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From The Rectory

So how did it go?... again

This time last year I gave over my "From the Rectory" page to reporting back on a selection of the numerous events that had occurred across our community in Spring 2016. "So how did it go?" the article was called, because it's the question I get asked all the time. I've been asked it again many a time over the last few weeks. So it seemed fitting to answer the question, "so how did it go?..." again, and also to take the opportunity to flag up a few important summer events coming up.

Firstly, what is coming up? Answer... lots of things around the community, but here are a few... This issue might just land on your doormat in time to mention the Friends of North Tawton School June Jamboree (Saturday 24th June 11am-2pm at the primary school). It is the school's largest fund raising and social event of the year. The next day (Sunday 25th June) there is the Patronal Service at St. Peter's Church North Tawton at 11am, and the Sampford Courtenay Open Gardens day (11am – 6pm). It will cost you £5 to view all the beautiful gardens that will be open all over the village, with proceeds being shared between the Village Hall and St. Andrew's Church. At the end of that week there is the Grand Summer Ball in the newly extended Sampford Courtenay Village Hall (7pm Friday 30th June). Then the next weekend St. Andrew's Church will hold its annual Summer Fete in the village centre and Church Rooms (Saturday 8th July 2-4pm). Later in July, St. Peter's Church North Tawton will hold its summer fete here in the our garden (Saturday 15th July 2.30pm-5pm at the Rectory). Then, as the school term draws to a close, life quiets down a touch in terms of local events, at least, although many in our community will be very busy with the harvest throughout the rest of the summer. There is a wedding in North Tawton on Saturday 22nd July (Daryl Clark and Jess Kno), and the Patronal Service at St. James' Church Bondleigh will take place on Sunday 30th July at 11am. For that service we will be welcoming back a former Rector of these parishes, the Venerable Mark Butchers. Mark and his family left here in 1999 but came back to Exeter Diocese in 2015 as he took up his post as Archdeacon of Barnstaple. As I flick through my diary into August there is, mercifully, a reassuring lack of scribbles on some pages, and one scribble says "holiday". Bring it on! I dare not turn over to look at September.

"So how did it go?" Let's tackle that question now. The Bondleigh Plant Sale on 27th May was a great success. Lots of the village turned up, and not a few from elsewhere too. Many a tomato plant was bought, and lots of other more exotic things as well. I stuck with the tomato plants... quite hard to go wrong with them, but that won't stop me trying. Over £800 was raised for the church heating and lighting project. North Tawton Bowling Club has officially opened

their new club house. Unfortunately, the opening fell on the same day as the next event I shall mention, so I have yet to see inside the new facility. However, I have enjoyed watching it being built from across the fence at the end of our garden. I'm sure the club house will be a great asset to the town as well as the bowling club itself.

On the 8th, 9th and 10th June just fewer than 500 people came to see the musical "Oliver", which was staged in spectacular style in St. Peter's Church. It was a great success, and all involved must be congratulated on such a wonderful show. I wrote about it last month in anticipation of the four performances, saying how much the 100 or so cast and crew were looking forward to putting it on (75 adults and 25 children). The audiences and we were not disappointed. The positive comments have flooded in since about the quality of the production and about how much local talent we have in our area, adults and children alike. One audience member commented to me how impressed he was with the way the church had been adapted to stage the show, and how much he enjoyed seeing the crew at work throughout the show as well as the cast. I had the privilege of being in the show myself, playing the nasty Bill Sikes. I can't tell you how much I enjoyed playing "the bad guy!" I just hope that I didn't scare too many children in the process. My two year old daughter is now just about happy to be in the same room as me.

One spin off from Oliver was that in the week running up to the shows, when I was "unavailable" to do my usual weekly Vicar's assembly at North Tawton Primary School, Bill Sikes took assembly for me. I am very grateful to him. He really has changed since that unfortunate incident with Nancy! Miraculously, he had come back to life too. At assembly, he taught the children about the 6th Commandment, "Do not murder." Apparently he was "quite good, but a bit scary" according to the children. I dare not ask what the head teacher thought.

