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From The Rectory

Reviewing the situation

Thursday 8th June 2017... an important day for two reasons. As we know, there is to be a general election, and all over again many of us will gladly exercise our democratic right to vote for the person whom we wish to represent us here in the constituency of Central Devon. What a privilege! I say *gladly*, but perhaps this time round, like me, you've got a touch of voter fatigue. I sense there is quite a bit of it around, for good or for ill. It really doesn't seem very long ago since the last time. Nevertheless, after some "considering" and "reviewing" I will cast my vote on June 8th in thankfulness for the relative prosperity, stability and peace that we enjoy here in the UK, resolving again to pray for those in authority over us, as the Bible says.

But as you can probably tell, there is something else happening that day. As I cast my vote I will also be psyching myself up to yet again take the stage with the St. Peter's Troupers for the opening night of the show "Oliver!" In fact, it's a very good thing Oliver is being staged in St. Peter's Church and not the Town Hall as one might expect, or else as the final voters of the day review their ballot cards so will Fagin be taking the stage to "review the situation."

Oliver has been months in the planning. It involves some 50 adults or so, and about 25 children from North Tawton Community Primary School. Cast and crew are a mixture of regular church members from across our four churches, and those for whom this is their first involvement in something that the church is doing. We are really glad that the idea has captured the imagination of so many, as *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Another Story Begins* did in previous years. As I write, I know that the Friday and Saturday evening performances are almost sold out. So do get your tickets ASAP from North Tawton Post Office. Performances are on Thursday 8th June (7.30pm), Friday 9th June (7.30pm), and Saturday 10th June (2.30pm and 7.30pm), £5 adults and £3 under 16's. It promises to be a great show.

You might ask, "Why is a church doing a musical like "Oliver?" Good question. I've asked it myself a few times, not least when trying to learn my lines. I think there are three main reasons. The first is the same as it would be for any drama group putting on a show: it's great fun to be creative, to express talents and to do something together, and Oliver is a particularly fun show. "Food Glorious Food", "Consider Yourself", "Oom-Pah-Pah!" Fagin, the Artful Dodger and bad Bill Sikes... what's not to like? The second reason is that we have found that putting on shows has really had a positive effect on the ministry of our churches in the community. Indeed, it really wouldn't be worth all the time and effort had they not had such an impact. For example, the shows have deepened the church's

relationship with the primary school; we have been able to welcome lots of people into St. Peter's who never usually come; friendships have been made, and in some cases cast and crew have found the shows to have made life-changing differences in some other area of their lives. It has helped some cope with loneliness, shyness or a long-term illness. The third reason we do these shows is the chance to make ourselves, and hopefully our audience, think about some of the major themes of life in this world. For in most stories there is life, death, love, hate, regret, and redemption.

In June, we have again the opportunity to "review the situation" and cast our vote. "Reviewing the situation" is a theme in the show. It's Fagin's signature tune - the lovable, father-like, rogue who leads the gang of pickpocketing boys that Oliver joins for a while. In Charles Dickens's *Oliver Twist*, from which the musical is derived, Fagin is a far less lovable character. There's real menace about him as he manipulates young homeless boys to steal for him. In *Oliver Twist* he ends up paying for his crimes rather than walking off into the sunset, as he does in the musical. But the musical version of Fagin is perhaps a little easier to relate to. He's closer, I think, to the likes of you and me.

In the song "reviewing the situation", Fagin imagines going straight and leaving behind his life of crime. He longs to settle down with a wife. He longs for redemption, wishing to make an honest man of himself. But, aged seventy, he worries that it might be too late for him and that no one cares for him. His only consolation is the money he's (illegitimately) put aside. It's a bittersweet moment in the show. In actual fact, Fagin is not really "reviewing the situation" at all. He's reviewing himself, and as he does so he faces up to his regrets, his old age, and his loneliness. This is where the fun musical chimes with the harsh realities of life today. For the world of Dickensian London – petty crime, prostitution and poverty – may seem a long way away to us, but in the end, the story is merely about a set of very different people each trying to find their way in life. Oliver himself asks the question at the heart of the story, as he sings, "Where is love?" He longs for a mother and a family, but one can't help but feel that these can fail too. Perhaps then it is only beyond this life where true love and full redemption can be found. It might be too late for Fagin to redeem himself on earth but it is never too late for heavenly redemption, if reviewing would lead on to repenting. *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).

