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HAVE YOUR SAY ON LOCAL COUNCIL REORGANISATION

The reorganisation of local government, with district and county councils set to be abolished and larger unitary authorities delivering all council services, has prompted the proposal that Plymouth should expand by encompassing a large part of the South Hams.

Thirteen towns, villages and parishes to the east of the city, including Ivybridge, Yealmpton, Ermington and Cornwood, would be administered by Plymouth City Council as part of an expanded 'Greater Plymouth' under the plans.

This month, residents of the 13 parishes that would be impacted have the chance to have their say on the idea at a series of 'community conversation' events – see page 19 for details.

The events are free to attend but due to space limitation pre-registration is required – the link to the website where you can book your place is also on page 19.

The issue also includes the usual informative and interesting articles you've come to expect.

Steven – editor

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Exhibition: Seale-Hayne Agricultural College in the 1920s

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The exhibition will feature stories of students and staff at the college, which opened in 1920, and how the college expanded its courses and became a focus for agricultural research.

Open Wednesday to Sunday, 10.30am-4pm. More information: devontwentiesfestival.co.uk.

Then and Now exhibition

Until 30th June

Corridor Gallery, The Old School Community Centre

An exhibition of the history of local properties 1925-2025. Refreshments available.

Ivybridge Artisan Market

First Saturday of the month (except Jan/Aug) 9.30pm-1pm

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As well as its regular traders, Ivybridge Artisan Market is pleased to welcome occasional sellers to add variety to the market.

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Drawing room, Shilstone House

coming atmosphere and the artisans are always ready to share projects, sources of materials and so on.

The market is held in Stowford Hall, upstairs in The Watermark, and there is access by stairs or lift.

Please note, there is no market in August.

Day for local writers

Saturday, 14th June

Unit 8 Gym, near Endsleigh

Featuring local publishers, creative writing groups, writers' collectives, proof readers, the South Hams Authors Network and more, the day is an excellent networking opportunity for anyone interested in writing, whether you're just starting out or have been at it for years.

Entry is free. There is free parking and refreshments will be available.

For more details, go to www.southhamsauthors.co.uk/festival-2025 or email southhamsauthors@gmail.com.

Shilstone House and picture tour

Sunday, 15th June, 2.30-3.30pm

Shilstone, nr Modbury

Lucy Fenwick, the owner of Shilstone, worked for many years at the auction house Sotheby's as a director in the British paintings → P6

1st Saturday of the month

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family connections.

Lucy will be delighted to answer any questions regarding the pictures.

For more details and to book go to shilstonedevon.com/whats-on.

Annual St Petroc's Walk Saturday, 21st June, 2-5pm South Brent to Harford

The third event of this year's Harford Special Spaces series is the annual St Petroc's Walk, from St Petroc's South Brent to St Petroc's Harford.

It will start with a tour of the most interesting graves at St Petroc's, South Brent, then we will walk to St Petroc's, Harford, across the moor, via Spurrells Cross. There will be tea and cake and a tour of some signif-

icant graves at Harford to finish.

Lifts will be available at the start and finish of the walk.

Midsummer Fun 21st-27th June South Brent

Midsummer Fun for all the village, as part of the South Brent Amateur Dramatic Society's 100th anniversary celebrations.

A week of activities will begin with a Village Fun Day on Saturday, 21st from 2pm, with entertainment for all the family at Palstone Park 'Rec'. There will be live music, children's sports (2.30pm), a pet dog show (4pm), face painting, and fete-style sideshows and games including tombola and snail racing, with teas provided by South Brent Women Together and an ice cream van. Everyone is welcome. Free admission. Refreshments and small charges for events and games, cash only.

Sunday, 22nd June will see a Village Cricket Competition at Palstone Park 'Rec' from 12 noon. It will be a fun afternoon of knock-out cricket, open to everyone aged 12+, with seven players and six overs a side. There will be a bar and barbecue.

