

TAW TORRIDGE ESTUARY FORUM

NEWSLETTER UPDATE – 25th. June, 2006



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MANAGEMENT STUDY FOR BRAUNTON MARSH

As mentioned in the previous TTEF newsletter, we have secured the funding for this project and we have now placed an advert in the North Devon Journal for a Project Officer.

Please find **attached**, for your information, a copy of the advert, in case you have not had the opportunity to see it in the North Devon Journal, together with a copy of the information sheet on the project being sent out to potential applicants.

I should be grateful if you forward these details to anyone that you or your organisation would consider a suitable applicant for this post. The closing date for applications is the 3rd. July 2006, and interviews will take place on Monday, 10th. July 2006.

All of this information is also available on the TTEF website, on the right-hand side of the home page under the heading "Management Study for Braunton Marsh", and the advert is also to be found on the North Devon Journal website: www.thisisnorthdevon.co.uk/jobs

Our thanks to Richard Butler (UK MAB) for his help and hard work in leading this project.

BIOSPHERE RESERVE DISCOVERY DAY

This event will take place in Barnstaple Pannier Market and The Queen's Theatre on 8th. July 2006. We shall be running a stand to promote the role of the TTEF and all of its member organisations, and will be also be drawing attention to the potential effects upon the Taw Torridge Estuary of the effects of climate change and sea level rise.

This is a unique opportunity for TTEF member organisations to promote both themselves and their role in the Braunton Burrows UNESCO International Biosphere Reserve.

I shall be in the Pannier Market all day on 8th. July, but I would really welcome some help in manning the stand and in talking to members of the public. This is not only an opportunity to inform members of the public about the Taw Torridge Estuary, it is also your chance to increase your membership and to make members of the public aware of your organisations' initiatives and programmes.

I would also welcome any handouts, information

leaflets, brochures, etc. from TTEF member organisations, to give to members of the public. I have copies of the leaflets from the Gaia Trust about Home Farm Marsh at Yelland, the 2005 brochure from Skern Lodge, the Biosphere Reserve brochure, the leaflet from the Rolle Canal Society and, of course, the Estuary Users' Guide and Code of Conduct. If you have any other information leaflets/brochures from your organisation that you would like circulated, please let me have them as soon as possible.

The day will include interesting displays from organisations working with the Biosphere Reserve, local produce and free tasting from the North Devon Food Group, and two free plays in the Queen's Theatre called "Destination Earth" performed by the Quantum Theatre for Science for young people up to the ages of 11 and 12 and accompanying adults. Information about how to obtain these free tickets is **attached**.

There will also be open discussions in the Theatre auditorium on the "specialness" of the area, on climate change and on being more environmentally friendly in the home.

The whole day is free, but if you would like to reserve seats for the open discussions, you can e-mail: anita@sianitadesign.co.uk, who is co-ordinating the event. To reserve tickets for the "Destination Earth" theatre performances, which last approximately one hour, you need to call the Box Office at the Queen's Theatre on 01271 234322

An information leaflet **attached**.

MARINE BILL CONSULTATION

Please find **attached** a copy of the TTEF response to the Defra consultation on the Marine Bill.

- OUR COAST - A COURSE LED BY EXPERTS ON THE NORTH DEVON COAST

This course is an introduction to everything you have ever wanted to know about North Devon's coast. The course starts on 5th. October and concludes on 7th. December, and will be held on Thursday mornings from 10.00 a.m. until 12 noon in the Barnstaple Library. The fee for the sessions is £30 (individual sessions on application). The list of lectures and the booking form are attached.

Please find below the contact details of the Project Officer:

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BRAUNTON BURROWS TALKS 2006

Mary Breeds has just let me have the final programme of talks for 2006 at the Countryside Centre, Braunton. These talks will take place on Wednesday evenings, starting at 7.45 p.m. Admission is £2.00, including refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

The programme of illustrated talks at the Braunton Countryside Centre is as follows:

July 19th: **The Healing Power of Plants, herbal medicine today** – Liz Lilicrap

July 26th: **Discover our native Wild Orchids and Butterflies, jewels of our natural world** – Mary and John Breeds

August 2nd: **Conserving our Coastline for People & Nature** – Jonathan Fairhurst

August 9th: **Enjoying Garden Birds and other Wildlife** – Maureen Dennis

August 16th: **Managing Devon's Nature Reserves** – Lucy Morton

August 23rd: **Dolphins, Porpoises and other Marine Megafauna** – Gavin Black

August 30th: **A Wildlife Filmshow – Chapel Wood RSPB Reserve, The Biosphere & Otters in Scotland** – Neil Worth

September 6th: **History, Myths and Legends of Baggly Point** – Dr. Paul Madgett

September 13th: **The Traditional Management of Devon's Woodlands and Hedgerows** – Tom Hynes

September 20th: **Beside the Seaside, A Pictorial look back at the North Devon Coastline as it was in 1907** – Andy Byrom

September 27th: **Braunton Marsh & The Taw Torridge Estuary – the history of this special landscape** – Tony Evans

October 4th: **Lundy's Marine Life – what makes it special and how is it changing?** – Dr. Keith Hiscock

October 11th: **Our Changing Countryside – Nature through the Seasons** – Mary Breeds

October 18th: **A 'pub style' Countryside Quiz Evening:**

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Thursday, August 10th: **Story telling and discovering natural objects** for 4 to 9 year olds. 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Thursday, August 24th: **Seashore Fun Day**, for 5 to 11 year olds, with Devon Wildlife Trust. 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

For further details – Mary Breeds 01271 817349

DATES OF TTEF MEETINGS FOR 2006/7

Monday, 17th. July 2006 – Town Hall, Bideford

Monday, 16th. October 2006 – Civic Centre, Barnstaple

Monday, 15th. January 2007 (AGM) – Town Hall, Bideford

All meetings begin at 7.00 p.m.



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