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Late Entry

On her way to the Okehampton Show
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and drag them from the hedge as they pass)

and sustained a puncture.

By the time she finally arrived
she found notices where her exhibits were due to
go:

LATE ENTRY—NOT FOR JUDGING

She told me this at Jim Snell's funeral tea,
and it set me speculating whether, on that last Day
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At the Council's recent Annual Meeting, Cllr. Mr Steve Whiteley was elected as Chair of the Council for the 2017/18 year.

Cllr. Ms. J. Trehwitt was elected as Vice Chair.

Committee chairmanship is as follows:

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Vice Chair – Cllr. Ms. J. Trehwitt.

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From the archives

Minutes of the Council meeting dated 7th April 1992, in relation to traffic flow, report as follows: "New signs had been erected at de Bathe Cross, directing lorries around the ring road. It was felt that these would not be effective, but it was agreed to monitor the situation". This issue remains a subject of complaints to this day, and modern technology

appears to have made the problem worse in that 'sat navs' apparently direct lorry drivers through the town (if they are not using commercial units).

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The original focus of nature conservation here was the fine set of sand-dunes at Braunton Burrows, to the north of the mouth of the Taw, but experts in the Man and the Biosphere programme came to realise that nature reserves with tight boundaries were of limited value. Birds, insects and animals cross boundaries only too easily, and it became all too easy for ecologists to keep people out (and in the end they depend upon people to fund nature conservation). Even more important the reserves are part of systems water and air flow into the area and out again. So, for example, serious pollution up the Taw will impact quite quickly on the wildlife of the Burrows, while sand may be blowing the other way.

The solution is to make the Biosphere reserves much bigger and in Devon they took the decision, which is obviously the best scientifically, to include all the land that drains to the two rivers. Of course, politics and science do not always meet, and the District Council boundaries do not recognise the watershed. Consequently North Devon and Torridge District Councils are almost all within the area, and the Biosphere is most grateful for their support over a decade and more. But a good deal of the area lies within West Devon (including of course Okehampton and a triangle of Dartmoor up towards Cranmere Pool) and a smaller amount within Mid-Devon. Braunton Burrows is the Core Zone, the coastal AONBs form a Buffer Zone, while the rest of us are within a Transition Zone. It has taken a long time to fund signs saying 'You are now entering / leaving the UNESCO North Devon World Biosphere Reserve' but we will get there soon.

How can this help places such as North Tawton? Obviously as West Devon does not contribute to Biosphere funds there is no pot of money to dip into. In fact there is scarcely a pot for anyone; the funding covers only our small staff. The old system where both funds and official powers were given to a team (as with a National park) who could then direct how things must be done has been abandoned. The new technique is for local people to decide what needs to be done, and use Biosphere expertise to seek funding and experience. But being within the zone should help to 'leverage' other funds. If you have a project of environmental concern (not just wildlife but perhaps energy conservation) then it certainly does no harm to have our letterhead as a banner. Usually we are trying to link our superb environment to make it work for our economy.

There have been many projects, including improving some of our roadside verges, trying to breed the Freshwater Pearl Mussel (which inhabits our streams but does not breed because of water quality), establishing Marine Conservation Zones, restoring Culm grassland and supporting sustainable tourism. We are very happy to arrange a meeting with local people (possibly Parish Councillors, but probably better as open meetings) but please be warned: because we try very hard to make this the opposite of a top down process, it means that we are likely to turn up with a notebook and listen to your environmental concerns, not stand out in front telling you what you ought to be doing.