The week of Midsummer Fun continues with the following events being planned:

- A quick-fire 'Killer' skittles competition on Monday 23rd, 7.30pm at The Club
- Fun Bingo with light refreshments on Tuesday, 24th, 7.30pm in the Village

Hall

■ Film night on Wednesday, 25th, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

■ A Treasure Hunt around South Brent on Thursday, 26th June, 7.30pm, starting from the Village Hall

■ A 5K Fun Run for adults and children on Friday, 27th June, 5.30pm from Palstone Park 'Rec'. Cups for winners, medals for all.

■ Quiz night with general knowledge questions for all ages on Friday, 27th June, 7.30pm in the Village Hall, with bar, pasties and nibbles available.

For full details, including how to enter the cricket competition, skittles and fun run, visit www.sbads.show/funweek or email funweek@sbads.show.

Lecture Wednesday, 25th June The Arts Society Kingsbridge

A talk on the development of the British seaside and how the entertainments there evolved.

Pierrot troupes and concert parties were ubiquitous throughout the seaside resorts of Britain, but what is a pierrot troupe? Where did they come from? How do they impact us today? Find out in this lively and intriguing illustrated talk by Tony Lidington.

At the Methodist Church, 100 Fore Street, Kingsbridge, 2pm for 2.30pm. All welcome – no need to be a member – £10 donation.

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Jigsaw Competition**Thursday, 26th June
Ivybridge Library**

The Friends of Ivybridge Library (FOIL) is holding another jigsaw making competition (start time 7pm).

Teams of up to four will each attempt to complete an identical puzzle in the quickest time. Entry is £5 per person to include coffee and cake. All proceeds go towards FOIL's work in supporting the library.

Tickets on sale in the library now.

**Coffee morning week
Erme Valley RDA, The
Brook, Ugborough Road
Bittaford**

A week of coffee mornings on 28th, 30th June and 1st-3rd July, between 10am and 2pm, offers the chance to view Erme Valley RDA's purpose-built facilities, see some groups in action and show your support by sampling the huge array of home-made cakes and taking a chance on the draw.

This is the centre's annual in-house fundraiser, now in its Golden decade! All welcome.

Open gardens**Sunday, 29th June, 2-5pm
Ugborough**

The village's biennial Open Gardens event returns!

The event is an opportunity for the community to see some interesting and 'in progress' village gardens.

Friends, family and visitors can enjoy a relaxing afternoon exploring a range of village gardens, partaking in some light refreshment



Spurrells Cross, a stop-off point on the annual St Petroc's Walk on 21st June

along the way – and good company guaranteed. Cream teas will be served all afternoon at the Vicarage on Lutterburn Street.

Entry – £6 adults, £2 children to include entry to a children's competition – is by programme which will be available from the church steps from 1.45pm on the day. All proceeds will go towards St Peter's Church building funds.

**Evening lecture – The
Georgian Improvers of
Dartmoor****Thursday, 3rd July, 7pm
Devon Rural Archive,
Shilstone, near Modbury**

In this lecture, well-known local author and Dartmoor Guide Simon Dell will tell us about ambitious attempts 200 years ago to turn the moorlands of Dartmoor into productive agricultural land.

The so-called 'improvers' had limited success, but their efforts made an impact on the landscape that can still be seen today.

The Shilstone Café will

be open between 6pm and 7pm for drinks and cake.

Book tickets at shilstone devon.com/whats-on.

**Bingo @ Hannah's
Friday, 4th July
Dame Hannah's,
Woodlands Road, Ivybridge**

Enjoy an evening of fun with family, children and friends..

Doors open 7pm, with eyes down 7.30pm.

**Hops & Harmony
Thursday, 10th July
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The award-winning King-smen Harmony Chorus will be singing live at the brewery's taproom. Children and dogs welcome. From 6pm.