The four Oliver shows also raised a total of £940 for each of the two designated charities, Children's Relief Bethlehem (which runs the Caritas Baby Hospital in Bethlehem) and St Petrocks (which works with the homeless and vulnerably housed in Exeter). Thank you to everyone involved in such a great church, school and community project. Thank you so much to the audiences who came to see our show.

Lots to look back on. Lots to give thanks for. Lots to look forward to.

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Oliver!

**Thank you! To everyone who
contributed, attended and supported
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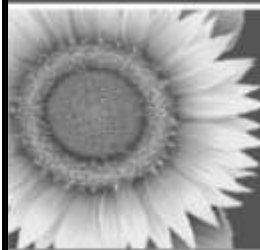


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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

At our A.G.M. last meeting the following were elected to the Committee.

Sue Parkes, **President**; Jan Gray, **Vice-President**; Jane Hunt-Webb, **Secretary**; Pat Richardson, **Treasurer**; Carolyn Knapman, Jo Fear, Celia Boughton and Sandy Eakers

The Speaker this month was our own Jan Gray, a specialist in weight management, who gave a talk about the problems of working with obesity and how to steer those who came within a high body mass index (b.m.i.) range towards healthier eating and, more importantly, to maintain a more healthy diet.

Jan is a psychotherapist and gave an interesting talk on the various methods which have been tried to tackle obesity, especially for people with morbid obesity, which is extremely difficult to address. She spoke also about educating people away from the lifestyles they have previously followed and which are the cause obesity.

In 2001 the Government identified the obesity crisis in certain areas and funding was set aside to address the problem. This ranged from educating people to adopt healthier eating plans and more exercise, besides helping people on a 1:1 basis, as this was more likely to give them encouragement to start dieting than if they were surrounded by other people and feeling “judged”. The Councillors also used a method of identifying something good about the person—their eyes for instance. Our speaker told us about a client she had encouraged to concentrate on her very beautiful eyes and to use them as a starting point for making her feel good about herself.

There is no easy fix regarding exceptional weight gain and our speaker said that Councillors could only encourage healthier lifestyles through eating, exercise and walking and encouraging people as they began their weight loss journey.

In the absence of Sue Parkes, Carolyn Knapman chaired the meeting and welcomed members and visitors.

There are trips planned to Dartmoor Zoo on the 13th September and Otter Nurseries on the 31st July .

Cothelstone House is also being looked into as a possible trip.

Sandy’s Book Sale will be held on Saturday 16th September from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A working party has been put together to work on our entry for the Okehampton Show and we heard a report from our delegate to the Devon Federation Spring Council Meeting .

A list of the usual groups: walking group, book club, supper club, lunch club, scrabble was given out to members. The film club and craft club are not operating during the summer.

The visit to the Cheese factory in North Tawton had been enjoyed by all who attended and thanks to Sue Knott for organising it.

Our next meeting will be on 5th July when our speaker will be Carol McFadden who will give a talk entitled “The Social Life of a Lacemaker”.

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WEST DEVON SAFE HAVEN is working with West Devon Borough Council to find suitable accommodation and then to help the families settle into their new home and so make their first months in West Devon as easy and welcoming as possible – not forgetting that most of our new families will have been through the horrifying experiences that we have all seen in the media.

Two families will arrive in West Devon over the next two months, and a few more in the following months. We recognise that we can't affect the overall crisis, but we can at least offer a place of safety and new hope to a few families who have neither. Our aim is to support the families to become independent members of our community.

Central Government provides much of the basic requirements for these new families when they arrive and we hope to provide some of the other things that are required to help their move as successful as possible and which may help make a new start less of a trauma, perhaps a television, children's bikes, toys, and toiletries. We will subsequently support the families with learning English, understanding our culture and community and helping to resolve the practical problems arising from moving to a totally new environment with only the clothes they stand up in. The aim is to support these refugees to become independent members of our community during their 5 year stay in the UK.

Our new families may arrive with next to nothing and we can't guess what they will need before they arrive and so we have established a "Welcome Fund" to help provide the things they might need.

West Devon Safe Haven is in the process of becoming formally registered as a charity.

If you would like to support WEST DEVON SAFE HAVEN or ask for one of our pledge forms, please contact

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Thank you.