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As many of you may know, Mr Nick D'Agorne, who has been our Headteacher since 2005, has announced his retirement and will be leaving at the end of August.

Being a Headteacher of a primary school is a demanding job, especially in the current climate of education and we feel that it would be appropriate for everyone in our community to have an opportunity to record their thanks to Nick for his years of service to our community in a special book. Therefore we are inviting ALL past and present parents, carers, pupils, governors, volunteers, staff and visitors to share their memories/thanks on these dates:

Friday 16th June - 9-10 a.m. ish in the Mortimer Room,

Friday 16th June - 2. 30 p.m.- 3.15 p.m. ish in the Mortimer Room and at all major school summer events such as Sports Day and the June Jamboree.

We look forward to receiving as many notes as possible from as many people as possible which is why we have arranged a selection of dates and venues to accommodate as many of you as we can.

Should you wish to donate anything towards a leaving gift for Nick, there will be a collection pot in the Post Office until 1st July.

On behalf of the school,

Gina Dennis, Teacher.

Next ANTS Production

ANTS will be holding auditions for the forthcoming October production on Thursday 15th June.

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The choir and orchestra will be joined by soloists Emily Owen, and Rebecca Hardwick from London, Laurence Blyth and Andrew Henley from Exeter and Paul Bright and Jacob Dennison from Truro Cathedral.

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Reminder!!

Grand Plant Sale – St. James Church, Bondleigh - Saturday 27th May at 10.30 a.m.

Another chance to enjoy a cup of coffee and a catch-up with friends.

Caroline Stokes

Bondleigh rainfall

March was another drier than usual month with 86mm.. April was also very dry with only 8mm falling until the last day of the month. Then we had 36.9mm in the 24hr period, bringing the total to 44.9mm, considerably wetter than last April, but the total since the beginning of this year is a lot less than the same period last year!

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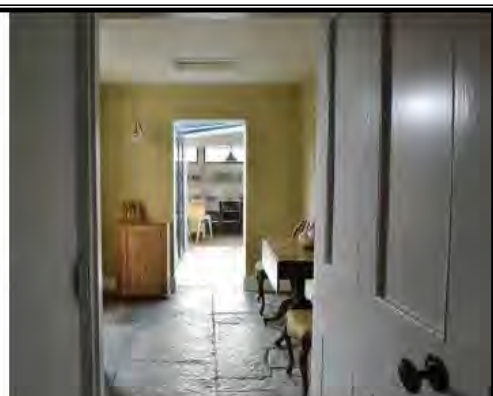
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Notes from Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

(Full Minutes can be viewed on our website www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk where any useful links are live).

The Playground has been cut and was used by several youngsters over the Easter school holidays. The Clerk is in the process of seeking funding to replace the swings which were deemed High Risk at the Annual Inspection.

Planning Decisions :-

The Barn, East of Beer Cross – Prior approval refused.
Hayrish Farm, South Tawton—Prior approval given.
The Barn, Cricket Farm – Prior approval refused.
Tree Works, North Town Farm – Grant of conditional consent.

Barn at Chapel Moor – Refused.

Village Spring Clean – over 20 parishioners gave of their time and effort over the Bank Holiday to litter pick and clean signs and bus shelters etc. Afterwards they all enjoyed a glass of cider, kindly donated by the McIlwraith family at The Cider VAT, Sampford Courtenay and a pasty provided by SCPC. A big thank



you to everyone involved.

War Memorial – on advice from Insurers, SCPC has contacted the Conservation Architect to complete the design for and to project manage the completion of this project.

Councillor Resignations – reluctantly Chairman Cllr. Coleman accepted the resignations of Cllr. Joy and Bob Tucker.

SCPC thank them for their dedicated support and high level of attendance. They were very dependable colleagues and will be sorely missed.

Please contact SCPC Clerk – Marion Pratt at SCPCclerk@aol.com or on 01837 82285 if you would like to raise any issues. Even better come along to a meeting.

