



# DDE Newsletter No. 68

## Articles ...

The “Social Distance” between Africa and African-Americans. American popular culture inhibits a close relationship between African-Americans and the African continent. [Read more ...](#)

Secrets of rebel slaves in Barbados will finally be revealed. British Library releases vast trove of digitised 19th-century newspapers to bring stories of fugitives to life. [Read more ...](#)

Protesters demand wealthy MP pays up for family’s slave trade past. Rally outside home of Conservative Richard Drax demands reparations for 200 years of trade in Barbados. [Read more ...](#)

‘Now I’ve a purpose’: why more Kurdish women are choosing to fight. All-female militias in Syria have again swelled in numbers in recent years with many women joining the call to arms despite the risks. [Read more ...](#)

Legal bids mean UK deportation flight to Zimbabwe takes off just one-third full. Multiple challenges, as well as Covid self-isolation, result in only 14 of people being on board, it is believed. [Read more ...](#)

## World at Lunch ...

Gross inequality stoked the violence in South Africa. It’s a warning to us all. The country’s social contract has broken, fuelled by corruption and extreme poverty. [Read more ...](#)

The US embargo on Cuba has failed. If Biden truly wants to put principles, and effectiveness, ahead of politics, he should make a bold choice and end the embargo. [Read more ...](#)

Billionaires in space: The launch of a dream or just out-of-this-world ego? [Read more ...](#)

As Richard Branson prepares to beat Jeff Bezos to space, Blue Origin claims the flight won't go high enough to count. [Read more ...](#)

Burnthouse Lane stands by Exeter as boundary shake-up leaves 'Laners' baffled. A loyal love of Burnthouse Lane among its residents means they will always have their own identity. [Read more ...](#)

Pinhoe could leave Exeter in revised shake-up of political boundaries in Devon. Current proposals could see the area around Burnthouse Lane move into a new 'Exmouth' constituency - but officials would rather Pinhoe be moved instead. [Read more ...](#)

## Book ...

*The Place for Me: Stories About the Windrush Generation* by Dame Floella Benjamin, E. L. Norry and Judy Hepburn. [Details ...](#)

### Local news ...

Get your bike checked out thanks to Live & Move. [Read more ...](#)

Devon County Council is encouraging residents to #BackTheFuture with £40k for climate related projects. [Read more ...](#)

Over 100 acres of wildflower-rich meadows are being restored across Devon. Plantlife's Meadow Makers project sees the charity working with several partners across England to achieve the ambitious target of restoring more than 1,200 acres of wildflower meadows. [Read more ...](#)

### Videos and podcasts ...

Uprising: BBC1 Three part documentary by director Steve McQueen. In 1981: a devastating fire leaves 13 black teens dead. The protests, unrest and accusations of indifference defined race relations for a generation. [Watch ...](#)

Pegasus: the spyware technology that threatens democracy. Pegasus spyware is capable of bypassing your phone's security and gaining complete access to your device – including emails, messages, GPS location, photos, video and your phone's microphone. [Watch ...](#)

### Things to do ...

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm to 4.30pm.** *Decolonising Parliament: Naoroji and Saklatvala, Britain's "MPs for India"* Naoroji was elected in 1892 as a Radical Liberal, Saklatvala in 1922 first as a Labour and then as a Communist MP. [Zoom link ...](#)

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 10:30am** *A Global Green New Deal: Fixing our broken food systems.* War or Want webinar. [Details ...](#)

**18<sup>th</sup> July to 17<sup>th</sup> August** *South Asian History Month* [Details ...](#)

### Campaigns ...

Right now laptops, jewellery, perfumes, COVID masks - over half of them unopened and still in their shrink wrap - are being sent to landfill and destroyed by Amazon. [Petition ...](#)

CND is reporting the UK government to the United Nations for breaking international law by increasing the number of nuclear warheads in its arsenal. [Petition ...](#)

Show solidarity with the England football team in fighting for racial equality. [Petition ...](#)

Ask the new permanent representative of the UK to the World Trade Organisation asking to back the proposal for the suspension of patents during the pandemic. [Petition ...](#)

Ask Boris Johnson to stop hijacking the aid budget. [Petition ...](#)

The Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) threatens climate action. Co-sign letter calling on the UK to exit the ECT before the UN climate conference. [Petition ...](#)