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For more details:

See our North Tawton Fire Station Facebook page

or

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Concert at Fairplace Church on Saturday 1st July at 7:30pm

English Music from the end of the 17th century and Italian music from the early 18th century will be performed by the Okehampton Choral Society and the Two Rivers Orchestra (leader Mark Dicken) conducted by Richard Edwards.

Settings will be heard by Henry Purcell of the Te Deum and Jubilate, first heard in 1694 to celebrate the feast day of St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music. There will also be a setting of words taken from Psalm 3 and the closing scene of Purcell's opera "Dido and Aeneas". The Italian contribution to the evening will be "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi.

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

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Caroline Stokes

May was a fairly 'average' month. Total rainfall was 43.2 mm, very similar to last year. Most of this rain fell around the middle of the month in small amounts.

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FONTS (Friends of North Tawton School)

Summer Swimming at the School:

We will be opening the pool again this summer, dates and times to be confirmed but in the past it has been: Mondays 10.00am-12.00pm Wednesdays 2.00pm-4.00pm and Fridays 6.00pm-8.00pm.

A great cheap way to entertain your primary school age children, only £1.00 per child per session. Children must be accompanied by an adult, with a ratio of 4 children to 1 adult.

This is only possible with help from volunteers who are prepared to be on duty for each session. We need 3 people at each session, someone with a current first aid certificate, plus 2 adults prepared to help out. Your child/children can swim for free if you are on duty.

If you have a few hours to spare in the holidays please give me a ring on 07894 015614 and I can add you to my list.

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Thanking you in advance.

Look out for posters around town and on Facebook for more details.

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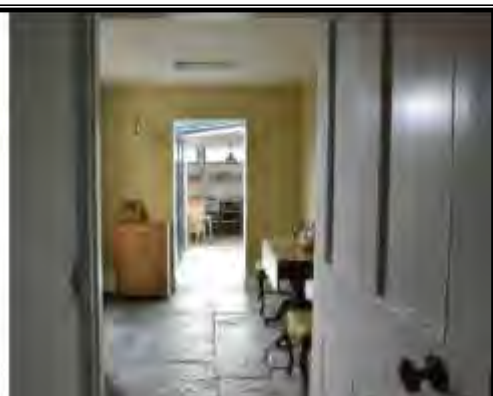
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Notes from Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

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

New Councillors

Chairman Colin Coleman was pleased to welcome our three new councillors :- David Boting-Page, Michelle Wilson and Mathew McIlwraith.

Playground

Clerk has managed to source funding to replace the swings that were deemed "high risk" at the annual safety inspection. Mrs Jill Bevis was thanked for her dedication and support in monitoring the Village Green and Play Equipment and sending in the monthly reports. If any member of the parish would like to take on this task please contact the Clerk.

WDBC – Cllr. Louise Watts reported that:-

It is going to be a tough year as far as funding is concerned, but WDBC are looking at various business models to try and resolve this. Cllr. Friend asked her for clarification as to when and if the charging for Garden Waste Scheme was due to start; plus some reassurance of how much of the recycling is genuinely recycled.

Planning Decisions.

Correction to last month's report – it should have read – The Barn at (Part) Cricket Farm – Prior Approval Refused.

North Town Farm – Tree works approved.
Barn, Willey Farm – Conditional approval.

Footpaths

SCPC would like to remind walkers to please use designated footpath and not private access to Berrydown Plantation.

Highways

Clerk was asked to write and thank DCC Highways for the recent maintenance to roads through the village, and also ask about when the severely pot-holed road from Greenhill Cross to North Tawton would be repaired.

Audit

Internal Audit has been satisfactorily completed & documents sent to the External Auditor for verification. Once completed, outcome will be posted on the Website.

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 meeting 20th June, 18th July and 15th Aug.



The new councillors for Sampford Courtenay from left: David Boting-Page, Michelle Wilson and Mathew McIlwraith

Sampford Courtenay Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show

will take place on Saturday 19th August 2017 – the usual exhibits are included and a full schedule will be posted on the Sampford Courtenay Website and delivered through your door. However, below is a list of some of the exhibits you can start thinking about now:-

1. New craft item – Hand Woven item
2. This year's Adult photo themes are Comedy, Wildlife and Pink.
3. Adult homemade Greetings card for a 90th Birthday.
4. Children's collage on Animal theme.
5. Children's photograph of Feet
6. Miniature model of a picnic on a plate
7. Homemade Scarecrow – max 12" tall
8. Home made Holiday Postcard
9. Short story on a Bedtime theme.

