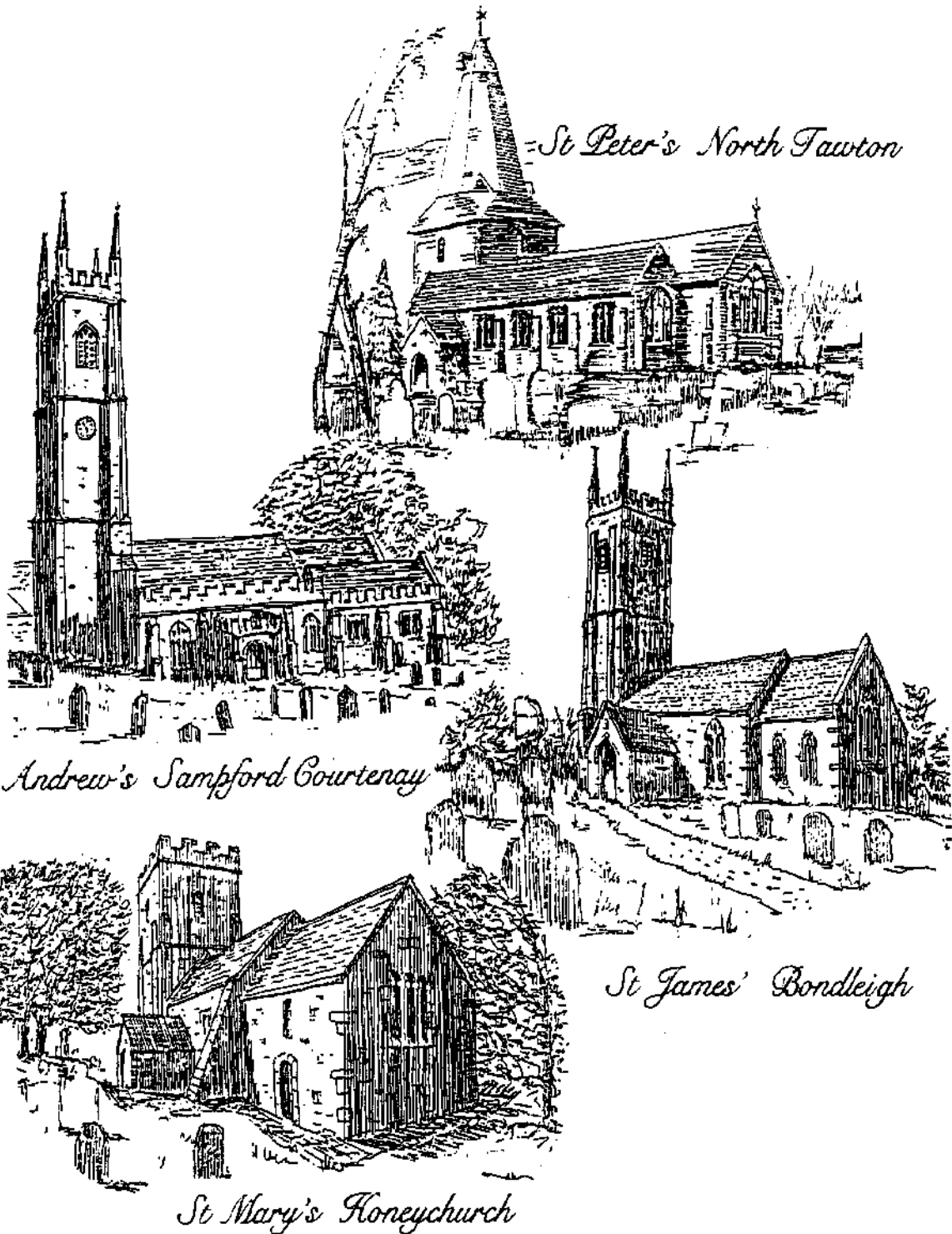


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From The Rectory

Gathering in and throwing out!

As I write this, I am in the process of tackling two things. Firstly, harvest services – where we give thanks for the gathering of crops safely in. With all the inclement weather of recent weeks, that certainly hasn't been an easy task for our farmers. This is a time to be thankful for the beauty of the earth and for those that make it possible for us to eat – something we all have to do! Secondly, de-cluttering – where I try to throw things out! I have just tackled my study – and this is just some of what I found:

A huge quantity of business cards from people, many of whom I had no recollection of meeting.

