he has grown."

Rose enjoys working with her mum but finds they are constantly talking about the shop when they are together, even outside of work.

"It's nice because we think in similar ways. Mum will come up with an idea of doing something in the shop and it's either been done or I was thinking of the same idea.

"I think it's because everything I have learnt has come from my parents. We like things done in the same way," Rose said.

Rose credits the business being a success to her hardworking team of employees.

"We've got the best team we have ever had," she said.

"We work really hard but we manage to have fun here, which creates a nice atmosphere for the customers."

Barleymows are entering their busiest time of year, with Christmas lunches available and hampers of meat, parties and Santa's grotto amongst the things happening in the shop and restaurant.

Barleymows really is a family business. Rose's father project managed the building of the restaurant, her father-in-law does the delivery work and her mother-in-law helps with child care.

"I'm really happy it has all worked out. We live in a lovely rural area, I have a wonderful family and have a lovely business."



◆ ROSE Burrough and her mum Janette Curtis



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Funding for heathland restoration

A NEW funding agreement has recently been signed that aims to restore Horner Hill to its former glory.

The agreement will build on pioneering work already underway in other parts of Stockland Parish to transform carefully selected area of dense scrub into wildlife havens of heathland.

Funds for the work on Horner Hill turbarry come from Natural England via Higher Level Stewardship, a Government 'green farming' scheme that encourages farmers and land managers to protect and restore some of the region's most iconic landscapes.

Dr David Allen, representing landowner Stockland Parish Council, said: "This funding will build on work to manage the turbarry at Horner Hill that was started almost a decade ago.

"The council very much look forward to more people exploring the spectacular views over the Blackdown Hills from it."

Historically, the Stockland Turbarries were areas of lowland heath and bog where peat turf was dug for fuel and gorse was cut for fodder.

The decline of these traditional practices have led to the land becoming over-

taken by scrub and woodland, with an associated loss of diverse heathland wildlife.

Barry Lockton, Natural England adviser for East Devon, said: "The turbarries are among the most important wildlife sites in the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, containing some nationally rare species.

"Higher Level Stewardship funding will support the re-establishment of a mosaic of valuable wildlife habitats, while increasing opportunities for local communities to access these special sites."

Initially, a programme of scrub clearance will take place at Horner Hill.

In addition, an archaeological survey of the hillside will establish the presence of any historic features on the site.

A new circular permissive footpath will be created, bird and mammal boxes will be strategically placed throughout the site and new signage with wildlife and historic information will be provided.

Finally, when the site has been suitably prepared, new fencing will enable local Ruby Red cattle to graze the heathland.



■ **COMPLETE** Meats owner Shaun Vining (back left) is pictured with representatives of Membury Community School, Avishayes Combe Youth Football Club and Tatworth Playing Fields Committee

Complete support from butchers

CHARD butchers Complete Meats have given a fund raising boost to three local organisations by donating cheques for £50 to each of them.

The happy recipients gathered at Complete Meats shop in Chard last month to receive their cheques from owner Shaun Vining.

Membury Community School, Tatworth Playing Fields Committee and Avishayes Combe Youth Football Club all benefited.

Paula Priddle from Avishayes Combe Youth Football Club said: "We are very grateful for all the support we receive from the community, fund raising is hard work but

it is really worth it when you see how much enjoyment the children get from playing football."

Membury PTFA is raising money to purchase a small cooker and equipment so cookery lessons can be held in school.

■ New faces welcome at our next LUNCH CLUB Tuesday, 12th January 2010 at the Drewe Arms in Broadhembury

YOU are invited to our next lunch club on Tuesday 12 January, 12noon to 2pm at the Drewe Arms, Broadhembury (www.thedrewearms.com).

All businesses are very welcome to attend this lunch club, and we would particularly like to see you at this lunch club if you have recently joined the BHBA or are interested in joining the BHBA.

The club offers businesses an opportunity to meet informally on a bi-monthly basis.

It is very much a drop in session, even if you can only spare half an hour, see if you can make the next event.

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■ Tourism Group Meeting Thursday, 7th December 2009 The Belfry Hotel at Yarcombe 10.30am to 12 noon

SARAH-JANE Martin of the Belfry Hotel at Yarcombe will host our December event.

This month's event will include a tour of the hotel and also the chance to meet a local photographer, Mike Jones (of Summerlane Studios in Honiton) who is offering a photography service to local businesses.

We hope that you will be able to come along. To attend you need to be a member of the BHBA and have a business in the holiday accommodation or holiday activity industry.

The group is keen to improve links with local food producers too, so if you are local food producer, you are also very welcome to come along. This is a very friendly and informal group.

If you have any queries, please ring Val Baker for more details.

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Award for volunteers

DAVID and Meg Palmer of Lower Mackham Farm, Hem-yock were recently presented with an award by the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers.

They spent time at the Country Living Christmas Fair in the atrium of the Business Design Centre, London before the evening presentation.

BTCV were celebrating their 50th year and had been chosen as Country Living's charity of the year.

David and Meg's award was presented by TV personality Charlie Dimmock, who has long supported the work of the charity.



■ PICTURED are David and Meg Palmer with TV personality Charlie Dimmock (right)

Ashill Fun Ride huge success

THE Ashill fun ride, which took place in October, was a huge success, attracting a record number of riders from across the Blackdowns to raise money for charity.

This is the fourth year the event has taken place, with almost 200 riders taking part.

The 12 mile ride cross country raised £1,600 for the

Ashill Village Hall Multi-use Games Area and a donation was also made to the Laura Persey Trust Fund.

Organiser and sponsor, Anne Brummitt, praised the Ashill team and especially the local farmers and landowners who not only allowed the riders over their land, but also for setting up optional jumps and allowing participants on the Kittow racing gallops.



■ CHEQUE IT OUT: Beneficiaries with their cheques

Village benefits from street fayre cash boost

by Roxanne Cameron

GRATEFUL village organisations were handed over £3,000 after another hugely successful Chardstock Street Fayre.

