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Working in partnership to conserve and enhance the Tamar Valley  
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# Tamar Valley

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

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There's so much happening in and around the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as summer begins that we are sending you a supplementary eBulletin this month, in addition to the News Bulletin you received at the beginning of May.

We don't want you to miss out on any of the exciting events, walks, workshops and activities going on in the Tamar Valley, so this will bring you right up to date with all the news from the area.

Don't forget the AONB team have officially moved into their new office in the **Tamar Valley Centre**. If you haven't already, please note our new contact details, including a [new email address](#) for general enquiries.

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## Staff Arrivals!

This month we welcome back a familiar face to the AONB Unit, as well as two new team members who have started this month.

[Charlotte Dancer](#) returns after 12 months maternity leave after having a little girl called Abi (who not so little anymore!). Charlotte will return part-time as the Information & Communications Officer from next week.

[Jill Turner](#) joins the team as our part-time Administration Assistant for the Tamar Valley Mining Heritage Project. Jill has worked for a wide range of companies and businesses before coming to the AONB, and is already settling into her role in the Tamar Valley Centre. Jill will provide invaluable support to the Mining Heritage Project team, AONB Office Manager, Donna Watterson and the rest of the team - making sure that I's are dotted and T's are crossed.

[Eloise Metson](#) has arrived as the new AONB Project Officer and be working closely with AONB Project Manager, Rosemary Teverson. Eloise previously worked for English Heritage in Bristol and has spent her first few days exploring the landscape to get to know it better, with a view to work she will be undertaking in the near future.

## Devon Great Consols

This poem was written by a recent visitor to the Tamar Valley, who had not been here for more than 30 years since his last visit. Staying near Devon Great Consols, Neil Dickinson felt so moved by the atmosphere of this wonderful landscape, with industrial scars and all, that he wrote to the AONB team full of praise for the environment, ambitious projects and sense of pride and community he found during his stay. No doubt, Neil will try and return to the valley before another 30 years passes by...

I know a place, a long abandoned mine,  
Where rocks from the ground once blasted and hewn,  
Remain in desolation, piled and strewn,  
Hidden by Nature's healing hand of time.

A hammer's blow can still reveal some trace  
Of the ores sought by miners from deep down,  
Which erstwhile wealth, indulged the local town  
Some civic face, by courtesy His Grace,  
The umpteenth Duke; fate's luck-struck mineral lord.

Though those men are gone and their industry,  
That site to me feels haunted by some chord.  
Or do I just hear the wind in a tree  
And the cry of a solitary crow,  
Lost into the sky o'er that place I know?

## Liftshare Day - Tuesday 9th June

National Liftshare Day is popular event aimed at raising the profile of car-sharing and encourage and enable more people give it a try.

In view of the economic climate, the focus this year is on the many hundreds of pounds that regular car-sharers can save every year. Apart from saving the environment, by cutting down on carbon emissions and petrol consumption, you could also save yourself lots of cash!

Why not try sharing a lift with a friend or colleague on 9th June and see how easy and cost-effective it can be? [Speak](#)

to your workmates and find out how close you all live to one another... you'll probably be surprised by how many people live near, or on, your route to work.

Another way to get in touch with people who take the same journey as you, is via a website like Liftshare.com. The founder of the website, Ali Clabburn said: "In June last year, Liftshare's membership rate increased by 100% as fuel prices went up. Thousands of motorists actually managed to reduce their travel costs by car-sharing - even though fuel prices were spiraling - and as a result, they reduced congestion and pollution."

The AONB team always try to keep their carbon footprint to a minimum, but will be doing their best to support this day, by sharing vehicles or taking a different mode of transport.

If you don't have anyone to share a lift with, why not get 'on yer bike' and get the bonus benefit becoming healthier too! See below for information about 'Bike Week'.

## Alien Invaders in the Tamar Valley



**Friday 22nd May is International Biodiversity Day and the theme for this year is Invasive Alien Species...**

Right now, alien invasions are reaching beyond the realm of science fiction - creeping into our gardens and farms, emerging in our walls and waterways and breeding across our landscape to the detriment of the natives...

Invasive species of plants, fish, animals and other organisms are a global problem: one of the greatest threats to biodiversity and therefore the ecological and economic well-being of society and the planet. Since the 17th century, invasive alien species have contributed to nearly 40% of all animal extinctions for which the cause is known! (Convention on Biological Diversity, 2006)

Here in the West Country, parts of our precious and beautiful environment are under attack by several virulent species of plants in particular. Straddling the border between Devon and Cornwall, the Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is at the forefront of the invasives war, being the worst affected area in Cornwall with all three of the top offenders growing within its boundary.

Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam and Giant Hogweed are all easily spread by water, so its no surprise that they settled so well in the Tamar Valley with its many tributaries. Riverbanks and floodplains suffer the most damage, especially along the upper reaches of the Tamar. Many of these areas are valuable habitats for wildlife, and when the aliens die back, they leave the banks more vulnerable to erosion.

Giant Hogweed is the attention-seeker of the group. A relative of the carrot family, it can grow up to eight feet tall and is crowned with a massive white flower that can shed more than 50,000 seeds when ripe. Anyone who has come into contact with this alien invader, will know how nasty it can be too: the leaves exude a toxic sap, that can burn the skin if exposed to sunlight.

Japanese Knotweed is the stubborn powerhouse of the gang. The heart-shaped leaves and reddish colouring belie the fact that it grows each year from a huge underground root, so strong it can literally force its way through concrete. This is one of the most difficult invasives to eradicate.

Himalayan or Indian Balsam is the prettiest of the bunch, first introduced to the UK in 1839. But don't be fooled by the lovely pink flowers, as this relative of Busy Lizzies spreads at a rate of two metres a year. Also known as Jumping Jack and Policeman's Helmet, the seedpods 'explode' when ripe, allowing the weed to grow quickly and aggressively.

