

East Down and Arlington Newsletter



It is fast approaching the time of year when our thoughts turn to Christmas; writing cards and wrapping presents. If you are looking for something a little special to send your seasons greetings within then read on.

It was recently brought to our attention by a rather enthusiastic neighbour that there was a man in the village who was taking amazing photographs and had we seen him on Face book? Face book I ask you, I've only just progressed from writing letters to typing emails.

Never one to be deterred by technology, we tracked the chap down who just happened to be looking over his garden fence one day.

Nick Harborne is a keen local photographer who moved into The Dairy at Maddox Down Farm just over a year ago. Having had a career as a Sales Exec, Nick moved up from Cornwall and now dedicates his time to his hobby.



At the start of October, Nick was out walking with his camera taking in the wonderful evening views around Maddox farm and managed to capture these two stunning night time images of the harvest moon. I am sure you will agree they look quite magical. If I was a goose bumps kind of person, I would certainly be feeling them.



The two photographs have been made into Christmas cards and are available in A5 size at a cost of 50p each. Due to the weight of the cards, postage will be £2 although you can contact Nick and arrange to collect them from Maddox.



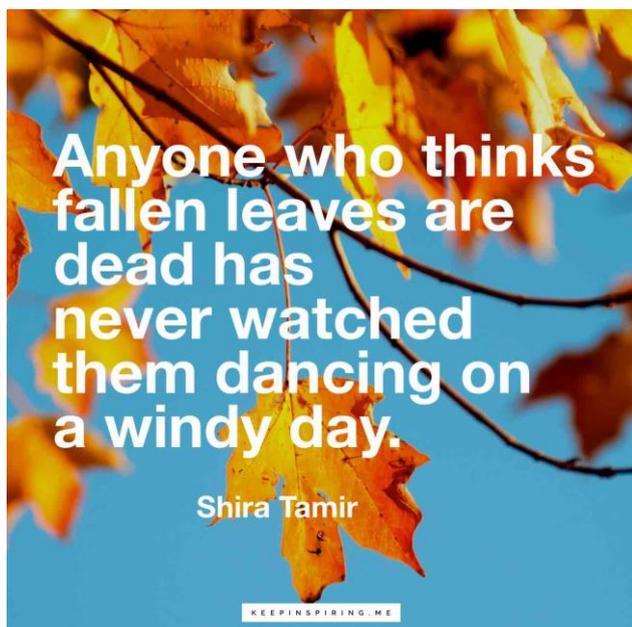
They would even look nice popped into a frame as a small gift for friends who may have once lived at or visited East Down.

Nick has a photography website www.nickspix.co.uk and can be contacted at The Dairy, Maddox Down Farm. Tel 07966 700581, email n.harborne@btinternet.com. Alternatively, people can add him on line through his Face book page <https://www.facebook.com/Nickspixonline/reviews>

Well October has blown away and we are very firmly two feet on the ground into November.

We have been having some glorious walks around Arlington where the leaves are the most amazing colour at this time of year and the paths are covered in sumptuous warm reds and golds.

It is an extreme time of delight for our spaniel, Nell, who adores playing with leaves especially if they are kicked into the air or scooped up and dropped for her to chase after like imaginary play things. If she could pick a favourite quote, I think it would be this one.



What a wonderful time of year autumn is.



Mobile Library Service

Following the government's announcement of a national lockdown starting 5th November, we can confirm that the mobile library will continue to visit East Down offering its Choose & Collect service.

To pre-order your books email Tiverton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk or call 01884 244644 during their normal opening hours; they will happily talk you through the process.

To assist their customers, they have put the following temporary arrangements in place:

- Existing loans due back between 5th November and 2nd December have been extended to week commencing 11th January 2021
- Extended our book loans to 10 weeks on any books borrowed from Thursday 5th November
- You can borrow up to 24 books
- Extended loans on DVD/CDs/audiobooks to 10 weeks on items borrowed from Thursday 5th November (no increase in the charge for DVD/CDs giving you 10 weeks for the price of one!)
- Suspended our reservation charges through to 31st March 2021 as items may take longer than usual to become available.