Get Crafting!

Sampford Courtenay Parish Website:

<http://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/>

The website is managed by **Janice Brown** who can be contacted on brownstheword@btinternet.com or admin@sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk or by phone:

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Sampford Courtenay Flower Club

Monday July 10th
2.30 p.m.

Alan French– Talk

'Plants for the Herbaceous Border'
Tea hostess - Pam Clayton

It has come to our attention that an internet pharmacy company has been sending letters to some residents who are on the electoral roll in North Tawton and the surrounding areas. I understand from our customers that this has caused confusion as some of our customers thought the letter was from either North Tawton Pharmacy or from the GP surgery. I would like to clarify that this letter has **NEITHER** come from either North Tawton Pharmacy **NOR** from the GP surgery. North Tawton Pharmacy is **not** an internet pharmacy and that the letter is from an internet pharmacy looking for business.

We at North Tawton Pharmacy highly value our customers and we provide all the same services as an internet pharmacy with the added convenience of being physically located in the heart of North Tawton enabling there to be a business in our local community. Our customers can always have access to a pharmacist or any other member of our team as we are there in the town and willing to help with any query you may have with your medication.

We also provide a prescription collection service, a managed repeat prescription service and a delivery service. If you would like to discuss any of the services we provide, please do not hesitate to contact Orla (Pharmacist) or Ann (Shop Supervisor) on 01837 82824.

I hope this helps clarify the situation for those local residents who have found these letters confusing.

Many thanks

Mike Barbour Superintendent Pharmacist

Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay and Jacobstowe W.I.

The Annual meeting took place on Thursday May 11th. The annual reports were given and adopted. The Committee for the following year is as follows: president – Bonnie Stenning, treasurer – Sally Kenealy, secretary – Anne Leaman and the rest of the committee are Ann Langworthy, Rosemary Lowe, Margaret Cleveland and Mary Daniel.

The next meeting was held on Thursday June 1st in the village hall.

The speaker was Sally Mackay from the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service. She gave a very interesting and informative talk on the work of the fire service and explained about Home Fire Safety Checks. They are available for free to over 55's and she also gave advice on fire safety around the home.

After tea the business was dealt with.

Mary Daniel volunteered to be the skittles captain for the next year's league matches with help from Ann Langworthy.

There is to be a meeting on June 15th in the village hall of the committee and members to form a sub-committee to put together the programme of speakers for next year.

Members voted for the resolutions to go forward to the Annual Meeting in Liverpool. It was decided for the representative to use her discretion on Alleviating Loneliness and 15 members voted in favour of the resolution about Plastic Soup.

The order sheet was available for members to order diaries and calendars. For the second time a photograph of Margaret Cleveland's has been chosen for the calendar.

It was decided to have the lunches bi-monthly and the next walk is on June 30th.

The annual outing is to Garden Cottage on Thursday August 3rd.

FOM: winner was Doris Piper and the winner of the competition for a decorated match box was Margaret Cleveland.