Since 2000, a group of Tamar Valley environmental organisations has worked in partnership to control these alien species and work towards their extinction here in the south west. Every year, the landscape is surveyed, checking for the invasive plants along 72 kilometres of riverbank, north of Cotehele. Their positions are logged and then the plan of attack is implemented, which involves digging, spraying, pulling and treating with approved herbicides.

During the last nine years, the control of Giant Hogweed has been a great success. The plants are now quite localised and the Tamar Invasives Project is working towards complete eradication from the Tamar Valley. The Himalayan

Balsam and Japanese Knotweed are more widespread and difficult to deal with, so a longer-term programme will be necessary.

**To avoid a real-life version of 'the day of the triffids', the crucial way to tackle these alien invaders is for everyone to join forces. The project team are urging any farmers and land owners to treat plants on their own land, or get in touch for help and advice.**

The Tamar Invasives Project has partners in high places when it comes to invasive alien species, and can help land owners to identify and control the plants. Natural England, Environment Agency, Tamar Valley AONB and Cornwall Council are all on hand to help, and they have produced a useful leaflet on the subject. For information or to get a copy of the leaflet, please call the Tamar Valley AONB office on 01822 835030 or email [rteverson@tamarvalley.org.uk](mailto:rteverson@tamarvalley.org.uk).

For more information visit: <http://www.cbd.int/idb/2009/>

### **Tamar on the Telly!**

Many of you will have seen the Tamar Valley featuring as the main location for last week's **Countryfile** programme. The programme saw a fantastic 5.1 million viewers tune in to admire our wonderful landscape and some of the fascinating and fun things that happen here. Well done and many thanks to everyone who took part in the programme, it really captured the essence of some of the fantastic projects and activities the Tamar Valley AONB has to offer.

There is still time to watch the programme again via the BBC iPlayer (until Sunday 17th May). Go to: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00kfrly>

### **Sustainable Development Fund 2009**

The Tamar Valley AONB is now welcoming applications for small grants under its Sustainable Development Fund (SDF).

Applications will be invited from community organisations or individuals for projects that will enhance the sustainable management of the AONB. Successful past projects have been very varied and have included help towards the capital costs of low energy heating systems, grants to help to set up local food schemes, and awareness raising events to encourage greener communities.

This year due to restricted funds there will be two categories of funding; a lower band of projects looking for up to £2000 and a higher band for projects needing funding between £2000-5000. Projects looking for more than £5000 from SDF will not be eligible. Some match funding will usually be required, normally 50% from local authorities and businesses and 25% from voluntary organisations. Some of this can be in the form of volunteer time.

Anyone interested in submitting an application should contact Donna Watterson at the AONB office for an application pack, including full guidance as to the types of projects that will be eligible.

The closing date for all applications is Monday 15th June 2009.

Donna can be contacted via email on [dwatterson@tamarvalley.org.uk](mailto:d watterson@tamarvalley.org.uk) or phone on 01822 835030.



### **Mary Martin Exhibition - 23rd-31st May**

Mary will be exhibiting 80 paintings of the bluebell woods, old daffodil gardens, orchards and tidal waters of her native land - the Tamar Valley. Her distinctive paintings - richly coloured, full of light and atmosphere - are inspired by the inherent beauty of the valley and should help to dispel recessionary gloom. Mary's exhibition is at St. Dominic Parish Hall Saturday 23 May to Sunday 31 May and will be open every day from 11am to 6pm.

## Walk this Way...

Here are two great walks to get you out and about in the fresh air over the next couple months.

THIS WEEKEND: Saturday 16th May, start at 8am

### 'Beating the Bounds' & Rogation Walk Gulworthy Parish

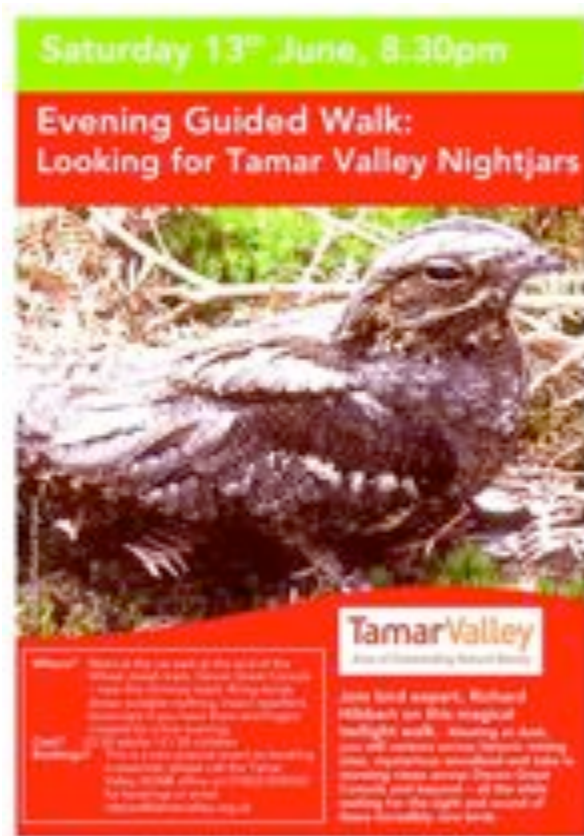
The custom of **Beating the Bounds**, was once found in almost every English parish and this tradition is still going today in the pretty parish of Gulworthy.

The historic walk covers around 19 miles, but never fear, you can join the walk for shorter sections if you don't fancy the whole 19 miles of rogation. The walk goes from Morwellham along the Tamar, via Blanchdown and Scrubtor to Chipshop for lunch (12 noon) then on to Millhill, Lumburn and Shillamill, then along the river Tavy to Anderton and tea and service at Gawton (5pm). It finishes back at Morwellham at around 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome for all or part of the walk, which is free - and refreshments will be provided for thirsty walkers along the way too.

