



Village Notes SEPTEMBER



NEXT COFFEESHOP - 10.30-12 noon SEPTEMBER 7TH hosted by Lesley and Adrian Wyatt. Please bring your donations of cakes and savouries along on the day. Come and meet friends and neighbours and eat cake!

REV ROSIE VISITS First Thursday in the month prior to Coffeeshops at the Village Hall. Come and join her for a small informal gathering to pray some simple Celtic prayers and talk about things that matter to you.

ART RESTARTS SEPTEMBER 6TH 2 -4 pm at the Village Hall. Only £2 a session with shared refreshments. The group is small with a regular 8 – 10 members but can accommodate more. If you think you may have a talent do come and see what it's all about. In the main the group help each other but visiting tutors come in regularly, the next visiting tutor on September 20th concentrating on figures and figures in landscapes, using any media (extra cost £10).



AUGUST COFFEESHOP Hosted by Gill Parker and Shirley Lerwill, helped by granddaughter Ruby and held on August 3 at the Meeting Room in the Village Hall, had a smaller attendance than usual due to holidays but on a blustery showery day provided a comforting array of delicious homemade cakes and savouries accompanied by freshly brewed coffee and tea for the mainly East Down and Arlington customers, plus a few visiting from further afield, and in an unusually wide age range of 4 months - 94 years.

The 100 Club draw favoured Kenny Hussell with first prize and Mary Bowden 2nd prize and exactly £50 was donated to Village Hall maintenance funds, at a useful time with work hopefully about to commence to improve the electrical installation and subsequent internal refurbishment .Next Coffeeshop September 7 with hosts Lesley and Adrian Wyatt.

BOWLS RESURGENT The regular 2-4 pm Thursday afternoon short mat bowls group at the Village Hall has restarted after a Summer break and would welcome additional players. If demand is there an evening session 7 – 9pm can also be arranged. Rod Crossman would be pleased to talk to anyone interested [Tel: 850704](tel:850704)

BRIDGE DAY Saturday November 11 . Following a successful full day of Bridge with homemade lunch and tea at Shirwell Village Hall last month, a similar event is now being organised for the benefit of East Down with Arlington PCC. Starting at 12.00 noon with a welcome drink and lunch at 12.30. Bridge to be played 2 – 5.00 pm with afternoon tea and biscuits. £13.50 per person.



Raffle(prizes welcome) To book in pairs ring Pat Bunch 01271 850215 - email – peter.bunch562@btinternet.com or partners can be arranged.

DOGS OUTNUMBER PEOPLE ! In the informal Walking Group based at East Down which on most Tuesdays mornings from 10 am to Lunchtime, weather permitting, walk the local footpaths and sometimes car share further afield onto Exmoor and by the coast. Due to house moves and old age the number of walkers has diminished lately and anyone interested, with dog(s) or not, would be welcome to join in. Contact Pat or Peter Bunch Tel: 850215



LAMMAS TEAM SERVICE Hosted by St James Church, Arlington for the 8 parishes of the Shirwell Community of Churches on Sunday July 30 , was a great success, with an attendance of nearly 70 people including a number of children, and even the fickle summer weather behaved itself.

Traditionally Lammas is a festive service to give thanks for the first fruits of the corn harvest but in the spirit of the occasion the congregation were invited to bring along something good grown in their garden - the result was a veritable cornucopia of flowers, fruits and vegetables, plus a huge and splendid special Lammas Loaf baked by Arlington deputy Churchwarden James Stout which was shared for the Communion part of the service. Team definitely meant Team , as Rev Chris Tull, who organised and led the celebration , involved people from all the 8 churches in various aspects of the service, not least the ladies of the Challacombe Choir who besides enhancing the singing of the hymns specially selected by Organist Chris Ward, also performed a lovely rendition of 'Panis Angelicus'. Whilst Arlington's church is only infrequently used because of the small number of people living in the village, it lends itself well to festive occasions due to its long and lofty Nave, outstanding Organ, accomplished Bellringers and splendid acoustics and has accommodated 3 weddings in the last 2 months as well as this special Lammas Service.

60's, 70's, 80's DISCO Returning by popular demand with early notice to put the date of Saturday October 21 in your Diary as it usually sells out quickly . Only £5 per person for a top quality



professional Disco, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Contact Wendy Down to book your places 01271 850548

TRACTOR RUN With a mere sprinkle of rain on the parade this now well established annual first Saturday in August event run by the Perrin family, enjoyed the best weather conditions in its 6 year history.

While some of the tractors were still taking advantage of the dry conditions, eventually 51 machines of all ages, sizes and condition trundled in stately procession around the lanes of Muddiford, East Down, through the Arlington Estate (with thanks to the National Trust) and Shirwell before returning some 3 hours later to Lower Viveham Farm.



The drivers and their families, some of whom, including a travelling 50th Birthday Party complete with bubbly and festooned with balloons, joined the procession in the usually sheep transporting attached linkboxes, plus many other people from the wider farming community, gathered together in the evening to enjoy the disco, BBQ and bar under cover in the barn which also housed the well supplied raffle, with adjacent bouncy castle for the many children present, and 2 resplendent traction engines courtesy of the Shambrook family. Quite a few caravanners had taken the opportunity to camp overnight for a small charge which all added to the record total raised of £1150 which Pam and John Perrin are generously donating to help with the upkeep of St John the Baptist parish church at East Down. The church PCC would like to put on record their appreciation for all the hard work which Pam and John put in, much of it behind the scenes before and after the event. Pam and John

likewise extend their thanks to the small army of helpers without whom this rare opportunity for the farming community to gather together and enjoy a day out would not happen.

PRODUCE SHOW Great day at East Down & District Show on August 13. A lovely atmosphere and plenty of people there on the day although fewer produce entries because of weather conditions but standard was good and over £300 raised for Village Hall funds. Organiser in chief Alison Green would like to say a big thank you for all the help given before and on the day and said it was a real team effort. Thanks also to the Parish Council for sponsorship and congratulations to the winners of the various classes and trophies. Full report in due course.

100 CLUB This major fundraiser for the Village Hall renewed in August and those who pay in cash are invited to contact Treasurer Alison Green 01271 850298 to pay the now £11 per annum renewal fee to ensure a place in the 2nd draw of the new 100 club year.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING for East Down with Arlington **WITH BRING AND SHARE**

TEA AFTER at **CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST EAST DOWN** on **SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2017** at 3.00 pm **ALL WELCOME**

OFFICIAL MESSAGES From the Police, Parish and District Councils etc will from now on be accessible on the East Down Village website www.eastdownparish.co.uk Do have a regular look to keep up to date on what is happening 'officially' in the village and surrounding area.

QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 16th September, 7.00pm Kentisbury and Trentishoe Village Hall.

Tickets £7.50 Raffle Food provided, bring your own drinks and nibbles. In aid of night landing site for the Devon Air Ambulance and Village Hall funds. Contact Tom Gould 01271 882305 tomgould@live.co.uk



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/VillageNotes 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. If you know of someone who does not already receive these Village Notes or perhaps have recently moved into the parish, why not pass on your notes, when you have read them. That way more people will know about the Village events and join in.

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. To book ring Ray Thomas on 85464.