**Fishing coaching
Every Saturday, 12th July-
23rd August, 2-5pm
Filham Lake, Filham Park**

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As well as Saturday coaching sessions, the club afternoon is also offering after-school sessions (5-8pm) on Monday, 30th June and Monday, 7th July.

For more information and to find out availability and book, contact John Thompson on 07525 713833 or email chriswenlock@icloud.com.

**Ugborough Fair Day
Saturday, 12th July**

Fun for all the family with fair games, kids activities, live music, sheaf tossing, beers & ciders, street entertainers, craft stalls, a barbecue and more.

Search 'Ugborough Village Fair' on Facebook for up-to-date details.

**Lee Mill Summer Fair
Saturday, 12th July, 12-5pm
Bottle Park, Lee Mill Bridge**

All are welcome to join in the fun in the sun (hopefully).

There will be stalls, games, music and a tombola, as well as a barbecue, cakes and other refreshments. Why not enter your four-legged friend into the family dog show?

THE NAVAL BANK IVYBRIDGE

By Andrew Jewell

In last month's article, it was mentioned that the church mission hall fund lost money when the local Naval Bank collapsed in 1914. This month we delve into the bank's history a little further.

This provincial bank was established in 1774 in Plymouth. Head of the business was John Harris of Radford Mansion, Plymstock. Later, through marriage, the well-known Bulteel family were introduced to the business and remained at the bank until its failure.

By 1823, the seemingly prosperous bank had moved to new premises at the corner of Whimble Street and Kinterbury Street in Plymouth. At the time, this was one of the busiest parts of Plymouth. The bank later established several branches in the South Hams including Ivybridge, Modbury, and South Brent.

It was now known as Harris, Bulteel & Co but it also had the title of the Naval Bank, amongst its clientele, it seems, were several naval officers. In 1855, the world-famous stamp collector Edward Stanley Gibbons started work at the Plymouth office as a junior clerk.

The branch in Ivybridge opened in 1784 and was located at No.5 Station Road. Trade directories stated that it only opened twice a week between the hours of 10.30am and 3pm.

In 1914, the unthinkable happened when the bank announced that it was obliged

to suspend payments. In August of that year, representatives of the Naval Bank signed an agreement with Lloyds Bank to cease trading immediately. All assets, which included the head office and branch banks, together with the Radford Estate, were transferred to Trustees for Lloyds.

In return, it was agreed that they would assist the depositors of the Naval Bank by realising the assets and open new accounts under similar terms enjoyed with Harris, Bulteel & Co. Some funds would be made available, equating to five shillings for every one pound in the original accounts. Most of those affected were small depositors in Plymouth and the South Hams and clearly this was a devastating blow.

In 1916, the partners of the bank, Frederick Bulteel and Mackworth Praed Parker came before the Registrar at the Plymouth Bankruptcy Court. The trial was supposed to have continued at Exeter Assizes but due to the hostility vented towards the defendants, along with the fear that they would not get a fair trial, the case was heard at the Old Bailey. Knowing that the bank was insolvent, and having no reasonable hope

of ever becoming solvent, the defendants were charged with conspiracy to defraud. They were further accused of establishing several branches to give the impression that the bank was in a prosperous and flourishing position. The conspiracy had extended over six years and dated from the death of the senior partner, Thomas Bulteel, Frederick's father. It had been at this point that the two defendants became the sole partners and proprietors of the bank.

Frederick Bulteel explained that he knew of the bank's financial position but believed he could eventually make the concern a success. However, with the outbreak of war matters changed and he decided to act as an honourable man by announcing that the bank could not continue and risk further losses for its clients.

Counsel took a different view and believed that the real reason was that the accused wanted to continue living a lavish lifestyle. On the evidence presented to the court the defendants were found guilty. The judge in sentencing took into consideration the jury's recommendation of leniency, together with the fact that the two defendants had suffered commercial and social degradation. They were both

awarded six months imprisonment at Wormwood Scrubs, Wandsworth. Frederick Bulteel was to serve just a very short prison sentence on account of his previous war service. He was released and returned to military action in France where he died of influenza at Abberville Hospital on 7th November 1918 aged 38. He had been serving in the Royal Engineers, Anti-Air Searchlight Section. Mackworth Praed Parker, the son of George Parker of Delamore House at Cornwood died in 1926 aged 61, living at Sheepstor.

