



# Member Newsletter #7: Autumn/Winter 2018

**Welcome** to your Autumn/Winter Member Newsletter, packed with updates on exciting things to come and see at Dartington, including a Members only preview of Open House 02, and a secret dining event that will keep you guessing...

All of this – plus a review of our well-loved Members Day, held last month at Space Studios, and top picks from our Dartington Live programme of award-winning performances, which we're thrilled to be able to offer for a second season.

We are busy making Membership even more collaborative, and there'll be more behind-the-scenes tours as our exciting programme of building, restoration and re-purposing projects get underway. We hope you feel as excited as we do about the changes taking place on the estate, and we look forward to sharing this journey with you.

As always, if you need to contact us you can email [membership@dartington.org](mailto:membership@dartington.org) or call us on 01803 847 021 / 514.

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## Members Day 2018

There was a fantastic turnout for our annual Members Day, which was held this year at Space Studios on Saturday 15 September.

Members were given an exclusive preview of the future plans for the Trust featuring destination, finance, arts and learning, all in the company of our Chairman, Greg Parston. The morning included an update from CEO Rhodri Samuel on estate development, with an overview of the plans in place for Learning at Dartington, including repairs to High Cross House and Foxhole as key learning facilities on the estate.

Our new Director of Visitor Experience and Destination, Urszula Kossakowska, gave Members a flavour of the current and future projects and programmes in place to help optimise our estate enterprises and enhance visitor experience – including upgrading of The White Hart, a re-purposing and re-development of the Roundhouse into the Barn Cinema Café, the future development of a new Eco Hotel,

and not least the upgrading of the estate's toilet facilities too!



Amy Bere, Director of Arts, shared on the successes of the first season of Dartington Live, and reflected on the Dartington International Summer School's 70<sup>th</sup> year. She also highlighted other key projects on the estate, including the Artist in Residence programme. Director of Finance and Resources, Tim Allen, gave an overview of how we plan to fund our projects going forward.

For anyone who was unable to attend the day, or for a re-refresh for those who did, you can find further information on our newly revamped website about our future plans and all of the different projects here: [dartington.org/future](https://dartington.org/future). This section of the site will be evolving and more detail will be added as we start to get firm dates for work to start – so do keep an eye on it.

We were certainly fortunate with great weather on the day, and enjoyed a fabulous lunch supplied by Chef Manager Tara Vaughan-Hughes and the team from The Green Table café.

The afternoon's workshop on shaping the future of Membership at Dartington was led by our new Director of Marketing and Communications, Rebecca Renfro, and also proved popular. We would like to thank everyone who was able to attend and provide valuable input and suggestions, which will help to shape the future of Membership at Dartington.

## Craft at Dartington: Then, Now, Future

Louise gave an insight into the restoration plans in place for the Potters Cabin as a living memorial to potters Bernard Leach and Marianne De Trey, in a bid to share Dartington's creative legacy with the public, and to help provide a richer visitor experience on the estate.

There was a delicious cream tea to round off the morning, and Members were given a taste of what the Craft Revolution has planned over the coming few months, including **People Make Dartington**, an exhibition gallery showcasing people on the estate and their stories exhibiting at The White Hart and The Green Table from 25



July's Member event was hosted by potter, ceramicist and Dartington's Craft Learning Programme Manager, Louise Rainbow, at the Crafted Studios on the Dartington Hall estate.

Following a short sharing of everyone's creative interests and connections with Dartington, Louise gave an inspiring account of the history of craft on the estate; from the Elmhirst's post-war embrace of meaningful craft as an antidote to goings on, and their idea of craft as a foundation of human flourishing. "They invited the good and the great," explained Louise, "attracting makers from the heart, and inspiring our motto here which is 'When you love what you have, you have everything you need'."

Dorothy and Leonard's vision was described as being the inspiration behind the creative activities that we find on the estate today, including courses such as carpentry for women, textile art, knife making, bee keeping, felting, wood turning and life drawing. With 35 makers based here including a weaver, stone carver, printmaker and bookbinder, the creative community at Dartington is certainly thriving and continues to expand.