**Where:** Start at Morwellham

**Organiser:** St Paul's, Gulworthy

**Contact:** Mary Ann Furze - telephone: 01822 832396 or email: [mafurze@sheepridge.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:mafurze@sheepridge.freeserve.co.uk)



Saturday 13th June, 8.30pm

### Evening Guided Walk: Looking for Tamar Valley Nightjars

Join bird expert, Richard Hibbert, and AONB Project Manager, Rosemary Teverson, on this magical twilight walk. Meeting at dusk, you will venture across historic mining sites, mysterious woodland and take in stunning views across Devon Great Consols - all the while waiting for the sight and sound of these incredibly rare birds.

**Where:** Meet at the car park at the end of the Wheal Josiah track, Devon Great Consols, near the chimney stack.

**Cost:** £2.50 adults / £1.50 children (children are welcome but quietness is essential to stand a good chance of spotting the birds)

**Booking essential:** 01822 835033 or email [rdavies@tamarvalley.org.uk](mailto:rdavies@tamarvalley.org.uk)

## 'On Yer Bike' for Bike Week 2009 - 13th-21st June

Bike Week is the biggest nationwide cycling event in the UK. A national celebration of

cycling, Bike Week helps you get more out of life - by getting on your bike and exploring your local community.

This year, the celebrations focus on encouraging families to taking up cycling as a regular activity in their local community. Bike Week is the time to "live local and get cycling."

Bike Week is free to enter and open to everyone - you can either take part in an event or organise one yourself, you don't have to be an experienced cyclist either, anyone can set up a Bike Week event, or you can just opt for cycling to work instead of taking the car, bus or train. You'll be amazed how far you can cycle in a relatively short time - sometimes less time than you'd spend waiting in traffic!

Several members of the AONB team cycle to work on a regular basis - from Tavistock and Callington to the new offices at the Tamar Valley Centre near Gunnislake. A new cycle path was completed last year, which connects Callington to St. Ann's Chapel, and provides an easy-going alternative to braving the main roads.

Visit the Bike Week website for more information and ideas: <http://www.bikeweek.org.uk/index.php>

### Cycle to Work Schemes

Companies, businesses and organisations can take advantage of a tax-exemption scheme to help provide employees with cycles and equipment at a vastly reduced cost.

To promote healthier journeys to work and to reduce environmental pollution, the government introduced an annual tax exemption back in 1999, which allows employers to loan cycles and cyclists' safety equipment to employees as a tax-free benefit. The exemption was one of a series of measures introduced under the Government's Green Transport Plan.

Thousands of forward-thinking organisations make the most of this fantastic idea *every year* allowing existing and new staff to get to and from work in a sustainable, healthy and low-cost way. Almost every bike shop and retailer up and down the country is involved with the scheme, so finding participating stores is a piece of cake.

There are many ways to set-up the scheme and loads of resources available to help you do so. All the information is available via a wide range of websites, so whether you are an employer or employee, you can access the info, send it to your manager or finance department, and get the wheels rolling.

One of the many websites that offers advice, forms and further information is: <http://www.cyclescheme.co.uk/>

### Rural Roads at Risk?

Are our rural roads at risk of being overcluttered?

Does signage clutter on rural roads spoil your enjoyment of a quiet country walk?

Does intrusive street lighting disturb your appreciation of dark night skies?

What about new concrete structures on roads, for kerbing and drainage - are they always sympathetic to our quiet landscapes?



The Tamar Valley AONB is working with other Devon AONBs on a new project to work with County Highway authorities to promote more sympathetic management of rural roads and byways.

The first stage is to gather examples of existing good and bad practice, and for that we need the help of people who live and work in the AONB. If you can think of a **good** or **bad** example of highway management in an area that you know well, please send us a photo plus a description of where it was taken (a grid reference would be most helpful).

Send your examples to Rosemary Teverson at the Tamar Valley office by mail or email by the 4th June.

Email: [rteverson@tamarvalley.org.uk](mailto:rteverson@tamarvalley.org.uk) or see our address above.

**Image Good, bad or ugly - what do you think about this sign near the National Trust's Cotehele Quay for example?**

### Tamar Passenger Ferry

Don't forget that the ferry season is now underway, with departures most days, depending on the tide.

The seasonal Tamar Passenger Ferry links the attractive riverside village of Calstock with the National Trust's historic Cotehele Quay. For those walking the Tamar Valley Discovery Trail, the ferry provides a link across the river between Devon and Cornwall, from Ferry Farm (approximately 30 minutes walk from Bere Alston Station) to Calstock.

The Tamar Passenger Ferry offers a memorable opportunity to experience the Tamar Valley at a more relaxed pace. In the past, the river provided the main means of transport in the area - the crossing between Calstock and the Ferry Farm is believed to date back to Saxon times. As in the past, today's ferry operates according to nature and the tides, and does not follow a precise timetable.

Timetables are available from the Tamar Valley Centre, Cotehele Quay and other outlets. The ferry timetable, along with the Tamar Valley Line timetables, will be printed in our bi-annual newsletter, The Valley, due out at the end of this month. Timetables and The Valley will also be available on our website very soon.

Visit: <http://www.calstockferry.co.uk/>

### Pilot Bus Scheme - connecting Gunnislake Station & Morwellham Quay

This summer, there will be another great way to explore the Tamar Valley with a new pilot bus service connecting Callington, Gunnislake train station and Morwellham's historic port and village. Thanks to a partnership between Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership, Tamar Valley AONB and Cornish Mining World Heritage Site, the service will provide a great public transport link to one of the valley's best visitor attractions at Morwellham Quay.

The service will start just in time for the school holidays on Monday 27th July and there will be one return journey between Callington Bus Station and Morwellham Quay each day. It will run Monday to Friday until 4th September. Return tickets will be just £1 for adults and 50p for children, and under 5's travel for free. Look out for more details and timetables in the bulletins, newsletter and on our website in the coming months.

### Your Events... Spread the Word with the Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Bulletins, Newsletters and on our website...