Several boxes of mysterious adapters and cables that fitted no known phones or computers.

A pile of cassette tapes, some marked 'Keep!' Not very useful for a household that no longer has the means to play cassettes!

A handful of coins from mysterious countries, some of which I had never visited.

A box full of keys – keys to what? I asked myself.

Files containing old operating instructions for things we got rid of years ago.

Clutter seems to be a disease of our time and culture. It used to be that when the children left home you could consider 'downsizing' but instead it seems that clutter expands to fill the space made available. Although it is tempting to speculate about why we all accumulate so much, the issue with clutter is how we deal with it. Because successful de-cluttering is hard, we really need to have the right attitude: a ruthless, stop-at-nothing determination. We need to recognise that clutter is a real problem.

The word 'clutter' is apparently related to 'clot'. And as clots block up arteries and impede blood flow with disastrous results, so clutter does the same to our lives. Think about how it leads to wasted time, for example. Consider a no doubt all-too-familiar scenario: you are working on a project and you realise that you need item A (a document, tool or kitchen utensil), but because there is so much clutter you have to search for it. Now note what invariably happens. In the process of trying to find A, you successively uncover items B, C and D, each of which is far more interesting and each of which demands your attention. The result is that when you finally do discover item A, you have either run out of time to use it, or you cannot remember what you wanted it for in the first place!

So we should de-clutter. But the practicalities of dealing

with clutter are far from easy. We have to engage in a process of filtering. So, in my study, I end up asking about everything: should I give it away, keep it, give it to a charity shop or simply consign it to the bin? It's not an easy decision and there is a view held by some experts in the field of de-cluttering that the only thing to do is to adopt a scorched-earth policy and just bin it all. However, I don't believe that everything should be thrown away. If you are like me, your clutter is probably virtually worthless in financial terms, but you do need to remember that money is not the only measure of worth. The past has value and memories of events – and particularly of individuals – should matter to us.

It is worth remembering how, in the Old Testament, Samuel put up a large memorial stone and 'named it Ebenezer (which means "the stone of help"), for he said, "Up to this point the Lord has helped us!"' (1 Samuel 7:12). There are some things you may wish to keep as 'Ebenezers' – honoured reminders of long-ago friends, mementos of times rich in blessing and testimonies of difficulties overcome.

Yet although we may save some precious reminders, the reality is that much must be disposed of, so how do we decide what must go? As I leaf through old files, letters and books I find myself repeatedly thinking of words such as 'essential' and 'priority'. Anyone who has ever tried decluttering a study, or any other room, will be aware of the danger that, after a few hours' labour, you will actually manage to justify keeping almost everything. We need to ask some very hard questions. Do I need this? Am I ever going to need it? One of the reasons I think many people today find it hard to deal with clutter is they prefer to think that they will be here for ever. They imagine that sooner or later they really are going to read those unread books, do that unopened jigsaw or experiment with those French recipes. Here, as in so many other areas, it helps by knowing that the Christian life is like a journey. As I look at all I have before me, I repeatedly ask myself a simple question: 'Is it needed on the voyage?'

So, as we turn our thoughts to being thankful to our farmers on land and sea for gathering in a harvest in difficult conditions in order to feed us, let's also think about decluttering and throwing out. Because if you are looking forward to the next world, there's a lot to be said for travelling light through this one!

Revd Rita Bullworthy
Assistant Minister

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Just to advise residents – in recent years we had a parishioner who put buckets out to act as dog bins at locations around Letherens Lane and Bouchers Hill – he then emptied the buckets on a regular basis. He has since moved from the area, and therefore the buckets were removed. However – some dog owners are still leaving dog waste bags in the areas where the buckets used to be. Please could we ask all dog owners to place their dog waste bags in the bins provided and not leave them at locations along the footpaths – your cooperation will be much appreciated, thank you.

