



Farmers Market moves to Rolle Mews Car Park

With effect from 29 January 2010 Budleigh Salterton Farmers Market is moving to



Carla Fanning joins the Estate to replace Helen Blackburn who left in December 2009.



Tom Hurley recruited on 2 year South West Forestry Apprenticeship scheme



The Arena has been busy over the last few weeks getting ready for the season. The weather has not been helpful but we seem to be making headway now. Work on the new all weather ménage has finally started after we received planning permission. The ground works are well on the way and I am very excited at the prospect of having one of the largest outdoor ménages in the West Country. We have decided to not have the permanent dividing fence separating the warm up and the competition ring and have a 90m x 45m ménage with temporary fence so its use can vary enormously.

The Willis Brothers returned over the winter and have completed the build of the BE Novice course and also added many new features including a second water complex, sunken road and ditch complex. We hope to open the park for schooling on the 12th February 2010.

Emma Vine—Arena Manager

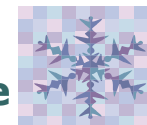


Special staff discount available on barbecue equipment and garden candles



CLINTON DEVON ESTATES

Winter Update



**Rolle Estate Office
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Grazing Trial at Dalditch Common

A herd of Devon Reds have been introduced to graze an area of the East Devon Pebblebed Heaths as part of a year long trial into sustainable land management.

Their hardiness and ability to graze on the heathland vegetation mean that the thirteen cattle will naturally open up important wet areas and reduce the height and density of scrub and new growth of birch and willow.

The lowland heaths are rarer than tropical rainforests. They are home to a number of rare birds such as Dartford Warblers and Nightjars and special flora and fauna such as the insectivorous Butterwort and Sundew plants.

The twelve month trial at the Dalditch Plantation has been initiated by the East Devon Pebblebed Heaths Trust in conjunction with Natural England under the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme.

Commons Warden Bungy Williams said; “Until now we have mechanically managed the area with spraying and with machinery including tractors and cutters. Not only is this incredibly difficult in a wetland area, it is not as environmentally friendly as we would like which is why we are testing more sustainable methods, that are environmentally friendly and equally, if not more, effective. In just a few weeks, these heavy footed cattle have already opened up some of the wet areas.”

On the Dalditch plantation, the animals are fenced in but walkers and horse-riders still have full access to the area, which has been made rider-friendly with the introduction of special bridleway gates.

Bungy Williams said; “We are very keen that people have free use of the area, as before, and at the same time they can see our grazing scheme at work.”



A haunting memory of the outbreak of war found in East Devon cottage renovation

A record of the moment a group of builders took a break from their work to listen to the King announcing the outbreak of World War II has been discovered during renovations on an East Devon cottage. Workers from Clinton Devon Estates have been reroofing the cottages at The Green in Otterton which were built in 1939.

As they removed one of the tiles at number 12, the team discovered a haunting memory of the exact moment the homes were built.

Etched in pencil onto the underside of the tile are the words:

WAR Sept

Germany WWII

Poland

Below these words are what looks to be four unclear signatures which could possibly be: E.Landlord, J Clare, ? Cassidy, T Roberts

Now Clinton Devon Estates is appealing to the war time builders or their relatives to come forward and give them more information that can be included in the extensive archive at its headquarters at the Rolle Estate at Bicton.

Clinton Devon Estates lets approximately 350 residential properties in East and North Devon, ranging from small cottages in village locations to larger farm and country houses in their own grounds.

Many of the properties provide an essential resource for local families who would otherwise find it impossible to afford to live in the villages where they were born and brought up.

Anyone with any information about the workers who may have written their names on the tile should contact Clare James Assistant Land Agent at



Staff Spotlight—Simon

Simon is a general farm work for Clinton Farms his duties include tractor driving, hedge cutting, ploughing, feeding stock, mowing grass. Simon also drives the combine and is the main driver. Simon has won the ploughing competition twice. He also does heavy horse ploughing. Simon is forward thinking and his latest idea to help the farm is to pump slurry from a slurry store sited out of the village. This is something George is very interested in as it will save the tractors and slurry tankers driving through the village and annoying the villagers.

Simon enjoys watching rugby and is interested in heavy horses and music.

His ambition is to travel and work with heavy horses.



Devon business ranked 11th best small organisation to work for in the UK and 1st for commitment to the environment



Graham Vanstone Receives the award on behalf of the Estate on Sunday 7 March at The Battersea Evolution Centre, London