



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE 'COMBE?



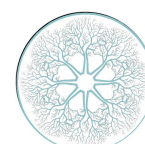
REFUGEE INITIATIVE

Embercombe community uniting with refugees, asylum seekers through gardening, cooking & building.



DARK MOUNTAIN

A network of writers, artists & thinkers who have stopped believing the stories our civilisation tells itself.



WETHE UNCIVILISED

Grassroots documentary challenging the story of civilisation, exploring an inspiring narrative of connection & belonging.

WETHEUNCIVILISED



Saturday 9th July, doors: 7pm, showing: 7.30pm

"We are the activists, the artists, the air and the animals; the community builders, the doulas, the herbalists, the earth and the plants; the poets, the storytellers, the makers, the mavericks, the musicians and the music; we are the feelings and the fire, the wonder and the water. We choose possibilities, not parameters. We are the uncivilised.

We, the uncivilised, refuse to participate in a culture based on the desecration of land, life and people. We, the uncivilised, believe in community, collaboration and the inter-connectedness of all life. We, the uncivilised, believe it's time to challenge the stories that imprison us; the stories that uphold the self-destructive system we call Western Civilisation. We, the uncivilised, are claiming the right to write our own story. We are digging up the stories of our soil; we seek stories to inspire, we seek stories to unite, we seek stories to rouse the heart, and activate the soul.

Beyond the boundary, life becomes limitless..."

After reaching their crowd-funding campaign goal filmmakers, Lily and Pete Sequoia are embarking on a pre-release tour and we're delighted to be a part of it

here at Embercombe.

Disillusioned by a cultural story of consumption and alienation, newly married couple, Lily and Pete are called to action. Carrying with them their unborn child, they embark on a year-long journey around the UK, searching for the seeds of an alternative culture and with it hope for the future.

Without any prior filmmaking experience, they borrow the money from a friend to buy a second hand film camera, and set off with an intention to share their experience. Lily and Pete tell us more about the project:

"We have been greatly inspired by the Shodh Yatra, an Indian term, meaning: 'to undertake a journey for the search of knowledge, creativity and innovations at the grassroots'. Information is carried from one village to the next, and shared in order to perpetuate and evolve vital skills.

This summer we will share our experience and learning from one place to the next, connecting folk, and knitting together an uncivilised network across the UK. Fuelled by waste cooking oil, and powered by solar we will screen the film for communities, festivals and transition towns, in locations ranging from urban car parks to village greens."

We follow the filmmakers' quest on this intimate journey as they speak to grassroots activists, alongside the pioneering voices of [Satish Kumar](#) (The Ecologist), [Polly Higgins](#) (Ecocide Lawyer), [Bruce Parry](#) (Explorer), [Mark Boyle](#) (Moneyless Manifesto), [Martin Shaw](#) (School of Myth), [Glennie Kindred](#) (Artist and writer), The late [Patrick Whitefield](#) (Permaculturist) and [Simon Fairlie](#) (The Land) and our very own founder, [Mac Macartney](#). On this quest, they take with them a question – What could an uncivilised world look like?

'wetheuncivilised, A Life Story', is a grassroots documentary film project that seeks to challenge the 'civilised' story of separation. The film looks at the points in our lives when we have an opportunity to tell a new story, and to step into an 'uncivilised' world of relationship, connection and belonging.

To find out more or to book your tickets, please [click here](#).

COMMUNITY UNITES WITH REFUGEES



Over the last 6 weeks Embercombe has been hosting a program in collaboration with START (Students Teachers and Refugees Together) in Plymouth to help Refugees and Asylum Seekers to gain basic works skills.

Each week participants have been engaging in a range of tasks including gardening, site and kitchen. The last few weeks have been an exciting chance for participants and the community to meet new people, put down roots in a safe place build friendships and of course, get a lot done.