North Tawton Cemetery Regulations

The Council would like to advise residents that the cemetery will be inspected some time during October. The Cemetery Regulations (a copy of which is displayed at the cemetery) prescribe what items may be placed on graves, and which items are not permitted. Items such as vases, windmills, memorials which do not fall within the regulations, windchimes, etc, will be removed carefully, and placed for safety within the Chapel of Rest. Residents will be able to arrange to reclaim these items by contacting the Town Council.

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Members were delighted to hear that our entry in the recent Okehampton Show gained joint 3rd place with Jacobstowe, Exbourne and Sampford Courtenay W.I. The hard work of the members who arranged and mounted the exhibition was much appreciated.

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News from North Tawton Community Primary School.

After six long weeks of clear blue skies and blazing sunshine (if only!) the new term has finally started and we really are, as all those signs in the shops say, 'back to school'. I'm pleased to say that the children have started the term well and seem keen to impress their new teachers. I have already seen some very good learning going on and I feel confident that the children will have a successful year ahead.

Children in Willow and Hazel classes had the excitement of returning to brand new classrooms. The new building at the front of the school replaces the rather dilapidated structure which had been in place for many years. It makes for a fantastic learning environment and has really smartened up the front of the school. Coupled with this we have a new fence and video link entry gate which will help improve the security of the school. It was touch and go as to whether the builders would have the classrooms ready in time so many thanks to the staff who were busily setting up the classrooms the evening before school started.

The foundation stage unit also enjoyed a facelift this summer with some redecoration and lots of exciting new equipment. It was ready for all our new starters whom we welcome to North Tawton School and hope they have a successful school life ahead.

Aside from myself, we welcome two new members of staff. Miss Boyce will be sharing the teaching duties in Willow class with Mrs. Dennis and Sarah Downs who is now a teaching assistant in Beech class. I'm sure they'll both be very successful at the school.

I'm sure most of you will recall that the school has been considering joining the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust (often referred to as the MAT). This will mean that North Tawton will join up with a number of other schools in the local area such as Okehampton College, Okehampton Primary, Chagford C of E Primary and South Tawton Primary. Schools will be funded directly by the Department of Education (rather than Devon CC) and the academy trust will work with the schools to raise standards, again, rather than Devon CC as now. Most importantly, it will provide the chance for schools to work together and provide opportunities for all those across the MAT. A consultation process will be taking place between the 18th September and the 20th October. All stakeholders will be able to share their views on this proposed move including staff, parents and members of the local community. Views can be submitted directly to the school via the school email account (admin@ntcps.co.uk) or in letter form. Please use 'MAT consultation' in the subject box or on the envelope of any submissions. We will also be having an information evening shortly (date to be confirmed). I do hope members of the North Tawton community use these opportunities to have their say.

We will be having our harvest festival on Thursday 28th September. It will be a chance to celebrate this important time of year for our community and I know the children are looking forward to hearing Reverend Weldon, who will be leading the assembly.

For those of you with children who will be four years old by the end of next August, the deadline for submitting your primary school application (for a reception place) will soon be upon you. I hope that you will want to send your son or daughter to North Tawton. In order to hopefully help you decide, we will be having an open morning on Wednesday 18th October starting at 9.30 a.m.. You'll have the chance to look around the school and ask any questions you may have. Please call the school office if you would like to book a place and I look forward to seeing lots of you on the day.

Nick Alford
Headteacher

THANK YOU

Sheri and Neil which would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to all our friends in North Tawton and especially those who organised and helped at the "Surprise Party" in the Town Hall. In particular Ann and Barry Ware and members of the Royal British Legion – what a fantastic cake!! Also the many others who were involved in bringing everyone together and providing all the delicious refreshments. We were completely overwhelmed by the level of love and support together with all the very generous gifts and cards with messages of best wishes for our future home in Moreton in Marsh.

We have lived and worked in North Tawton for almost forty years and our children Brett and Lynsey grew up here. In all those years we have enjoyed so much support from the community of North Tawton in so many ways and from so many people. It was heart-warming and humbling to see so many friends and past colleagues many of whom had made a special journey to be with us.

We shall miss North Tawton and its people greatly. You will always have a special place in our hearts and from time to time hope to return as we make our way down to our caravan in Cornwall.

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Sheri and Neil Hallam.