The annual event was held in September and the cheque presentation took place earlier this month.

Evening entertainment at the fayre included The Barrow Boys from Britain's Got Talent and a fire show from Ad Tree Pirate aka Captain Chainsaw.

Representatives from each organisation collected their cheque and were entertained by Chardstock band, The Standing Stones.

Committee member of Chardstock Street Fayre, Donna Jacobs, said: "A big thank you to the band for supplying the entertainment and also a big thank you to Mark and Tracy at the George Inn for the use of the Skittle Alley for the evening."

She added: "A final thank you to all involved in Chardstock Street Fayre 2009. It was a great success, but could not happen without the help and support offered by all our helpers and entertainers."

"Plans for Street Fayre 2010 are all ready in process so look out for our upcoming fundraisers and news of what we have in store for next years fayre."

"The 2010 Chardstock Street Fayre will be on Saturday, September 4th."

Cheques were presented to the following organisations: £1,000 to Cardiac Risk in the Young, £500 to Chardstock Youth Club, £250 to Chardstock St Andrew's Primary School, £200 to Chard RFC U15's & U16's, £100 to St John's Ambulance, £100 to Chardstock Christmas Presents and Tree, £100 to St Andrew's Church Tree Felling Fund, £100 to Chardstock Parish Plan, £100 to Chardstock Historical Records Group £100 to Devon Air Ambulance, £100 to Childrens Hospice South West, £100 to RNLI Lyme Regis, £100 to Four Aces Bikers for Charity, £50 to St Margarets Somerset Hospice, £50 to Chardstock Parish Newsletter and £50 to Chardstock St Andrews Allsorts.

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News from around the villages in the Blackdown Hills

SMEATHARPE WI

AFTER welcoming several new faces to the November meeting of Smeatharpe WI, president Gill Dennis thanked Pam Parry, Rita Batchelor and Jenny Grabham for their long service on the committee, and on behalf of members, presented them with gifts.

The Stella Cup for winning the monthly competition the most number of times was won by Anne Nicholls, with Fleur Layzell a close second and Lizzie Feehan third.

Following the reading of the minutes, by new minutes secretary Linda Knowles, the allocated duties of each committee member was outlined by the president.

Members described the events they had attended in the local area, including a quiz night, in which Sue Little and her team came fourth.

Secretary Gloria Dobinson read out the correspondence and gave a report on the Autumn Council Meeting in Torquay.

A request had been made by the local Hedge Laying Association for Smeatharpe WI to provide the refreshments once again at their next event in Buckland St Mary.

Anne Nicholls and Patricia Pearson outlined some events taking place during the next month, which included visits to a stately home, theatre trips and a "Beauty Evening" at Debenhams, Taunton.

Dates were arranged to pack Christmas shoeboxes at the home of Meg Sparks and to learn how to make tree decorations at Pam Parry's house, arranged by Pernelle Rowe.

Liz Tucker said that the skittles evening had been well attended and fixtures had been made for the team.

Treasurer Pernelle Rowe listed the financial incomings and outgoings for the past month and reminded members that it was subscription time again. Last month's bring and buy stall had been a great success and the money raised, with a top up from funds, would go to the members' choice of Musgrove Hospital League of Friends.

Jacqui Rees, who runs the local farm deli, brought samples of freshly made Christmas nibbles and gave a talk on how to create them with a little bit of "cheating". She was thanked by Patricia Pearson.

The competition of a home made mince pie was judged by the guest speaker and won by Sue Little with the Flower of the Month being won by Fleur Layzell's Penstemon.

The December meeting will have a seasonal theme with members taking part in a bring and share supper followed by country dancing.

Existing members and visitors will all be welcome at 7.30 pm at Smeatharpe Village Hall on the first Thursday in the month.

DUNKESWELL WI

THE terrible weather did not deter members from attending the November meeting of Dunkeswell WI. Members were all looking forward to seeing the wonderful birds, which Sharon and her daughter Julie, from the Hawkridge Bird of Prey Centre in Exmouth, had brought along.

They met Ivy the Barn Owl, Coco the Kestrel, Echo the huge European Eagle Owl, Frosty a beautiful Snowy Owl and Tess a Harris Hawk.

Several ladies were delighted when they were allowed to hold the birds, which were all very well behaved.

Jan Harper thanked Sharon and Julie for a wonderful evening.

Maggie Johnson received her birthday buttonhole, and Gladys Thompson's will be passed on to her. As Jan Harper had been absent last month, she was presented with a belated buttonhole for

her special birthday.

The walking group with Charles was much depleted this month with only two people taking part. However, they had enjoyed a lovely walk from Luppitt across the fields to the Otter Brewery.

Members are looking forward to their shopping trip to Gloucester, and later in the month their Christmas fayre. Marguerite urged all members to support this, which is the group's major fundraising event of the year.

In March 2010 Dunkeswell will enter in to their 60th year and they have planned many extra events throughout the year. Details will be given out at the next meeting on December 10th, which will a Christmas Surprise Party.

This will be held in the village hall at 7.30pm and new members and visitors are welcome to attend.

Ann Barker won the competition for a poem entitled "Autumn Colours" and Ruth Robinson brought along the Flower of the Month.

BISHOPSWOOD LADIES

IN the absence of both the president and vice-president, Tricia Taylor welcomed members and friends to the November meeting of Bishopswood Ladies.

The various groups had again been active. Although fun, rather than competition, is the aim of the group, the successful skittlers had again won their matches.

They played at the White Hart, Corfe, and won by 13 pins, and also played Margaret Hill's team, where, in spite of lending the opposition four players, they won by 12 pins.

The Bishopswood Bells had entertained the Acorn club, Hemyock, after three rather out of practice substitutes had been recruited to replace regular group members.

Eight ramblers who had braved the weather to walk from Sampford Peverell were rewarded by a later return to sunshine, and enjoyed a varied seven mile walk, led by Penny Gale, along the canal and over the hills.

