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East Devon's Heath Week



This year's Heath Week includes a fantastic range of activities including Landrover Experience Safari Rides, Wildlife walks and Reptile Rambles, Archaeological fun, Storytelling, Willow Weaving, Pond Dipping, Mountain Biking, Nighjar Walks and much much more!

Heath Week runs from 29th July-3rd August 2012 on Woodbury Common. Family Festival Day is Sunday 29th July.

For full details pick up a leaflet from the Rolle Estate Office or visit www.pebblebedheaths.org.uk

Ringling the changes at Merton's Maltscop Inn after 106 years



The Maltscop Inn at Merton had been in Margaret Down's family since 1906. Last month the Merton community marked the end of an era as the pub's new licensee Louise Rollason-the first new tenant for 106 years opened the doors of the newly refurbished village pub.

There had been fears that when Margaret Down and her husband decided to retire from running the Maltscop, that Merton would be left without a local hostelry. But landlady Louise saw the pub's potential and approached Clinton Devon Estates with a business proposition.

"I saw the Maltscop as a golden opportunity but, at a time when so

many pubs are closing down, I wasn't sure whether the owners would commit to keeping it as a village pub. I was as thrilled as the rest of the village that the Estate has made this strong commitment to Merton and recognise how important a pub is to village life," said Louise.

Louise plans to keep the "traditional country inn" feel offering locally produced homemade food.

Adrian Pitts said: "We could possibly have leased the building as a family home but we recognise that a village pub is such an important part of the community so we have been pleased to be able to do our part for Merton and we wish Louise the very best of luck with her new business."



You can watch our Maltscop Inn video at <http://ow.ly/cqB2c>

Graham Vanstone Elected to CIIRC

Graham Vanstone has been elected to the Chartered Insurance Institute Representative Council as Representative for South West and South Wales. He will attend three meetings per year at The CII Headquarters in London.

The aims and responsibilities of the role are firstly to ensure that the CII maintains a proper balance between promoting the Charter's objectives and the individual needs of the CII's diverse membership. Secondly to act as a forum for the two way flow of information between the Institute and its members. Lastly to inform and influence the strategic management of the Institute on the views of the members.

There will be representatives from all areas of Great Britain and Graham will have the opportunity to discuss Insurance and Risk Management issues with them. Graham is looking forward to taking up his position and giving valuable feedback to the Estate.

Forestry Panel Report is welcomed but good forestry management is essential

Clinton Devon Estates has welcomed the recent recommendation from the Forestry Panel on 4th July 2012, that public forests should be safeguarded for the next 100 years and that woodland cover in England should be increased from 10% to 15% by 2060.

Responding to the Forestry Panel report, which sets out a vision for a new woodland culture in England, the Estate believes that woodland and forests provide a real opportunity to revitalise the rural economy, whilst providing valuable space for nature

and public recreation.

John Varley, a member of the Forestry Panel said: "Forestry and woodland management is an essential part of our work at the Estates and we recognise the enormous importance of healthy, well managed, sustainable woodlands to rural communities in providing jobs, timber and woodchip to fuel the local economy."

"The value of our woodlands in terms of quality of life they offer to people and to nature is immeasurable. At the Estates, we manage our woodlands for bio-diversity and have achieved an environment with a rich diversity of tree species and age structure. This has provided a wide range of habitats for plants, animals and birds, such as the rare Nightjar."

"As woodland owners, we have numerous challenges ahead, not least ensuring a vibrant UK timber market to provide the income necessary to manage the woodlands effectively. This includes undertaking expensive thinning operations and, where necessary, tackling tree disease. Forests do not manage themselves and it is important that we do not underestimate the hard work and expertise that goes into growing and maintaining healthy, sustainable woodlands."

"We welcome the Panel's ambitious targets for woodland creation, but would encourage landowners, the government and the public to do their part by investing in disease research and vigilance over imports to minimise the risk of new disease to trees."

Rare Purple Heron Sighting

Over the Easter period this Purple Heron created quite a stir on the River Otter and Estuary.

It is a very rare visitor and this is the first time it has been seen in this area for over 30 years. So for a damp wet Easter this was a silver lining to an otherwise wet weekend