Next meetings are 16th May and 20th June.

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With an election in prospect

This advice was offered to the electors of Bristol in 1774 by Edmund Burke (1729 - 1797):

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Burke said there were Three Estates in Parliament; but, in the Reporters' Gallery yonder, there sat a *Fourth Estate* more important than they all. (*Thomas Carlyle 1795 - 1881*)

Taxation and representation are inseparably united. God hath joined them; no British Parliament can put them asunder. To endeavour to do so is to stab at our very vitals. (*Charles Pratt, Earl of Camden*)



Sampford Courtenay Flower Club

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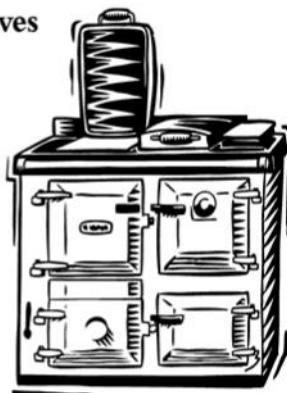
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Bucket Collection

We raised £148.24 in total.

Easter Draw

Congratulations to Enid Westlake, Audrey Ruby, Richard Burrow and Margaret.

Guess the time Luke will complete the Marathon

Congratulations to Carol Burrow who correctly guessed 3 hours 48 minutes.

Marathon Total

We have currently raised £3,131.72. If you wish to sponsor Luke now he has completed the Marathon then please visit

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COMING UP ... We are taking part in the official event of CHSW rainbow run. If you wish to take part with Kaleb's Thumbprint Team please contact us on above telephone number or our Facebook Page 'Kaleb's Thumbprint'



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What Englishman will give his mind to politics as long as he can afford to keep a motor car? *(George Bernard Shaw 1856—1950)*

No Government can be long secure without a formidable opposition. *(Benjamin Disraeli 1804—1881)*

Politics are now nothing more than a means of rising in the world. *(Samuel Johnson 1709—1784)*

I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
(First letter of Paul to Timothy 1st century A.D.)

Politics is perhaps the only profession for which no preparation is thought necessary. *(Robert Louis Stevenson 1850—1894)*

The right of election is the very essence of the constitution. *(“Junius” April 1769)*

The maxim of the British people is “business as usual.”
(spoken in November 1914. Winston Churchill 1874—1965)

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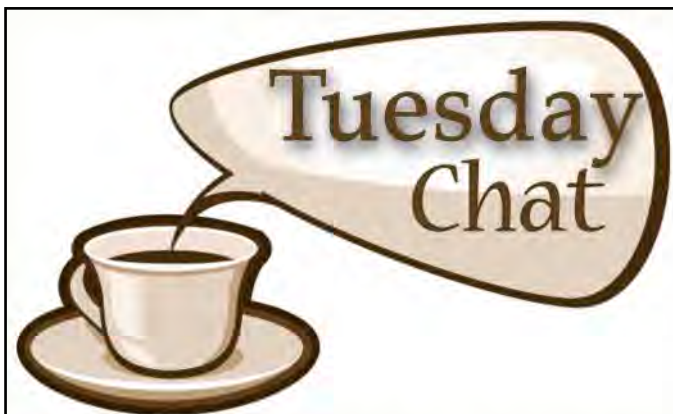
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Royal British Legion

Our annual Auction and Draw held at the White Hart on Saturday 22nd of April raised a fantastic total of £ 1041.90.

Sincere thanks to all those who made generous donations, and donated items for the auction and draw prizes, and to all who came and supported us on the night and everyone that helped in any way. It was a great night with plenty of bargains to be had. Many thanks to our hosts Graham and Claire. (Landlord and Landlady)

Our branch is losing its poppy appeal co-ordinator for the coming year. Neil will be greatly missed by our members and I am sure by the people of the town.