An internal investigation by Lloyds Bank later revealed that the bank had been insolvent from as early as 1859. A deficiency at the time had risen dramatically by 1914.

It sadly took until 1922 before the estate was finally wound up, although Radstock mansion had been sold in 1917 (eventually demolished in 1937). At a meeting of creditors, the trustee advised them that they had up until that point received a total of 9s. 6d and that after legal expenses were taken, a remaining sum of £4,725 would be available to be shared among around 4,000 creditors.

A branch of Lloyds Bank was established in Ivybridge in 1917 and took on the local clients of the Naval Bank.



Fore Street mid 20th century, with Lloyds Bank on the left



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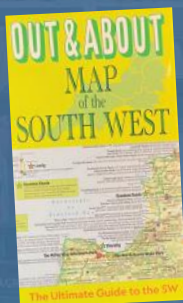
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Now, collectors have a rare opportunity to acquire not one, but two fine original paintings, expected to attract national and international interest.

The first, *Sailors and Seagulls*, painted around 1970, is believed to have been inspired by sailors Cook

would have seen in Plymouth. The painting features a group of sailors smoking on a bench on Plymouth Hoe, with Cook's dog, Bozo, in the background.

Auctioneer Paul Keen describes it as "an exceptional work that truly captures the essence of Beryl Cook's charm and her deep connection to her hometown". It is expected to sell for between £20,000 and £30,000. The second piece, *Julie*, shows the formidable Julie entertaining locals in what is likely a Plymouth pub. With its bold characterisation and joyful tone, this classic Cook scene is sure to bring a smile. It carries a guide



price of £8,000 to £10,000. Both paintings will feature in Plymouth Auction Rooms' next Evening Art Sale, taking place on Wednesday, 18th June at 6pm. Viewings are available by appointment by contacting the auctioneers directly on 01752 254740 or emailing the team on info@plymouthauctions.co.uk.

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REJUVENATING THE CENTRE UPDATE FROM THE OLD SCHOOL

At the AGM of South Brent Old School Community Centre in February, we shared the exciting news that donations had reached £485,000. Since then, the South Brent community has been incredibly generous and the fundraising total now stands at £509,841.

Thank you to everyone who has donated. Our fundraising goal is £1,000,000, and our fantastic current total will help us to apply for further grants, since many grant-giving organisations look favourably on a project that is already going to succeed and so may be more willing to assist with further funding.

Meanwhile, the recent public consultation received over 400 individual responses and 10 organisations' responses. The responses strongly supported our aims to replace the roof, install solar panels and to improve energy efficiency of the centre.

There was also significant support to improve access to, and condition of, the centre, as well as to create additional space.

In light of the responses and money raised so far, a great deal of work is going on behind the scenes as we plan for change.

A wide range of surveys and assessments are being undertaken, which include drainage, ecology (there are bats in the roof), asbestos, energy consumption and efficiency, energy generation and storage and heating options.

We are working with Ian McDonald of Moxley McDonald Architects, as well as other professionals, so we can fully understand costs and planning permission requirements.

To make the next step a cooperative exercise, the trustees have adopted the suggestion made at the AGM to bring together a working group of the organisations that use the centre to help design, fund and deliver a programme of refurbishment. Ideas might include new offices and toilets, a commu-

nity kitchen, more storage, a central welcome area and café space – while retaining the existing character and charm of the Centre.

The aim over the next few months is to prepare for delivering all the basic roof, heat and energy works in 2026, and to identify with our partners what further refurbishment and improvements might be possible, subject to further funding.