Don't forget you can send your event listings and activities for inclusion in these bulletins and on our website - plus it's completely free. Send details to [rdavies@tamarvalley.org.uk](mailto:rdavies@tamarvalley.org.uk)

### Events at Morwellham

#### FOOD FESTIVAL: Taste of the Tamar - THIS WEEKEND!

Saturday 16th May - Sunday 17th May

Whet your appetite at Morwellham's first food and craft festival with **celebrity chefs, tasting sessions, food and craft stalls, live entertainment and more.** Special menus in the Ship Inn. 'Taste of the Tamar' schools' challenge on Saturday and 'Children's Sunday' in the Cookery Theatre. Head to this scenic location for tasting sessions, food and craft stalls, live entertainment and enjoy a stroll along the Nature Trail. All in support of the Children's Hospice Precious Lives Appeal.

Saturday - 10am - 5pm  
Sunday - 10am - 4pm

**FREE FESTIVAL ENTRY** (Car parking £3)

Visit the website [www.morwellham-quay.co.uk](http://www.morwellham-quay.co.uk)

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Your guide to events being held in the Tamar Valley for the rest of **May and June...** For full and up-to-date events listings at the click of a button, visit: <http://www.tamarvalley.org.uk/eventscalendar.asp>

### **MAY**

#### **Ashtorre's Brunel Bridge Celebrations, "Music and Mirth" - Saturday 16th May**

Entertainment by Bronwen, Ken Speare and Company  
Where: Ashtorre Rock, Waterside, Saltash  
Time: 19.30  
Cost: £4.50  
Info and tickets: Lynn Marsh, telephone 01752 844255  
Link to: [lynnsmarsh@aol.com](mailto:lynnsmarsh@aol.com)

#### **Craft & Food Festival - Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th May**

Celebrity chefs, live entertainment, barbeque, children's nature trail, food and craft stalls, family friendly facilities, tasting sessions, Ship Inn Refreshments  
Time: 10.00-17.00 Saturday, 10.00-16.00 Sunday  
Where: Morwellham Quay, near Tavistock  
Cost: Free entry, car parking £3  
Info: Tami, telephone 01752 737333  
Link to: [www.castleskitchens.co.uk/tasteofthetamar](http://www.castleskitchens.co.uk/tasteofthetamar)

#### **Forest School at Mount Edgcumbe Park - Saturday 16th May**

Looking for something for children to do? If they are between 6 and 12 years let them join us for a fun day in the woods whilst learning about the natural environment and how to appreciate it.  
Time: 09.45 until 14.15  
Where: Mount Edgcumbe Park  
Cost: £20 per child per session (or £15 per child for 2 children from the same family)  
Info: Event is run by fully qualified and insured Forest School leaders from the Forest School Programme which runs in conjunction with Ofsted. All leaders hold current Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and First Aid Certificates. Please bring a packed lunch, drink, warm waterproof clothing, stout shoes or wellingtons as the session will run come rain or shine. Telephone 01752 204922 or email below  
Link to: [wridec@yahoo.com](mailto:wridec@yahoo.com)

#### **Rogation Walk and Beating the Bounds - Saturday 16th May**

A 19 mile walk in total from Morwellham along the Tamar via Blanchdown and Scrubtor to Chipshop for lunch (12 noon) then on to Millhill, Lumburn and Shillamill, then along the river Tavy to Anderton and tea and service at Gawton (5pm) finishing at Morwellham at approx. 6.30pm. All welcome for all or part of the walk.  
Where: Start at Morwellham  
Time: 8am  
Organiser: St Paul's, Gulworthy  
Contact: Mary Ann Furze  
Telephone: 01822 832396 or email: [mafurze@sheepridge.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:mafurze@sheepridge.freeserve.co.uk)

#### **'HRH Prince Albert - the unacknowledged authority behind Brunel's Saltash Bridge' - Tuesday 19th May**

Ashtorre's Brunel Bridge Celebrations - With Bill Myers  
Where: Ashtorre Rock, Waterside, Saltash  
Time: 19.30

Cost: £3

Info and tickets: Lynn Marsh telephone 01752 844255

Link to: [lynnsmarsh@aol.com](mailto:lynnsmarsh@aol.com)

**Riverside Walk - Wednesday 20th May**

Explore the beautiful banks of the Rivy Tavy on this guided 3 mile (2.5 hour) walk. Please dress appropriately for the weather and slippery/uneven terrain.

Where: meet in reception, Buckland Abbey PL20 6EY

Time: 11.00

Cost: Normal National Trust entry fee, booking advisable

Info: National Trust telephone 01822 853607

Link to: [bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk)

**The Ancient Royal Deer Park Ramble - Wednesday 20th May**

For those interested in nature and the areas ancient and industrial past a leisurely walk around the rugged landscape that once formed a medieval Deer Park along the northern side of Kit Hill. The walk will be approx. 4.5 miles and will be with botanist Martin Summers, accompanied by the farm's owner Martin Howlett, along with local historian Colin Buck from Cornwall Council Heritage. Bring or buy your own picnic lunch (Louis tea rooms) after the walk. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome. Places need to be booked in advance.

Where: Deer Park Farm, Luckett, Near Callington. OS Explorer Map No 108 Ref: SX384 733

Time: 10am

Cost: Free of charge

Info: To book a place ring Pat Gormley, telephone: 01579 348749

**The Garden in the House, Botanical Photographic Exhibition 22nd May - 26th July**

Maureen Douglas-Green's style of photography reflects her love for the observation of detail, the constantly changing forms of all botanical life and the effects of daily and cyclic conditions. All images taken at The Garden House.

Where: The Garden House

Cost: Normal admission

Info: Rachel Young, Administrator, The Garden House, telephone: 01822 854769

Link to: [www.thegardenhouse.org.uk](http://www.thegardenhouse.org.uk)

**Ashtorre's Brunel Bridge Celebrations - Black Tie Dinner - Friday 22nd May**

Black tie dinner

Where: Ashtorre Rock, Waterside, Saltash

Time: evening

Info and tickets: Lynn Marsh telephone 01752 844255

Link to: [lynnsmarsh@aol.com](mailto:lynnsmarsh@aol.com)

**Bats in the Area - Friday 22nd May**

Find bats at Churchtown Farm Community Nature Reserve, Saltash

Time: 18.30

Where: Meet at Cecil Arms Pub

Info: Telephone 01752 846407

**Visit to Upcott Grant Farm, Broadwoodwidge - Saturday 23rd May**

To see the animals including beavers which have been bred to be introduced into the wild.