If you feel up for the challenge, please contact me or any member or come along to one of our meetings (which are held on the first Wednesday in the month at the White Hart) to see if it's for you. It's a very worth-while job. We would appreciate your help.... you do not have to have been in the forces or be ex-service personnel to join us. You would be made most welcome.

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In "From the Rectory" in April Nick Weldon outlined a partnership scheme St. Peter's Church is undertaking to support five different organisations over the next three years. For each organisation a member of St. Peter's congregation is acting as its local "champion". Here Jane Weldon gives more detail about the organisation for which she is acting as "champion".

Tearfund

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Its motto is "following Jesus wherever the need is greatest" and it works tirelessly to help communities around the world escape the very worst effects of disasters (both natural and man-made) and the suffering caused by famine, poverty, climate change and corruption in all its forms. Tearfund works alongside local churches and other locally based organisations believing that the same people facing these troubles also have the best idea as to how to overcome them. That is why it puts so much emphasis on church and community transformation, because this is the most effective way to achieve lasting change.



"Before you knew us for our droughts, our poverty. But now the poor are transforming this country and poverty shall no longer be our name." Tearfund self-help group, Ethiopia.

Tearfund also recognises that in many fragile states such as DRC, South Sudan and Syria, protracted conflict and war requires long term commitment. This is what it means to "follow Jesus where the need is greatest" and Tearfund is willing to stay as long as it takes to bring about lasting change. It also puts great emphasis on environmental and economic sustainability. Through advocacy and influencing, Tearfund can help address the root causes of poverty, like climate change, corruption and conflict which all stem from broken relationships. And at the heart of all of this is its passion to see God's kingdom come.

Tearfund's latest big projects centre on its East Africa Crisis Appeal and the Middle East. Food shortages have now become critical in East Africa, such that 16 million people are in urgent need of food and safe water. Tearfund is part of the national DEC appeal to provide malnutrition treatment. Across the Middle East millions of people are suffering at the hands of Islamic state militants. Despite the security risks, Tearfund is working with the refugees in every way it can to try and keep people safe and healthy. Please help in any way you can.

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Entries to Sara on 01363 83081 by Wednesday 28th
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Disinheritance: Re-marriage of a surviving spouse after the first death of a couple can result in the new husband/wife inheriting everything, whilst the children get nothing.

There will be ample time for questions and answers after the presentation.

We meet at the Ockment Centre, North Street, Okehampton, EX20 1AR at 2.30PM. Okehampton U3A welcomes new or prospective members, who will receive a warm welcome. The only requirement is that members are not in full time employment.



June Events at Okehampton Library

Tuesday 30th May 14:30-15:30 & Thursday 1st June 10:30-11:30

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Saturday 24th June 10:00 a.m. - noon
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News from the Castle

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I have great news to share with you all. Our new main contractor for the major building project has now been appointed. They are called Daedalus and have previously worked on conservation projects at Cliveden House, Clandon and Hampton Court Palace. They are arriving on site on Monday 8th May when the final phase of the project to Save Castle Drogo will begin in earnest. It now feels like we are on the final stretch!

Thank you for your thoughts and feedback about the introduction of car park charging in the Castle Drogo car park. Following your suggestions, there will be a short stay option of £2 for 2 hours as well as the £4 all day option. Hopefully this will be welcomed by those who just want to pop in for a short stroll and a cuppa. Don't forget that car park charges will begin on Monday 26th June and all proceeds will go straight to caring for the Teign Gorge.

In other news, our free croquet lessons are back this year. Please pop along on the first Tuesday of the month in June, July and September to get your free croquet lesson from Gabby, our resident croquet expert. No need to book in advance but don't forget that normal admission applies.

And finally... we are working with Plough Arts Centre again this year to host two great theatre performances on the croquet lawn. Thomas Hardy's '**Far from the Madding Crowd**' by Hotbuckle Productions is on Saturday 24th June, 7-9 p.m.. Then, Boxtree productions will bring '**Wind in the Willows**' on Thursday 10th August, 5-8 p.m.. Picnics are available to pre-book from the Castle Drogo café and tickets are available from the Plough box office on 01805 624624. Prices: £13 (£11 Concessions, £9 Plough Supporters + families with children under 18yrs). We'd love to see you there – please book the sunshine!