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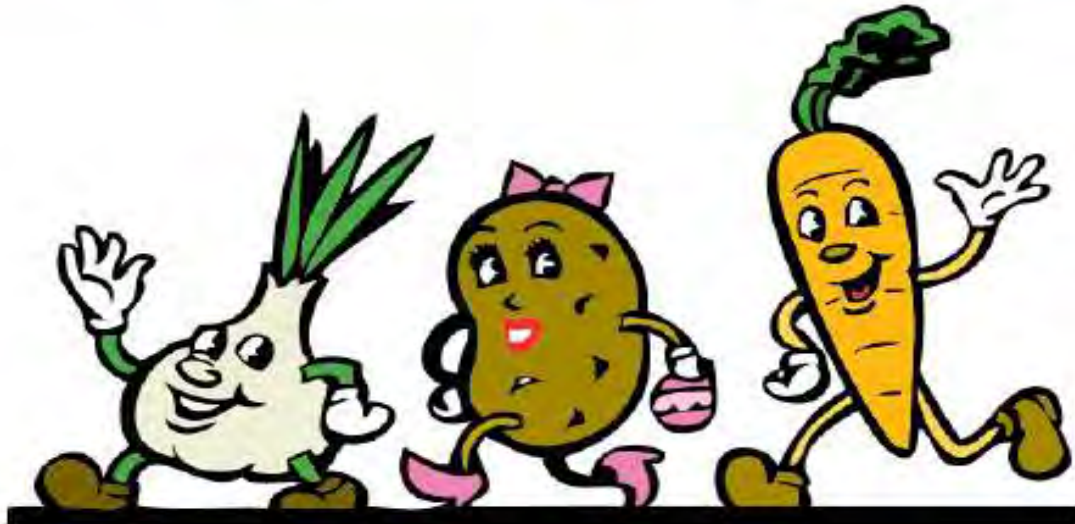
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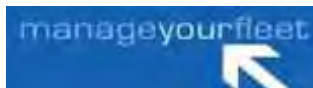
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John Palmer

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Slippering on.....

There was a time when the family breadwinner might be described as a "pipe and slippers man". It conjured up a homely picture of the honest father returned from his day's work to be part of the family circle, regaled by a meal prepared by his wife, seated by the fireside in his slippers, exhaling fumes of his favourite tobacco, probably from behind the newspaper, until, eventually laying it aside, he was ready for the social responsibilities of being a father to his children and a husband to his wife. The family might have listened together to the radio or, a few years on, watched the television together.

Alas, how the picture has changed.

Nowadays, not everyone can count on a regular day's work. Many wives go from home and work to support the family. The fireside itself has become rarer and in many cases disappeared as central heating has become more popular.

The pipe has been in decline since the unhealthy effects of tobacco smoking have been made public. (How many older readers are in a state of wonder at having spent their early days inhaling at home the tobacco fumes of their parents and are yet alive and untroubled by respiratory disorders which they might have expected to follow? What good fortune!)

The newspaper still exists, but will not be used tomorrow as kindling in a fire place which is no longer there.

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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 Janet May gives more detail about the organisation "Connect" for which she is acting as "champion":

Connect

Connect began in 1996 with the aim of building connections between the schools, churches, and local communities in Chulmleigh, Crediton and Okehampton through Trainee Youth Workers.

Many Trainees have passed through Connect since 1996, many joining for one or two years whilst they complete their training with South West Youth Ministries, before continuing their journey of faith in another position.

Previous Trainees have gone on to do a variety of things; some continuing their study by attending Bible Colleges (in the UK and abroad), some going on to become teachers, some now head up Christian Youth Work charities, whilst others have been led in a completely different direction.

Connect is about providing a learning opportunity for youth workers just starting on their journey, and providing support and a sense of community to the young people in schools who may be struggling with their faith, or wanting to grow it further in those tough teenage years.

A vital part of Connect is reaching out to young people who are so spread out because of the landscape of rural Mid & West Devon. The Connect Team spends a great deal of time travelling to as many Youth Clubs and Churches as practicable, which helps the young people feel supported both in their college and in their own communities.

Historically, the Connect Team has operated under a variety of structures, firstly with Trainee Youth Workers working alone, and more recently with local church-based qualified Youth Workers (Associate Workers) becoming a part of the team, giving a sense of stability from year to year. Until August 2015, Connect only worked in Chulmleigh, Crediton & Okehampton. From September 2015 the Connect Team expanded into Holsworthy Community College. The Connect workers are supported by a Local Support Group (LSG) in each of the four areas. Each LSG meets bi-monthly, to hear about what the Connect team is doing and to guide and support them. The role of the LSG in praying and raising funds for Connect is vital, and they always appreciate more support. LSG representatives are Connect's link to the area's Churches. They feed back information to their congregations, so that Churches can pray effectively for Connect, and get involved with events, either by organising them themselves or taking part in Connect's own events. If you are interested in supporting Connect in this way, please email info@connectdevon.org, and someone will get back to you regarding your local LSG.