You can help by supporting the fundraising appeal. To donate, scan the QR code,

or go to www.justgiving.com/page/rejuvenating-the-centre.

Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbours.

You can become a member or friend of the centre – go to www.theoldschool.org.uk/get-involved to find out more.

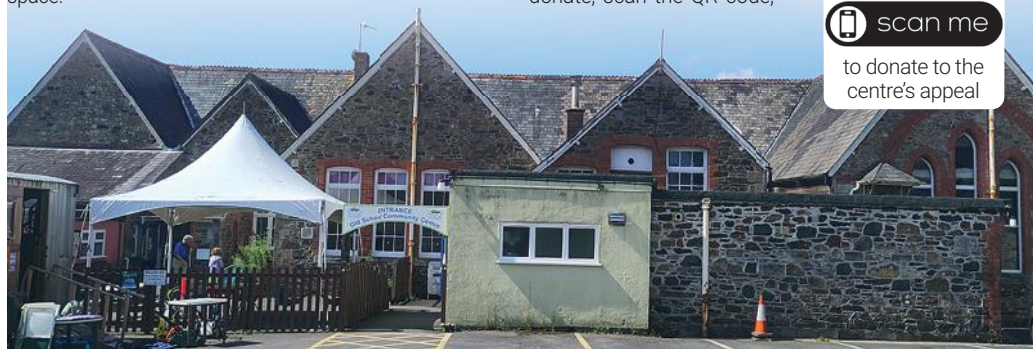
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As we head into summer, a lot of us are digging out our sandals and flip flops in preparation for baring our feet in the sunshine.

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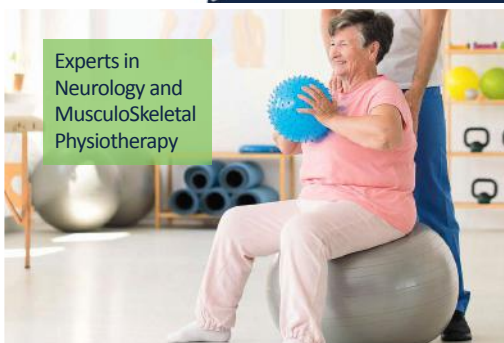
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WELLBEING WALKS MILESTONE

This June marks the 20th anniversary of when Lorraine Hawkes and her late husband Fred started up a local walking group called Walk & Talk.

Their vision brought many local people together to enjoy friendship, conversation and a way of keeping fit, mentally and physically.

Normally over 20 people will gather outside Ivybridge Leisure Centre at 10am on Tuesday and Thursday ready to go on a walk led by Lorraine. The Tuesday walks are easier, lasting about an hour with flat-ish routes. Thursday walks will

last about 75 minutes and will include some inclines. Both walks are in Ivybridge and end at a local cafe for refreshments and more chat

Lorraine's involvement has always been entirely voluntary and she has nominated trained walk leaders to cover when she is away which, isn't often!

New walkers are welcome, so why not give it a try and walk with Lorraine? There is no charge, just turn up. Walkers are encouraged to wear appropriate footwear and clothing to match the weather conditions

The aim of Bees Baby Bank is to enable everyone to re-use and recycle the valuable resources parents need for their babies and children under 5.

The baby bank provides donated pre-loved clothes and baby equipment, which has all been carefully checked for quality and condition.

Items are available to anyone who can make use of them.

Bees Baby Bank is based at The Bridge Community Café, opposite Ivybridge



Leisure Centre. The cafe has a friendly, welcoming atmosphere and a small soft play area.

Pop in or contact Marilyn on 01752 896974 or email marilyn.rapsey@salvationarmy.org.uk

PLYMOUTH EXPANSION PLANS **HAVE YOUR SAY**

The plans for a large part of the South Hams to be swallowed up in a 'Greater Plymouth' will be shared with the public at a series of 'community conversation' events this month.

The proposal by Plymouth City Council is part of a reorganisation of local government, with district and county councils set to be abolished and larger unitary authorities delivering all council services.