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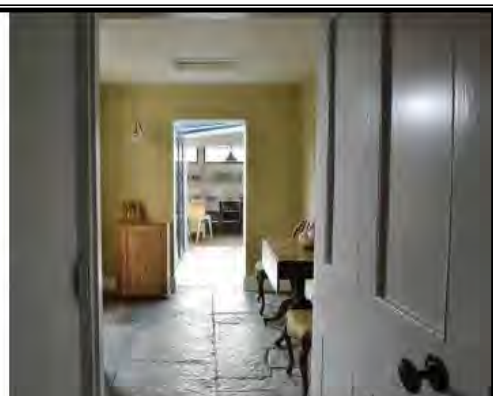
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The meeting on Thursday September 7th was held in Sampford Courtenay Village hall. Everyone was welcomed and Jerusalem was sung. As the advertised speaker could not come, at very short notice, the Health and Care Rep. of the DFWI, Heather Penwarden, came and gave a very interesting and informative talk on Alzheimers and Dementia. She explained all the different stages of the disease and the signs to look for at the onset of the disease. After refreshments the business meeting followed. There was a lot of correspondence to be dealt with. The exhibit at Okehampton Show had tied third with North Tawton and the Jumble Sale in the village hall had realised £162. Arrangements for the forthcoming skittles season are well under way. The next Ladies Lunch is on September 21st and the next walk is from Okehampton Station on September 29th. There was no competition this month and the FOM was won by Annie Warren. The next meeting is in Exbourne village hall on Thursday October 5th at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Elizabeth Gard, who will be showing 'Beautiful things with Willow'. Non members very welcome.

Margaret Weeks

Bondleigh Events

August Rainfall
August will certainly be remembered for its rain, but we did have a short dry period leading up to and over the Bank Holiday weekend. The total rainfall of 67.9mm was almost exactly the same as last year.

Danny Semorad

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WDBC Report - in absence of both WDBC Cllrs there was nothing to report.

Garden Waste Scheme – Village Bag from DCC – The Clerk had made enquiries to Cllr. McInness and DCC and was told that they do not provide Waste bags.

New Garden Waste Recycling scheme – Cllr. Coleman proposed that WDBC be asked to provide figures when the new scheme has been running for 12 months, to show Cost analysis, carbon footprint analysis + whether fly tipping incidents & garden waste added to general waste for land fill has increased due to new scheme.

Planning – the following applications were considered at a Planning meeting held on 8.8.17

2345/17/FUL - 3 dwellings on former (brownfield) builders' merchant site – Land to south of 3 Shores Cottages – Mr C Ash Miles.

OBJECT

2373/17/FUL - Change of use of buildings to form 2 dwellings and associated works (resubmission of consent 3687/16/FUL) – The Chapel, Sampford Courtenay – Mr David Cruden

OBJECT

2374/17/LBC – Listed building consent for reconstruction of south elevation of building. Replacement of asbestos slates above first floor bathroom, works to slate roof above kitchen area and repairs. Glebe House – Mrs Morgan Edwards

SUPPORT

WDBC Decisions :-

1823/17/ARC – Glebe House - **Discharge of Conditional approval**

1914/17/ARC – Glebe House – **Discharge of Conditional approval**

0015/17/FUL - Land at Appledore Hill – Mr. Francis – **Conditional approval**

2221/17/com – Communication Station – Paize Farm – **Permitted Development**

SCPC Planning policy for coming year. (R. Bevis draft) & Cllr. Wilson – SCPC expressed a unanimous vote of Thanks to Robin Bevis for his work in producing this draft Planning Policy which everyone agreed was excellent. Cllr. Wilson had researched similar Planning Policies in other Parish Councils comprising parishes of a similar size and historic significance as SC. Proposals at this meeting were as follows:

Robin Bevis' Draft policy would be used as an excellent basis to expand on for SCPC Planning Policy, with the overall purpose being to provide a structure to show fairness and consistency in all planning considerations.

Cllr. Wilson would circulate other parish council policy (referred to above) for consideration of possible points to include.

WDBC Cllrs. would be asked to provide current Planning checklist used by WDBC for SCPC Policy to work in conjunction with it.