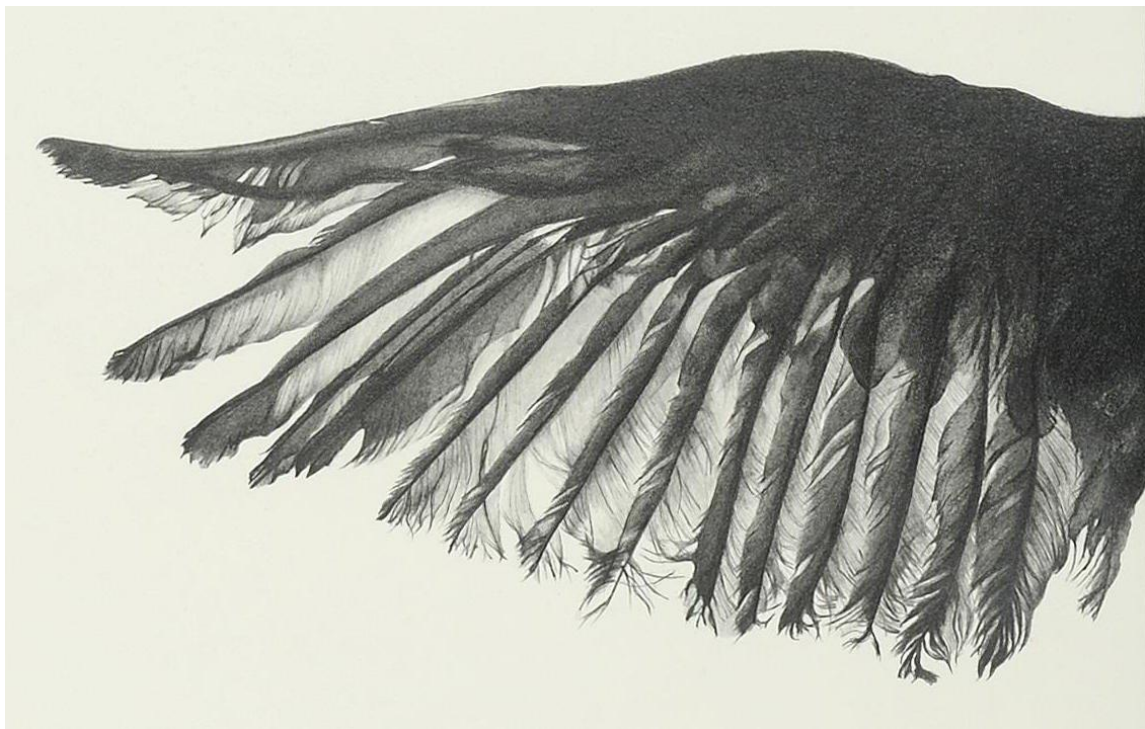
Participants have been able to develop skills to transfer in to a professional working environment, we have also been able to engage in a skills share, the kitchen has become vibrant with smells of cooking from Pakistan and Kurdistan and one participant lent his accomplished carpentry skills to helping to finish our mushroom growing house. We are looking forward to sampling the delicacies from this in a couple of months!

For everyone involved this time together has been a stimulating time of learning and discovery and we look forward to hosting a new group again in the autumn.

This program has been entirely funded by crowdfunding and in order to run the next instalment we need your help. This money will continue to help us to support the people who need it most to share in our experiences at Embercombe; the abundance of natural beauty, organic food, therapeutic work, care and friendship.

If you would like to contribute, your donation would be very gratefully received, please [click here](#). For more information about START, please [click here](#).

DARK MOUNTAIN GATHERING 2016



2nd -- 4th September 2016

Calling all fellow explorers on the edge of civilisation! The [Dark Mountain Project](#) is setting up BASE CAMP at Embercombe and you are invited to join...

Embercombe is delighted to be hosting Dark Mountain's first large gathering for three years. The weekend will be a great opportunity to look at the issues the project has raised, to share ideas with real people in a real place, to sit round a hearth and hear stories from the other side of the fire.

The [programme](#) for the event will include speakers and performers who are producing some of the most interesting and creative responses to this era of converging crises. Just as important, throughout the weekend, there will be a chance for everyone who attends to actively contribute.

