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Newsletter May 2015



Welcome to the May Newsletter - This month saw Quarry Faces book launched and Mendip Rocks! project proposal produced. More traditional fingerposts have been restored and Young Rangers are being sought for the 2015-2017 programme. Discovering Black Down's Starfish project premiered a short film and as part of European Day of Parks there will be an Art in the Landscape event on 28th May.



[Quarry Faces](#) publication was launched on May 15th with an event at [Somerset Earth Science Centre](#). Written by Robin Thornes the publication marks the end of the Quarry Faces project that has gathered a wealth of information on the Mendip quarry industry engaging with a wide range of volunteers and local communities. Information gathered will be used in future activities planned as part of the AONB led [Mendip Rocks!](#) initiative.



[Mendip Rocks! Project](#) proposal has been produced following consultation with a range of partner organisations and community groups. The 5th annual Mendip Rocks! Festival will run from 1st - 31st October 2015. Full programme available soon.



[5 highways fingerposts have been restored](#) by North Somerset Council with funding from the AONB Partnership and Blagdon Parish Council. The posts at Burrington Combe, Burrington and Blagdon feature the [AONB](#) collar with the AONB logo, grid reference and name of the junction.



[Young Rangers](#) scheme now recruiting!
15 young people between the ages of 12 to 14 are being sought to join our next two-year Young Ranger programme 2015-2017. go to our web site for [Information and Application Forms](#) or contact Nichola Penn on 01761 462338 email npenn@somerset.gov.uk



Over sixty people attended the World Premiere of 'Starfish' a [short film](#) made by the Children of Blagdon Primary school with help from Ruth Coleman (Starfish Producer) and Biggerhouse Film. The children visited Black Down to research the story. More about Starfish on the [Discovering Black Down](#) web site.



Discovering Black Down project is running a free event Art in the Landscape as part of the [EUROPARC Federation's](#) European Day of Parks 2015 on Thursday 28th May so come along to this hands on family fun event and learn how natural materials can be used to simple effect. [Book here.](#)



[Step in stone](#) – the first in a series of walks and talks takes place on 9th July with a guided quarry walk at Moons Hills quarry with artist Fiona Campbell and SWT grassland expert. Fiona is a sculptor using mainly recycled metal and found materials to create organic forms inspired by nature. Fiona's work reflects an interest in our relationship with the natural world, nature's cyclical persistence and the essence of life. To book please contact fionacampbell-art@sky.com tel:01749 880394 mob:07515 537224

Diary Dates:

[Landscapes for Life Conference](#)

Tues 30th June to Thurs 2nd July 2015

Historic Landscape of the Mendip Hills book launch at Cheddar Caves

Thurs 23rd July 10.30 – midday

[Final Programme](#)

Free but booking essential please email [Mendip Hills AONB](#) or [Contact Us](#)

Walk around historic Cheddar- Led by Sue Shaw

Thurs 23rd July 1.30- 3.00pm

£5 per person (all profits to Cheddar Walkers are Welcome group).15 places available -Booking essential please email [Mendip Hills AONB](#) or [Contact Us](#)

Festival of Archaeology 2015

Sat 11th to Sun 26th July See [CBA Festival](#) web site

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