



Estates Update

Issue 3

Countryside Matters and the new Estate Video

The new issue of Countryside Matters and a new version of the Estate video have been released.

If you have not received your copy of the magazine please contact the Estate Office and we can arrange for copies to be delivered.

Congratulations!

Huge congratulations to Tom and Rachel Garner who welcomed baby Jessica Anne into their family on Monday 4th April at 8.44am weighing 8lb 11oz.

Jack and Evie are very proud of their new sister.



IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS OR INFORMATION TO ENTER INTO THE NEXT NEWSLETTER PLEASE CONTACT:

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Departmental Review at Heanton

The April Departmental Review meeting was held at Heanton this time, and we were privileged to have the opportunity to be shown around the gardens by Paul Hipkin, Head Gardener who not only pointed out the rare and old plants and trees, but explained the long term plans for the garden.

The spring blooms were stunning and it was easy to see just how much hard work goes into creating and maintaining such beautiful gardens.

Lady Clinton and Paul have been working with Kim Gray, a Landscape Architect from SGC Associates, to create a Garden Plan to guide work in the gardens over the next few years.



Clare James made Chairman for Devon and Cornwall RICS

Clare James, Estates Surveyor, has been appointed the new Chairman for RICS (Rural Institute for Chartered Surveyors) Devon and Cornwall Rural Group.

The Group provides continual professional development for rural Chartered Surveyors and with the RICS tackles topics that arise for a rural surveyor.

In July the Estate will be welcoming the group to learn a little more about Clinton Devon Estates at the RICS Summer Meeting. We look forward to the opportunity of sharing what we do with the other rural surveyors.

BSJA Three Day Event

For those of you who were unable to attend, Emma Vine ran a very successful three day British Show Jumping Event at Bicton Arena on the weekend of 13th-15th May. With over 400 horses the event was well attended and a great success. See the next issue for a full review.

Reducing Vehicle Claims

To reduce the amount of vehicle claims CDE are using the services of Trident Driving School, based in Exeter to send employees on a defensive driving course. The course is based upon part theory and part practical ie driving.

This is proving most popular with employees who have found the course very useful and interesting.

If you are interested in receiving more information on these courses, please contact Graham Vanstone at the Rolle Estate Office, 01395 443881.

Estate Visits

The Estate is blooming and the weather has improved so I would like to start organising for staff to have short informative trips to each others places of work.

Please let me know if you would be interested in these. We would be able to organise trips to the East Devon Pebblebed Heaths, Rolle Estate Office and Bicton Arena, Pophams Farm and Heanton.

Contact Carla at the Estate Office, 01395 441142.

Estate Summer Event



On the 6th of July the Estate held its first Summer Event. The event focused on the impact of tree disease Phytophthora ramorum, an airborne pathogen affecting the woodlands in the South West. The disease is thriving in Devon and Cornwall and Dr Joan Webber, head of tree health Climate Change Centre, delivered a key note speech on the environmental and financial implications.

John Wilding and Dr Webber discussed warning signs and encouraged swift action to combat the

spread of disease as well as replanting considerations for the future.



The event also saw Steve Woodley receive his certificate for 40 years service to the Estate, presented to him by Lord Clinton.

After speeches by George Perrott and Leigh Rix the delegates had the opportunity to network and discuss the points raised accompanied by Devonshire Cream Teas and a dressage performance by Abbie Hughes.

For more information regarding Phytophthora ramorum please see the new issue of Countryside Matters

New Herdsman at Dalditch Dairy



A very warm welcome from all at the Estate to Tim Curtis who has recently moved to the area from Berkshire with his partner Victoria and their 8 month old son, Finlay.

Tim will be working at Clinton Farms as the new Herdsman at Dalditch dairy.