Tricia Taylor and Cindy Beaumont had most generously catered for the Somerset Wildlife Trust's meeting and raised £100 for SURE, this year's BL charity.

Roy Cooney's talk then explained the highly skilled craft of copper engraving, for which he served a six-year apprenticeship.

A skilled engraver was expected to be able to engrave the Lord's Prayer on the reverse of an old style threepenny bit!

Mr Cooney spent the first part of his working life making admiralty charts for the Hydrographic Office in Taunton, but presently makes pictorial images.

He completes the whole task himself, from making preliminary sketches, through various intermediate stages, to printing out the finished paper from the engraved plate. He then showed slides of some of his work, from personal bookplates to bird and animal illustrations, for which he has won many prizes.

Tasty refreshments were provided by Jenny Goddard, Mary Gusterson and Rosemary Robson.

Next month Clem Prior will talk about "Canal History and the Painting of Narrow Boats". As usual, visitors will be very welcome.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL WI

FROM the Sun God, through the Green Man, and now at Christmas, this time of year has been celebrated since time immemorial – that was the message that Marion Emery gave Sampford Arundel WI at their November meeting.

She traced the history of the use of evergreens for decoration, fir trees, mistletoe, presents, crackers and cards - for each has had different meanings at different times.

She explained that the accepted appearance of Santa

Claus, aka St Nicholas or Father Christmas, came from the famous poem "Twas the night before Christmas" and, in candle-light read it as a finale.

November being the AGM, there was a packed programme. Kaye and Heather reviewed the year – their 90th - which had been very varied and happy; from visits to London and Windsor to Cookery Capers with three to 13-year-olds.

Thanks to a hard-working and enthusiastic committee and support from members, the WI was thriving; membership had grown, they'd won a group competition, gained an award at the Taunton Flower Show, and provided teas for a Conservation Group. Plus, of course had a fantastic Birthday party!

The recent county meeting was a great success, with speakers ranging from the new Hinkley 'C' to a talk by Sandra Howard about her writing. Most importantly, Kaye had been presented with their 90th Anniversary Certificate.

Here's to the next 90 years.

AWLISCOMBE WI

AT the October meeting of Awliscombe WI, Meg Introduced Mrs Parnell of Axminster, who demonstrated crafts made from materials, ribbon and cards. She was thanked by Mandy Foster.

The competition for a buttonhole was won by Mary Martin, followed by Georgette Jameson and Ann Williams.

The evening ended with a bingo organised by Rosemary.

The 64th annual meeting was held in November. Retiring president Meg thanked all members for the help given during the past four years.

Olive Price was elected president and the committee were returned en bloc with the addition of Heather Penwarden.

The competition for the prettiest plate was won by C Jackson with P Ford in second place followed by G Jameson in third.

The evening concluded with Dunkeswell Hand Bell Ringers entertaining with songs and carols.

Members will be carol singing around the village on Monday December 1st.

HEMYOCK WI

AT the annual meeting in October Brenda Calcraft agreed to be president of Hemyock WI again with Judith Major continuing as secretary, Sandra Featherstone as treasurer and Lyn Taylor as vice president. Most of the committee were happy to continue with their duties for another year.

Judith reported another interesting year with theatre visits, skittles matches, a treasure hunt and a variety of speakers.

There is now a reading group, which meets each month to discuss a chosen book. This results in interesting debates.

The treasurer reported a satisfactory year thanks to member's hard work and generosity.

The president thanked all for their support throughout the year. It was then time for a Beetle Drive and quiz before enjoying an excellent supper, which included wine.

At the October Meeting Lyn Taylor presided over a most enjoyable meeting. After a short discussion of county and national business, there was a report on the autumn council meeting at Torquay, which had been attended and enjoyed by Judith and Brenda.

Then members were fascinated by the history of Quicke's Cheese well presented by Stuart Dowell. Stuart had brought a good supply of the products, which were much enjoyed. Yet more packs of cheese boosted the usual excellent raffle organised by Barbara Heaton.

In December members will attempt to create a Christmas decoration under the guidance of Judy. There is a competition for an interesting Christmas item plus favourite home-grown flowers.

In January there will be a meeting on the 5th when Roger Lambert will talk about "Shelter Box". The competition will be for "A Useful Box". There are plans to have a celebratory birthday meal at the Catherine Wheel later in the month. Details will be given at the December meeting.

Hemyock WI meet in Forbes Lounge on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. Visitors to all Meetings will be welcome. Contact Brenda Calcraft (01823) 681592 for more information.



Raising pounds for Pudsey

■ CHILDREN at Buckland St Mary raised £78 for the BBC's annual Children in Need appeal by having a non-school uniform day.

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Help for Hemyock to gets hands on with history



THE Blackdown Hills AONB Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) recently helped people in Hemyock get "Hands-on with History" by funding two events in the village.

On Friday 13th November, around 150 school children at Hemyock Primary School received a talk from John Allan from Exeter Archaeology about last year's important discovery of 16th century pottery in the village.

Archaeologists then worked with the children, washing

some of the dirty pottery sherds. Brian Adams, a potter from Dawlish, gave a demonstration of pottery throwing with local clay and the children then made their own Hemyock-style handles.

All the children were given the chance to take home one piece of five hundred year old pottery from the site to remind them of the day.

On Saturday 14th November 2009, an Open Day took place involving a team of archaeologists, including staff from Exeter Archaeology and Devon County Council.

Brian Adams gave another demonstration of the throwing and decorating of Hemyock

style ceramics and Anna Booth (Finds Liaison Officer - Somerset Portable Antiquities Scheme) was present to record finds brought in by the public. The Blackdown Hills AONB and Devon Archaeological Society provided information displays, while a range of 'get involved' tasks for the public included the sorting, weighing and quantification of the pottery shards.

The day was a great success, with about one hundred and fifty interested members of the public braving the November storms to find out more about the pottery.

It was followed with an evening talk by John Allan in St Mary's Church.