Paula Clarke

Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo 01647 434130, paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk

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01-Jun Thu	1.30	Bowls England Celebration Match		16-Jun Fri	6.30	'A' v South Molton 'D'	AWAY
			HOME	16-Jun Fri	6.30	'B' v Victoria Park 'C'	HOME
02-Jun Fri	2.30	NDLTL v Morchard Bishop	AWAY	17-Jun Sat	2.30	South Molton	AWAY
02-Jun Fri	6.30	A' v Torrington 'B'	AWAY	19-Jun Mon	6.30	Crediton Top Club	HOME
02-Jun Fri	6.30	B' v Bideford 'C'	HOME	20-Jun Tue	2.30	Chagford	AWAY
03-Jun Sat	2.30	Tiverton Park	HOME	21-Jun Wed	2.30	A v Chardstock A	AWAY
06-Jun Tue	2.00	Devon Ladies v Section 4 Ladies		21-Jun Wed	2.30	B v Culm Vale C	HOME
			HOME	21-Jun Wed	2.30	C v Topsham B	AWAY
07-Jun Wed	2.30	B v Crediton C	AWAY	23-Jun Fri	2.30	NDLTL v Morchard Bishop	HOME
07-Jun Wed	2.30	A v Crediton B	AWAY	23-Jun Fri	6.30	'A' v United Services 'A'	HOME
07-Jun Wed	2.30	C v Seaton B	AWAY	23-Jun Fri	6.30	'B' v South Molton 'C'	AWAY
08-Jun Thu	6.30	'B' v Hatherleigh	AWAY	24-Jun Sat	2.30	Exonia	AWAY
08-Jun Thu	6.30	Hatherleigh	AWAY	28-Jun Wed	2.30	B v Tiverton Borough 3 4	HOME
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13-Jun Tue	6.30	'A' v Okehampton	HOME	30-Jun Fri	2.30	NDLTL v Bideford VP	HOME
14-Jun Wed	2.30	A v Marina B 3 4	HOME	30-Jun Fri	6.30	A' v Bradworthy 'B'	AWAY
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News from Sampford Courtenay

After the austerity of Lent, St Andrew's church was beautifully decorated for Easter and the children enjoyed the traditional hunt for Easter eggs in the churchyard, kindly given by the Jervois family. On Saturday, 22nd April, over 60 people enjoyed a Big Breakfast in the village hall, hosted by the hall committee, which proved to be a great success.

Malcolm Craig and Sarah Hanks were re-elected churchwardens at the Easter Vestry on Wednesday 26th April.

The annual dog show and boot fair were held at the village hall on Saturday 6th May and the flower club's coffee morning and plant sale were held on Saturday 13th May.

We are now looking forward to the Gardens Open day on Sunday, 25th June and hoping that the weather will be kind to us.

There are limited tickets available for the forthcoming Village Hall Grand Summer Ball on the 30th June so, if you want to avoid the disappointment of missing this very special celebration, please do not to leave it too late to order yours.

Nicky Craig

Sampford Courtenay Bingo

Sampford Courtenay Village Hall is revamping its bingo. Attendance has dwindled over the past 12 months and in a bid to encourage more people to attend we are going to have a prize of £30 for the cash flyer. This starts on Wednesday 17th May 2017.

If you enjoy playing bingo please join us for a fun night out and the chance to win some cash. Entrance will be £1.50 and there will still be a cup of tea and biscuits.

If numbers do not increase then we will cease holding the regular monthly bingo and just hold it at Easter and Christmas.

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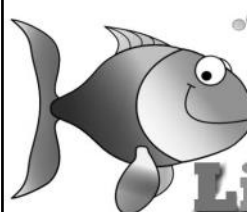
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