BASE CAMP aspires to a rich mix of talks, workshops and performance, and to the kind of alchemy that can happen when you honour the spaces that open in-between. It's a chance to replenish, to take a fresh look at the maps and to plan new routes and adventures. If you're an old friend of Dark Mountain, or have just discovered us, we hope you'll want to be part of it.

To find out more please [click here](#) or to book your place, [click here](#).

EMBERCOMBE EVENTS

Embercombe Experience Weekends

6th - 8th May

(Formerly 'Friends Weekend')

A community weekend to share your enthusiasm, expertise, or simply a willing pair of hands. Find out [more](#).

The Journey

15th - 20th May

5 day residential self leadership course for people of all ages, social groups and experience. Find out more [here](#).

Beekeeping

21st - 22nd May

25th - 26th June

2 day natural beekeeping course. Find out more [here](#).

Grow the Grown Ups

29th May - 3rd June

A self-development programme for adults with young children. Find out more [here](#).

Catalyst

10th - 15th July

WHAT'S HAPPENING OUTSIDE THE GATES?

Old Homes, New Energy - Restoration & Energy Efficiency

May 4th, 7.15pm - 9.30pm

Talk and a call out for participating homes for this year's Open Eco Homes tour in October. Find out more [here](#).

Back on the Jumble Trail

8th May, 11.00am - 3.00pm

Time to get growing, sorting, baking and making - includes much of Dartington and Follaton. [Click here](#).

5th Annual Local Entrepreneur Forum

12th May, 2.00pm - 10.00pm

£20

Find out more and book [here](#).

Party in the Town in Totnes

Friday 27th May, 6.00pm, Free entry

More than 400 performers are taking part, in over 25 venues. Find out more [here](#).

On Purpose Associate Programme

Provides the space you need to

Catalyst is a 5-day residential course for 18-25 year olds who want to carve their own paths and help shape the future. Find out more [here](#).

The Descent

4th - 10th September

5 day descent into the wild. We journey into the dream-world and walk ancient paths that reach inwards and outwards. Follow on from The Journey. Find out more [here](#).

Speaking Out

2nd - 4th November

A two day public speaking programme for people who wish to communicate with impact and authenticity. Find out more [here](#).



Film Night: Wetheuncivilised

9th July

'Wetheuncivilised, A Life Story', is a grassroots documentary film project

jump-start a purpose-led career. Gain experience of working in purpose-oriented organisations. Applications open now until 23rd May, [find out more](#).

Women's Wild Hearth camp Dartmoor

5-10 July Women come gather on the moor for yoga, bushcraft, foraging, nature-time, community, singing and fire. Find out more [here](#)

EMBERCOMBE HOSTED EVENTS

Jimmy and Sid

21st May

Jimmy Aldridge and Sid Goldsmith play traditional and original folksong of the British Isles.

They tell stories of hardship, joy, struggle and celebration held together with driving banjo and guitar arrangements and close vocal harmonies. Find out more and book tickets [here](#).

LifeBEAT Creative Practice Workshops

20th - 22nd May

Experiential training in group facilitation. Find out more or book your

that seeks to challenge the 'civilised' story of separation (see above). Book tickets and find out more [here](#).

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What else is going on at Embercombe?

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Dark Mountain Gathering

1st - 4th September

The [Dark Mountain Project](#) is setting up BASE CAMP at Embercombe. See above, or find out more [here](#).

DREAMER'S CORNER

It's almost like everything can be accepted through realising natural law. This natural law determines the state of all things; autonomous yet impressionable, ruthless yet peaceful.

All that can be reckoned with – thoughts, opinions intentions and actions are all a product of the universe in which we reside. This gives me peace and therefore acceptance.



Knowing that all there is for me to consider is my role in the grand story of everything and what that role can be.

Meditating by myself, realising... autonomous nature, breathing, plants growing, the intuition of empowered children in a free environment. That things come together naturally – through natural law we are all inherently connected. Is it just being human to have the capacity to resist nature, to resist this connection? Is Embercombe just an instance of stopping this resistance?

Jack White, visitor, November 2015

AND IT'S GOODBYE FROM US...

Becks and Twiggy are Go!



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