At St. Peter's Church, we have been actively involved with the work of Connect for a couple of years now, getting involved with organising youth events in Okehampton for young people from around the area. A number of the local churches in Okehampton and the surrounding areas are involved with the Okehampton branch of Connect. Our most recent event was held at New Life Church in Okehampton at the end of March, where we were also joined by the Bishop of Plymouth, Bishop Nick McKinnel.

The events have games and food, but also have music and a good message for the young people. We try to host these events at least once a year.

If you would like to know more about how St. Peter's is involved or how you can get involved, please get in touch with Janet May, Parish Worker at St. Peter's, North Tawton. Tel: 01363 83076 or email:

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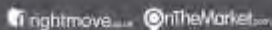
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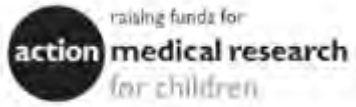
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Members of the Bowls England team on the green at North Tawton at the new Clubhouse official opening.



The two captains, Devon player carol Horgan for Bowls England and North Tawton's Tom Watson.

A lot of the work on the new clubhouse was done by members, supporting the contractors who were doing the major work.

Club chairman, Mike Thwaites, said it was “a real community effort because a lot of people who are not bowlers came and helped us free of charge”

In one way or another probably as many as 75 people helped and there is still a little bit to do.

Treasurer is Robert Arscott. North Tawton President is Paul Andrews and our hard working secretary is Gordon Denham.

The club is 62 years old, created on what had been the former Rectory garden where there had been a tennis club. A group of photographs in the club house show the work in progress on the good days and when it was all wet and muddy. Who did the very nice slate inscription in the floor as you go on to the terrace?

Daryl Radford along with Edwin Pike and John Hepworth, all club members, laid the terrace.

Mike Thwaites

NORTH TAWTON BOWLING CLUB FIXTURES FOR JULY:

01-Jul Sat	2.30	Belmont	HOME	14-Jul Fri	6.30	'A' v Victoria Park 'A'	AWAY
03-Jul Mon	2.30	Chagford	HOME	14-Jul Fri	6.30	'B' v United Services 'C'	HOME
04-Jul Tue	2.30	Okehampton	AWAY	15-Jul Sat	2.30	Culm Vale	AWAY
04-Jul Tue	6.30	'A' v Okehampton	AWAY	18-Jul Tue	6.30	'B' v Morchard Bishop	HOME
05-Jul Wed	2.30	A v Exonia B	AWAY	19-Jul Wed	2.30	A v Dunkeswell	AWAY
05-Jul Wed	2.30	B v Tiverton West End B	AWAY	19-Jul Wed	2.30	B v Axminster	AWAY
05-Jul Wed	2.30	C v St Thomas A	AWAY	19-Jul Wed	2.30	C v Morchard Bishop A	AWAY
07-Jul Fri	2.30	NDLTL v Bideford VP	AWAY	20-Jul Thu	2.30	Bradworthy	AWAY
07-Jul Fri	6.30	A' v Torrington 'B'	HOME	20-Jul Thu	6.30	'A' v Bradworthy 'A'	AWAY
07-Jul Fri	6.30	B' v Bideford 'C'	AWAY	21-Jul Fri	2.30	NDLTL v Bideford 'B'	HOME
08-Jul Sat	2.30	Heavitree	AWAY	23-Jul Sun	9.00	Sponsored Day	HOME
10-Jul Mon	6.30	Torrington	HOME	25-Jul Tue	6.30	'B' v Bradwothy 'A'	AWAY
11-Jul Tue	2.30	Holsworthy	AWAY	26-Jul Wed	2.30	A v Madeira E 3 4	HOME
12-Jul Wed	2.30	A v Phear Park A 5 6	HOME	26-Jul Wed	2.30	B v Cullompton 5 6	HOME
12-Jul Wed	2.30	B v Bradninch B 1 2	HOME	26-Jul Wed	2.30	C v Okehampton A 1 2	HOME
12-Jul Wed	2.30	C v Honiton B 3 4	HOME	27-Jul Thu	2.30	Torrington Top Club	HOME
13-Jul Thu	6.30	N Tawton 'A' v N Tawton 'B'	HOME	28-Jul Fri	6.30	N Tawton 'B' v N Tawton 'A'	HOME
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News from the Castle

Hi everyone

It is so lovely to have building work fully underway once again. Our new main contractor, Daedalus, started on site on 8th May and has hit the ground running. I never thought I'd be pleased to hear the sound of drilling again! The final phase of work is officially underway.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated a clock for our upcoming art installation by Luke Jerram called Harrison's garden. This artwork, which will be in the castle and will open in July, will be made up of over 2000 clocks and will be part of our new theme for 2017 'Changing Times'. We have already received 100 clocks from the local community which is amazing, but we would still like more.

