



Village Notes MARCH

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR VILLAGE HALL



MARCH COFFEESHOP - Is as early as it can be next month again, March 1, 10.30-12 noon, at the Village Hall, so make sure it's in the diary. Come and meet friends and neighbours in a warm and convivial atmosphere, eat homemade cake and savouries, drink freshly brewed real coffee and tea and look forward to Spring and lighter, warmer days just round the corner. Rev Rosie hopes to attend most of the Coffeeshops and is happy to talk confidentially to anyone who would like to do so.

BIG BREAKFAST - Kentisbury and Trentishoe Village Hall - Sunday 25th March 2018- 9.30 am – 12.00 midday - Suggested donation £6.50 Proceeds in aid of North Devon Hospice and Village Hall funds - For tickets call Viviane 01271 882487 or on the door

FLOWER AND CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

4th – 11th March Mrs P and Mrs A Perrin
18th – 25th March Mrs V Horne

VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES – MARCH Cleaning Rota - Jean Dunham

1	Coffee Shop	10.30-12.00	14	Keep Fit Class	18.00-19.00
1	Bowls - Rod Crossman 850704	14.00-16.00	15	Bowls	14.00-16.00
5	Seniors Fitness Class Linda Banting 07545122181	11.30-12.30	16	Easter Bingo Julie Kift 882691	14.00-19.00
6	Table Tennis - Peter 850215	17.00-20.00	19	Seniors Fitness Class	11.30-12.30
6	Blackmore Gate YFC Amanda Smyth	19.00-22.00	19	Parish Council Meeting	19.00-21.00
7	Art Group Margaret Smith 850727	14.00-17.00	20	Table Tennis.	19.00-22.00
7	Keep Fit Class	18.00-19.00	21	Art Group	14.00-17.30
7	ND Rural Alliance Margaret Done 850432	19.00-21.00	21	Keep Fit Class	18.00-19.00
8	Bowls Rod Crossman	14.00-16.00	22	Bowls	14.00-16.00
12	Seniors Fitness Class	11.30-12.30	26	Seniors Fitness Class	11.30-12.30
13	Table Tennis	19.00-22.00	27	Table Tennis	19.00-22.00
14	Art Group	14.00-17.00	28	Art Group	14.00-17.00
			28	Keep Fit Class	18.00-19.00

FITNESS CLASSES – New more intensive class for all ages and abilities started at East Down Village Hall on Wednesday evenings 6 – 7 pm from February 21st. This complements the gentler Seniors Fitness Class already successfully running on Monday mornings 11.30-12.30. The intensive class started with 6 participants and can take more.

Whichever appeals just turn up for a taster in loose clothing (with an exercise mat for the evening class) to see if it's for you, or for further information phone John or Kitania 07402 920720/0734 1336689 for the Wednesday evening sessions or Linda 07545 122181 for the Monday morning class. East Down is swiftly becoming the fittest village in North Devon!

FEBRUARY COFFEESHOP Hosted by Pat and Peter Bunch and held at the Village Hall on the cold bright first day of February attracted an attendance of about 20 people who enjoyed an excellent choice of Savouries and homemade cakes washed down with freshly brewed coffee and tea, while discussing matters of local, national and quite possibly international importance. The 100 Club draw favoured Tom and Erica McClenaghan with 1st prize with 2nd prize to Nick Kift and donations to Hall maintenance funds totalled a creditable £50. Next Coffeeshop date is again on the 1st of the month, March 1 and will be hosted by Gwen Wooldridge assisted by A.N.Other.

WHIST DRIVE A Whist Drive will be held at Kentisbury and Trentishoe Village Hall on Saturday 10th March Starts 7.45 pm Good raffle prizes. Proceeds in aid of St Thomas's Church.

OFFICIAL MESSAGES from the police, parish and district councils, etc. are now accessible on the East Down Villlage website www.eastdownparish.co.uk

EASTER FAMILY BINGO 7 pm Friday March 16. Great fun with the children and grandchildren with lots of chocolate prizes and a raffle for which donations are always welcome. Julie Kift can give any more information Tel: 882691.



Cruse North Devon Fundraiser An Auction of Treats, Treasures & Temptations
Saturday 28 April 2018 3pm for 3.30pm start East Down Village Hall

Ticket: £5.00 must be purchased in advance to include tea / coffee & delicious home-made cake on arrival

To purchase tickets or make a donation, please contact: **Mary B Jackson Sillery Cottage** on **01271-882936** or email marybjackson@me.com

Cruse Bereavement Care registered charity no. 208078

EASTER Easter Day Service will be a Communion Service at 11.15 am at St John the Baptist Church on Sunday April 1. All are very welcome to celebrate Easter, in the meantime see the poster for the Easter Experience around the grounds of Arlington Court on Palm Sunday March 25 at 2.30 pm. Both East Down and Arlington Churches will be open on Good Friday for personal reflections on the events of that significant day.

The Easter Experience

Palm Sunday 25th March 2.30p.m.
at Arlington Court

Drama, worship and reflections for all ages
Walking together through Holy Week

National Trust Tearoom available for refreshments

Free entry to the grounds for those attending.

Please park in the National Trust car park £3.00

For more details call Rev Rosie Austin - 01598 711962

WANT TO USE THE VILLAGE HALL? The hall is available to hire for parties/events from £6 per hour including all crockery and glasses. If you'd like occasional use of the hall for a hobby or games/exercise speak to one of the Trustees who may be able to agree a lower fee for daytime use. If you are planning an event on behalf of a charity then please have a word with one of the Trustees as the hall hire charge may be waived to allow you to raise even more for your cause. To book ring Ray Thomas on 850464.

If you have, have had or know of an event within the parish of East Down and want to share it with others, *please let me know by the 18th of each month* so it can be included in the magazine and Village Notes and /or weekly in the North Devon Journal. I can be contacted by email address at peter.bunch562@binternet.com – ADDRESS – Arlington Old School, Arlington, Barnstaple, EX31 4LW – Tel: 01271 850215

PETER BUNCH