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THREE lucky hens saved from slaughter by the British Hen Welfare Trust have been making the most of their free range retirement in the sun.

Fanny, Gloria and June were adopted from one of the charity's re-homing points at 18-months-old.

They were due to go to slaughter but were three of the lucky ones rehomed by the British Hen Welfare Trust, which has another re-homing date coming up in South Zeal on Sunday, October 2.

There will be hundreds of hens looking for their retirement homes

on that date and anyone able to re-home some is urged to call the charity as soon as possible.

Charity founder Jane Howorth MBE said: 'With the summer holidays long gone, now is the perfect time to adopt some of our lovely hens so they can enjoy some autumn sunshine while they adapt to free range life.'

'If you haven't tried keeping hens, you have no idea what you're missing out on. Please pick up the phone and book as soon as possible.'

'Our girls make wonderful pets - they're inquisitive, endearing and

so soft to stroke - and you get the best eggs as a bonus!

'Hens like Fanny, Gloria and June would be going straight to the slaughterhouse if it were not for kind people giving them loving homes.'

'Adopting some hens is "life enriching" - a phrase used by many of our supporters.'

If you can give a hen a happy home all you need to do is make sure you register on the BHWT's website at www.bhwt.org.uk and call 01884 860084.

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Plucky cluckers enjoying retirement

Talk on mining

TOM Greeves will give a talk about the world of Dartmoor tin mining at the Charter Hall on Wednesday, October 5 at 7pm.

Dr Greeves will give the talk in reflection of the Museum of Dartmoor Life's latest exhibition which contains work from the Dartmoor Tinworking Research Group. The talk will be part of the museum's annual meeting, which starts at 7pm.

One hundred years ago Dartmoor's ancient tin industry was still busy, with three key moorland

mines in active work - Vitifer, Golden Dagger and Hexworthy. These provided significant employment for men from villages and towns all round the moor.

For more than 45 years, Dr Greeves has collected photographs and oral recollections of the mines, miners and their families. His talk will bring to life a now vanished part of Dartmoor's rich history - from the earliest image of 150 years ago to the final demise of moorland tinworking at the outbreak of the Second World War.

History weekend

MEETH History Weekend kicks off tomorrow (Friday, September 30) with a special event held in Meeth Church alongside exhibitions, talks and displays regarding the village's buildings and their history.

Tomorrow will be the formal opening of the three day celebration of Meeth's history. The weekend will be announced by the Rev Ruth Hansford at 7.30pm. There will then be a concert held with musicians John Courtie,

Christine and Louise Cleverdon.

On Saturday afternoon there will be talks on archaeology, architecture and conservation help in the church followed by a ploughman's lunch in the village hall from 1pm until 2pm. Visitors will also be invited to a late afternoon tea held in the village from 3pm until 5pm.

Day three of Meeth History Weekend will consist of a special church service from Preacher the Venerable Douglas Dettmar followed by a hot lunch in the village hall.

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