The clocks (or watches) don't have to be working, although it's great if they are, and any and all types are welcome. If you have any unwanted clocks which you are happy to donate permanently (i.e. for ever!) to the installation, please bring them up to Castle Drogo and hand them over to our reception team. The best time to bring them up is between 10am and 5.30pm which is when the café, shop and garden is open. If you have any queries about this, please email ClocksforCastleDrogo@nationaltrust.org.uk.

And finally... we will once again be hosting National Play Day on the estate at Castle Drogo. This free event will be on Piddledown Common on Wednesday 2nd August from 2pm until 4pm. There will be art and craft activities, soft play, theatre and wild play. Please pop along to join us for an afternoon of play!

Take care everyone and see you soon.
Paula
Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo

01647 434130, paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.

Slipping on (continued from Page 24)

The children have departed to their centrally heated bedrooms, supposedly do their homework, but in fact to play on the latest electronic gadgetry and use their mobiles to stay in touch with the friends they haven't seen since the last school bell of the day.

But, if the old family evening is so changed, we can take consolation that one part remains to offer boundless comfort: no, not the newspaper: the slippers. What greater pleasure to come in from work (at any time of day), kick off the work shoes or boots and sink the feet into a pair of slippers? The more they are worn, the more like old friends they become, offering instant comfort whenever you meet them.

There is only one difficult with slippers. Over time, they do tend to wear out and need replacing. No-one likes to part with them. Rather like an old and trusted friend, we don't relish wishing them goodbye. So they continue to be worn even if you are slightly ashamed of their appearance and you don't have time to change out of them when visitors call unexpectedly. Your slippers may develop holes but you remain deeply attached to them. Such cherished items you are reluctant to throw away.

And why? Because you have grown so fond of them and the comfort they are. A new pair of slippers is like a new acquaintance. You can't be sure at first that you will like each other. Time is needed before a new acquaintance becomes a treasured friend and a lengthy period is necessary before you can be sure you will rub along happily together. Your feet will take a while to adapt to feeling at home in new and unfamiliar surroundings. But we shall persevere, treasuring the comforts to follow and dreading the eventual appearance of holes and wear telling us that the time is nigh when they must join the newspapers in the weekly rubbish bin.

Perhaps the days of slippers will be numbered. Is underfloor heating their death knell? Shall another generation become content with stocking feet and socks only? Will the day dawn when the manufacturers of slippers will conclude there is no longer a market for them? Until that dreadful day, may the one remaining certainty from the days of the "pipe and slippers man" continue to bring comfort and consolation to humanity's extreme ends.

Uncle Jack.

News from Sampford Courtenay

Rogation Sunday was celebrated on 21st May with a walk from Sampford Courtenay Square to Cliston and back. Fields, animals and water courses were blessed on the way and a welcome coffee break was provided at Great Cliston, thanks to John and Sarah Hanks.

A short Ascension Day service took place on Thursday 25th May with participants gathering in St. Andrew's churchyard, by the recently felled sycamore tree in the North East corner. A useful seat and a symbolic cross has been carved out of the trunk of the tree. Refreshments were then served in the Church Rooms.

Sampford Courtenay flower club spent a lovely afternoon as guests of Culverhayes on Monday, 12th June. Refreshments were served and the gardens were looking splendid.

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 started on Wednesday 17th May 2017.

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Sunday 14th May

Blake Taylor MARTIN (4 months)

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Funeral

Wednesday 7th June

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July 2nd / 9th
July 16th / 23rd
July 30th / Aug 6th
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Aug 13th / 20th
Aug 27th

Amanda Wilson
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North Tawton

Flowers

July 2nd / 9th
July 16th
July 23rd
July 30th No Service (Bondleigh Patronal)
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