SCPC Policy should cover the following particular areas – Listed Buildings, Conservation Area, Change of Use of Buildings & Any other planning.

Parishioners be canvassed for their views on planning considerations for the parish.

Clerk to arrange meeting with Enforcement officer & both WDBC Cllrs. and SCPC for an “in camera” meeting to discuss rules on Barns.

Local Resilience Plan – In the light of the aftermath of the horrific disaster at Grenfell Towers, Cllr M Wilson has been researching how to set up a plan should a disaster befall SC. It would highlight persons responsible to liaise with Emergency Services etc; Emergency Shelter provision etc. This plan could then be publicised and hopefully act as reassurance to our parishioners should an emergency occur. She agreed to draft a plan and circulate to all councillors.

SCPC First Aid Course – as part of this plan SCPC are hoping to arrange a First Aid Course if enough parishioners are interested. Details of Resilience Plan and Course will be discussed at the Open Meeting.

BT Phone boxes – Cllr. Botting Page has been informed by a parishioner that a charge of £9 was made when using a Credit Card to ring London from the BT phone box in the square. Cllr. Botting-Page checked this out with the Telephone exchange and was told that there is a Standard Charge of 60p if you use your Debit Card, but Credit cards charge different rates depending on whether the call is local or long distance.

Cllr. Coleman – agreed to write to Chairman of BT for official rates of charges for using the BT phone boxes in our parish and will report at the Open Meeting.

Open Meeting – the following items will be discussed at the Open Meeting. – BT Phone boxes; Purchase of Defibrillators for the parish; Community Speed Watch; First Aid Training; War Memorial; Local Resilience Plan; Local Planning Policy; & Use your Footpaths.

If you would like any other items to be considered for inclusion please let us know in time for our September meeting. 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 Sept 19th, Oct 17th and Open Meeting at the Village Hall, on Tuesday 24th Oct.

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Today, there is no bank manager to visit. To open an account, one must first prove to a member of the bank staff that you are who you claim to be. Nothing less than a driving licence, a passport and a home utility bill will do and, if your application is successful, you will be identified in future at your bank by a long list of numbers made up of a sorting code and an account number, rather than as a person with a name. Such is the erosion of trust between banker and client. Such is the tribute to the illegal practices that have become current in the intervening years. Such is the loss of personal contact and the trust which springs from it.

The recent death of Michael Bond, the creator of Paddington Bear stories, prompted an obituary in which Mr. Bond was quoted as describing the bear he created: "Paddington is very polite in a world where people have become more selfish. It's very much every man for himself now. People don't make eye contact in London."

What a sad comment! If we do not choose to see each other, what chance of choosing to speak to each other? Surely, we ought to be polite enough towards one another to look and speak? Fortunately, it does not seem yet to be the habit in Devon for people to avoid eye contact. Perfect strangers will offer a greeting as they pass. Mind you, much of our "electronic conversation" these days can all too easily be free of the restraint and politeness we would expect if we were face to face with those to whom we are "speaking". There have always been and always will be people who do not listen to you when you speak to them. Often, such folk are too busy expressing their point of view to be interested in hearing your reply.

Electronic communication gives the opportunity to express a view without caring about the reply. A conversation face to face with a real person gives the opportunity for an interruption or reply which might enlighten. Too often, the opinion expressed is regarded as more important than the person to whom it is sent. I used to think people were the most important things in this country.

No doubt Paddington Bear was a very naïve, if well-meaning character. Perhaps I am as naïve as I was when first I opened a bank account. And maybe Michael Bond was naïve when he bought a toy Bear on Christmas Eve as a present for his wife because the bear looked lonely on the shelf in Selfridges. That bear later became known as Paddington Bear.

For generations of children, the charm of the stories about Paddington was not centred on his politeness, but it was a part of his make-up and was drunk in by the young folk who came to know of his adventures.

In a changing world, there are benefits in new ways of dealing with our bank, however impersonal. There are advantages too in the electronic conversations we can have with each other. But personal contact face to face remains so important in our society. And, as part of that personal contact, politeness should matter as much to us as it did to Michael Bond, to Paddington Bear and to my first Bank Manager.