Plymouth CC is holding 13 sessions – one in each parish that it would like to take over – and says it wants to hear from locals about "challenges and opportunities".

Spaces are limited, therefore pre-registration is required. To book, go to bigcommunityconversation.com.

Plymouth CC 'community conversation' events

■ **Sparkwell** – Parish Hall on Tuesday 10th, 6.30-8.30pm.

■ **Cornwood** – Village Hall on Monday 16th, 6.30-8.30pm.

■ **Harford** – Lukesland Gardens, Tuesday 17th, 6.30-8.30pm.

■ **Ugborough** – Village Hall on Friday 20th, 7-9pm.

■ **Ivybridge** – The Watermark on Saturday 21st, 3-5pm.

■ **Yealmpton** – Methodist Church Wednesday 25th, 6.30-8.30pm.

■ **Ermington** – Ermington Hub, Thursday 26th, 10am-12noon.

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Members of the Cornwood Short Mat Bowls Club visited Dame Hannahs recently to donate short mat bowls equipment to the residents.

Club member Veronika Haydon-Foster suggested the donation as her son Steven used to be a pupil at Hannahs in the 1980s. She thought bowls would be a

good activity for the young people at Dame Hannahs to enjoy.

Dame Hannahs community engagement lead Debbie Lumsdon said "I would like to thank Veronika and the club for their generosity. It will be a really good physical activity for our young adults and will enhance their wellbeing."

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Could you help local people overcome their problems and move on with their lives?

For over 85 years, Citizens Advice (CA) volunteers have been doing just that, and in the last few years they've been busier than ever helping people in this area through the pandemic, the cost-of-living-crisis, housing shortages and rising energy prices.

Citizens Advice South Hams is a free, independent and confidential service and provides advice for everyone in the community regardless of age, religion, disability, race or sexual orientation.

CA help people with a wide

range of issues, including benefits, energy costs, housing, debt, the consequences of relationship breakdowns and consumer issues. They also research and campaign on issues where it sees injustices taking place.

As a community charity, CA rely on volunteers to help with a variety of tasks, including frontline advice, reception, research, campaigning and administrative tasks.

To be a volunteer, no previous experience is necessary, as all the training and support you need for your chosen role is provided. You always work as part of a wider team under



the guidance of CA's local experts.

Volunteer Tilly said: "Before I started at Citizens Advice South Hams, I knew very little about the difficult circumstances people sometimes find themselves in and how hard it can be for them to find a way forward.

"Helping someone get on

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The commitment for volunteering is around six hours a

week, usually on the same day each week. All expenses are paid.

To find out more about volunteering, scan the QR code or visit southhamscab.org.uk/get-involved. Alternatively email recruitment@southhamscab.org.uk for an application form. CA welcomes applications from all sectors of society and would love to hear from you.



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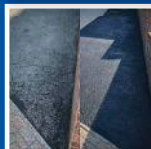
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Year 4 children from across the federation recently joined together to embark on the River Dart residential expedition. Over the three days, the children from The Erme, Cornwood and Shaugh Prior primary schools worked together to survive in the woods. The children navigated their way through the woodland identifying

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1. Get a financial adviser or specialist solicitor

It's crucial to seek advice from a solicitor or financial adviser experienced in mil-

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2. Determine pension value

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4. Take account of Early Departure Payments (EDP)

If the armed forces member took an early departure or received an EDP, be aware that this isn't a typical pension benefit, so it may not be included in the CETV. However, it is often factored into financial settlement discussions.

5. Consider Lifetime Allowance and tax implications

AFPs are often substantial and may exceed the Lifetime Allowance (LTA), which is the total amount of tax-privileged pension savings an individual can accumulate over their lifetime. Be mindful of tax implications for both parties when dividing pension assets.

6. Factor in survivor benefits and indexed increases

Most AFPs include benefits like annual index-linked increases and survivor benefits. Be sure to include these in the negotiations, as they can significantly impact the overall value of the pension.

