

# The Ivy Barn Bed & Breakfast

## FEBRUARY / MARCH BLOG

February has been an interesting month weather wise. We have had a mixture of cold, wet and some very warm t-shirt weather which was great for me as I was eager to get out into the garden and tidy up and cut some of the bushes back. I even managed to mow the lawn but it is growing fast again.

Holbeton Village has a number of groups, one of which is the Holbeton Lunch and Social club. We were honoured to be invited to cook for the club in the Village Hall where they meet once a month. Rik cooked the main course, Italian Chicken and I made the dessert, apple and rhubarb crumble. We had 30 people to cater for. We were thrilled that every one seemed to like the lunch and came back for more.



As usual the Holbeton Players put on a splendid performance of The Wizard of Oz and were sold out every night. They have started rehearsing their Summer play which should be performed in July. I will put a post on facebook once we know the dates and what it is so you can book a ticket if interested. I am sure they won't disappoint.

The village has an Orchard and Apple day in September/October is a very popular event where apples are pressed, juice made for drinking or for cider making. This year the Orchard Community decided to arrange a Wassail which is an old tradition to bless the trees. A few of our own village traditions were started and hopefully it will be an annual event. It was certainly well attended despite the rain and Rikwolf, story teller extraordinaire gave a fabulous story before the Apple trees were blessed with cider that had been made from apples in the orchard. As the rain came down more people retreated to a warm fire in the pub and Rik and I and a few others finished the blessing of the trees getting very soaked. Normally lots of photos would have been taken but with the heavy rain it wasn't possible. I certainly enjoyed the mulled cider and the hot dogs.

Rik and I have been doing a bit of decorating in the barn and plan to paint outside once it gets warmer. We did start last year but events with Rik took priority so the plan is to start again when it gets drier.

Forthcoming events in the village include singers Local Girls Night Out on 30<sup>th</sup> March at the Modbury Village Hall, a Songwriters Circle on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in the village hall. There is an open day at Mothecombe House on the Flete estate in March, April and May. It is a beautiful garden overlooking Mothecombe beach and well worth a visit.