Uncle Jack

All is safely gathered in

Well most, anyway, though I'm bound to say
with some of it, you wondered if it was worth
the trouble and expense -
Drought when we needed rain, then ever since
rain almost without stopping, so the yield
was poor, the grain shrivelled, and on top of that
it needed heavy drying.

Meanwhile the cattle stayed inside well into July
eating their way into this winter's silage,
so one way and another, the prospects for the next
few months don't look too good either.

For all that, Harvest Festival was well attended
and we sang lustily enough. The fields are mostly ploughed
and here at least there will be seed to scatter.
Really we can't complain. Few of us have any idea
what hunger really is—certainly not here and now.

Sometimes, perhaps, we take the time to stop
and think about it, but mostly we have to admit

we just don't know how blest we are.

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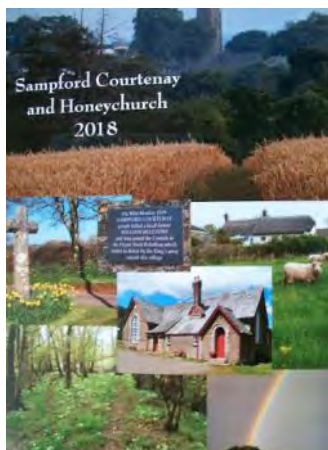
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News from Sampford Courtenay

The Sampford Courtenay Flower and Produce Show took place in the village hall on Saturday 19th August, under the new organisation of Marion Pratt and Bill Robertson. Cup winners were as follows; the Piper Cup for vegetables 1st Bill Robertson (49), 2nd Veronica Matthews (30), 3rd Bridget Grindley (14). The President's Cup for homecraft; 1st Jeanette Baker (16), 2nd Julie Blundell (13), 3rd Shirley McClement (9). The Hawking Bowl for fruit, 1st Rod Levick (8), 2nd Michelle Wilson (5), 3rd Veronica Matthews (4). The Flower Cup; 1st Veronica Matthews (19), 2nd Pat Squire (15), 3rd Maureen Horn (10). The Produce Cup; 1st Veronica Matthews (31), 2nd Christine Stoneman (11), 3rd Michelle Wilson (10). The Welcome cup for first time entrants; 1st Felicity Sharpe (6), 2nd David Wallis (3). The Leonard Horn Memorial Plate for the longest runner bean 1st Bill Robertson, 2nd Bill Robertson, 3rd Veronica Matthews. The Dornaford cup for the best chicken eggs in the show; 1st David Wallis, 2nd and 3rd Veronica Matthews. The Children under 16 Shield; Chloe Baker (1), the Children under 12 Shield; G Bird (14), the Children under 8 Shield; 1st Etta McBride (16), 2nd Grace Lowe (13). The Christine Marsh Trophy for overall points under 16; 1st Etta McBride (16), 2nd Gracie Bird (14), 3rd Grace Lowe (13). The Robertson Plate for the Best Exhibit in Show; Bill Robertson for runner beans. The Cleverdon Memorial Cup for the highest overall points winner; 1st Veronica Matthews (90), 2nd Bill Robertson (52), 3rd Bridget Grindley (29). There were 460 entries and 39 entrants with 3 first time entrants.

A presentation was made to Sandra and Tony Harper for the hard work they had put in to the Show over the past 17 years. A big thank you was also given to the following people who made generous monetary or prize donations for this year's show; Marshall Joinery, Mr. & Mrs. B Walton of Hayrish Farm, Mr. & Mrs. M Hedges, Mrs. A Miles, PK Electrics, Okehampton, Dunns Dairy, Mrs. R Summer, Red Lion Bazaar, Okehampton, Cinnabar, Okehampton, Woolly Beader, Okehampton, Arla, Taw Valley, North Tawton, the New Inn, Sandra & Tony Harper and Sue Robertson. Also thanked were everyone else who gave their time to distribute schedules, make scones, set up the hall, serve cream teas and act as door stewards, raffle sellers, show marshals etc.. Plus a thank you to our local, inimitable auctioneer, Robert Pyle and to everyone who exhibited this year, without whom there would not be a show.