■ **ATTENDEES at the Hemyock Hands-on History Event**



THE Blackdown Hills AONB and the Neroche Scheme have collaborated on the production of a new leaflet to promote Six Circular Walks in the north eastern Blackdown Hills.

The leaflet is the fourth in the 'Six Circular Walks' series, which also features walks around Hemyock, Stockland and the south western Blackdowns. Get in touch with the AONB office on 01823 680681, or email blackdownhills@devon.gov.uk to request copies of any of the leaflets in the series. Alternatively, you can download each of the individual walks from the website: www.blackdownhillsaonb.org.uk

THE largest grasshopper in the UK, believed to be extinct in Somerset for 14 years, is set to make a comeback thanks to Somerset Wildlife Trust.

The last known recording of the large marsh grasshopper in the county was on the Peatmoors of the Somerset Levels in 1995.

Following the discovery of a lone large marsh grasshopper at the Trust's Ringdown Reserve in the Blackdown Hills AONB in 2006, funding was secured to encourage the insect back to Somerset and the Trust has just completed the project.

Thanks to a £4,160 grant from the Blackdown Hills AONB Sustainable Development Fund (SDF), Somerset Wildlife Trust has created the right habitat for the grasshopper at its Ringdown, Yarty Moor and Brimley Mire reserves on the Blackdown Hills.



Countryside events prove popular

THE AONB Autumn/Winter Countryside Events programme has proved popular so far with all the Mushroom Foray events being fully booked.

An event introducing map-reading skills to enable people to explore the Blackdown Hills was also well subscribed and received good feedback.

Participants said they had enjoyed the session, and had learned a lot, and would like to come back and spend more time on the subjects covered if a future event was organised.

Halloween Storytelling at the spooky Hemyock Castle attracted around twenty children, some dressed as ghouls, vampires and witches. Clare Viner told fearsome and mys-

terious stories of wolves, mischievous pixies and the King of the cats.

Nine year old Connor Hutchings, from Wellington, said: "I had a great time and I loved the elder tree story and the other stories too."

Events coming up have a festive theme and include Carols Under the Stars and Midwinter Tales. To request a copy of the events leaflet, call the AONB team on 01823 680681, email blackdownhills@devon.gov.uk or see the full programme online at: www.blackdownhillsaonb.org.uk

■ **CHILDREN enjoy spooky stories at Hemyock Castle**

Forestry operations at Castle Neroche

TREE felling is continuing at Castle Plantation, below Castle Neroche.

The primary reason for this harvesting is to remove a proportion of the growing crop and allow the remainder to develop, encouraging regeneration and benefitting wildlife. No felling will take place on the ancient monument itself.

This constitutes a normal forestry operation, and is similar in scale to the last thinning operation, which took place on the site about 9 years ago. Given the popularity of the area with walkers and riders we are doing our best to minimise disruption.

The stretch of the Herepath Trail, which runs through the plantation, has been diverted during the working period. If you visit Castle Neroche and the woods below it during the autumn please follow the diversion signs and observe the safety notices. If you have concerns or queries, please contact the Neroche Scheme office on 01823 680846.

SMALL GRANTS FUND NOW LIVE

MAKING IT LOCAL has now launched a Small Grants Fund. This will provide smaller amounts of funding for projects between £1,000 and £10,000 and will support projects which focus on either:

- Small business creation and growth
- Strengthening local communities
- Connecting people and the landscape

The first deadline for Small Grants applications is 18th January 2010, and Making it Local is inviting people to submit project ideas now.

Please visit the Small Grants Fund page on the Making it Local website at www.makingitlocal.org for further information.



SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS

MAKING it Local has offered funding to six projects so far.

Digital Mentors - providing ICT support to local businesses, organisations and individuals through a network of Digital Mentors (ICT experts).

Pilot Forestry Apprenticeships Programme - creating five two-year forestry apprenticeships in the local area.

East Budleigh Community Shop - improving local produce display facilities and promotion.

Building Sustainable Business Networks - improving local business skills through business networks, classes and individual training sessions.

Working Our Woodlands - improving the woodland economic resource in the project area by developing woodland networks, quality standards and improving the supply of local wood to local markets.

The Otter Brewery Interpretation Centre - building a new interpretation centre in order to engage with a wider range of businesses and communities.

Visit the website www.makingitlocal.org to find out more.

Digital trail guides now available for hire

YOU can now explore Neroche with new handheld digital trail guides (DTGs).

These compact units provide a wealth of information - you can listen to audio commentaries about the history of the area around the Staple Fitzpaine Herepath, identify bird species by listening to birdsong recordings, learn about trees and plants along the way, and keep track of your location using a GPS map.

The DTGs are free to use, subject to a deposit, and can be hired from the Farmers Inn at West Hatch, or from the Neroche Scheme office. For more information call the Neroche Scheme office on 01823 680846.

The Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership is funded by Natural England, Devon County Council, Somerset County Council, East Devon District Council, Mid Devon District Council, Taunton Deane Borough Council and South Somerset District Council.

The Neroche Scheme is led by the Forestry Commission. It is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, supported by the Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership, Natural England, Somerset County Council, Devon County Council, Taunton Deane Borough Council, Mid Devon District Council, South Somerset District Council, the National Trust, Somerset Wildlife Trust, Butterfly Conservation, and Somerset Art Works.