7. Adjust the divorce settlement based on the pension division

AFPs often hold substantial value in a marital estate. Once an agreement on the pension division is reached, it may impact the division of other marital assets (like the family home, savings, or investments).

8. Seek court approval for the final agreement

In most cases, a pension sharing or attachment order must be approved by the court as part of the financial settlement. Your solicitor can handle the court process, ensuring all documentation and calculations are included.

If you are the spouse of a serving or former member of the armed forces, remember that pensions are often one of the largest assets in a divorce. Ensuring a fair division is critical for long-term financial security.

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IVYBRIDGE 10K A GREAT SUCCESS

On a hot Saturday evening, the Ivybridge 10k proved as popular as ever, with this year's race seeing 550 finishers, which was more than 60 up on the previous year, writes Dave Fox.

The race, which started at Ivybridge Railway Station and finished at the rugby club and is organised by Erme Valley Harriers, was won by Tom Merson, who clocked a time of 32.36.

Two previous winners came third and fourth. Tavistock Run Project's male vet 40 competitor Jim Cole took third in 33.51, while male vet 50 athlete Ceri Rees, who was second last year, came fourth in 34.04. Erme Valley teenager Luke Hayes (34.42) was sixth – a great run by Hayes as he was returning from injury.

For the first time, the Harriers had a lady winner as Alison McEwing dominated the race, clocking 37.10 to take victory by more than three and a half minutes.

Ronnie Haynes (35.31) was again in fine form and won the male vet 40 prize. Hayes, Haynes and Charlie Milward (38.23) won the men's team prize, while Alison McEwing, Sophie Gilvear and Helen Pearse were second ladies' team.

The previous weekend saw the Plymouth Festival of Running, with conditions completely different as there was heavy rain.

In the half marathon, Ronnie Haynes (1.16.21) was second male vet 40, while Simon Fitze (1.17.43)

was second male vet 45. Becky Prall (1.43.03) was second female vet 40, Helen Chapell (1.45.53) was second female vet 55 and Alison Engledew (1.50.03) first female vet 65.

In the 10K, John Riley (44.13) was the first Harrier home. Andrea Mitchell (49.59) was first female vet 55 and Carol Hansen (56.57) third female vet 60.

Charlie Milward was second in the 5K in a time of 19.03 but was unfortunate to have been misdirected twice!

On the same weekend as Plymouth, some Harriers travelled to Bristol. Alison McEwing (1.21.33) had an impressive run in the Half, while Jessica Ashworth (1.37.25) also did well. In the 10K, Allister Bristow (37.37) and wife Liz (49.13) both ran well.

In other road races, Peter Allen had an impressive run to finish third at the tough Saltash Half (1.25.40), while Andrew Reed had a great run to finish fifth in 37.36



The men's winning team at the Ivybridge 10K (l-r) Ronnie Haynes, Charlie Milward and Luke Hayes

Erme Valley Relays

The Erme Valley Relays are on the evening of Friday, 27th June. This popular event is a four person relay over a rural 2.5 mile course starting from Ivybridge Rugby Club (at 7pm). For details, visit www.ernevalleyharriers.co.uk

in the Breeklund 10K in Norfolk.

Liz Bristow travelled to Chester and put in a good run in the half marathon with a time of 1.57.27.

Off road, the Harriers were among the medal placings at the Marilyn's Meldon Madness, which forms part of the Dartmoor Fell Series. The race started and finished at Meldon Dam.

Chris Prall was third overall and first male vet 40 in 40.06, while Jenny Hayes was fourth woman overall and second female vet 40. Becky Prall was fifth overall and first female vet 45, while Lynne Whitfield was second female vet 50.

In the junior race, Esme Prall was first under 11 girl, while sister Chloe was third under 15 girl.

The Harriers now turn their attention to the Erme Valley Relays on Friday, 27th June – see panel for details.