Time 13.00

Where: Upcott Grant Farm, Broadwoodwidge

Cost: £3 donation to Devon Wildlife Trust

Info: Fran McMurray, Tavistock Local Group of Devon Wildlife Trust

or Devon Wildlife Trust, Cricklepit Mill, Commercial Road, Exeter, EX2 4AB, Tel 01392 279244, fax 01392 433221

**Exhibition of Paintings by Mary Martin - Saturday 23rd May-Sunday 31st May**

Art Exhibition comprising 80 paintings by Mary Martin including bluebell woods, old daffodil gardens, orchards and tidal waters of the Tamar Valley.

Time: 14.00-18.00 on 23rd May then 11.00-18.00 from 24th-31st May

Where: St Dominick Parish Hall, St Dominick, near Saltash

**Sir Francis Drake at Home - Sunday 24th May**

Meet the man himself, marvel at his weapons and hear stories from the ocean waves

Where: Buckland Abbey, PL20 6EY

Time: 10.30-17.00

Cost: Normal National Trust entry fee

Info: National Trust telephone 01822 853607  
Link to: [bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk)

**Horses through the Ages - Sunday 24th May**

Learn how this gentle animal has helped us through the ages. Fun for all the family.

Time: 11.00 - 16.00

Where: Cotehele Quay, St Dominick, Saltash, PL12 6TA

Cost: Normal National Trust Admission

Info: Telephone National Trust 01579351346

Link to: [cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk)

**Wildlife Awareness Project Walk - Monday 25th May**

Walk practising habitat recording at an interesting local site as part of the Wildlife Awareness Project

Time: 10.00

Where: Meet at the Old School, Stoke Climsland village centre (SX 3601 7445)

Organised by Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Mid Tamar Group

Link to: [mid-tamargroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mid-tamargroup@hotmail.co.uk)

**Children's Tile Painting Workshop - Monday 25th May**

Paint your own tile as a souvenir of your visit, glaze it and take it away on the same day!

Where: Buckland Abbey PL20 6EY

Time: 12.00-16.00

Cost: £NT plus £2.50

Info: National Trust telephone 01822 853607

Link to: [bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk)

**Local Walk - Monday 25th May**

Tea/coffee (10.00) followed by walk (weather permitting)

Time: 10.30- 12.00

Where: Old School, Stoke Climsland. Grid Reference SX 3601 7445

Organiser: Mid Tamar Wildlife Group of Cornwall Wildlife Trust

Link to: [mid-tamargroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mid-tamargroup@hotmail.co.uk)

**Bug Hunt - Monday 25th May**

Meet the gardeners and hunt for bugs living in the gardens

Time: 13.30 - 15.30

Where: Cotehele, St Dominick, Saltash, PL12 6TA

Cost: £5 per family

Info: Telephone National Trust 01579 351346

Link to: [cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk)

**Painting Village Views with Richard Mabey - 26th May**

Watercolour painting workshop which will focus on painting buildings and figures in the landscape.

Where: The Garden House

Cost: £25 per person, booking essential

Info: Rachel Young, Administrator, The Garden House, telephone 01822 854769

Link to: [www.thegardenhouse.org.uk](http://www.thegardenhouse.org.uk)

**Felt Slipper Making - Tuesday 26th May**

Join local artist Claire Ppaker to learn how to make your own pair of felt slippers.

Where: Buckland Abbey PL20 6EY

Time: 10.30-16.30

Cost: £35 per person to include all materials. Booking essential

Info: National Trust telephone 01822 853607

Link to: [bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk)

**Composting for Kids - Tuesday 26th May**

Meet the gardeners and learn how to compost in your garden

Time: 13.30 - 15.30

Where: Cotehele, St Dominick, Saltash, PL12 6TA

Cost: £5 per family

Info: Telephone National Trust 01579 351346

Link to: [cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk)

**Mount Edgcumbe Garden tour - Wednesday 27th May**

2 hour guided tour. Learn how the gardens were originally created, view variety of rare and unusual plants.

Time: 13.30

Where: Cremyll Gates

Cost: £3

Info: Telephone 01752 822236, email: [mt.edgcumbe@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:mt.edgcumbe@plymouth.gov.uk), or website below

Link to: [www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk](http://www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk)

**Mount Edgcumbe, Tubs and Planters Workshop - Wednesday 27th May**

Make the most of your tubs and hanging baskets this year, come along and talk to the experts for handy hints and tips. Bring your favourite tubs and baskets along and we will have all the plants, compost etc to purchase on site at a reduced rate. To include a demonstration by our gardening expert.

Where: Meet at Barrow Park Complex

Time: 10.30 until approximately 12.30

Cost: £4 per person

Info: telephone 01752 822236 or email [mt.edgcumbe@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:mt.edgcumbe@plymouth.gov.uk)

Link to: [www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk](http://www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk)

**Family Costume Day - Wednesday 27th May**

Do you know what you'd look like in a ruff? Bring the family to try on Tudor costumes in our Great Hall! Lots for both adults and children.

Where: Buckland Abbey PL20 6EY

Time: 11.00-16.00

Cost: £NT

Info: National Trust telephone 01822853607

Link to: [bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk)

**Forest School at Mount Edgcumbe Park - Wednesday 27th May**

A fun day for children with fully qualified leaders.

