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# Ludwell Life

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Ludwell Valley Park



## June 2021 Newsletter

It seems summer has finally arrived and the Valley is greener by the day. There are lots of beautiful photos being posted on our Facebook Group, showing how good it looks. Things are on the move in other ways: in this newsletter there is an update on Burn the Curtain's project , and from our meeting with Devon Wildlife Trust. There is another quiz, this time on flowers, and another history snippet, this time

about a footpath...

And we are very pleased to tell you that we have new member of the Steering Group, Hannah Page - welcome Hannah!

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## Burn the Curtain

Burn the Curtain make theatre outdoors, where audiences can become participants, and performers and spectators can meet on equal terms, ready for adventure. Have you been on one of their Wondrous Ramblings in the Valley Park, or Riverside, or Mincinglake? Something different and great fun, especially for families. Last weekend, they brought it together in 'The Sum of our Imaginings' where 30 of us met these three Curiositors and had a most entertaining walk in the Park. The whole thing comes together in September in the 'Imaginarium of Us'. We'll update you when we know more, or you can go to Burn the Curtain's website: <https://burnthecurtain.co.uk>, to see more.





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## Devon Wildlife Trust

We had our first meeting for ages with Anya and Chris from DWT recently. As long as Covid restrictions continue to ease, more can start happening in the Valley. Conservation tasks are being planned for the autumn and winter: possible projects include clearing round the young trees that have been planted in recent years; hedge-laying; and maybe planting what would become a mighty oak in a field somewhere near you...

DWT are also recruiting and training volunteer rangers for the Park - our own Andy is already one and Philippa is going to do the training as well.

Anya also told us about the *Wonford Loves Ludwell* project that Wonford Community Centre will be running through July, culminating on 14th August. Ludwell Life will be involved - so do watch this space!

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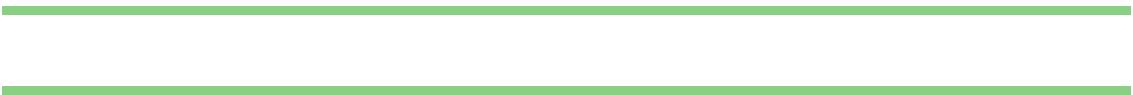
## Another Quiz

By popular demand (well at least one person!) here's another quiz. How many of these ten flowers, all photographed in the Valley, can you name? Some easier than others...

Answers at the end of the newsletter



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## An Ancient Way?

Have you noticed if you walk up the footpath from Ludwell Lane to the top of Roly Poly Hill, Heavitree Church is framed in a direct line ahead? In Heavitree churchyard is a yew tree that is probably several thousand years old, and so much older than any church. Yew trees were used to mark pre-Christian sacred sites.

Going back the other way, the footpath doesn't cross Ludwell Lane, it just stops. I have often wondered why and so looked on the maps. If you draw a line from Heavitree Church one way and then extend the line back the other way, you come to....Tesco Car Park!!!

But wait: under the car park, near the entrance to the store, was an Iron Age Camp. So is our fragment of footpath an ancient way used by prehistoric people to move between two important sites? I suspect we'll never know, but it's an intriguing idea. What do you think?

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## Quiz Answers

At least, I think these are the answers... I'm no flower expert and one of them I can't identify at all, so please put me right if you can! E-mail me at [ludwelllife@gmail.com](mailto:ludwelllife@gmail.com).



White clover



Stinging Nettle



May Blossom (Hawthorn)



Cow Parsley



Foxglove



Daisies



Pink Campion



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Buttercups



Elderflower

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