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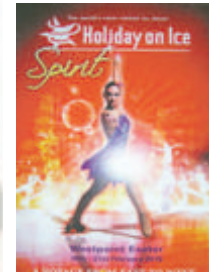
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DEPARTS: 29.03.10 RETURNS: 02.04.10

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Itinerary: Day trip around the island, Godshill (known as the most photographed village in Britain with its 15th Century and traditional Thatched roof cottages), Time to walk along the seafront at Sandown Ryde, Waltzing Waters

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HOLLAND

5 DAY DUTCH TOUR

DEPARTS: 18.04.10 RETURNS: 22.04.10

Travelling from Folkestone to Calais via the shuttle and then staying four nights at the Campanile Hotel, located in Amersfoort North, about 15 minute drive from the city centre. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

Itinerary: Volendam, Amsterdam, Koetenhoef Gardens, A Cheese Factory, A Handmade Clog Factory, Aalsmeer Flower Market

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IRELAND

8 DAYS IN DONEGAL

DEPARTS: 24.04.10 RETURNS: 01.05.10

DEPARTS: 05.09.10 RETURNS: 12.09.10

Travelling from Fishguard to Rossare and staying one night at The Whites Hotel, Wexford. Then travelling to Donegal and staying five nights at The Central Hotel, then a further night at The Whites Hotel on the return journey

Itinerary: The Giants Causeway, Ballyshannon, Bundoran, Mullaghmore Head, Drumcliff (made famous by Poet W.B. Yeats), Enniskillen, Donegal Bay Boat Trip, Silgo, Belleek Famous Pottery, Killybegs, Olencomile Folk Village, Glengesh Pass, Ardara. Admission charges may apply

£599

Single Supplements may apply, valid passport required, overnight bag required



WALES

5 DAYS IN TENBY PEMBROKESHIRE

DEPARTS: 03.05.10 RETURNS: 07.05.10

Your break will begin by travelling to Tenby and staying four nights at the Clarence house Hotel. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price, as well as a 1 hour free house bar every evening on this tour.

Itinerary: St Davids (officially Britain's smallest city with the largest cathedral in Wales, Fishguard (a pretty north Pembrokeshire coastal town and harbour), Tenby (free time in the town and a boat trip to Caldey Island, 3 miles from Tenby where the monks have lived in the monastery for 1,500 years). Admission charges may apply.

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IRELAND

6 DAYS IN WEXFORD

DEPARTS: 10.05.10 RETURNS: 15.05.10

DEPARTS: 10.10.10 RETURNS: 15.10.10

Travelling from Fishguard to Rossare then staying five nights at The Whites hotel, Wexford. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

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ENGLAND

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WALES

4 DAYS IN TENBY PEMBROKESHIRE

DEPARTS: 11.06.10 RETURNS: 14.06.10

Your break will begin by travelling to Tenby and staying three nights at the Clarence house Hotel. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price, as well as a 1 hour free house bar every evening on this tour.

Itinerary: St Davids (officially Britain's smallest city with the largest cathedral in Wales, Fishguard (a pretty north Pembrokeshire coastal town and harbour), Tenby (free time in the town), Carmarthen, Saundersfoot. Admission charges may apply

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SCOTLAND

9 DAY IN INVERNESS

DEPARTS: 20.06.10 RETURNS: 28.06.10

Your break will begin by spending one night at the Hallmark Hotel, Carlisle (formerly the Lakes Court Hotel), a further six nights at the Inverness Palace Milton, and one night at the Hallmark on your return journey. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

Itinerary: Pitlochry, Lochness Boat Cruise Jacobite Experience (visiting Urquhart Castle with free time in Inverness) (weather Permitting), Funicular Railway, Cairngorm Mountains, Aviemore, Baxters Highland Village, Fort Augustus to view the Lochs, Glen Grant Distillery at Rothes, Pringle Woolen Mill.

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BRUGES 5 DAY TOUR

DEPARTS: 04.07.10 RETURNS: 08.07.10

Your break will begin by travelling to Calais via the Shuttle and spending four nights at the Ibis Central, Bruges. Continental dinner, Bed and Breakfast Buffet are included in the price.

Itinerary: Dunkirk Belgian Chocolate Factory Ypres (where the Menin Gate is located and World War 1 memorials) Ostend, Leisure time in Bruges

£419

Single Supplements may apply



IRELAND

9 DAYS IN TRALEE

DEPARTS: 11.07.10 RETURNS: 19.07.10

Travelling from Fishguard to Rossare and staying one night at The Whites Hotel, Wexford. Then travelling to Tralee and staying 6 nights at The Brandon Hotel then staying a further night back at The Whites Hotel on the return journey. Dinner, bed and Breakfast are included in the price

Itinerary: Dingle Experience, Ring of Kerry, Beara Ring, Lake Cruise and trip by jaunting car, Killarney, Muckross House and Gardens, new Ross, Middleton, Waterford Glass. Admission charges may apply.

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ENGLAND

5 DAYS IN EASTBOURNE

DEPARTS: 26.07.10 RETURNS: 30.07.10

DEPARTS: 13.09.10 RETURNS: 17.09.10

Your break will begin by travelling to Eastbourne and spending four nights at the Mansion Lions Hotel, situated on the Grand Parade. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

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SCOTLAND

8 DAYS IN OBAN

DEPARTS: 13.08.10 RETURNS: 20.08.10

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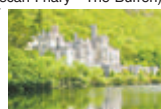
DEPARTS: 22.08.10 RETURNS: 30.08.10

Travelling from Fishguard to Rossare and staying one night at The Whites Hotel, Wexford. Then travelling to Lisdoonvarna and staying six nights at the Imperial Hotel and one night at the Whites Hotel on the return journey. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

Itinerary: Tipperary, Ennis Town (13th Century Franciscan Friary - The Burren), Aran Island by boat & The Cliffs of Moher (Weather Permitting), Bunratty Folk Park, Killimer, Killybegs, Killybegs, Milltown, Malbay, Galway. Admission charges may apply.

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ENGLAND

ILLUMINATIONS 5 DAYS IN BLACKPOOL

DEPARTS: 20.09.10 RETURNS: 24.09.10

Your break will begin by travelling north and staying four nights at the Belgrave Madison Hotel. The establishment is a family run hotel ideally situated at the quieter more select part of Blackpool. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price

Itinerary: Skipton, Foulridge Canal Boat Trip Hawes, Settle (Watershed Mill) Leisure time in Blackpool

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SCOTLAND

7 DAYS IN INVERNESS

DEPARTS: 02.10.10 RETURNS: 08.10.10

Your break will begin by spending one night at the Hallmark Hotel, Carlisle (Formerly the Lakes Court Hotel), a further four nights at the Inverness Palace Milton, and one night at the Hallmark on your return journey. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

Itinerary: Pitlochry, Lochness Boat Cruise Jacobite Experience (visiting Urquhart Castle with free time in Inverness) (weather Permitting), Funicular Railway, Cairngorm Mountains, Aviemore, Baxters Highland Village, Fort Augustus to view the Lochs, Glen Grant Distillery at Rothes, Pringle Woolen Mill.