For full details of all the resources available during lockdown, visit the Devon Libraries website.

The next visiting date for your diary is between 10.15am and 10.40am on the Tuesday 17th November in the Pyne Arms carpark.

The Sweetings Charity

The Sweetings Charity originates from a Gift of Property to the parishes of East Down and Arlington by former Vicar Revd Trevelyan Sweeting. It uses grants to assist solely the organisations and residents of these two villages in charitable and religious activities and endeavours.

With new school and university terms now underway, the Sweetings Charity is once again offering youngsters from the villages of East Down and Arlington financial assistance to acquire books for study purposes.

For further information on the book purchase offer or anything related to the Sweetings Charity, please contact James Stout 01271 850457 or Ray Thomas 01271 850464

Whilst looking for some autumnal inspiration I came across the following poem which I think perfectly portrays what autumn is about. I hope you enjoy it.

October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came—
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.

The Chestnuts came in yellow,
The Oaks in crimson dressed;
The lovely Misses Maple
In scarlet looked their best;
All balanced to their partners,
And gaily fluttered by;
The sight was like a rainbow
New fallen from the sky.

Then, in the rustic hollow,
At hide-and-seek they played,
The party closed at sundown,
And everybody stayed.
Professor Wind played louder;
They flew along the ground;
And then the party ended
In jolly "hands around."

George Cooper



East Down Church

Following the recent Government lock down announcement, unfortunately all planned church services have now been cancelled. East Down Church will remain open for private prayer.

Also, if the ladies on November's cleaning rota could keep the church clean that would be very much appreciated.

Julie Kift



November 100 Club Draw

We are pleased to announce that the November 100 club draw has taken place and can confirm that this month's winner is Robert Kilburn and the runner up is Jane Holderness. As usual the winnings will be distributed in a safe manner.

If you are interested in entering the draw, please contact Rod Crossman 850704 or rodcrossman@hotmail.co.uk

Local Businesses

Our three local businesses continue to provide support through the crisis.

Both Besshill Farm Shop and Sandpark Service Station are operating pretty much as normal again and continue to be thankful for all the local support. Just remember when visiting to wear your face coverings and look out for any local rules that may be in place.

Besshill farm shop

01271 850311. besshillfarmshop.co.uk

For more information on opening times and availability of delivery services, please refer to the Facebook page.

We are open for business as usual during this lockdown and will not be closing our shops. We have plenty of stock so there is no need to buy more than you need. Those who have been having their deliveries will continue to do so and we look forward to your continued business. From this week we will be taking your Christmas orders.

Thank you for your continued custom and we look forward to seeing you all in the shop.



Besshill Farm Shop
We are now taking orders for Christmas.

- Free Range Turkeys
- Free Range Ducks
- Free Range Geese
- Ribs of Beef
- Fillet Steak
- Gammons

Please call 01271 850311 for details.

The advertisement features a red background with a central image of a farm building. It is decorated with Christmas stockings and holly. At the bottom, there is an image of a roasted turkey.

Pyne Arms

During this second lockdown, the Pyne Arms are continuing with their popular takeaway menus on Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday lunch.

For more information on the latest menus, check out Face book or give the guys a ring on 01271 850055.

Also, new this year, the Pyne is offering a Christmas Day lunch menu. Everything will be prepared for you; a full list of instructions will be given (extremely easy to do - no skills required). Collection will be available on Christmas Eve at a time that suits you. If you are self-isolating, we will deliver. More information will be available shortly on their website and Face book page.

Thank you for your support, stay safe.

Sandpark Service Station

“Camps” are offering deliveries to the elderly and vulnerable.

Call Will Camp on 01271 883320. Opening hours:

- Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri 8.45am to 5.30pm •
- Tues and sat 8.45 to 1pm
- Sun 10am to 12noon

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