See entry for 16th May for full details

Link to: [wridec@yahoo.com](mailto:wridec@yahoo.com)

**Pond Dipping - Wednesday 27th May**

Meet the warden and find out what is living in your pond

Time: 13.30 -15.00

Where: Cotehele, St Dominick, Saltash, PL12 6TA

Cost: £5 per family

Info: Telephone National Trust 01579 351346

Link to: [cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk)

**Earth Walks for Families - Wednesday 27th May**

Using four of our senses get in touch with the natural world with this open minded guided walk

Time: Begins at 10.30 for 2 hours

Where: Meet at Cotehele Quay, St Dominick, Saltash PL12 6TA

Cost: £3 per person

Info: Telephone National Trust 01579 351 346

Link to: [cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk)

**Forest School at Mount Edgcumbe Park - Thursday 28th May**

Fun day for children with fully qualified leaders

See entry for Saturday 16th May for full details

Link to: [wridec@yahoo.com](mailto:wridec@yahoo.com)

**The Big Mammal Hunt - Thursday 28th May**

Join the warden and search for mammals living in the woods

Time: 13.30 - 15.00

Where: Cotehele, St Dominick, Saltash, PL12 6TA

Cost: £5 per family

Info: Telephone National Trust 01579 351346

Link to: [cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk)

**Charcoal Weekend - Friday 29th - Sunday 31st May**

Discover charcoal making as our woodsmen demonstrate use of our ring kiln in Cot Coombe. Learn the art of loading the kiln on Friday and Saturday, watch the burn. The charcoal will be graded and bagged on Sunday for sale in the

shop. Wear outdoor footwear as the kiln is a short walk from the property.

Where: Buckland Abbey PL20 6EY

Time: 10.30-17.00

Cost: Normal National Trust entry fee

Info: National Trust telephone 01822 853607

Link to: [bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk)

#### **Going Bats at Mount Edgcumbe - 30th May 2009**

Nocturnal adventure - a walk to see colonies of bats, some rare species - finishing with hot soup.

Time: 20.00 walk will take approximately 2-3 hours

Where: On the terrace at the front of the house

Bring: warm clothes and suitable footwear for walk

Cost: £4 (to include soup)

Info: Telephone 01752 822236 or email: [mt.edgcumbe@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:mt.edgcumbe@plymouth.gov.uk)

Link to: [www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk](http://www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk)

#### **Ashtorre's Brunel Bridge Celebrations - Victorian Murder Mystery - Saturday 30th May**

With CB Productions

Where: Ashtorre Rock, Waterside, Saltash

Time: evening

Info and tickets: Lynn Marsh telephone 01752 844255

Link to: [lynnsmarsh@aol.com](mailto:lynnsmarsh@aol.com)

#### **Calstock Footpath Society Walk - Saturday 30th May**

General interest walk around Devon Great Consuls via Blanchdown Wood, Wheal Fanny and Wheal Anna Maria

Time: Meet 11.00

Where: Coming via Tamar Bridge from Plymouth pass through Gunnislake village, down the hill and over the bridge (Newbridge). Turn sharp left at the Toll House and follow the road along until you come to a parking area. Grid Reference SX 434 724

Info: Walk takes about 4 hours, easy walking with some steep parts. Please bring packed lunch and strong shoes or boots. Sorry, no dogs. Telephone Derek 01822 833422

Organiser: Calstock Footpath Society

## **JUNE**

#### **History on the Hoof! Tuesday 2nd June**

An introductory walk and talk to the fascinating history of Buckland Abbey and some of the stories that surround it.

Time: 11.30am - 12.30pm

Where: Buckland Abbey, near Yelverton, PL20 6EY

Cost: Normal NT entrance fee

Info: National Trust telephone 01822 853607

Link to: [bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk)

#### **Plymouth Waterfront Writers' Stanza - Wednesday 3rd June**

Local poetry group performance

Time: 14.00 -15.00

Where: Cotehele, St Dominick, Saltash PL12 6TA

Cost: Normal National Trust entry fee

Info: Telephone National Trust 01579 351346

Link to: [cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk)

#### **Garden House Guided Tours - Thursday 4th June - & every Thursday to September**

Guided Tour of garden (minimum of 6 attending) These will take place every Thursday until September

Time 14.00

Where: Meet on Front lawn (tour time approx 1 hour)

Cost: Normal admission

Info: Rachel Young, Administrator, The Garden House, telephone 01822 854769

Link to: [www.thegardenhouse.org.uk](http://www.thegardenhouse.org.uk)

#### **A Lost Garden of the Tamar - Thursday 4th June**

An illustrated talk by Dr Frances Howard, a member of the Linnean Society, who will share the story of uncovering the garden of her home on the Tamar, originally designed and planted by Sir William Thistleton-Dyer, a former Director of

Kew Gardens, and his wife, Lady Harriet.

Where: The Garden House

Time: 14.30

Cost: £12 per person - booking essential

Info: Rachel Young, Administrator, The Garden House, telephone 01822 854769

Link to: [www.thegardenhouse.org.uk](http://www.thegardenhouse.org.uk)

#### COME & SEE US!

##### **Royal Cornwall Show - Thursday 4th - Saturday 6th June**

The Tamar Valley AONB will be exhibiting a stand, along with our sister AONBs, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Come along to learn more about us, and enjoy the hundreds of other stalls, displays, shows and activities throughout the event. For more information visit: <http://www.royalcornwallshow.org/> or call 01208 812183.

#### RECOMMENDED EVENT

##### **Willow Sculpture workshop for Beginners - Thursday 4th June**

Make your own willow piglet with Kim Cresswell

Time: 10.00 - 16.00

Where: Cotehele, St Dominick, Saltash PL12 6TA

Cost: £45 to include materials. Booking Essential

Info: Telephone National Trust 01579 351346

Link to: [cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk)

##### **Tree Trail, Mount Edgcumbe - Friday 5th June**

Walk through the gardens on the tree trail with an experienced guide, identify various trees and gain an insight into the unusual as you explore the new and historical specimens around the grounds.