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SCOTLAND

5 DAY SCOTTISH & NORTH ENGLAND TOUR

DEPARTS: 18.10.10 RETURNS: 22.10.10

Your break will begin by travelling north to Dumfriesshire and staying four nights at The Gretna Hall Hotel, situated in the heart of Gretna Green. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast included in the price.

Itinerary: Half day excursions to Dumfries, Carlisle, Hadrians Wall to Heysham, Lake Windermere, Kirkstone Pass. Admission charges may apply.

£269

Limited number of NON-SINGLE SUPPLEMENT Rooms



TURKEY & TINSEL

5 DAY SCOTTISH & NORTH ENGLAND

DEPARTS: 08.11.10 RETURNS: 12.11.10

Your break will begin by travelling north to Dumfriesshire and staying 4 nights at the Gretna Hall Hotel, situated in the heart of Gretna Green. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

Itinerary: Half day excursion to Dumfries Carlisle, Hadrians Wall to Heysham Lake Windermere, Kirkstone Pass

£299

Limited number of NON-SINGLE SUPPLEMENT Rooms



TURKEY & TINSEL

BLACKPOOL 5 DAY

DEPARTS: 15.11.10 RETURNS: 19.11.10

Your break will begin by travelling north and staying four nights at the Belgrave Madison Hotel. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

Itinerary: Skipton, Settle, Foulridge Canal Boat Trip (weather Permitting) Hawes Christmas Market Time for Christmas Shopping in Blackpool

ALL INCLUSIVE £239

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HOLLY & MISTLETOE

4 DAYS IN TENBY

DEPARTS: 26.11.10 RETURNS: 29.11.10

Your break will begin by travelling north and staying four nights at the Belgrave Madison Hotel. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

Itinerary: St Davids (officially Britain's smallest city with the largest cathedral in Wales, Fishguard (a pretty north Pembrokeshire coastal town and harbour), Tenby, Carmarthen, Saundersfoot. Admission charges may apply.

£229

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TURKEY & TINSEL

7 DAYS IN INVERNESS

DEPARTS: 04.12.10 RETURNS: 10.12.10

Your break will begin by spending one night at the Hallmark Hotel, Carlisle (Formerly the Lakes Court Hotel), a further four nights at the Inverness Palace Milton, and one night at the Hallmark on your return journey. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

Itinerary: Pitlochry, Lochness Boat Cruise Jacobite Experience (weather permitting), Funicular Railway, Cairngorm Mountains (weather permitting), Aviemore, Baxters Highland Village, Fort Augustus to view the Lochs, Glen Grant Distillery at Rothes Pringle Woolen Mill. Admission charges may apply.

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TURKEY & TINSEL

5 DAYS IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT

DEPARTS: 14.12.10 RETURNS: 18.12.10

Your break will begin by travelling from Lymington to Yarmouth and staying four nights at the Burlington Hotel, located in Sandown. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price

Itinerary: Day trip around the island Godshill, Ryde, Waltzing Qaters We also have time to walk along the seafront at Sandown. Admission charges may apply.

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'The new menu offers a twist on some classic dishes' Adam told us. 'This year we are combining the dark turkey meat with the stuffing and roasting it with the breast meat. The combination of flavours and texture is fantastic and we have been practising on our regulars over the last few weeks.' Other items include some old favourites but all cooked with the flare and care that has given this little pub a big reputation.

Christmas parties can be booked by calling 01297 32096 and more details, as always are available, on-line at oldinnkilminster.co.uk

Christmas Menu

See advert for prices

Cream of parsnip and apple soup
Chef's own chicken liver and Madeira pate with red onion marmalade
Smoked salmon and haddock fish cakes with a lemon and dill sauce on crisp leaves
Our own smoked chicken on a crisp salad with straw potatoes and a honey and wholegrain mustard dressing

Turkey breast rolled with bacon and leg meat, onion and sage stuffing with a cranberry jus and honey glazed roasted baby carrots, sprouts and roast potatoes

Slow braised lamb shank in a rich tomato, red wine and rosemary sauce with green beans and creamy mash potato

Baked haddock fillet with lemon, rosemary and thyme butter on a bed of cabbage and crisp bacon

Butternut squash and leek bake topped with a goats cheese and herb crust served with roast vegetables

Sticky toffee pudding with a butterscotch sauce
Passion fruit cheesecake

Traditional Christmas pudding served with brandy butter

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The Old Inn, Kilminster

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Christmas Menu

1st - 23rd December 2009

£24.50 per person

includes 1/2 bottle of wine - La Baume Merlot or La Baume Sauvignon Blanc

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£15.95 per person

2 course menu without wine (available lunch time only)

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The York Inn

Honiton Road, Churchinford
Taunton TA3 7RF
Tel: 01823 601333



Christmas Menu

Rich Roast Tomato Soup with warm bread or
Coarse Country Pate with hot toast or
Thai Prawn Fishcakes with chilli dip and salad garnie
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Roast Buttered Turkey with homemade stuffing, sausages wrapped in bacon and cranberry sauce or  
Prime Topside of Beef with yorkshire pudding and horseradish sauce

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Mediterranean Wellington, crips roast vegetables with rich tomato sauce encased in light pastry
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Christmas Pudding with brandy sauce or custard or  
Chocolate Chip Pudding with custard or vanilla sauce or  
Cheese board with biscuits

Followed by coffee or tea served with mince pies

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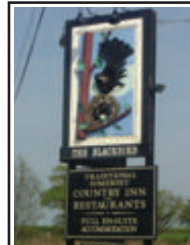
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## 2009 Merry Harriers Christmas Menu