Harriers at the Meldon Fell Race (l-r) Lynne Whitfield, Jenny Hayes, Becky Prall and Chris Prall

Ivybridge Probus Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Rose & Crown in Yealmpton.

Members gather from 12 noon, with lunch served at 1pm in the private dining room. There is a guest speaker every other month, offering engaging talks on a wide range of topics.

The club is dedicated to providing a warm and welcoming environment where members can enjoy good company, good food and stimulating conversation.

If you're interested in joining or would like more information, contact the secretary Ritsaert von Oven on 01752 896155.

Upcoming walks for Ivybridge Walking Club are as follows (all Sundays):

- 15th June
- 29th June
- 13th July
- 27th July

Visit the club's website – ivybridgewalkingclub.com – for more information about the walks and club. First walk is free. Membership £10 per annum.

Members of Ivybridge Flower Club knew they were in for a good evening when studio florist Danielle Stephens paid a visit.

Danielle, who has visited IFC several times and always surprises, created five beautiful arrangements while entertaining members with an insight into her work and home life.

Attendees all hoped to be one of the lucky five to win one of the raffle prizes. The five who won went



The Dames

Ivybridge Theatre Company took part in the Ivybridge Festival over the late May bank holiday weekend. A parade of colourful, hilarious pantomime dames took to the stage for a beauty contest with a novel twist! Dame Hydrophobia, wearing a striking yellow and blue dress, was crowned the winner by the cheering audience.

Meanwhile, company members are finalising details of their next show, scheduled for early November, and planning more Murder Mystery events (details to follow soon).

ITC is a friendly group with a range of talents, experience and ages. They usually meet on Wednesdays at 7.30pm at Chapel Place, Fore Street, Ivybridge. To find out more phone, text or WhatsApp 07554 990902 or email secretary Teresa Davis at howard-davis@live.co.uk.

home with very different but beautiful designs in an array of gorgeous colours.

Danielle has been booked again for next year so why don't you come along and see if you can be one of the lucky winners next time?

IFC meets every second Monday of the month at The Bridge, Leonards Road, at 7.30. Visitors are welcome (£10) and are invited to join the club after three visits.

Ivybridge Trefoil members enjoyed a full month of activities in May.

This included an enjoyable visit to Delamore Arts to view and admire the many amazing sculptures around the lovely gardens, and the paintings indoors.

The group was invited by The Watermark to make a

VE Day display board of our, or our family's, memories of VE Day. One member had an uncle who had been a POW in Germany, escaped three times and was then sent to Colditz. His route map and story were on the board with many other memories.

A paramedic from Devon Air Ambulance provided CPR and defibrillator training. Members resuscitated 'Annie' and now have confidence in using a defibrillator should the need arise.

Trefoil is an international organisation of adults who have been involved in the guiding movement or who support the aims and ethos of guiding. For more information or if you are interested in 'trying us out', contact Joy on 07813 609317.



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Ivybridge Bloomers
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Social Snaps Photography
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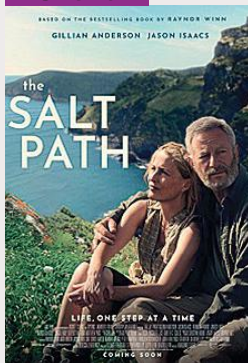
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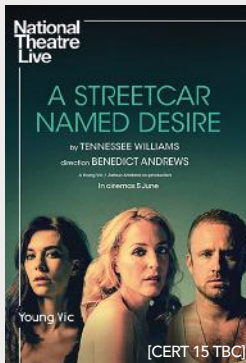
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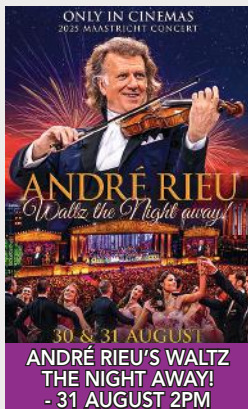
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