The Show organisers are thinking of trying at least one new class next year – 'Heaviest crop from a single seed potato'. If you would be interested in entering this class, please send your contact details to marion174@btinternet.com so that they can tell you where and when to collect your seed potato next spring. Also send any other ideas you would like to suggest for future Flower Shows.

A coffee morning in aid of the Devon Historic Churches Trust was held at Weirford House on Saturday, 2nd September, by kind invitation of Mike and Avril Flanagan. £216 was raised, half of which will go to the Trust and half to St Andrew's Church.

Sampford Courtenay bell ringers' outing was held on Saturday 9th September and was organised by Terry Bullworthy and Joe Stoneman. First stop, for coffee, was at the Rest and be Thankful Inn at Wheddon Cross, Exmoor, followed by the first tower of the day at Cutcombe and then on to Timberscombe. Lunch was taken at Watchet, with a ring at St. Decumens, followed by Sampford Brett and the final tower at Old Cleeve. The day was rounded off at the fish and chip shop in South Molton.

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Leaflets giving details of what can and what cannot be put into the boxes will be in all four churches in the Benefice at the beginning of October. It is vital that you follow the instructions on the leaflet to avoid an otherwise great deal of time by volunteers sorting them out! Certain things cannot be sent because of import and export regulations.

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Nicky Craig



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There will be a talk entitled

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The talk will be illustrated by CD recordings mainly featuring the work of the Rev. Sabine Baring Gould and his collection of lost Devon and Cornwall folk songs plus other well known classical composers with a Devon connection.

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. More information can be found at www.u3asites.org.uk/okehampton or please contact our chairman at janinzeal@gmail.com. If you would rather turn up and introduce yourself that's fine too.



October Events at Okehampton Library

Wednesday 4 October 13:30 - Active Life Active Mind - Complimentary Health Talk

Morewenna Brady is a complementary health therapist, who will be talking about the use of natural modalities, such as flower essences, to help support people in grief and loss. Free event and refreshments.

Saturday 7 October 09:30-12:30 – Okehampton Library's Fun Palace

Have a go at a range of arts, cultural and science activities aimed at anyone of any age or ability. If you are interested in sharing a skill with your community for free, please contact Okehampton Library. Everyone's an Artist, Everyone's a Scientist, visit funpalaces.co.uk for further information about Fun Palaces.

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Friday 13 October 16:00-16:30 – Teddy Adventures

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Wednesday 18 October 14:00-16:00 - Active Life Active Mind – Health & Wellbeing Fair

A number of local practitioners and organisations will be at Okehampton Library to provide information about living an active and healthy life. Come along for a chat and enjoy free refreshments with others from the local community. Free event.

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News from the Castle

Hi everyone

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Exciting news - I have a new project to share with you. Castle Drogo and Fingle Woods is a partner site in a new project called 'Heritage Ability'. This project, delivered by charity Living Options Devon and supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, has a clear vision - to break down barriers at heritage places, unlocking the South West for everybody to enjoy. Over the next three years, the Heritage Ability team will support a variety of unique places (including Drogo and Fingle Woods) across the South West to help them improve the experience for disabled and Deaf visitors. From the West tip of Cornwall all the way to Gloucestershire, the team will work with over 19 sites to deliver accessible interpretation, from BSL (British Sign Language) clips, to visual stories and easy read documents. Many sites will also benefit from an all-terrain scooter or 'Tramper', which will enable people with limited mobility to access the countryside as never before.

As part of the project, Heritage Ability are looking for disabled and Deaf volunteers with a passion for heritage to help spread the word, become advocates for the project and help their sites on their ongoing journey. They also need your help to conduct some mystery visits at the sites and provide feedback which the team can use to help the sites improve. If you'd like to be involved, take a look at the website at www.heritageability.org. You can email the team at heritageability@livingoptions.org or call 01392 459222. You can also send a SMS to 07958 517919.

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The branch was also pleased when Mr David Bale accepted the role of being our new branch President, taking over from Mr. Neil Hallam.

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By popular request we are holding The Bodmin Town Band Christmas Concert in the Town Hall again this coming December on the 3rd at 6 p.m.. Further details of prices and where to obtain tickets will be in the next edition of "Roundabout" (an evening not to be missed)

Barry Ware

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