Where: Meet at Cremyll gates, Mount Edgcumbe

Time: 18.45 for approximately 2 hours

Cost: £4 per person

Bring: sturdy shoes and a coat

Info: telephone 10752 822236, email: [mt.edgcumbe@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:mt.edgcumbe@plymouth.gov.uk)

Link to: [www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk](http://www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk)

#### RECOMMENDED EVENT

##### **Willow Sculpture workshop for Beginners - Friday 5th June**

Make your own willow goose with Kim Cresswell

Time: 10.00-16.00

Where: Cotehele, St Dominick, Saltash, PL12 6TA

Cost: £45 to include materials

Info: Telephone National Trust 01579 351346

Link to: [cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk)

##### **Musicals in the Barn - Saturday 6th June**

City of Plymouth Concert Band, Plymouth Theatre Company and Four's Company with songs from West End musicals past and present. Pre concert suppers available.

Where: Buckland Abbey PL20 6EY

Time 19.30-21.45 (gates open at 18.00)

Cost: £10 all tickets. Booking essential

Info: National Trust telephone 01822 853607

Link to: [bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk)

##### **Down by the Riverside Jazz event - Saturday 6th June**

##### **Annual Jazz event hosted by Morwellham and Plymouth Jazz Club**

Where: Morwellham Quay, near Tavistock, Devon PL19 8JL

Info: Telephone 01822 832766

A Souvenir Programme is being put together for the summer events to raise awareness of Morwellham Quay. If you would like to promote your business in this please call Jean on 07870 727747 or email:

[jean@faymusconnections.co.uk](mailto:jean@faymusconnections.co.uk)

Link to: [www.morwellham-quay.co.uk](http://www.morwellham-quay.co.uk)

##### **Full Summer, Butterflies and Insects - Sunday 7th June**

Fourth of a series of visits to a range of local habitats, practising hedge and habitat mapping, as part of the Wildlife Awareness Project.

Time: 10.30

Where: Meet at The Old School, Stoke Climsland village centre (SX 3601 7445)

Bring: stout shoes

Organised by: Mid-Tamar Valley Group, Cornwall Wildlife Trust

Info: Cornwall Wildlife Trust (telephone 01872 273939 ext 203 or 206), current membership: ordinary £22, senior/student/unemployed £13, family £27. Mid Tamar Wildlife Group runs events in SE and E Cornwall and meets every 4th Monday at the Old School, Stoke Climsland.

Link to: [mid-tamargroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mid-tamargroup@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **Markwell Farm Open Farm Sunday - 7th June**

As part of the open farms event nationwide, with farm walks, sheep dog demonstrations, sheep shearing, machinery on display with a selection of farm animals. Stalls with local food and crafts and refreshments.

Where: Markwell Farm, Landrake

Time: 11.00 - 16.00

Cost: Free

Info: email Allison Brazington: [markwellfarm@aol.com](mailto:markwellfarm@aol.com) or link below

Link to: [www.markwellfarm.co.uk](http://www.markwellfarm.co.uk)

#### **Ashtorre's Brunel Bridge Celebrations - "An Audience with A L Rowse" - Wednesday 10th June**

A taped biography covering his life and times presented by Mr Phil Hunt (Radio Cornwall)

Where: Ashtorre Rock, Waterside, Saltash

Time: 19.30

Cost: £3

Info and tickets: Lynn Marsh, telephone 01752 844255

Link to: [lynnsmarsh@aol.com](mailto:lynnsmarsh@aol.com)

#### **Ashtorre's Brunel Bridge Celebrations - Cornish Lads by Cornwall Songwriters - Friday 12th June**

Where: Ashtorre Rock, Waterside, Saltash

Time: 20.00

Cost: £8

Info and tickets: Lynn Marsh, telephone 01752 844255

Link to: [lynnsmarsh@aol.com](mailto:lynnsmarsh@aol.com)

#### **Evening Ramble at Churchtown Nature Reserve - Friday 12th June**

Where: Churchtown Nature Reserve, Saltash. Meet at The Cecil Arms.

Time: 6.30pm

Info: Call Hazel Rawlings on 01752 846407

The South West Chamber Choir - Saturday 13th June

Unaccompanied part-songs and madrigals (Stephen Trahair) interludes tba

Where: Landulph Church

Time: 19.30

Info: see link

Link to: [swcchoir.org.uk](http://swcchoir.org.uk)

#### **Basket-making Workshop - Saturday 13th June**

With Ian Strugnall, one of the top basket-makers in England. Make and take home your own basket, all materials supplied, limited numbers.

Where: The Garden House

Time: 10.00 - 17.00

Cost: £65 including materials and lunch. Booking essential

Info: Rachel Young, Administrator, The Garden House, telephone 01822 854769

Link to: [www.thegardenhouse.org.uk](http://www.thegardenhouse.org.uk)

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#### **[Evening Guided Walk: Looking for Tamar Valley Nightjars - Saturday 13th June](#)**

Join bird expert Richard Hibbert on this magical evening walk at Devon Great Consols, while looking and listening for these rare and beautiful birds.

Where: Meet at car park at end of Wheal Josiah track, near the Devon Great Consols chimney stack.

Time: Meet at 8.30pm

Cost: £2.50 adults / £1.50 children

Info: Booking essential - call 01822 835033 or email [rdavies@tamarvalley.org.uk](mailto:rdavies@tamarvalley.org.uk)

#### **Introduction to Painting - Saturday 13th June**

An opportunity to work with local artist Louise Courtnell, to capture some of Cornwall's most beautiful landscape in watercolours, oils or acrylics. Louise will give you advice, tips on your use of materials and hints on techniques.

Where: Barn Pool Picnic area

Time: 9.45 for 10.00 start, finishing at 16.00

Cost: £20 per person to include a light picnic lunch but bring your own equipment. Places strictly limited

Info: telephone 01752 822236, email: mt.edgcumbe@plymouth.gov.uk

Link to: [www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk](http://www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk)

#### **Quarries and Railways of Kit Hill - Sunday 14th June**

Walk through the history of granite quarrying and the railways built to take the stone away. Moderate walk, dogs on leads.

Where: Kit Hill Incline car park on B3257 (SX 375 723)

Time: 10.00 - 14.30

Cost: Free

Bring: packed lunch and drink

Info: telephone 01872 323468 booking not essential but preferred

#### **Mount Edgcumbe Family Bushcraft Day - Saturday 20th June**

Enjoy a family adventure with experienced rangers. Learn how to build a shelter, light a fire without matches and forage for food.