### Starters

Served with a freshly baked baguette  
Pan Fried Fillet of Sea Bass served on Roasted New Potatoes with Baby Capers  
Chef's Chicken Liver and Brandy Pate served with Home Made Chutney and a Wedge of Toasted Bread  
Home Made Smoked Haddock Chowder served with freshly baked rolls  
(v) Lightly Grilled Goat's Cheese served on a Walnut Salad with a Raspberry dressing  
Pan Roasted Honey and Mustard Glazed Whole Boneless Quail served on dressed Salad Leaves

### Main Courses

Served with fresh seasonal vegetables and new potatoes  
Local Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Chipolata, all the trimmings and Cranberry Sauce  
Roasted Fillet of Salmon served on Confit Tomatoes with a Basil Pesto  
Roast Rump of Devon Beef served with all the trimmings and a Red Wine Gravy  
(v) Wild Mushroom and Spinach Risotto served with a Seasonal Salad  
Pan Roasted Whole Wood Pigeon served on Mixed Roasted Vegetables with a rich Gravy

### Desserts

Merry Harriers Christmas Pudding served with Home Made Brandy Cream  
Home Made Bread and Butter Pudding served with Devon Clotted Cream or Cream Custard  
Home Made Dark Chocolate Terrine served with Vanilla Ice Cream and Honeycomb Pieces  
Mixed Lovington's Ice Cream served with Café Curls  
A Trio of West Country Cheeses served with Apple and Crackers  
Fresh Filter Coffee or Tea and Mince Pies to follow

**£16.00 (2 courses including Coffee/Mince Pies/Crackers)**

**£19.00 (3 courses including Coffee/Mince Pies/Crackers)**

**NB - A slimline version of the Christmas Menu is available for Children and Grown-ups with a smaller appetite**

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#### Starters

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Tomato and Roasted Pepper Soup

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#### Mains

Roasted Devonshire Turkey with traditional trimmings

Topside of English Beef

Pan Fried Salmon Fillet on a bed of spinach with a creamy dill sauce

Santa's Christmas Nut Roast

All served with seasonal vegetables or salad and potatoes

#### Desserts

Homemade Christmas Pudding

Sidmouth Arms Boozy Trifle

Lemon Cheesecake

Coffee and Mince Pies



**Two Course Meal - £15.95 per person**

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## FREE ENTRY TO ESCOT during Christmas Treats weekend

COME to Christmas Treats weekend on Saturday 5th and Sunday, December 6th. Bring your friends to our Christmas open weekend with free entry to the Gardens and special surprises in the Coach House Restaurant, along with a visit from Santa! Special offers will be available within the Aquatic Centre and on gifts in the entrance kiosk.

And why not join in on the Escot Santa Run on Sunday, December 6th? This Cystic Fibrosis Trust event is a 2 mile Fun Run plus a 2km Fun Run for the kids. Registration starts at 11am and all the fun starts at 12 noon. There are prizes for best dressed Santas, both adult and child, and for the best team! There is an entry fee, which includes a FREE Santa Suit. For more information download a leaflet from our web site [www.escot-devon.co.uk/events](http://www.escot-devon.co.uk/events) or contact Audrey Williams on 0845 859 1036 or email [awilliams@cftrust.org.uk](mailto:awilliams@cftrust.org.uk)



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## Lots to do at Killerton House this December

### Christmas Lunch

Dates: Sunday December 6th, Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th, Sunday 13th, Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th, Sunday 20th, Monday 21st. 12pm - 3.30pm.

Enjoy a pre-lunch drink in the music room by a roaring log fire, followed by a delicious three-course Christmas lunch in the Garden tea-room. The perfect way to start your Christmas celebrations! Waitress service. Adult £21, child £13. Booking essential on 01392 881345.

### Father Christmas

Dates: Saturdays December 5th, 12th and 19th 1.30pm - 3pm.

Meet Killerton's traditional Father Christmas dressed in green as he would have been in Victorian times. Meet him in Killerton's decorated music room by the log fire. With a Christmas gift for each child. Including £2 per child activity charge, includes a gift.

### Christmas Harp Concert

Friday 4 December 7-10pm

Enjoy a magical evening of harp music performed by Elizabeth Jane Baldrey in Killerton's atmospheric music room. Followed by a three-course Christmas dinner in the garden Tea-room. A wonderful way to start the Christmas festivities! £29 per person. Booking essential on 01392 881345.

### Decorating Workshop The House

Dates: Tuesday December 1st, Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd 10am - 4pm

Help us to decorate Killerton House for Christmas and learn how to make garlands, swags, kissing boughs, wreaths and other imaginative Christmas decorations using all kinds of greenery. £25 per person. Booking essential on 01392 881345.

### Wreath Making Workshops with Lunch

Date: Saturday December 5th. Two sessions per day: 10am-12.30 and 2pm-4.30pm

Make your own stunning Christmas wreath with the guidance of expert florist Sarah Pepper. Including a delicious two course light lunch.

£25 per person. Booking essential on 01392 881345 Sunday 6th, Wednesday 9th. Two sessions per day: 10am - 12.30pm and 2pm-4.30pm. Make your own stunning Christmas wreath with the guidance of expert florist Sarah Pepper. £14.50 per person. Booking essential on 01392 881345.

### Candlelit Tour & Christmas Dinner

Friday December 11th and Friday 18th 6.30pm - 10.30pm. There are two arrival times: 6.30pm (tour at 6.45pm, dinner at 7.45pm) & 7.30pm (tour at 7.45pm, dinner at 8.45pm).

Enjoy a candlelit tour of Killerton House with a member of our house staff followed by a delicious three-course Christmas dinner.

Adult £27, child £16 (up to age 14) Booking essential on 01392 881345.

### Christmas High Teas

Saturday December 12th and Saturday 19th from 2pm.

Enjoy a delicious Christmas high tea in the Garden tea-room. The tea starts with warm punch on arrival followed by delicious sandwiches, home-made scones and mincepies all served with tea, coffee or fruit squash. The perfect way to celebrate the festive season! Adult £7.50, Child £5.50 (up to age 14) Booking essential on 01392 881345.