As well as workshops and courses, the Craft Revolution programme has successfully delivered some community projects on the estate, including The Tiny House Project, which was completed in partnership with students from Plymouth University, plus the creation of a wooden stargazing platform in the North Woods, which Members were able to view and experience for themselves.

October to 7 December. Plus the four-day Dartington Christmas makers market **Wonderland**, from 29 November to 2 December, bringing together local makers and celebrating the creative works on the estate, which we hope many of our Members will enjoy.

## Members Wildlife Walk

We had a fantastically sunny day for our autumn wildlife walk on the estate in early October with Mike Newby and Vicky Churchill, exploring the hedgerows and our wildlife-rich farmland where we spotted a number of butterflies, including the rare Clouded Yellow with its amazing camouflage. Members were intrigued to hear more about wildlife conservation on the estate, and were fascinated to discover that butterflies are in fact solar powered! "Particular butterflies can only take flight when the temperature reaches a particular level," Mike explained. "Hence today we're seeing some amazing varieties."

For anyone interested in future wildlife walks, keep an eye out for more opportunities on our [Member Events page](#).



# Invest in Dartington

For those who attended Member's Day this year, you will have heard our Finance Director, Tim Allen, present plans for funding the exciting vision we have for Dartington's future. We have since announced the official launch of our retail bond, now listed on the Impact segment of the NEX Exchange and certified as a socially focused stock by the Social Stock Exchange.

**We aim to raise up to £20 million through the bond issue – investment that will help reinvigorate the Dartington estate.** Plans are in place to improve the retail experience at our shops; renovate the hotel and the White Hart; redesign the Roundhouse (following on from the success of The Green Table); and create a new learning campus. All of this will be done in order to put the Trust on a sustainable financial footing for the future and enable us to deliver significant social impact.

Visit our website for more information, and to register for updates. The deadline to subscribe to Dartington bonds has been extended until 30 October 2018.

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## Member events coming up...

NOVEMBER

### Open House 02: High Cross House Exhibition and Members Tour

Thursday 1 Nov 10.30am – 11.30am, High Cross House

Following on from the positive feedback from our first Open House event earlier this year, we are bringing you Open House 02, which will provide another opportunity for the public to engage with us on developments made so far.

As Members, you are invited to preview this exciting three day event which will take place during the first weekend in November.

Just pop along to High Cross House, which will be open to Members for a self-guided tour between 10.30am and 11.15am on Thursday 1 November, the day before the public opening (no need to book). Following the tour there will also be an opportunity to walk down to The Shops at Dartington to preview the Shops Consultation along with Dartington Staff between 11.30am and 12 noon.

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HOUSE**

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At our recent Members day workshop we were delighted to hear just how keen people are to get involved with events and projects at Dartington, so if anyone has specialist



knowledge or a keen interest in High Cross House, please do get in touch as we are looking for knowledgeable stewards for our Open House 02 event on 2nd and 3rd November. Please email us at [membership@dartington.org](mailto:membership@dartington.org).

DECEMBER  
**Members Secret Garden  
Dining Event**

Wednesday 12 December 5pm – 7:30pm (meet at the Yew tree)

We are thrilled to offer an exclusive 'Members only' event this December, at one of our secretly treasured and lesser known locations on the Dartington estate, where all will be revealed on the night!

The event will include a beautifully prepared, locally sourced meal with seasonal drinks, and a short discussion from Dartington Trustee and sustainability advocate Geetie Singh-Watson, who together with our Food and Farming Community Resilience Manger, Harriet Bell, will be sharing how the Trust is using its land for sustainable projects and to supply our on-site eateries with its locally grown produce.

This promises to be a delightful and intimate evening of discovery, getting you into the festive spirit, whilst tasting some new and exciting seasonal dishes prepared on the estate.