Where: meet at Penlee Battery car park, Mount Edgcumbe

Time: 10.00 - 15.00

Cost: 1 adult + 1 child £10, 1 adult + 2 children £13. ALL children must be accompanied by an adult with no more than 2 children per adult. Booking essential

Bring: suitable clothing and footwear, packed lunch and drink

Info: telephone 10752 822236, email: mt.edgcumbe@plymouth.gov.uk

Link to: [www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk](http://www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk)

#### **Father's Day Lunch - Sunday 21st June**

Guided tour followed by a delicious two course lunch in the 13th century refectory restaurant. Families welcome.

Where: meet in reception, Buckland Abbey PL20 6ET

Time: 11.00-14.00

Cost: Adult £16, child £8 booking essential

Info: National Trust telephone 01822 853607

Link to: [bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk)

#### **Sir Francis Drake at Home - Sunday 21st June**

Meet the man himself, marvel at his weapons and hear stories from the ocean waves

Where: Buckland Abbey, PL20 6EY

Time: 10.30-17.00

Cost: £NT

Info: National Trust telephone 01822 853607

Link to: [bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk)

#### **Stephan Koplowitz: Taskforce 'Liquid Landscapes' - Sunday 21st June**

Site-specific dance performance directed by US-based choreographer Stephan Koplowitz as part of an international tour.

Where: Great Barn, Buckland Abbey PL20 6EY

Time: performances at 13.30 and 15.30

Cost: free to visitors to Buckland Abbey £NT

Info: National Trust telephone 01822 853607 as audience numbers may be limited

Link to: [bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk)

#### **Tamar Strawberry Festival - Sunday 21st June**

Where: Cotehele Quay, St Dominick, Saltash, PL12 6TA

Info: Telephone National Trust 01579 351346

Organiser: Tamar Grow Local

Link to: [cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk)

#### **Wildlife Awareness Project Walk - Monday 22nd June**

Walk practising habitat recording at an interesting local site

Time: 10.00

Where: meet at The Old School, Stoke Climsland village centre (SX 3601 7445)

Organised by: Mid-Tamar Valley Group, Cornwall Wildlife Trust

Link to: [mid-tamargroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mid-tamargroup@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **Summer Stroll - Monday 22nd June**

Join the warden for a guided 3 mile (2.5 hour) walk around the Buckland estate. Please dress appropriately for the weather and uneven/slippery terrain.

Where: meet in reception Buckland Abbey PL20 6EY

Time: 11.00

Cost: £NT

Info: National Trust telephone 01822 853607 booking advisable

#### **Walk, Stoke Climsland - Monday 22nd June**

Tea/coffee followed by (weather permitting) local walk

Time: 10.00 tea, 10.30 walk. Finish 12.00 (approx)

Where: Old School, Stoke Climsland. Grid Reference SX 3601 7445

Organiser: Mid Tamar Wildlife Group, Cornwall Wildlife Trust

Info: Cornwall Wildlife Trust (telephone 01872 273939 ext 203 or 206), current membership: ordinary £22, senior/student/unemployed £13, family £27. Mid Tamar Wildlife Group runs events in SE and E Cornwall and meets every 4th Monday at the Old School, Stoke Climsland.

Link to: [mid-tamargroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mid-tamargroup@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **Midsummer Bonfire on Kit Hill summit - Tuesday 23rd June**

Traditional Cornish gathering celebrating midsummer with verses in Cornish and English before the fire is lit as the sun sets.

Time: lighting up at 22.00 arrive earlier for some surprises

Where: Kit Hill summit, NB controlled parking below the summit

Cost: free

Bring: warm clothes and torch

Organised by: Old Cornwall Society/Cornwall County Council

Info: telephone 01579 370030

#### **Watercolour Painting Workshop for Beginners and Lapsed - Richard Mabey - Tuesday 23rd June**

Another chance to start from basics with wash techniques, brush strokes and colour mixing - good fun again!

Where: The Garden House

Time: 10.30 - 16.00

Cost: £25 per person, booking essential

Info: Rachel Young, Administrator, The Garden House, telephone 01822 854769

Link to: [www.thegardenhouse.org.uk](http://www.thegardenhouse.org.uk)

#### **Fern Walk - Tuesday 23rd June**

Guided walk exploring the estate with local fern expert

Time: 18.30 - 20.30

Where: Cotehele, St Dominick, Saltash, PL12 6TA

Cost: £3 Adult, £1.50 Child. Booking Essential

Info: Telephone National Trust 01579 351346

Link to: [cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk)

#### **Mount Edgcumbe Garden Tour - Wednesday 24th June**

Enjoy the formal gardens with a guided tour by experienced staff. Learn how they were originally created, who designed them, where the shell seat came from as well as viewing an amazing variety of rare and unusual plants.

Where: meet at Cremyll Gates, Mount Edgcumbe

Time: 13.30 - 15.30 approximately

Cost: £3 per person

Info: telephone 01752 822236, email: [mt.edgcumbe@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:mt.edgcumbe@plymouth.gov.uk)

Link to: [www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk](http://www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk)

#### **BBC Antiques Roadshow - Thursday 25th June**

BBC 1 ever popular Antiques Roadshow will be filming for its 32nd series.

Time: Doors open 09.30 and close at 16.30

Where: Morwellham Quay, near Tavistock, Devon PL19 8JL

Info: Telephone (Morwellham) 01822 832766

Link to: [www.morwellham-quay.co.uk](http://www.morwellham-quay.co.uk)

#### **Summer Craft and Food Fair - Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th June**

Over 40 stalls of the finest crafts and produce from around the west country. Games and face painting for children too.

Where: Buckland Abbey PL20 6EY

Time 10.30-17.30

Cost: £1 all tickets. Normal admission to the Abbey  
Info: National Trust telephone 01822 853607  
Link to: [bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:bucklandabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk)

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