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Real Life in the New Forest



Real Life

Once the royal hunting reserve of William the Conqueror, the New Forest is still a very important part of English heritage.

Abounding in wildlife and dotted with hamlets of thatched Tudor cottages, these 145 square miles of ancient heath and woodland offer a wealth of natural history.

Although a living and working community, many of the medieval traditions of the Forest have been carefully preserved, thus providing a unique experience of life for residents and visitors alike.



However, another 'quality' life experience can be found in the New Forest today...

...so long as we're willing to look in the right direction...

in the New Forest

Lasting Peace

The tranquil beauty of the New Forest stands in stark contrast to the pressures of 21st century living.



Yet over the years, many have found a quality of peace and contentment beyond all other by entering into a personal

relationship with Almighty God through His Son, Christ Jesus, who says...

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

Of course, we can never know the peace of God until we first find peace WITH God, and again the Lord Jesus points us in the right direction when He says...

I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

But this is only part of the story...

True Freedom

The New Forest is famous for the 5,000 ponies which roam wild in its open areas. Their welfare is the responsibility of special Agisters who are 'on call' by day and night.

Amazingly, God has also made Himself readily accessible to us... through the greatest act of love ever known...

...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Owned by a 'Commoner', each pony is branded before being left to wander free throughout the Forest. In a similar way, God wants us to know true freedom... but from the consequences of all that separates us from Him...

...your iniquities(sins) have separated you from your God...

Isaiah 59:2

But to receive His forgiveness we must be willing to turn from all we know to be wrong and ask the risen Christ Jesus into our lives as Saviour and Lord...

...to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...

John 1:12

...and He will mark us out as His own. He will...

...set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

2 Corinthians 1:22



Unique Discovery

The New Forest Museum and Visitors Centre is the perfect place to discover the history and traditions of this fascinating area.

Yet the greatest discovery of all is made when we enter into a personal relationship with Almighty God... seeking Him with an open heart and mind...

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13

In trusting the Lord Jesus Christ with our future He gives us a completely new start...

...if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

...and in making this wonderful discovery, we'll be glad to accept the terms He lays down for all who would be His true followers...

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23



Genuine Hope

'Commoners' own traditional land rights in the New Forest, and the ancient Verderer's Court administers commoning arrangements.

And yet there is a much older judicial system to which we will all give an account one day...

...people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment...

Hebrews 9:27

But already even the most respectable of us must acknowledge that there are things in our lives which mean we fall short of God's standards...

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:8

If we continue to live ignoring God's love and purposes for us we will one day have to face up to horrific consequences...

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 5:12

But thankfully God offers hope both now AND for the life to come...

Real Life

Visitors to the Forest can take part in many special activities as a way of exploring the unique characteristics of England's 'Heart of Oak'.

But it's only as we encounter the Lord Jesus Christ that we discover the best that life has to offer. He says...

...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10



However, as things stand, each one of us is faced with the greatest challenge of all...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

...but whoever does not believe stands condemned already...

John 3:18

So therefore, to discover *real life* in the New Forest today... the next step is yours...