Dietary requirements can be catered for with advance notice to [membership@dartington.org](mailto:membership@dartington.org)

£25 per person, limited tickets.

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## Other events coming up...



## Dartington Live: Bedtime Stories

**Thursday 6 December, 6pm Space Studio 1**

Members are invited to bring the children or grandchildren along and join us for the opening night of our magical winter show, Bedtime Stories, by the award-winning Upswing Aerial. It's a wonderful introduction to performance for young children, combining theatre with circus, dance and 3D animation whilst tucked up with your family in a bedroom installation. (Suitable for ages 3+).

Why not combine it with a pre-show meal at the Green Table (kitchen open until 5pm), and make the most of your membership discount with us whilst treating the family to a wonderful evening of entertainment?

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## Arts retreat

**17 – 18 October, The Great Hall**

We are excited to have Counterpoint arts host a retreat at Dartington this week, and they are holding two public events in the Great Hall, which our Members may be interested in attending:

- A Northern Soul; tonight, 6:30pm, a screening by award winning documentary maker Sean McAllister – A reflection on changes to a city hit by cuts in public spending and divided by Brexit. McAllister will be joining us for a discussion. [Book here](#)
- Hip Hop and Afro Soul Duo, Native Sun; Thursday 18 October 8pm; a night of Hip Hop and African rhythms. [Book here](#)



## People Make Dartington

**25 October – 7 December**

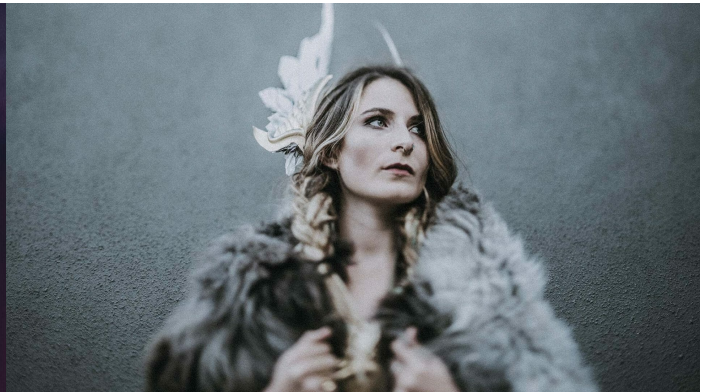
Members are also welcome to join us for the **Launch Party on 25 October, 6-9pm, The White Hart**

An exciting photography exhibition by Totnes-born photographer Aubrey Simpson, capturing a cross-section of people who work on the Dartington Hall estate in a variety of enterprises and organisations.

The exhibition showcases the diversity of activity here and the extraordinary people who make it happen: from dance to digital media, acupuncture to accountancy.

**People Make Dartington** celebrates the people and projects that make Dartington so special, transforming the legacy of the Elmhursts' for the twenty-first century and beyond.

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## Wonderland: Christmas Makers Market

**29 Nov – 2 Dec**

Meet over 40 of the best makers in the South West whilst being entertained on every corner from Romany music, fire pits, a gin palace, flame throwers and street food. You'll be able to make your own special gifts at our [wreath making](#), [lino printing](#), [candle making](#) and [other courses](#) taking place, and you will also get to meet our Shippon artists, who will open their studios – including Dartington Printmakers and their annual 'Off The Peg' print exhibition. Look out for the opportunity to meet our Nordic Santa Frau in the Shepherds hut too!

This promises to be a wonderful winter event to get us all into the festive spirit, and bring together a community of the finest contemporary craft-makers around.

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# On offer at The Shops

Get ahead of the game this Christmas, with a new range of hampers available online and at The Shops at Dartington. Browse from our range of Dartington Gin gift sets to traditional Devon hampers, and don't forget to use your fantastic 10% member discount too!

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# Give the gift of Membership

Dartington Membership is a fantastic festive gift with a difference. You can choose from individual or family options and choose whether to send the gift straight to the recipient or to yourself.

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