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Saturday December 12th 7-10pm.

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£21.50 per person. Booking essential on 01392 881345.

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## WHAT'S ON LISTINGS

### Friday, December 4th

**BISHOPSWOOD:** Christmas Whist Drive at Otterford Parish Hall from 7.45pm. Telephone 01823 601350 for more details.

### Saturday, December 5th

**UPOTTERY:** Christmas Market at the Manor Rooms. 10am - 12noon. Stalls and 'brunch'. Telephone 01404 891328 to book a table or for more information.

### Sunday, December 6th

**BISHOPSWOOD:** Charity Cream Tea Dance at Otterford Parish Hall from 2pm - 5pm. Telephone 01823 601350 for more details.

### Friday, December 11th

**UPOTTERY:** Quiz night at Manor Rooms from 8pm. License bar. Teams of 6 to book. Telephone 01404 891328 for more details.

**BISHOPSWOOD:** Christmas Bingo. Turkey every house. Eyes down 8pm. At Otterford Parish Hall. Telephone 01823 601350 for more details.

### Sunday, December 13th

**AXMINSTER:** 5 mile conducted walk with Christmas lunch from 10.30am. Meet at Coombe Lane Car Park. Telephone 01297 34444 for more details.

### Thursday, December 17th

**BISHOPSWOOD:** Christmas Whist Drive at Otterford Parish Hall

from 2.30pm. Telephone 01823 601350 for more details.

### Friday, December 18th

**LUPPITT:** Christmas do "Live Band". 8pm - midnight at Luppitt Village Hall. Telephone 01404 891235 for more details.

### Saturday, December 19th

**SAMPFORD PEVERALL:** Whist Drive - turkey top prize. From 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. Telephone 01884 821309 for more details.

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## NEW HONDA CR-V PRICING ANNOUNCED

HONDA (UK) has announced competitive new pricing and a generous specification for its new-look Honda CR-V, which goes on sale in January 2010.

Built in Britain at Honda's plant in Swindon, the new model will be available with a new diesel powerplant – the i-DTEC – and an eagerly awaited automatic gearbox for diesel models. The top-selling SUV's popular looks have been refreshed with a distinctive new front bumper, grille and revised rear bumper.

NVH levels are improved, with increased sound deadening around the engine and cabin, adding to the high-quality refinement of the CR-V and making it an even quieter and more relaxing car to drive. Inside the cabin, upgraded fabrics and plastics have been used to give a more premium finish; a new audio console design has been introduced.

Like the previous model, the new 2010 CR-V offers unrivalled equipment levels that, along with its ample cabin, split-level boot and 'car-like' handling, have made it so popular. SE grades now come fitted with newly-designed 17-inch alloy wheels as standard as

well as air conditioning, auxiliary socket, cloth upholstery and power-heated door mirrors.

ES grades get 18-inch 10-spoke alloy wheels, auto-dimming mirror, cruise control, double-deck cargo space, electric folding mirrors, half leather and Alcantara heated seats, headlight washers, front fog lights, leather steering wheel and gear knob, rear parking sensors, unique interior inlay trims and USB connector for an iPod, over and above the SE model.

Top spec EX models are differentiated by full body-coloured bumpers and come equipped with DVD voice-activated satellite navigation with premium audio and sub-woofer, full leather upholstery with front heated seats, HID Xenon headlights and auto headlight on function, panoramic roof, rain sensor, reverse tilt mirror and 8-way driver power seat in addition to the ES specification.

The 2.0-litre petrol CR-V is also Euro 5 compliant, but remains unchanged from the previous model, producing 150PS at 6,200rpm and torque of 192Nm at 4,200rpm.

The CR-V has always been recognised for its

high-specification equipment levels and sector-leading residual values, and the new car's value-for-money package should continue to impress.

Technology packs which include Satellite Navigation and Bluetooth Hands-Free Telephone, are available on all SE and ES grades for £1250.

Three new paint colours are available for 2010, Premium White Pearl, Urban Titanium and Alabaster Silver. Five other metallic paints are available – Crystal Black, Polished Metal, Sparkle Grey, Deep Bronze and Deep Sapphire Blue. Milano Red is the solid colour available as standard.

Two active safety systems continue to be available on the CR-V and are unique to the SUV segment. Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) is a radar-controlled cruise control function which maintains a set distance to the vehicle in front; Collision Mitigation Braking System (CMBS) predicts collisions and warns the driver, before applying braking and re-



tracting the front seatbelts if the situation becomes critical. These systems are optional on EX models.

The CR-V will continue to be built at Honda of the UK Manufacturing in

Swindon, where British workers proudly produce the SUV for over 60 countries. The revised CR-V goes on sale on 5 January, 2010 but dealers will be taking orders from 1 December 2009



## IAM flood advice for drivers

WITH more flooding predicted, the IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) has today (18 November) issued advice to drivers.

IAM Chief Examiner Peter Rodger said:

"If the journey is unavoidable, motorists should take extra precautions when dealing with severe surface conditions. Torrential rain brings with it visibility problems as the car mists up in seconds."

## Advice for motorists considering driving in flood conditions:

- Don't go in if the water's obviously too deep or flowing too quickly: consider an alternative route.
- If you have to drive through water try to drive in the highest section of the road and don't set off if a vehicle is travelling in the opposite direction. Leave time and space for each other, so you don't swamp other drivers.
- Drive only fast enough to create a small bow wave in front of the vehicle - driving at speed may be dangerous to other vehicles or pedestrians.
- Keep going once you have started - make sure you have a clear run, put the car into first gear, keep the revs high and set off. Don't go in if you can't see a way out on the other side.
- Do not take your foot even slightly off the accelerator, as this will allow water to travel up the exhaust pipe.
- As you go through the water, slip the clutch if you can. After you come out, dry brakes gently before you need them - the best way is to lightly apply the brake as you drive along for a few seconds.
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